

Non-rigidity of partially hyperbolic abelian C^1 -actions on tori

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Abstract. We prove that every genuinely partially hyperbolic \mathbb{Z}^r -action by toral automorphisms can be perturbed in C^1 -topology, so that the resulting action is continuously conjugate, but not C^1 -conjugate, to the original one.

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1. Introduction

1.1. *Statement of results.* In this paper, let $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow \mathrm{GL}_d(\mathbb{Z}) = \mathrm{Aut}(\mathbb{T}^d)$ be a group morphism and denote indifferently by ρ the group action it induces on \mathbb{T}^d . Our main result is the following theorem.

THEOREM 1.1. *If an action $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ by toral automorphisms contains no hyperbolic automorphisms, then for any $\tau > 0$, there exists an action $\alpha : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ by C^1 -diffeomorphisms such that:*



- (1) $d_{C^1}(\alpha, \rho) < \tau$;
- (2) $\alpha^n = \tilde{H} \circ \rho \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}$ for a homeomorphism $\tilde{H} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$ that is homotopic to id ;
- (3) neither \tilde{H} nor \tilde{H}^{-1} is differentiable.

Here the C^1 -distance d_{C^1} between two actions is defined as $d_{C^1}(\alpha, \rho) = \max_{\mathbf{n} \in \Xi} \|\alpha^n - \rho^n\|_{C^1}$, where $\Xi \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ is the generating set

$$\Xi = \{\pm \mathbf{e}_i : i = 1, \dots, r\}$$

with \mathbf{e}_i being the i th coordinate vector.

Definition 1.2. [DK10, Section 1.3.2] An action $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ by toral automorphisms is *genuinely partially hyperbolic* if ρ is ergodic with respect to the Haar measure on \mathbb{T}^d , but ρ^n is not hyperbolic for any \mathbf{n} .

As remarked in [DK10], a genuinely partially hyperbolic action contains an element which has no root of unity among its eigenvalues, or equivalently an ergodic toral automorphism.

COROLLARY 1.3. *Suppose $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ is a genuinely partially hyperbolic action by toral automorphisms. Then for any $\tau > 0$, there exists an action $\alpha : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ by C^1 -diffeomorphisms such that:*

- (1) $d_{C^1}(\alpha, \rho) < \tau$;
- (2) α and ρ are not C^1 -conjugate.

Corollary 1.3 is deduced from Theorem 1.1 through a standard argument.

Proof. Let α be given by Theorem 1.1 and assume $\tilde{G} : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$ is a C^1 diffeomorphism such that $\alpha^n \circ \tilde{G} = \tilde{G} \circ \rho^n$ for all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^d$. Then $G := \tilde{H}^{-1} \circ \tilde{G}$ is a homeomorphism of \mathbb{T}^d such that

$$\rho^n \circ G = \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}^{-1} \circ \tilde{G} = \tilde{H}^{-1} \circ \alpha^n \circ \tilde{G} = \tilde{H}^{-1} \circ \tilde{G} \circ \rho^n = G \circ \rho^n.$$

Since at least one of the ρ^n is an ergodic toral automorphism, G is affine by [W70, Corollary 2]. So $\tilde{G} = \tilde{H} \circ G$ cannot be C^1 because \tilde{H} is not, which contradicts our assumption. □

1.2. Background. Faithful linear actions by higher rank abelian groups on tori and nilmanifolds, that is, \mathbb{Z}^r -actions generated by automorphisms where $r \geq 2$, have since been long expected to be rigid, in the following sense: under some additional assumptions, a smooth action α in the same homotopy class should be smoothly conjugated to the linear action itself, which we denote by ρ . The issue we address in this paper is whether the conjugacy, denoted by h , should have the same smoothness as α .

One important rigidity phenomenon is the local rigidity of the actions ρ described above, which stands for rigidity under perturbative assumptions. An action ρ is said to be $C^{l,m,n}$ -locally rigid if all C^l -actions that are sufficiently close to ρ in C^m topology are C^n -conjugate to ρ . For Cartan actions (that is, faithful linear actions by \mathbb{Z}^r with the largest possible r , modulo restriction to a finite index subgroup) on tori, $C^{\infty,1,\infty}$ local rigidity was proved by Katok and Lewis [KL91]. For some more general

classes of hyperbolic actions, $C^{\infty,1,\infty}$ local rigidity was proved by Katok and Spatzier [KS94, KS97] and Einsiedler and Fisher [EF07]. For global rigidity see [F69], [FKS11], [FKS13] and [RH07]. Damjanović and Katok [DK10] proved $C^{\infty,r,\infty}$ local rigidity for genuinely partially hyperbolic \mathbb{Z}^r -actions by toral automorphisms by the Kolmogorov–Arnold–Moser (KAM) method. For finitely differentiable actions, $C^{l,1,l}$ is not expected to follow from KAM methods because of the loss of regularity when solving a cocycle equation of the form (2.1) below. When $r = 1$, that is, for the dynamics of a single toral automorphism A of \mathbb{T}^d that is partially hyperbolic, such loss of regularity in the cocycle equation was discussed by Veech in [V86], where it was shown that, although the cocycle equation $g \circ A - A \circ g = f$ can be solved in C^n if $f \in C^l$ and $n < l - d$, there exists a C^1 -function f for which the equation has no C^1 -solutions.

Section 3 of this paper will describe similar loss of regularity when solving the cocycle equation for general genuinely partially hyperbolic \mathbb{Z}^r -actions by toral automorphisms. In §2, we propose a reversed KAM scheme that allows an accumulation of such losses at certain sequences of periodic points, which leads to the failure of $C^{1,1,1}$ -rigidity in Theorem 1.1.

1.3. *Notation.* In the rest of this paper:

- ρ will be fixed;
- all implicit constants in expression of the forms $X \ll Y$ and $X = O(Y)$ will be assumed to be dependent on r, d, ρ , and Ξ , but independent of other variables;
- $e(t)$ will denote the function $e^{2\pi it}$.

2. *The inductive scheme*

2.1. *Sequence of conjugacies.* We employ a reversed KAM scheme to construct a counterexample. A sequence of conjugacies H_m will be constructed in later sections, where $H_m = \text{id} + h_m$ for a sequence of C^∞ smooth functions $h_m : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ that are small in C^1 norm. Inductively define

$$\tilde{H}_m = H_1 \circ \dots \circ H_m, \tag{2.1}$$

and

$$\alpha_m^n = \tilde{H}_m \circ \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1}. \tag{2.2}$$

For $m = 0$, set $\tilde{H}_0 = \text{id}$ and $\alpha_0 = \rho$.

Notice that as H_m is homotopic to id , all the α_m terms are homotopic to ρ .

Define a twisted coboundary $g_m : \mathbb{Z}^r \times \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ over ρ by

$$g_m^n(x) = h_m \circ \rho^n(x) - \rho^n h_m(x). \tag{2.3}$$

We pose a list of technical conditions on h_m and g_m as follows.

Condition 2.1. The sequence $\{h_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ will be chosen, together with:

- a positive number $\tau \in (0, 1)$;
- a sequence of positive numbers $\{\theta_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$;
- unit vectors $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$, as well as two sequences of non-zero vectors $\{v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty, \{v_m^*\}_{m=1}^\infty$ from \mathbb{R}^d ,

so that, for all $m \in \mathbb{N}$:

- (i) $\sum_{m=1}^\infty \theta_m < \tau$;
- (ii) $\|h_m\|_{C^1} \ll \tau$ and

$$\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}\|_{C^1}\right)\|h_m\|_{C^0} < \theta_m$$
;
- (iii) $\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2} \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1} \|g_m^n\|_{C^1} < \theta_m$;
- (iv) $h_m(0) = 0$ and either $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = v + \tau w$ if m is odd or $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = v$ if m is even;
- (v) either $w = v$ or $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)w = w$;
- (vi) $h_m(v_{m'}) = h_m(v_{m'}^*) = 0$ for all $1 \leq m' \leq m - 1$, where $v_{m'}$ is identified with its projection in \mathbb{T}^d ;
- (vii) $\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^2} |v_m| < \theta_m$, $\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} |v_m|/|v_m| - v| < \theta_m$, $\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^2} |v_m^*| < \theta_m$, and $\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} |v_m^*|/|v_m^*| - (v + \tau w)/|v + \tau w| < \theta_m$.

Along our proof, it will turn out that v and w may or may not be the same.

2.2. *Sufficient inductive conditions.* We now show the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.2. *Given the action ρ , if Condition 2.1 is satisfied and the constant $\tau > 0$ therein is sufficiently small, then:*

- (1) $\{\tilde{H}_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ converges in C^0 to a homeomorphism \tilde{H} that is homotopic to id;
- (2) for all $n \in \Xi$, $\tilde{H} \circ \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}$ is C^1 differentiable and

$$\|\tilde{H} \circ \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}^{-1} - \rho^n\|_{C^1} \ll \tau;$$

- (3) neither \tilde{H} nor \tilde{H}^{-1} is differentiable.

