

Nonlinear physics: Hamiltonian Chaos

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(Example Hénon-Heiles system)
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Phase space: the $2N$ dimensional space defined by variables $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_N, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_N$

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Usually, in physics and applied sciences, people use the notion of chaos in relation to the sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

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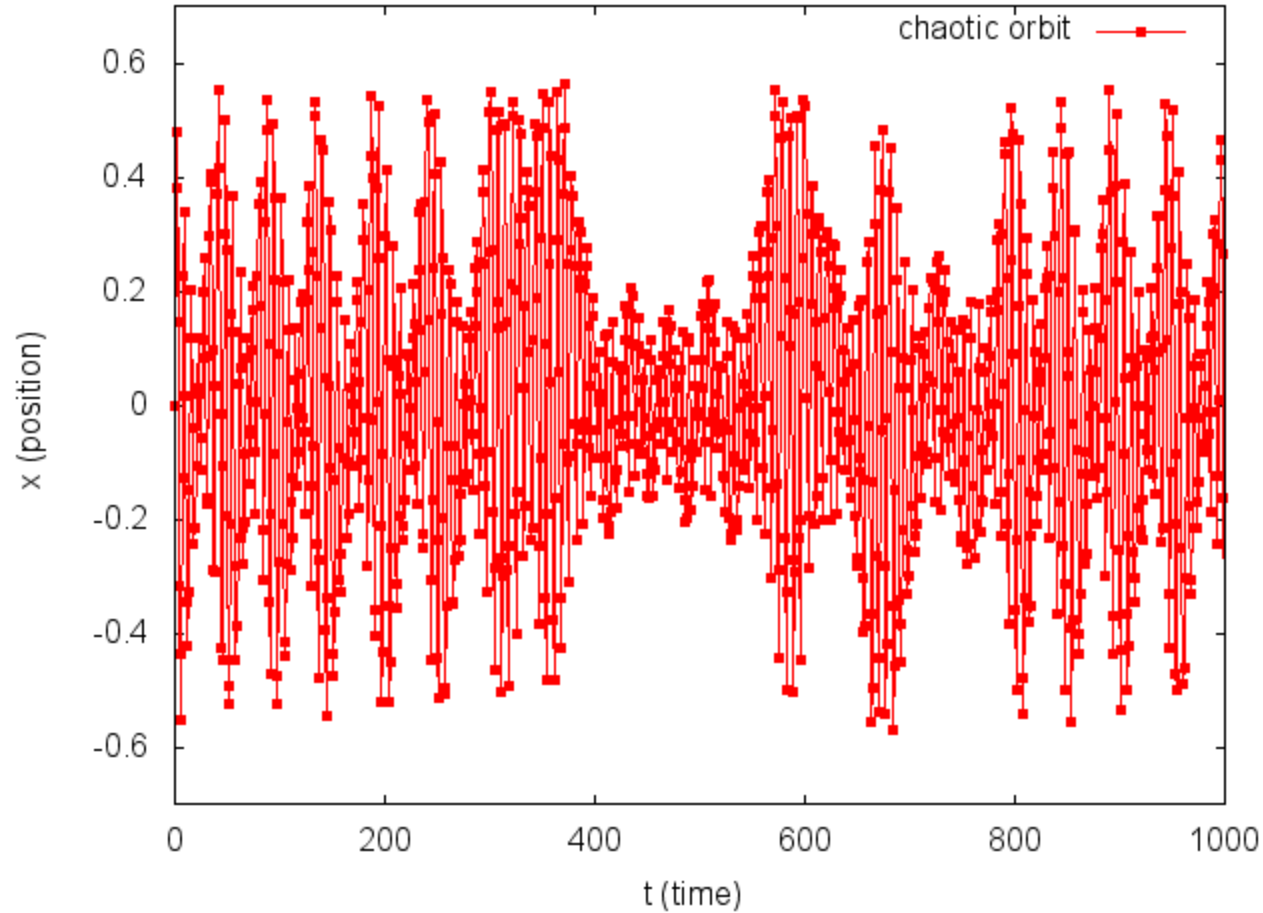
