

Brief summary of KAM theorem

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Paraphrasing: For sufficiently small perturbation, almost all tori are preserved

"sufficiently small"
and "almost all" are delicate things to estimate

However tori obeying $\vec{\omega} \cdot \vec{k} = 0$ (the rational tori) are destroyed. They provide the seeds of chaotic behaviour (interesting number theory related to how closely we can approximate an irrational by a rational number eg. $\pi = 3.141592654$)

$$\frac{22}{7} = 3.142857...$$

$$\frac{333}{106} = 3.14151$$

$$\frac{355}{113} = 3.1415929$$

↑
known to Tsu-Chung Chi
in 5th Century

KAM showed
that preserved tori satisfy
the irrationality condition

$$\left| \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} - \frac{n}{s} \right| > \frac{k(\epsilon)}{s^{2.5}} \quad \text{for all } n, s$$

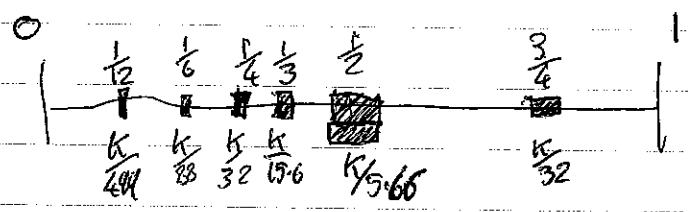
Not much is known about $k(\epsilon)$ other than
 $k(\epsilon) \rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

The destroyed tori are the complementary set satisfying

$$\left| \frac{\omega_1}{\omega_2} - \frac{n}{s} \right| < \frac{k(\epsilon)}{s^{2.5}}$$

This is more restrictive than commensurability
 Key: ~~any~~ $n_1 \omega_1 + n_2 \omega_2 = 0$, but still allows a finite measure of preserved tori

Consider a ~~finite~~ ^{unit} interval and delete zones of width $k/s^{2.5}$



Deleted zones of width $k/s^{2.5}$ at rational points in the unit interval

Total deleted length: $\sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{k}{s^{2.5}} s$ = $k \sum_{s=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{s^{1.5}} \approx k$

of irrationals of that denominator = 2 unit time.
 e.g. $s=3$: $1/3, 2/3$
 $s=4$: $1/4, 2/4, 3/4$
 $s=5$: $1/5, 2/5, 3/5, 4/5$

(crude over-estimate)

this $\rightarrow 0$ as $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$

In fact any width k/s^u with $u > 2$ would ensure a finite measure of preserved tori.