We first recall a few technical facts regarding C^k norms.

LEMMA 2.3. *For smooth maps $\phi, \psi : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{T}^d$ and $\Delta : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$:*

- (1) $\|\phi \circ \psi\|_{C^2} \ll \|\phi\|_{C^2} (1 + \|\psi\|_{C^0})^2 (1 + \|\psi\|_{C^2})$. If ψ is not homotopically trivial, then $\|\phi \circ \psi\|_{C^1} \leq \|\phi\|_{C^1} \|\psi\|_{C^1}$;
- (2) $\|\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta) - \phi \circ \psi\|_{C^1} \ll \|\phi\|_{C^2} (1 + \|\psi\|_{C^1}) \|\Delta\|_{C^1}$;
- (3) there is $\epsilon = \epsilon(d)$ such that if $\|\phi - \text{id}\|_{C^1} \leq \epsilon$, then ϕ is invertible, and $\|\phi^{-1}\|_{C^1} \ll 1 + \|\phi\|_{C^1}$ and $\|\phi^{-1}\|_{C^2} \ll 1 + \|\phi\|_{C^2}$.

Proof of Lemma 2.3. (1) The C^2 bound is in [K99, Proposition A.2.3]. For the C^1 bound, note $\|\phi \circ \psi\|_{C^0} = \|\phi\|_{C^0} \leq \|\phi\|_{C^1} \|\psi\|_{C^1}$, where we used $\|\psi\|_{C^1} \leq 1$ because ψ is not homotopically trivial. In addition, $\|D(\phi \circ \psi)\|_{C^0} = \|(D\phi \circ \psi)D\psi\|_{C^0} \leq \|\phi\|_{C^1} \|\psi\|_{C^1}$.

(2) We have

$$\|\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta) - \phi \circ \psi\|_{C^0} \leq \|\phi\|_{C^1} \|\Delta\|_{C^0} \leq \|\phi\|_{C^2} (1 + \|\psi\|_{C^1}) \|\Delta\|_{C^1}.$$

Moreover,

$$\begin{aligned} &\|D(\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta) - \phi \circ \psi)\|_{C^0} \\ &= \|(D\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta))(D\psi + D\Delta) - (D\phi \circ \psi)D\psi\|_{C^0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \|(D\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta) - D\phi \circ \psi)D\psi + (D\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta))D\Delta\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|D\phi \circ (\psi + \Delta) - D\phi \circ \psi\|_{C^0}\|D\psi\|_{C^0} + \|D\phi\|_{C^0}\|D\Delta\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|D\phi\|_{C^1}\|\Delta\|_{C^0}\|D\psi\|_{C^0} + \|D\phi\|_{C^0}\|D\Delta\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\phi\|_{C^2}\|\psi\|_{C^1}\|\Delta\|_{C^0} + \|\phi\|_{C^1}\|\Delta\|_{C^1} \\
 &\leq \|\phi\|_{C^2}(1 + \|\psi\|_{C^1})\|\Delta\|_{C^1}.
 \end{aligned}$$

(3) Is proven in [H82, Lemma 2.3.6]. □

Proof of Proposition 2.2. In the proof below, we will repeatedly use the fact that, because \tilde{H}_{m-1} is homotopic to id,

$$\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} \geq 1, \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1} \geq 1. \tag{2.4}$$

(1) By Lemma 2.3, when τ is sufficiently small depending on the dimension d , $H_m = \text{id} + h_m$ is invertible, and H_m^{-1} is C^1 differentiable and homotopic to id. So every \tilde{H}_m is invertible in C^1 .

By Condition 2.1(ii) and (2.4), for all $x \in \mathbb{T}^d$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &|\tilde{H}_m(x) - \tilde{H}_{m-1}(x)| \\
 &= |\tilde{H}_{m-1}(x + h_m(x)) - \tilde{H}_{m-1}(x)| \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^1}\|h_m\|_{C^0} < \theta_m.
 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that $\{\tilde{H}_m\}$ is a Cauchy, and hence convergent, sequence in C^0 . Its limit, which we denote by \tilde{H} , is a continuous map that is homotopic to id. Note

$$\|\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m\|_{C^0} \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|\tilde{H}_{k-1}\|_{C^1}\|h_k\|_{C^0}. \tag{2.5}$$

However, it is easy to see that $H_m^{-1} = \text{id} + h_m^*$, where $h_m^* = -h_m \circ H_m^{-1}$. In particular, $\|h_m^*\|_{C^0} = \|h_m\|_{C^0}$ and

$$\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|h_m^*\|_{C^0} \leq \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^1}\|h_m\|_{C^0} < \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \theta_m < \tau. \tag{2.6}$$

As $\tilde{H}_m^{-1} = \tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1} + h_m^* \circ \tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}$, it follows that $\{\tilde{H}_m^{-1}\}$ is a Cauchy sequence in C^0 topology, and thus converges to a continuous map \tilde{H}^* . Additionally, \tilde{H}^* is homotopic to id. We also have

$$\|\tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^0} \leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|h_k\|_{C^0}. \tag{2.7}$$

Thus, for all m ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\tilde{H} \circ \tilde{H}^* - \text{id}\|_{C^0} \\
 &= \|\tilde{H} \circ \tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H} \circ \tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m \circ \tilde{H}^*\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m \circ \tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1}\|\tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|\tilde{H}_{k-1}\|_{C^1} \|h_k\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|h_k\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k = 2 \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.8}$$

where we used equation (2.7) and the parts (i), (ii) of Condition 2.1. As $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \theta_m < \tau$, it follows that $\|\tilde{H} \circ \tilde{H}^* - \text{id}\|_{C^0} = 0$. Therefore, $\tilde{H} \circ \tilde{H}^* = \text{id}$.

Similarly, for all m ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\tilde{H}^* \circ \tilde{H} - \text{id}\|_{C^0} \\
 &= \|\tilde{H}^* \circ \tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m^{-1} \circ \tilde{H}_m\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}^* \circ \tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m^{-1} \circ \tilde{H}\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m^{-1} \circ \tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m^{-1} \circ \tilde{H}_m\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}^* - \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^1} \|\tilde{H} - \tilde{H}_m\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|h_k\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^1} \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|\tilde{H}_{k-1}\|_{C^1} \|h_k\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k = 2 \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k.
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.9}$$

As above, we know $\tilde{H}^* \circ \tilde{H} = \text{id}$.

We can now conclude that $\tilde{H}^* = \tilde{H}^{-1}$ and \tilde{H} is a homeomorphism of \mathbb{T}^d .

(2) By Lemma 2.3, for $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\alpha_m^{\mathbf{n}} - \alpha_{m-1}^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} \\
 &= \|\tilde{H}_{m-1} \circ H_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1} - \tilde{H}_{m-1} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ H_m \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^1} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}_{m-1} \circ H_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} - \tilde{H}_{m-1} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ H_m\|_{C^1} \|\tilde{H}_m^{-1}\|_{C^1} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2} (1 + \|H_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1}) \\
 &\quad \cdot \|H_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} - \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ H_m\|_{C^1} \|H_m^{-1}\|_{C^1} \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1} \\
 &\ll \| \tilde{H}_{m-1} \|_{C^2} (1 + \|H_m\|_{C^1} \|\rho^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1}) \\
 &\quad \cdot \|(\rho^{\mathbf{n}} + h_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}}) - (\rho^{\mathbf{n}} + \rho^{\mathbf{n}} h_m)\|_{C^1} \|H_m\|_{C^1} \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1} \\
 &\ll \| \tilde{H}_{m-1} \|_{C^2} \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1} \|g_m\|_{C^1} < \theta_m.
 \end{aligned}$$

Because $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \theta_m < \tau$, the sequence $\{\alpha_m^{\mathbf{n}}\}$ is Cauchy in C^1 topology. Denote the limit by $\alpha^{\mathbf{n}}$. Since $\rho^{\mathbf{n}} = \alpha_0^{\mathbf{n}}$,

$$\|\alpha^{\mathbf{n}} - \rho^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} \ll \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \theta_m < \tau \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{n} \in \Xi. \tag{2.10}$$

Finally, we want to show that $\alpha^{\mathbf{n}} = \tilde{H} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}$. For all $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\|\alpha_m^{\mathbf{n}} - \tilde{H} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}\|_{C^0} \\
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}_m^{-1} - \tilde{H}_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}^{-1} - \tilde{H} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}\|_{C^0}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\leq \|\tilde{H}_m \circ \rho^n\|_{C^1} \|\tilde{H}_m^{-1} - \tilde{H}^{-1}\|_{C^0} + \|\tilde{H}_m - \tilde{H}\|_{C^0} \\
 &\ll \|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|h_k\|_{C^0} + \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \|\tilde{H}_{k-1}\|_{C^1} \|h_k\|_{C^0} \\
 &\ll \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \left(\max_{k'=1}^{k-1} \|\tilde{H}_{k'}\|_{C^1}\right) \|h_k\|_{C^0} \\
 &< \sum_{k=m+1}^{\infty} \theta_k,
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.11}$$

which decays to 0 as $m \rightarrow \infty$. Thus, $\tilde{H} \circ \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}$ is the C^0 limit of α_m^n , which coincides with α^n .