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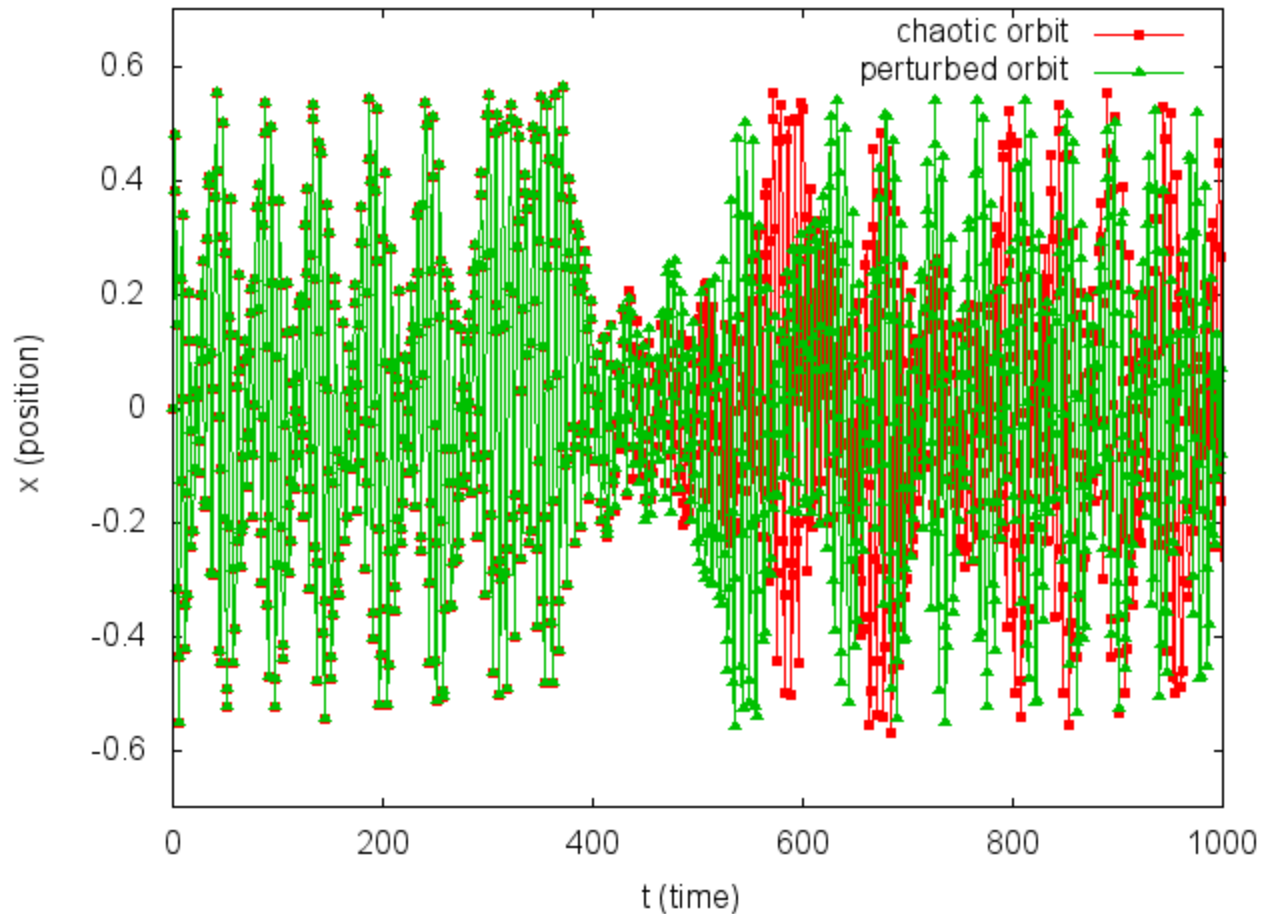
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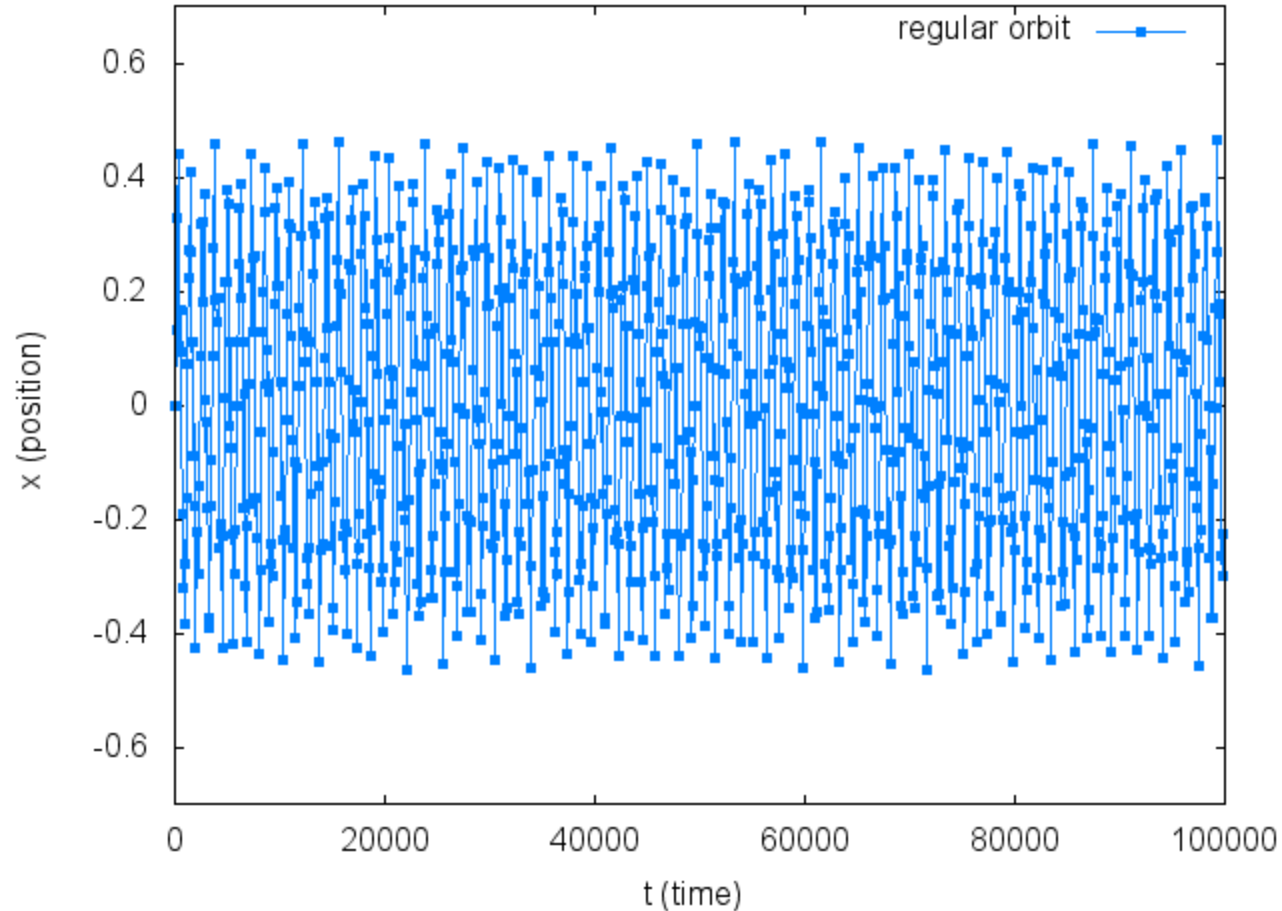
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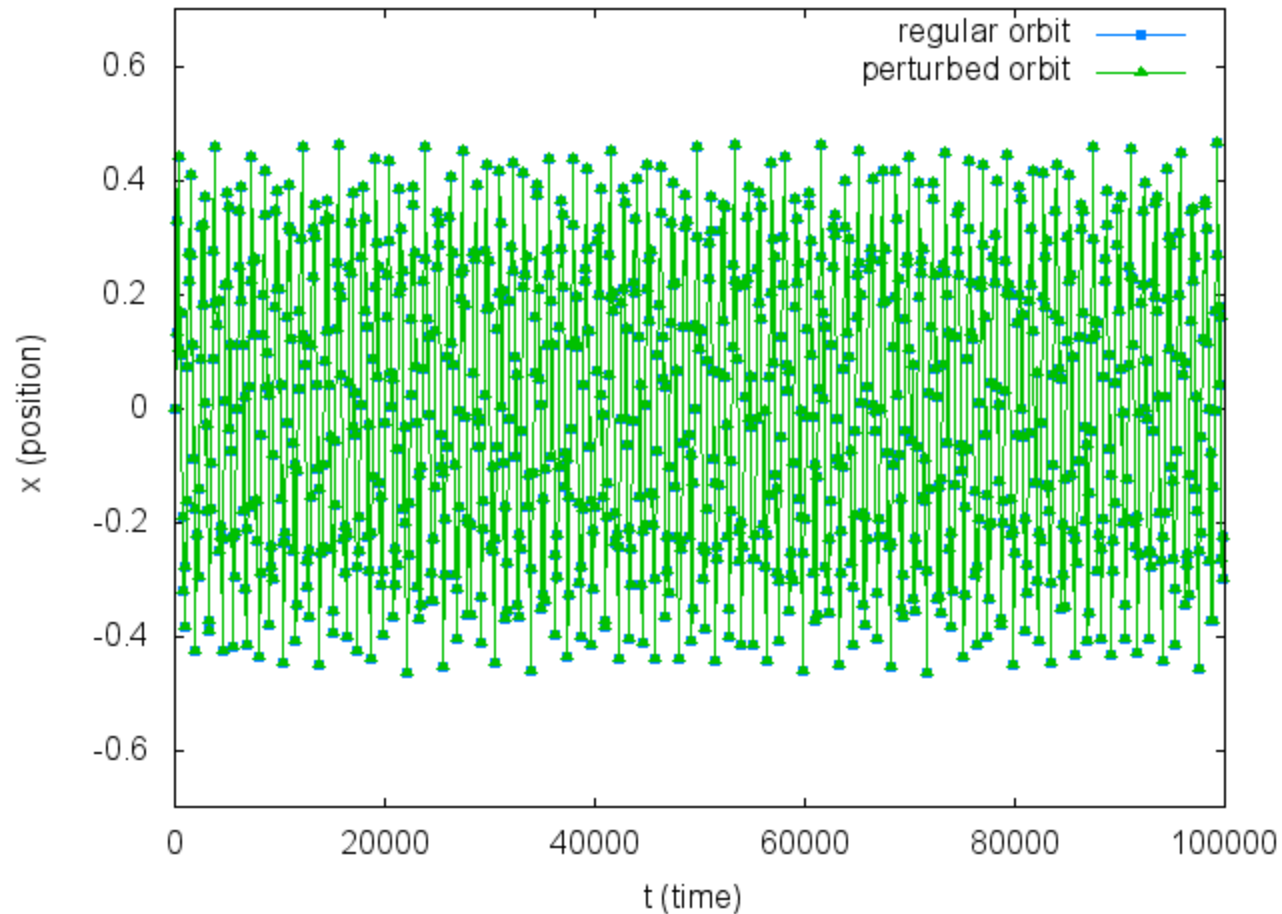
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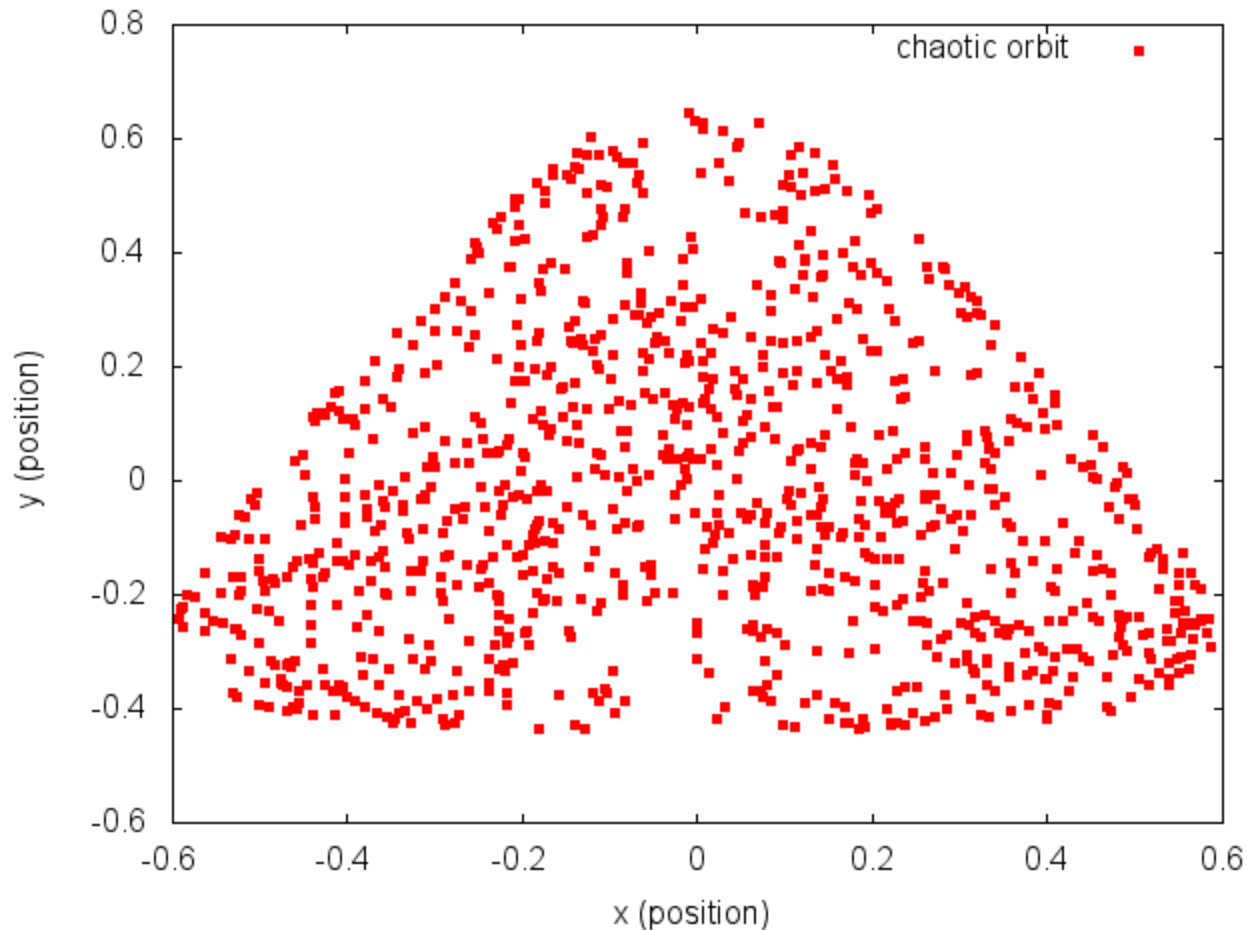
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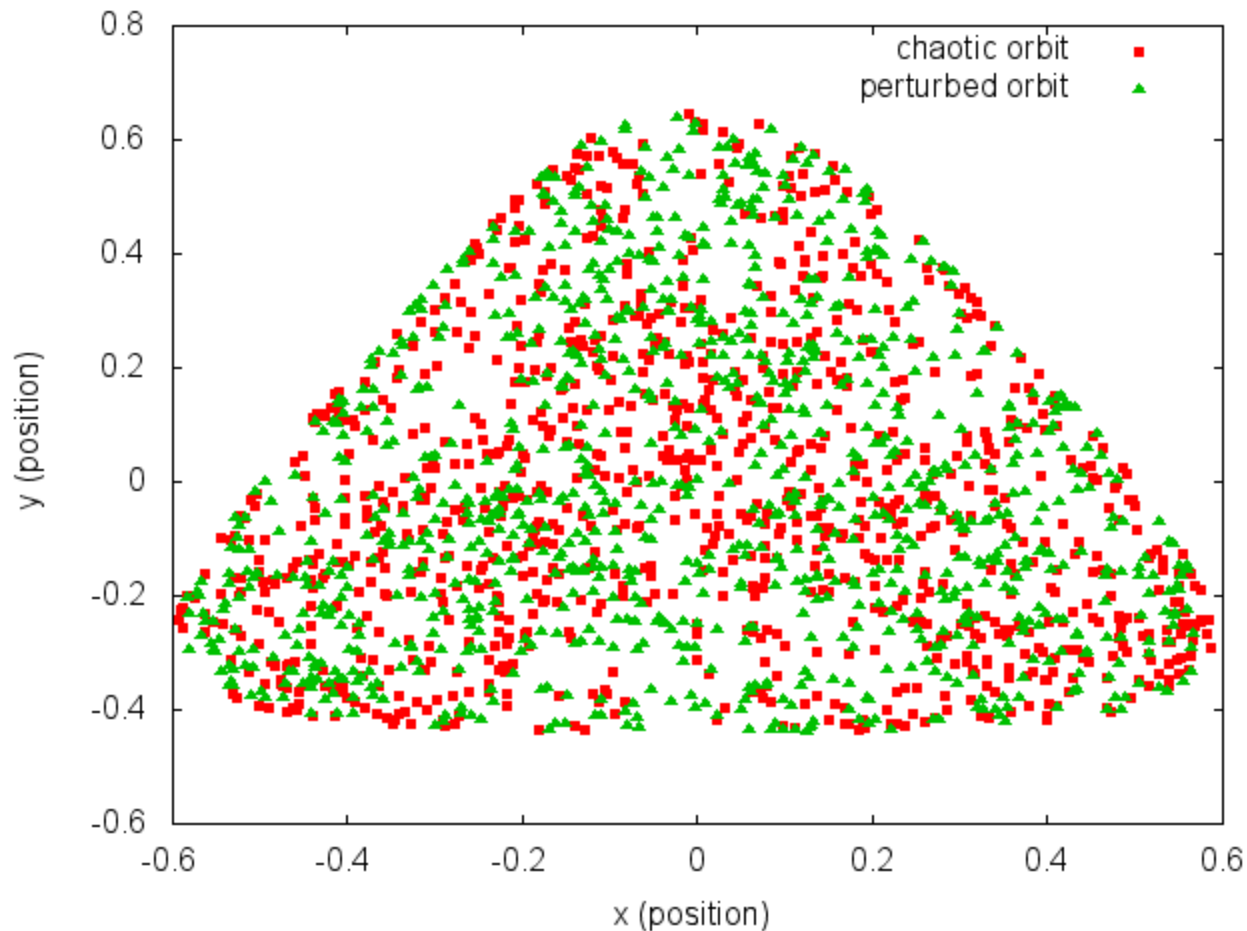
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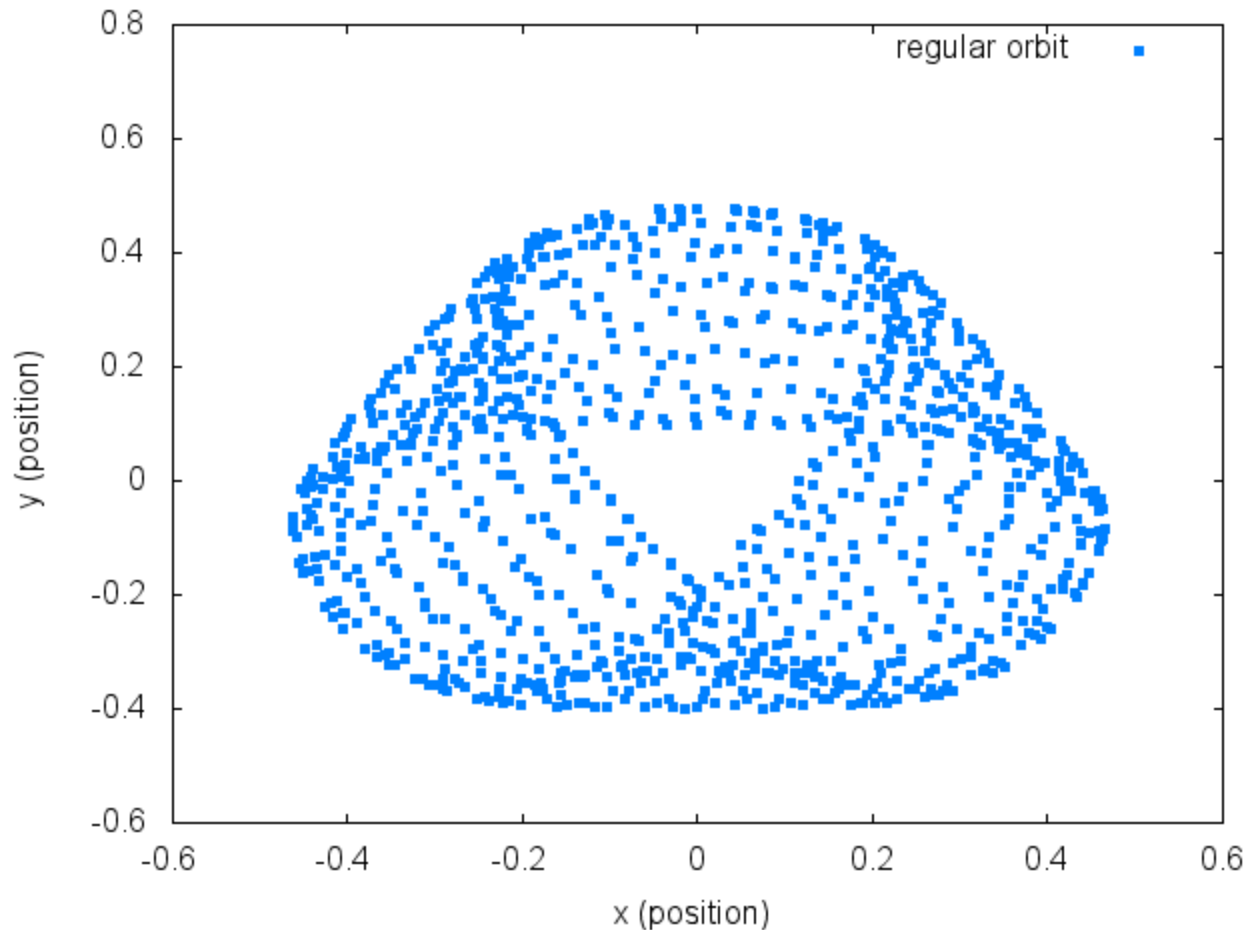
