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# Boundedness of solutions to a second-order periodic system with p-Laplacian and unbounded perturbation terms

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# Abstract

The second-order periodic system with p-Laplacian and unbounded time-dependent perturbation terms is investigated. Using the principle integral method, it is shown that under certain assumptions on the unbounded and periodic terms, all solutions to the equation possess boundedness.

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# 1 Introduction and main result

Consider the following second-order differential equation

$$(\varphi_p(x'))' + a\varphi_p(x^+) - b\varphi_p(x^-) + z(t)f(x) = e(t),$$
(1.1)

where  $\varphi_p(s) = |s|^{p-2}s$  with constant p > 2. Variable  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x^+ = max(x, 0)$ ,  $x^- = max(-x, 0)$ . *a* and *b* are positive constants  $(a \neq b)$  satisfying  $a^{-\frac{1}{p}} + b^{-\frac{1}{p}} = 2\omega^{-1}$ ,  $\omega$  is an irrational number, f(x) = o(|x|), z(t) and e(t) are  $2\pi_p$  periodic functions with  $\pi_p = \frac{2\pi(p-1)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{psin\frac{\pi}{p}}$ . When p = 2, Eq. (1.1) is turned into

$$x'' + ax^{+} - bx^{-} + z(t)f(x) = e(t), \quad \pi_{p} = \pi.$$
(1.2)

Provided that z(t)f(x) = 0,  $e(t) = 1 + \gamma h(t)$  in which h(t) is a suitable function, investigating the boundedness of solutions to Eq. (1.2) is very complicated. Ortega [1] proves that every solution to Eq. (1.2) is bounded if  $h \in C^4(\mathbb{S}^1)$ , where  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi\mathbb{Z}$ , and  $\gamma$  is sufficiently small. Under certain conditions on the initial data, Alonso and Ortega [2] obtain that there exists a function e(t) to ensure that all solutions to Eq. (1.2) are unbounded. Ambrosio [3] establishes the boundedness to solutions to fractional relativistic Schrödinger equations. A differential inclusion system involving the p(t)-Laplacian is investigated in [4].

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Giacomoni et al. [5] utilize the bifurcation theory to discuss the multiplicity for a strongly singular quasi-linear problem. The asymptotic properties of solutions for a second-order nonlinear discrete equation of the Emden-Fowler type are acquired in [6]. Under appropriate restrictions, Jiao et al. [7] discuss the boundedness of all solutions to Eq. (1.2) (see also [8–10]).

For  $p \ge 2$ , when  $a^{-\frac{1}{p}} + b^{-\frac{1}{p}} = 2\omega^{-1}$ , where  $\omega^{-1}$  is an irrational number, Yang [11] investigates Eq. (1.1) and obtains that all the solution to Eq. (1.1) are bounded under certain assumptions. Liu [12] discusses the bounded condition for Eq. (1.1) provided that f is smooth and  $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} f(x)$  is finite. Ma [13] discusses the bounded condition for Eq. (1.1) provided that f is unbounded and z(t) = 1.

When p = 2, without the assumption that  $\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} f(x)$  is finite, Zhang [14] has acquired the conditions to ensure that each solution of Eq. (1.1) is bounded. In this work, we will extend the result in [14] to the case p > 2 under the following assumptions:

 $(A_1)$ : z(t),  $e(t) \in C^6(\mathbb{S}^1)$ , where  $\mathbb{S}^1 = \mathbb{R}/2\pi_p\mathbb{Z}$ .

(*A*<sub>2</sub>): If  $f(x) \in C^6(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}) \cap \mathbb{C}^0(\mathbb{R})$ , then there are two positive constants *C* and  $\frac{1}{p-1} < \gamma < 1$ , such that  $|x^k f^{(k)}(x)| \le C |x|^{\gamma}$ , provided that  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $0 \le k \le 6$ .

(*A*<sub>3</sub>): There exist positive constants  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  such that  $p\beta_1 > q\beta_2 > 0$ , where positive constants *p* and *q* satisfy  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$  and

$$xf(x) \ge \beta_1 |x|^{\gamma+1}, \ x^2 f'(x) \le \beta_2 |x|^{\gamma+1}, \ x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}.$$

Here, we mention that condition  $(A_1)$  does not require z(t) = 1, namely, condition  $(A_1)$  is different from z(t) = 1 in Ma [13]. Now, we state our main conclusion.

**Theorem 1.1** Assume that p > 2 and  $(A_1) - (A_3)$  hold and  $\hat{z} = \frac{1}{2\pi_p} \int_0^{2\pi_p} z(t) dt \neq 0$ . Then every solution of Eq. (1.1) is bounded, namely,  $\sup_{t \in \mathbb{T}^n} |x(t)| + |x'(t)| < \infty$ .

