







strained variations in appendix C.

is stationary for all variations of  $(x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n)$  with  $x_0$  and  $x_n$  held fixed. This yields the Euler-Lagrange equations

$$\frac{\partial \Gamma(x_0, \dots, x_n)}{\partial x_i} = 0 \quad (i=1, \dots, n-1)$$

### 2.1. Hamiltonian formulation

in the Lagrangian description before translating them into the Hamiltonian represen-

constant term in eq. (2.10) or eq. (2.11) analogous to  $K$  in eq. (2.7).

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$$F(x, x^*) = F(-x^*, -x) + R(x) - R(x^*), \quad (2.12)$$

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2.6. Examples

As an example, consider the generalized standard map

where  $k$  is the nonlinearity parameter. This is an even function so the map

$$x^* = x + y - \frac{k}{2\pi} \sin 2\pi x,$$

Eq. (2.10) with  $Q(x) = -V(x)$ , (2.11)

This satisfies eq. (2.10) with  $Q(x) = -V(x)$ ,

generated by  $F = \frac{1}{2}y^2 - V(x)$  with the standard















*Theorem 1.* True intersections of  $\varphi_2$ -extremizing rotational curves  $C$  and  $C^*$  generated by an invertible circle map  $\rho$  belong to families which are orbits under the area-preserving map  $T$ .

To see this, let there be a true intersection at  $\theta = \theta_0$ . That is, let  $\Delta Y(\theta_0) = 0$ . Then the

(6.7) and  $x_n \equiv x_0 + m$ . Then the first variation of the action

$$W_{m,n} \equiv \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} F(x_j, x_{j+1}) \quad (6.8)$$

is zero because  $\Delta Y(\theta_j)$  is zero. Calculating the























add part of  $\Delta V > (\alpha)$  to the cubic correction in segments which we seek lie on the unstable man

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en (9.16)

ifold of this fixed point (The anticausal solu-

$\Delta V > (\alpha)$   $\approx \alpha^2$

(9.11) The flux-minimizing curve is a curve in the

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We can now calculate  $\Delta Y^>(x) = -(k/2\pi) \times \sin 2\pi b(x)$ , find its cubic component, and

(the correspondence between orbits and intersections is not complete when the associated cir-

rotation we have full control over their rotation numbers. It is these solutions which would provide the basis for defining a generalized action-angle representation. One could use a truncated Farey tree construction to define the principal resonances in the domain of interest

(and the most stable minimizing curve between each resonance) and use the curves  $C, C^*$ , or the time-symmetric curve specified parametrically by  $x = X(\theta), y = \frac{1}{2}[Y_+(\theta) + Y_-(\theta)]$  to define a basic ladder of new momentum coordinate surfaces. These curves are assumed not

ciently small  $k$ . The transformation to the new phase-space coordinates would then be completed by interpolation (rather than by using the

ing to all irrational rotation numbers since these are not in general smooth and are not continuously connected to the resonance surfaces).

We have studied only the lowest order resonances in detail. It would be interesting to study

a rotational invariant curve or a cantorus. In the former case  $\varphi_2$  is obviously a local (and global) minimum on the invariant curve since it was

that  $\varphi_2$  is also a local minimum on a cantorus

tions as the control parameter is varied would also be interesting to investigate, as well as the implications of this method for the theory of transport in area preserving maps.

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**Appendix A. Circle map identity**

used to prove relationships (sum rules) between the Fourier coefficients of a circle map, its sum-difference representation and its inverse. We shall work in  $x$ -space, though similar relations could equally well be derived in the  $\theta$  space

$$\int_0^1 F(x^* - x) [x'_+(\eta) - x'_-(\eta)] d\eta \equiv 0, \quad (A.1)$$

for any integrable function  $F(x) = f'(x)$ . Here  $x^* - x$  is a shorthand for  $x_+(\eta) - x_-(\eta)$ . Equation (A.1) follows by recognizing that the integrand is the perfect differential  $df(x^* - x)$  and

$$\int_0^1 F(x^* - x) x'_+(\eta) d\eta$$

$$\equiv \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 F(x^* - x) [x'_+(\eta) + x'_-(\eta)] d\eta. \quad (A.2)$$

In particular, choosing  $F(\cdot) \equiv \cdot$  and  $\eta = \varphi_2(x)$  (assuming the inverse function exists)

representation of  $\alpha^{-1}$  corresponding to eq. (3.2) is simply  $-\Omega$ .

**Appendix B. Time-symmetric representation**

A representation in which  $\mathbb{T}$ -reversibility (or otherwise) of the map  $\rho : \theta \mapsto \theta^*$  is manifest is







