The link between the shape of the Aubry-Mather sets and their Lyapunov exponents

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Abstract

We consider the irrational Aubry-Mather sets of an exact symplectic monotone $C^1$ twist map, introduce for them a notion of “$C^1$-regularity” (related to the notion of Bouligand paratingent cone) and prove that:

- a Mather measure has zero Lyapunov exponents iff its support is almost everywhere $C^1$-regular;
- a Mather measure has non zero Lyapunov exponents iff its support is almost everywhere $C^1$-irregular;
- an Aubry-Mather set is uniformly hyperbolic iff it is everywhere non regular;
- the Aubry-Mather sets which are close to the KAM invariant curves, even if they may be non $C^1$-regular, are not “too irregular” (i.e. have small paratingent cones).

The main tools that we use in the proofs are the so-called Green bundles.

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1 Introduction

The exact symplectic twist maps were studied for a long time because they represent (via a symplectic change of coordinates) the dynamic of the generic symplectic diffeomorphisms of surfaces near their elliptic periodic points (see [5]). One motivating example of such a map was introduced by Poincaré for the study of the restricted 3-Body problem.

For these maps, the first invariant sets which were studied were the periodic orbits: the “last geometric Poincaré’s theorem” was proved by G. D. Birkhoff in 1913 in [7]. Later, in the 50’s, the K.A.M. theorems provide the existence of some invariant curves for sufficiently regular symplectic diffeomorphisms of surfaces near their elliptic fixed points (see [17], [4], [26] and [28]). Then, in the 80’s, the Aubry-Mather sets were discovered simultaneously and independently by Aubry & Le Daeron (in [5]) and Mather (in [25]). These sets are the union of some quasi-periodic (in a weak sense) orbits, which are not necessarily on an invariant curve. We can define for each of these sets a rotation number and for every real number, there exists at least one Aubry-Mather set with this rotation number.

In 1988, Le Calvez proved in [20] that for every generic exact symplectic twist map $f$, there exists an open dense subset $U(f)$ of $\mathbb{R}$ such that every Aubry-Mather set for $f$ whose rotation number belongs to $U(f)$ is hyperbolic. Of course it doesn’t imply that all the Aubry-Mather sets are hyperbolic (in particular the K.A.M. curves are not hyperbolic).

Some results are known concerning these hyperbolic Aubry-Mather sets: it is proved in [22] that their projections have zero Lebesgue measure and in [21] that they have zero Hausdorff dimension.

The main question which will interest ourselves is then: given some Aubry-Mather set of a symplectic twist map, is there a link between the geometric shape of these set and the fact that it is hyperbolic? Or: can we deduce the Lyapunov exponents of the measure supported on the Aubry-Mather set from the “shape” of this measure?

I didn’t hear of such results for any dynamical systems and I think that the ones contained in this article are the first in this direction.

Before explaining what kind of positive answers we can give to this question, let us introduce some notations and definitions. For classical results concerning exact symplectic twist map, the reader is referred to the books [12] or [19].

Notations. • $T = \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Z}$ is the circle.
• $\mathbb{A} = T \times \mathbb{R}$ is the annulus and an element of $\mathbb{A}$ is denoted by $(\theta, r)$. 

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• \( \mathcal{A} \) is endowed with its usual symplectic form, \( \omega = d\theta \wedge dr \) and its usual Riemannian metric.

• \( \pi : T \times \mathbb{R} \to T \) is the first projection and \( \tilde{\pi} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R} \) its lift.

• \( p : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathcal{A} \) is the usual covering map.

**Definition.** A \( C^1 \) diffeomorphism \( f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A} \) of the annulus which is isotopic to identity is a positive twist map if, for any given lift \( \tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2 \) and for every \( \tilde{\theta} \in \mathbb{R} \), the maps \( r \mapsto \tilde{\pi} \circ \tilde{f}(\tilde{\theta}, r) \) and \( r \mapsto \tilde{\pi} \circ \tilde{f}^{-1}(\tilde{\theta}, r) \) are both diffeomorphisms, the first one increasing and the second one decreasing. If \( f \) is a positive twist map, \( f^{-1} \) is a negative twist map. A twist map may be positive or negative. Moreover, \( f \) is exact symplectic if the 1-form \( f^* (rd\theta) - rd\theta \) is exact.

**Notations.** \( \mathcal{M}^+_{\omega} \) is the set of exact symplectic positive \( C^1 \) twist maps of \( \mathcal{A} \), \( \mathcal{M}^-_{\omega} \) is the set of exact symplectic negative \( C^1 \) twist maps of \( \mathcal{A} \) and \( \mathcal{M}_{\omega} = \mathcal{M}^+_{\omega} \cup \mathcal{M}^-_{\omega} \) is the set of exact symplectic \( C^1 \) twist maps of \( \mathcal{A} \).

**Definition.** Let \( M \) be a non-empty subset of \( \mathcal{A} \), let \( f : \mathcal{A} \to \mathcal{A} \) be an exact symplectic twist map and let \( \tilde{f} : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}^2 \) be one of its lifts. The set \( M \) is \( f \)-ordered if:

• \( M \) is compact;

• \( M \) is \( f \)-invariant;

• \( \forall z, z' \in p^{-1}(M), \tilde{\pi}(z) < \tilde{\pi}(z') \Leftrightarrow \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{f}(z)) < \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{f}(z')) \)

(let us notice that this definition doesn’t depend on the choice of the lift \( \tilde{f} \) of \( f \)).

A classical result asserts that every \( f \)-ordered set is a Lipschitz graph above a compact part of the circle. Moreover, if \( K \) is a compact part or \( \mathcal{A} \), there exists a constant \( k > 0 \) depending only on \( K \) and \( f \) such that the Lipschitz constant of every \( f \)-ordered set meeting \( K \) is less than \( k \).

**Definition.** An Aubry-Mather set for an exact symplectic twist map \( f \) is a minimal (for “\( \subset \)”) \( f \)-ordered set.

Then it is well-known that if \( M \) is an Aubry-Mather set of a \( f \in \mathcal{M}_{\omega} \), there exists a bi-Lipschitz orientation preserving homeomorphism \( \tilde{h} : T \to T \) of the circle such that \( \forall (\tilde{\theta}, r) \in M, \pi \circ f(\tilde{\theta}, r) = \tilde{h}(\tilde{\theta}) : \) the dynamic of \( f \) on \( M \) is conjugate via the first projection to the one of a bi-Lipschitz homeomorphism of the circle on a minimal invariant compact set. If we write the previous equality for a lift \( \tilde{f} \) of \( f \), we can associate to every Aubry-Mather set \( M \) of \( f \) a rotation number (which is the rotation number of any \( \tilde{h} \) such that \( \forall (\tilde{\theta}, r) \in \tilde{M} = p^{-1}(M), \tilde{h}(\tilde{\theta}) = \tilde{\pi}(\tilde{f}(\tilde{\theta}, r)) \)) denoted by \( \rho(M, \tilde{f}) \). Then for every \( \rho \in \mathbb{R} \), there exists at least one Aubry-Mather set \( M \) for \( f \) such that \( \rho(M, \tilde{f}) = \rho \). With our definition of Aubry-Mather set (minimal), if \( \rho(M, \tilde{f}) \) is rational, then \( M \) is a periodic orbit; in the other case, we will say that the Aubry-Mather set is irrational and two cases may happen:
• either $M$ is a curve (and $h$ is $C^0$-conjugate to a rotation);
• or $M$ is a Cantor (and $h$ is a Denjoy counter-example).

Moreover, every Aubry-Mather set carries a unique $f$-invariant Borel probability measure, denoted by $\mu(M,f)$. This measure is always ergodic (even uniquely ergodic on its support) and its support is $M$. Such a measure $\mu$ (associated to an Aubry-Mather set $M$ for $f$) will be called a Mather measure.

Let us now explain what we mean by “shape of a set” or of a measure. This notion is related to a notion of regularity:

**Definition.** Let $M \subset \mathbb{R}$ be a subset of $\mathbb{R}$ and $x \in M$ a point of $M$. The paratingent cone to $M$ at $x$ is the cone of $T_x\mathbb{R}$ denoted by $P_M(x)$ whose elements are the limits:

$$v = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{x_n - y_n}{t_n}$$

where $(x_n)$ and $(y_n)$ are sequences of elements of $M$ converging to $x$, $(t_n)$ is a sequence of elements of $\mathbb{R}_+^*$ converging to 0, and $x_n - y_n \in \mathbb{R}$, refers to the unique lift of this element of $\mathbb{R}$ which belongs to $[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}]^2$.

We will say that $M$ is $C^1$-regular at $x$ if there exists a line $D$ of $T_x\mathbb{R}$ such that $P_M(x) \subset D$.

This notion of (Bouligand’s) paratingent cone comes from non-smooth analysis (see for example [4]). Of course, at an isolated point, the notion of regularity doesn’t mean anything, and we will use it only for Aubry-Mather sets having no isolated point, i.e. irrational Aubry-Mather sets.

**Theorem 1** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure of $f$. The two following assertions are equivalent:

• for $\mu$-almost every $x$, $\text{supp} \mu$ is $C^1$-regular at $x$;
• the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ (for $f$) are zero.

An alternative statement of this result is:

**Proposition 2** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure of $f$. The two following assertions are equivalent:

• for $\mu$-almost every $x$, $\text{supp} \mu$ is not $C^1$-regular at $x$;
• the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ (for $f$) are non-zero.

Hence we don’t obtain exactly the kind of result we wanted: knowing the measure $\mu$ (and not the diffeomorphism $f$!), we can say if the Lyapunov exponents are zero or not, but the a priori knowledge of the Aubry-Mather set is not sufficient to deduce if
The Lyapunov exponents are zero or not. To precise this fact, it would be interesting to answer to the following questions:

**Questions:**

- Let us assume that $M$ is an irrational Aubry-Mather set of an exact symplectic $C^1$ twist map $f$. Does there exist another exact symplectic $C^1$ twist map $g$ such that $M$ is an irrational Aubry-Mather set for $g$ and such that $\mu(M, f)$ and $\mu(M, g)$ are not equivalent (i.e. not mutually absolutely continuous)?
- Does there exist an irrational Aubry-Mather set $M \subset \mathbb{A}$ of an exact symplectic $C^1$ twist map $f$, such that for every exact symplectic $C^1$ twist map $g$ for which $M$ is an irrational Aubry-Mather set, the measures $\mu(M, f)$ and $\mu(M, g)$ are equivalent?