We set  $F(x) = \int_0^x f(s) ds$ . In this work, we utilize *c* and *C* to denote any positive constants (not concerning their quantity). *k*, *l*, *m* and *n* are nonnegative integers.

The structure of this work is the following: Sect. 2 presents action-angle variables, exchanging time and angle variables, and several lemmas. Section 3 provides the proof of Theorem 1.1.

## 2 Preliminaries

In this part, we provide several lemmas that help prove Theorem 1.1. Throughout Sect. 2, we assume that the hypotheses of Theorem 1.1 always hold.

# 2.1 Action-angle coordinates

Let  $x' = -\omega \varphi_q(y)$ , then  $y = -\omega^{1-p} \varphi_p(x')$ , and the equivalent form of Eq. (1.1) is the following:

$$x' = -\omega\varphi_q(y), \qquad y' = \omega[a_1\varphi_p(x^+) - b_1\varphi_p(x^-)] + \omega^{1-p}[z(t)f(x) - e(t)]$$

with the Hamiltonian function

$$H(x,y,t) = \frac{\omega}{q}|y|^{q} + \frac{\omega}{p}(a_{1}|x^{+}|^{p} + b_{1}|x^{-}|^{p}) + \omega^{1-p}(z(t)F(x) - e(t)x),$$
(2.1)

where  $a_1 = \omega^{-p} a$ ,  $b_1 = \omega^{-p} b$ ,  $a_1$  and  $b_1$  satisfy  $a_1^{-\frac{1}{p}} + b_1^{-\frac{1}{p}} = 2$ .

Let  $sin_p(t)$  satisfy the problem

$$(\varphi_p(C'(t)))' + \varphi_p(C(t)) = 0, \quad C(0) = 0, \quad C'(0) = 1.$$

From the conclusions in [15–17], we confirm that  $sin_p(t)$  is a  $2\pi_p$ -periodic  $C^2$  odd function with  $sin_p(\pi_p - t) = sin_p(t)$  for  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi_p}{2}]$  and  $sin_p(2\pi_p - t) = -sin_p(t)$  for  $t \in [\pi_p, 2\pi_p]$ . Moreover, for  $t \in [0, \frac{\pi_p}{2}]$  and  $sin'_p(t) > 0$ ,  $sin_p(t) \in (0, (p-1)^{\frac{1}{p}})$  is implicitly given by

$$\int_0^{\sin_p(t)} \frac{ds}{(1 - \frac{s^p}{p-1})^{\frac{1}{p}}} = t.$$

Suppose that v(t) satisfies the initial problem

$$(\varphi_p(x'(t)))' + a_1\varphi_p(x^+) - b_1\varphi_p(x^-) = 0, \quad x(0) = (p-1)^{\frac{1}{p}}, \quad x'(0) = 0.$$

Letting  $\varphi_p(v') = u$  and q = p/(p-1) > 1 yields

$$\frac{|u|^q}{q} + \frac{a_1|v^+|^p + b_1|v^-|^p}{p} = \frac{a_1}{q}.$$
(2.2)

Using (2.2), we obtain that the action-angle coordinate transformation  $\psi_0$ :  $x = (d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)$ ,  $y = (d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{q}} u(\theta)$  with  $d_1 = pa_1^{-1}$ .  $\psi_0$  is a symplectic transformation since its value of the Jacobian determinant is 1. Under  $\psi_0$ , Hamiltonian function (2.1) is transformed into

$$h(r,\theta,t) = \omega r + \omega^{1-p} z(t) F((d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)) - \omega^{1-p} e(t) (d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \in \mathbb{C}^{1,1,6}(\mathbb{R}^+ \times \mathbb{S}^1 \times \mathbb{S}^1).$$
(2.3)

Let  $\Xi = \{\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 : v(\theta) = 0\}$ . When  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$  ( $t \in \mathbb{S}^1$  is a parameter), we have  $h(r, t, \theta) \in \mathbb{C}^6$  with respect to r.

## 2.2 Lemmas

Utilizing the ideas in [13, 14, 18], from conditions  $(A_2)$  and  $(A_3)$ , we obtain the following conclusions.

**Lemma 2.1** For  $r \gg 1$ ,  $k \le 6$ , it holds that

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_r^k F((d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta))| &\leq C r^{-k + \frac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \\ |\partial_r^k f((d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta))| &\leq C r^{-k + \frac{\gamma}{p}}, \end{aligned}$$

*in which*  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$  *provided that* k = 1;  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$  *if*  $k \ge 2$ .

