

Multiple Periodic Solutions for Some Classes of First-Order Hamiltonian Systems

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Abstract

Considering a decomposition $\mathbb{R}^{2N} = A \oplus B$ of \mathbb{R}^{2N} , we prove in this work, the existence of at least $(1 + \dim A)$ geometrically distinct periodic solutions for the first-order Hamiltonian system

$Jx'(t) + H'(t, x(t)) + e(t) = 0$ when the Hamiltonian $H(t, u + v)$ is periodic in (t, u) and its growth at infinity in v is at most like or faster than $|v|^a$, $0 \leq a < 1$, and e is a forcing term. For the proof, we use the Least Action Principle and a Generalized Saddle Point Theorem.

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1. Introduction

Consider the nonautonomous first-order Hamiltonian system

$$Jx'(t) + H'(t, x(t)) + e(t) = 0$$

where $H: \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{2N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $\mathbb{R}, (t, x) \rightarrow H(t, x)$ is a continuous function, T -periodic ($T > 0$) in the first variable and differentiable with respect to the second variable with continuous derivative $H'(t, x) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial x}(t, x)$, $e: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ is a continuous T -periodic function with mean value zero and J is the standard symplectic matrix:

$$J = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -I_N \\ I_N & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

I_N being the identity matrix of order N .

Using variational methods, there have been many papers devoted to the existence of periodic solutions for (\mathcal{H}) , we refer the readers to [1-5] and the references therein. However, there are few papers discussing the multiplicity of periodic solutions for (\mathcal{H}) (see [6-9]). Under the assumptions that H is periodic in x_1, \dots, x_p , where $1 \leq p \leq 2N-1$, $x = (x_1, \dots, x_{2N})$ and there exists $f \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{R}^+)$ such that

$$|H'(t, x)| \leq f(t), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}, \quad a.e. t \in [0, 1]. \quad (1.1)$$

$$\int_0^T H(t, x) dt \rightarrow \pm \infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, x \in \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^{2N-p}, \quad (1.2)$$

the author has shown in [9] that system (\mathcal{H}) possesses at least $(p+1)$ geometrically distinct periodic solutions. The first goal of this note is to generalize the existence result of multiple periodic solutions obtained above to the sublinear case. Precisely, consider a decomposition $\mathbb{R}^{2N} = A \oplus B$ of \mathbb{R}^{2N} with

$$A = \text{space} \{e_1, \dots, e_{i_p}\}, B = \text{space} \{e_{i_{p+1}}, \dots, e_{i_{2N}}\}$$

where $0 \leq p \leq 2N-1$ and $(e_i)_{1 \leq i \leq 2N}$ is the standard basis of \mathbb{R}^{2N} and let us denote P_A (resp. P_B) the projection of \mathbb{R}^{2N} into A (resp. B). We obtain the following result

Theorem 1.1 Assume that H satisfies

(H_0) H is periodic in the variables x_{i_1}, \dots, x_{i_p} ;

(H_1) There exist $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and two T -periodic functions

$a \in L^{\frac{1}{1-\alpha}}(0, T; \mathbb{R}^+)$ and $b \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{R}^+)$ such that

$$|H'(t, x)| \leq a(t) |P_B(x)|^\alpha + b(t), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}, \quad a.e. t \in [0, 1],$$

(H_2) Either

$$1) \quad \frac{1}{|x|^{2\alpha}} \int_0^T H(t, x) dt \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, x \in B$$

or

$$2) \quad \frac{1}{|x|^{2\alpha}} \int_0^T H(t, x) dt \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, x \in B$$

Then the Hamiltonian system (\mathcal{H}) possesses at least $(p+1)T$ -periodic solutions geometrically distinct.

Example 1.1 Let $a : \mathbb{R}^{2N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a periodic and continuously differentiable function. Consider the Hamiltonian:

$$H(t, r, p) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right) \right) |p - a(r)|^2 \tag{1.3}$$

Then H satisfies conditions (H_0) - (H_2) with $A = \mathbb{R}^N \times 0$ and $B = \{0\} \times \mathbb{R}^N$.