However, in the extreme cases, we obtain a result concerning the shape of the Aubry-Mather sets:

**Corollary 3** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and let $M$ be an irrational Aubry-Mather set of $f$. If for all $x \in M$, $M$ is $C^1$-regular at $x$, then the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu(M, f)$ (for $f$) are zero.

It is not hard to see that an Aubry-Mather set is everywhere $C^1$-regular if and only if there exists a $C^1$ map $\gamma : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R}$ whose graph contains $M$. In [15], M. Herman gives some examples of irrational Aubry-Mather sets which are invariant by a twist map, contained in a $C^1$-graph but not contained in an invariant continuous curve. I don’t know any example of an irrational Aubry-Mather set with zero Lyapunov exponents which is not contained in a $C^1$ curve.

**Problem** : is it possible to build an irrational Aubry-Mather set with zero Lyapunov exponents which is not contained in a $C^1$ graph?

**Proposition 4** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and let $M$ be an irrational Aubry-Mather set of $f$. The two following assertions are equivalent:

- for all $x \in M$, $M$ is not $C^1$-regular at $x$;
- the set $M$ is uniformly hyperbolic (for $f$).

In the non uniformly hyperbolic case, we can be more specific:

**Proposition 5** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure of $f$ which is non uniformly hyperbolic, i.e. the Lyapunov exponents are non zero but the corresponding Aubry-Mather set $M = \text{supp}\mu$ is not (uniformly) hyperbolic. Then there exists a dense $G_\delta$ subset $\mathcal{G}$ of $M$ such that $M$ is $C^1$-regular at every point of $\mathcal{G}$.
I must say that I don’t know any example of an irrational Aubry-Mather set which is non uniformly hyperbolic.

Let us now consider what happens near a K.A.M. invariant curve $C$ for a generic $f \in M_\omega$: if $\alpha$ is the rotation number of this K.A.M. curve, for every neighbourhood $V$ of $C$ for the Hausdorff topology, there exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that every Aubry-Mather set whose rotation number is in $[\alpha - \varepsilon, \alpha + \varepsilon]$ belongs to $V$ (indeed, a limit of $f$-ordered set is $f$-ordered and the rotation number is continuous on the set of $f$-ordered sets; moreover, a classical result asserts that if there is a KAM curve, it is the unique $f$-ordered set having this rotation number). Hence, using Le Calvez’ result mentioned before, we find in every neighbourhood $V$ of $C$ some irrational uniformly hyperbolic Aubry-Mather sets, and hence some $C^1$-irregular Cantor sets (see the beginning of the proof of proposition 30 to see why it cannot be a curve). But even if these Cantor sets are $C^1$-irregular, the closest they are to $C$, the less irregular they are in the following sense:

**Theorem 6** Let $f \in M_\omega$ be an exact symplectic twist map and $C$ be a $C^1$ invariant curve which is a graph such that $f|_C$ is $C^1$ conjugate to a rotation. Let $W$ be a neighbourhood of $T^1C$, the unitary tangent bundle to $C$ in $T^1\mathbb{A}$, the unitary tangent bundle to $\mathbb{A}$. Then there exists a neighbourhood $V$ of $C$ in $\mathbb{A}$ such that for every Aubry-Mather set $M$ for $f$ contained in $V$:

$$\forall x \in M, P^1_M(x) \subset W$$

where $P^1_M(x)$ refers to the unitary paratingent cone.

It implies that in this case, even if the paratingent cone at $x$ to $M$ is not a line, it is a thin cone close to a line.

To prove the results contained in this article, we will use a very useful mathematical object: the Green bundles. They were introduced by L. W. Green in [13] for Riemannian geodesic flows; then P. Foulon extended this construction to Finsler metrics in [10] and G. Contreras and R. Iturriaga extended it in [9] to optical Hamiltonian flows; in [6], M. Bialy and R. S. Mackay give an analogous construction for the dynamics of sequence of symplectic twist maps of $T^*\mathbb{T}^d$ without conjugate point. Let us cite also a very short survey [16] of R. Iturriaga on the various uses of these bundles (problems of rigidity, measure of hyperbolicity...).

In [1] and [2], I constructed these bundles along invariant graphs and proved, under various dynamical assumptions, that they may be used to prove some results of $C^1$-regularity. In particular, the strongest result contained in [1] for twist maps is that the “Birkhoff invariant curves” are more regular than Lipschitz (more precisely $C^1$ regular
on a dense $G_δ$ subset) or, equivalently that the $C^1$ solutions of the Hamilton-Jacobi equation are Lebesgue almost everywhere $C^2$.

In the second section of this new article, I enlarge the construction of the Green bundles to the Aubry-Mather sets, give some of their properties (semi-continuity...), introduced a notion of $C^1$-regularity (which is quite different from the one contained in [1]) and explain how the coincidence of the two Green bundles implies some regularity of the Aubry-Mather sets.

In the third section, I explain how the (almost everywhere) transversality of the Green bundles implies some (non uniform) hyperbolicity. This result concerning Lyapunov exponents is completely new. In the case of uniform hyperbolicity, it is a consequence of a result of Contreras and Ituriaga, but we prove even in this case a more precise result (we don’t assume that the dynamic is non wandering). We recall some well known results too.

In the fourth section, we prove that hyperbolic Aubry-Mather sets are $C^1$-irregular. These results too are completely new, and we deal with the uniformly and non uniformly hyperbolic cases.

Finally, in the last section, we prove the results contained in the introduction.

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2 Construction of the Green bundles along an irrational Aubry-Mather set, link with the $C^1$-regularity

Notations. $\pi : T \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow T$ is the projection.
If $x \in \mathbb{A}$, $V(x) = \ker D\pi(x) \subset T_x\mathbb{A}$ is the vertical at $x$.
If $x \in \mathbb{A}$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$, $G_k(x) = Df^k(f^{-k}(x))V(f^{-k}(x))$ is a 1-dimensional linear subspace (or line) of $T_x\mathbb{A}$.

Definition. If we identify $T_x\mathbb{A}$ with $\mathbb{R}^2$ by using the standard coordinates $(\theta, r) \in \mathbb{R}^2$, we may deal with the slope $s(L)$ of any line $L$ of $T_x\mathbb{A}$ which is transverse to the vertical $V(x)$: it means that $L = \{(t, s(L)t); t \in \mathbb{R}\}$.
If \( x \in A \) and if \( L_1, L_2 \) are two lines of \( T_x A \) which are transverse to the vertical \( V(x) \), \( L_2 \) is above (resp. strictly above) \( L_1 \) if \( s(L_2) \geq s(L_1) \) (resp. \( s(L_2) > s(L_1) \)). In this case, we write : \( L_1 \preceq L_2 \) (resp. \( L_1 \prec L_2 \)). In a similar way, if \( L_1 \) and \( L_2 \) are two sets of lines of \( T_x A \) which are transverse to the vertical \( V(x) \), \( L_2 \) is above (resp. strictly above) \( L_1 \) if \( s(L_2) \geq s(L_1) \) (resp. \( s(L_2) > s(L_1) \)) for all \( L_1 \in L_1, L_2 \in L_2 \). In this case, we write : \( L_1 \preceq L_2 \) (resp. \( L_1 \prec L_2 \)).

A sequence \( (L_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \) of lines of \( T_x A \) is non decreasing (resp. increasing) if for every \( n \in \mathbb{N} \), \( L_n \) is transverse to the vertical and \( L_{n+1} \) is above (resp. strictly above) \( L_n \). We define the non increasing and decreasing sequences of lines of \( T_x M \) in a similar way.

**Remark.** A decreasing sequence of lines corresponds to a decreasing sequence of slopes.

**Definition.** If \( K \) is a subset of \( A \) or of its universal covering \( \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \), if \( F \) is a 1-dimensional sub-bundle of \( T_K A \) (resp. \( T_K \mathbb{R}^2 \)) transverse to the vertical, we say that \( F \) is upper (resp. lower) semi-continuous if the map which maps \( x \in K \) onto the slope \( s(F(x)) \) of \( F(x) \) is upper (resp. lower) semi-continuous.

**Proposition 7** Let \( f : T \times \mathbb{R} \to T \times \mathbb{R} \) be an exact symplectic positive \( C^1 \) twist map and let \( M \) be a \( f \)-ordered set. Then, for every \( x \in M \) which is not an isolated point of \( M \), we have :

\[
\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, G_{-n}(x) \prec G_{-(n+1)}(x) \prec P_M(x) \prec G_{n+1}(x) \prec G_n(x).
\]

(in this statement we identify the cone \( P_M(x) \) with the set of the lines which are contained in this cone)

As an irrational Aubry-Mather set has no isolated point, we deduce :

**Corollary 8** Let \( f : T \times \mathbb{R} \to T \times \mathbb{R} \) be an exact symplectic positive \( C^1 \) twist map and let \( M \) be an irrational Aubry-Mather set of \( f \). Then, for every \( x \in M \), we have :

\[
\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, G_{-n}(x) \prec G_{-(n+1)}(x) \prec P_M(x) \prec G_{n+1}(x) \prec G_n(x).
\]

**Proof of proposition** [7]: As \( M \) is a \( f \)-ordered set, it is the graph of a Lipschitz map \( \gamma \) above a non empty and compact part \( K \) of \( T \). Let now \( x = (t, \gamma(t)) \) be a point of \( M \). We will use the left and right paratingent cones to \( M \) at \( x \), defined by :

- the right paratingent cone of \( M \) at \( x \), denoted by \( P_M^+(x) \), is the set whose elements are the limits : \( v = \lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{(u_n, \gamma(u_n)) - (s_n, \gamma(s_n))}{t_n} \) where \( (u_n) \) and \( (s_n) \) are sequences of elements of \( K \) converging to \( t \) from above (i.e. \( u_n, s_n \in [t, +\infty[ \) and \( (t_n) \) is a sequence of elements of \( \mathbb{R}_+^* \) converging to 0.
• similarly, the left paratingent cone of $M$ at $x$, denoted by $P^l_M(x)$, is the set whose elements are the limits: $v = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(u_n, \gamma(u_n)) - (s_n, \gamma(s_n))}{t_n}$ where $(u_n)$ and $(s_n)$ are sequences of elements of $K$ converging to $t$ from below and $(t_n)$ is a sequence of elements of $\mathbb{R}^*_+$ converging to 0.