Lemma 2.2 Let

$$\bar{F}(r) = \int_0^{2\pi_p} F((d_1 \omega^{-1} r)^{\frac{1}{p}} \nu(\theta)) d\theta.$$
(2.4)

*For*  $r \gg 1$ *, the following conclusions hold* 

$$|\bar{F}^{(k)}(r)| \le Cr^{-k+rac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \quad k \le 6,$$
  
 $\bar{F}'(r) \ge cr^{-1+rac{\gamma+1}{p}}$ 

and

$$\bar{F}''(r) \le -Cr^{-2+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}.$$

*Proof* For the sake of simplicity, we write  $x = (d_1 \omega^{-1} r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)$ . Using (2.4) and noticing that  $\Xi \bigcap [0, 2\pi_p]$  is a finite set, we have

$$\bar{F}'(r) = \frac{1}{pr} \int_{[0,2\pi_p]\setminus\Xi} f(x) x d\theta.$$

Using condition (A3) yields

$$\bar{F}'(r) = \frac{1}{pr} \int_{[0,2\pi_p] \setminus \Xi} f(x) x d\theta \geq \frac{\beta_1}{pr} \int_{[0,2\pi_p] \setminus \Xi} |x|^{\gamma+1} d\theta = cr^{-1+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}.$$

Differentiating (2.4) with respect to variable r, from the above analysis and condition (A3), we have

$$\begin{split} \bar{F}''(r) &= \frac{1}{p^2 r^2} \int_{[0,2\pi_p] \setminus \Xi} f(x) x^2 d\theta - \frac{1}{qr} \bar{F}'(r) \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_2}{p^2 r^2} \int_{[0,2\pi_p] \setminus \Xi} |x|^{\gamma+1} d\theta - \frac{1}{qr} \bar{F}'(r) \\ &\leq \frac{\beta_2}{pr\beta_1} \bar{F}'(r) - \frac{1}{qr} \bar{F}'(r) \\ &= \left(\frac{\beta_2}{p\beta_1} - \frac{1}{q}\right) \frac{\bar{F}'(r)}{r} \\ &\leq \left(\frac{\beta_2}{p\beta_1} - \frac{1}{q}\right) cr^{-2+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \end{split}$$

which finishes the proof.

From Lemmas 2.1 and 2.2. combined with condition  $(A_1)$ , we obtain that the following conclusion holds.

**Lemma 2.3** Let  $h_1(r, \theta, t) = \omega^{1-p} z(t) F((d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)) - \omega^{1-p} e(t) (d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)$ . For  $r \gg 1, t \in \mathbb{S}^1$  then

$$|\partial_r^k \partial_t^l h_1(r,\theta,t)| \le c r^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}},\tag{2.5}$$

*in which*  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$  *provided that* k = 1;  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$  *if*  $k \ge 2$ .

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Let

$$g(r,\theta,t) = r^{-\frac{1}{p}} h_1(r,\theta,t).$$
 (2.6)

From Lemma 2.3, for  $r \gg 1$ , we have

$$|\partial_r^k \partial_t^l g(r,\theta,t)| \le c r^{-k+\frac{j}{p}}, \quad k+l \le 6.$$
(2.7)

**Lemma 2.4** *For*  $r \gg 1$ ,  $k + l \le 6$ , *then* 

$$0 < cr \le h(r, t, \theta) < Cr,$$
  

$$\partial_r h(r, t, \theta) > \frac{\omega}{2},$$
  

$$|\partial_r^k \partial_t^l h(r, t, \theta)| \le Cr^{-k+1},$$
(2.8)

*in which*  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1$  *provided that* k = 1;  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$  *if*  $k \ge 2$ .

*Proof* From (2.3) and Lemma 2.1, we obtain

$$\lim_{r\to+\infty}\frac{h}{r}=\omega>0,$$

and for  $r \gg 1$ ,

$$\frac{\partial h}{\partial r} = \omega + \omega^{1-p} z(t) \partial_r F((d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)) - \frac{d_1}{p} \omega^{1-p} e(t) (d_1 r)^{\frac{1}{p}-1} v(\theta) > \frac{\omega}{2},$$

which together with (2.5)-(2.7) completes the proof of (2.8).

**Lemma 2.5** [15] *Provided that function* f(x, t) *satisfies* 

 $|\partial_x^k \partial_t^l f(x,t)| \le C x^{-k} |f(x,t)|$ 

for all sufficiently large x > 0 and all  $k, l : k + l \le N$ , where  $N \in \mathbb{N}$ . Suppose that

$$\partial_x f(x,t) \ge c x^{-1} f(x,t) > 0$$

for all sufficiently large x > 0. Then, the inverse function g(y,t) of f in x satisfies

$$|\partial_y^k \partial_t^l g(y,t)| \le C y^{-k} g(y,t)$$

for all  $K + l \leq N$  and all sufficiently large y.