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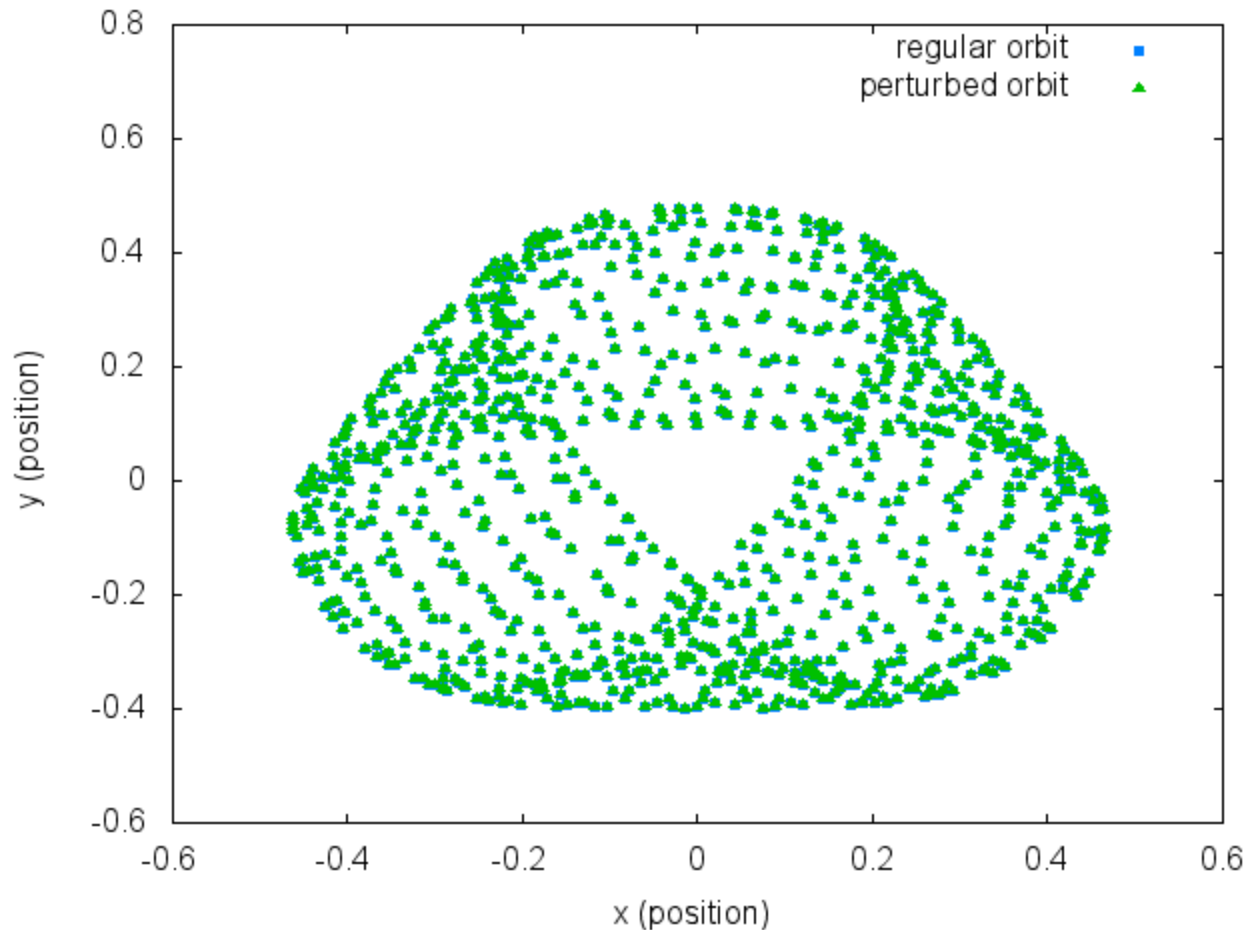
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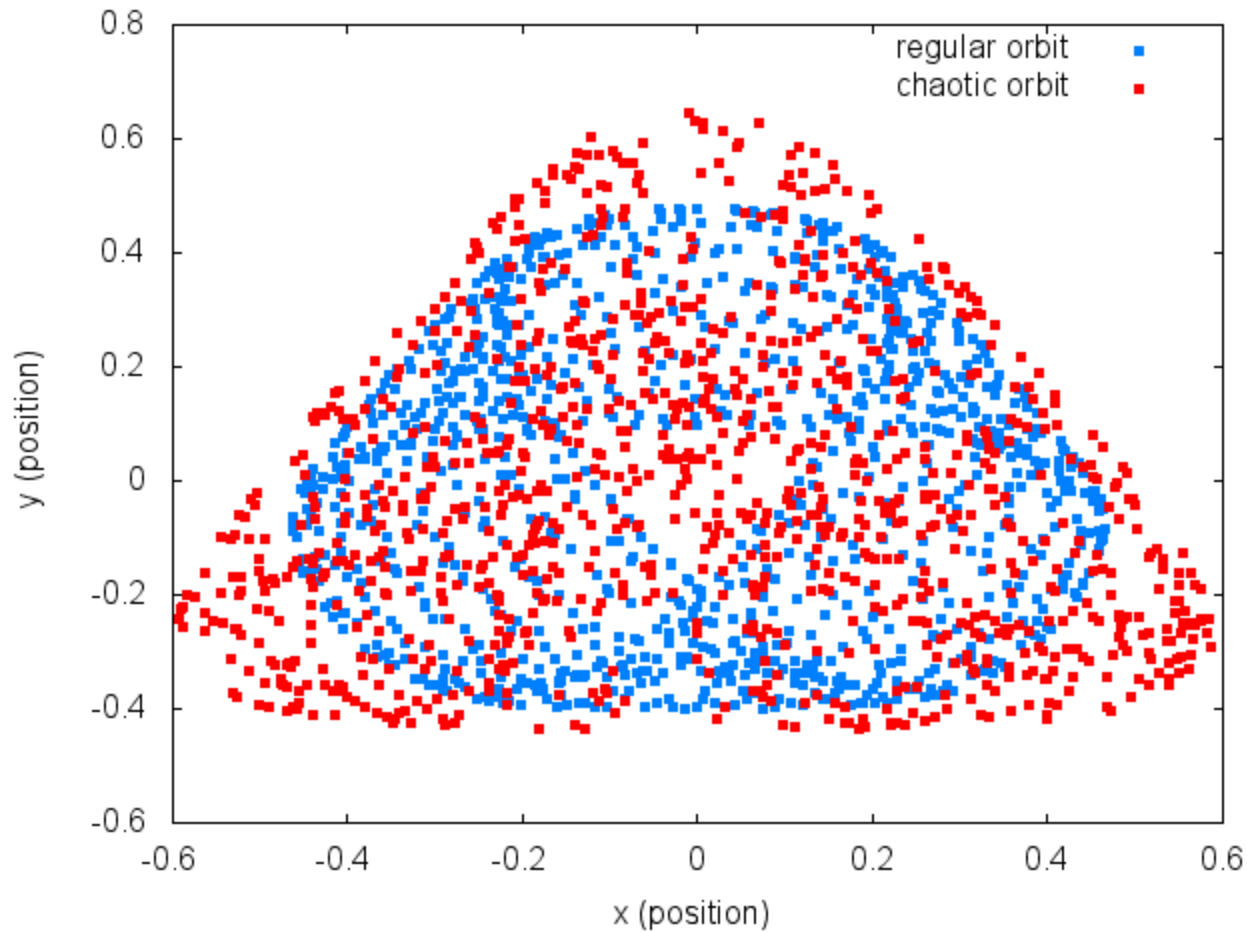
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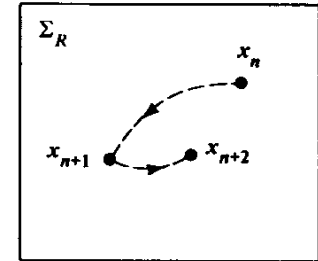
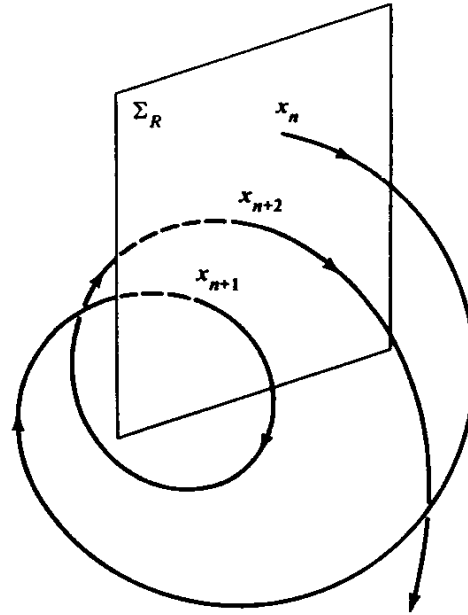
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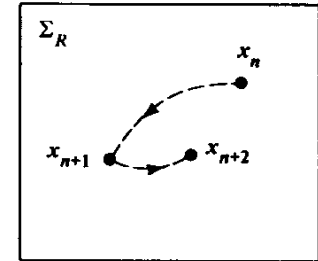
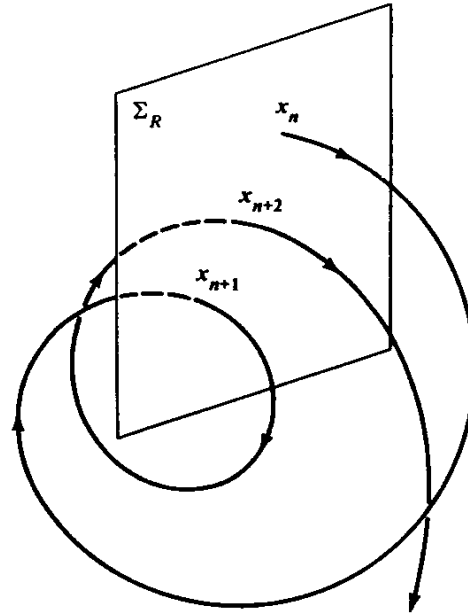
We can constrain the study of an $N+1$ degree of freedom Hamiltonian system to a **2N-dimensional subspace of the general phase space.**



