

PHYS 5210
Graduate Classical Mechanics
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Lecture 34

Hénon-Heiles Hamiltonian

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lec 31: integrable system is exactly solvable
↳ find AA coords (ϕ_A, J_A)

lec 33: sometimes, perturbations destroy AA coords?
① Do we just get new AA coords? still integrable...
② or no AA coords exist? \rightsquigarrow chaos
↓
observe today!

How to observe chaos in Hamiltonian system? [H t-ind.]

Recall: system on $2n$ -dim phase space
= integrable if we find n ind. const. $\{J_A, J_B\} = 0$.

If $n=1$?, $J_1 = H$. we found $n=1$ const. of motion

ALL 1-DOF systems integrable.

If $n=2$? Yes, we can find chaos!

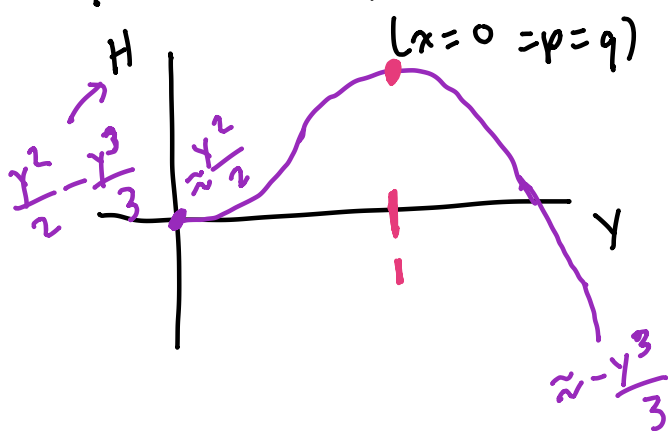
Explicitly via example:

[Hénon - Heiles] 1970s: $H = \frac{p_x^2 + p_y^2}{2m} + \frac{1}{2}k(x^2 + y^2) + b(x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3})$

Remove clutter ($m=k=b=1$): $p_x \rightarrow p$, $p_y \rightarrow q$

$$H = \frac{p^2 + q^2}{2} + \frac{x^2 + y^2}{2} + x^2y - \frac{y^3}{3}$$

Dynamics has Hamiltonian H , t -ind. ... so H conserved.



$$\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = 0 = y - y^2 = 0$$
$$\hookrightarrow y = 1$$

When $y=1$, $x=p=q=0$,
 $H = 1/6$.

Restrict $H \leq 1/6$. \rightarrow trajectories stay bounded.

Hamilton's equations?

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p} = p$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial q} = q$$

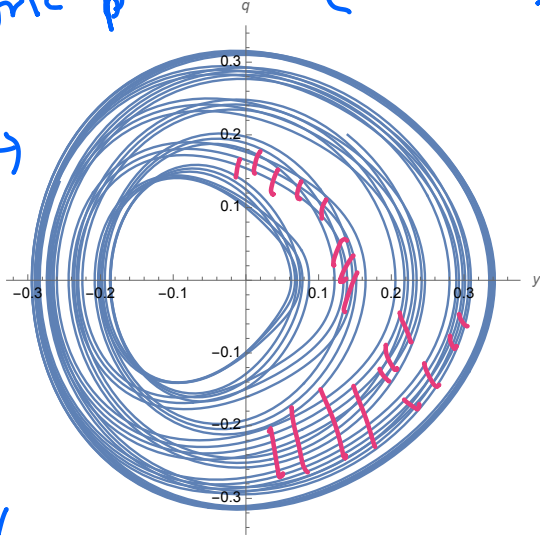
$$\dot{p} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x} = -x - 2xy$$

$$\dot{q} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y} = -y - x^2 + y^2$$

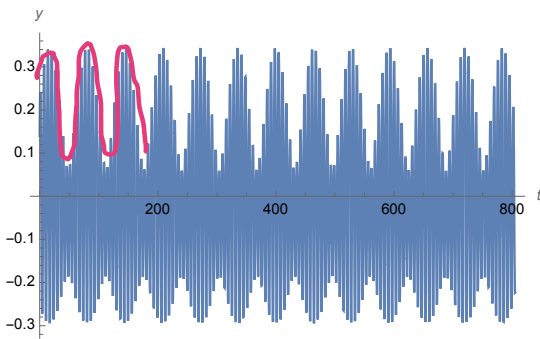
} Plug into
Mathematica...

Here's a simulation of $H \approx 0.058$

Parametric plot of $[y(t), q(t)]$: projection from 4D phase space \rightarrow 2D.