The extension of the definition $\alpha^n = \tilde{H} \circ \rho^n \circ \tilde{H}^{-1}$ to general $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ forms a C^1 action generated by $\{\alpha^n : \mathbf{n} \in \Xi\}$.

(3) Since $H_m(0) = 0 + h_m(0) = 0$,

$$\tilde{H}_m(0) = 0 \quad \text{for all } m \text{ and } \tilde{H}(0) = 0.$$

In addition, for all positive integers $m' > m \geq 1$, $h_{m'}(v_m) = 0$ and thus $H_{m'}(v_m) = v_m + h_{m'}(v_m) = v_m$. Therefore, for all $k > m \geq 1$,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tilde{H}_{m'}(v_m) &= \tilde{H}_m \circ H_{m+1} \circ \dots \circ H_{m'-1} \circ H_{m'}(v_m) \\
 &= \tilde{H}_m \circ H_{m+1} \circ \dots \circ H_{m'-1}(v_m) \\
 &= \dots = \tilde{H}_m(v_m),
 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\tilde{H}(v_m) = \lim_{m' \rightarrow \infty} \tilde{H}_{m'}(v_m) = \tilde{H}_m(v_m). \tag{2.12}$$

Set $y_m = v_m + \sum_{m'=1}^m h_{m'} \circ H_{m'+1} \circ \dots \circ H_m(v_m)$. Then $\tilde{H}(v_m) = \tilde{H}_m(v_m)$ is the projection of y_m to \mathbb{T}^d , which we indifferently denote by y_m .

We first claim that \tilde{H} is not differentiable at 0. To show this, it is helpful to study the asymptotic behavior of the sequence of vectors $y_m/|v_m|$.

Remark that since $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \theta_m < \tau$, $\theta_m \rightarrow 0$. Moreover, as \tilde{H}_m is homotopic to id, $\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^2} \geq \|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1} \geq 1$. Thus, Condition 2.1(vii) shows $|v_m| \leq \theta_m$ and $|v_m/|v_m| - v| \leq \theta_m$. Thus, $v_m \rightarrow 0$ and $v_m/|v_m| \rightarrow v$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$.

As $\tilde{H}_m(v_m) = y_m$, by Condition 2.1(vii),

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\frac{y_m}{|v_m|} - (D_0 \tilde{H}_m)v \\
 &= \left(\frac{\tilde{H}_m(v_m)}{|v_m|} - \frac{(D_0 \tilde{H}_m)v_m}{|v_m|}\right) + \left((D_0 \tilde{H}_m)\left(\frac{v_m}{|v_m|} - v\right)\right) \\
 &= \frac{O(\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^2}|v_m|^2)}{|v_m|} + O\left(\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1}\left|\frac{v_m}{|v_m|} - v\right|\right) \\
 &= O(\theta_m).
 \end{aligned} \tag{2.13}$$

This shows, using Condition 2.1(iv),

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l+1}}{|v_{2l+1}|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l+1})v = v + \tau w, \tag{2.14}$$

and similarly,

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}}{|v_{2l}|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l})v = v. \tag{2.15}$$

Non-differentiability of \tilde{H} : Assume for the sake of contradiction that \tilde{H} is differentiable at 0. Then, as $\tilde{H}(v_m) = y_m$ as well,

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{y_m}{|v_m|} - (D_0 \tilde{H}) \\ &= \left(\frac{\tilde{H}(v_m)}{|v_m|} - \frac{(D_0 \tilde{H})v_m}{|v_m|} \right) + \left((D_0 \tilde{H}) \left(\frac{v_m}{|v_m|} - v \right) \right) \\ &= \frac{o_{\tilde{H}}(|v_m|)}{|v_m|} + O_{\tilde{H}} \left(\left| \frac{v_m}{|v_m|} - v \right| \right) \rightarrow 0 \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

as $m \rightarrow \infty$. This contradicts equations (2.14) and (2.15) where different subsequences of $y_m/|v_m|$ have different limits. Therefore, \tilde{H} cannot be differentiable at 0.

Non-differentiability of \tilde{H}^{-1} : By equation (2.14), $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (|y_{2l+1}|/|v_{2l+1}|) = |v + \tau w|$. Thus,

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|v_{2l+1}|}{|y_{2l+1}|} \cdot \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l+1}}{|v_{2l+1}|} = \frac{v + \tau w}{|v + \tau w|} \tag{2.17}$$

and

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{|v_{2l+1}|}{|y_{2l+1}|} \cdot \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l+1}}{|v_{2l+1}|} = \frac{v}{|v + \tau w|}. \tag{2.18}$$

However, using v_m^* instead, we can define $y_m^* = \tilde{H}(v_m^*) = \tilde{H}_m(y_m^*)$ as in equation (2.12). Then $|v_m^*| \rightarrow 0$ and $|y_m^*| \rightarrow 0$ as $m \rightarrow \infty$. The same computations in equations (2.13), (2.14), and (2.15) give rise to, in lieu of equation (2.16),

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}^*}{|v_{2l}^*|} \\ &= \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l}) \frac{v + \tau w}{|v + \tau w|} \\ &= \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l})v + \tau (D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l})w}{|v + \tau w|}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.19}$$

If $w = v$, then

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}^*}{|v_{2l}^*|} &= \frac{(1 + \tau) \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (D_0 \tilde{H}_{2l})v}{|(1 + \tau)v|} \\ &= \frac{(1 + \tau)v}{|(1 + \tau)v|} = v. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (y_{2l}^*/|v_{2l}^*|) = 1$ and

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}^*}{|y_{2l}^*|} = v = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|} \\ \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l}^*}{|y_{2l}^*|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l}^*}{|v_{2l}^*|} = v \neq \frac{v}{1 + \tau} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|}. \end{cases} \tag{2.20}$$

If $w \neq v$, then by equation (2.19) and properties (iv), (v) of Condition 2.1,

$$\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}^*}{|v_{2l}^*|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(v + \tau w)}{|v + \tau w|} = \frac{v + \tau w}{|v + \tau w|},$$

and therefore, $\lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} (y_{2l}^*/|v_{2l}^*|) = 1$ and

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l}^*}{|y_{2l}^*|} = \frac{v + \tau w}{|v + \tau w|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{y_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|} \\ \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l}^*}{|y_{2l}^*|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l}^*}{|v_{2l}^*|} = \frac{v + \tau w}{|v + \tau w|} \neq \frac{v}{|v + \tau w|} = \lim_{l \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v_{2l+1}}{|y_{2l+1}|}. \end{cases} \tag{2.21}$$

As $v_{2l}^* = \tilde{H}^{-1}(y_{2l}^*)$ and $v_{2l+1} = \tilde{H}^{-1}(y_{2l+1})$, in both the cases of equations (2.20) and (2.21), the same argument as in equation (2.16) shows \tilde{H}^{-1} is not differentiable at 0 either. □

2.3. *Fulfillment of the inductive conditions.* We will construct the sequence $\{h_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ based on the following proposition.

PROPOSITION 2.4. *If the linear action $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ contains no hyperbolic automorphism, then there exist unit vectors $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$, such that for all $\delta > 0$ and $Q \in \mathbb{N}$, there exists a C^∞ function $h : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$, such that:*

- (1) $h(x) = 0$ for all $x \in ((1/Q)\mathbb{Z}^d)/\mathbb{Z}^d \subseteq \mathbb{T}^d$;
- (2) $(D_0h)v = w$; in addition, either $v = w$ or $(D_0h)w = 0$;
- (3) $\|h\|_{C^0} < \delta$ and $\|h\|_{C^1} \ll 1$;
- (4) for all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathfrak{E}$, $g^{\mathbf{n}} := \rho^{\mathbf{n}}h - h \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}}$ satisfies $\|g^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} < \delta$.

The proof of the proposition will be deferred to §3.

PROPOSITION 2.5. *Suppose the linear action $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \curvearrowright \mathbb{T}^d$ contains no hyperbolic automorphism and v, w are as in Proposition 2.4. Then for all sufficiently small $\tau > 0$ and positive numbers $\{\theta_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ that satisfy $\sum_{m=1}^\infty \theta_m < \tau$, there exist sequences $\{h_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$, $\{v_m\}_{m=1}^\infty$ and $\{v_m^*\}_{m=1}^\infty$ that satisfy Condition 2.1.*

Proof. Part (i) is already assumed. So we only need to fulfill the remaining assumptions from Condition 2.1.