It is not hard to verify that every element of $P_M(x)$ is in the convex hull of $P^l_M(x) \cup P^r_M(x)$ (we identify the lines of $T_x \mathcal{A}$ transverse to the vertical with their slopes in order to deal with their convex hull). Hence, we only have to prove the inequalities of proposition 7 for $P^r_M(x)$ and $P^l_M(x)$ (and even for those of these two cones which are not trivial) to deduce the inequalities of this proposition. Because the four proofs are similar, we will assume for example that $P^r_M(x) \neq \{0\}$ and we will prove that: $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, P^r_M(x) \prec G_{n+1}(x) \prec G_n(x)$.

In fact we shall need to deal with half lines instead of lines. Hence we define $P^r_M(x)$ as being the set of the half lines of $T_x \mathcal{A}$ which are contained in $P^r_M(x)$ such that their points have positive abscissa. Equivalently, $P^r_M(x)$ is the set of the limits: $v = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{(u_n, \gamma(u_n)) - (s_n, \gamma(s_n))}{t_n}$ where $(u_n)$ and $(s_n)$ are sequences of elements of $K$ converging to $t$ such that: $\forall n, t \leq s_n < u_n$ and $(t_n)$ is a sequence of elements of $\mathbb{R}^*_+$ converging to 0. As $M$ is $f$-ordered, we have: $\forall y \in M, Df(P^l_M(y)) = P^l_M(y)$ (in particular the image through $Df$ of the right paratingent cone at $y$ is the right paratingent cone at the image $f(y)$). Hence: $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, P^r_M(f^k(x)) = Df^k(P^r_M(x))$. Let now $V_+(x) = \{(0, R), R > 0\} \subset T_x \mathcal{A}$ be the upper vertical at $x$ and let us denote by $g_k(x)$ the half line: $g_k(x) = Df^k(f^{-k}(x))V_+(f^{-k}x)$.

Let us look at the action of $Df$ on the half lines of the tangent linear spaces $T_x \mathcal{A}$. As $f$ is a positive twist map, we have (identifying as before $T_x \mathcal{A}$ with $\mathbb{R}^2$): $Df(x)(0, 1) = (a, b)$ with $a > 0$. If now $\mathbb{R}_+(\alpha, \beta) \in P^l_M(x)$, we know that $\alpha > 0$. Hence the base $((\alpha, \beta), (0, 1))$ is a direct base (for $\omega$) of $T_x \mathcal{A}$; as $Df(x)$ is symplectic, the image base $((\alpha', \beta'), (a, b))$ is direct too. It means exactly that the line $\mathbb{R}(a, b) = G_1(f(x))$ is strictly above the line $\mathbb{R}(\alpha', \beta')$ of $P^r_M(f(x))$. Repeating this argument for every half line of $P^r_M(x)$ and every point of the orbit of $x$, we obtain that: $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, P^r_M(f^k(x)) \prec G_1(f^k(x))$.

Let us consider the action of $Df$ on the circles bundle of the half lines along the orbit of $x$: as $f$ is orientation preserving, this action preserves the orientation of the circles. Moreover, if these circles are oriented in the direct sense, then any half line of $P^r_M(f^k(x))$, $g_1(f^k(x))$ and $V_+(f^kx)$ are in the direct sense (let us recall that on the oriented circle, we can speak of the orientation of three points but not of a pair). Hence their image under $Df$, $Df^2$, ... are in the same order, i.e.: any half line of $P^r_M(f^k(x))$, $g_{n+1}(f^k(x))$ and $g_n(f^k(x))$ are in the direct sense, and then: $P^r_M(f^k(x)) \prec G_{n+1}(f^k(x)) \prec G_n(f^k(x)) \prec \cdots \prec G_1(f^k(x))$. \[\square\]
Remark. Let us notice that in the proof of proposition [7], we have seen that:

\[ \forall x \in M, \forall n \geq 1, D\pi \circ Df^n(x)(0,1) > 0. \]

In a similar way, we have : \[ \forall x \in M, \forall n \geq 1, D\pi \circ Df^{-n}(x)(0,1) < 0. \]

Hence \( (G_n(x)) \) is a strictly decreasing sequence of lines of \( T_xA \) which is bounded below. Then it tends to a limit \( G_+(x) \). In a similar way, the sequence \( (G_{-n}(x)) \) tends to a limit, \( G_-(x) \).

Definition. If \( x \in A \) belongs to an irrational Aubry-Mather set \( M \) of \( f \in M^+ \), the bundles \( G^-(x) \) and \( G^+(x) \) are called the Green bundles at \( x \) associated to \( f \).

Example Let us assume that \( x \in M \) is a periodic hyperbolic periodic point of \( f \); then \( G^+(x) = E^u(x) \) is the tangent space to the unstable manifold of \( x \) and \( G^-(x) = E^s(x) \) is the tangent space to the stable manifold.

In fact, in order to build the Green bundles for \( f \) at a point \( x \in A \), we don’t need that \( x \) belongs to a \( f \)-ordered set. Let us introduce the exact set which will be useful for us (the one along which we can define the Green bundles):

Definition. Let \( f \in M^+_\omega(f) \) be a positive exact symplectic twist map. Then the Green set of \( f \), denoted by \( T(f) \), is the set of points \( x \in A \) such that:

- for all \( n \geq 1 \) and all \( k \in \mathbb{Z} \), \( D\pi \circ Df^n(f^kx)(0,1) > 0 \) and \( D\pi \circ Df^{-n}(f^kx)(0,1) < 0 \);
- or all \( n \geq 1 \) and all \( k \in \mathbb{Z} \),
  \[ G_{-n}(f^kx) = Df^{-n}(f^{n+k}x) V(f^{n+k}x) \prec Df^{-(n+1)}(f^{n+1+k}x) V(f^{n+1+k}x) = G_{-(n+1)}(f^kx) \prec G_{n+1}(f^kx) = Df^{n+1}(f^{-(n+1)+k}x) V(f^{-(n+1)+k}x) \prec Df^n(f^{-n+k}x) V(-n+k) = G_n(f^kx). \]

Let us notice that the first point is not useful to define the Green bundles, but will be used in the next section to prove the so-called “dynamical criterion”. Then we have:

Proposition 9 Let \( f \in M^+_\omega \) be an exact symplectic \( C^1 \) positive twist map. Then \( T(f) \) is a non-empty, closed subset of \( A \) which contains every irrational Aubry-Mather set of \( f \) and is invariant by \( f \). At every \( x \in T(f) \), we can define \( G_-(x) \) and \( G_+(x) \).

Remark. Let us notice that every essential invariant curve by \( f \in M^+_\omega \) is a subset of \( I(f) \) (see [1]).
**Proof of proposition 9**: The only things that we have to prove is that $T(f)$ is closed.

Because $f$ is a positive twist map, we have for every $x \in \mathbb{A}$ : $D\pi \circ Df(x)(0,1) > 0$ and $D\pi \circ Df^{-1}(x)(0,1) < 0$. Hence for every $x \in \mathbb{A}$, $V(x)$ and $G_1(x)$ are transverse, and $V(x)$ and $G_{-1}(x)$ are transverse too. We deduce that for every $x \in \mathbb{A}$ and every $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $G_n(x) = Df^{-(n+1)}G_1(f^{n+1}x)$ and $G_{n+1}(x) = Df^{-(n+1)}V(f^{n+1}x)$ are transverse, and $G_{-(n+1)}(x)$ and $G_{-n}(x)$ are transverse.

Let us now consider $C(f)$ the set of $x \in \mathbb{A}$ such that :

- for all $n \geq 1$, $D\pi \circ Df^n(x)(0,1) > 0$ and $D\pi \circ Df^{-n}(x)(0,1) \leq 0$;
- for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $G_{-1} \leq \cdots \leq G_{-n}(x) \leq G_{-(n+1)}(x) \leq G_{n+1}(x) \leq G_n(x) \leq \cdots \leq G_1(x)$.

Then $C(f)$ is closed. If we prove that $C(f) = T(f)$, we have finished the proof.

We have : $T(f) \subset C(f)$. Moreover, if $x \in C(f)$, we know that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, $G_{n+1}(x) \preceq G_n(x)$; as $G_n(x)$ and $G_{n+1}(x)$ are transverse, we deduce that $G_{n+1}(x) \prec G_n(x)$. In a similar way, we obtain that $G_{-n}(x) \prec G_{-(n+1)}(x)$. From $G_{-n}(x) \prec G_{-(n+1)}(x)$ and $G_{n+1}(x) \prec G_n(x)$, we deduce : $G_{-n}(x) \prec G_n(x)$. Thus if $x \in C(f)$, $x$ satisfies the second point of the definition of $T(f)$. Hence every $G_k(x)$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$ is transverse to the vertical and : $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^*, \forall x \in C(f), D\pi \circ Df^k(x)(1,0) \neq 0$. Therefore $x \in C(f)$ satisfies the first point of the definition of $T(f)$ too. Finally : $C(f) \subset T(f)$ and then $C(f) = T(f)$.

Having built the Green bundles on $T(f)$, we can give some of their properties, similar to the ones given in [1], which in particular give a link between these Green bundles and the notion of $C^1$-regularity.

**Proposition 10** Let $f$ be an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map $f : \mathbb{A} \rightarrow \mathbb{A}$. Then the Green bundles, defined at every point of $T(f)$, are invariant by $Df$.

The map $(x \in T(f) \rightarrow G_+(x))$ is upper semi-continuous and the map $x \rightarrow G_-(x)$ is lower semi-continuous and we have : $\forall x \in T(f), G_-(f) \preceq G_+(f)$. Therefore, the set :

$$G(f) = \{ x \in T(f); G_-(x) = G_+(x) \}$$

is a $G_\delta$ subset of $T(f)$.

Moreover, for every irrational Aubry-Mather set $M$ of $f$ and every $x \in M$, we have : $G_-(x) \preceq P_M(x) \preceq G_+(x)$ and for every $x_0 \in G(f) \cap M$, $M$ is $C^1$ regular at $x_0$ and $P_M(x_0) = G_+(x_0) = G_-(x_0)$. Moreover, $G_-$ and $G_+$ are continuous at such a $x_0$.