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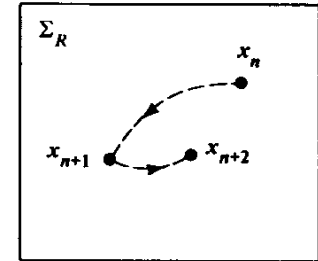
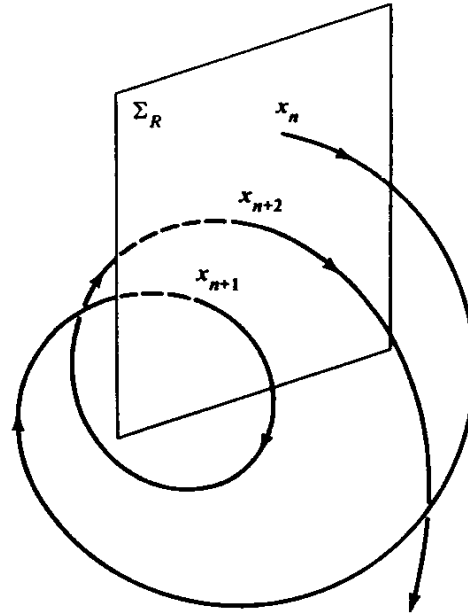


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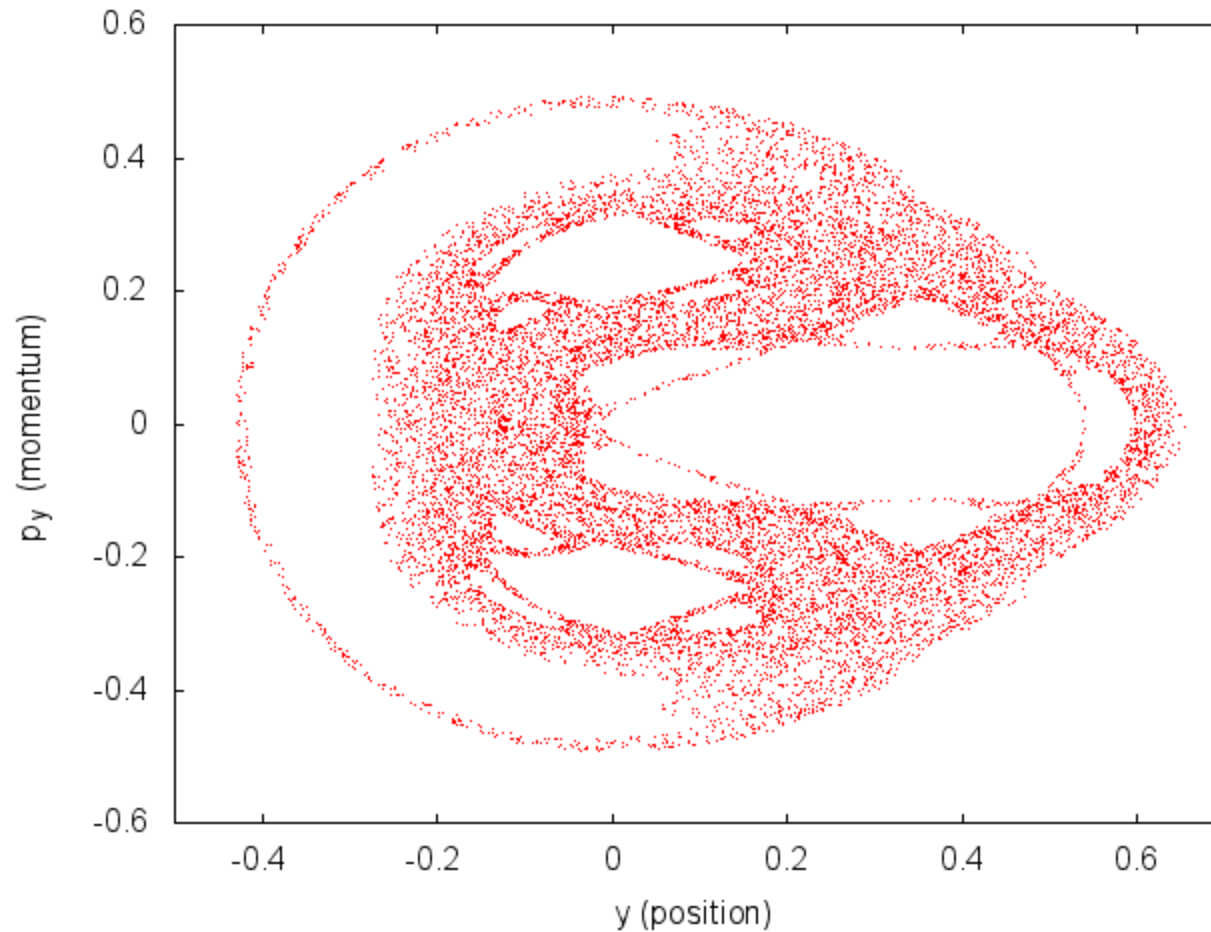