Using Lemmas 2.3 and 2.4, for  $h \gg 1, t \in \mathbb{S}^1$ , we have

$$|\partial_h^k \partial_t^l r(h, t, \theta)| \le Ch^{-k+1}, \quad k+l \le 6, \quad \theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi.$$
(2.9)

Thus, we write (2.3) as

$$h(r,\theta,t) = \omega r + r^{\frac{1}{p}}g(r,\theta,t), \quad r = r(h,t,\theta).$$
(2.10)

In fact,  $^{1} \nu(t) \in C^{2}(\mathbb{S}^{1})$  does not belong to  $C^{4}(\mathbb{S}^{1})$ . We exchange the time and angle variables to prove Theorem 1.1.

# 2.3 Exchange of time and angle variables

Based on the conclusions in [15], the identity  $rd\theta - hdt = -(hdt - rd\theta)$  guarantees that if we can solve  $r = r(h, t, \theta)$  from (2.3) as a function of  $h, t, \theta$ , then

$$\frac{dh}{d\theta} = -\frac{\partial r}{\partial t}r(h, t, \theta), \qquad \frac{dt}{d\theta} = \frac{\partial r}{\partial h}r(h, t, \theta), \tag{2.11}$$

i.e., Eq. (2.11) is a Hamiltonian system with a Hamiltonian function  $r = r(h, t, \theta)$  in which action, angle, and time variables are h, t, and  $\theta$ , respectively. The following lemma gives a more detailed description of r in (2.10) according to the magnitude of h.

**Lemma 2.6** *Provided that*  $h \gg 1, \theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi, t \in \mathbb{S}^1$ *, it holds that* 

$$r(h,t,\theta) = \omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-p}z(t)F((d_1\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}}v(\theta)) + R(h,t,\theta),$$
(2.12)

where

$$|\partial_h^k \partial_t^l R(h, t, \theta)| \le C h^{-k + \max\{\gamma, \frac{1}{p}\}}, \quad k+l \le 6.$$
(2.13)

*Proof* Using the identity (2.10) yields

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$$r = \omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g(r,t,\theta).$$
(2.14)

Utilizing the identity (2.6) and the Taylor formula, we obtain that function  $g = g(r, \theta, t)$  satisfies

$$g(r,\theta,t) = g(\omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g,\theta,t)$$
  
=  $g(\omega^{-1}h,\theta,t) + R_0(h,t,\theta)$   
=  $(\omega^{-1}h)^{-\frac{1}{p}}\omega^{1-p}z(t)F((d_1\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}}v(\theta)) - d_1^{\frac{1}{p}}\omega^{1-p}e(t)v(\theta) + R_0(h,t,\theta),$  (2.15)

in which  $R_0(h, t, \theta) = -\int_0^1 g'_r(\omega^{-1}h - s\omega^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g, \theta, t))\omega^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}gds.$ Substituting (2.14) into (2.15), we have

$$\begin{split} r &= \omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-1}g(r,t,\theta)(\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}}(1 - h^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &= \omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-1}g(r,t,\theta)(\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\ &\quad + \frac{1}{p}\omega^{-1}g(r,t,\theta)(\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}}\int_{0}^{1}(1 - sh^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g)^{\frac{1}{p}-1}h^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}gds \\ &= \omega^{-1}h - \omega^{-p}z(t)F((d_{1}\omega^{-1}h)^{\frac{1}{p}}v(\theta)) + R_{1}(h,t,\theta) + R_{2}(h,t,\theta) + R_{3}(h,t,\theta), \end{split}$$

 $<sup>{}^{1}</sup>C^{4}$  is four times continuously differentiable functions in  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{S}^{1}$ , and  $C^{6}$  is six times continuously differentiable functions in  $\mathbb{R}$  or  $\mathbb{S}^{1}$ .

where

$$\begin{split} R_1(h,t,\theta) &= \omega^{-(2+\frac{1}{p})} h^{\frac{1}{p}} \int_0^1 g_r(\omega^{-1}h - s\omega^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g,\theta,t) r^{\frac{1}{p}}g ds, \\ R_2(h,t,\theta) &= \frac{1}{p} \omega^{-(1+\frac{1}{p})} h^{\frac{1}{p}-1} \int_0^1 (1 - sh^{-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g)^{\frac{1}{p}-1}r^{\frac{1}{p}}g^2 ds, \\ R_3(h,t,\theta) &= d_1^{\frac{1}{p}} \omega^{-(p+\frac{1}{p})} v(\theta) e(t) h^{\frac{1}{p}}. \end{split}$$