It is easy to see that conditions $(H_1), (H_2)$ don't cover some sublinear cases like

$$H(t, r, p) = \left(\frac{1}{2} + \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{T}t\right) \right) \frac{|p - a(r)|^2}{\ln(2 + |p - a(r)|^2)}, \tag{1.4}$$

$$\forall (t, r, p) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}^{2N}$$

The second goal of this paper is to study the existence of multiple periodic solutions for (\mathcal{H}) when the Hamiltonian H satisfies a nonlinearity condition which covers the cases like (1.4). Precisely, we will require the nonlinearity to have a partial growth at infinity faster than $|x|^\alpha, 0 \leq \alpha < 1$

Our second main result is:

Theorem 1.2 Consider a nonincreasing positive function $\omega \in C([0, +\infty[, \mathbb{R}^+)$ with the properties:

$$\liminf_s \rightarrow +\infty \frac{\omega(s)}{\omega(s)} > 0,$$

$$\omega(s) \rightarrow 0, \omega(s)s \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } s \rightarrow +\infty,$$

and assume that H satisfies (H_0) and the following assumptions

(H_3) There exist a positive constant a and a function $g \in L^2(0, T; \mathbb{R}^+)$ such that for all $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$ and a.e. $t \in [0, 1]$

$$|H'(t, x)| \leq a\omega(|P_B(x)|)|P_B(x)| + g(t),$$

(H_4) Either

$$1) \frac{1}{\left[\omega(|x|)|x|\right]^2} \int_0^T H(t, x) dt \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, x \in B,$$

$$2) \frac{1}{\left[\omega(|x|)|x|\right]^2} \int_0^T H(t, x) dt \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } |x| \rightarrow \infty, x \in B.$$

Then the system (\mathcal{H}) possesses at least $(p+1)$ geo-metrically distinct T -periodic solutions.

Remark 1.1 The Hamiltonian H defined in (1.4) satisfies the conditions $(H_3), (H_4)$ introduced above with $\omega(s) = \frac{1}{\ln(2 + s^2)}, s \geq 0,$

2. Preliminaries

Firstly, let us recall a critical point theorem due to G.

Fournier, D. Lupo, M. Ramos and M. Willem [10]. Given a Banach space E and a complete connected Finsler manifold V of class C^2 , we consider the space $X = E \times V$. Let $E = W \oplus Z$ (topological direct sum) and $(E_n \oplus Z_n)$ be a sequence of closed subspaces with $Z_n \subset Z, W_n \subset W, 1 \leq \dim W_n < \infty$. Define $X_n = E_n \times V$. For $f \in C^1(X, \mathbb{R})$, we denote by $f_n = f|_{X_n}$. Then we have $f_n \in C^1(X_n, \mathbb{R})$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Definition 2.1 Let $f \in C^1(X, \mathbb{R})$. The function f satisfies the Palais-Smale condition with respect to (X_n) at a level $c \in \mathbb{R}$ if every sequence (X_n) satisfying

$$x_n \in X_n, f(x_n) \rightarrow c, f'_n(x_n) \rightarrow 0$$

has a subsequence which converges in X to a critical point of f . The above property will be referred as the $(PS)_c^*$ condition with respect to (X_n) .

Theorem 2.1 (Generalized Saddle Point Theorem). Assume that there exist constants $r > 0$ and $\alpha < \beta \leq \gamma$ such that

1) f satisfies the $(PS)_c^*$ condition with respect to (X_n) for every $c \in [\beta, \gamma]$,

2) $f(w, v) \leq \alpha$ for every $(w, v) \in W \times V$ such that $\|w\| = r,$

3) $f(z, v) \geq \beta$ for every $(z, v) \in Z \times V,$

4) $f(w, v) \leq \gamma$ for every $(w, v) \in W \times V$ such that $\|w\| \leq r.$

Then $f^{-1}([\beta, \gamma])$ contains at least cuplength $(V) + 1$ critical points of f .

Consider the Hilbert space $E = H^{\frac{1}{2}}(S^1, \mathbb{R}^{2N})$ where $\mathbb{R}/(T\mathbb{Z})$ and the continuous quadratic form Q defined in E by

$$Q(x) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T Jx'(t) \cdot x(t) dt$$

where x, y inside the sign integral is the inner product of $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^{2N}$. Let us denote by E^0, E^-, E^+ respectively the subspaces of E on which Q is null, negative definite and positive definite. It is well known that these sub-spaces are mutually orthogonal in $L^2(S^1, \mathbb{R}^{2N})$ and in E with respect to the bilinear form:

$$B(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T Jx'(t) \cdot y(t) dt, \quad x, y \in E$$

associated to Q . If $x \in E^+$ and $y \in E^-$ then $B(x, y) = 0$ and $Q(x+y) = Q(x) + Q(y)$.