To inductively construct h_m , assume for all $1 \leq m' \leq m - 1$, there exist a C^∞ function $h_{m'}$, and non-zero vectors $v_{m'}, v_{m'}^* \in \mathbb{Q}^d$ that satisfy, together with v, w , the remaining properties from Condition 2.1. Then the diffeomorphism $\tilde{H}_{m'}$ is also determined for all $1 \leq m' \leq m - 1$ by equation (2.1). Remark that with the convention $\tilde{H}_0 = \text{id}$, the

requirements of $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = v$ and $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)w = w$ from parts (iv) and (v) of the condition are satisfied at the initial step $m = 0$.

Let

$$\delta_m = \frac{\theta_m}{\max\left(\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}\|_{C^1}\right), \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2}\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)} \tag{2.22}$$

and Q_m be the least common multiple of the denominators of $v_1, \dots, v_{m-1}, v_1^*, \dots, v_{m-1}^* \in \mathbb{Q}^d$. We obtain a C^∞ function \mathring{h}_m by applying Proposition 2.4 with parameters δ_m and Q_m , and define

$$h_m = \begin{cases} \tau \mathring{h}_m & \text{if } m \text{ is odd,} \\ \frac{-\tau}{1+\tau} \mathring{h}_m & \text{if } v = w \text{ and } m \text{ is even,} \\ -\tau \mathring{h}_m & \text{if } v \neq w \text{ and } m \text{ is even.} \end{cases} \tag{2.23}$$

It in turn determines $H_m = \text{id} + h_m$ and $\tilde{H}_m = \tilde{H}_{m-1} \circ H_m$. Remark that $|\tau/(1+\tau)| < \tau$.

We claim h_m, H_m , and \tilde{H}_m satisfy the clauses (ii)–(vii) in Condition 2.1:

(ii) $\|h_m\|_{C^1} \leq \tau \|\mathring{h}_m\|_{C^1} \ll \tau$ and

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}\|_{C^1}\right)\|h_m\|_{C^0} \\ & \leq \left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}\|_{C^1}\right) \cdot \tau \|\mathring{h}_m\|_{C^1} \\ & < \tau \left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\right)\left(\max_{m'=1}^{m-1} \|\tilde{H}_{m'}\|_{C^1}\right)\delta_m = \tau\theta_m < \theta_m. \end{aligned}$$

(iii) For all $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$, with $\mathring{g}_m^{\mathbf{n}} = \mathring{h}_m \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} - \rho^{\mathbf{n}}\mathring{h}_m$,

$$\begin{aligned} & \|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2}\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\|\mathring{g}_m^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} \\ & \leq \tau\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2}\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\|\mathring{g}_m^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} \\ & \leq \tau\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}\|_{C^2}\|\tilde{H}_{m-1}^{-1}\|_{C^1}\delta_m < \tau\theta_m < \theta_m. \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Since $0 \in ((1/Q)\mathbb{Z}^d)/\mathbb{Z}^d$, $\mathring{h}_m(0) = 0$ and thus $h_m(0) = 0$. As it was assumed that $h_1(0) = \dots = h_{m-1}(0) = 0$, we know $H_1(0) = \dots = H_m(0) = 0$ and $\tilde{H}_m(0) = \tilde{H}_{m-1}(0) = 0$. So

$$(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = (D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})(D_0H_m)v = (D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})(v + (D_0h_m)v).$$

If m is odd and $v = w$, then $v + (D_0h_m)v = v + \tau(D_0\mathring{h}_m)v = (1 + \tau)v$, and by inductive assumption, $(D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})v = v$. So $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = (D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})((1 + \tau)v) = v + \tau v = v + \tau w$.

If m is even and $v = w$, then $v + (D_0h_m)v = v - \tau/(1 + \tau)(D_0\mathring{h}_m)v = v - (\tau/(1 + \tau))v = v/(1 + \tau)$, and by inductive assumption, $(D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})v = v + \tau w = (1 + \tau)v$. So $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = (D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})(v/(1 + \tau)) = v$.

If m is odd and $v \neq w$, then $v + (D_0h_m)v = v + \tau(D_0\mathring{h}_m)v = v + \tau w$, and by inductive assumption, $(D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})v = v$, $(D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})w = w$. So $(D_0\tilde{H}_m)v = (D_0\tilde{H}_{m-1})(v + \tau w) = v + \tau w$.

If m is even and $v \neq w$, then $v + (D_0 h_m)v = v - \tau(D_0 \mathring{h}_m)v = v - \tau w$, and by inductive assumption, $(D_0 \tilde{H}_{m-1})v = v + \tau w$, $(D_0 \tilde{H}_{m-1})w = w$. So $(D_0 \tilde{H}_m)v = (D_0 \tilde{H}_{m-1})(v - \tau w) = (v + \tau w) - \tau \cdot w = v$.

Therefore, we have proved that property (iv) continues to hold at the m th step in all cases.

(v) Suppose $v \neq w$. Then $(D_0 \mathring{h}_m)w = 0$ and, thus, $(D_0 h_m)w = 0$ too. So $(D_0 H_m)w = (\text{id} + (D_0 h_m))w = w$. Since by inductive assumption $(D_0 \tilde{H}_{m-1})w = w$, we still have $(D_0 \tilde{H}_m)w = (D_0 \tilde{H}_{m-1})(D_0 H_m)w = w$.

(vi) By the choice of Q_m , we know $v_{m'}, v_{m'}^*$ are in $((1/Q_m)\mathbb{Z})^d$ for all $1 \leq m' \leq m - 1$. By Proposition 2.4, $\mathring{h}_m(v_{m'}) = \mathring{h}_m(v_{m'}^*) = 0$. So $h_m(v_{m'}) = h_m(v_{m'}^*) = 0$ as h_m is proportional to \mathring{h}_m .

(vii) Now that h_m and \tilde{H}_m have been constructed, to finish the inductive step, it remains to choose rational vectors v_m, v_m^* that meet the requirement of property (vii), which can obviously be achieved. In fact, it suffices to take any rational vector $u \in \mathbb{Q}^d$ such that $|u - v| < \theta_m/2\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1}$, and set $v_m = u/L$ for any sufficiently large integer $L > 2\|\tilde{H}_m\|_{C^1}/\theta_m$. Additionally, v_m^* can be similarly chosen near the direction of $v + \tau w$. □

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Theorem 1.1 immediately follows from Propositions 2.2, 2.4, and 2.5. □

3. Cocycles with small coboundaries

In this section, we complete the only still missing component of the argument, namely the proof of Proposition 2.4.

3.1. *The linear algebra of commuting integer matrices.* The linear algebra of the action ρ is characterized by the following basic fact.

LEMMA 3.1. *Suppose $\rho : \mathbb{Z}^r \rightarrow \text{GL}_d(\mathbb{Z})$ is a representation of \mathbb{Z}^r in the group of toral automorphism of \mathbb{T}^d . Then for some $J_1, J_2 \geq 0$ and every $1 \leq j \leq J_1 + 2J_2$, there exist:*

- a number field \mathbb{F}_j embedded in \mathbb{L}_j , where $\mathbb{L}_1 = \dots = \mathbb{L}_{J_1} = \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{L}_{J_1+1} = \dots = \mathbb{L}_{J_1+2J_2} = \mathbb{C}$;
- a positive dimension $d_j \geq 1$;
- a group morphism $\zeta_j : \mathbf{n} \rightarrow \zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}}$ from \mathbb{Z}^r to the multiplicative group \mathbb{F}_j^\times of \mathbb{F}_j ;
- a group morphism $A_j : \mathbf{n} \rightarrow A_j^{\mathbf{n}}$ from \mathbb{Z}^r to the group $\text{N}_{d_j}(\mathbb{F}_j)$ of upper triangular nilpotent matrices in $\text{SL}_{d_j}(\mathbb{F}_j)$;
- a linear transform $\mu_j \in \text{Mat}_{d_j \times d}(\mathbb{F}_j)$;

such that:

- (1) $\{\zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}} : \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r\} \not\subseteq \mathbb{R}$ generates \mathbb{F}_j as a number field, and spans \mathbb{L}_j over \mathbb{R} ;
- (2) $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{J_1+2J_2}$ are distinct and this list is invariant under the action by the Galois group $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$. Actually, for all $1 \leq j \leq J_1 + 2J_2$ and $\sigma \in \text{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_j/\mathbb{Q})$, there exists a unique $1 \leq j' \leq J_1 + 2J_2$ such that $\sigma(\mathbb{F}_j) = \mathbb{F}_{j'}$, $d_j = d_{j'}$, $\sigma(\zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}}) = \zeta_{j'}^{\mathbf{n}}$, $\sigma(A_j^{\mathbf{n}}) = A_{j'}^{\mathbf{n}}$ and $\sigma(\mu_j) = \sigma(\mu_{j'})$;
- (3) $\overline{\zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}}} = \zeta_{J_2+j}^{\mathbf{n}}$ for all $J_1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$, $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$;

- (4) with $\iota_j = \mu_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq J_1$ and $\iota_j = 2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j$ for $J_1 + 1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$, the linear transform $\iota = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \iota_j$ from $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$ to \mathbb{R}^d is an \mathbb{R} -linear isomorphism and satisfies

$$\iota \circ \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \zeta_j^n A_j^n = \rho^n \circ \iota.$$

The lemma should be a standard fact for experts. However, we still include the proof for completeness.