Direct computation gives

$$\partial_h^k \partial_t^l r^{\frac{1}{p}}(h,t,\theta) = \sum r^{\frac{1}{p}-m} \partial_h^{k_1} \partial_t^{l_1} r(h,t,\theta) \partial_h^{k_2} \partial_t^{l_2} r(h,t,\theta) \cdots \partial_h^{k_m} \partial_t^{l_m} r(h,t,\theta)$$

with  $1 \le m \le k + l$ ,  $k_1 + k_2 \cdots + k_m = k$  and  $l_1 + l_2 + \cdots + l_m = l$ . Using (2.9) yields

 $|\partial_h^k \partial_t^l r^{\frac{1}{p}}(h, t, \theta)| \le C h^{-k + \frac{1}{p}}.$ 

Similarly, we acquire

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_h^k \partial_t^l g(h, t, \theta)| &\leq C h^{-k + \frac{\gamma}{p}}, \\ |\partial_h^k \partial_t^l g_r(\omega^{-1} h - s \omega^{-1} r^{\frac{1}{p}} g, t, \theta)| &\leq C^{-k - 1 + \frac{\gamma}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Using p > 2 and the expression of  $R_1$  yields

$$|\partial_h^k \partial_t^l R_1(h,t,\theta)| \leq C h^{-k-1+\frac{2+2\gamma}{p}} \leq C h^{-k+\gamma}.$$

Analogously, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_h^k \partial_t^l R_2(h, t, \theta)| &\leq C h^{-k+\gamma}, \\ |\partial_h^k \partial_t^l R_3(h, t, \theta)| &\leq C h^{-k+\frac{1}{p}}. \end{aligned}$$

Letting  $R(h, t, \theta) = R_1(h, t, \theta) + R_2(h, t, \theta) + R_3(h, t, \theta)$ , we obtain that inequality (2.13) holds.

# 2.4 Canonical transformation

In this part, two lemmas are established to make sure that the Poincare map of the new system is close to a twist map.

**Lemma 2.7** *There exists a canonical transformation*  $\psi_1$  *of the form:*  $\psi_1 : (\lambda, \varphi) \rightarrow (h, t)$ 

$$h = \lambda + U(\lambda, t, \theta), \quad \varphi = t + V(\lambda, t, \theta),$$

where U and V are  $2\pi_p$  periodic about  $\theta$ . Under  $\psi_1$ , the Hamiltonian function (2.12) is transformed into

$$r_1(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) = \omega^{-1}\lambda - \omega^{-p}\hat{z}F((d_1\lambda\omega^{-1})^{\frac{1}{p}}v(\theta)) + \bar{R}_1(\lambda,\varphi,\theta).$$
(2.16)

*Moreover, for*  $\lambda \gg 1, \theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$ *, t*  $\in \mathbb{S}^1$ *, it holds that* 

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}\bar{R}_{1}(\lambda,\varphi,\theta)| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\max\{\gamma,\frac{\gamma+1}{p}\}}, \quad k+l \leq 5.$$

$$(2.17)$$

*Proof* We make a transformation  $\psi_1 : (\lambda, \varphi) \to (h, t)$  implicitly given by

$$h = \lambda + \partial_t S_1(\lambda, t, \theta), \quad \varphi = t + \partial_\lambda S_1(\lambda, t, \theta)$$
(2.18)

with

$$S_1(\lambda, t, \theta) = \int_0^t \omega^{1-p} z_1(t) F\left( (d_1 \lambda \omega^{-1})^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \right) dt.$$

Under  $\psi_1$ , Hamiltonian (2.12) becomes

$$\begin{split} r_1(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) &= \omega^{-1}(\lambda+\partial_t S_1) - \omega^{-p} \hat{z} F\Big( (d_1 \omega^{-1}(\lambda+\partial_t S_1))^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \Big) + \partial_\theta S_1 \\ &- \omega^{-p} z_1(t) F\Big( (d_1 \omega^{-1}(\lambda+\partial_t S_1))^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \Big) + R(\lambda+\partial_t S_1,t,\theta) \\ &= \omega^{-1} \lambda - \omega^{-p} \hat{z} F\Big( (d_1 \lambda \omega^{-1})^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \Big) + R_4(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) \\ &+ R_5(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) + R_6(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) + R_7(\lambda,\varphi,\theta), \end{split}$$

where  $z_1(t) = z(t) - \hat{z}$  and

$$R_{4} = -\omega^{p} \hat{z} \int_{0}^{1} \partial_{\lambda} F\left( (d_{1}\omega^{-1}(\lambda + \mu\partial_{t}S_{1}))^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \right) \partial_{t}S_{1} d\mu$$
$$= -\frac{\hat{z}\omega^{p}}{p} \int_{0}^{1} f\left( (d_{1}\omega^{-1}(\lambda + \mu\partial_{t}S_{1}))^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \right) v(\theta) d_{1}\omega^{-1}(\lambda + \mu\partial_{t}S_{1})^{-\frac{1}{q}} \partial_{t}S_{1} d\mu, \qquad (2.19)$$

$$\begin{split} R_5 &= -\int_0^1 \omega^{-p} z_1(t) \partial_{d_1 \omega^{-1} \lambda} F\Big( (d_1 \omega^{-1} (\lambda + \mu \partial_t S_1))^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta) \Big) d_1 \omega^{-1} \partial_t S_1 d\mu, \\ R_6 &= \partial_\theta S_1(\lambda, t, \theta), \\ R_7 &= R(\lambda + \partial_t S_1, t, \theta). \end{split}$$

