

## Quasi Linear Flows on Tori: Regularity of their Linearization

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**Abstract:** Under suitable conditions a flow on a torus  $C^{(p)}$ -close, with  $p$  large enough, to a quasi periodic diophantine rotation is shown to be “linearizable”, *i.e.* conjugable to the quasi periodic rotation, by a map that is analytic in the perturbation size. This result is parallel to Moser’s theorem stating conjugability in class  $C^{(p')}$  for some  $p' < p$ . The extra conditions restrict the class of perturbations that are allowed.

### 1. Introduction

1.1. The perturbation of the Hamiltonian of a system of  $\ell$  harmonic oscillators with frequencies  $\frac{1}{2\pi}(\omega_{01}, \dots, \omega_{0\ell})$  is described by the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H}_0(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \omega_0 \cdot \mathbf{A} + \varepsilon \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \varepsilon \mathbf{A} \cdot F(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \mathbf{A}, \quad (1.1)$$

where  $(\mathbf{A}, \boldsymbol{\alpha}) \in \mathbb{R}^\ell \times \mathbb{T}^\ell$  are the “action–angle” variables of the oscillators,  $\cdot$  denotes the scalar product,  $\mathbf{f}$  is a vector and  $F$  a matrix that describe the perturbation structure and  $\varepsilon$  is the “intensity” of the perturbation.

The Hamiltonian system (1.1) is not integrable in general (see for instance (4.10) in [G3]). Nevertheless, if the unperturbed rotation vector  $\omega_0$  of the oscillators verifies a “diophantine condition” and if the perturbation is analytic, it is possible to add to the Hamiltonian a suitable “counterterm”  $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{A})$ , divisible and analytic in the perturbative parameter  $\varepsilon$  and depending *only* on the action variables  $\mathbf{A}$ , so that the modified Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_0 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{A})$  is integrable.

This was conjectured in [G1] and proven first in [E2], then also in [GM2] (with techniques of [G4,GM1]), by exhibiting the details of the cancellation mechanisms operating, order by order, in the perturbative series for the counterterm and for the equations of motion solution for the modified Hamiltonian; a third method is in [EV].

Note that integrability of the problem (1.1) with  $F = 0$  is equivalent to the problem of “linearizability” of the flow on the torus generated by the differential equations

$$\frac{d\alpha}{dt} = \omega_0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{f}(\alpha), \quad (1.2)$$

*i.e.* the problem of finding a change of coordinates,  $\alpha = \psi + \mathbf{h}_\varepsilon(\psi)$ , on the torus  $\mathbb{T}^\ell = [0, 2\pi]^\ell$  such that Eqs. (1.2) become the trivial quasi periodic linear flow  $d\psi/dt = \omega_0$ . The equations for  $\mathbf{h}$ ,  $\mathbf{H}$  are derived below (see (1.6), (1.7) and (1.8)).

A previous partial result about the existence of the counterterm  $N_\varepsilon(\mathbf{A})$  is in [DS,R,PF], where the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation with a quasi periodic potential is studied: the latter problem can be shown to be equivalent to the problem of the existence of a counterterm which makes integrable the Hamiltonian of a system of interacting oscillators, provided  $F = 0$  and  $\mathbf{f}$  has a very special form, (see [G2] and Sect. 5 below): restricted to this case, the proof of existence of a counterterm making integrable the Hamiltonian follows also from the analysis of [M1] (see Appendix A4 below).

But the “beginning” of the interest in the above questions goes back to a problem similar to (1.2) investigated by Moser in [M1]. In the latter paper more general nonlinear ordinary differential equations are perturbatively studied under the hypothesis that the “characteristic vector” (defining the linear part of the equations) verify a *generalized diophantine condition* (see Appendix A4 for details): under the assumption that the nonlinear part  $\mathbf{f}$  is analytic it is proved that one can add to the equations counterterms depending (analytically) *only* on the perturbative parameter  $\varepsilon$  and so that the modified equations admit a solution analytic in  $\varepsilon$  for  $\varepsilon$  small.

The conjecture in [G1] envisages the possibility of introducing a counterterm depending (analytically) *also* on the actions in the Hamiltonian in such a way that the equations of motion admit an analytic solution: the two problems (the one studied by Moser and the one studied in [G2]) deal in general with different equations. Nevertheless, if the perturbation is linear in the action variables in (1.1), *i.e.*  $F = 0$ , then the counterterm  $\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{A})$  turns out to be  $\mathbf{A}$ -independent and analytic in  $\varepsilon$  if  $\mathbf{f}$  is analytic on  $\mathbb{T}^\ell$ : in that case the constant value of  $\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon(\mathbf{A})$  will be denoted  $\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon$  or  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$  and, as pointed out above, the existence and analyticity of  $\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon$  is then implied by Moser’s theorem [M1], Theorem 1. In [M1] it is also pointed out that the latter result is the “core” of the proof of the KAM theorem in the analytic case.

However Moser’s theorem gives no analyticity result when the perturbation is non-analytic. So, in this paper we consider (1.1) with  $F = 0$  or, equivalently, (1.2) and  $\varepsilon \mathbf{f}$  modified into  $\varepsilon \mathbf{f} + \mathbf{N}_\varepsilon$ , with the aim of proving existence *and analyticity* of the counterterm  $\mathbf{N}_\varepsilon$  if the perturbation  $\mathbf{f}$  belongs to a special class, specified below (see Sect. 1.3), of functions depending *non-analytically* on the angles. Convergence of the perturbative series for the equations of motion solution and for the counterterm is obtained by taking into account cancellations which include, besides the ones necessary to treat the analytic case as in [E2] (the “infrared cancellations”), also new cancellations called “ultraviolet cancellations” (see [BGGM]).

The analyticity (of the equations of motion solution and of the counterterm) in the perturbative parameter  $\varepsilon$  *even though the interaction  $\mathbf{f}(\alpha)$  is non-analytic in  $\alpha$*  is a result that we believe would be difficult to obtain by other techniques which one could use to face this problem, like the Moser-Nash smoothing technique [M2].

The tools are inherited from [BGGM], where interaction potentials belonging to the same class of functions are considered and analyticity of the KAM invariant tori as functions of the perturbative parameter is proved (near zero).

1.2. The paper is organized as follows. In the remaining part of this section we introduce the notations and state the result (Theorem 1.4). In Sect. 2 we reintroduce our

diagrammatic formalism, referring for details to Appendix A1 and simply outlining the differences with respect to [BGGM], Sect. 3. In Sect. 3 the so-called *infrared cancellations*, [E1], are discussed following [GM2]: such cancellations allow us to solve the so-called “*small divisors problem*”, and they are sufficient to prove convergence of the perturbative series in the analytic case. Since there are some differences with respect to [GM2], mostly the use of Siegel-Eliasson’s lemma (see Lemma 3.4 below) instead of Siegel-Bryuno’s lemma ([GM2], Lemma 5.3), we provide a selfconsistent discussion although the problem is the same as the one treated in [GM2], Sect. 8. In Sect. 4, we study the “*ultraviolet cancellations*” which, together with the infrared ones, make convergent the perturbative series for the class of interactions introduced in Sect. 1.3. In Sect. 5, we note briefly that Theorem 1.4 for non-analytic interactions does not give really more results than the corresponding theorem for the analytic case (see [E2], and [GM2], Theorem 1.4), if applied to the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation with a non-analytic quasi periodic potential; this is a little deceiving, but not quite unexpected (see comments in Sect. 5). As a byproduct of the proof, analyticity of eigenvalues and eigenfunctions in the perturbative parameter is proved under the assumption that the interaction potential is at least in the class  $C^{(p)}$ ,  $p > 3\tau + \ell$ : this result improves some aspects of [Pa], see also [PF] and Sect. 5.

Note that compared to [BGGM] the infrared cancellations discussion appears remarkably less involved (and therefore more suitable for a first approach to the techniques employed). On the contrary the ultraviolet cancellations analysis is essentially unchanged compared to the one in [BGGM], notwithstanding the simplified expression of the Hamiltonian (1.3) below: it is repeated for selfconsistence purposes and because pointing out the (slight but many) variations would take the same amount of work.

1.3. The Hamiltonian is

$$\mathcal{H} = \mathcal{H}_0 + \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{N}(\varepsilon) \tag{1.3}$$

with  $\mathcal{H}_0 = \omega_0 \cdot \mathbf{A} + \varepsilon \mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\alpha})$  given by (1.1) with  $F = 0$ , where

- (1)  $\mathbf{A} \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$  and  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} \in \mathbb{T}^\ell$  are canonically conjugated variables (respectively action and angle variables), and  $\cdot$  denotes the scalar product;
- (2)  $\omega_0$  is a rotation vector satisfying the “*diophantine condition*”

$$C_0 |\omega_0 \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}| > |\boldsymbol{\nu}|^{-\tau} \quad \forall \boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell, \boldsymbol{\nu} \neq \mathbf{0}, \tag{1.4}$$

for some positive constants  $C_0$  and  $\tau$  (here and henceforth  $|\boldsymbol{\nu}| = \sqrt{\boldsymbol{\nu} \cdot \boldsymbol{\nu}}$ , while  $\|\boldsymbol{\nu}\| = \sum_{j=1}^\ell |\nu_j|$ , if  $\boldsymbol{\nu} = (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_\ell)$ );

- (3)  $\mathbf{f}$  has the form  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell)$ , with each  $f_j$  of the class  $\hat{C}^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$  introduced in [BGGM], for some  $p$ : namely  $f_j(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}^\ell} f_{j\boldsymbol{\nu}} e^{i\boldsymbol{\nu} \cdot \boldsymbol{\alpha}}$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_\boldsymbol{\nu} = \mathbf{f}_{-\boldsymbol{\nu}}$ , with  $f_{j\mathbf{0}} = 0$  and, for  $\boldsymbol{\nu} \neq \mathbf{0}$ ,

$$f_{j\boldsymbol{\nu}} = \sum_{n \geq p+\ell}^N \frac{c_n^{(j)} + d_n^{(j)} (-1)^{\|\boldsymbol{\nu}\|}}{|\boldsymbol{\nu}|^n}, \tag{1.5}$$

for some  $N \geq p + \ell$  and some constants  $c_n^{(j)}, d_n^{(j)}$ ; and

- (4)  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$ , called a “*counterterm*”, has to be fixed in order to make the equations of motion for the model (1.3) linearizable.

For instance we can choose  $f_{j\boldsymbol{\nu}} = a_j |\boldsymbol{\nu}|^{-b}$ , with  $b = p + \ell$  and  $\mathbf{a} = (a_1, \dots, a_\ell) \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ . In the following we shall deal explicitly with such a function: the proof can be trivially extended to the class of functions (1.5).

**Theorem 1.4.** *Given the Hamiltonian (1.1), with  $\omega_0$  satisfying the diophantine condition (1.4),  $F \equiv 0$  and  $\mathbf{f} = (f_1, \dots, f_\ell)$ , with each  $f_j \in \tilde{C}^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , there exist two positive constants  $\varepsilon_0$  and  $p_0 = 2 + 3\tau$ , and a function  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$  analytic in  $\varepsilon$  for  $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ , such that the equations of motion corresponding to the Hamiltonian (1.3) admit linearizable (i.e. conjugable to the linear flow defined by  $\dot{\psi} = \omega$ ) solutions in  $C^{(0)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$  analytic in  $\varepsilon$  for  $|\varepsilon| < \varepsilon_0$ , provided  $p > p_0$ , i.e. solutions described by (1.7), (1.8) below.*

1.5. The equations of motion for the Hamiltonian (1.3) are given by

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha_j}{dt} &= \omega_{0j} + \varepsilon f_j(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + N_j(\varepsilon), \\ \frac{dA_j}{dt} &= -\varepsilon \mathbf{A} \cdot \partial_{\alpha_j} \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}). \end{aligned} \tag{1.6}$$

We look for motions of the form

$$\begin{aligned} \boldsymbol{\alpha}(t) &= \omega_0 t + \mathbf{h}(\omega_0 t), & \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\psi}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^{(k)} e^{i\boldsymbol{\nu} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}} \varepsilon^k, \\ \mathbf{A}(t) &= \mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{H}(\omega_0 t), & \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\psi}) &= \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sum_{\boldsymbol{\nu} \in \mathbb{Z}} \mathbf{H}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^{(k)} e^{i\boldsymbol{\nu} \cdot \boldsymbol{\psi}} \varepsilon^k, \end{aligned} \tag{1.7}$$

with  $\mathbf{h}$  odd and  $\mathbf{H}$  even in  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  so that the equations for  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  become

$$\begin{aligned} (\omega_0 \cdot \partial_{\boldsymbol{\psi}}) h_j(\boldsymbol{\psi}) &= \varepsilon f_j(\boldsymbol{\psi} + \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\psi})) + N_j(\varepsilon), \\ (\omega_0 \cdot \partial_{\boldsymbol{\psi}}) H_j(\boldsymbol{\psi}) &= -\varepsilon [\mathbf{A}_0 + \mathbf{H}(\boldsymbol{\psi})] \cdot \partial_{\alpha_j} \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\psi} + \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\psi})), \end{aligned} \tag{1.8}$$

where  $\partial_{\boldsymbol{\alpha}}$  denotes derivative with respect to the argument, and  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$  has to be so chosen that the right-hand side of the first equation in (1.8) has vanishing average (see Sect. 2.1 below). A “solution” to (1.8) can be given a meaning as soon as  $\mathbf{h}, \mathbf{H}$  are continuous by requiring equality of the Fourier transforms of both sides (regarded as distributions, see [BGGM]).

We see from (1.8) that the equation for  $\mathbf{h}$  is closed, so that, as long as we are interested only in the function  $\mathbf{h}$ , i.e. in the analytic linearizability of (1.6), we can confine ourselves to studying only the first equation in (1.8). This is the equation that one has to solve to linearize the flow generated by  $d\boldsymbol{\alpha}/dt = \omega_0 + \varepsilon \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) + \mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$ : hence it is not surprising that the equation for  $\mathbf{H}$  can be easily solved once  $\mathbf{h}$  is known: see Sect. 2.3 below.