For $x = x^+ + x^- + x^0 \in E$, the expression

$$\|x\| = \left[Q(x^+) + Q(x^-) + |x^0|^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

is an equivalent norm in E . Moreover, the space E is compactly embedded in $L^2(S^1, \mathbb{R}^{2N})$ for all $s \in [1, \infty]$. In particular for all $s \in [1, \infty]$, there exists a constant $\lambda_s > 0$ such that for all $x \in E,$

$$\|x\|_{L^s} \leq \lambda_s \|x\|. \tag{2.1}$$

3. Proof of the Theorems

Firstly, let us remark that if $x(t)$ is a periodic solution of (\mathcal{H}) , then by replacing t by $-t$ in (\mathcal{H}) we obtain

$$Jx'(-t) + H'(-t, x(-t)) + e(-t) = 0.$$

So it is clear that the function $y(t) = x(-t)$ is a periodic solution of the system

$$Jy'(t) - H'(-t, y(-t)) - e(-t) = 0.$$

Moreover, $-H(-t, x)$ satisfies $(H_2)(i)$ (resp. $(H_4)(i)$) whenever $H(t, x)$ satisfies $(H_2)(ii)$ (resp. $(H_4)(ii)$). Hence, in the following, we will assume that H satisfies $(H_2)(i)$ in Theorem 1.1 and $(H_4)(i)$ in Theorem 1.2.

Associate to the system (\mathcal{H}) the functional φ defined on the space E , by:

$$\varphi(u) = \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T Ju'(t) \cdot u(t) dt + \int_0^T (H(t, u) + e(t) \cdot u(t)) dt.$$

It is well known that the functional φ is continuously differentiable in E and critical points of φ on E correspond to the T -periodic solutions of the system (\mathcal{H}) , moreover one has

$$\varphi'(u)v = \int_0^T [Ju'(t) + H'(t, u(t)) + e(t)] \cdot v(t) dt$$

for all $u, v \in E$. Consider the subspaces $W = E^-$, $Z = E^+ \oplus B$ of E and the quotient space

$$V = A / \{x \sim x + e_i, i = i_1, \dots, i_p\}$$

which is nothing but the torus T_p . We regard the functional φ as defined on the space $X = (W \oplus Z) \times V$ as follows

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u+v) &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^T Ju'(t) \cdot u(t) dt + \int_0^T H(t, u(t) + v(t)) dt \\ &\quad + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

To find critical points of φ we will apply Theorem 2.1 to this functional with respect to the sequence of subspaces $X_n = E_n \times V$, where for $n \geq 0$

$$E_n = \left\{ x \in E : x(t) = \sum_{|m| \leq n} \exp\left(\frac{2\pi}{T} mtJ\right) \hat{u}_m \text{ a.e.} \right\}.$$

Proof of the Theorem 1.1. Assume (H_0) , (H_1) and $(H_2)(i)$ hold. Firstly, let us check the Palais-Smale condition.

Lemma 2.1. For all level $c \in \mathbb{R}$, the functional φ satisfies the $(PS)_c^*$ condition with respect to the sequence $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Proof. Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $(u_n, v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence of X such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $(u_n, v_n) \in X_n$ and

$$\varphi(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow c \text{ and } \varphi'(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty, \tag{3.1}$$

where φ_n is the functional φ restricted to X_n . Set $u_n = u_n^+ + u_n^- + u_n^0$ with $u_n^+ \in E^+$, $u_n^- \in E^-$, $u_n^0 \in B$. We have the relation

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi'_n(u_n + v_n)u_n^+ &= \|u_n^+\|^2 + \int_0^T [H'(t, u_n + v_n) + e(t)] \cdot u_n^+ dt \end{aligned} \tag{3.2}$$

Since $\varphi'_n(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, there exists a constant $c_1 > 0$ such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, |\varphi'_n(u_n + v_n)u_n^+| \leq c_1 \|u_n^+\|. \tag{3.3}$$

By assumption (H_1) and Hölder's inequality, with $p = \frac{1}{\alpha}$, $q = \frac{1}{1-\alpha}$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} &\left| \int_0^T H'(t, u_n + v_n) \cdot u_n^+ dt \right| \\ &\leq \int_0^T \left[a(t) \|P_B(u_n(t))\|^\alpha + b(t) \right] \|u_n^+\| dt \\ &\leq \|u_n^+\|_{L^2} \left[\|a\|_{L^{\frac{2}{1-\alpha}}} \|P_B(u_n)\|_{L^2}^\alpha + \|b\|_{L^2} \right] \end{aligned} \tag{3.4}$$

Then by (3.2), (3.4) and (2.1), there exist two positive constants c_2, c_3 such that

$$\|u_n^+\| \leq c_2 \|P_B(u_n)\|^\alpha + c_3. \tag{3.5}$$

Observing that a similar result holds for (u_n^-) :

$$\|u_n^-\| \leq c_2 \|P_B(u_n)\|^\alpha + c_3. \tag{3.6}$$

We conclude from (3.5) and (3.6) that the sequence (u_n) is bounded if and only if the sequence $(P_B(u_n))$ is bounded. Assume that $(P_B(u_n))$ is not bounded, we can assume, by going to a subsequence if necessary, that $\|P_B(u_n)\| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Since $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, we conclude by (3.5) and (3.6) that

$$\frac{u_n^+}{\|P_B(u_n)\|} \rightarrow 0, \frac{u_n^-}{\|P_B(u_n)\|} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.7}$$