From Lemma 2.1, for  $\lambda \gg 1$  and  $k + l \le 6$ , we have

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{t}^{l}S_{1}(\lambda,t,\theta)| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}},$$
(2.20)

which together with (2.18) yields

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} < \partial_{\varphi} t(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) < \frac{3}{2}, \quad |\partial_{\lambda} t(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)| < \lambda^{-2 + \frac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \\ |\partial_{\lambda} h(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)| \le C, \quad |\partial_{\varphi} h(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)| \le C \lambda^{\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}. \end{cases}$$
(2.21)

For  $2 \le k + l \le 5$ , utilizing direct calculations gives rise to

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}h(\lambda,\varphi,\theta)| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \quad |\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}t(\lambda,\varphi,\theta)| \leq C\lambda^{-k-1+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}.$$
(2.22)

First, we prove  $|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}R_{4}| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}$ . Direct computation gives

$$\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}\partial_{t}S_{1}(\lambda, t, \theta) = \sum \partial_{\lambda}^{m}\partial_{t}^{n+1}S_{1}(\lambda, t, \theta)\partial_{\lambda}^{k_{1}}\partial_{\varphi}^{l_{1}}t\partial_{\lambda}^{k_{2}}\partial_{\varphi}^{l_{2}}t\cdots\partial_{\lambda}^{k_{n}}\partial_{\varphi}^{l_{n}}t$$

with  $1 \le m + n \le k + l$ ,  $m + k_1 + k_2 \cdots + k_m = k$  and  $l_1 + l_2 + \cdots + l_n = l$ . Using (2.20), (2.21), and (2.22) yields

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}\partial_{t}S_{1}| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}.$$

In the same way, we obtain

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}(\lambda+\mu\partial_{t}S_{1})^{-\frac{1}{q}}| \leq C\lambda^{-k-\frac{1}{q}}$$

and

$$\left|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}f\left((d_{1}\omega^{-1}(\lambda+\mu\partial_{t}S_{1}))^{\frac{1}{p}}\nu(\theta)\right)\right|\leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma}{p}}.$$

Noticing  $0 < \frac{1}{p-1} < \gamma < 1$ , from (2.19), we have  $|\partial_{\lambda}^{k} \partial_{\varphi}^{l} R_{4}| \le C \lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma}{p}}$ . Similarly, we obtain

 $|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}R_{i}| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}, \quad i=5,6.$ 

Applying (2.13), (2.21), and (2.22) gives rise to

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\varphi}^{l}R_{7}| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\max\{\gamma,\frac{1}{p}\}}$$

Set  $\overline{R}_1(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) = R_4(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) + R_5(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) + R_6(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) + R_7(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$ . Hence, inequality (2.17) holds.

Next, we eliminate the new time variable  $\theta$  at the first time by constructing the transformation.

**Lemma 2.8** There exists a canonical transformation  $\psi_2 : (\lambda, \varphi) \rightarrow (\lambda, \tau)$ :

 $\psi_2: \lambda = \lambda, \quad \varphi = \tau + \partial_\lambda S_2(\lambda, \theta)).$ 

Under  $\psi_2$ , the Hamiltonian (2.16) is transformed into

$$r_2(\lambda,\tau,\theta) = \omega^{-1}\lambda - \omega^{-p}\hat{z}\bar{F}(\lambda) + \bar{R}_2(\lambda,\tau,\theta).$$
(2.23)

The new disturbance term  $\bar{R}_2$  satisfies

$$|\partial_{\lambda}^{k}\partial_{\tau}^{l}\bar{R}_{2}(\lambda,\tau,\theta)| \leq C\lambda^{-k+\max\{\gamma,\frac{\gamma+1}{p}\}}$$
(2.24)

for  $k + l \leq 5$ ,  $\lambda \gg 1$ ,  $\theta \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi$  and  $t \in \mathbb{S}^1$ .