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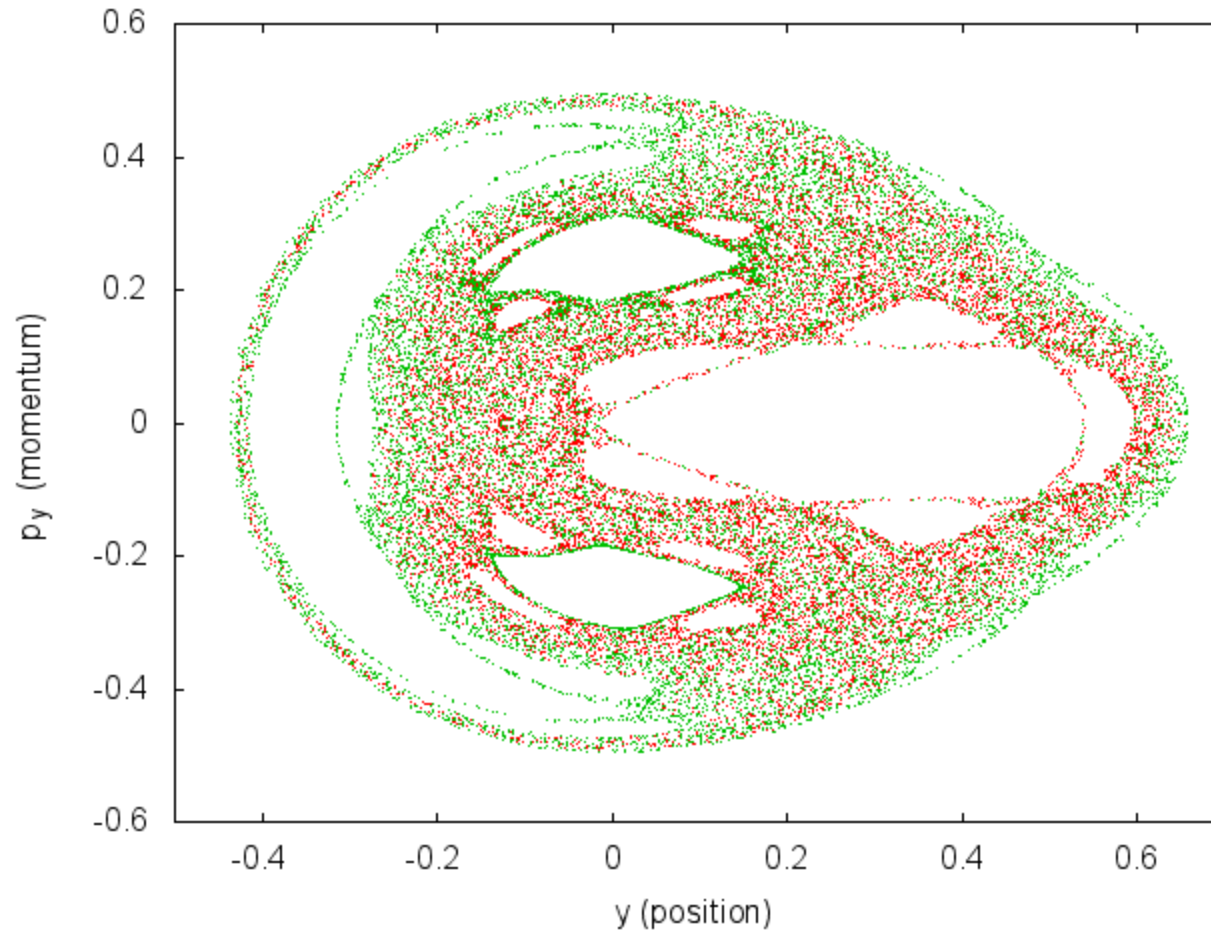
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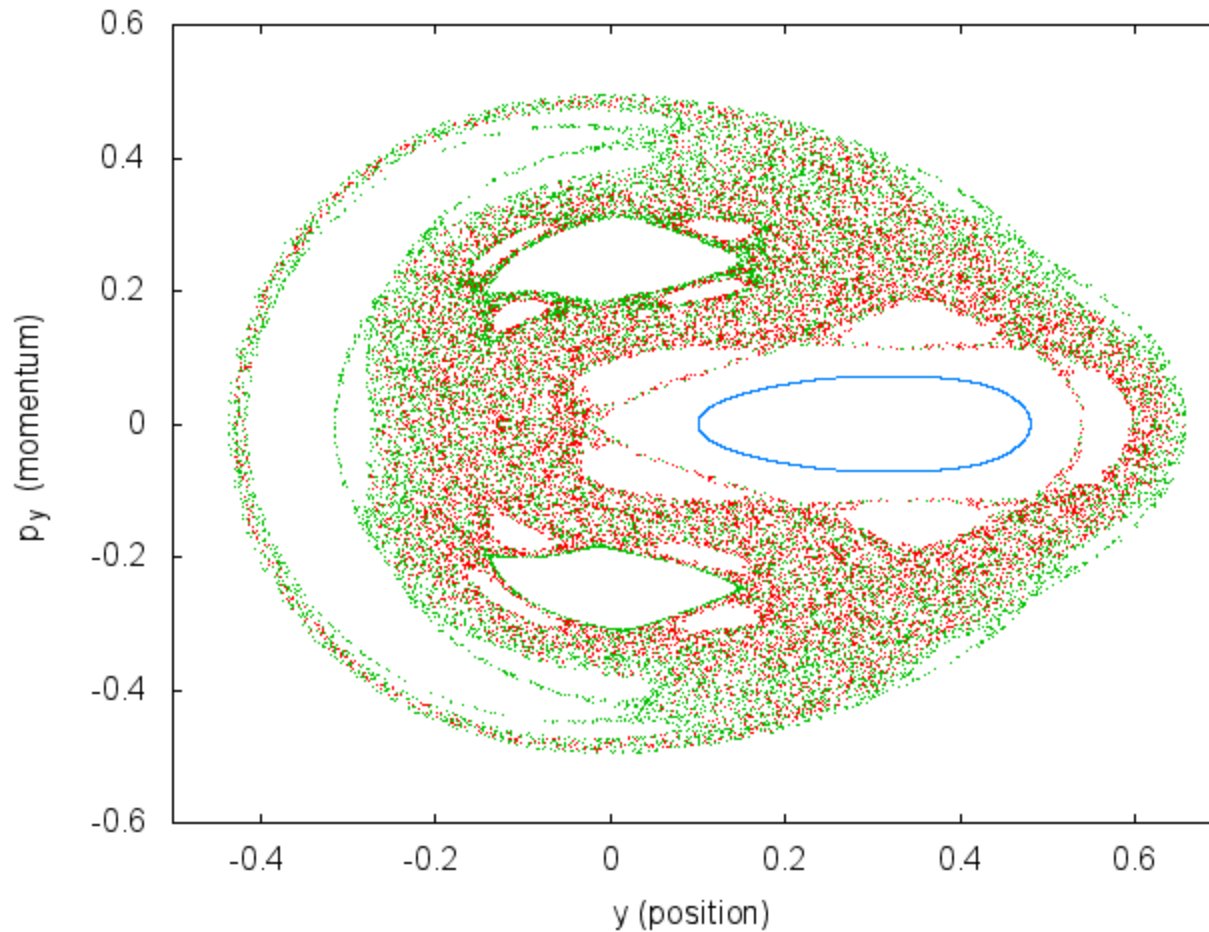
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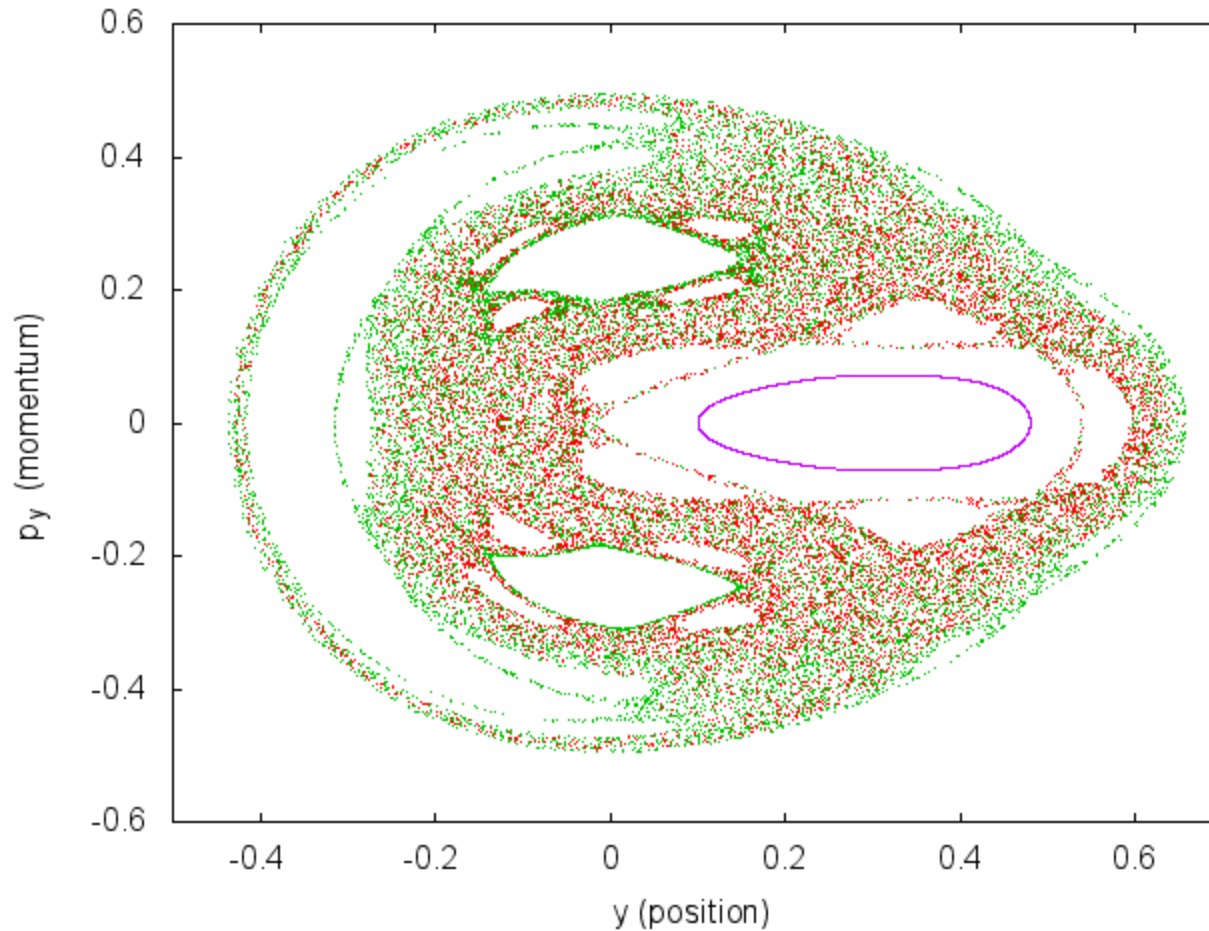
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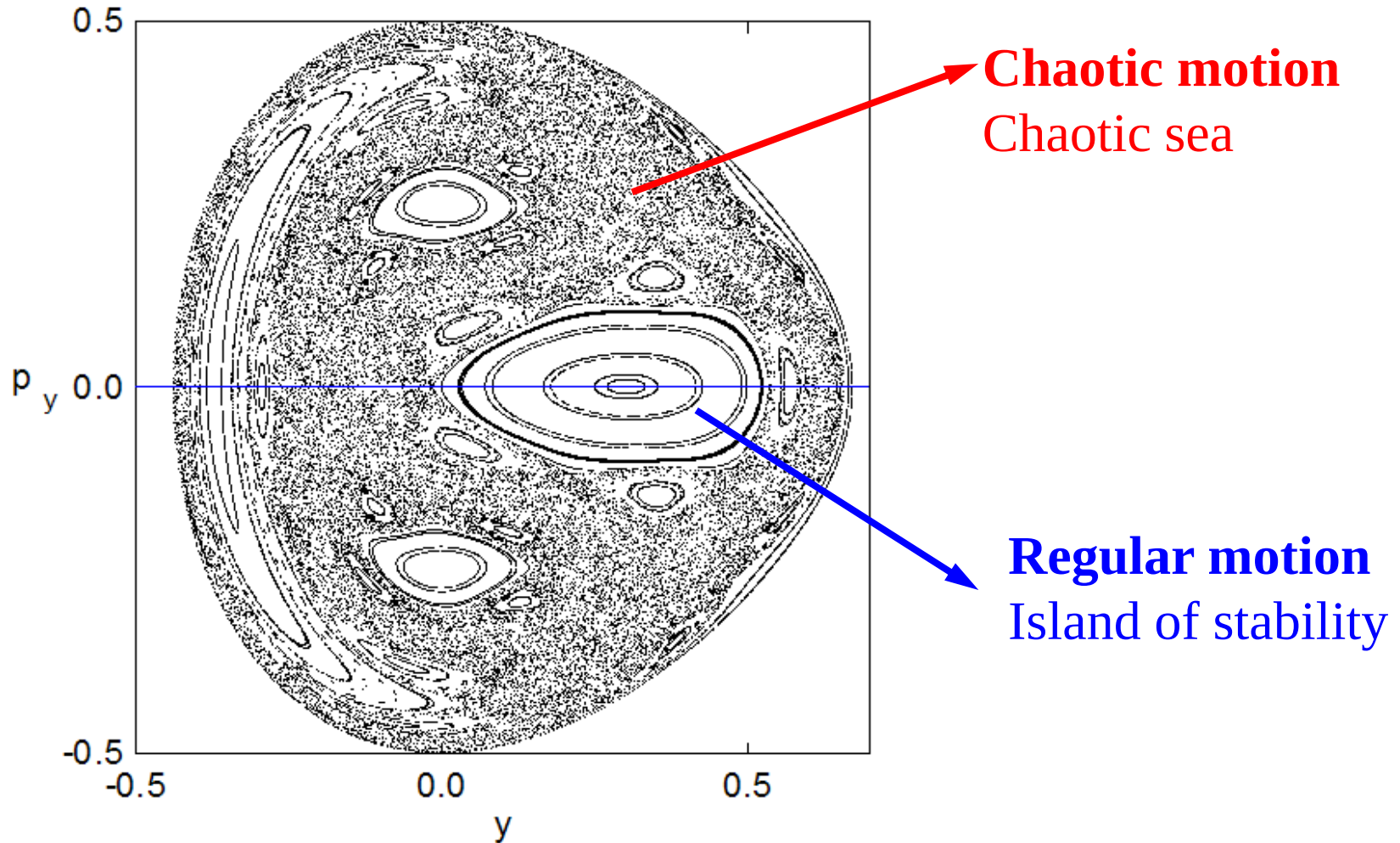
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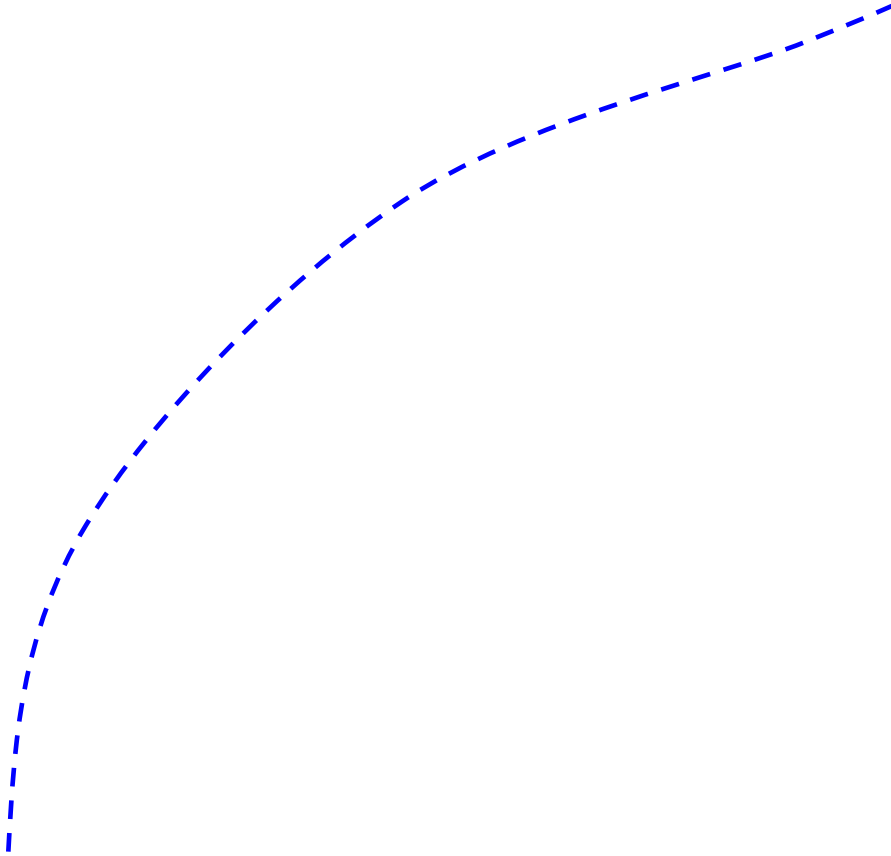
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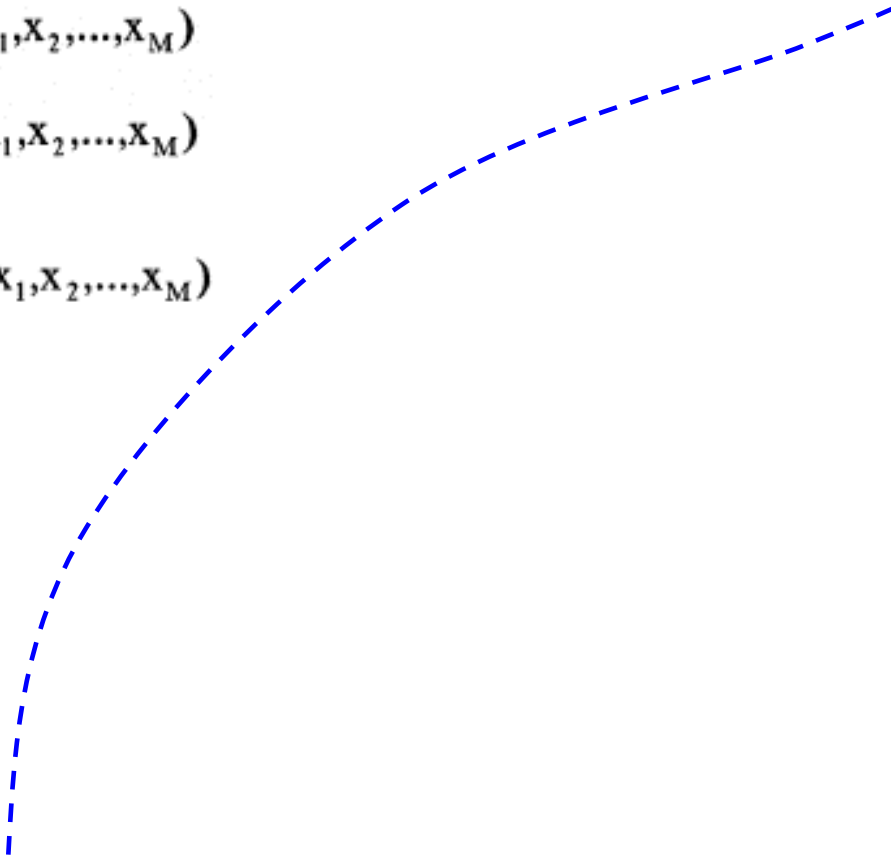