Note that since  $\mathbf{f}$  is supposed even, then we expect that  $\mathbf{h}$  is odd and  $\mathbf{H}$  is even: hence while the equation for  $\mathbf{H}$  does not seem to hit any obvious compatibility problems we see that the equation for  $\mathbf{h}$  does, unless  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$  is suitably chosen. In fact the function  $\varepsilon \mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\psi} + \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\psi}))$ , being even has no a priori reason to have a vanishing integral over  $\boldsymbol{\psi}$  (as it should, being equal to  $(\omega_0 \cdot \partial_{\boldsymbol{\psi}}) \mathbf{h}(\boldsymbol{\psi})$ ).

## 2. Formal Solution and Graph Representation

2.1. We study now Eqs. (1.8) with  $f_{j\nu} = a_j |\nu|^{-b}$  replaced with  $f_{j\nu} e^{-\kappa|\nu|}$ . The parameter  $\kappa$  is taken  $\kappa > 0$ , and, after computing the coefficients  $\mathbf{h}_{\boldsymbol{\nu}}^{(k)}$  in (1.7), which will depend on  $\kappa$ , one will perform the limit  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$  (“Abel’s summation”).

The formal solubility of (1.8) with  $f_{j\nu}$  replaced with  $f_{j\nu} e^{-\kappa|\nu|}$  follows from [E2], where more general interaction potentials are considered (see also [GM2], Sect. 8.1, where the formalism is similar to the one used here).

One has  $h_{j\mathbf{0}}^{(k)} = H_{j\mathbf{0}}^{(k)} = 0 \forall k \geq 1$ , while, when  $\nu \neq \mathbf{0}$ , for  $k = 1$ ,

$$h_{j\nu}^{(1)} = \frac{f_{j\nu}}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu}, \quad H_{j\nu}^{(1)} = -\frac{i\nu_j}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu} (\mathbf{A}_0 \cdot \mathbf{f}_\nu), \quad (2.1)$$

and, for  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} h_{j\nu}^{(k)} &= \frac{1}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \sum_{p>0} \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\nu_0+\nu_1+\dots+\nu_p=\nu} f_{j\nu_0} \sum_{k_1+\dots+k_p=k-1} \prod_{s=1}^p (i\nu_0 \cdot \mathbf{h}_{\nu_s}^{(k_s)}), \\ H_{j\nu}^{(k)} &= -\frac{1}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \sum_{p>0} \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\tilde{\nu}+\nu_0+\nu_1+\dots+\nu_p=\nu} (i\nu_{0j}) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{\tilde{k}+k_1+\dots+k_p=k-1} (\mathbf{H}_{\tilde{\nu}}^{(\tilde{k})} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_0}) \prod_{s=1}^p (i\nu_0 \cdot \mathbf{h}_{\nu_s}^{(k_s)}) \\ &\quad - \frac{1}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \sum_{p>0} \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\nu_0+\nu_1+\dots+\nu_p=\nu} (i\nu_{0j}) \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \sum_{k_1+\dots+k_p=k-1} (\mathbf{A}_0 \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_0}) \prod_{s=1}^p (i\nu_0 \cdot \mathbf{h}_{\nu_s}^{(k_s)}), \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

provided  $N_j(\varepsilon) = \sum_{k=1}^\infty N_j^{(k)} \varepsilon^k$ , with  $N_j^{(k)}$  defined by  $N_j^{(1)} = -f_{j\mathbf{0}}$  and, for  $k \geq 2$ ,

$$N_j^{(k)} = -\sum_{p>0} \frac{1}{p!} \sum_{\nu_0+\nu_1+\dots+\nu_p=\mathbf{0}} f_{j\nu_0} \sum_{k_1+\dots+k_p=k-1} \prod_{s=1}^p (i\nu_0 \cdot \mathbf{h}_{\nu_s}^{(k_s)}). \quad (2.3)$$

Equality (2.3) assures the formal solubility of (1.8). The function  $\mathbf{f}$  is even, hence  $\mathbf{h}$  is odd and  $\mathbf{H}$  is even.

If  $\mathbf{f}$  is analytic ( $\kappa > 0$ ) the convergence of the series defining the functions  $\mathbf{h}$  and  $\mathbf{H}$  is a corollary of [E1,E2] (see also [GM2], Theorem 1.4), but the convergence radius is not uniform in  $\kappa$  (it shrinks to zero when  $\kappa \rightarrow 0$ ). The aim of the present paper is to show that, if  $\mathbf{f}$  belongs to the class of functions  $\hat{C}^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , then there are cancellation mechanisms that imply convergence of the series and, therefore, analyticity in  $\varepsilon$  of the equations of motion solution.

2.2. We shall use a representation of (2.2) in terms of “Feynman graphs” following the rules in [BGGM], Sect. 3: the reader not familiar with [BGGM] can find in Appendix A1 below a brief but selfconsistent description of the graphs. See [GGM] for the terminology motivation. The only difference will be that that the “value” of a graph  $\vartheta$  is now given by

$$\text{Val}(\vartheta) = \prod_{v<r} \frac{(i\nu_{v'} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_v})}{i\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_v}}, \quad (2.4)$$

where

- (1)  $v'$  is the node immediately following  $v$  in  $\vartheta$ , and  $\lambda_v = v'v$  is the line (or branch) emerging from  $v$  and entering  $v'$ ;
- (2)  $r$  is the “root” of the graph, and  $i\nu_r$  denotes the unit vector in the  $j^{\text{th}}$  direction,  $i\nu_r = \mathbf{e}_j, j = 1, \dots, \ell$ ;
- (3)  $\nu_v$  is the “external momentum” associated with the “node”  $v$ ,  $\nu_{\lambda_v} = \sum_{w \leq v} \nu_w$  is the “momentum” flowing through the line  $\lambda_v$ , and  $\nu(\vartheta)$  is the momentum flowing through the line entering the root (“root branch”). The momentum  $\nu_\lambda$  must be  $\neq \mathbf{0}$  for all lines  $\lambda \in \vartheta$ : this has to be regarded as a restriction on the possible values of the node momenta  $\{\nu_v\}$  that we allow attributing to the nodes.

It can be convenient to introduce the notations

$$g_\lambda \equiv \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda}, \quad D(\vartheta) = \prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta} g_\lambda, \tag{2.5}$$

so that (2.4) becomes

$$\text{Val}(\vartheta) = D(\vartheta) \prod_{v < r} (\nu_{v'} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_v}); \tag{2.6}$$

and  $g_\lambda$  will be called the “propagator” of the line  $\lambda$ . Let us denote by  $\mathcal{T}(k, \nu)$  the set of non-equivalent labeled graphs of order  $k$  with  $\nu(\vartheta) = \nu$  and  $i\nu_r = \mathbf{e}_j$ ; then

$$h_{j\nu}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\vartheta \in \mathcal{T}(k, \nu)} \text{Val}(\vartheta) = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\vartheta^0 \in \mathcal{T}^0(k)} W(\vartheta^0, \nu), \tag{2.7}$$

where  $\vartheta = (\vartheta^0, \{\nu_v\})$ , if  $\vartheta$  is a labeled graph, while  $\vartheta^0$  is a graph bearing no external momentum labels,  $\mathcal{T}^0(k)$  is the set of such graphs of order  $k$ , and

$$W(\vartheta^0, \nu) \equiv \sum_{\{\nu_v\}: \nu(\vartheta) = \nu} \text{Val}(\vartheta). \tag{2.8}$$

By comparing the expression of  $h_{j\nu}^{(k)}$  in (2.2) with (2.3), one realizes that  $N_j^{(k)}$  admits the same description as  $h_{j\nu}^{(k)}$  in terms of graph values, with the only difference that  $\nu(\vartheta) = \mathbf{0}$  and no propagator is associated to the root branch. Then the bound we shall find for  $h_{j\nu}^{(k)}$  will hold also for  $N_j^{(k)}$  (this will appear from the analysis of Sect. 3 and Sect. 4).

2.3. The function  $H_{j\nu}^{(k)}$  can be expressed in terms of the same graphs as in Sect. 2.2, but the value associated with a graph  $\vartheta$  is no longer given by (2.6). One defines, instead,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Val}^*(\vartheta) = & D(\vartheta) (-i\nu_{v_1, j}) \sum_{\tilde{v} \in \vartheta} \left[ \prod_{v \notin \mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})} (\nu_{v'} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_v}) \right] \cdot \\ & \cdot \left[ \prod_{v \in \mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v}) \setminus \tilde{v}} (-\mathbf{f}_{\nu_v} \cdot \nu_{v''}) \right] (\mathbf{f}_{\nu_{\tilde{v}}} \cdot \mathbf{A}_0), \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

where

- (1)  $v_1$  is the highest node in  $\vartheta$ , i.e.  $v'_1 = r$ ,
- (2)  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  is the collection of vertices crossed by the connected path of branches in  $\vartheta$  linking the node  $v_1$  with a node  $\tilde{v} \leq v_1$ , with  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, v_1) = v_1$ ,
- (3)  $v''$  is the node on  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  immediately preceding  $v$ .

With the above definition (2.8), one has

$$H_{j\nu}^{(k)} = \frac{1}{k!} \sum_{\vartheta \in \mathcal{T}(k, \nu)} \text{Val}^*(\vartheta), \tag{2.10}$$

where  $\mathcal{T}(k, \nu)$  is defined as after (2.6).

### 3. Infrared Cancellations

The cancellations discussed in this section are sufficient to treat the analytic case (see [E2,GM2]). Hence they are not really characteristic of the problems that we address in this paper. Nevertheless they must be taken into account and their compatibility with the cancellations that are typical of the differentiable problem will have to be, eventually, discussed.

3.1. Let us define  $\chi(x)$  as the characteristic function of the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x| \in [1/2, 1)\}$ , and  $\chi_1(x)$  as the characteristic function of the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R}, |x| > 1\}$ . Then each propagator in (2.6) can be decomposed as

$$g_\lambda = \frac{\chi_1(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda} + \sum_{n=-\infty}^0 \frac{\chi(2^{-n}\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda} = \sum_{n=-\infty}^1 g_\lambda^{(n)}, \tag{3.1}$$

and, inserting the above decompositions in the definition of the value of a graph (2.3), we see that the value of each graph is naturally decomposed into various addends. We can identify the addends simply by attaching to each line  $\lambda$  an “infrared scale” (or simply “scale”) label  $n_\lambda \leq 1$ , thus obtaining a new “more decorated” graph that we still call  $\vartheta$ .

It has to be noted that, given a graph  $\vartheta$ , there is only one set of scales  $\{n_\lambda\}$  for which all the propagators  $g_\lambda^{(n_\lambda)}$  are not identically zero: nevertheless if one uses (3.1) the scale labels  $\{n_\lambda\}$  and the momentum labels  $\{\nu_v\}$  are considered as *independent labels*, which is useful for combinatorial purposes.

**Definition 3.2 (Cluster).** Given a graph  $\vartheta$ , a “cluster” of scale  $n \leq 1$  is a maximal set of nodes connected by lines of scale  $\geq n$  with at least one line of scale exactly  $n$ . A line  $\lambda$  which connects nodes both located inside a cluster  $T$  is said to be “internal” to the cluster; and we write  $\lambda \in T$ ; the lines which connect a node inside with a node outside the cluster are called “external” to the cluster; if a line  $\lambda$  is internal or external to a cluster  $T$ , we say that  $\lambda$  intersects  $T$ , and we write  $\lambda \cap T \neq \emptyset$ . A line is “outside” the cluster  $T$  if it is neither internal nor external.

The nodes of a cluster  $V$  of scale  $n_V$  may be linked to other nodes by lines of lower scale. Such lines are called “incoming” if they point at a node in the cluster or *outgoing* otherwise; there may be several incoming lines (or zero) but at most one outgoing line, because of the tree structure of the graphs.

**Definition 3.3 (Resonance).** We call “resonance” a cluster  $V$  such that:

- (1) there is only one incoming line  $\lambda_V$  and one outgoing line  $\lambda'_V$  and  $|\nu_{\lambda_V}| = |\nu_{\lambda'_V}|$ ;
- (2) if  $n_V$  is the scale of the cluster and  $n_{\lambda_V}$  is the scale of the line  $\lambda_V$ , one has  $n_V \geq n_{\lambda_V} + 3$ .

If  $\nu_{\lambda_V} = \nu_{\lambda'_V}$ , the resonance is called a “real resonance”; if  $\nu_{\lambda_V} = -\nu_{\lambda'_V}$ , it is called a “virtual resonance”.

Note that  $V$  can be a resonance only if  $n_{\lambda_V} \leq -2$ . Then the following result holds (see [S,E,BGGM]).

**Lemma 3.4 (Siegel-Eliasson’s bound).** *If we consider only graphs with no real resonances then*

$$\prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta} \frac{1}{|\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda|} \leq C^k \frac{\prod_{v \in \vartheta} |\nu_v|^{\frac{\eta}{2}\tau}}{(\sum_{v \in \vartheta} |\nu_v|)^\tau}, \tag{3.2}$$

for some positive constant  $C$  and  $\eta = 6$ .

3.5. Consider a graph  $\vartheta$  and call  $\hat{\vartheta}$  the graph obtained by deleting the infrared scale labels  $\{n_\lambda\}$  and  $\vartheta^0$  the graph obtained by deleting the scale and external momentum labels: we shall write  $\vartheta = (\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\})$ , or  $(\vartheta^0, \{n_\lambda\}, \{\nu_v\})$ .

Suppose that the set of scales  $\{n_\lambda\}$  for  $\vartheta^0$  is consistent with the existence of a fixed family  $\mathbf{V}_1$  of maximal (real) resonances, i.e. of real resonances not contained in any larger real resonance.<sup>1</sup> If  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  we call  $\lambda_V = v_V^b v_V^1$  the line incoming into the real resonance and  $n_{\lambda_V}$  its scale; likewise  $\lambda'_V = v_V^0 v_V^a$  is the outgoing line, ( $v_V^a, v_V^b \in V$  while  $v_V^0, v_V^1$  are out of it).