Proof. Thanks to the commutativity of \mathbb{Z}' , it is easy to show (see e.g. the proof of [RHW14, Lemma 2.2]) that $\mathbb{C}^d = (\mathbb{R}^d) \otimes_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{C}$ splits as a direct sum $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{\tilde{J}} E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$, where each $E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a maximal common generalized eigenspace of all the ρ^n terms. More precisely, for every j , there exists a group morphism from $\mathbb{Z}' : \zeta_j$ to \mathbb{C}^\times such that

$$E_j^{\mathbb{C}} = \bigcap_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}'} \ker_{\mathbb{C}^d}(\rho^n - \zeta_j^n \operatorname{id})^d = \bigcap_{\mathbf{n} \in \Xi} \ker_{\mathbb{C}^d}(\rho^n - \zeta_j^n \operatorname{id})^d. \tag{3.1}$$

(1) Because $\rho^n \in \operatorname{GL}_d(\mathbb{Z})$, every eigenvalue ζ_j^n is an algebraic integer. Denote by \mathbb{F}_j the field generated by $\{\zeta_j^n : \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}'\}$, which is a number field as \mathbb{Z}' is finitely generated. Let $\mathbb{L}_j \in \{\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}\}$ be the \mathbb{R} -span of \mathbb{F}_j .

(2) As the $\rho^n|_{E_j^{\mathbb{C}}}$ terms commute, they can be triangularized simultaneously over \mathbb{C} . Actually, equation (3.1) asserts that $E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a linear subspace defined over \mathbb{F}_j . Together with the fact that the $\rho^n \in \operatorname{GL}_d(\mathbb{Z})$, this shows that the simultaneous triangularization can be carried out over \mathbb{F}_j . In other words, one can find a basis $y_{j1}, \dots, y_{jd_j} \in E_j^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathbb{F}_j^d$ of $E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$, such that the linear isomorphism $\mu_j : \mathbb{C}^{d_j} \rightarrow E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ sending the k th coordinate vector to y_{jk} satisfies

$$\rho^n \circ \mu_j = \mu_j \circ (\zeta_j^n A_j^n). \tag{3.2}$$

Note that μ_j is actually a matrix with coefficients in \mathbb{F}_j .

Moreover, we can make the choices above equivariant under Galois conjugacies. Indeed, for every $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$, the correspondence $\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \sigma(\zeta_j^n)$ is a group morphism from \mathbb{Z}' to $\sigma(\mathbb{F}_j)^\times$. By equation (3.1), $\sigma(E_j^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \overline{\mathbb{Q}}^d) = \bigcap_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}'} \ker_{\overline{\mathbb{Q}}^d}(\rho^n - \sigma(\zeta_j^n) \operatorname{id})^d$ is a non-empty $\overline{\mathbb{Q}}$ subspace of dimension $\dim_{\mathbb{C}} E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ and its \mathbb{C} -span is $\bigcap_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}'} \ker_{\mathbb{C}^d}(\rho^n - \sigma(\zeta_j^n) \operatorname{id})^d$, which is $E_{j'}^{\mathbb{C}}$ for some $1 \leq j' \leq \tilde{J}$. (Note $j = j'$ if and only if σ fixes every ζ_j^n , or equivalently σ acts trivially on \mathbb{F}_j .) In this case, $d_{j'} = d_j$ and $\zeta_{j'}^n = \sigma(\zeta_j^n)$. Furthermore, one may choose the basis y_{j1}, \dots, y_{jd_j} for all the indices j in such a way that, in the situation above, $y_{j'k} = \sigma(y_{jk})$ for $1 \leq k \leq d_j$, or equivalently $\mu_{j'} = \sigma(\mu_j)$. Then applying σ to equation (3.2) yields

$$\rho^n \circ \mu_{j'} = \mu_{j'} \circ (\zeta_{j'}^n \sigma(A_j^n)).$$

Since $\mu_{j'}$ is a linear embedding, this forces $A_{j'}^n = \sigma(A_j^n)$.

(3) By choice, $\zeta_1, \dots, \zeta_{\tilde{J}}$ are distinct. Additionally, the previous paragraph shows that, by letting $\sigma \in \operatorname{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$ be the complex conjugation, each $\overline{\zeta_j}$ is also in the list.

Remark that $\zeta_j = \overline{\zeta_j}$ if and only if $\{\zeta_j^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}^r\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, or equivalently $\mathbb{F}_j = \mathbb{R}$. After rearranging the list, we may assume that there are J_1, J_2 such that $J_1 + 2J_2 = \tilde{J}$, $\mathbb{F}_j = \mathbb{R}$ assume real values for $j = 1, \dots, J_1$; and that $\mathbb{F}_{J_2+j} = \mathbb{F}_j = \mathbb{C}$ and $\zeta_{J_2+j} = \overline{\zeta_j}$ for $j = J_1 + 1, \dots, J_1 + J_2$.

(4) As in the statement, set $\iota_j = \mu_j$ for $1 \leq j \leq J_1$ and $\iota_j = 2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j$ for $J_1 + 1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$. To show $\iota \circ \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \zeta_j^n A_j^n = \rho^n \circ \iota$, we need for each $1 \leq j \leq J_2$ that

$$\rho^n \circ \iota_j = \iota_j \circ (\zeta_j^n A_j^n). \tag{3.3}$$

For $1 \leq j \leq J_1$, this is just equation (3.2). For $J_1 + 1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$, let $u \in \mathbb{C}^{d_j}$, because ρ^n is a real matrix, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ and $z \in \mathbb{C}^{d_j}$,

$$\begin{aligned} \rho^n(\iota_j(z)) &= \rho^n(2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j(z)) = 2 \operatorname{Re} \rho^n(\mu_j(z)) \\ &= 2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j(\zeta_j^n A_j^n z) = \iota_j(\zeta_j^n A_j^n z). \end{aligned}$$

So equation (3.3) holds for all $1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$.

It remains to show that ι is an isomorphism. Recall that $\mathbb{C}^d = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+2J_2} E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a direct sum. However, the image of $\iota_j = \mu_j$ is contained in $E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ for $1 \leq j \leq J_1$; and the image of $\iota_j = 2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j = \mu_j + \overline{\mu_j} = \mu_j + \mu_{J_2+j}$ is contained in $E_j^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+j}^{\mathbb{C}}$ for $J_1 + 1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$. Hence, the images of ι is the direct sum $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \iota_j(\mathbb{L}_j^{d_j})$.

In addition, we claim each ι_j is injective. This is obvious in the case $1 \leq j \leq J_1$, where $\iota_j = \mu_j$. For $J_1 + 1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$, if $\iota_j = 2 \operatorname{Re} \mu_j$ is not injective, then $\mu_j(z) = -\overline{\mu_j(z)}$ for some non-zero $z \in \mathbb{C}^{d_j}$. However, $\overline{\mu_j(z)} \neq 0$, as μ_j is an embedding. This shows $E_j^{\mathbb{C}} \cap E_{J_1+j}^{\mathbb{C}} \neq \{0\}$ as $\mu_j(z) \in E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ and $\overline{\mu_j(z)} \in E_{J_2+j}^{\mathbb{C}}$, which contradicts the fact that $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+2J_2} E_j^{\mathbb{C}}$ is a direct sum. Hence, ι_j is injective for all $1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2$.

So we may conclude that $\iota = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \iota_j$ is injective from $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$ to \mathbb{R}^d . As

$$\begin{aligned} \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j} &= \sum_{j=1}^{J_1} d_j + \sum_{j=J_1+1}^{J_1+J_2} 2d_j = \sum_{j=1}^{J_1+2J_2} d_j = \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+2J_2} E_j^{\mathbb{C}} \\ &= \dim_{\mathbb{C}} \mathbb{C}^d = d, \end{aligned}$$

ι must be a linear isomorphism. The proof is completed. □

COROLLARY 3.2. *Suppose $1 \leq k \leq J_1 + J_2$ and P is a \mathbb{L}_k -vector subspace defined over \mathbb{Q} of the k th component $\mathbb{L}_k^{d_k}$ in $\bigoplus_{j=1}^{J_1+J_2} \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$, then there exists a subspace $P' \subset \mathbb{R}^d$ defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $P = \iota_k^{-1}(P')$.*

Proof. Choose a linear basis $\{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$ of P from $\mathbb{Q}^{d_k} \subset \mathbb{L}_k^{d_k}$.