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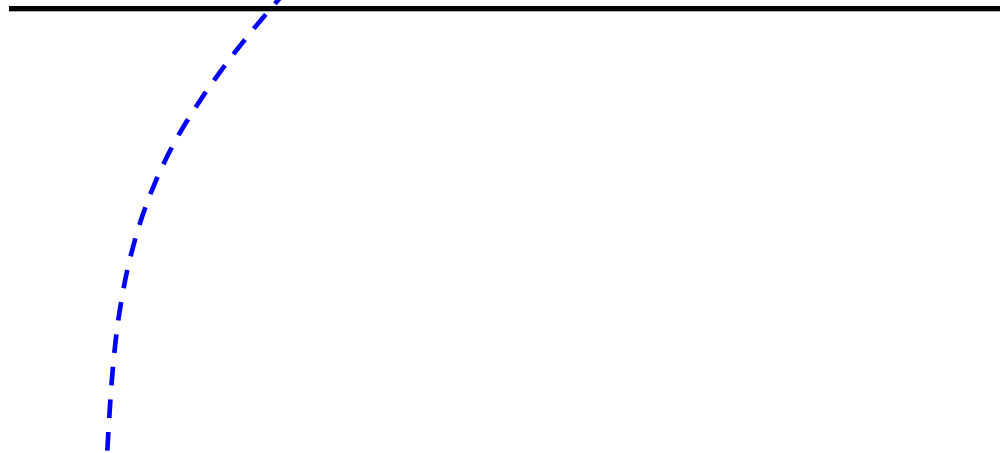
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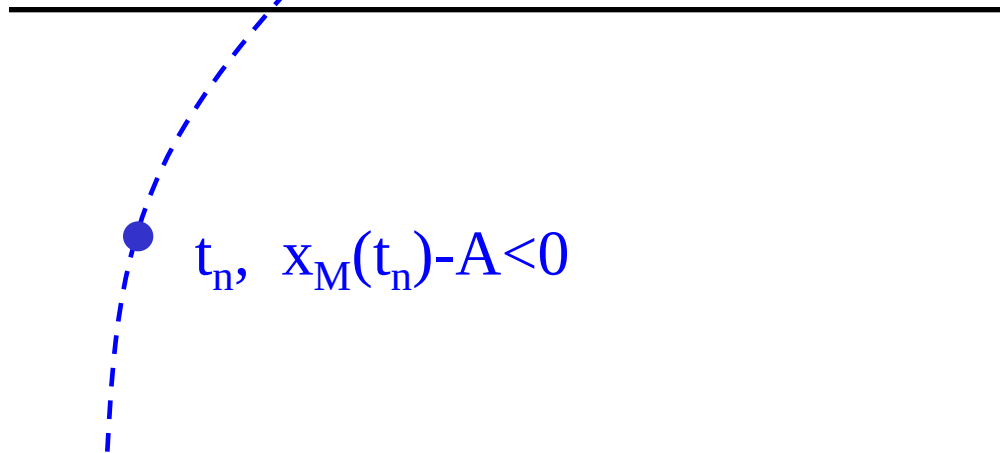
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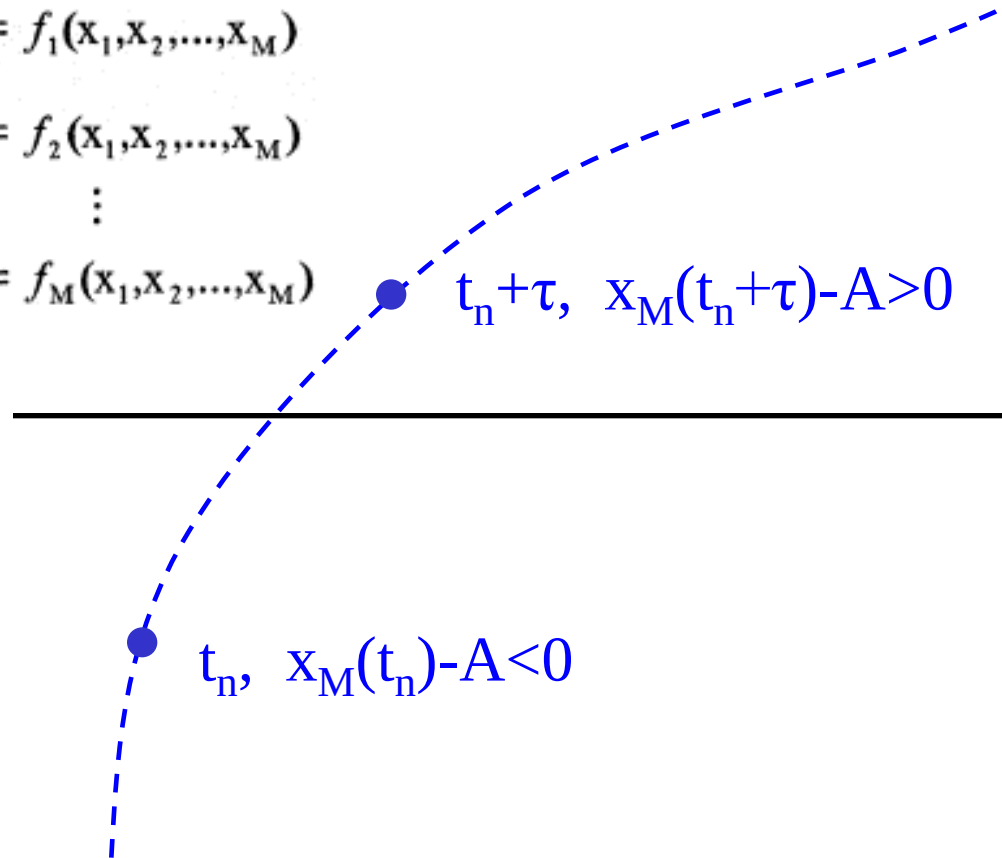
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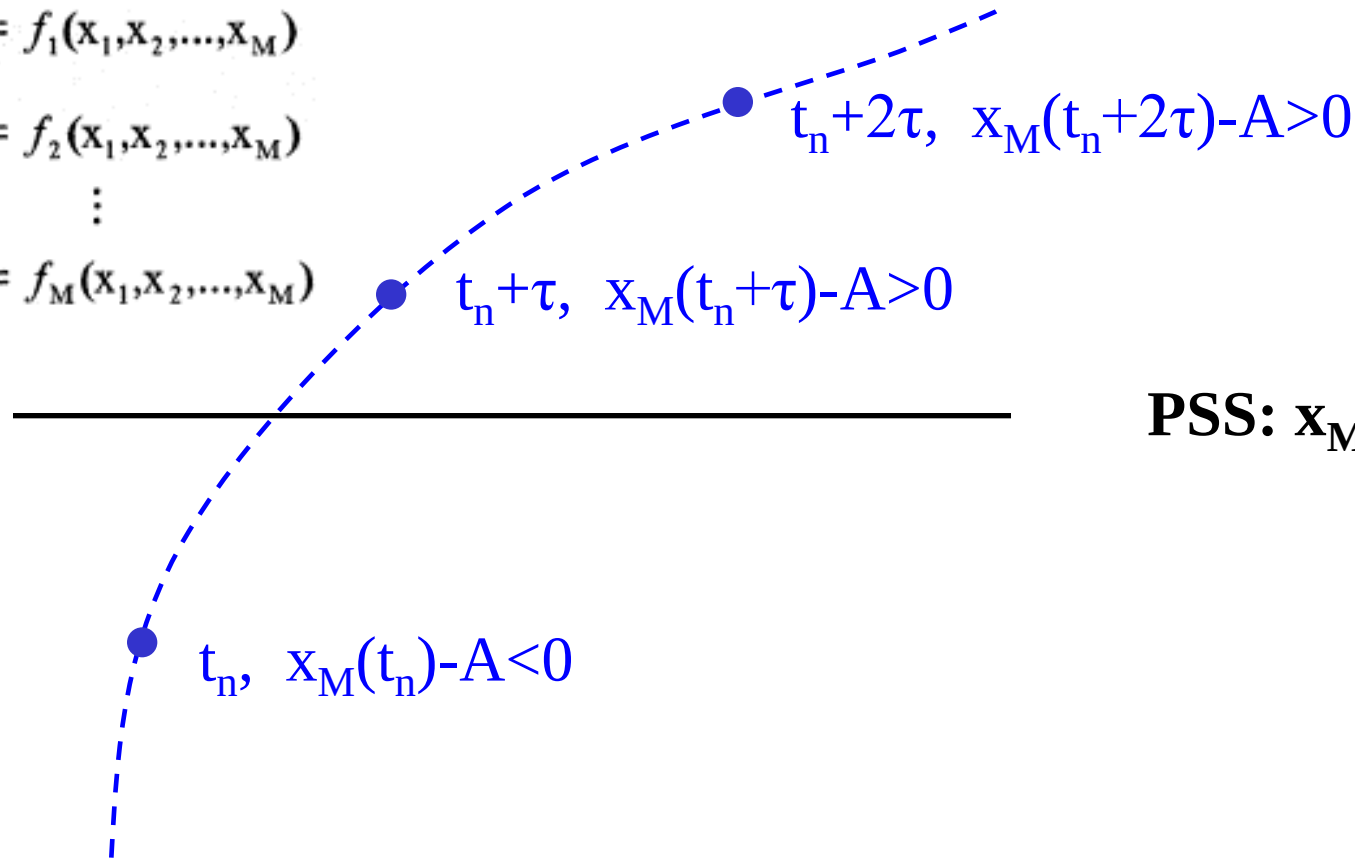
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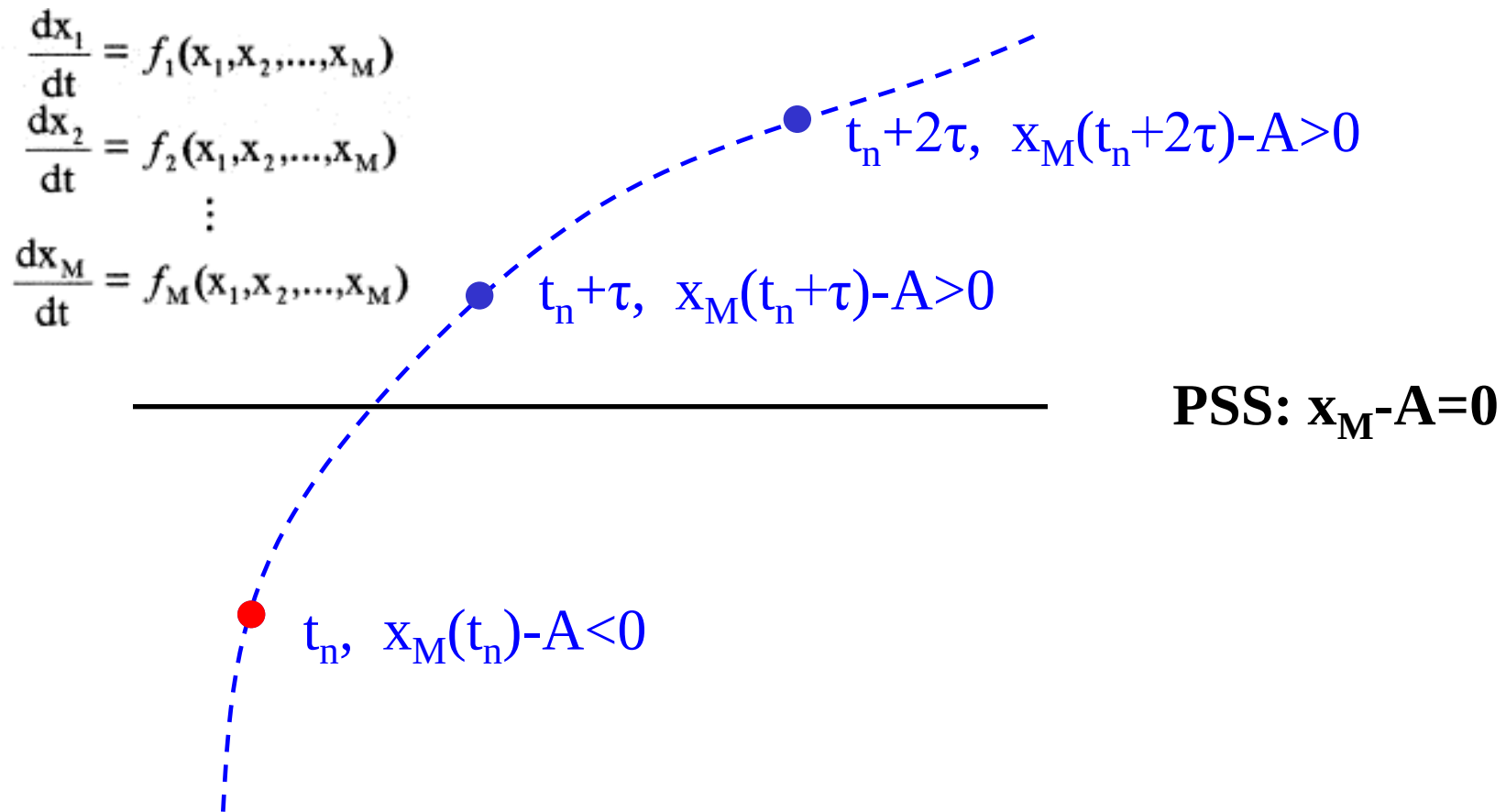
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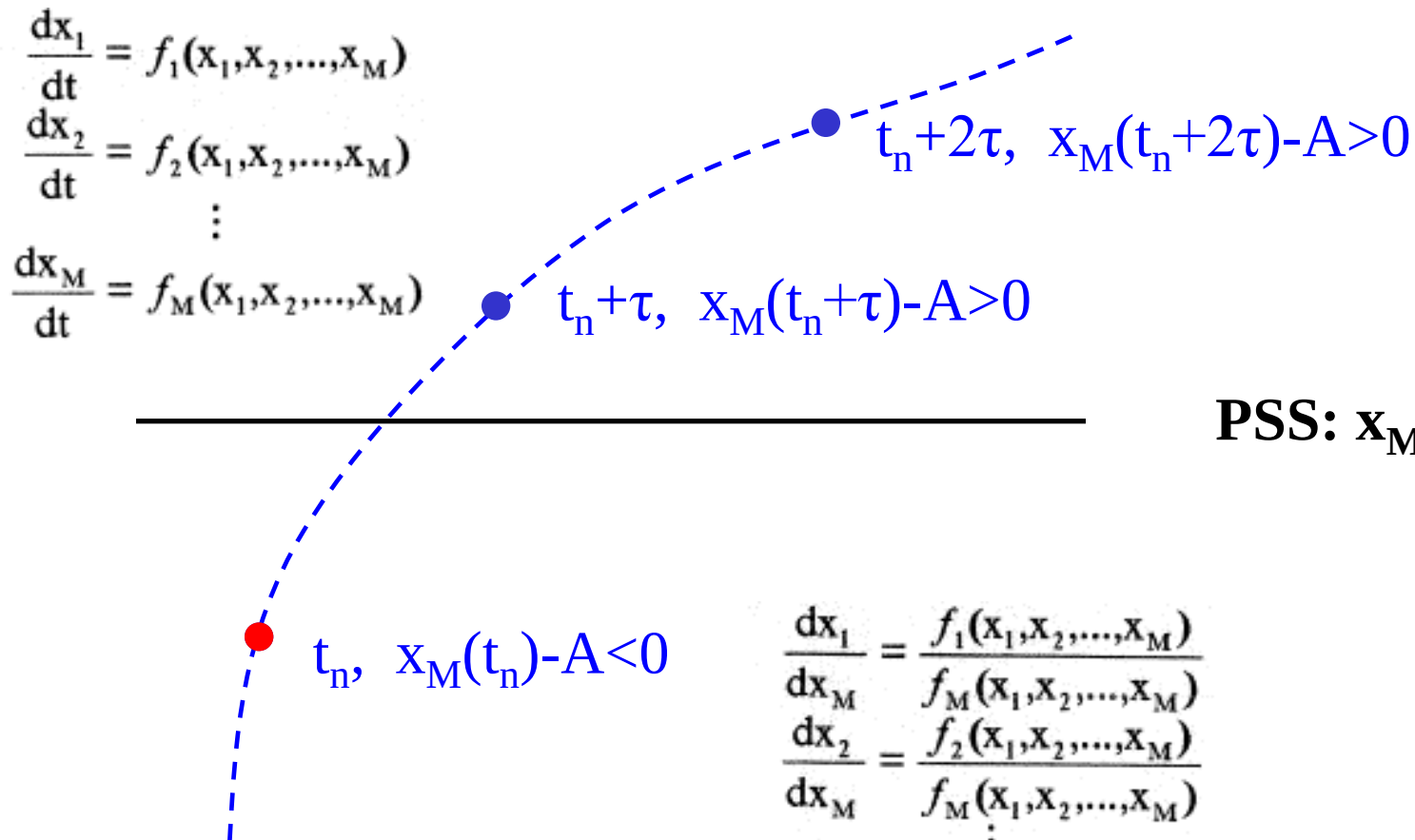