We consider the graph values at a fixed set of scales for the lines not in any  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  and arbitrary values assigned to the scales of the lines inside the resonances  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$ , and we say, in general, that a set of scales is “compatible” with  $\mathbf{V}_1$ , denoting this property by  $\{n_\lambda\} \& \mathbf{V}_1$ .<sup>2</sup>

We introduce the momentum flowing on  $\lambda_v \in V$  intrinsic to the cluster  $V$  as  $\nu_{\lambda_v}^0 = \sum_{v \geq w \in V} \nu_w$ , and define the “resonance path”  $Q_V$  as the totally ordered path of lines joining the line coming into the real resonance  $V$  with the outgoing line and not including the latter two lines. Then

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\{n_\lambda\}} \text{Val}(\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\}) &= \sum_{\mathbf{V}_1} \sum_{\{n_\lambda\} \& \mathbf{V}_1} \left[ \prod_{\substack{\lambda \cap \mathbf{V}_1 = \emptyset \\ \lambda = xy}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda} \right] \cdot \\ &\cdot \prod_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1} \left\{ \left[ (\nu_{v_V^0} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^a}}) (\nu_{v_V^b} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^1}}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_{\lambda_V}} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})}{(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})^2} \right] \mathcal{V}(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V} | V, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in V}) \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{3.3}$$

where the sums are performed at fixed  $\vartheta^0$ , fixed  $\{\nu_v\}$  and fixed values of the  $n_\lambda$  if  $\lambda$  is not in any  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  and with the scale labels  $n_\lambda$  compatible with the cluster structure given by the resonances  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$ ; therefore they run over many terms, as the labels take all possible values: all vanishing but one, because  $\hat{\vartheta}$  is a graph with given node momenta and therefore with only one possible set  $\{n_\lambda\}$  of lines scales for which the addend does not vanish; the “resonance value”  $\mathcal{V}$  is defined by

$$\mathcal{V}(\zeta | V, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \in V}) = \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in V \\ \lambda = xy}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} (\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + \sigma_\lambda \zeta))}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + \sigma_\lambda \zeta}, \tag{3.4}$$

with  $\sigma_\lambda = 1$  if  $\lambda$  is on the resonance path  $Q_V$ , ( $\lambda \in Q_V$ ), otherwise  $\sigma_\lambda = 0$ .

<sup>1</sup> This means that the  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  are clusters corresponding to the labeling  $\{n_\lambda\}$  of the branches of  $\vartheta^0$ , furthermore they have one entering line and one exiting line and such lines have the same scale.

<sup>2</sup> This means that there is at least one graph  $(\vartheta^0, \{n_\lambda\}, \{\nu_v\})$  such that among its clusters there are the resonances  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  not contained in any other resonances and each  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$  is a real resonance.



Let  $\chi^{(n,n')}(x) \equiv \sum_{j=n}^{n'} \chi(2^{-j}x)$  be the characteristic function of the set  $|x| \in [2^{n-1}, 2^{n'})$ . We shall use the notation  $\{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_1}$  to denote the collection of the  $\{n_\lambda\}$  corresponding to the lines  $\lambda$  not internal to any resonance  $V \in V_1$ . Then (3.3) implies

$$\sum_{\{n_\lambda\}} \text{Val}(\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\}) = \sum_{V_1} \sum_{\{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_1} \& V_1} X_1(\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_1}),$$

where

$$X_1(\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_1}) = \left[ \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in V_1 \\ \lambda=x_y}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda} \right] \cdot \prod_{V \in V_1} \left\{ \left[ (\nu_{v_V^0} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^a}}) (\nu_{v_V^b} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^1}}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_{\lambda_V}} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})}{(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})^2} \right] \mathcal{V}'(\omega \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V} | V) \right\}, \tag{3.5}$$

with

$$\mathcal{V}'(\zeta | V) = \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in V \\ \lambda=x_y}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi^{(n_{\lambda_V}+3,+\infty)}(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + \sigma_\lambda \zeta)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + \sigma_\lambda \zeta}, \tag{3.6}$$

which can be rewritten, by using the interpolation formula

$$\mathcal{V}'(\zeta | V) = \mathcal{V}'(0 | V) + \mathcal{V}'_1(\zeta | V),$$

where

$$\mathcal{V}'_1(\zeta | V) = \left( \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in V/Q_V \\ \lambda=x_y}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi^{(n_{\lambda_V}+3,+\infty)}(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0} \right) \cdot \zeta \int_0^1 dt_V \frac{\partial}{\partial t_V} \left[ \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in Q_V \\ \lambda=x_y}} (\nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}) \frac{\chi^{(n_{\lambda_V}+3,+\infty)}(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + t_V \zeta)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0 + t_V \zeta} \right]. \tag{3.7}$$

A key remark, [E1,G4], will be that *for the purpose of computing the sums over all scale and momentum labels, i.e. for our purposes, we can consider the value  $X_1$  with the real resonance value (3.6) corresponding to  $V \in V_1$  always replaced by the expression defined in (3.7); this follows from the following ‘‘cancellation’’:*

**Lemma 3.6.** *Fixed  $\vartheta^0$  and  $V_1$ , when all graph values in (3.3), with the real resonance value  $\mathcal{V}'(\zeta | V)$  replaced with  $\mathcal{V}'(0 | V)$ , are summed together over  $\{\nu_v\}$  and  $\{n_\lambda\}$  with  $\{n_\lambda\} \& V_1$ , they give a vanishing contribution.*

The proof is in Appendix A2.

3.7. We can perform explicitly the derivative in (3.7): we obtain (see also the Remark after (5.6) in [BGGM]), neglecting the terms with  $\zeta = 0$ ,

$$X_1(\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_1}) = \left( \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in \hat{\vartheta} \\ \lambda=x_y}} \nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y} \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{\lambda \in \hat{\vartheta}/V_1} \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda} \right) \cdot \sum_{\lambda_V^0 \in Q_V} \sum_{z=0}^1 \int_0^1 dt_V p(\lambda_V^0, z, t_V) \cdot \prod_{V \in V_1} \left[ \prod_{\lambda \in V} \frac{\chi^{(n_{\lambda_V}+3,+\infty)}(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(t_V))}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(t_V)} \right], \tag{3.8}$$

where, for  $\lambda \in V$ , we adopt the notation  $\nu_\lambda(t_V) = \nu_\lambda^0 + t_V \nu_{\lambda_V}$ , and

$$p(\lambda_V^0, z, t_V) = \begin{cases} -\frac{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(t_V)}, & \text{if } z = 1, \\ \sum_{t_V^*} \delta(t_V - t_V^*), & \text{if } z = 0, \end{cases} \tag{3.9}$$

where  $t_V^*$  are the solutions to the equation  $|\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(t_V)| = 2^{n_{\lambda_V} + 2}$ , if any (there are at most 2 solutions). The two values of  $z$  correspond to the two terms obtained by differentiating the denominator of the term in square brackets in (3.8), ( $z = 1$ ), or the numerator, ( $z = 0$ ).

We then redecompose in (3.8) the characteristic functions of the lines inside the real resonances into individual scales from  $n_{\lambda_V} + 3$  up, so that (3.5) with  $\mathcal{V}'$  replaced by  $\mathcal{V}'_1$ , see (3.7), and with  $X_1$  replaced by

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{X}_1(\vartheta, \{n_\lambda\}) &= \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1} dt_V \right) \cdot \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in \vartheta, \lambda = xy \\ \lambda \notin \{\lambda'_V\}_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1}}} \left( \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t}))}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t})} \right) \\ &\cdot \left( \prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta, \lambda = xy} \nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y} \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1} \sum_{\lambda_V^0 \in Q_V} \sum_{z_V=0}^1 \frac{d_{\lambda_V^0}^{z_V}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t})} \right), \end{aligned} \tag{3.10}$$

with  $\mathbf{t} = \{t_V\}_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1}$  and we set  $\nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t}) = \nu_\lambda^0 + t_V \nu_{\lambda_V}$  if  $\lambda \in Q_V$ , and  $\nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t}) = \nu_\lambda^0 \equiv \nu_\lambda$  if  $\lambda \notin \cup_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1} Q_V$ , and

$$d_{\lambda_V^0}^1 = -1, \quad d_{\lambda_V^0}^0 = \frac{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t})}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V}(\mathbf{t})} \sum_{t_V^*} \delta(t_V - t_V^*), \tag{3.11}$$

where  $t_V^*$  is defined as in (3.9).

Each addend in (3.10), with fixed  $\vartheta = (\hat{\vartheta}, \{n_\lambda\})$  and  $\{\lambda_V^0, z_V, t_V\}_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1}$ , is said to be “*superficially renormalized*” on the real resonances  $\mathbf{V}_1$ , on the line  $\lambda_V^0$  and on the choices  $z_V$ .

*Remark 3.8.* Note that the case  $z_V = 0$  is special as it forces  $n_{\lambda_V^0} = n_{\lambda_V} + 3$ , so that the ratio in the definition (3.11) of  $d_{\lambda_V^0}^0$  is bounded above by  $2^4$ .

3.9. Having dealt with the maximal real resonances (“*first generation*” real resonances) we perform again the same operations, *i.e.* fixed  $\hat{\vartheta}, \mathbf{V}_1, \{\lambda_V^0, z_V, t_V\}_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1}$  and the scales  $\{n_\lambda\}$  for  $\lambda \notin \cup_{V \in \mathbf{V}_1} V$ , we identify the “*second generation*” real resonances as the maximal real resonances inside each  $V \in \mathbf{V}_1$ ; call  $\mathbf{V}_2$  the set of the real resonances of the first *and* second generations and proceed in a similar way to “renormalize” superficially the newly considered real resonances  $W \in \mathbf{V}_2/\mathbf{V}_1$ .

This means that we fix the scale labels of the lines outside the second generation real resonances, and sum over the other scale labels  $\{n_\lambda\}, \lambda \in \mathbf{V}_2 \setminus \mathbf{V}_1$ , consistent with the cluster structure of  $\mathbf{V}_2$ .

We obtain that the product in (3.10) of the terms coming from the lines  $\lambda \in W \in \mathbf{V}_2, W \subset V \in \mathbf{V}_1$ , can be written in a form very close to (3.6), with the difference that the momenta flowing through the lines  $\lambda \in Q_W \cap Q_V$  are  $\nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t}) = \nu_\lambda^0 + t_W (\nu_{\lambda_W}^0 + t_V \nu_{\lambda_V})$ , and  $n_{\lambda_V} + 3$  is replaced by  $n_{\lambda_W} + 3$  in the characteristic functions.

We proceed to perform a Taylor expansion as above, in the variables  $\zeta_W = \omega_0 \cdot (\nu_{\lambda_W}^0 + t_V \nu_{\lambda_V})$  if  $\lambda_W \in Q_V$  or  $\zeta_W = \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_W}^0$  otherwise. However this time we

modify the renormalization procedure: if  $W$  contains the line  $\lambda_V^0$  we do nothing, while if  $\lambda_V^0 \notin W$  we write the first order remainder as above.

We then perform the derivatives with respect to the new interpolation parameters  $t_W$ , generated by the expression of the Taylor series remainders, hence redevelop the characteristic functions and rearrange, along the lines that generated (3.10), the various terms and get an expression very similar to (3.10), for a quantity that we could call  $X_2(\vartheta, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_2 \setminus V_1})$ , such that

$$\sum_{\{n_\lambda\}} \text{Val}(\vartheta, \{n_\lambda\}) = \sum_{V_2} \sum_{\{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_2 \setminus V_1} \& V_2} X_2(\vartheta, \{n_\lambda\}_{\lambda \notin V_2 \setminus V_1}).$$

Note that the order zero term of each Taylor expansion can be neglected, because of Lemma 3.6, which still holds if  $V$  is not a maximal resonance. In the same way as the  $X_1$  was already used to start the second renormalizations, the latter  $X_2$  can be subsequently used, for the superficial renormalization of the third generation of real resonances. Then we iterate step by step the procedure until there are no more real resonances inside the maximal real resonances found at the last step performed and all the  $n_\lambda$  have been fixed.<sup>3</sup>

To write down the final expression we need some notations.

- (1) Let us call  $\mathbf{V}$  the collection of all real resonances selected along the iterative procedure. For each  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  choose a line  $\lambda_V^0$ , on the resonance path of  $V$ , with the “compatibility condition” that if  $V \subset Z \in \mathbf{V}$ ,  $\lambda_Z^0 \in V$  implies  $\lambda_V^0 = \lambda_Z^0$ .
- (2) Then if  $\lambda_Z^0 \in V$  (so that  $\lambda_Z^0 = \lambda_V^0$ ) we say that  $\lambda_V^0$  and  $V$  are “old”, and define

$$\pi_V(dt_V) = \delta(t_V - 1) dt_V, \quad d_{\lambda_V^0}^1 = 1, \quad d_{\lambda_V^0}^0 = 0. \quad (3.12)$$

- (3) If  $\lambda_Z^0 \notin V$  we say that the line  $\lambda_V^0$  is “new” and that the real resonance  $V$  is “new”, and define

$$\pi_V(dt_V) = dt_V, \quad d_{\lambda_V^0}^1 = -1, \quad d_{\lambda_V^0}^0 = \frac{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(t)}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V}(t)} \sum_{t_V^*} \delta(t_V - t_V^*), \quad (3.13)$$

where  $t_V^*$  are the solutions (at most 2) of the equation  $|\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(t)| = 2^{n_{\lambda_V}+2}$  for  $t_V$ , and the interpolated momenta  $\nu_\lambda(t)$  are defined as  $\nu_\lambda(t) = \nu_\lambda^0$  if  $\lambda$  is not contained in any resonance paths and, otherwise

$$\nu_\lambda(t) = \nu_\lambda^0 + \sum_{V: \lambda \in Q_V} \nu_{\lambda_V}^0 \prod_{W \subseteq V: \lambda \in Q_W} t_W, \quad (3.14)$$

where the sum and the product are over all resonances  $V, W$  verifying the conditions indicated and  $\nu_\lambda^0$  is the sum of all the momenta of nodes preceding  $\lambda$  and inside the smallest resonance containing it when  $\lambda$  is inside a resonance, (see (5.13) in [BGGM]).