There are $j_1, \dots, j_{M_1} \in \{1, \dots, J_1\}$ and $j_{M_1+1}, \dots, j_{M_1+M_2} \in \{J_1 + 1, \dots, J_1 + J_2\}$ such that, after defining $j_{M_2+m} = J_2 + j_m$ for every $M_1 + 1 \leq m \leq M_1 + M_2$, $\{\zeta_{j_1}, \dots, \zeta_{j_{M_1+2M_2}}\}$ form the orbit of ζ_k under the action by the Galois group $\operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_k/\mathbb{Q})$. For each m , let $\sigma_m \in \operatorname{Gal}(\mathbb{F}_k/\mathbb{Q})$ be the element such that $\sigma_m(\zeta_k) = \zeta_{j_m}$.

Define $(P')^{\mathbb{C}} \subseteq \mathbb{C}^d$ as the \mathbb{C} -linear span of

$$\{\mu_{j_m}(p_n) : 1 \leq m \leq M_1 + 2M_2, 1 \leq n \leq N\}. \tag{3.4}$$

Because $\mu_{j_m} = \sigma_m(\mu_k)$ and has image in $E_{j_m}^{\mathbb{C}}$, these vectors have algebraic entries and are linearly independent, and this set is invariant by Galois conjugacies from $\text{Gal}(\overline{\mathbb{Q}}/\mathbb{Q})$. Hence, $(P')^{\mathbb{C}}$ is defined over \mathbb{Q} of dimension $(M_1 + 2M_2)N$. The intersection $P' := (P')^{\mathbb{C}} \cap \mathbb{R}^d$ is a real vector space defined over \mathbb{Q} over the same dimension.

For each p_n , $\iota_k(p_n)$ is either $\mu_k(p_n)$ if $1 \leq k \leq J_1$ or $2 \text{Re } \mu_k(p_n) = \mu_k(p_n) + \mu_{J_2+k}(p_n)$ if $J_1 + 1 \leq k \leq J_1 + J_2$. In these cases, either k or both k and $J_2 + k$ are among the list $\{j_1, \dots, j_{M_1+2M_2}\}$. It follows that $\iota_k(p_n) \in (P')^{\mathbb{C}}$ and hence $\iota_k(p_n) \in P'$. We obtain that $P \subseteq \iota_k^{-1}(P')$.

It remains to show that the equality holds. If $1 \leq k \leq J_1$, then $\mathbb{L}_k = \mathbb{R}$ and $\iota_k(\mathbb{L}_k^{d_j}) = \mu_k(\mathbb{L}_k^{d_j}) \subseteq E_k^{\mathbb{C}}$. So $\iota_k(\iota_k^{-1}(P')) \subseteq P' \cap E_k^{\mathbb{C}}$. As $(P')^{\mathbb{C}} \cap E_k^{\mathbb{C}}$ is the \mathbb{C} -span of $\mu_k(p_1), \dots, \mu_k(p_N)$, all of which are real vectors, $P' \cap E_k^{\mathbb{C}}$ is contained in the \mathbb{R} -span of them. Because ι_k is an embedding, $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \iota_k^{-1}(P') \leq N = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} P$. Assume instead $J_1 + 1 \leq k \leq J_1 + J_2$. Then $\mathbb{L}_k = \mathbb{C}$ and $\iota_k(\mathbb{L}_k^{d_j}) = (\mu_k + \mu_{J_2+k})(\mathbb{L}_k^{d_j}) \subseteq E_k^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+k}^{\mathbb{C}}$. So $\iota_k(\iota_k^{-1}(P'))$ is contained in $P' \cap (E_k^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+k}^{\mathbb{C}})$. As $(P')^{\mathbb{C}} \cap (E_k^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+k}^{\mathbb{C}})$ is the \mathbb{C} -span of $\mu_k(p_1), \dots, \mu_k(p_N), \mu_{J_2+k}(p_1), \dots, \mu_{J_2+k}(p_N)$ and has complex dimension $2N$. Here, $P' \cap (E_k^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+k}^{\mathbb{C}}) = \mathbb{R}^d \cap (P')^{\mathbb{C}} \cap (E_k^{\mathbb{C}} \oplus E_{J_2+k}^{\mathbb{C}})$ has real dimension $2N$. Again, since ι_k is injective, $\dim_{\mathbb{R}}(\iota_k^{-1}(P')) \leq 2N = 2 \dim_{\mathbb{C}} P = \dim_{\mathbb{R}} P$. We conclude that in both cases, $P = \iota_k^{-1}(P')$. □

For $1 \leq j \leq J, 1 \leq k \leq d_j$, write u_{jk} for the k th coordinate vector in $\mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$, so that all vectors $s \in \bigoplus_{j=1}^J \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$ have the form

$$s = \bigoplus_{j=1}^J \sum_{k=1}^{d_j} \pi_{jk}(s)u_{jk}, \tag{3.5}$$

where π_{jk} is the projection to the u_{jk} coordinate.

Since none of the $\rho^{\mathbf{n}}$ terms is hyperbolic, there must be at least one j_0 such that $|\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}| = 1$ for all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$. This is because otherwise, the linear functionals $\mathbf{n} \rightarrow \log |\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}|$ on \mathbb{Z}^r are all non-zero and one can find one \mathbf{n}_* that is not in the kernel of any of such functionals. Then $|\zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}_*}| \neq 1$ for all j . In other words, $\rho^{\mathbf{n}_*}$ has no eigenvalues in the unit circle, so $\rho^{\mathbf{n}_*}$ is a hyperbolic matrix, which contradicts our assumption.

After renormalizing ι if necessary, we may assume

$$|\iota(u_{j_0 d_{j_0}})| = 1.$$

We define vectors $\hat{v}, \hat{w} \in \mathbb{L}_{j_0}^{d_{j_0}}$ and $v, w \in \mathbb{R}^d$ by

$$\hat{v} = u_{j_0 d_{j_0}}, \hat{w} = \frac{u_{j_0 1}}{|\iota(u_{j_0 1})|}, \quad v = \iota(\hat{v}), \quad w = \iota(\hat{w}); \tag{3.6}$$

as well as projections $\pi_{\hat{v}} : \bigoplus_{j=1}^J \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j} \rightarrow \mathbb{L}_{j_0}$ and $\psi_v \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ by

$$\pi_{\hat{v}} = \pi_{j_0 d_{j_0}}, \quad \psi_v = \text{Re } \pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1}. \tag{3.7}$$

Note that

$$|v| = |w| = 1, \quad \psi_v(v) = 1. \tag{3.8}$$

In the case where $d_{j_0} = 1$, we have $w = v$ and $\psi_v(w) = \psi_v(v) = 1$. However, when $d_{j_0} > 1$, $\hat{v} \neq \hat{w}$ and thus $\pi_{\hat{v}}(\hat{w}) = 0$, so $\psi_v(w) = 0$. In summary,

$$\psi_v(w) = \mathbf{1}_{v=w}. \tag{3.9}$$

Let $W = \iota_{j_0}(\mathbb{L}_{j_0} \hat{w})$, which is isomorphic to \mathbb{L}_{j_0} as a real vector space. For all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$ and $w' \in W$, since $w' = \iota(z \hat{w})$ for some $z \in \mathbb{L}_{j_0}$, and $A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is an upper triangular nilpotent matrix, $A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{w} = \hat{w}$ and thus

$$\rho^{\mathbf{n}} w' = \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} z \hat{w}) = \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} z \hat{w}) \in W.$$

So W is ρ -invariant and

$$|\rho^{\mathbf{n}} w'| \leq \|\iota\| |\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}| |z \hat{w}| = \|\iota\| \cdot |z \hat{w}| \ll |w'| \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r, \text{ for all } w' \in W. \tag{3.10}$$

Furthermore, for $u \in \mathbb{L}_{d_{j_0}}^{j_0}$, $\pi_{\hat{v}}(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} u) = \zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \pi_{\hat{v}}(u)$ and thus

$$\pi_{\hat{v}}\left(\left(\bigoplus_{j=1}^J \zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}} A_j^{\mathbf{n}}\right)u\right) = \pi_{\hat{v}}(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \pi_{\hat{v}}(u)) = \zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \pi_{\hat{v}}(u)$$

for all $u \in \bigoplus_{j=1}^J \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j}$. So

$$\begin{aligned} (\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v &= \text{Re } \pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1} \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}} = \text{Re } \left(\pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \bigoplus_{j=1}^J \zeta_j^{\mathbf{n}} A_j^{\mathbf{n}} \circ \iota^{-1} \right) \\ &= \text{Re}(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1}). \end{aligned} \tag{3.11}$$

In particular, as $|\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}| = 1$, the size of $(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ is uniformly bounded by

$$|(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v| \leq \|\pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1}\|. \tag{3.12}$$