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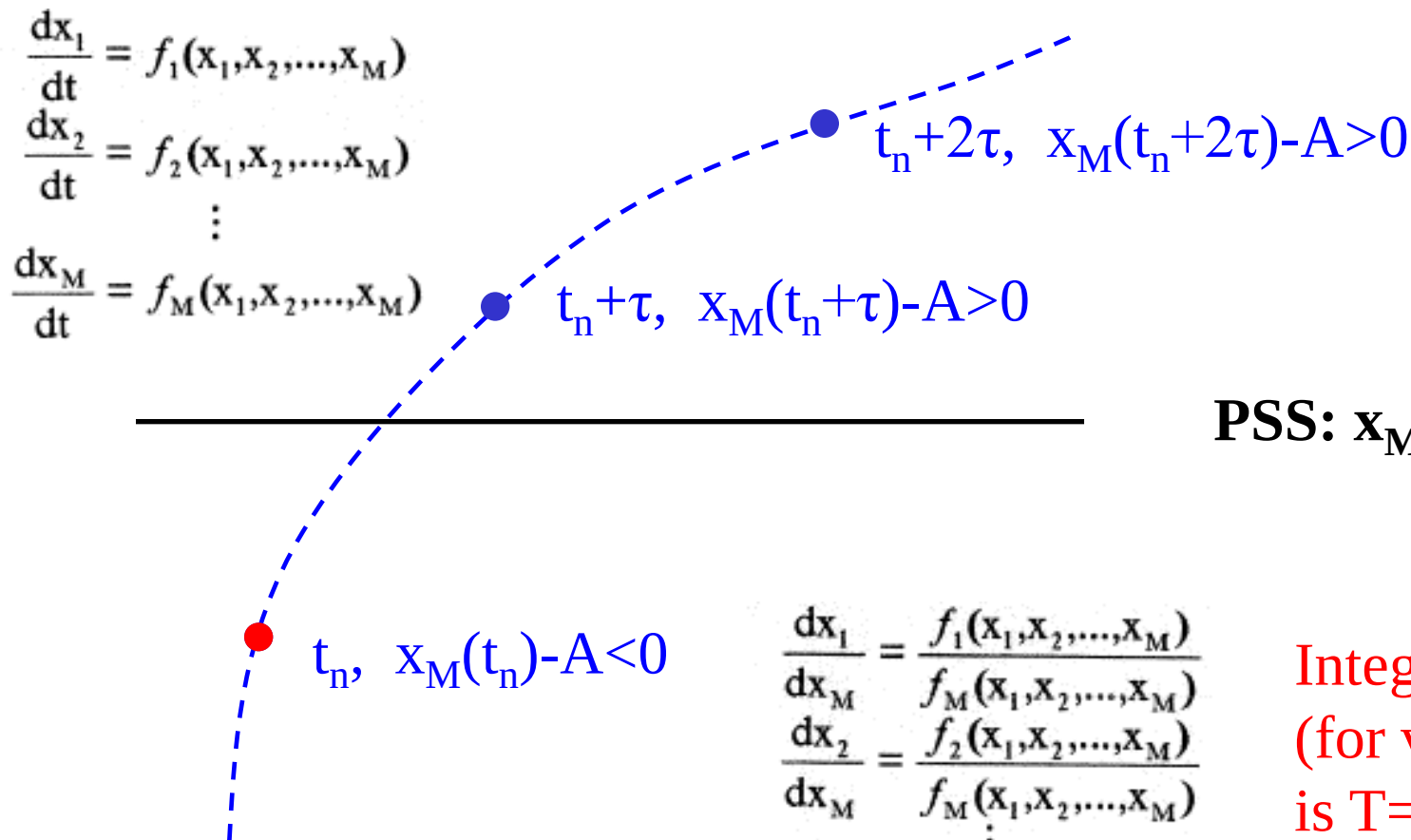