- (4) Recalling that  $\lambda'_V$  denotes the line exiting the resonance  $V$ , define

$$P_0(\vartheta) = \prod_{\lambda \notin \cup_V \lambda'_V} \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(t))}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(t)}, \quad N(\vartheta) = \prod_{\substack{\lambda \in \vartheta \\ \lambda = x y}} \nu_x \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_y}, \quad (3.15)$$

<sup>3</sup> Note that we, in fact, proceeded by first fixing the scales of the lines outside the maximal resonances, and at the first step we fixed the scales of lines just inside such first generation resonances, at the second step also the scales of the lines inside the second generation of resonances were fixed, and so on.

and denote by  $\Lambda$  the function  $V \rightarrow \{\lambda_V^0, z_V\}$ .

(5) Define

$$\mathcal{R} \text{Val}(\vartheta) = N(\vartheta) \mathcal{R}D(\vartheta), \tag{3.16}$$

where

$$\mathcal{R}D(\vartheta) = \sum_{\Lambda} \int_0^1 \left( \prod_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \pi(dt_V) \right) P_0(\vartheta) \prod_{V \in \mathbf{V}} \frac{d_{\lambda_V^0}^{z_V}}{(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t}))^*}, \tag{3.17}$$

and the  $*$  means that  $(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t}))^* = \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t})$  if the resonance is new, and  $(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V^0}(\mathbf{t}))^* = \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V}(\mathbf{t})$  if the resonance is old.

*Remark 3.10.* By Definition 3.3, we have  $|\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda}(\mathbf{t})| \geq \frac{2}{3} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda}^0|$ , uniformly in  $\mathbf{t}$ .

3.11. Then, from the iterative procedure and with the just introduced notations, we obtain

$$\sum_{\vartheta} \text{Val}(\vartheta) = \sum_{\vartheta} \mathcal{R} \text{Val}(\vartheta), \tag{3.18}$$

as all terms discarded in each Taylor expansion add to zero when summed together (as a corollary of Lemma 3.6).

The number of terms thus generated is, at fixed  $\mathbf{V}$ , bounded by the product over  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  of 2 times the number of pairs that are in  $V / \cup_{W \subset V, W \in \mathbf{V}} W$  and therefore it is bounded by  $2^k \prod_V k(V)^2$  if  $k(V)$  is the number of nodes in  $V$  which are not in real resonances inside  $V$ . Hence this number is  $\leq (2^4)^k$ . The number of families of real resonances in  $\vartheta$  (hence at fixed  $\{\nu_v\}$ ) is also bounded by  $2^k$ .

3.12. After applying the  $\mathcal{R}$  operations, we see that the contribution to the new “renormalized value” from the divisors in (3.10) will be bounded by the same product appearing in the non-renormalized values of the graphs deprived of the divisors due to the lines  $\lambda'_V$  exiting resonances times a factor

$$2^{4k} \prod_{V \subset \vartheta} \frac{1}{\min_{\lambda \in V_0} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda}(\mathbf{t})|} \leq C_2^k \prod_{V \subset \vartheta} \frac{1}{\min_{\lambda \in V_0} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda}^0|} \leq C_1^k \prod_{V \subset \vartheta} \left[ \sum_{v \in V_0} |\nu_v| \right]^{\tau}, \tag{3.19}$$

where the factor  $2^{4k}$  arises from Remark 3.8,  $C_2 = 2^4 \cdot (3/2)$  from Remark 3.10,  $C_1 = C_0 C_2$  and  $V_0$  is the set of nodes inside the real resonance  $V$  not contained in the real resonances internal to  $V$ .

In order to bound the factor  $P_0(\vartheta)$  given by (3.15), we can identify the real resonances  $V \in \mathbf{V}$  of different generations; the set  $\mathbf{V}_j$  of real resonances of the  $j^{\text{th}}$  generation,  $j \geq 1$ , just consists of the real resonances which are contained in  $(j - 1)^{\text{th}}$  generation real resonances (of lower scale) but not in any  $(j + 1)^{\text{th}}$  generation real resonances.

If  $V$  is a real resonance in  $\mathbf{V}_j$  with entering line  $\lambda_V = v_V^b v_V^1$  and outgoing line  $\lambda'_V = v_V^0 v_V^a$  with momentum  $\nu_{\lambda_V}$  we can construct a “ $V$ -contracted graph” by replacing the cluster  $V$  together with the incoming and outgoing lines by the single line  $v_V^0 v_V^1$ : i.e. by deleting the resonance  $V$  and replacing it by a line. We can also construct the “ $V$ -cut graphs” by deleting everything but the lines of the resonance  $V$  and its entering and outgoing lines and, furthermore, by deleting the outgoing line  $\lambda'_V$  as well as the node  $v_a^V$  and attributing to the node  $v_V^1$  an external momentum equal to the momentum flowing into the entering line in the original graph  $\vartheta$ : thus we get  $p_{v_V^a}$  disconnected graphs.

We repeat the above two operations until we are left only with graphs  $\vartheta_i, i = 1, 2, \dots$  without real resonances: by construction the product  $\prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t})|^{-1}$  is the same as the  $\prod_i \prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta_i} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda(\mathbf{t})|^{-1}$ .

Then we imagine to delete as well the lines of the various  $\vartheta_j$  which were generated by the old entering lines (not all  $\vartheta_i$  contain such lines, but some do) and we call  $\vartheta_i^0$  the graphs so obtained. By doing so we change the momenta flowing into the lines of the graphs  $\vartheta_i$  by an amount which is either  $\mathbf{0}$  or the old momentum  $\nu_{\lambda_V}(\mathbf{t})$  entering a real resonance  $V$ , and from Remark 3.10, we have

$$|P_0(\vartheta)| \leq C_1^k \left( \prod_i \prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta_i^0} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0|^{-1} \right), \tag{3.20}$$

and using Lemma 3.4 it follows

$$\prod_i \prod_{\lambda \in \vartheta_i^0} |\omega_0 \cdot \nu_\lambda^0|^{-1} \leq C^k \prod_i \frac{\prod_{v \in \vartheta_i^0} |\nu_v|^{\frac{\eta}{2}\tau}}{(\sum_{v \in \vartheta_i^0} |\nu_v|)^\tau}, \tag{3.21}$$

with  $\eta = 6$  (see also [BGGM]). Then (3.17)÷(3.21), bounding the last product in (3.17) by (3.19), imply

$$|\mathcal{RD}(\vartheta)| \leq C^k C_1^k \prod_{v \in \vartheta} |\nu_v|^{\frac{\eta}{2}\tau}, \quad \eta = 6. \tag{3.22}$$

Note that (3.22) and our discussion leading to it is a version of the proofs in [E1,E2] and in the case of analytic  $f$  the Fourier coefficients  $f_\nu$  are exponentially bounded as  $|\nu| \rightarrow \infty$  so that (3.22) yields the convergence of the perturbation series for  $\mathbf{h}$ .

#### 4. Ultraviolet Cancellations

The ultraviolet cancellations are characteristic of the linearization problems relative to (1.1), (1.2). They are quite different from the infrared ones discussed in Sect. 3 and the main technical problem, besides their identification, is their compatibility with the infrared cancellations. Exhibiting the two cancellations may not be possible simultaneously in the sense that the first cancellations may require grouping graphs in classes that are completely different from the groupings that are necessary to exhibit the second cancellations. If this happens one says that the cancellations are not independent, or “overlap”, and it is clear that one runs into serious problems.

Hence the following analysis will be mostly devoted to showing that, besides an obvious incompatibility that can be explicitly resolved, the two cancellations are in fact independent.

4.1. Given a graph  $\vartheta$ , we can define the (ultraviolet) “scale”  $h_v$  of the node  $v$  to be the integer  $h_v \geq 1$  such that  $2^{h_v-1} \leq |\nu_v| < 2^{h_v}$ . We say that the labels  $\{\nu_x\}$  and  $\{h_x\}$  are “compatible” if  $|\nu_v| \in [2^{h_v-1}, 2^{h_v})$  for all  $v \in \vartheta$ . The compatibility relationship between  $\{\nu_x\}$  and  $\{h_x\}$  will be denoted  $\{\nu_x\} \text{ comp } \{h_x\}$ .

Then we can write

$$\sum_{\vartheta} \mathcal{RVal}(\vartheta) = \sum_{\vartheta^0} \sum_{\{\nu_x\}} \mathcal{RVal}(\vartheta^0, \{\nu_x\}) = \sum_{\vartheta^0} \sum_{\{h_x\}} \sum_{\{\nu_x\} \text{ comp } \{h_x\}} \mathcal{RVal}(\vartheta^0, \{\nu_x\}). \tag{4.1}$$

Here  $\vartheta^0$  denotes a graph with infrared scale labels only,  $\vartheta = (\vartheta^0, \{\nu_x\})$ . The infrared scale labels need not be explicitly declared. *None* of the following operations will modify the infrared scale of the momentum flowing in a line, thus it is possible using a notation in which the infrared scale labels (needed in the infrared cancellations discussions) do not appear explicitly.

Set  $\mathcal{Q} = \cup_{V \in \mathcal{V}} Q_V$ , where  $\mathcal{V}$  is the set of all resonances of  $\vartheta$  and  $Q_V$  is the resonance path of the resonance  $V$  (see Sect. 3.5): *however* from now on we shall consider not only real resonances *but also virtual resonances* referring to them occasionally just as “resonances”. The notion of resonance paths makes sense also for virtual resonances: see below (end of Sect. 4.6, or [BGGM]) for a discussion of why the consideration of virtual as well as real resonances (which seem purely infrared problem objects) is necessary in the ultraviolet problem. Define  $\mathcal{B}_v$  the subset of the nodes  $w$  among the  $p_v$  nodes immediately preceding  $v$  such that the branch  $vw$  is not on the resonance paths  $\mathcal{Q}$  of real or virtual resonances. The generally larger set of *all* nodes immediately preceding  $v$  can be denoted  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_v: \mathcal{B}_v \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_v$ .

Given a set of momenta and a fixed node  $\bar{v} \in \vartheta^0$ , we define the change of variables  $U_{\bar{v}w}^{\sigma_w}: \mathbb{Z}^\ell \leftrightarrow \mathbb{Z}^\ell$ , where  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{\bar{v}}$ , by fixing a sign  $\sigma_w = \pm 1$  and defining  $U_{\bar{v}w}^{\sigma_w}(\{\nu_x\}) = \{\nu'_x\}$  as:

$$\begin{aligned} \nu'_z &= \sigma_w \nu_z, & z \leq w, \\ \nu'_z &= \nu_z, & \text{for all other } z \neq \bar{v}, \\ \nu'_{\bar{v}} &= \nu_{\bar{v}} + (1 - \sigma_w) \sum_{z \leq w} \nu_z \neq \nu_{\bar{v}} + (1 - \sigma_w) \nu_{\lambda_w}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.2}$$

so that, for any choice of the subset  $\mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}} \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\bar{v}}$  of nodes immediately preceding  $\bar{v}$ , there are cancellations, see Remark 4.2 below, which allow us to write

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\{\sigma_w\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}}} \mathcal{R} \text{Val}(\vartheta^0, \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}} U_{\bar{v}w}^{\sigma_w} \{\nu_x\}) \equiv \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}} dt_w \right) \cdot \\ & \cdot \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}\|=p_{\bar{v}}} \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_w} \right) \left( f_{j\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}})}(\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}}))^{\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}} \right) \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_{\bar{v}}}} \text{Val}'(\vartheta^0) \right\}, \end{aligned} \tag{4.3}$$

where

- (i)  $\text{Val}'(\vartheta^0)$  is a tensor containing all the other factors of the graph value relative to nodes  $v$ 's different from  $\bar{v}$ .
- (ii) The free indices of the  $p_{\bar{v}}$ -order tensor  $\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}})^{\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}}$  are contracted (by performing the  $\sum_{\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}}$ ) with the ones that appear in the tensor  $\text{Val}'(\vartheta^0)$ , and  $\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}$  is a  $\ell$  dimensional positive integer components vector (with  $\|\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}\|$  denoting the sum of the components; see comments after (1.4)) and, given a vector  $\mathbf{b}$ , we put  $\mathbf{b}^{\mathbf{m}_{\bar{v}}} = b_1^{m_{\bar{v}1}} \dots b_\ell^{m_{\bar{v}\ell}}$ ; furthermore  $\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}} = (t_{w_1}, \dots, t_{w_{|\mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}|}})$  and  $\nu_{\bar{v}}(t_{w_1}, \dots, t_{w_{|\mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}|}}) \equiv \nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}})$  is defined as

$$\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}}) = \nu_{\bar{v}}(t_{w_1}, \dots, t_{w_{|\mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}|}}) = \nu_{\bar{v}} + \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}} 2t_w \nu_{\lambda_w} = \nu_{\bar{v}} + \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}}} t_w \left( \sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z \right), \tag{4.4}$$

where  $\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}}) = \nu_{\bar{v}}$  if  $\mathcal{B}_{1\bar{v}} = \emptyset$ .

- (iii) The assumed form (1.5) of the  $f_\nu$  allows us to think that  $f_\nu$  is defined on  $\mathbb{R}^\ell$  rather than on  $\mathbb{Z}^\ell$  and hence to give a meaning to the derivatives of  $f_{\nu_{\bar{v}}(\mathbf{t}_{\bar{v}})}$ .

(iv) We use here and henceforth that  $\mathcal{R}$  acts *only* on the product of propagators  $D(\vartheta)$  (see (2.5) and (3.16)), and the fact that the definition of  $\mathcal{B}_v$  after (4.1) yields that all real or virtual resonances remain such under the action of the change of variables (4.2).