This proposition is a corollary of proposition [7] and of usual properties of real functions (the fact that the (simple) limit of a decreasing sequence of continuous functions is upper semi-continuous).
Corollary 11 Let $M$ be an irrational Aubry-Mather set of an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map $f : \mathbb{A} \to \mathbb{A}$. We assume that:

$$\forall x \in M, G_-(x) = G_+(x).$$

Then $M$ is $C^1$ regular at every $x \in M$ and there exists a $C^1$ map $\gamma : T \to \mathbb{R}$ whose graph contains $M$. Moreover, in this case, at every $x = (t, \gamma(t)) \in M$, the sequences $(G_n(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(G_{-n}(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge uniformly to $\mathbb{R}(1, \gamma'(t))$.

Everything in this corollary is a consequence of proposition 10, the fact that the convergence is uniform comes from Dini’s theorem: if an increasing or decreasing sequence of real valued continuous functions defined on a compact set converges simply to a continuous function, then the convergence is uniform.

This corollary gives us some criterion using the Green bundles to prove that an Aubry-Mather set is $C^1$-regular. But of course we never said that the transversality of the Green bundles implies the non regularity of the corresponding Aubry-Mather set. This will be explained later.

3 Green bundles and Lyapunov exponents

3.1 A dynamical criterion

We begin by giving a criterion to determine if a given vector is in one of the two Green bundles.

Proposition 12 Let $f$ be an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map and let $x \in T(f)$ be a point of the Green set whose orbit $\{f^k(x), k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is relatively compact. Then:

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} D\pi \circ Df^n(x)(1,0) = +\infty \quad \text{et} \quad \lim_{n \to +\infty} D\pi \circ Df^{-n}(x)(1,0) = -\infty.$$

Corollary 13 (dynamical criterion) Let $f$ be an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map and let $x \in T(f)$ be a point of the Green set whose orbit $\{f^k(x), k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is relatively compact. Let $v \in T_x \mathbb{A}$. then :

- if $v \notin G_-(x)$ then : $\lim_{n \to +\infty} |D\pi \circ Df^n(x)v| = +\infty$;
- if $v \notin G_+(x)$ then : $\lim_{n \to +\infty} |D\pi \circ Df^{-n}(x)v| = +\infty$.

Proof of proposition 12 and corollary 13: We will only prove the part of proposition and corollary corresponding to what happens in $+\infty$. We use the standard
symplectic coordinates \((\theta, r)\) of \(\mathbb{A}\) and we define for every \(k \in \mathbb{Z}\) : \(x_k = f^k(x)\). In these coordinates, for \(j \in \mathbb{Z}^*\), the line \(G_j(x_k)\) is the graph of \((t \rightarrow s_j(x_k)t)\) \((s_j(x_k)\) is the slope of \(G_j(x_k))\).

The matrix \(M_n(x_k)\) of \(Df^n(x_k)\) \((n \geq 1)\) is a symplectic matrix :

\[
M_n(x_k) = \begin{pmatrix} a_n(x_k) & b_n(x_k) \\ c_n(x_k) & d_n(x_k) \end{pmatrix}
\]

with \(\det M_n(x_k) = 1\). We know that the coordinate \(D(\pi \circ f^n)(x_k)(0,1) = b_n(x_k)\) is strictly positive. Using the definition of \(G_n(x_k+n)\), we obtain : \(d_n(x_k) = s_n(x_k+n)b_n(x_k)\).

The matrix \(M_n(x_k)\) being symplectic, we have :

\[
M_n(x_k)^{-1} = \begin{pmatrix} d_n(x_k) & -b_n(x_k) \\ -c_n(x_k) & a_n(x_k) \end{pmatrix}
\]

we deduce from the definition of \(G_{-n}(x_k)\) that : \(a_n(x_k) = -b_n(x_k)s_{-n}(x_k)\). Finally, if we use the fact that \(\det M_n(x_k) = 1\), we obtain :

\[
M_n(x_k) = \begin{pmatrix} b_n(x_k) & 0 \\ 0 & a_n(x_k) \end{pmatrix}
\]

Lemma 14 Let \(K\) be a compact subset of \(T(f)\). There exists a constant \(A > 0\) such that :

\[
\forall x \in K, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \max\{|s_n(x)|, |s_{-n}(x)|\} \leq A.
\]

Proof of lemma 14 : We deduce from the definition of \(T(f)\) that : \(\forall x \in T(f), \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, s_{-1}(x) \leq s_{-n}(x) < s_n(x) \leq s_1(x)\). Therefore, we only have to prove the inequalities of the lemma for \(n = 1\).

The real number \(s_{-1}(x)\), which is the slope of \(Df^{-1}(f(x))V(f(x))\), depends continuously on \(x\), and is defined for every \(x\) belonging to the compact subset \(K\). Hence it is uniformly bounded. The same argument proves that \(s_1\) is uniformly bounded on \(K\) and concludes the proof of lemma 14.

Lemma 15 Let \(x \in T(f)\) be such that its orbit is relatively compact. Then we have :

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} b_n(x) = +\infty.
\]

Let us notice that it gives exactly the first part of proposition 12.

Proof of lemma 15 : We will use a change of basis along the orbit of \(x\) : let us denote by \(s_-(f^kx)\) the slope of \(G_-(f^kx)\) and by \(s_+(f^kx)\) the slope of \(G_+(f^kx)\). We will choose
Let $G_-(x)$ as new “horizontal line”, i.e. if the “old coordinates” in $T_y\mathcal{A}$ are $(\Theta, R)$, the new coordinates are:

$$P(y).\begin{pmatrix} \Theta \\ R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -s_-(y) & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} \Theta \\ R \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \Theta \\ -s_-(y)\Theta + R \end{pmatrix}$$

In general, $P$ doesn’t depend continuously on the considered point, but by lemma 14, $P$ and $P^{-1}$ are uniformly bounded along the orbit of $x$ (because $s_-$ is uniformly bounded). Moreover, $P$ is symplectic. Let us compute in the new coordinates $N_n(x_k) = P(x_{n+k})M_n(x_k)P(x_k)^{-1}$:

$$N_n(x_k) = \begin{pmatrix} b_n(x_k)(s_-(x_k) - s_n(x_k)) & b_n(x_k) \\ 0 & b_n(x_k)(s_n(x_{k+n}) - s_+(x_{k+n})) \end{pmatrix}.$$ 

We know that: $$\lim_{n \to +\infty} s_n(x_k) = s_-(x_k).$$ Hence: $$\lim_{n \to +\infty} (s_-(x_k) - s_n(x_k)) = 0^+.$$ 

By lemma 14: $$\forall n \geq 1, s_n(x_{k+n}) - s_+(x_{k+n}) \leq 2A.$$ As $N_n$ is symplectic, we have: $$1 = \det N_n(x_k) = b_n(x_k)^2(s_-(x_k) - s_n(x_k))(s_n(x_{k+n}) - s_+(x_{k+n})).$$ We deduce:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, 1 \leq 2Ab_n(x_k)^2(s_-(x_k) - s_n(x_k))$$

and then: $$\lim_{n \to +\infty} b_n(x_k) = +\infty.$$ 

Let us now prove corollary 13. Let us assume that $v \in T_x\mathcal{A}\setminus G_-(x)$. We use the “old coordinates” (the usual ones) and write: $v = (v_1, v_2)$. Because $v \not\in G_-(x)$, we have: $s_-(x)v_1 - v_2 \neq 0$ and we compute: $D\pi \circ Df^n(x)(v_1, v_2) = b_n(x)(v_2 - s_-(x)v_1)$ with:

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} (v_2 - s_-(x)v_1) = v_2 - s_-(x)v_1 \neq 0$$

and:

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} b_n(x) = +\infty.$$ 

We deduce that:

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} |D\pi \circ Df^n(x)v| = +\infty.$$

3.2 Some easy consequences concerning (non uniform) hyperbolicity

All the results contained in this subsection are not new, see for example [9]. At first, an easy and well-known consequence of the dynamical criterion is the following:

**Proposition 16** (Contreras-Iturriaga) Let $M$ be an $f$ ordered and uniformly hyperbolic set where $f$ is an exact symplectic positive twist map. Then at every $x \in M$, $G_-(x) = E^s(x)$ and $G_+(x) = E^u(x)$ are transverse.
The argument is only the characterization of the stable and unstable tangent spaces for an uniformly hyperbolic set and the dynamical criterion for $G_-$ and $G_+$. Let us now consider an irrational Mather measure $\mu$ for a positive twist map $f$. We have noticed that $\mu$ is ergodic. Hence we can associate to $\mu$ two Lyapunov exponents, $-\lambda$ and $\lambda$ (because $f$ is area preserving). If $\lambda \neq 0$, we say that the measure is (non uniformly) hyperbolic and the Oseledet theorem asserts that at $\mu$ almost all points there exists a measurable splitting $T_x\mathbb{A} = E^s_x \oplus E^u_x$ in two transverse lines, invariant under $Df$ such that:

- $\forall v \in E^s_x$, $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \|Df^n(x)v\| = 0$;
- $\forall v \in E^u_x$, $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \|Df^{-n}(x)v\| = 0$.

Then we (classically) deduce from the dynamical criterion that: $G_-(x) = E^s(x)$ and $G_+(x) = E^u(x)$ are $\mu$ almost everywhere transverse:

**Proposition 17** (Contreras-Iturriaga) Let $\mu$ be a Mather measure of an exact symplectic positive twist map. If the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ are non zero, then at $\mu$ almost all points, $G_-$ and $G_+$ are transverse.

We have explained why, for (non uniformly) hyperbolic Mather measures, the Green bundles are almost everywhere transverse. We will now interest ourselves in the converse assertion: if the Green bundles are (almost everywhere) transverse, is the dynamic (non uniformly) hyperbolic? We begin by the uniform case, and then consider the non uniform one.

### 3.3 What happens when the Green bundles are everywhere transverse

It is known that, with some additional hypothesis, the transversality of the Green bundles implies hyperbolicity. For example in [9], the authors prove that if $K \subset T(f)$ is an invariant compact subset such that on $K$, the Green bundles are transverse and such that $f|_K$ is non wandering, then $K$ is hyperbolic for $f$. As we know that the dynamic on Aubry-Mather sets is minimal and then non wandering, we can deduce a result for the Aubry-Mather sets.