Therefore, we have

$$y_n = \frac{u_n}{\|P_B(u_n)\|} \rightarrow y \in B, |y| = 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.8}$$

It follows that

$$\frac{|u_n^0|}{\|P_B(u_n)\|} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.9}$$

Consequently, by (3.5), (3.6) and (3.9), we can find a positive constant c_4 such that

$$\|u_n^i\| \leq c_4 |u_n^0|^\alpha, i = +, -. \tag{3.10}$$

Now, we apply the fact that $(\varphi(u_n + v_n))$ is bounded to get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\|u_n^+\|^2 - \|u_n^-\|^2}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} \int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n + v_n)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \\ & + \int_0^T \frac{e(t) \cdot (u_n^+ - u_n^-)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \leq \frac{c_5}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

where c_3 is a positive constant. Using (3.10) and (3.11), we can find a constant c_6 satisfying

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n^0)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt &= \int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n + v_n)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \\ &+ \int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n^0) - H(t, u_n + v_n)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \tag{3.12}. \\ &\leq c_6 + \int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n^0) - H(t, u_n + v_n)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, by the Mean Value Theorem and assumption (H_1) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T [H(t, u_n^0) - H(u_n + v_n)] dt \\ &= -\int_0^T H'(t, u_n^0 + \theta(u_n^+ + u_n^- + v_n)) \cdot (u_n^+ + u_n^- + v_n) \\ &\leq \int_0^T [a(t) |P_B(u_n^0 + \theta(u_n^+ + u_n^-))|^\alpha + b(t)] \\ &\times |u_n^+ + u_n^- + v_n| dt \tag{3.13} \\ &\leq \left[\|a\|_{L^{\frac{2}{2-\alpha}}} \|P_B(u_n^0 + \theta(u_n^+ + u_n^-))\|_{L^2}^\alpha \right. \\ &\left. + \|b\|_{L^2} \right] \|u_n^+ + u_n^- + v_n\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

By considering (3.13) and Sobolev's embedding $E \hookrightarrow L^2(0, T; \mathbb{R}^{2N})$ we can find a constant $c_7 > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^T [H(t, u_n^0) - H(u_n + v_n)] dt \\ &\leq c_7 \left[|u_n^0|^\alpha + \|u_n^+\|^\alpha + \|u_n^-\|^\alpha \right] [\|u_n^+\| + \|u_n^-\| + 1] \end{aligned} \tag{3.14}$$

After combining (3.10), (3.12) and (3.14), we get

$$\int_0^T \frac{H(t, u_n^0)}{|u_n^0|^{2\alpha}} dt \leq c_8 \tag{3.15}$$

for some positive constant c_8 . However, the condition

(3.15) contradicts $(H_2)(i)$ because $|u_n^0| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. Consequently, (u_n) is bounded in X . Going if necessary to a subsequence, we can assume that $u_n \rightarrow u$, $u_n^0 \rightarrow u^0$ and $v_n \rightarrow v$. Notice that

$$\begin{aligned} & Q(u_n^+ - u^+) = (\varphi'_n(u_n + v_n) - \varphi'_n(u + v))(u_n^+ - u^+) \\ & - \int_0^T [H'(t, u_n + v_n) - H'(t, u + v) + e(t)] \\ & \cdot (u_n^+ - u^+) dt \end{aligned} \tag{3.16}$$

which implies that $u_n^+ \rightarrow u^+$ in E . Similarly, $u_n^- \rightarrow u^-$ in E . It follows that $(u_n, v_n) \rightarrow (u, v)$ in X and $\varphi'(u + v) = 0$. So φ satisfies the $(PS)_c$ condition for all $c \in \mathbb{R}$. The Lemma 3.1 is proved.

Now, let us prove that the functional φ satisfies the conditions a), b) and c) of Theorem 2.1.

a) Let $(u, v) \in W \times V$. By using the Mean Value Theorem, assumptions (H_0) , (H_1) and (2.1), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u + v) &= -\|u\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u + v) dt + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u dt \\ &= -\|u\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, v) dt \\ &+ \int_0^T H'(t, v + \theta u) \cdot u dt + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u dt \\ &\leq -\|u\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, v) dt + \int_0^T [a(t) |P_B(u)|^\alpha \\ &+ b(t)] |u| dt + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u dt \\ &\leq -\|u\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, v) dt + \int_0^T [a(t) \|P_B(u)\|^\alpha \\ &+ b(t)] |u| dt + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u dt \\ &\leq -\|u\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, v) dt + \|u\|_{L^2} \\ &\times \left[\left(\int_0^T a^2(t) |u|^{2\alpha} dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|b\|_{L^2} \right] + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u dt \\ &\leq -\|u\|^2 + \|u\| [c_9 \|u\|^\alpha + c_{10}] + c_{11} \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

where c_9, c_{10}, c_{11} are three positive constants. Since $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then

$$\varphi(u + v) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } u \in W, \|u\| \rightarrow \infty \text{ uniformly in } v \in V. \tag{3.18}$$

b) Let $(u, v) \in Z \times V$, with $u = u^+ + u^0$. By using the Mean Value Theorem, we get