*Remark 4.2.* The cancellations are due to the fact that the change of variables (4.2) leaves unchanged each factor  $(\nu_{v'} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v'}})[\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_{v'}}]^{-1}$ , except for the nodes  $w$  and  $\bar{v}$ , whose factors are modified in the following way:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\nu_{\bar{v}} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_w}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_w}} &\rightarrow -\frac{(\nu_{\bar{v}} + \zeta_w) \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_w}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_w}}, & \text{node } w \\ \frac{\nu_{\bar{v}'} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{\bar{v}}}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_{\bar{v}}}} &\rightarrow \frac{(\nu_{\bar{v}'}) \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{\bar{v}} + \zeta_w}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_{\bar{v}}}}, & \text{node } \bar{v} \end{aligned}$$

with  $\zeta_w = 2\nu_{\lambda_w}$ : then, if we set  $\zeta_w = \mathbf{0}$ , the sum of the two graph values cancel exactly: hence their sum can be written via an interpolation formula like (4.3).

4.3. We can study the sum  $S_k(\vartheta^0) = \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s |\mathcal{R}W(\vartheta^0, \nu)|$ , where  $W(\vartheta^0, \nu)$  is defined in (2.8) and  $\mathcal{R}W(\vartheta^0, \nu)$  is defined as in (2.8) with  $\text{Val}(\vartheta)$  replaced by  $\mathcal{R}\text{Val}(\vartheta)$ .<sup>4</sup> From the tree structure of the graphs defining the ‘‘value’’ it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s |\mathcal{R}W(\vartheta^0, \nu)| = \\ &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| f_{j\nu_{v_1}}(\nu_{v_1})^{m_{v_1}} \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \left[ \sum_{\nu_{\lambda_w}} W(\vartheta^0_{v_1 w}, \nu_{\lambda_w}) \right] \right\} \right|, \end{aligned} \tag{4.5}$$

where  $v_1$  is the highest node and  $\nu_{v_1} = \tilde{\nu} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \nu_{\lambda_w}$  with  $\tilde{\nu} = \nu - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \nu_{\lambda_w}$ .

Fixed  $\tilde{\nu}$  and  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  let  $h_{v_1} \equiv h_{v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}})$  be the scale of  $\nu_{v_1}$ : i.e.  $\nu_{v_1}$  is such that  $2^{h_{v_1}-1} \leq |\nu_{v_1}| < 2^{h_{v_1}}$ . We shall say, see Sect. 3.5 and Sect. 4.1, that  $h_{v_1}$  is ‘‘compatible’’ with  $\nu_{v_1}$  if  $\nu_{v_1}$  has scale  $h_{v_1}$ .

Given  $w$  with  $w' = v_1$  we say that  $w$  is ‘‘out of order’’ with respect to  $v_1$  if, for a suitably large  $o$  which below we fix  $o = 5$  as this turns out to be sufficient, it is

$$2^{h_{v_1}} > 2^o p_{v_1} |\nu_{\lambda_w}|, \tag{4.6}$$

where  $p_v$  is the number of branches entering  $v$ . We denote  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1} \equiv \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$  the nodes  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$  which are out of order with respect to  $v_1$ . The number of elements in  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}$  will be denoted  $q_v = |\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}|$ . Note that the notion of  $w$  being out of order with respect to  $v_1$  depends on  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  and  $\tilde{\nu}$ .

Given a set  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  for all choices of  $\sigma_w = \pm 1$  we define the transformation

$$U(\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}) \equiv \{\sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}, \tag{4.7}$$

and given a set  $C \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$  we call  $\mathcal{U}(C)$  the set of all transformations  $U$  such that  $\sigma_w = 1$  for  $w \notin C$ .

If  $[2^{h-1}, 2^h)$  is a scale interval  $I_h$ ,  $h = 1, 2, \dots$  we call

- the ‘‘first quarter’’ of  $I_h$  the ‘‘lower part’’  $I_h^- = [2^{h-1}, \frac{5}{4}2^{h-1})$  of  $I_h$ ,

<sup>4</sup> The reader familiar with [BGGM] can skip the following discussion, which is essentially identical to the one in [BGGM], Sect. 4, and leap directly to the final expression (4.27) in Sect. 4.7.

- the “fourth quarter” of  $I_h$  the “upper part”  $I_h^+ = [\frac{7}{8}2^h, 2^h)$  of  $I_h$ , and
- the remaining part the “central part”  $I_h^c$  of  $I_h$ .

We group the set of branch momenta  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  into collections by proceeding iteratively in the way described below. The collections will be built so that in each collection the cancellation discussed in Remark 4.2 above can be exhibited.

Fixed  $\tilde{\nu}$  and  $h$  choose  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  such that  $|\nu_{v_1}^1| \in I_h^c$ : such  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  is called a “representative”. Given the representative we define

- the “branch momenta collection” to be the set of the  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  of the form

$$U(\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}), \quad U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}})); \quad (4.8)$$

- the “external momenta collection” to be the set of momenta

$$\nu_{v_1}^{1U} = \nu - \sum_{w \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}} \sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}^1, \quad \text{for } U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}})), \quad (4.9)$$

where, here and below, we set  $\sigma_w \equiv 1$  if  $w \in \bar{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}/\mathcal{B}_{v_1}$  to unify the notation.

The elements of the above constructed external momenta collection need not be necessarily contained in  $I_h^c$ .

We consider then another representative  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^2\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  such that  $|\nu_{v_1}^2| \in I_h^c$  and not belonging to the branch momenta collection associated with  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$ , if there are any left; and we consider the corresponding branch momenta and external momenta collections as above. We proceed in this way until all the representatives such that  $\nu_{v_1}$  is in  $I_h^c$ , for the given  $h$ , have been put into some collection of branch momenta.

We then repeat the above construction with the interval  $I_h^-$  replacing the  $I_h^c$ , always being careful not to consider representatives  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  that appeared as members of previously constructed collections. It is worth pointing out that not all the external momenta  $\nu_{v_1}^U, U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}))$ , are in  $I_h^-$ , but they are all in the corridor  $I_{h-1}^+ \cup I_h^-$ , by (4.6).

Finally we consider the interval  $I_{h-1}^+$ , (if  $h = 1$  we simply skip this step). The construction is repeated for such intervals.

Proceeding iteratively in this way starting from  $h = 1$  and, after exhausting all the  $h = 1$  cases, continuing with the  $h = 2, 3 \dots$  cases, we shall have grouped the sets of branch momenta into collections obtainable from a representative  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  by applying the operations  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}))$  to it. Note that, in this way, when the interval  $I_{h-1}^+$  is considered, all the remaining representatives are such that  $|\nu_{v_1}^U| \in I_{h-1}^+$  for all  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}))$ .

The graphs with momenta in each collection are just the graphs involved in the parity cancellation described in the previous section. In fact if  $U$  is generated by the signs  $\{\sigma_w\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_v}$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \nu_{v_1}^U &= \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} U_{v_1 w}^{\sigma_w} \right) \nu_x, \\ (U(\{\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{w}}}\}_{\tilde{w} \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}))_w &= \sum_{z \leq w} \left( \prod_{\tilde{w} \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} U_{v_1 \tilde{w}}^{\sigma_{\tilde{w}}} \right) \nu_x, \end{aligned} \quad (4.10)$$

where, given the sets  $\{\nu_x\}$  and  $\{\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{w}}}\}$ ,  $(\nu_x)_v$  denotes the external momentum in  $\{\nu_x\}$  corresponding to the node  $v$  and  $(\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{w}}})_w$  denotes the branch momentum in  $\{\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{w}}}\}$  corresponding to the branch  $\lambda_w$ .



*Remark 4.4.* The complexity of the above construction is due to the necessity of avoiding overcountings, called “*overlapping divergences*” in the usual language of field theory. In fact it is possible that, for some  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}))$ , one has

$$\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, U(\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}})) \neq \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}), \tag{4.11}$$

because the scale of  $\nu_{v_1}^U$  may be  $h - 1$ , while that of  $\nu_{v_1}$  may be  $h$ ; so that if one considered, for instance,  $I_{h-1}^+$  before  $I_h^-$  overcountings would be possible, and in fact they would occur.

4.5. A convenient way to rewrite (4.5) is the following:

$$S_k(\vartheta^0) = \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \sum_{U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1})} f_{j\nu_{v_1}^U}(\nu_{v_1}^U)^{m_{v_1}} \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} W(\vartheta_{v_1w}^0, \sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}) \right\} \right|, \tag{4.12}$$

where  $\sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^*$  means sum over the above defined representatives such that  $\nu_{v_1}$  is compatible with  $h_{v_1}$ ; and we abbreviate  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}(\tilde{\nu}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}})$  by  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}$  in conformity with the notations introduced after (4.6). The explicit sum over the scales  $h_{v_1}$  is introduced to simplify the bounds analysis that we perform later, see Sect. 4.8. Note that  $\nu_{v_1}^U$  is, in general, not compatible with  $h_{v_1}$ , *i.e.* we are grouping together also terms with a different scale label (but the difference in scale is at most one, see (4.16) below).

The parity properties of  $\mathbf{f}$ ,

$$W(\vartheta_{v_1w}^0, \sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}) = \sigma_w W(\vartheta_{v_1w}^0, \nu_{\lambda_w}), \tag{4.13}$$

and (4.12) imply

$$S_k(\vartheta^0) = \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \sum_{U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v_1})} f_{j\nu_{v_1}^U}(\nu_{v_1}^U)^{m_{v_1}} \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} \sigma_w \right) \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} W(\vartheta_{v_1w}^0, \nu_{\lambda_w}) \right\} \right|. \tag{4.14}$$

We can apply the interpolation in (4.3) to the node  $v$  and rewrite (4.14) as

$$S_k(\vartheta^0) = \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \left[ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\| = \mathcal{P}_{v_1}} \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \cdot \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_w} \right) \left( f_{j\nu_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})}(\nu_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1}))^{m_{v_1}} \right) \right] \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} W(\vartheta_{v_1w}^0, \nu_{\lambda_w}) \right\} \right|, \tag{4.15}$$

where if  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1} = \emptyset$  no interpolation is made; and we note that by (4.3), by the definition of nodes out of order and by the iterative grouping of the representatives,

$$2^{h_{v_1}-2} \leq |\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})| < 2^{h_{v_1}}, \tag{4.16}$$

so that the interpolation formulae discussed in Sect. 4.1 *can be used* because no singularity arises in performing the  $t_{v_1}$ -integrations.

By the definition of  $W(\vartheta^0, \nu)$ , (see (2.8)), we can write (4.15) as

$$\begin{aligned} S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \left[ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\|=p_{v_1}} \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \cdot \right. \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left. \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} \frac{\partial}{\partial t_w} \right) \left( f_{j\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})} (\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1}))^{m_{v_1}} \right) \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_x\}_{x \leq w} : \nu(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) = \nu_{\lambda_w}} \text{Val}(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) \right\} \Big| . \end{aligned} \tag{4.17}$$

If we use (see (4.3))

$$\frac{\partial}{\partial t_w} \equiv \left( 2\nu_{\lambda_w} \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \right)_{\nu = \nu_v(t_v)} \equiv \left( \sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z \cdot \frac{\partial}{\partial \nu} \right)_{\nu = \nu_v(t_v)}, \tag{4.18}$$

to compute differentiations with respect to  $t_w$ , we can write (4.15) as

$$\begin{aligned} S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \left\{ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\|=p_{v_1}} \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \cdot \right. \right. \\ &\quad \cdot \left. \left( |\bar{\nu}|^{-(p_{v_1}-q_{v_1})} \frac{\partial^{q_{v_1}}}{\partial \bar{\nu}^{q_{v_1}}} f_{j\bar{\nu}} (\bar{\nu})^{m_{v_1}} \right)_{\bar{\nu} = \nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})} \right\} \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \left[ \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} \left( \sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z \right) \right] \left[ \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} |\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})| \right] \cdot \\ &\quad \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \left[ \sum_{\{\nu_x\}_{x \leq w} : \nu(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) = \nu_{\lambda_w}} \text{Val}(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) \right] \right\} \Big| , \end{aligned} \tag{4.19}$$

where we recall that  $q_{v_1} = |\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}|$ ; here the factor  $|\bar{\nu}|^{-(p_{v_1}-q_{v_1})}$  (which, computed for  $\bar{\nu} = \nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})$ , is identical to the inverse of  $[\prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} |\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})|]$ ) has been introduced so that a “dimensional” estimate (*i.e.* an estimate based on the homogeneity of the functions involved) of the factor in the second line of (4.19) can be taken proportional to  $2^{-h_{v_1}b}$  (see the homogeneous form of the function  $f$ , Sect. 1.3, and (4.16)).

If  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} |\nu_{v_1}(t_{v_1})| &= \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} (2^o p_{v_1}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{v_1 w}(t_{v_1}) \cdot \nu_{\lambda_w} = \\ &= \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} (2^{o-1} p_{v_1}) \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{v_1 w}(t_{v_1}) \cdot \sum_{z \leq w} (2\nu_z), \end{aligned} \tag{4.20}$$

where  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{v_1 w}(t_{v_1})$  is a suitable vector depending on  $\nu_{\lambda_w}$  *but not on the individual terms*  $\nu_z$ , and such that  $|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{v_1 w}(t_{v_1})| < 1$ .

We obtain, with the above notations:

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \left\{ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\|=p_{v_1}} \left( \int_1^0 \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \cdot \left. \left( \frac{Y_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})}{|\tilde{\nu}|^{p_{v_1}-q_{v_1}}} \frac{\partial^{|\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}|}}{\partial \tilde{\nu}^{|\mathcal{B}_{1v_1}|}} f_{j\tilde{\nu}}(\tilde{\nu})^{\mathbf{m}_{v_1}} \right)_{\tilde{\nu}=\nu_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})} \right\} \left[ \prod_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}} \left( \sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z \right) \right]. \quad (4.21) \\
 &\quad \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}} \left[ \sum_{\{\nu_x\}_{x \leq w} : \nu(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) = \nu_{\lambda_w}} \text{Val}(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) \right] \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where the tensor

$$Y_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1}) = \prod_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} 2^4 p_{v_1} \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{v_1 w}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1}) \quad (4.22)$$

depends also on  $\tilde{\nu}$  and  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}$  (although this dependence is not shown, to simplify the notation), and has to be contracted with the external momenta  $\nu_z, z \leq w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1} \setminus \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$ .