In fact, we notice that the hypothesis “$f|_K$ is non wandering” is useless and that’s why we give a new statement:

**Theorem 18** Let $f$ be an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map and let $K \subset T(f)$ be an invariant compact subset of $T(f)$ such that, at every point of $K$, $G_-(x)$ and $G_+(x)$ are transverse. Then $K$ is uniformly hyperbolic and at every $x \in K$, we have: $G_-(x) = E^s(x)$ and $G_+(x) = E^u(x)$. 

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Corollary 19 Let \( M \) be an irrational Aubry-Mather set for an exact symplectic positive \( C^1 \) twist map \( f \) such that, at every point of \( M \), \( G_-(x) \) and \( G_+(x) \) are transverse. Then \( M \) is uniformly hyperbolic and at every \( x \in M \), we have: \( G_-(x) = E^s(x) \) and \( G_+(x) = E^u(x) \).

Corollary 20 Let \( M \) be an irrational Aubry-Mather set for an exact symplectic positive \( C^1 \) twist map \( f \) which is not uniformly hyperbolic. There \( G(M) = \{ x \in M; G_-(x) = G_+(x) \} \) is a dense \( G_\delta \)-subset of \( M \) and at every \( x \in G(M) \), \( M \) is \( C^1 \)-regular.

This corollary is a consequence of theorem 18 and proposition 10. In order to prove theorem 18, let us give a definition:

**Definition.** Let \( (F_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \) be a continuous cocycle on a linear normed bundle \( P : E \to K \) above a compact metric space \( K \). We say that the cocycle is quasi-hyperbolic if:

\[
\forall v \in E, v \neq 0 \implies \sup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \|F_k v\| = +\infty.
\]

A consequence of the dynamical criterion (corollary 13) is: if \( K \subset \mathcal{T}(f) \) is a compact invariant subset of \( \mathcal{T}(f) \) such that for every \( x \in K \), \( G_+(x) \) and \( G_-(x) \) are transverse, then \( (Df_{|K})_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \) is a quasi-hyperbolic cocycle. Hence, we only have to prove the following statement to deduce the proof of theorem 18:

**Theorem 21** Let \( (F_k) \) be a continuous, symplectic and quasi-hyperbolic cocycle on a linear and symplectic (finite dimensional) bundle \( P : E \to K \) above a compact metric space \( K \). Then \( (F_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \) is hyperbolic.

Let us give two lemmas which will be useful to prove this theorem. The ideas of these lemmas are not new and the reader can find similar statements in the setting of the so-called “quasi-Anosov diffeomorphisms” for example in [23].

**Lemma 22** Let \( (F_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \) be a continuous and quasi-hyperbolic cocycle on a linear normed bundle \( P : E \to K \) above a compact metric space \( K \). Let us define:

- \( E^s = \{ v \in E; \sup_{k \geq 0} \|F_k v\| < \infty \} \);
- \( E^u = \{ v \in E; \sup_{k \leq 0} \|F_k v\| < \infty \} \).

Then \( (F_{n|E^s})_{n \geq 0} \) and \( (F_{-n|E^u})_{n \geq 0} \) are uniformly contracting.

**Lemma 23** Let \( (F_k)_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} \) be a continuous and quasi-hyperbolic cocycle on a linear normed bundle \( P : E \to K \) above a compact metric space \( K \). If \( (x_n) \) is a sequence of points of \( K \) tending to \( x \) and \( (k_n) \) a sequence of integers tending to \( +\infty \) such that \( \lim_{n \to \infty} P \circ F_{k_n}(x_n) = y \in K \), then \( \dim E^u(y) \geq \text{codim} E^s(x) \).
Let us explain how to deduce theorem 21 from these lemmas:

**Proof of theorem 21**: If the dimension of $E$ is $2d$, we only have to prove that $\forall x \in K, \dim E^u(x) = \dim E^s(x) = d$. Let us prove for example that $\dim E^u(x) = d$.

By lemma 22 $(F_{n|E^s})_{n \geq 0}$ and $(F_{-n|E^u})_{n \geq 0}$ are uniformly contracting. As the cocycle is symplectic, we deduce that every $E^s(x)$ and $E^u(x)$ is isotropic for the symplectic form and then $\dim E^s(x) \leq d$ and $\dim E^u(x) \leq d$.

Let us now consider $x \in K$. As $K$ is compact, we can find a sequence $(k_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ of integers tending to $+\infty$ such that the sequence $(P \circ F_{k_n}(x))_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to a point $y \in K$. Then, by lemma 23 we have: $\dim E^u(y) \geq \text{codim} E^s(x)$. But we know that $\dim E^u(y) \leq d$, hence: $2d - \dim E^s(x) \leq \dim E^u(y) \leq d$ and: $\dim E^s(x) = d$.

Let us now prove the two lemmas:

**Proof of lemma 22**: We will only prove the result for $E^s$.

Let us assume that we know that:

$$(* \forall C > 1, \exists N_C \geq 1, \forall v \in E^s, \forall n \geq N_C, ||F_n v|| \leq \frac{\sup\{||F_k v||; k \geq 0\}}{C}. \tag{\ref*{lemma 22}}$$

Then in this case: $\sup\{||F_k v||; k \geq 0\} = \sup\{||F_k v||; k \in [0, N_C]\}$. We define: $M = \sup\{||F_k(x)||; x \in K, k \in [0, N_C]\}$. Then, if $j \in [0, N_C - 1]$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$:

$$||F_{nN_C+j} v|| \leq \frac{1}{C^n} \sup\{||F_{(n-1)N_C+j+k} v||; k \geq 0\} \leq \frac{1}{C} \sup\{||F_{(n-2)N_C+j+k} v||; k \geq 0\}
\cdots \leq \frac{1}{C^n} \sup\{||F_{j+k} v||; k \geq 0\} \leq \frac{1}{C^n} \sup\{||F_k v||; k \geq 0\} \leq \frac{M}{C^n} ||v||.$$  

This prove exponential contraction.

Let us now prove (*). If (*) is not true, there exists $C > 1$, a sequence $(k_n)$ in $\mathbb{N}$ tending to $+\infty$ and $v_n \in E^s$ with $||v_n|| = 1$ such that:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, ||F_{k_n} v_n|| \geq \frac{\sup\{||F_k v_n||; k \geq 0\}}{C}.$$  

Then we define: $w_n = \frac{F_{k_n} v_n}{||F_{k_n} v_n||}$. If we take a subsequence, we can assume that the sequence $(w_n)$ converges to a limit $w \in E$. Then we have:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \forall k \in [-k_n, +\infty[, ||F_k w|| = \frac{||F_{k+k_n} v_n||}{||F_{k_n} v_n||} \leq \frac{\sup\{||F_j v_n||; j \geq 0\}}{||F_{k_n} v_n||} \leq C.$$  

Hence: $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, ||F_k w|| \leq C$; it is impossible because $||w|| = 1$ and the cocycle is quasi-hyperbolic.
Proof of lemma [23]: With the notation of this lemma, we choose a linear subspace $V \subset E_x$ such that $V$ is transverse to $E^s(x)$. What we want to prove is: \( \dim E^u(y) \geq \dim V. \)

We choose $V_n \in E_{x_n}$ such that $\lim_{n \to \infty} V_n = V$. If we use a subsequence, we have: $\lim_{n \to \infty} F_{k_n}(V_n) = V' \subset E_y$. Then we will prove: $V' \subset E^u(y)$.

Let us assume that we have proved that there exists $C > 0$ such that:

\[
(*) \forall n, \forall 0 \leq k \leq k_n, \|F_{-k|F_{k_n}(V_n)}\| \leq C.
\]

Then: $\forall w \in V', \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_-, \|F_k w\| \leq C\|w\|$ and $w \in E^u(y)$.

Let us now assume that $(*)$ is not true: we find $j_n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $i_n \in [0, k_{j_n}] = [0, K_n]$ such that $\|F_{-i_n|F_{K_n}(V_n)}\| \geq n$. If we extract a subsequence, we have $i_n \in [0, k_n]$ and $\|F_{-i_n|F_{k_n}(V_n)}\| \geq n$. We choose $w_n \in F_{k_n}(V_n)$ such that: $\|w_n\| = 1$ and $\|F_{-i_n}(w_n)\| = \|F_{-i_n|F_{k_n}(V_n)}\|$. We may even assume that: $\|F_{-i_n}(w_n)\| = \sup\{\|F_k(w_n)\|; k \in [-k_n, 0]\} \geq n$.

Then: $\lim_{n \to +\infty} i_n = +\infty$. If $v_n = \frac{F_{-i_n}(w_n)}{\|F_{-i_n}(w_n)\|}$, we may extract a subsequence and assume that: $\lim_{n \to +\infty} v_n = v$.

Then we have: $\forall k \in [0, i_n], \|F_k v_n\| \leq \|v_n\|$ and then: $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}, \|F_k v\| \leq \|v\|$ and $v \in E^s$.

Now, we have two cases:

- either $(k_n - i_n)$ doesn’t tend to $+\infty$; we may extract a subsequence and assume that $\lim_{n \to +\infty} (k_n - i_n) = N \geq 0$; then: $F_{-N} v = \lim_{n \to +\infty} F_{i_n-k_n}(v_n) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{F_{-k_n}(w_n)}{\|F_{-k_n}(w_n)\|}$.

We have: $\frac{F_{-k_n}(w_n)}{\|F_{-k_n}(w_n)\|} \in V_n$ and then $F_{-N} v \in V$. Moreover, $F_{-N} v \in F_{-N} E^s = E^s$.

As $\|v\| = 1$ and $V$ is transverse to $E^s_x$, we obtain a contradiction.