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u + v) &= \|u^+\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u^+ + u^0 + v) dt \\ &+ \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u^+ dt \\ &= \|u^+\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt \\ &+ \int_0^T H'(t, u^0 + \theta(u^+ + v)) \cdot (u^+ + v) + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u^+ dt \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

By assumption (H_1) and (2.1), we can find a constant $c_{12} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^T H'(t, u^0 + \theta(u^+ + v)) \cdot (u^+ + v) dt + \int_0^T e(t) \cdot u^+ dt \right| \\ & \leq \int_0^T \left[a(t) \left| P_B(t, u^0 + \theta(u^+ + v)) \right|^\alpha + b(t) \right] \\ & \times \|u^+ + v\| dt + \|e\|_{L^2} \|u^+\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq \|u^+ + v\|_{L^2} \\ & \times \left(\left[\int_0^T a^2(t) (|u^0| + |u^+|)^{2\alpha} dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|b\|_{L^2} + \|e\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & \leq c_{12} (\|u^+\| + 1) \left[\|u^0\|^\alpha + \|u^+\|^\alpha + 1 \right] \end{aligned} \tag{3.20}$$

Therefore, by using (3.19) and (3.20) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u + v) & \geq \|u^+\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt \\ & - c_{12} (\|u^+\| + 1) \left[\|u^0\|^\alpha + \|u^+\|^\alpha + 1 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.21}$$

Now let $d > \frac{c_{12}^2}{2}$. By assumption $(H_2)(i)$, there exists a constant $c_{13} > 0$ such that

$$\int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt \geq d |u^0|^{2\alpha} - c_{13} \tag{3.22}$$

So by (3.21) and (3.22), we have

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u + v) & \geq \|u^+\|^2 + d |u^0|^{2\alpha} - c_{13} \\ & - c_{12} (\|u^+\| + 1) \left[\|u^0\|^\alpha + \|u^+\|^\alpha + 1 \right] \\ & \geq \frac{1}{2} \|u^+\|^2 - c_{12} \left[\|u^+\|^{\alpha+1} - \|u^+\| - \|u^+\|^\alpha \right] \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \left[\|u^+\| - c_{12} |u^0|^\alpha \right]^2 + \left[d - \frac{c_{12}^2}{2} \right] |u^0|^{2\alpha} \\ & - c_{12} |u^0|^\alpha - c_{12} - c_{13}. \end{aligned} \tag{3.23}$$

Since $d > \frac{c_{12}^2}{2}$ and $0 \leq \alpha < 1$, then

$$\varphi(u + v) \rightarrow \infty \text{ as } u \in Z, \|u\| \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } v \in V. \tag{3.24}$$

Hence by Lemma 3.1 and properties (3.18), (3.24), we deduce that the functional φ satisfies all the assumptions of Theorem 2.1. Therefore the Hamiltonian system (\mathcal{H}) possesses at least $(p+1)T$ -periodic solutions geometrically distinct. The proof of Theorem 1.1 is complete.

Proof of Theorem 1.2. Assume $(H_0), (H_1)$ and $(H_4)(i)$ hold. The following lemma will be needed for

the study of the geometry of the functional φ .

Lemma 3.2. There exist a non-increasing positive function $\theta \in C([0, \infty[, \mathbb{R}^+)$ and a positive constant c_0 satisfying the following conditions:

- i) $\theta(s) \rightarrow 0, \theta(s)s \rightarrow +\infty$ as $s \rightarrow +\infty$,
- ii) $\|H'(t, u)\|_{L^2} \leq c_0 \left[\theta(\|P_B(u)\|) \|P_B(u)\| + 1 \right], \forall u \in E$,
- iii) $\frac{1}{\left[\theta(|u^0|) |u^0| \right]^2} \int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt \rightarrow +\infty$ as $|u^0| \rightarrow +\infty$.