If $d_{j_0} > 1$, by applying Corollary 3.2 to the \mathbb{L}_{j_0} -subspace $\bigoplus_{k=2}^{d_{j_0}} \mathbb{L}_{j_0} u_{j_0 k}$ of $\mathbb{L}_{j_0}^{d_{j_0}}$, there is a subspace $W' \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ defined over \mathbb{Q} such that $\iota_{j_0}^{-1}(W') = \bigoplus_{k=2}^{d_{j_0}} \mathbb{L}_{d_{j_0}} u_{j_0 k}$. In particular, W' contains $W = \iota_{j_0}(\mathbb{L}_{j_0} u_{j_0 d_{j_0}})$. Set $\Psi = \{\psi \in (\mathbb{R}^d)^* : \psi|_{W'} = 0\}$. Then Ψ is a subspace defined over \mathbb{Q} , and

$$\psi|_W = 0 \quad \text{for all } \psi \in \Psi. \tag{3.13}$$

Moreover,

$$\iota^{-1}(W') \subseteq \left(\bigoplus_{k=2}^{d_{j_0}} \mathbb{L}_{d_{j_0}} u_{j_0 k} \right) \oplus \left(\bigoplus_{\substack{1 \leq j \leq J_1 + J_2 \\ j \neq j_0}} \mathbb{L}_j^{d_j} \right) = \ker \pi_{\hat{v}}.$$

It follows that $\psi_v = \text{Re } \pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1}$ annihilates W' , or equivalently, $\psi_v \in \Psi$. Furthermore, for all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, we have

$$\rho^{\mathbf{n}}v = \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{v}) = \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{v}) + \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} (A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} - \text{id}) \hat{v}).$$

Because $A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}$ is an upper triangular nilpotent matrix, $\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} (A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} - \text{id}) \hat{v} \in \bigoplus_{k=2}^{d_{j_0}} \mathbb{L}_{d_{j_0}} u_{j_0 k}$ and $\iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} (A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} - \text{id}) \hat{v}) \in W'$. Thus,

$$\psi(\rho^{\mathbf{n}}v) = \psi(\iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{v})) \quad \text{for all } \psi \in \Psi. \tag{3.14}$$

If $d_{j_0} = 1$, take $\Psi = (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ instead, which is also a rational subspace that contains ψ_v . Additionally, equation (3.14) remains true in this case, because $A_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} = \text{id}$. To summarize, we have in any case the following corollary.

COROLLARY 3.3. *There exists a subspace $\Psi \subset (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ defined over \mathbb{Q} which contains ψ_v and satisfies equation (3.14). In addition, if $d_{j_0} > 1$, then equation (3.13) holds as well.*

It should be remarked that all the constructions above are determined by the actions ρ .

3.2. The construction of the cocycle. The construction is inspired by the construction of Veech in [V86, Proposition 1.5].

Let $\epsilon > 0$ be a small parameter to be specified later.

We identify $(\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ with \mathbb{R}^d in the standard way so that $(\mathbb{T}^d)^* \subset (\mathbb{R}^d)^*$ is realized as \mathbb{Z}^d . Let Ψ be as in Corollary 3.3. Then $\Psi_{\mathbb{Z}} := \Psi \cap \mathbb{Z}^d$ is a lattice in Ψ . There is a constant $R > 0$ such that for every $\psi \in \Psi$, there exists $\eta \in \Psi_{\mathbb{Z}}$ with $|\psi - \eta| < R$. The choice of R depends only on ρ .

Let η_v be the nearest vector to $(Q/\epsilon)\psi_v$ in the lattice $Q\Psi_{\mathbb{Z}}$. Then

$$\left| \eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right| \leq QR \ll Q. \tag{3.15}$$

Recall $W = \iota_{j_0}(\mathbb{L}_{j_0} \hat{w})$, which is isomorphic to \mathbb{L}_{j_0} as an \mathbb{R} -vector space and contains w . The function $h : \mathbb{T}^d \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^d$ will take value in $W \subseteq \mathbb{R}^d$ and have the form

$$h(x) = c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} (e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w + (e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1)w_{\Delta} \tag{3.16}$$

for some $c > 0$, $N \in \mathbb{N}$, and $w_{\Delta} \in W$, all of which will be defined later. Remark that h is C^∞ as it is a Fourier series supported on finitely many frequencies.

LEMMA 3.4. *If h has the form in equation (3.16), then property (1) in Proposition 2.4 holds.*

Proof. Since $\eta_v \in Q\Psi_{\mathbb{Z}} \subseteq Q\mathbb{Z}^d$ and $\rho^{\mathbf{n}} \in \text{GL}(d, \mathbb{Z})$, $(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \in (Q\mathbb{Z})^d$ for all \mathbf{n} . Moreover, if $x \in ((1/Q)\mathbb{Z}^d)/\mathbb{Z}^d$, then $e(\eta_v \cdot x) = 1$ and $e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) = 1$ for all $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$. Therefore, $h(x) = 0$. This proves part (1). □

The derivative of equation (3.16) at $x = 0$ is the matrix

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_0h &= c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} ((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w) + \eta_v \otimes w_\Delta \\
 &= c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w) \\
 &\quad + c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T (\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v) \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w) \\
 &\quad + \eta_v \otimes w_\Delta.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.17}$$

We first study the values of the first two terms in equation (3.17) with v or w as linear input. By definition of v and w ,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} (((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w))v \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} (\psi_v \cdot (\rho^{\mathbf{n}}v))(\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w) \\
 &= \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \operatorname{Re} \pi_{\hat{v}} \circ \iota^{-1}(\iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{v})) \cdot \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \hat{w}) = \iota \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \operatorname{Re}(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}) \zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \hat{w} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \iota \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \cdot \zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{w} + \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \overline{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}} \hat{w} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \iota^{-1} \left((2N + 1)^r \hat{w} + \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \overline{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}} \hat{w} \right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.18}$$

If $\mathbb{L}_{j_0} = \mathbb{R}$, then $\hat{w} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{j_0}}$, $\zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \overline{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}} = 1$, and thus

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} (((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w))v \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \iota^{-1} ((2N + 1)^r \hat{w} + (2N + 1)^r \hat{w}) = (2N + 1)^r w.
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.19}$$

If $\mathbb{L}_{j_0} = \mathbb{C}$, then by Lemma 3.1(1), there is at least one $i \in \{1, \dots, r\}$, say $i = 1$ without loss of generality, such that $\zeta_{j_0}^{e_i} \notin \mathbb{R}$. Then $\overline{\zeta_{j_0}^{e_1}} / \zeta_{j_0}^{e_1}$ is in the unit circle but not equal to 1. In this case, $\sum_{n=-N}^N (\overline{\zeta_{j_0}^{e_1}} / \zeta_{j_0}^{e_1})^n$ is uniformly bounded when N varies. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left| \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \zeta_{j_0}^{-\mathbf{n}} \bar{\zeta}_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \right| &= \left| \sum_{n_1, \dots, n_r \in \{-N, \dots, N\}} \prod_{i=1}^r (\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i})^{-n_i} (\bar{\zeta}_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i})^{n_i} \right| \\
 &= \left| \prod_{i=1}^r \sum_{n=-N}^N \left(\frac{\bar{\zeta}_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i}}{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i}} \right)^n \right| = \prod_{i=1}^r \left| \sum_{n=-N}^N \left(\frac{\bar{\zeta}_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i}}{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_i}} \right)^n \right| \\
 &\leq (2N + 1)^{r-1} \left| \sum_{n=-N}^N \left(\frac{\bar{\zeta}_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_1}}{\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{e}_1}} \right)^n \right| \ll (2N + 1)^{r-1}. \tag{3.20}
 \end{aligned}$$

So

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} ((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) v \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \iota((2N + 1)^r \hat{w} + O((2N + 1)^{r-1}) \hat{w}) \\
 &= \frac{(2N + 1)^r}{2} \iota \left(\hat{w} + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right) = \frac{(2N + 1)^r}{2} \left(w + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right). \tag{3.21}
 \end{aligned}$$

Both equations (3.19) and (3.21) can be expressed as

$$\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} ((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) v = \frac{(2N + 1)^r}{\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{L}_{j_0}} \left(w + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right). \tag{3.22}$$

We now attend to the second term in equation (3.17).