- or $\lim_{n \to +\infty} (k_n - i_n) = +\infty$. Then we have:

\[
\forall k \in [-k_n + i_n, i_n], k - i_n \in [-k_n, 0]
\]

and: $\|F_k v_n\| = \frac{\|F_{k-i_n}(w_n)\|}{\|F_{-i_n}(w_n)\|} \leq 1 = \|v_n\|$. Hence: $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}_-, \|F_k v\| \leq \|v\|$ and $v \in E^s \cap E^u$. This contradicts $\|v\| = 1$ and the fact that the cocycle is quasi-hyperbolic.

\[\square\]

3.4 What happens for the Mather measures whose Green bundles are almost everywhere transverse

Let us now consider a Mather measure of $f \in \mathcal{M}_0^+$. The map $d : \text{supp} \mu \to \{0, 1\}$ defined by $d(x) = \dim(G_-(x) \cap G_+(x))$ being measurable and constant along the orbits
of $f$, we know that $d$ is $\mu$-almost everywhere constant. This constant is 0 or 1. In this subsection, we will study the case of a constant equal to zero and prove:

**Theorem 24** Let $f \in M^+_\omega$ be an exact symplectic positive twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure for $f$. We assume that at $\mu$-almost every point, $G_-$ is transverse to $G_+$. Then the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ are non zero.

**Corollary 25** Let $f \in M^+_\omega$ be an exact symplectic positive twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure for $f$. We assume that the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ are zero. Then $\mu$ almost everywhere, $\text{supp}(\mu)$ is $C^1$-regular. Indeed, in this case, $d = \dim(G_- \cap G_+)$ is $\mu$-almost equal to 1, i.e. $\mu$-almost everywhere we have: $G_- = G_+$. Hence we deduce from proposition [III] that $\mu$-almost everywhere, $\text{supp}(\mu)$ is $C^1$-regular. We deduce:

**Corollary 26** Let $f \in M^+_\omega$ be an exact symplectic positive twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure for $f$. We assume that $\mu$ almost everywhere, $\text{supp}(\mu)$ is not $C^1$-regular. Then the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ are non zero.

**Proof of theorem 24:** We will use the same notations as in the proof of proposition [12]. At $x \in \text{supp}(\mu)$, we have:

$$M_n(x) = \begin{pmatrix} -b_n(x)s_{-n}(x) & b_n(x) \\ -b_n(x)^{-1} - b_n(x)s_{-n}(x)s_n(x_n) & s_n(x_n)b_n(x) \end{pmatrix}$$

Instead of using a change of basis which sends $G_-$ on the horizontal, we will use such a change which sends $G_+$ on the horizontal:

$$P(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ -s_+(x) & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

In the new coordinates, the new matrix of $Df^n(x)$ is $N_n(x) = P(x_n)M_n(x)P(x)^{-1}$ with:

$$N_n(x) = \begin{pmatrix} b_n(x)(s_+(x) - s_{-n}(x)) & b_n(x) \\ 0 & b_n(x)(s_n(x_n) - s_+(x_n)) \end{pmatrix}.$$  

We will use in the proof lemma [14] and two other lemmas:

**Lemma 27** Let $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists a subset $K_{\varepsilon} \subset \text{supp}\mu$ such that $\mu(K_{\varepsilon}) > 1 - \varepsilon$ and such that on $K_{\varepsilon}$, $(s_{-n})$ and $(s_n)$ converge uniformly on $K_{\varepsilon}$ to their limits $s_-$ and $s_+$.

This lemma is just a consequence of Egorov theorem (see for example [18]).

**Lemma 28** Let $\varepsilon > 0$. There exists a subset $F_{\varepsilon} \subset \text{supp}\mu$ such that $\mu(F_{\varepsilon}) > 1 - \varepsilon$ and and $\alpha > 0$ such that: $\forall x \in F_{\varepsilon}, s_+(x) - s_-(x) \geq \alpha$. 

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Proof of lemma 28: We have assume that at \( \mu \)-almost every point \( x \in A \), \( G_- (x) \) and \( G_+ (x) \) are transverse, i.e. \( s_+(x) - s_-(x) > 0 \). Hence:

\[
\mu \left( \bigcup_{n \geq 1} \{ x; s_+(x) - s_-(x) \geq \frac{1}{n} \} \right) = 1.
\]

As the previous union is monotone, we deduce that there exists \( n \geq 1 \) such that:

\[
\mu \left( \{ x; s_+(x) - s_-(x) \geq \frac{1}{n} \} \right) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.
\]

We deduce from these two lemmas that there exists \( J_\varepsilon \) and a constant \( \alpha > 0 \) such that \( \mu (J_\varepsilon) \geq 1 - \varepsilon \), \( (s_n) \) and \( (s_{-n}) \) converge uniformly on \( J_\varepsilon \) and:\

\( \forall x \in J_\varepsilon, s_+(x) - s_-(x) \geq \alpha. \)

Lemma 29 Let \( A > 0 \) and \( \varepsilon > 0 \). Then there exists \( N = N(A, \varepsilon) \) such that:

\( \forall n \geq N, \forall x \in J_\varepsilon, f^n x \in J_\varepsilon \Rightarrow b_n (x) \geq A. \)

Proof of lemma 29: We use the matrix \( N_n (x) : 1 = \det N_n (x) = b_n (x)^2 (s_+(x) - s_-(x)) (s_n (x) - s_+(x)) \) with \( x_n = f^n (x) \). By lemma 14 there exists \( B > 0 \) such that:

\( \forall y \in \text{supp} \mu, \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}, -B \leq s_k (x) \leq B. \)

Then:

\( \forall x \in \text{supp} \mu, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, 0 < s_+(x) - s_{-n} (x) \leq 2B. \)

We deduce:

\( \forall x \in \text{supp} \mu, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, 1 \leq 2Bb_n (x)^2 (s_n (x) - s_+(x)). \)

By definition of \( J_\varepsilon \), we know that \( s_n \) converge uniformly on \( J_\varepsilon \) to \( s_+ \). Hence there exists \( N \geq 1 \) such that:

\( \forall n \geq N, \forall y \in J_\varepsilon, 0 < s_n (y) - s_+(y) \leq \frac{1}{2BA^2}. \)

Let us now assume that \( x, x_n = f^n (x) \in J_\varepsilon \). Then:

\( 1 \leq 2Bb_n (x)^2 (s_n (x) - s_+(x)) \leq 2Bb_n (x)^2 \frac{1}{2BA^2} = \frac{b_n (x)^2}{A^2} \) and \( b_n (x) \geq A. \)

To a given \( \varepsilon > 0 \) we have associated a set \( J_\varepsilon \subset \text{supp} \mu \) such that \( \mu (J_\varepsilon) > 1 - \varepsilon \), \( (s_n) \) and \( (s_{-n}) \) converge uniformly on \( J_\varepsilon \) to their limits and \( \forall x \in J_\varepsilon, s_+(x) - s_-(x) \geq \alpha > 0. \)

By lemma 29 we find \( N \geq 1 \) such that:

\( \forall x \in J_\varepsilon, \forall n \geq N, f^n (x) \in J_\varepsilon \Rightarrow b_n (x) \geq \frac{2}{\alpha}. \)

Let us notice that because \( \mu \) is an irrational Mather measure, it is ergodic not only for \( f \) but for \( f^N \) too (we don’t say that in general an ergodic measure for \( f \) is ergodic for \( f^N \), but this is true for \( f \) homeomorphism of the circle with a irrational rotation number).

If we denote by \( \sharp Y \) the cardinal of a set \( Y \), we know by the ergodic theorem of Birkhoff (see e.g. [24]) that for almost \( x \in J_\varepsilon \):

\[
\frac{1}{\ell} \sharp \{ 0 \leq k \leq \ell - 1; f^{kN} (x) \in J_\varepsilon \} \xrightarrow{\ell \to +\infty} \mu (J_\varepsilon) \geq 1 - \varepsilon.
\]
We denote by $\lambda, -\lambda$ the Lyapunov exponents of $f$ (with $\lambda \geq 0$).

Then $L_\varepsilon$ is the set of points of $J_\varepsilon$ such that:

- $\frac{1}{\ell} \{ 0 \leq k \leq \ell - 1; f^{kN}(x) \in J_\varepsilon \} \xrightarrow{\ell \to +\infty} \mu(J_\varepsilon)$;
- $x$ is a regular point for $\mu$ i.e. at $x$ there exists a splitting of the tangent space $T_xM$ corresponding to the Lyapunov exponents (see e.g. [24]).

Then $\mu(L_\varepsilon) = \mu(J_\varepsilon) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$ and if $x \in L_\varepsilon$, we have: $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \| Df^n(x) \| = \lambda$.

If $x \in L_\varepsilon$, we define:

$$n(\ell) = \sharp \{ 0 \leq k \leq \ell - 1; f^{kN}(x) \in J_\varepsilon \}$$

and $0 = k(1) < k(2) < \cdots < k(n(\ell)) \leq \ell$ are such that $f^{k(i)}N_x \in J_\varepsilon$.

The chain rule of derivatives implies that for all $x \in L_\varepsilon$:

$$Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x) =$$

$$Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(f^{k(n(\ell))N}(\cdots f^{k(1)N}(x) \cdot Df^{k(1)N}(x) \cdot \cdots) \cdot Df^{k(1)N}(x).$$

We write this equality for the matrices $N_k$ and specially for the terms $a_k$:

$$b_{k(n(\ell))N}(x)(s_+(x) - s_-k(n(\ell))N)(x)) =$$

$$b_{k(n(\ell))N}(f^{k(n(\ell))N}(x))\Delta s_{k(n(\ell))N}(f^{k(n(\ell))N}(x)) \Delta s_{k(n(\ell))N}(x).$$

where: $\Delta s_n(x) := s_+(x) - s_-(x)$.

Let us notice that: $\| Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x) \| \geq b_{k(n(\ell))N}(x)(s_+(x) - s_-k(n(\ell))N(x)) = a_{k(n(\ell))N}$.

Moreover, as for every $0 \leq j \leq n(\ell)$, we have $f^{k(j)N}(x) \in J_\varepsilon$, we know that for every $0 \leq j \leq n(\ell) - 1$:

$$b_{k(n(j)\ell+1)+j)(N)}(f^{k(j)}N(x)) \geq \frac{2}{\alpha}$$

and that $\Delta s_{k(j+1)-k(j))N}(f^{k(j)}N(x)) > s_+(f^{k(j)}N(x))) - s_-((f^{k(j)}N(x))) \geq \alpha$. We deduce:

$$\| Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x)\| \geq b_{k(n(\ell))N}(x)(s_+(x) - s_-k(n(\ell))N(x)) \geq \frac{2}{\alpha} \| n(\ell) = 2n(\ell)$$

We deduce:

$$\frac{1}{k(n(\ell))N} \log \| Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x)\| \geq \frac{n(\ell)}{k(n(\ell))N} \log 2.$$

But we have: $k(n(\ell)) \leq \ell$ then: $\frac{1}{k(n(\ell))N} \log \| Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x)\| \geq \frac{n(\ell)}{k(n(\ell))N} \log 2$.