Proof: For $u \in E$, let

$$A = \left\{ t \in [0, T] : |P_B(u)(t)| \geq \|P_B(u)\| \right\}.$$

By (H_3) , we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|H'(t, u)\|_{L^2} & \leq \left[\int_0^T \left[a\omega(|P_B(u)(t)|) |P_B(u)(t)| + g(t) \right]^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ & \leq \left[\int_0^T \left[a\omega(|P_B(u)(t)|) |P_B(u)(t)| \right]^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|g\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq a \left[\int_A \omega^2(P_B(u)(t)) |P_B(u)(t)|^2 dt \right. \\ & \left. + \int_{[0, T]-A} \omega^2(P_B(u)(t)) |P_B(u)(t)|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|g\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq a \left[\int_A \omega^2 \left(\|P_B(u)\| \right) |P_B(u)(t)|^2 dt \right. \\ & \left. + T \sup_{s \geq 0} \omega^2(s) \|P_B(u)\| \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|g\|_{L^2}. \end{aligned}$$

So, by (2.1) there exists a positive constant c_0 such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \|H'(t, u)\|_{L^2} \\ & \leq c_0 \left[\left[\omega^2 \left(\|P_B(u)\| \right) \|P_B(u)\|^2 + \|P_B(u)\| \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 \right]. \end{aligned}$$

Take

$$\theta(s) = \left[\omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{s^2} \right) + \frac{1}{s} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}, s > 0,$$

then θ satisfies (ii) and it is clear to see that θ satisfies (i).

Next, let us define

$$\rho = \liminf_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\omega^2(s)}{\omega^2 \left(\frac{1}{s^2} \right)}.$$

By $(H_4)(i)$, for any $\gamma > 0$, there exists a positive

constant c_{14} such that

$$\int_0^T H(t, x) dt \geq \gamma [\omega(|x|)|x|]^2 - c_{14}. \tag{3.25}$$

which implies that for $u_0 \in B, u^0 \neq 0,$

$$\frac{\int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt}{[\theta(|u^0|)|u^0|]^2} \geq \frac{\gamma [\omega(|u^0|)|u^0|]^2 - c_{14}}{\omega^2\left(|u^0|^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)|u^0|^2 + |u^0|}. \tag{3.26}$$

By the definition of $\rho,$ there exists $R > 0$ such that for all $s \geq R$

$$\frac{\omega^2(s)s^2}{\omega^2\left(\frac{1}{s^2}\right)s^2 + s} \geq \frac{\rho}{2}. \tag{3.27}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{\int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt}{[\theta(|u^0|)|u^0|]^2} \geq \frac{\gamma\rho}{2T} - \frac{c_{14}}{\omega^2\left(|u^0|^{\frac{1}{2}}\right)|u^0|^2 + |u^0|} \tag{3.28}$$

as $|u^0| \geq R$ and then

$$\lim_{|u^0| \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\int_0^T H(t, u^0) dt}{[\theta(|u^0|)|u^0|]^2} \geq \frac{\gamma\rho}{2T}. \tag{3.29}$$

Since γ is arbitrary chosen, condition (iii) holds.

Now, let us prove the Palais-Smale condition.

Lemma 3.3. For all level $c \in \mathbb{R},$ the functional φ satisfies the $(PS)_c^*$ condition with respect to the sequence $(X_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}.$

Proof. Let $(u_n, v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence in X such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}, (u_n, v_n) \in X_n$ and

$$\varphi(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow c \text{ and } \varphi'_n(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty. \tag{3.30}$$

Set $u_n = u_n^+ + u_n^- + u_n^0$ and $\tilde{u}_n = u_n^+ + u_n^-.$ By Hölder's inequality, (2.1) and Lemma 2.2(ii), we get a positive constant c_{15} such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^T (H'(t, u_n + v_n) + e(t)) \cdot (u_n^+ - u_n^-) dt \right| \\ & \leq \|u_n^+ - u_n^-\|_{L^2} \left(\left[\int_0^T |H'(t, u_n + v_n)|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} + \|e\|_{L^2} \right) \\ & \leq c_{15} \|\tilde{u}_n\| \left[\theta(\|P_B(u_n)\|) \|P_B(u_n)\| + 1 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

Thus, for n large enough

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{u}_n\| & \geq \varphi'(u_n + v_n)(u_n^+ - u_n^-) \\ & \geq 2\|\tilde{u}_n\|^2 - c_{15} \|\tilde{u}_n\| \left[\theta(\|P_B(u_n)\|) \|P_B(u_n)\| + 1 \right]. \end{aligned} \tag{3.32}$$

So there exists a positive constant c_{16} such that

$$\|\tilde{u}_n\| \leq c_{16} \left[\theta(\|P_B(u_n)\|) \|P_B(u_n)\| + 1 \right]. \tag{3.33}$$

By (3.33) and the properties (i) of $\theta,$ we deduce that $(\|u_n\|)$ is bounded if and only $(\|P_B(u_n)\|)$ is bounded.