4.6. Developing the sum  $\sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z$  in (4.21), the quantity  $S_k(\vartheta^0)$  is given by a sum of terms corresponding to a collection of nodes lying on the paths  $P(v_1, z(v_1, w))$  leading from  $v_1$  to a node  $z$ : the collection is defined by the “choices” of one particular addend  $2\nu_z$  in the sum  $\sum_{z \leq w} 2\nu_z$ , with  $z = z(v_1, w), w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}$ . Therefore, in general, we can think that (4.21) corresponds to a sum over a collection of paths  $P(v_1, z(v_1, w))$  for the  $w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}$ . The paths are regarded as totally ordered (and gapless) sequences of nodes on  $\vartheta^0$ .

We can call  $\mathcal{P}_1$  the family of the possible collections of paths that arise when expanding the sums  $\sum_{z \leq w}$  in (4.21): each element  $\mathbf{P}_1$  of  $\mathcal{P}_1$  can be identified with one contribution to (4.21). And, by using the notation  $\mathbf{t}_v = \{t_w\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v}}$  as in (4.3), the result is the following more explicit interpolation formula reexpressing the r.h.s. of (4.21),

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\mathbf{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \left\{ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\|=p_{v_1}} \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \right. \right. \\
 &\quad \cdot \left. \left( \frac{Y_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})}{|\tilde{\nu}|^{p_{v_1}-q_{v_1}}} \frac{\partial^{q_{v_1}}}{\partial \tilde{\nu}^{q_{v_1}}} f_{j\tilde{\nu}}(\tilde{\nu})^{\mathbf{m}_{v_1}} \right)_{\tilde{\nu}=\nu_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})} \right\} \cdot \left( \prod_{z: P(v_1, z) \in \mathbf{P}_1} 2\nu_z \right). \quad (4.23) \\
 &\quad \cdot \mathcal{R} \left\{ \frac{1}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \prod_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}} \left[ \sum_{\{\nu_x\}_{x \leq w} : \nu(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) = \nu_{\lambda_w}} \text{Val}(\vartheta_{v_1 w}) \right] \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where the interpolation is considered when  $\mathcal{B}_{1v_1} \neq \emptyset$  (i.e. when it makes sense), and the indices have to be contracted suitably.

The above formula can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_k(\vartheta^0) &= \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{h_{v_1}} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}}}^* \sum_{\mathbf{P}_1 \in \mathcal{P}_1} \left( \prod_{v \in [\mathbf{P}_1]} \sum_{\{\nu_{\lambda_y}\}_{y \in \mathcal{B}_v}} \right) \right. \\
 &\quad \mathcal{R} \left\{ \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_{v_1}\|=p_{v_1}} \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v_1}} dt_w \right) \cdot \left( \frac{Y_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})}{|\tilde{\nu}|^{p_{v_1}-q_{v_1}}} \frac{\partial^{q_{v_1}}}{\partial \tilde{\nu}^{q_{v_1}}} \frac{f_{j\tilde{\nu}}(\tilde{\nu})^{\mathbf{m}_{v_1}}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu} \right)_{\tilde{\nu}=\nu_{v_1}(\mathbf{t}_{v_1})} \right. \quad (4.24) \\
 &\quad \cdot \left. \prod_{v \in [\mathbf{P}_1]} \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_v\|=p_v} (2\nu_v)^{n_v} \frac{\mathbf{f}_{\nu_v}^1(\nu_v)^{\mathbf{m}_v+1}}{\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_v}} \prod_{y \in \mathcal{B}_v / [\mathbf{P}_1]} \text{Val}(\vartheta_{vy}) \right\},
 \end{aligned}$$

where

- $[\mathbf{P}_1] = \bigcup_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{v_1}} P(v_1, z(v_1, w)) / \{v_1\}$ ,
- $f_{\nu_{v'}}^1 = f_{1\nu_{v'}}^1 \dots f_{\ell\nu_{v'}}^1$ , with  $\|\mathbf{1}\| = 1$ , is contracted with a factor in  $(\nu_{v'})^{m_{v'}}$ , and
- $\eta_v$  is equal to 1 if  $v = z(v_1, w)$  for some  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$  and 0 otherwise.

We are now in position to iterate the resummation done in the previous section leading from (4.5) to (4.21) and “concerning” the highest node  $v_1$ . For each  $\tilde{v} \in \mathbf{P}_1$ ,  $\tilde{v} < v_1$ , let  $h_{\tilde{v}} = h_{\tilde{v}}(\tilde{\nu}_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}})$  be the scale of  $\nu_{\tilde{v}}$ , i.e.  $\nu_{\tilde{v}} = \nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}} - \sum_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}} \nu_{\lambda_w}$  is such that  $2^{h_{\tilde{v}}-1} \leq |\nu_{\tilde{v}}| < 2^{h_{\tilde{v}}}$ . Here we again denote  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}$  the set of all the nodes immediately preceding  $\tilde{v}$ .

Given an immediate predecessor  $w$  of  $\tilde{v}$  we say that  $w$  is “out of order” with respect to  $\tilde{v}$  if

$$2^{h_{\tilde{v}}} > 2^5 p_{\tilde{v}} |\nu_{\lambda_w}|, \quad (4.25)$$

where  $p_{\tilde{v}}$  is the number of branches entering  $\tilde{v}$ . Let  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}} \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}$  be the subset of those that are not on a resonance path. Following the definitions in Sect. 4.1 we also call  $\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}} \equiv \mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}(\tilde{\nu}_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}$  the nodes  $w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}$  which are “out of order” with respect to  $\tilde{v}$ .

Given a set  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  for all choices of  $\sigma_w = \pm 1$  we define

$$U(\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}) \equiv \{\sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}, \quad (4.26)$$

and given a set  $C \subseteq \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}$  we call  $\mathcal{U}(C)$  the set of all transformations such that  $\sigma_w = 1$  for  $w \notin C$ . Again we set, for uniformity of notations,  $\sigma_w \equiv 1$  for  $w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}/\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}$ .

We group the set of branch momenta  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  and the external momenta into collections by proceeding, very closely following the preceding construction, with  $\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}$  playing the role of  $\nu$ , in the way described below.

Fixed  $\nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}$  and  $h$  we choose a  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  such that  $|\nu_{\tilde{v}}^1| \in I_h^c$  where  $\nu_{\tilde{v}}^1 = \nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}} - \sum_{w \in \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}} \nu_{\lambda_w}^1$ .

Then  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  is called a “representative”. For such a representative we define the “branch momenta collection”, associated with it to be the set of the  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  having the form  $U(\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}})$  and the “external momenta collection” to be the set of momenta  $\nu_{\tilde{v}}^{1U} = \nu_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}} - \sum_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}} \sigma_w \nu_{\lambda_w}^1$ , for  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}(\tilde{\nu}_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}) / [\mathbf{P}_1])$ . Note again that the above constructed external momenta collection is not necessarily contained in  $I_h^c$ .

We consider then another representative  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^2\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  such that  $|\nu_{\tilde{v}}^2| \in I_h^c$  and does not belong to the just constructed branch momenta collection associated with  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^1\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$ , if there is any; and then we consider the branch momenta collections and external momenta collections obtained from  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}^2\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  by the corresponding  $U$  transformations. And, as previously done, we proceed in this way until all the representatives such that  $\nu_{\tilde{v}}$  is in  $I_h^c$  are in some external momenta collections.

The construction is repeated for the interval  $I_h^-$ , always being careful not to consider  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  that have been already considered, and finally for the interval  $I_{h-1}^+$ , see Sect. 4.3.

Proceeding iteratively in this way and considering the same sequence of  $h$ 's as in the previous case (i.e. the natural  $h = 1, 2, \dots$ ), at the end we shall have grouped the set of branch momenta into collections obtainable from a representative  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  by applying the operations  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}(\tilde{\nu}_{\lambda_{\tilde{v}}}, \{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}) \setminus [\mathbf{P}_1])$  to it.

In other words the definition of the representatives  $\{\nu_{\lambda_w}\}_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}}$  is identical to the one for  $v_1$  except that the collections are defined only by transformations changing the branch momentum of the lines emerging from the nodes in  $\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}$  but not in  $\mathbf{P}_1$ .

We repeat the above construction for all  $\tilde{v} \in P_1$  until all the  $\tilde{v} \in P_1$  are considered starting from the  $\tilde{v}$  with  $\tilde{v}' = v$  and, after exhausting them, continuing with  $\hat{v}$  with  $\hat{v}' = \tilde{v}$  and so on. We call  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}(P_1)$  the nodes  $w$  immediately preceding  $\tilde{v}$  but which are not on the union of the paths  $P \in P_1$ ,  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}(P_1)$  the nodes  $w$  in  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_{\tilde{v}}$  immediately preceding  $\tilde{v}$  which are not in any resonance paths, and  $\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}(P_1)$  the nodes in  $\mathcal{B}_{\tilde{v}}(P_1)$  which are out of order with respect to  $\tilde{v}$ ; the set of just described transformations will be denoted by  $\mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1\tilde{v}}(P_1))$ .

Proceeding as we did for the highest node  $v_1$  and by performing the analogues of the transformations leading from (4.15) to (4.24), we construct for each  $\tilde{v} \in P_1$  new paths  $P_2$  which, by construction, will not have common branches with those in  $P_1$ ; call  $\mathcal{P}_2$  the collection of the pairs  $P_1, P_2$ . The crucial point is that the factors  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(t_v)$  are the same for all the terms generated by the action of  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v}(P_1))$ , by (4.20). We iterate then this procedure.

Eventually we end up by constructing a “pavement”  $\mathcal{P}$  of the graph with non-overlapping paths (and the union of the paths does cover the graph); note that the paths are “ordered”, in the sense that they are formed only by comparable lines.

We call  $\mathcal{P}$  the collection of all such pavements;  $\mathcal{B}_v(\mathcal{P}), \mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{P}$ , will be the set of nodes  $w$  immediately preceding  $v$  and such that (1)  $vw$  is not in any resonance path, and (2) a path  $P(v, z(v, w)) \in \mathcal{P}$  starting from  $v$  passes through  $w$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P})$  is the collection of nodes in  $\mathcal{B}_v(\mathcal{P})$  out of order with respect to  $v$ . Note that in general  $\mathcal{B}_v(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \mathcal{B}_v$  (unless  $v$  is the highest node  $v_1$ , when  $\mathcal{B}_{v_1}(\mathcal{P}) = \mathcal{B}_{v_1}$ ), and  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_v(\mathcal{P}) \subseteq \tilde{\mathcal{B}}_v$ .

Note also that for all  $\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{P}$  the change of variables  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P}))$  changes a graph  $(\vartheta^0, \nu_x)$  into a new graph  $(\vartheta^0, (\prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P})} U_{vw}^{\sigma_w}) \nu_x)$  with the same resonant clusters (virtual or real).

The set of “path head” nodes  $v$ , i.e. the upper end nodes of paths in  $\mathcal{P}$ , will be denoted  $M_h(\mathcal{P})$ : hence if  $v \notin M_h(\mathcal{P})$  (i.e. if no path in  $\mathcal{P}$  has  $v$  as path head) then  $\mathcal{B}_v(\mathcal{P}) = \emptyset$ ; likewise  $M_e(\mathcal{P})$  will denote the set of “path end” nodes, i.e. the nodes  $z$  such that  $P(v, z)$  is a path in  $\mathcal{P}$ .

The necessity of excluding real and virtual resonance paths from the renormalization procedures should now be clear, see [BGGM]: it may happen that a pair of successive nodes  $vw, v > w$ , has  $vw$  on the path of a real or virtual resonance  $V$ . Then the change of variables  $U \in \mathcal{U}(\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P}))$  constructs a graph  $(\vartheta^0, \{\nu_\lambda\}, \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P})} U_{vw}^{\sigma_w} \nu_x)$  in which the line incoming into the resonance carries some momentum  $-\nu$  while the outgoing line carries a momentum  $\nu$ : hence in the new graph the cluster  $V$  is no longer a resonance; or, viceversa, it can happen that a virtual resonance becomes real. To avoid this “interference between ultraviolet and infrared cancellations” we must exclude the resonances (virtual or real) from the interpolations.