As $\lim_{\ell \to +\infty} \frac{n(\ell)}{\ell} = \mu(J_\varepsilon) \geq 1 - \varepsilon$, we obtain:

$$\lambda = \lim_{\ell \to +\infty} \frac{1}{k(n(\ell))N} \log \| Df^{k(n(\ell))N}(x)\| \geq \frac{1 - \varepsilon}{N} \log 2 > 0;$$

hence the Lyapunov exponents are non zero.
4 The hyperbolic case: proof of its irregularity

4.1 Case of uniform hyperbolicity

**Proposition 30** Let $M$ be an uniformly hyperbolic irrational Aubry-Mather set of an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map $f$ of $\mathbb{R}$. Then at every $x \in M$, $M$ is not $C^1$ regular.

**Proof of proposition 30:** At first, let us notice that such a $M$ cannot be a curve: we proved in [1] that if the graph of a continuous map $\gamma : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{R}$ is invariant by $f$, then Lebesgue almost everywhere we have : $G_-(t, \gamma(t)) = G_+(t, \gamma(t))$, which contradicts proposition [16] which asserts that $G_- = E^s$ and $G_+ = E^u$. Another argument is the fact, proved in [22], that $\pi(M)$ has zero Lebesgue measure.

Hence $M$ is a Cantor and the dynamic on $M$ is Lipschitz conjugate to the one of a Denjoy counter-example on its minimal invariant set. Then we consider two points $x \neq y$ of $M$ such that there exists an open interval $I \subset \mathbb{T}$ whose ends are $\pi(x)$ and $\pi(y)$ and which doesn’t meet $\pi(M) : I \cap \pi(M) = \emptyset$. We deduce from the dynamic of the Denjoy counter-examples (see [14]) that :

- the positive and negative orbits of $x$ and $y$ under $f$ are dense in $M$;
- $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^n x, f^n y) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^{-n} x, f^{-n} y) = 0$.

As $M$ is uniformly hyperbolic, we can define a local stable and unstable laminations on $M$ (see for example [29]), $W^s_{loc}$ and $W^u_{loc}$. Then for $n$ big enough, $f^n x$ and $f^n y$ belongs to the same local stable leaf, and $f^{-n} x$ and $f^{-n} y$ belongs to the same local unstable leaf. Hence, because $\lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^n x, f^n y) = \lim_{n \to +\infty} d(f^{-n} x, f^{-n} y) = 0$, for $n$ big enough, the vector joining $f^n x$ to $f^n y$ (resp. $f^{-n} x$ to $f^{-n} y$) is close the stable bundle $E^s$ (resp. the unstable bundle $E^u$).

Let now $z \in M$ be any point. Then there exists two sequences $(i_n)$ and $(j_n)$ of integers which tends to $+\infty$ and are such that :

$$\lim_{n \to +\infty} f^{i_n} x = \lim_{n \to +\infty} f^{i_n} y = \lim_{n \to +\infty} f^{-j_n} x = \lim_{n \to +\infty} f^{-j_n} y = z.$$

The direction of the “vector” joining $f^{i_n} x$ to $f^{i_n} y$ tends to $E^s(z)$ and the direction of the vector joining $f^{-j_n} x$ to $f^{-j_n} y$ tends to $E^u(z)$. Hence : $E^u(z) \cup E^s(z) \subset P_M(z)$ and $M$ is not $C^1$-regular at $z$. \[\square\]

4.2 Case of non uniform hyperbolicity

**Proposition 31** Let $f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega$ be an exact symplectic positive $C^1$ twist map and let $\mu$ be an irrational Mather measure of $f$ whose Lyapunov exponents are non zero. Then, at $\mu$ almost every point, $\text{supp}\mu$ is not $C^1$ regular.
To prove this result, we will need some results concerning ergodic theory (see for example [27]); for us, every probability space \((X, \mu)\) will be such that \(X\) is a metric compact space endowed with its Borel \(\sigma\)-algebra.

**Definition.** Let \((X, \mu)\) be a probability space, \(T\) be a measure preserving transformation of \((X, \mu)\) and \((f_n) \in L^1(X, \mu)\) be a sequence of \(\mu\)-integrable functions from \(X\) to \(\mathbb{R}\). Then \((f_n)\) is \(T\)-subadditive if for \(\mu\) almost every \(x \in X\) and all \(n, m \in \mathbb{N}\), we have:

\[
f_{n+m}(x) \leq f_n(x) + f_m(T^nx).
\]

A useful result in ergodic theory is the following:

**Proposition 32 (Subadditive ergodic theorem, Klingman)** Let \((X, \mu)\) be a probability space, let \(T\) be a measure preserving transformation of \((X, \mu)\) such that \(\mu\) is ergodic for \(T\) and let \(f = (f_n) \in L^1(X, \mu)\) be a \(T\)-subadditive sequence. Then there exists a constant \(\Lambda(f) \geq -\infty\) such that for \(\mu\)-almost every \(x \in X\), we have:

\[
\lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{n} f_n(x) = \Lambda(f).
\]

Moreover, the constant \(\Lambda(f)\) satisfies:

\[
\Lambda(f) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{1}{n} \int f_n d\mu = \inf_n \frac{1}{n} \int f_n d\mu.
\]

We will use the following refinement of this proposition, which concerns only the uniquely ergodic measures. A proof of it in the case of continuous functions is given in [11]; the proof for upper semi-continuous functions is exactly the same.

**Proposition 33** Let \((X, \mu)\) be a probability space, \(T\) be a measure preserving transformation of \((X, \mu)\) such that \(\mu\) is uniquely ergodic for \(T\) and \((f_n) \in L^1(X, \mu)\) be a \(T\)-subadditive sequence of upper semi-continuous functions. Let \(\Lambda(f)\) be the constant associated to \(f\) via the subadditive ergodic theorem. We assume that \(\Lambda(f) \in \mathbb{R}\). Then:

\[
\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \geq 0, \forall n \geq N, \forall x \in X, \frac{1}{n} f_n(x) \leq \Lambda(f) + \varepsilon.
\]

**Proof of proposition 33**: At first, let us notice that the set \(R\) of points where \(\text{supp} \mu\) is \(C^1\) regular is a \(G_\delta\) subset of \(\text{supp} \mu\) and then is measurable. Let us assume that \(\mu(R) = a > 0\). If \(\text{supp} \mu\) is the graph of \(\gamma\) above \(\pi(\text{Supp} \mu)\) then \(\gamma\) is differentiable at every \(\theta \in \pi(R)\) and even \(C^1\) at such a \(\theta\). Moreover, \(R\) is invariant by \(f\).

We know that there exists an orientation preserving bi-Lipschitz homeomorphism \(h : \mathbb{T} \to \mathbb{T}\) such that for all \((\theta, r) \in \text{supp} \mu\), we have: \(\pi \circ f(\theta, r) = h(\theta)\). We denote by \(m\) the unique \(h\)-invariant probability measure on \(\mathbb{T}\) (this measure is supported in \(\pi(\text{supp} \mu)\)).

We may choose \(h\) in a more precise way: If \(I = ]a, b[\) is an open interval which is
a connected component of \( \mathbb{T} \setminus \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \), we may choose \( h \) affine on \( I \). Let \( D \) be the (countable) set of the points of \( \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \) which are ends of such intervals. Let us prove that every \( h^k \) is differentiable on \( \pi(R) \setminus D \):

Let us consider \( \theta \in \pi(R) \setminus D \) and \( (\alpha_n) < (\beta_n) \) two sequences of elements of \( \mathbb{T} \) converging to \( \theta \). Let \( I_n = [\alpha_n^1, \alpha_n^2] \) (resp. \( J_n = [\beta_n^1, \beta_n^2] \)) be :

- either the longest closed interval of \( (\mathbb{T} \setminus \pi(\text{supp}\mu)) \cup D \) containing \( \alpha_n \) (resp. \( \beta_n \)) if \( \alpha_n \notin \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \setminus D \) (resp. \( \beta_n \notin \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \setminus D \));
- or \( \{\alpha_n\} \) (resp. \( \{\beta_n\} \)) if \( \alpha_n \in \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \setminus D \) (resp. \( \beta_n \in \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \setminus D \)).

As \( \theta \notin D \), we have :

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n^1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \alpha_n^2 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \beta_n^1 = \lim_{n \to \infty} \beta_n^2 = \theta.
\]

Moreover (we denote by \( \text{CH} \) the convex hull) :

\[
\frac{h^k(\alpha_n) - h^k(\beta_n)}{\alpha_n - \beta_n} \in \text{CH} \left\{ \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^1) - h^k(\alpha_n^2)}{\alpha_n^1 - \alpha_n^2}, \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^2) - h^k(\beta_n^1)}{\alpha_n^2 - \beta_n^1}, \frac{h^k(\beta_n^1) - h^k(\beta_n^2)}{\beta_n^1 - \beta_n^2} \right\}.
\]

(when the written slope is not defined, we don’t write it)

As \( h^k \) is affine on \( I_n \) and \( J_n \), this last set is equal to :

\[
\text{CH} \left\{ \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^1) - h^k(\alpha_n^2)}{\alpha_n^1 - \alpha_n^2}, \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^2) - h^k(\beta_n^1)}{\alpha_n^2 - \beta_n^1}, \frac{h^k(\beta_n^1) - h^k(\beta_n^2)}{\beta_n^1 - \beta_n^2} \right\}
\]

As \( \alpha_n^1, \alpha_n^2, \beta_n^1, \beta_n^2 \in \pi(\text{supp}\mu) \) tend to \( \theta \in \pi(R) \) when \( n \) goes to \( +\infty \), we have (when the slope is defined i.e. \( \alpha_n^1 \neq \alpha_n^2 \)) :