Since $\eta_v - (Q/\epsilon)\psi_v \in \Psi$, by equations (3.14), (3.15), and the fact that $|\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}}| = 1$,

$$\left| \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right) v \right| = \left| \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \iota(\zeta_{j_0}^{\mathbf{n}} \hat{v}) \right| \ll \left| \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right| \ll Q.$$

Moreover, $|\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w| \ll 1$ by equation (3.10). So

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\left| \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) \right) v \right| \\
 &\leq \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left| \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right) v \right| \cdot |\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w| \\
 &\ll (2N + 1)^r Q. \tag{3.23}
 \end{aligned}$$

Choose

$$c = \frac{\epsilon \dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{L}_{j_0}}{(2N + 1)^r Q}. \tag{3.24}$$

Then by equations (3.22) and (3.23),

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) \right. \\
 & \quad \left. + c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) \right) v \\
 & = c \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \frac{(2N + 1)^r}{\dim_{\mathbb{R}} \mathbb{L}_{j_0}} \left(w + O\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) \right) + cO((2N + 1)^r Q) \\
 & = w + O\left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon\right).
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.25}$$

To make $(D_0h)v = w$, one needs to find the solution $w_{\Delta} \in W$ to

$$\begin{aligned}
 \eta_v(v)w_{\Delta} & = (\eta_v \otimes w_{\Delta})v \\
 & = -\left(\left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) \right. \right. \\
 & \quad \left. \left. + c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} \left((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right) \otimes (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w) \right) v - w \right),
 \end{aligned} \tag{3.26}$$

which by equation (3.25) is

$$w_{\Delta} = -\frac{1}{\eta_v(v)} O\left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon\right).$$

Since $\psi_v(v) = 1$, by equation (3.15), $\eta_v(v) = Q/\epsilon + O(Q) = (Q/\epsilon)(1 + O(\epsilon))$ and thus, we have

$$w_{\Delta} = \frac{1}{(Q/\epsilon)(1 + O(\epsilon))} O\left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon\right) = O\left(\frac{\epsilon}{Q}\left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon\right)\right) \tag{3.27}$$

as long as $\epsilon \ll 1$. Note that w_{Δ} is automatically in W because equation (3.25) and $w \in W$.

Moreover, if $w \neq v$, or in other words $d_{j_0} = 1$, then by Corollary 3.3 and the fact that $\eta_v \in \Psi$, $\eta_v|_W = 0$. As $\rho^{\mathbf{n}}w \in W$ for all \mathbf{n} , in this case,

$$(D_0h)w = c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} ((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v)w \cdot (\rho^{-\mathbf{n}}w) + \eta_v(w) \cdot w_{\Delta} = 0. \tag{3.28}$$

LEMMA 3.5. *Given c and h respectively from equations (3.16) and (3.24), for $N, Q \in \mathbb{N}$ and sufficiently small $\epsilon \ll 1$, there exist $w_{\Delta} \in W$ of size $O((\epsilon/Q)(1/N + \epsilon))$ such that $(D_0h)v = w$. In addition, $(D_0h)w = 0$ if $w \neq v$.*

The first part of part (3) in Property 2.4 is given by the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.6. *Suppose c, w_{Δ} , and h are chosen as above. Then $\|h\|_{C^0} \ll \epsilon/Q$.*

Proof. By equations (3.16), (3.24), and Lemma 3.5,

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|_{C^0} &\ll c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} |\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w| + |w_\Delta| \\ &\ll c(2N + 1)^r + \frac{\epsilon}{Q} \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q} + \frac{\epsilon}{Q} \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q}. \end{aligned} \quad \square$$

To bound the C^1 norms of h and $g^{\mathbf{n}}$, write

$$\|\rho\| = \max_{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{B}} \|\rho^{\mathbf{n}}\| \geq 1$$

for the matrix norm of the linear action ρ , so that

$$\|\rho^{\mathbf{n}}\| \leq \|\rho\|^{|\mathbf{n}|} \quad \text{for all } \mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r. \tag{3.29}$$

For $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r$, we deduce from equations (3.12) and (3.15) that

$$\begin{aligned} |(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v| &\leq \left| (\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right| + \left| (\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \left(\eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right) \right| \\ &\leq \frac{Q}{\epsilon} |(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \psi_v| + \|\rho\|^{|\mathbf{n}|} \left| \eta_v - \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \psi_v \right| \\ &\ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^{|\mathbf{n}|} \epsilon). \end{aligned} \tag{3.30}$$

By the construction in equation (3.16) of h , Lemma 3.6, as well as the bounds in equations (3.10), (3.12), (3.27), and (3.30),

$$\begin{aligned} \|h\|_{C^1} &\ll \|h\|_{C^0} + c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} |(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v| |\rho^{-\mathbf{n}} w| + |\eta_v| |w_\Delta| \\ &\ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q} + c(2N + 1)^r \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) + \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \cdot \left(\frac{\epsilon}{Q} \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \right) \\ &\ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q} + (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) + \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \ll 1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon. \end{aligned} \tag{3.31}$$

For every $\mathbf{n} \in \mathbb{B}$, $g^{\mathbf{n}} = \rho^{\mathbf{n}} h - h \circ \rho^{\mathbf{n}}$ is linearly controlled by h in C^0 norm:

$$\|g^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^0} \leq |\rho^{\mathbf{n}}| \|h\|_{C^0} + \|h\|_{C^0} \ll \|h\|_{C^0} \ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q}. \tag{3.32}$$

In addition, $g^{\mathbf{n}}$ has the form

$$\begin{aligned} g^{\mathbf{n}} &= \left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}| \leq N}} (e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}-\mathbf{a}} w + (e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta \right) \\ &\quad - \left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}| \leq N}} (e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}})^T \eta_v \cdot \rho^{\mathbf{n}} x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w + (e(\eta_v \cdot \rho^{\mathbf{n}} x) - 1) w_\Delta \right) \\ &= \left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} (e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w + (e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & - \left(c \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}| \leq N}} (e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w + (e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) w_\Delta \right) \\
 & = c \left(\sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}| > N, |\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}| \leq N}} - \sum_{\substack{\mathbf{a} \in \mathbb{Z}^r \\ |\mathbf{a}| \leq N, |\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}| > N}} \right) (e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w \\
 & \quad + ((e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta - (e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) w_\Delta). \tag{3.33}
 \end{aligned}$$

Because $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$, the summations $\sum_{|\mathbf{a}| > N, |\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}| \leq N}$ and $\sum_{|\mathbf{a}| \leq N, |\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}| > N}$ each has $O(N^{r-1})$ terms. Since $|\mathbf{n}| = 1$ for all $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$, in all the terms in both summations, $|\mathbf{a}| \leq N + 1$ and $|\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{n}| \leq N + 1$. For each of these terms, the derivative is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|D(e((\rho^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w\|_{C^1} \\
 & \leq |(\rho^{\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v| \cdot |\rho^{-\mathbf{a}} w| \\
 & \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^{|\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{n}|\epsilon}) \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^{N+1}\epsilon) \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \tag{3.34}
 \end{aligned}$$

thanks to equations (3.10), (3.12), and (3.30). As $w_\Delta \in W$, $|\rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta| \ll |w_\Delta|$ by equation (3.10), and the derivative of $((e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta - (e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) w_\Delta)$ is bounded by

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \|D((e(\eta_v \cdot x) - 1) \rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta - (e((\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v \cdot x) - 1) w_\Delta)\|_{C^1} \\
 & \leq |\eta_v| \cdot |\rho^{\mathbf{n}} w_\Delta| + |(\rho^{\mathbf{n}})^T \eta_v| \cdot |w_\Delta| \\
 & \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} \cdot |w_\Delta| + \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^{|\mathbf{n}|\epsilon}) \cdot |w_\Delta| \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) |w_\Delta| \tag{3.35} \\
 & \ll \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \cdot \frac{\epsilon}{Q} \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) = (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

thanks to equations (3.12) and (3.10).

Combining the above inequalities yields:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|g^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} & \ll \|g^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^0} + cN^{r-1} \frac{Q}{\epsilon} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) + (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \\
 & \ll \frac{\epsilon}{Q} + \frac{1}{N} (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) + (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right) \\
 & \ll (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) \left(\frac{1}{N} + \epsilon \right). \tag{3.36}
 \end{aligned}$$

To summarize equations (3.31) and (3.36), we have the following lemma.

LEMMA 3.7. *Suppose c , w_Δ , and h are chosen as above. Then $\|h\|_{C^1} \ll 1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon$ and $\|g^{\mathbf{n}}\|_{C^1} \ll (1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon)(1/N + \epsilon)$ for all $\mathbf{n} \in \Xi$.*

Proof of Proposition 2.4. The proposition follows directly from Lemmas 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7 after choosing N and ϵ appropriately. Indeed, with $C > 1$ denoting the largest among the implicit constants from Lemmas 3.6 and 3.7, choose ϵ sufficiently small such that $N := \lceil \log_{\|\rho\|}(1/\epsilon) \rceil > 4C/\delta$ and $C \cdot (\epsilon/Q) < \delta$. Then $1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon < 2$ and

$1/N + \epsilon \leq 2/N \leq \delta/2C$. So $\|h\|_{C^0} \leq C \cdot (\epsilon/Q) < \delta$; $\|h\|_{C^1} \leq C(1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon) < 2C$; and $\|g\|_{C^1} < C(1 + \|\rho\|^N \epsilon)(1/N + \epsilon) < C \cdot 2 \cdot (\delta/2C) = \delta$. \square

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