Now, since θ is nonincreasing and $\|u\| \geq \|P_B(u_n)\| \geq \max(|u^0|, \|P_B(\tilde{u})\|),$ we get

$$\theta(\|u\|) \leq \min(\theta(|u^0|), \theta(\|P_B(\tilde{u})\|)) \tag{3.34}$$

Combining (3.32) and (3.34), yields for n large enough

$$\begin{aligned} \|\tilde{u}_n\| & \geq 2\|\tilde{u}_n\|^2 \\ & - c_{15} \|\tilde{u}_n\| \left[\theta(\|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\|) \|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| + \theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right] \end{aligned}$$

which implies

$$c_{15} \theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \geq \|\tilde{u}_n\| \left[2 - c_{15} \theta(\|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\|) \right] - c_{15} - 1. \tag{3.35}$$

Assume that $(\|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\|)$ is unbounded, then by going to a subsequence, if necessary, we can assume that $\|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty.$ Since $\theta(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty,$ we deduce from (3.35) that there exists a positive constant c_{17} such that

$$\|\tilde{u}_n\| \leq c_{17} \theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \tag{3.36}$$

for n large enough. Since the map $s \rightarrow \theta(s)s$ is continuous in $[0, \infty]$ and goes to $+\infty$ as $s \rightarrow \infty,$ then $|u_n^0| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty.$

Now, by the Mean Value Theorem, Hölder's inequality and Lemma 3.2(ii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0)) dt \right| \\ & \left| \int_0^T \int_0^1 H'(t, u_n^0 + s(\tilde{u}_n + v_n)) \cdot (\tilde{u} = +v_n) ds dt \right| \\ & \leq \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\|_{L^2} \int_0^1 \left(\int_0^T |H'(t, u_n^0 + s(\tilde{u}_n + v_n))|^2 dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} ds \\ & \leq c_0 \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\|_{L^2} \int_0^1 \left[\theta(\|u_n^0 + sP_B(\tilde{u}_n)\|) \|u_n^0 + sP_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| + 1 \right] ds. \end{aligned} \tag{3.37}$$

Since $\|u_n^0 + sP_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| \geq |u_n^0|$ for all $s \in [0, 1],$ we deduce from (2.1), (3.36) and (3.37) that there exists a positive constant c_{18} such that

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0)) dt \right| \\ & \leq c_0 \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\|_{L^2} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + \theta(|u_n^0|) \|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| + 1 \right] \\ & \leq c_{18} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 + \theta(|u_n^0|) \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 \\ & \quad + \theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1, \end{aligned} \tag{3.38}$$

which with (2.1) and (3.36) imply that there exists a positive constant c_{19} such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(u_n + v_n) &= \|u_n^+\|^2 - \|u_n^-\|^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt \\
 &+ \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0)) dt + \int_0^T e(t) \tilde{u}_n dt \\
 &\geq \int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt - c_{19} \left[\left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 \right. \\
 &\left. + \theta(|u_n^0|) \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 + \theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right] \tag{3.39} \\
 &\geq c_{19} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 \left(-1 - \theta(|u_n^0|) - \frac{1}{\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0|} \right. \\
 &\left. - \frac{1}{\left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2} + \frac{\int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt}{c_{19} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

which, with Lemma 3.2 (iii), imply that $\varphi(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This contradicts the boundedness of $(\varphi(u_n + v_n))$. So $(\|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\|)$ is bounded.

Assume that $(|u_n^0|)$ is unbounded, then up to a subsequence, if necessary, we can assume that $|u_n^0| \rightarrow \infty$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$. As in (3.38), and using (2.1), (3.34) and the fact that $\theta(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$, we can find a constant $c_{21} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0)) dt \right| \\
 &\leq c_0 \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\|_{L^2} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + \theta(|u_n^0|) \|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| + 1 \right] \tag{3.40} \\
 &\leq c_{21} \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\| \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

Now, since $\theta(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$, then combining (3.33) and (3.34) yields

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|\tilde{u}_n + v_n\| &\leq \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + \theta(|u_n^0|) \|P_B(\tilde{u}_n)\| + 1 \right] + |v_n| \tag{3.41} \\
 &\leq c_{22} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

for a positive constant c_{22} . Therefore there exists a positive constant c_{23} such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0) + e(t) \tilde{u}_n) dt \right| \tag{3.42} \\
 &\leq c_{23} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]^2.
 \end{aligned}$$

We deduce from (3.41) and (3.42) that there exists a constant $c_{24} > 0$ such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(u_n + v_n) &\geq -c_{24} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]^2 + \int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt \\
 &\geq \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]^2 \left[-c_{24} + \frac{\int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt}{\left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies by Lemma 3.2 (iii) that $\varphi(u_n + v_n) \rightarrow +\infty$

as $n \rightarrow \infty$. This contradicts the boundedness of $(\varphi(u_n + v_n))$. Then $(|u_n^0|)$ is also bounded and therefore $(\|u_n\|)$ is bounded. By a standard argument, we conclude that (u_n) possesses a convergent subsequence. The proof of Lemma 3.3 is complete.