*Proof* We choose generating function

$$S_2(\lambda,\theta) = \int_0^{\theta} \omega^{-p} \hat{z} [F((d_1 \omega^{-1} \lambda)^{\frac{1}{p}} v(\theta)) - \bar{F}(\lambda)] d\theta.$$

Under  $\psi_2$ , then the Hamiltonian (2.16) is transformed into

$$r_2(\lambda,\tau,\theta) = r_1(\lambda,\varphi,\theta) + \partial_\theta S_2 = \omega^{-1}\lambda - \omega^{-p}\hat{z}\bar{F}(\lambda) + \bar{R}_2(\lambda,\tau,\theta),$$

where

$$\bar{R}_2(\lambda,\tau,\theta) = \bar{R}_1(\lambda,\tau+\partial_\lambda S_2,\theta). \tag{2.25}$$

Thus, inequality (2.24) is obtained from (2.17), (2.23), (2.25) and Lemma 2.2. The proof of Lemma 2.8 is finished.  $\Box$ 

# 3 Proof of main result

Without loss of generality, we only need to prove Theorem 1.1 for the case  $\hat{e} > 0$ . For  $\hat{e} < 0$ , the proof is similar. For given  $0 < \delta < 1$ , define transformation  $\psi_3 : (\lambda, \tau) \rightarrow (\nu, \tau)$  by

$$\bar{F}'(\lambda) = \delta \nu \omega^p(\hat{z})^{-1}, \quad \tau = \tau, \quad 1 \le \nu \le 4.$$
(3.1)

Due to  $\lambda \to +\infty$ ,  $\overline{F}'(\lambda) \to 0$ , thus  $\lambda \to +\infty \Leftrightarrow \delta \to 0$ . For  $\lambda = \lambda(\delta \nu)$ , the following estimates hold.

**Lemma 3.1**  $c\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}} \leq \lambda(\delta\nu) \leq C\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}}, \ |\partial_{\nu}^{k}\lambda(\delta\nu)| \leq C\lambda(\delta\nu) \quad k \leq 4.$ 

*Proof* From Lemma 2.2 and (3.1), we have  $c\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}} \leq \lambda(\delta\nu) \leq C\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}}$ . Differentiating (3.1) with respect to  $\nu$ , we have  $\bar{F}''(\lambda) = \omega^p \delta \hat{z}^{-1}$ . Using Lemma 2.2 yields

$$|\partial_{\nu}\lambda| = |\frac{\omega^{p}\delta\hat{z}^{-1}}{\bar{F}''(\lambda)}| = |\frac{\omega^{p}\delta\hat{z}^{-1}\lambda}{\bar{F}''(\lambda)\lambda}| \le |\frac{\delta\lambda}{\lambda^{-1+\frac{\gamma+1}{p}}}| = |\frac{c\delta\lambda}{\bar{F}'(\lambda)}| = \frac{c\delta\lambda}{\delta\nu} \le C\lambda.$$

Taking k(k > 1) order derivative about  $\nu$  on both sides of (3.1), we obtain

$$\bar{F}^{\prime\prime}(\lambda)\partial_{\nu}^{k}\lambda+\sum_{s=2}^{s=k}\bar{F}^{(s+1)}\partial_{\nu}^{k_{1}}\lambda\partial_{\nu}^{k_{2}}\cdots\partial_{\nu}^{k_{s}}\lambda=0$$

with  $k_1 + k_2 + \cdots + k_s = k$ . Thus,

$$\partial_{\nu}^{k}\lambda = \sum_{s=2}^{s=k} \frac{\bar{F}^{(s+1)}\partial_{\nu}^{k_{1}}\lambda\partial_{\nu}^{k_{2}}\cdots\partial_{\nu}^{k_{s}}\lambda}{\bar{F}^{\prime\prime}(\lambda)}.$$

From Lemma 2.2, using the induction methods yields

$$|\partial_{\nu}^{k}\lambda| \leq C\lambda, \quad k=2,3,4,$$

which completes the proof of Lemma 3.1.

From the definition  $\psi_3$ , we have

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\theta} = \delta^{-1} \omega^{-p} \hat{z} \bar{F}''(\lambda) \frac{d\lambda}{d\theta} = \delta^{-1} \omega^{-p} \hat{z} \bar{F}''(\lambda) \partial_{\tau} \bar{R}_{2}(\lambda, \tau, \theta).$$

Introducing a new time variable  $\vartheta$  by  $\theta = -\vartheta$  yields

$$\frac{d\nu}{d\vartheta} = l_1(\nu, \tau, \vartheta, \delta), \quad \frac{d\tau}{d\vartheta} = -\omega^{-1} + \delta\nu + l_2(\nu, \tau, \vartheta, \delta), \tag{3.2}$$

where

$$\begin{split} l_1(\nu,\tau,\vartheta,\delta) &= \delta^{-1} \omega^{-p} \hat{z} \bar{F}''(\lambda) \partial_\tau \bar{R}_2(\lambda,\tau,-\vartheta), \\ l_2(\nu,\tau,\vartheta,\delta) &= -\partial_\lambda \bar{R}_2(\lambda,\tau,-\vartheta). \end{split}$$