$y(t)$ alone. \rightarrow



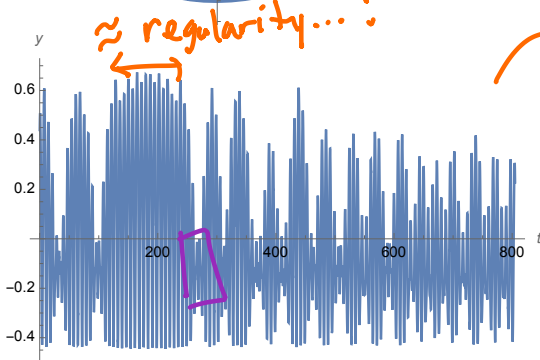
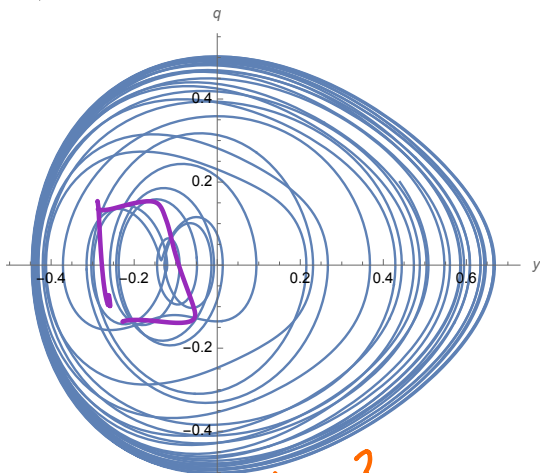
If dynamics was integrable:
there'd be AA variables...
motion on 2d torus (ϕ_1, ϕ_2)

If ω_1, ω_2 commensurate: trace 1d curve.
 ω_1, ω_2 incommen., fill in 2d

dynamics \sim quasiperiodic.



numerics \rightarrow integrability
(not proof...)



\approx regularity...?

not quasiperiodic? (not proof)

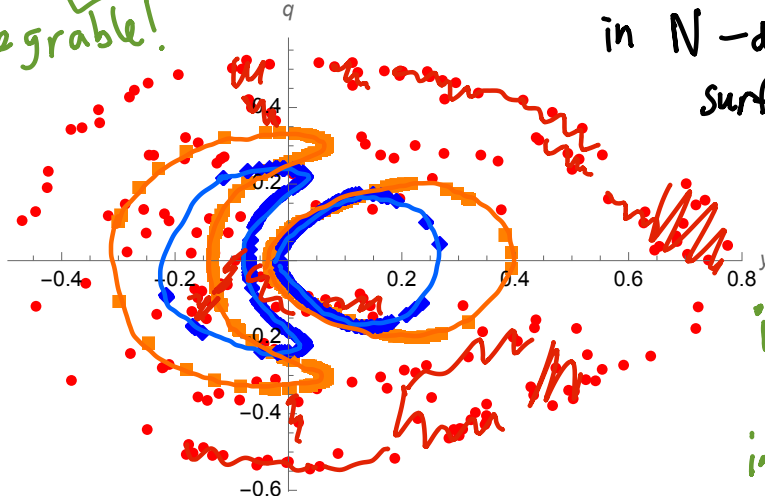


chaos?

irregular!

Observe: Poincaré section. Fix H . Record values of (y, q)
 $E \approx 0.03$ $E \approx 0.06$ $E \approx 0.15 \leftarrow \text{chaos!}$ when $x=0$.

integrable!



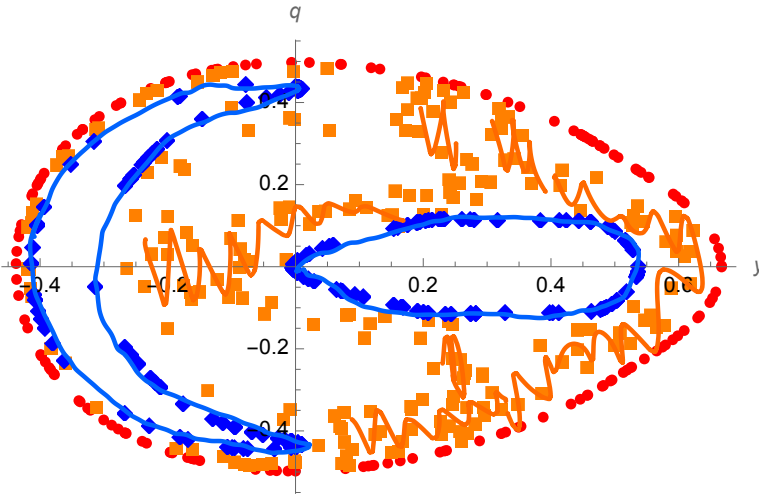
in N -dim phase space ...

surface S_1 w/ dim $N - n_1$
 $S_2 \dots N - n_2$

intersect on $N - n_1 - n_2$ dim.

integrable? $S_1 = \{x=0\}$; $S_2 = T^2$
 $4-1d$ $4-2d$
 intersect on $4-2-1=1$ -dim surf.

chaos? $S_1 = \{x=0\}$ & $S_2 = \{\text{const. } H\}$?
 $4-1d$ $4-1d?$ \rightarrow intersect on $2d?$
 ($> 1d$).



Also Poincaré section, $x=0$.

But, $E = 1/8$ fixed.

diff color \rightarrow diff ICs.

Some ICs \rightarrow integrable?

Other ICs \rightarrow chaos?

These appear for same $E!$
 chaos & integrability!

Coexistence of