Now, let $(u, v) = (u^0 + u^+, v) \in Z \times V$, then as in (3.38) there exists a positive constant c_{25} such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_0^T (H(t, u_n + v_n) - H(t, u_n^0) + e(t) \tilde{u}_n) dt \right| \tag{3.43} \\
 &\leq c_{25} \left[\|u^+\| + 1 \right] \left[\theta(|u^0|) |u^0| + \theta(|u^0|) \|P_B(u^+)\| + 1 \right].
 \end{aligned}$$

So, we have for a positive constant c_{26}

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(u + v) &\geq \|u^+\|^2 - c_{26} \|u^+\| \left[\theta(|u^0|) |u^0| \right. \\
 &\left. + \theta(|u^0|) \|u^+\| + 1 \right] - c_{26} + \int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt. \tag{3.44}
 \end{aligned}$$

Let $0 < \epsilon < 1$, we have

$$c_{26} \theta(|u^0|) |u^0| \|u^+\| \leq \frac{c_{26}^2}{\epsilon^2} \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 + \epsilon^2 \|u^+\|^2. \tag{3.45}$$

By combining (3.44) and (3.45), we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \varphi(u + v) &\geq \left[1 - \epsilon^2 - c_{26} \theta(|u^0|) \right] \|u^+\|^2 - c_{26} \|u^+\| \\
 &+ \left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| \right]^2 \left[-\frac{c_{26}^2}{\epsilon^2} + \frac{\int_0^T H(t, u_n^0) dt}{\left[\theta(|u_n^0|) |u_n^0| + 1 \right]^2} \right]
 \end{aligned}$$

which implies that

$$\varphi(u + v) \rightarrow +\infty \text{ as } u \in Z, \|u\| \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } v \in V. \tag{3.46}$$

On the other hand, let $b \in B$, $|b| > 0$. By the Mean Value Theorem, we have for $u \in W = E^-$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \int_0^T (H(t, u + v) - H(t, b)) dt \right| \\
 &= \left| \int_0^T \int_0^1 H'(t, b + s(u + v - b)) \cdot (u + v - b) ds dt \right| \\
 &\leq \|u + v - b\|_{L^2} \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^T |H'(t, b + s(u + v - b))|^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} ds \\
 &\leq \|u + v - b\|_{L^2} \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^T (a\omega(|b + s(P_B(u) - b)|) \right. \\
 &\left. \times |b + s(P_B(u) - b)| + g(t))^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} ds \tag{3.47} \\
 &\leq \|u + v - b\|_{L^2} \left(a \int_0^1 \left[\int_0^T (\omega(|b + s(P_B(u) - b)|) \right. \right. \\
 &\left. \left. \times |b + s(P_B(u) - b)|)^2 dt \right]^{\frac{1}{2}} ds + \|g\|_{L^2} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Take for $s \in [0, 1]$,

$$A(s) = \left\{ t \in [0, 1] : \left| b + s(P_B(u) - b) \right| \geq |b| \right\}.$$

By a similar calculation as in the proof of Lemma 3.2, we get for some positive constants c_{27} and $c(b)$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \int_0^T (H(t, u+v) - H(t, b) + e(t) \cdot u) dt \right| \\ & \leq c_{27} \omega(|b|) \|u\|^2 + c(b) (\|u\| + 1) \end{aligned} \quad (3.48)$$

which implies that

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi(u+v) & \leq -\|u\|^2 + c_{27} \omega(|b|) \|u\|^2 \\ & \quad + c(b) (\|u\| + 1) + \int_0^T H(t, b) dt. \end{aligned} \quad (3.49)$$

Since $\theta(s) \rightarrow 0$ as $s \rightarrow \infty$, there exists $|b| > 0$ such that $c_{27} \omega(|b|) \leq \frac{1}{2}$, which implies that

$$\varphi(u+v) \leq -\frac{1}{2} \|u\|^2 + c(b) (\|u\| + 1) + \int_0^T H(t, b) dt.$$

So we have

$$\varphi(u+v) \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } u \in W, \|u\| \rightarrow \infty, \text{ uniformly in } v \in V. \quad (3.50)$$

Thus, Lemma 3.3 and properties (3.46), (3.50) imply that the functional φ satisfies all the assumptions of the Generalized Saddle Point Theorem. Therefore the Hamiltonian system (\mathcal{H}) possesses at least $(p+1)T$ -periodic solutions geometrically distinct. The proof of Theorem 1.2 is complete.

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