**Lemma 3.2** *Provided that* p > 2,  $\frac{1}{p-1} < \gamma < 1$ ,  $0 < \delta \ll 1$ ,  $k + l \le 4$  and  $\tau \in \mathbb{S}^1 \setminus \Xi(i = 1, 2)$ , *it holds that* 

$$|\partial_{\nu}^{k}\partial_{\tau}^{l}l_{i}(\nu,\tau,\vartheta,\delta)| \leq C\delta^{\sigma}, \tag{3.3}$$

where  $\sigma = \frac{p}{\gamma + 1 - p}(-1 + \gamma) > 0.$ 

*Proof* For k = 0, we have

$$|\partial_{\tau}^{l}l_{2}| = |\partial_{\lambda}\partial_{\tau}^{l}\bar{R}_{2}(\lambda,\tau,-\vartheta)| \leq C\lambda^{-1+\max\{\frac{\gamma+1}{p},\gamma\}} \leq C\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}(-1+\max\{\frac{\gamma+1}{p},\gamma\})} \leq C\delta^{\sigma}.$$

Using the assumption  $\gamma > \frac{1}{p-1}$  derives  $\frac{1+\gamma}{p} < \gamma$ . We have  $|\partial_{\tau}^{l} l_{2}| \le C\delta^{\sigma}$ . For k > 0, we obtain

$$\begin{split} |\partial_{\nu}^{k}\partial_{\tau}^{l}l_{2}| &= |\partial_{\nu}^{k}\partial_{\tau}^{l}\partial_{\lambda}\bar{R}_{2}(\lambda,\tau,-\vartheta)| \\ &\leq C\lambda^{-1+\max\{\frac{\gamma+1}{p},\gamma\}} \\ &\leq C\delta^{\frac{p}{\gamma+1-p}(-1+\max\{\frac{\gamma+1}{p},\gamma\})} \\ &\leq C\delta^{\sigma}. \end{split}$$

For  $l_1$ , we have the same estimate. The proof of Lemma 3.2 is completed.

From Lemmas 3.1–3.2 and (3.3), we see that the solutions of (3.2) with initial value  $\nu(0) = \nu_0 \in [1, 2]$ ,  $\tau(0) = \tau_0$  do exist for  $0 \le \vartheta \le 4\pi_p$  if  $\delta \ll 1$ . Integrating (3.2) from 0 to  $2\pi_p$ , we derive that Poincaré map *P* in (3.2) takes the following form

$$P: \begin{cases} \tau_{2\pi_p} = \tau_0 - \omega^{-1} 2\pi_p + \delta(\nu_0 + P_2(\nu_0, \tau_0, \delta)), \\ \nu_{2\pi_p} = \nu_0 + \delta P_1(\nu_0, \tau_0, \delta), \end{cases}$$

where  $|\partial_{v_0}^k \partial_{\tau_0}^l P_i| \le C \delta^{\sigma-1}$  for  $k + l \le 4$ , i = 1, 2.

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Since *P* is a Poincarè map in (3.2), it is an area-preserving, and thus it possesses the intersection property in the annulus  $[1,2] \times S^1$ . Namely, if  $\Gamma$  is an embedded circle in

 $[1,2] \times \mathbb{S}^1$  homotopic to a circle  $\nu = \text{constant}$ , then  $P(\Gamma) \cap \Gamma \neq \emptyset$  (see [18]). Now, we have verified that the mapping P satisfies all the conditions of Moser's twist theorem. Hence, there exists an invariant curve  $\Gamma_{\delta}$  of P surrounding  $\nu_0 = 1$  if  $\delta \ll 1$ . The  $\Gamma_{\delta}$  is located in ring domain  $\{(\nu, \tau) | \delta < \nu < 2\delta\}$ . Note that  $\delta \to 0 \Leftrightarrow \lambda \to \infty$ . The points  $(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$  satisfying  $r_1(\lambda, \varphi, \theta) = r_1(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)|_{(\lambda, \varphi) \in \Gamma_{\delta}}$  form an invariant torus  $\mathbf{T}^2_{\delta}$  in the extended phase space  $(\lambda, \varphi, \theta)$ . Thus,  $\psi^{-1}(\Gamma_{\delta})$  is an invariant torus for Eq. (2.1) in  $(x, y, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{S}^1$ , which is far away from (0,0), where  $\psi = \psi_1 \psi_0$ . The solution of Eq. (2.1) starting from inside of  $\psi^{-1}(\Gamma_{\delta})$  is contained inside of  $\psi^{-1}(\Gamma_{\delta})$ . Thus, the solution of Eq. (2.1) is bounded. The proof of Theorem 1.1 is finished.

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