4.7. Then we see that (4.22) leads to the following “path expansion” for  $S_k(\vartheta^0)$  summarizing our analysis

$$\sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s |W(\vartheta^0, \nu)| = \sum_{\nu} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{\{h_x\}} \sum_{\mathcal{P} \in \mathcal{P}} \sum_{\{\nu_\lambda\}}^* \prod_{v \in M_h(\mathcal{P})} \left\{ \int_1^0 \left( \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathcal{P})} dt_w \right) \sum_{\|\mathbf{m}_v\|=p_v} \mathcal{O}_v \left( \mathbf{t}_{\nu_v(t_v)}^1 (\nu_v(t_v))^{m_v} Y_v(t_v) \right) \right\} \mathcal{RD}(\vartheta^0) \right|, \tag{4.27}$$

where

(1)  $\mathcal{P}$  is a partial pavement of the graph with non overlapping “paths” such that: (1.1) a path  $P(v, z)$  is a connected set of comparable lines (“ordered paths”) connecting the

node  $v$  to the node  $z < v$ ; (1.2) the resonance paths are not contained in any path; (1.3) for any line  $\lambda$  which is not contained in any resonance path there is one path in  $\mathbf{P}$  covering it:  $\lambda \in P(v, z)$  for some  $P(v, z) \in \mathbf{P}$ ;

(2)  $M_h(\mathbf{P})$  is the collection of upper end nodes of the paths in  $\mathbf{P}$ , and  $M_e(\mathbf{P})$  of lower end nodes;

(3)  $\mathcal{B}_v(\mathbf{P})$  is the set of nodes  $w$  immediately preceding  $v$  such that (3.1)  $vw$  is not in any resonance path, and (3.2) a path  $P(v, z(v, w)) \in \mathbf{P}$  starting from  $v$  passes through  $w$ , and  $\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathbf{P})$  is the set of nodes  $w \in \mathcal{B}_v(\mathbf{P})$  which are *out of order with respect to  $v$* , i.e. such that

$$2^{h_v} > 2^5 p_v |\nu_{\lambda_w}| ; \quad (4.28)$$

(4)  $Y_v(\mathbf{t}_v)$  is defined as

$$Y_v(\mathbf{t}_v) = \begin{cases} \prod_{w \in \mathcal{B}_v(\mathbf{P}) \setminus \mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathbf{P})} (2^4 p_v \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(\mathbf{t}_v)) , & \text{if } v \in M_h(\mathbf{P}) , \\ 1 , & \text{otherwise} , \end{cases} \quad (4.29)$$

if  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(\mathbf{t}_v)$  is the vector defined via the implicit relation

$$|\nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v)| = 2^5 p_v \tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(\mathbf{t}_v) \cdot \nu_{\lambda_w} , \quad (4.30)$$

so that  $|\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(\mathbf{t}_v)| \leq 1$  and  $\tilde{\mathbf{x}}_{vw}(\mathbf{t}_v)$  depends on  $\nu_{\lambda_w}$  but not on the individual external momenta which add to  $\nu_{\lambda_w}$  and  $\tilde{\mathcal{B}}_v(\mathbf{P})$  is the set of nodes verifying (3.2) in item (3);

(5) the operator  $\mathcal{O}_v$  is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{O}_v \left( (\nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v))^{m_v} Y_v(\mathbf{t}_v) \mathbf{f}_{\nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v)} \right) &= \\ &= \left( \frac{Y_v(\mathbf{t}_v)}{|\bar{\nu}|^{|\mathcal{B}_v(\mathbf{P})| - |\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathbf{P})|}} \frac{\partial^{|\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathbf{P})|}}{\partial \bar{\nu}^{|\mathcal{B}_{1v}(\mathbf{P})|}} \mathbf{f}_{\bar{\nu}}^1 (\bar{\nu})^{m_v} (2\bar{\nu})^{\eta_v} \right)_{\bar{\nu} = \nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v)} , \end{aligned} \quad (4.31)$$

with  $\eta_v = 1$  if  $v \in M_e(\mathbf{P})$ , and  $\eta_v = 0$  otherwise, and  $\mathbf{f}_{\bar{\nu}}^1$  defined after (4.24);

(6) the sum over  $\{\nu_\lambda\}$  has the restriction that the external momentum configuration  $\{\nu_x\}$  is compatible with the scales  $\{h_x\}$ ;

(7)  $\mathcal{RD}(\vartheta^0)$  is the same for all graphs involved in the cancellations mechanisms, as the moduli of the momenta do not change under the action of the change of variables (4.2), and the signs are taken into account by the interpolation formula (4.3) (see Remark 4.2).

4.8. We can bound

$$\begin{aligned} |\nu|^s \prod_{v \in \vartheta^0} \left\| \mathcal{O}_v \left( \mathbf{f}_{\nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v)}^1 (\nu_v(\mathbf{t}_v))^{m_v} Y_v(\mathbf{t}_v) \right) \right\| &\leq \\ &\leq \prod_{v \in \vartheta^0} D_1 D_2^{p_v} q_v! p_v^{p_v - q_v} 2^{h_v(1-b+s+\eta_v)} \leq \prod_{v \in \vartheta^0} D_3 D_4^{p_v} p_v! 2^{h_v(1-b+s+\eta_v)} , \end{aligned} \quad (4.32)$$

for suitable constants  $D_j$ , and use  $\prod_{v \in \vartheta^0} |\nu_v|^{\frac{\eta}{2}\tau} \leq \prod_{v \in \vartheta^0} 2^{h_v \frac{\eta}{2}\tau}$ , so that

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\{\nu\}} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{\vartheta^0} \mathcal{RW}(\vartheta^0, \nu) \right| &\leq \\ &\leq \max_{\mathbf{P} \in \mathcal{P}} \left\{ C_3^k \left[ \prod_{v \leq v_0} p_v! \right] \sum_{\{h_x\}} \prod_{v \leq v_0} \left[ 2^{h_v(p_v + s + \ell + \frac{\eta}{2}\tau - b)} \prod_{P(v,z) \in \mathbf{P}} 2^{(h_z - h_v)} \right] \right\} , \end{aligned} \quad (4.33)$$

where the number of pavements  $\mathbf{P}$  is estimated by  $2^k$ , see Appendix A2, in [BGGM]. Then, setting  $b = 2 + s + \ell + \frac{\eta}{2}\tau + \mu$ , with  $\mu > 0$ , and exploiting the identity

$$\sum_{v < v_1} h_v p_v = \sum_{v < v_1} h_{v'} , \quad v'_1 = r , \tag{4.34}$$

one obtains for (4.5) the bound

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{\{\nu\}} |\nu|^s \left| \sum_{\vartheta^0} \mathcal{R}W(\vartheta^0, \nu) \right| \leq \\ & \leq C^k \prod_v p_v! \sum_{\{h_x\}} \left[ 2^{-(2+\mu)h_{v_0}} \prod_{v < v_0} 2^{-(1+\mu)h_v} \prod_{vw \in \mathcal{Q}} 2^{h_v - h_w} \right] , \end{aligned} \tag{4.35}$$

for a suitable constant  $C$ .

We see that there is at most one factor  $2^{h_v - h_w}$  per node  $v$ , because the resonance paths are totally ordered, so that the factors  $2^{-h_v}$  in  $2^{-(1+\mu)h_v}$  compensate (when necessary) the factors  $2^{h_v}$  in  $2^{h_v - h_{v'}}$  (and  $2^{-h_{v'}} \leq 1$ ): then the sum over the scales can be performed.

There are  $k! / \prod_v p_v!$  graphs with given  $p_v$ 's and fixed shape ("Cayley's formula", see [HP]), so that the sum over the graph orders weighed by  $\varepsilon^k$  can be performed if  $\varepsilon$  is small enough; in particular we obtain that  $\mathbf{h} \in C^{(s)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , if  $f \in \hat{C}^{(2+s+\frac{\eta}{2}\tau+\mu)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , with  $\mu > 0$ .

4.9. Then we can pass to Eq. (2.10) for  $\mathbf{H}$ , with  $\text{Val}^*(\vartheta)$  defined in (2.9). In such a case we give the extra prescription not to apply the ultraviolet interpolation procedure to the path  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$ ; equivalently, modify slightly the definition of the set  $\mathcal{B}_v$  after (4.1):  $\mathcal{B}_v$  is the subset of the nodes  $w$  among the  $p_v$  nodes immediately preceding  $v$  such that the branch  $vw$  is neither on the resonance paths  $\mathcal{Q}$  nor on  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$ .

Then we obtain again a formula like (4.17), with respect to which there are the following differences.

- (1)  $\mathbf{P}$  is the partial pavement such that, besides the conditions (1.1)÷(1.3) after (4.27), verifies the further condition: (1.4) there is no overlapping between  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  and any  $P(v, z) \in \mathbf{P}$ .
- (2) If  $v \in \mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$ ,  $\mathbf{f}_{\nu_v}^1$  has to be contracted with a factor in  $(\nu_{v''})^{m_{v''}}$ , where  $v'' \in \mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  is the node on  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  immediately preceding  $v$ .
- (3) If  $v \in \mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$ , the factors  $(\nu_v)^{m_v}$  arise from the  $p_v - 1$  branches not contained in  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  and entering  $v$  and from the branch on  $\mathcal{C}(v_1, \tilde{v})$  exiting from  $v$  and pointing to  $v'$ .

Since the bound in Sect. 4.8 is independent on the exact structure of the contractions, the bound (4.35) can be still obtained, so that also  $\mathbf{H} \in C^{(s)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , if  $f \in \hat{C}^{(2+s+\frac{\eta}{2}\tau+\mu)}(\mathbb{T}^\ell)$ , with  $\mu > 0$ .

Of course in deriving the above formulae one should take into account *also* the cut off factors  $e^{-\kappa|\nu|}$  appearing in the Fourier coefficients  $f_{\nu_v}$ , which may be stricken by differentiations: but their contribution is not worse than the terms that we have treated, as briefly commented in [BGGM], comment following (4.39).

Thus the proof of Theorem 1.4 is complete.

## 5. Comparison with the One-Dimensional Schrödinger Equation in a Quasi Periodic Potential

5.1. From Theorem 1.4, one could deduce the existence of Bloch waves for the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation with a potential belonging to a certain class of non-analytic quasi periodic functions, and one could be tempted to compare the result with [Pa], see also [PF], where the existence of Bloch waves is proven with the Moser-Nash techniques for quasi periodic potentials having  $p > 2(\ell + 1)$  continuous derivatives (if  $\ell$  is the dimension of the frequency vector of the quasi periodic potential and  $\tau$  is supposed to be  $\tau > \ell - 1$ ), with no other restriction on the potential regularity. However, in order to perform a meaningful comparison between the two results, one has to consider carefully the exact form of the interaction potential.

5.2. The problem studied in [DS,R,Pa] is the Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + \varepsilon V(x) \right] \psi(x) = E\psi(x), \quad (5.1)$$

where  $V(x)$  is a quasi periodic function of the form

$$V(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell-1}} e^{i\omega \cdot \nu x} V_\nu, \quad (5.2)$$

with  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell-1}$  satisfying a diophantine condition.

The problem to find eigenvalues and eigenfunctions of (5.1) can be easily seen, see for instance [G2], to be equivalent to solving the equations of motion of the classical mechanics system described by the Hamiltonian

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{p^2}{2} + \omega \cdot \mathcal{B} + \frac{q^2}{2} \left[ E - \varepsilon V(\beta) \right], \quad (5.3)$$

with  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and  $(\mathcal{B}, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell-1} \times \mathbb{T}^{\ell-1}$ . In fact the evolution equation for the coordinate  $q$  is the eigenvalue equation (5.1).

Then it is possible to introduce a canonical transformation  $\mathcal{C} : (p, q) \rightarrow (A_1, \alpha_1)$ , [G2], such that the Hamiltonian (5.3) becomes

$$\mathcal{H} = \sqrt{E} A_1 + \omega \cdot \mathcal{B} + \varepsilon f(\alpha_1, \beta), \quad f(\alpha_1, \beta) = -\frac{A_1}{\sqrt{E}} (\sin^2 \alpha_1) V(\beta), \quad (5.4)$$

which can be reduced to the form (1.3), with  $\mathbf{A} = (A_1, \mathcal{B}) \in \mathbb{R}^\ell$ ,  $\boldsymbol{\alpha} = (\alpha_1, \beta) \in \mathbb{T}^\ell$ , and  $\mathbf{f}(\boldsymbol{\alpha}) = (f(\boldsymbol{\alpha}), 0, \dots, 0)$ . For the proof of such an assertion, we refer to [G2].

And the equations of motions for  $\beta$  give  $\beta(t) = \beta_0 + \omega t$ , and the derivatives whose number can grow up indefinitely, in the expansion described in Sect. 2, are those acting on the  $\alpha_1$  variable: *however the perturbation is always analytic in  $\alpha_1$ .*

Thus the assumptions on the interaction potential  $V$  can be weakened, compared to the ones following from the general result in Theorem 1.4, simply because the one-dimensional Schrödinger equation can be reduced to a classical mechanics problem with Hamiltonian of the form (1.1), but the interaction term depends analytically on  $\alpha_1$ , independently on the regularity of the quasi periodic potential.

In this case the existence of the counterterm can be proved *without exploiting ultra-violet cancellations*, and the infrared cancellations are sufficient to give convergence of the perturbative series, provided the quasi periodic potential is so regular to guarantee



the summability on the Fourier components in the perturbative series: the analysis in Sects. 3, 4 gives  $p > \ell + 3\tau$ , see Appendix A3 for details.

Then, if  $\tau > \ell - 1$ , one has  $p > 4\ell - 3$ . With respect to [Pa], the result is weaker for  $\ell \geq 3$  but, in some respects, better for  $\ell = 2$ . The result in [Pa] has been obtained by using the Moser-Nash techniques for KAM theory, and it is known that the class of differentiability of the perturbations of integrable systems can be raised in the KAM theory above Moser’s result, [P]: *then one can conjecture that also for the Schrödinger equation the ideas in [P] could lead to  $p > 2\ell$* . Our result  $p > 4\ell - 3$  can be considered, for  $\ell = 2$ , a partial improvement of [Pa] in this direction.

We stress that with the techniques described in the present paper, the ultraviolet cancellations do not enter into the analysis to obtain *analyticity* in the perturbative parameter of the eigenvalue  $E$  and of the corresponding eigenfunction  $\psi(x)$  in (5.1). It follows that the techniques of [E2] imply, in this case, our results, although the question was not relevant for that paper.

5.3. The situation is essentially identical if one consider the Schrödinger equation

$$\left[ -\frac{d^2}{dx^2} + U(x) + \varepsilon V(x) \right] \psi(x) = E\psi(x), \tag{5.5}$$

where  $U(x)$  is a periodic potential with frequency  $\omega_2$  and  $V(x)$  a quasi periodic function of the form

$$V(x) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell-2}} e^{i\omega \cdot \nu x} V_\nu, \tag{5.6}$$

with  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell-2}$ , such that  $\omega_2$  and  $\omega$  satisfy a diophantine condition.