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^1) - h^k(\alpha_n^2)}{\alpha_n^1 - \alpha_n^2} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^1, \gamma(\alpha_n^1)) - h^k(\alpha_n^1, \gamma(\alpha_n^1))}{\alpha_n^1 - \alpha_n^2} = \frac{D \circ Df^k(\theta, \gamma(\theta))(1, \gamma'(\theta))}{\alpha_n^1 - \alpha_n^2}
\]

and similarly (if defined) :

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{h^k(\alpha_n^2) - h^k(\beta_n^1)}{\alpha_n^2 - \beta_n^1} = \lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{h^k(\beta_n^1) - h^k(\beta_n^2)}{\beta_n^1 - \beta_n^2} = D \circ Df^k(\theta, \gamma(\theta))(1, \gamma'(\theta))
\]

Hence :

\[
\lim_{n \to \infty} \frac{h^k(\alpha_n) - h^k(\beta_n)}{\alpha_n - \beta_n} = D \circ Df^k(\theta, \gamma(\theta))(1, \gamma'(\theta)).
\]

Finally, every \( h^n \) is differentiable on \( \pi(R) \setminus D \) and :

\[
\forall \theta \in \pi(R) \setminus D, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \lim_{\alpha, \beta \to \theta} \frac{h^n(\alpha) - h^n(\beta)}{\alpha - \beta} = (h^n)'(\theta) = D \circ Df^n(\theta, \gamma(\theta))(1, \gamma'(\theta)).
\]
We define for every $\theta \in \mathbb{T}$ : $h'_n(\theta) = \lim_{y \neq z \to \theta} \frac{h^n(z) - h^n(y)}{z - y} > 0$; then every $h'_n$ is lower semi-continuous and then measurable. As $h$ is bi-Lipschitz, there exists $K_n > 1$ such that for every $x \in \mathbb{T}$, $\frac{1}{K_n} \leq h'_n(x) \leq K_n$. Hence every $g_n = -\log h'_n$ is bounded and measurable and thus belongs to $L^1(\mu)$ and the sequence $g = (g_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is an $h$-subadditive sequence. Moreover, every $g_n$ is upper semicontinuous. As $m$ is uniquely ergodic for $h$, we may apply proposition [33]:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \geq 0, \forall \theta \in \mathbb{T}, \forall n \geq N, \frac{1}{n} g_n(\theta) \leq \Lambda(g) + \varepsilon.$$  

Let $\lambda$ be the Lebesgue measure on $\mathbb{T}$. As $(-\log)$ is convex, we have by Jensen inequality:

$$-\log \left( \int h'_n d\lambda \right) \leq - \int \log h'_n d\lambda = \int g_n d\lambda.$$  

Moreover, $h$ being Lipschitz is $\lambda$-almost everywhere differentiable and : $\int h'_n d\lambda \leq \int (h^n)' d\lambda = \hat{h}^n(1) - \hat{h}^n(0) = 1$. Hence:

$$0 = -\log 1 \leq - \int h'_n d\lambda \leq \int g_n d\lambda$$

i.e : $\int g_n d\lambda \geq 0$. Let us now choose $\varepsilon > 0$. We know that there exists $N \geq 1$ such that : $\forall n \geq N, \forall x \in \mathbb{T}, \frac{1}{n} g_n(x) \leq \Lambda(g) + \varepsilon$ and thus : $\forall n \geq N, 0 \leq \frac{1}{n} \int g_n d\lambda \leq \Lambda(g) + \varepsilon$. We deduce that : $\Lambda(g) \geq 0$.

By proposition [32] we know that for $m$-almost $\theta \in \mathbb{T}$, we have : $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{n} g_n(\theta) = \Lambda(g)$.

Hence for $m$-almost $\theta \in \pi(R) \setminus D$, we have : $\lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{n} g_n(\theta) \geq 0$; we denote by $A = \pi(R')$ the set of such $\theta$. We have noticed that for such a $\theta$, if $(\theta, r) \in \supp \mu$ :

- every $h^n$ is differentiable at $\theta$ and even : $(h^n)'(\theta) = \lim_{y \neq z \to \theta} \frac{h^n(z) - h^n(y)}{y - z} = h_n(\theta)$ and then $g_n(\theta) = -\log((h^n)'(\theta))$;
- we have seen too that : $(h^n)'(\theta) = D\pi \circ Df^n(\theta, r)(1, \gamma'(\theta))$.

Let us now denote by $\nu > 0$, $-\nu$ the Lyapunov exponents of $\mu$ for $f$. Then there exists a subset $S$ of $R'$ such that $\mu(S) = \mu(R') = a > 0$ and such that at every $(\theta, r) \in S$ we can define the Oseledet’s splitting $E^s \oplus E^u$ :

$$\forall v \in E^u(\theta, r), \lim_{n \to +\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \|Df^n v\| = \nu; \quad \forall v \in E^s(\theta, r), \lim_{n \to -\infty} \frac{1}{n} \log \|Df^n v\| = -\nu.$$  

Then for $(\theta, r) \in S$, we have (we recall that $\gamma'$ is bounded because $\supp \mu$ is Lipschitz):

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, \frac{1}{n} \log \|Df^n(\theta, r)(1, \gamma'(\theta))\| = \frac{1}{n} \log \|((h^n)'(\theta), \gamma'(h^n(\theta))(h^n)'(\theta))\| =$$
\[
\frac{1}{n} \log \| (h^n)'(\theta) \| + \frac{1}{n} \log \| (1, \gamma'(h^n(\theta))) \| = -\frac{1}{n} g_n(\theta) + \frac{1}{n} \log \| (1, \gamma'(h^n(\theta))) \| \xrightarrow{n \to \infty} -\Lambda(g) \leq 0.
\]

We deduce that \((1, \gamma'(\theta)) \in E^s(\theta, r)\). A similar argument for \(n\) going to \(-\infty\) (replacing \(f\) by \(f^{-1}\) and \(h\) by \(h^{-1}\)) proves that \((1, \gamma'(\theta)) \in E^u(\theta, r)\). As \(E^u(\theta, r) \cap E^s(\theta, r) = \{0\}\), we obtain a contradiction.

5 Proof of the results contained in the introduction

Proof of theorem 1: we assume that \(\mu\) is an irrational Mather measure of \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega\); considering \(f^{-1}\) instead of \(f\), we may assume that \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega^+\).

1) Let us assume that for \(\mu\)-almost \(x\), \(\text{supp}\mu\) is \(C^1\)-regular at \(x\). Then by proposition 31, the Lyapunov exponents of \(f\) are zero.

2) Let us assume that the Lyapunov exponents of \(\mu\) are zero. Then we deduce from corollary 25 that \(\text{supp}\mu\) is \(C^1\)-regular \(\mu\)-almost everywhere.

Proof of proposition 2: we assume that \(\mu\) is an irrational Mather measure of \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega\); considering \(f^{-1}\) instead of \(f\), we may assume that \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega^+\).

1) Let us assume that for \(\mu\)-almost \(x\), \(\text{supp}\mu\) is not \(C^1\)-regular at \(x\). Then by theorem 1, the Lyapunov exponents of \(\mu\) are non zero.

2) Let us assume that the Lyapunov exponents of \(\mu\) are non zero. Then by proposition 31, \(\text{supp}\mu\) is \(C^1\)-irregular at \(\mu\)-almost every point.

Proof of proposition 4: we assume that \(M\) is an irrational Aubry-Mather set of \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega\); considering \(f^{-1}\) instead of \(f\), we may assume that \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega^+\).

1) we assume that \(M\) is nowhere \(C^1\)-regular. By proposition 10 at every \(x \in M\), \(G_+(x)\) and \(G_-(x)\) are transverse. Hence by corollary 9, \(M\) is uniformly hyperbolic.

2) we assume that \(M\) is uniformly hyperbolic. Then by proposition 30, \(M\) is nowhere \(C^1\)-regular.

Proof of proposition 5: Let \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega^+\) be an exact symplectic twist map and let \(\mu\) be an irrational Mather measure of \(f\) which is non uniformly hyperbolic, i.e. the Lyapunov exponents are non zero but the corresponding Aubry-Mather set \(M = \text{supp}\mu\) is not uniformly hyperbolic. The set \(\mathcal{G}\) of the points \(x\) of \(M\) where \(G_+(x) = G_-(x)\) is a \(G^\delta\) of \(M\) which is invariant by \(f\). As \(f_{\mid M}\) is minimal, either \(\mathcal{G}\) is empty or it is a dense \(G^\delta\) of \(M\). Moreover, by proposition 10 at every point of \(\mathcal{G}\), \(M\) is \(C^1\)-regular.

Hence we only have to prove that \(\mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset\). By theorem 18 as \(M\) is not uniformly hyperbolic, \(\mathcal{G} \neq \emptyset\).

Proof of theorem 6: Let \(f \in \mathcal{M}_\omega^+\) be an exact symplectic twist map and let \(C\) be a
$C^1$ invariant curve which is a graph such that $f|_C$ is $C^1$ conjugate to a rotation. Then we know (see [1], it is an easy consequence of the dynamical criterion) that at every $x \in C$, $G_-(x) = G_+(x)$.

Then, by proposition [10] the map $(x \in T(f) \rightarrow G_-(x))$ and $(x \in T(f) \rightarrow G_+(x))$ are continuous at every point of $C$.

Let $W$ be a neighbourhood of $T^1C$, the unitary tangent bundle to $C$ in $T^1A$, the unitary tangent bundle to $A$. We may assume that $W$ is “symmetrically fibered convex” (i.e. if $u, v \in W \cap T_xA$, if $\Re u \preceq \Re w \preceq \Re v$, then $w \in W$). Then there exists a neighbourhood $V$ of $C$ in $A$ such that for every $x \in T(f) \cap V$, $G_1^-(x)$ and $G_1^+(x)$ are in $W$ where $G_1^-$ and $G_1^+$ refer to the unitary Green bundles. Hence for every Aubry-Mather set $M$ for $f$ contained in $V$ : $orall x \in M, G_1^-(x), G_1^+(x) \in W$.

Moreover, we know by proposition [10] that : $G_-(x) \preceq P_M(x) \preceq G_+(x)$. We deduce that for every Aubry-Mather set $M$ for $f$ contained in $V$ :

$$\forall x \in M, P_M^1(x) \subset W.$$
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