The Hamiltonian of the corresponding classical mechanics problem is

$$\mathcal{H} = \frac{p^2}{2} + \omega_2 B_2 + \omega \cdot \mathcal{B} + \frac{q^2}{2} \left[ E - U(\beta_2) - \varepsilon V(\beta) \right], \tag{5.7}$$

with  $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ ,  $(B_2, \beta_2) \in \mathbb{R}^1 \times \mathbb{T}^1$ , and  $(\mathcal{B}, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^{\ell-2} \times \mathbb{T}^{\ell-2}$ . If  $\varepsilon = 0$ , the Hamiltonian is integrable, [G2,C], so that (5.7) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{H} &= \omega_{01} A_1 + \omega_{02} A_2 + \omega \cdot \mathcal{B} + \varepsilon A_1 f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta), \\ f(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \beta) &= -G(\alpha_1, \alpha_2) V(\beta), \end{aligned} \tag{5.8}$$

where  $G(\alpha_1, \alpha_2)$  is a function which depends analytically on  $\alpha_1$ , [C], Sect. V,VI, independently on the regularity of  $U$  and  $V$  in (5.5). The fact that the interaction is proportional only to  $A_1$  (*i.e.* independent on the other action variables) implies that the equations of motion for  $\alpha_2$  and  $\beta$  can be trivially integrated and give  $\alpha_2 = \alpha_{20} + \omega_{02}t$  and  $\beta_j = \beta_{j0} + \omega_{0j}t$ ,  $2 \leq j \leq \ell$ . Then we can reason as in Sect. 5.2, and the same conclusions hold.

### Appendix A1. Graphs and Graph Rules

We lay down one after the other, on a plane,  $k$  pairwise distinct unit segments oriented from one extreme to the other: respectively the “*initial point*” and the “*endpoint*” of the oriented segment. The oriented segment will also be called “*arrow*”, “*branch*” or “*line*”. The segments are supposed to be numbered from 1 to  $k$ .

The rule is that after laying down the first segment, the “*root branch*”, with the endpoint at the origin and otherwise arbitrarily, the others are laid down one after the other by attaching an endpoint of a new branch to an initial point of an old one and by leaving free the new branch initial point. The set of initial points of the object thus constructed will be called the set of the graph “*nodes*” or “*vertices*”. A graph of “*order*”  $k$  is therefore a partially ordered set of  $k$  nodes with top point the endpoint of the root branch, also called the “*root*” (which is not a node); in general there will be several “*bottom nodes*” (at most  $k - 1$ ).

We denote by  $\leq$  the ordering relation, and say that two nodes  $v, w$  are “*comparable*” if  $v < w$  or  $w < v$ .

With each graph node  $v$  we associate an “*external momentum*” or “*mode*” which is simply an integer component vector  $\nu_v \neq \mathbf{0}$ ; with the root of the graph (which is not regarded as a node) we associate a label  $j = 1, \dots, \ell$ .

For each node  $v$ , we denote by  $v'$  the node immediately following  $v$  and by  $\lambda_v \equiv v'v$  the branch connecting  $v$  to  $v'$  ( $v$  will be the initial point and  $v'$  the endpoint of  $\lambda_v$ ). If  $v_1$  is the node immediately preceding the root  $r$  (“*highest node*”) then we shall write  $v'_1 = r$ , for uniformity of notation (recall that  $r$  is not a node).

We consider “*comparable*” two lines  $\lambda_v, \lambda_w$ , if  $v, w$  are such.

If  $p_v$  is the number of branches entering the node  $v$ , then each of the  $p_v$  branches can be thought of as the root branch of a “*subgraph*” having root at  $v$ : the subgraph is uniquely determined by  $v$  and one of the  $p_v$  nodes  $w$  immediately preceding  $v$ . Hence if  $w' = v$  it will be denoted  $\vartheta_{vw}$ .

We shall call “*equivalent*” graphs which can be overlapped by

- (1) changing the angles between branches emerging from the same node, or
- (2) permuting the subgraphs entering into a node  $v$  in such a way that all the labels match.

The number of (non-equivalent numbered) graphs with  $k$  branches is bounded by  $4^k k!$ , [HP].

## Appendix A2. Proof of Lemma 3.6

We consider all the graphs we obtain by detaching from each resonance the subgraph with root  $v_V^b$ , if  $v_V^b$  is the node in which the resonance line  $\lambda_V$  enters, then reattaching it to all the nodes  $w \in V$ . We call this set of contributions a “*resonance family*”. If one sets  $\zeta \equiv \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V} = 0$ , no propagator changes inside the resonance, and the only effect of the above operation is that in the factor

$$\left[ (\nu_{v_V^0} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^a}}) (\nu_{v_V^b} \cdot \mathbf{f}_{\nu_{v_V^1}}) \frac{\chi(2^{-n_\lambda} \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})}{(\omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_V})^2} \right] \quad (\text{A2.1})$$

appearing in (3.3) the external momentum  $\nu_{v_V^b}$  assumes successively the values  $\nu_w$ ,  $w \in V$ . In this way, by summing over all the trees belonging to a given resonance family, we build a quantity proportional to  $\sum_{w \in V} \nu_w = \mathbf{0}$ , by Definition 3.3 of real resonance.

It is important to note that, by the definition of real resonance, the scale of the lines internal to  $V$  cannot change too much, certainly not enough to break the cluster  $V$  (*i.e.* no scale of a line internal to  $V$  can become smaller than  $n_{\lambda_V}$ .)

**Appendix A3. Regularity of the Potential for the Schrödinger Equation in a Quasi Periodic Potential**

The equations of motion of the Hamiltonian system (5.4) for the angle variables are

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d\alpha_1}{dt} &= k - \varepsilon \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} (\sin^2 \alpha_1) V(\omega_0 t) + N_1, \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= \omega_0, \end{aligned} \tag{A3.1}$$

where  $\sqrt{E} = k + N_1$ , which can be discussed as in Sect. 2.

We look for a “Bloch wave” with momentum  $k$  and energy  $E$  assuming that the vector  $(k, \omega_0)$  is diophantine (i.e. a quasi periodic solution with rotation vector  $(k, \omega_0)$ ). Following [G2] we regard the  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{E}}$  in (A3.1) as a parameter to be fixed later: we can deduce in fact that the solution to (A3.1), and in particular  $N_1 = N_1(\varepsilon, E)$  as a function of  $\varepsilon$  and  $E$ , is analytic in  $\frac{\varepsilon}{\sqrt{E}}$  and therefore the “dispersion relation” equation  $\sqrt{E} = k + N_1(\varepsilon, E)$  can be easily solved (see [G2]). A formula in terms of graphs (2.6) can be still obtained, where  $\text{Val}(\vartheta)$ , defined in (2.4), becomes

$$\text{Val}(\vartheta) = \prod_{\nu < \tau} \left( - \frac{1}{\sqrt{E}} \right) \frac{\nu_{\nu'} s_{\nu'} V_{\nu'}}{k \nu_{\lambda_{\nu}} + \omega_0 \cdot \nu_{\lambda_{\nu}}}, \tag{A3.2}$$

where  $\nu_{\nu}, \nu_{\lambda_{\nu}} \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell-1}$ ,  $\nu_{\nu} \in \{-2, 0, 2\} \forall \nu \in \vartheta$ ,  $s_{\pm 2} = -4^{-1}$ ,  $s_0 = 2^{-1}$ , and we decomposed

$$V(\beta) = \sum_{\nu \in \mathbb{Z}^{\ell-1}} e^{i\nu \cdot \beta} V_{\nu}, \quad \sin^2 \alpha_1 = \sum_{\nu=0, \pm 2} e^{i\nu \alpha_1} s_{\nu}. \tag{A3.3}$$

Then one sees that no problem arises from the numerators, (as the only appearing external momenta are of the form  $\nu_{\nu}$ , and  $\sin^2 \alpha_1$  is a trigonometric polynomial in  $\alpha_1$ ), while the small divisors can be dealt with through Lemma 3.4. This gives a factor  $|\nu_{\nu}|^{3\tau}$  per node, so that summability on the Fourier labels requires at least  $V \in C^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^{\ell-1})$ ,  $p > 3\tau + \ell - 1$ .

The equations of motion for the action variables give

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dA_1}{dt} &= \varepsilon \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{E}} \frac{\partial \sin^2 \alpha_1}{\partial \alpha_1} V(\omega_0 t), \\ \frac{d\beta}{dt} &= \varepsilon \frac{A_1}{\sqrt{E}} \sin^2 \alpha_1 \frac{\partial V(\beta)}{\partial \beta} \Big|_{\beta=\omega_0 t}, \end{aligned} \tag{A3.4}$$

so that we can reason as above, with the only difference that the highest node of the graph  $v_1$  has a factor  $\nu_{v_1}$  which requires, to guarantee the summability on  $\nu_{v_1}$ ,  $V \in C^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^{\ell-1})$ , with  $p > 3\tau + \ell$ .

Then one has to require at least  $V \in C^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^{\ell-1})$ ,  $p > 3\tau + \ell$ , in order to have  $h_1 \in C^{(1)}(\mathbb{T}^1)$ , as it has to be for the Schrödinger equation (5.1) to be meaningful, if one recalls that (1) the wave function  $\psi(x)$  solving (5.1) has to be of class  $C^{(1)}$  for  $V \in C^{(0)}$ , and (2)  $\psi(x) = q(x)$ , where  $q$  is the variable related with  $\alpha_1$  by the canonical transformation  $\mathcal{C}$  defined before (5.4).<sup>5</sup>

<sup>5</sup> Note that if we confine ourselves to the classes of functions introduced in Sect. 1.3, item (3), then we have to require  $V \in \hat{C}^{(p)}(\mathbb{T}^{\ell-1})$ ,  $p > 3\tau + 1$ , in order to have  $\psi \in C^{(1)}$ .

#### Appendix A4. Comparison between Moser's Counterterms Theorem and the Counterterms Conjecture in [G1]

A 4.1. In [M1] a perturbation theory for quasi-periodic solutions of a nonlinear system of ordinary differential equations is developed. Up to a (trivial) coordinate transformation, the system can be written in the form

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \omega + \varepsilon \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon), \\ \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} &= \Omega \mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon),\end{aligned}\tag{A4.1}$$

where  $\mathbf{x} \equiv (x_1, \dots, x_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\mathbf{y} \equiv (y_1, \dots, y_m) \in \mathbb{R}^m$ ,  $\omega \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,  $\Omega$  is a constant  $m \times m$  matrix with eigenvalues  $\Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_m$ , and  $\mathbf{f}$  and  $\mathbf{g}$  are functions with period  $2\pi$  in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  and analytic in  $\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}$  and  $\varepsilon$  (in suitable domains).

If the characteristic numbers  $\omega_1, \dots, \omega_n, \Omega_1, \dots, \Omega_n$  verify the “generalized diophantine condition”

$$C_0 \left| i \sum_{j=1}^n \nu_j \omega_j + \sum_{i=1}^m \mu_i \Omega_i \right| \geq (|\boldsymbol{\nu}|^\tau + 1)^{-1},\tag{A4.2}$$

with  $\boldsymbol{\nu} \equiv (\nu_1, \dots, \nu_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ ,  $|\boldsymbol{\nu}| = \sum_{j=1}^m \nu_j$ , and  $(\mu_1, \dots, \mu_m) \in \mathbb{Z}^m$ , then there exists unique analytic vector valued functions  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\varepsilon)$  and  $\mathbf{m}(\varepsilon)$  and a unique analytic matrix valued function  $M(\varepsilon)$  such that the modified system

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d\mathbf{x}}{dt} &= \omega + \varepsilon \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon) + \boldsymbol{\lambda}(\varepsilon), \\ \frac{d\mathbf{y}}{dt} &= \Omega \mathbf{y} + \varepsilon \mathbf{g}(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon) + \mathbf{m}(\varepsilon) + M(\varepsilon) \mathbf{y},\end{aligned}\tag{A4.3}$$

admits a quasi periodic solution with the same characteristic number as the unperturbed one, [M1], Theorem 1.

A 4.2. Let us consider the case in which  $m = n = \ell$ ,  $\Omega = 0$ , and there exists a function  $\mathcal{H}_0 = \omega \cdot \mathbf{y} + \varepsilon f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon)$  such that  $\mathbf{f} = \partial_{\mathbf{y}} f$  and  $\mathbf{g} = -\partial_{\mathbf{x}} f$ . Then the system (A4.1) becomes the system studied in [GM2], Sect. 8.

Under the same hypotheses, if moreover  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon) \equiv \varepsilon \mathbf{y} \cdot \mathbf{f}(\mathbf{x})$  for some function  $\mathbf{f}$ , (A4.1) and (A4.3) become the equations of motion of systems described by the Hamiltonians, respectively, (1.1) and (1.3). In fact the linearity in the action variables of the term added to the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_0$  in (1.3) leads to a term independent of the action variables in the equations of motion, *i.e.*  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon) \equiv \boldsymbol{\lambda}(\varepsilon)$ , while the counterterms  $\mathbf{m}(\varepsilon)$  and  $M(\varepsilon)$  are identically vanishing as a consequence of the symplectic structure of the equations of motion (as one can argue *a posteriori* from Theorem 1.4 in Sect. 1).

In the general case in which the function  $f(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}; \varepsilon)$  appearing in the Hamiltonian  $\mathcal{H}_0$  depends arbitrarily (but always analytically) on  $\mathbf{y}$ , the systems studied in [M1] (under the same hypotheses as above) and in [GM2] are no longer equal to each other, *i.e.* the modified system (A4.3) is *not* the system with Hamiltonian considered in Eq. (1.10) of [GM2], so that Theorem 1.4 in [GM2] cannot be reduced to the results of [M1]: in fact not only there will be no more a trivial relation between the counterterms  $\mathbf{N}(\varepsilon)$  and  $\boldsymbol{\lambda}(\varepsilon)$ , but also the equations of motion solutions will be different from each other.

Note however that the result following from Moser's theorem applied to such a system (*i.e.* a Hamiltonian system with  $\Omega = 0$ ) can be (trivially) reproduced with our techniques. Also an extension of our techniques to Hamiltonian systems (verifying the anisochrony condition) such that  $\Omega \neq 0$  could be envisaged:<sup>6</sup> an example in this direction is in [Ge], where  $\Omega$  has eigenvalues  $\Omega_1 = \dots = \Omega_{\ell-1} = 0$ ,  $\Omega_\ell = g^2$ , and the existence of a counterterm  $M(\varepsilon)$  analytic in  $\varepsilon$  is proven (while  $\lambda(\varepsilon) \equiv \mathbf{m}(\varepsilon) \equiv \mathbf{0}$  again for the symplectic structure of the equations of motion).

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