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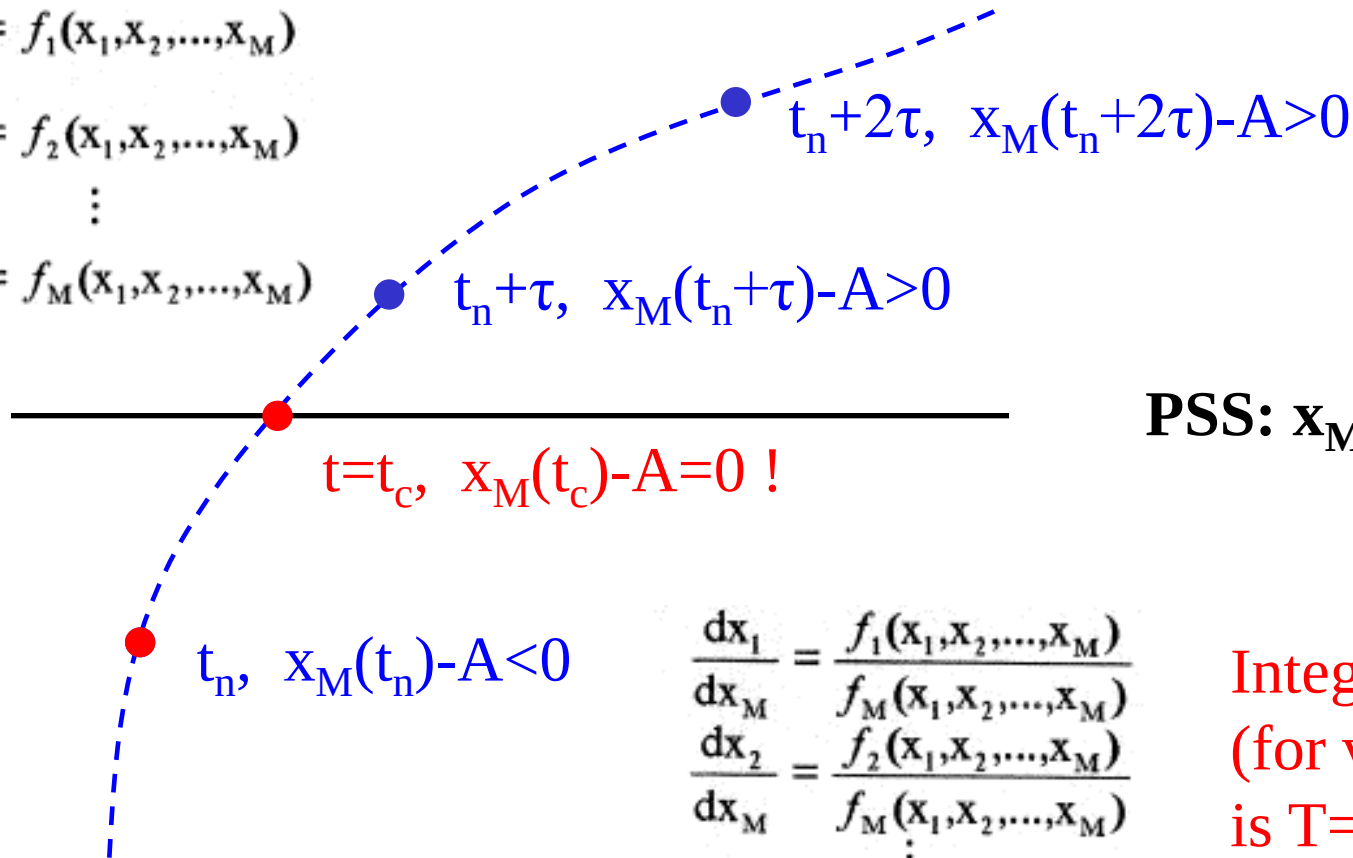
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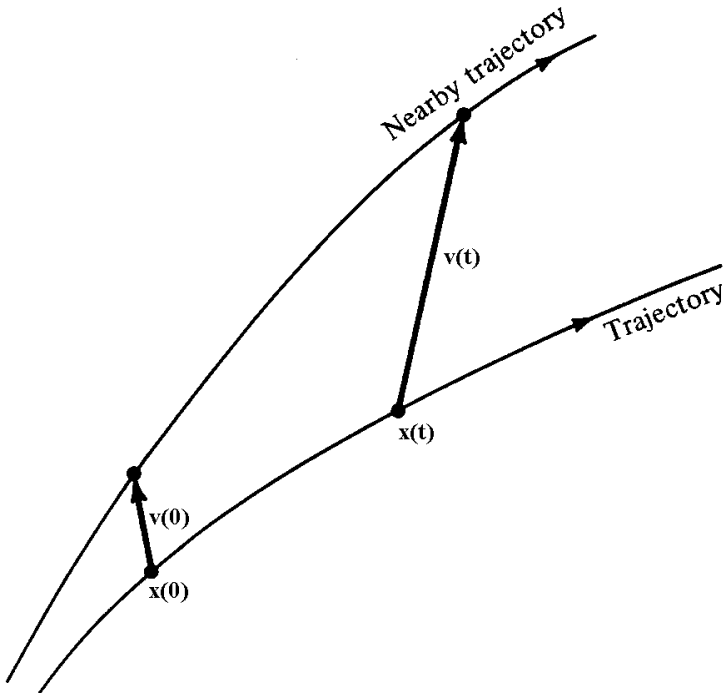
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Consider an orbit in the $2N$ -dimensional phase space with **initial condition $\mathbf{x}(0)$** and an **initial deviation vector from it $\mathbf{v}(0)$** . Then the mean exponential rate of divergence is:

$$\sigma(\mathbf{x}(0), \mathbf{v}(0)) = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{t} \ln \frac{\|\mathbf{v}(t)\|}{\|\mathbf{v}(0)\|}$$

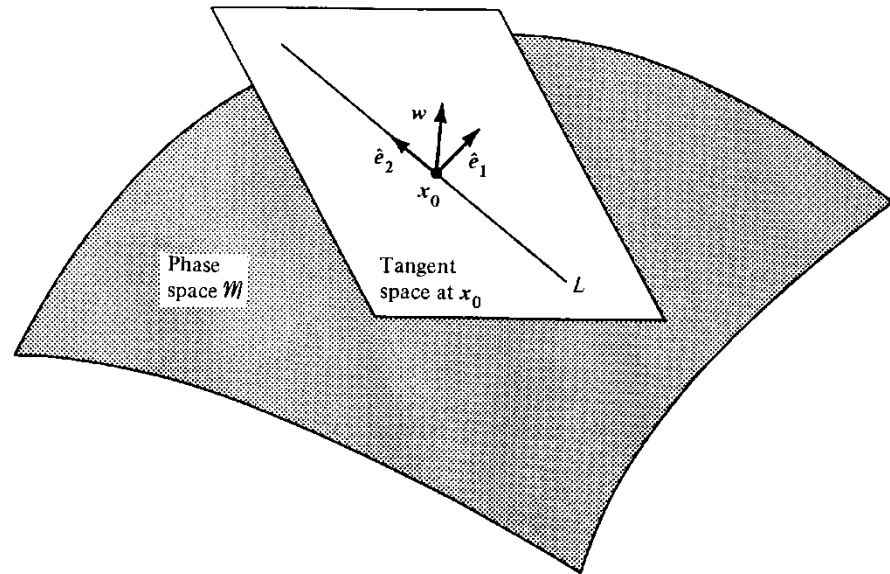
We commonly use the Euclidian norm and set $d(0) = \|\mathbf{v}(0)\| = 1$

Lyapunov Exponents

There exists an **M-dimensional basis** $\{\hat{e}_i\}$ of v such that for any v , σ takes one of the M (possibly nondistinct) values

$$\sigma_i(x(0)) = \sigma(x(0), \hat{e}_i)$$

which are the **Lyapunov exponents**.



Benettin & Galgani, 1979, in Laval and Gressillon (eds.), op cit, 93

In autonomous Hamiltonian systems the M exponents are ordered in **pairs of opposite sign numbers and two of them are 0**.

Computation of the Maximum Lyapunov Exponent

Due to the exponential growth of $v(t)$ (and of $d(t)=\|v(t)\|$) we **renormalize $v(t)$** from time to time.

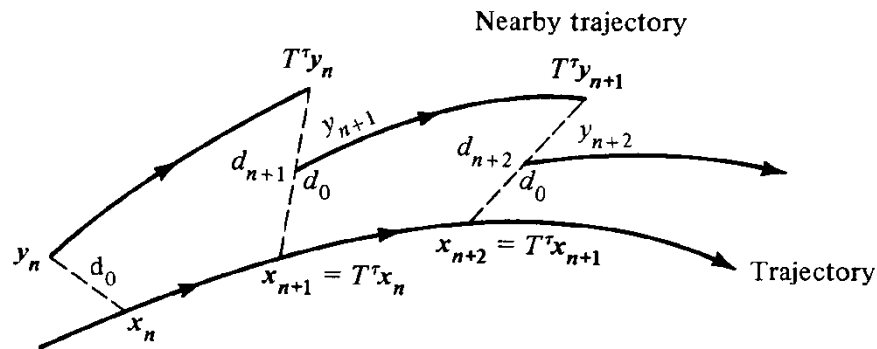


Figure 5.6. Numerical calculation of the maximal Liapunov characteristic exponent. Here $y = x + v$ and τ is a finite interval of time (after Benettin *et al.*, 1976).

Then the Maximum Lyapunov exponent is computed as

$$\sigma_1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n\tau} \sum_{i=1}^n \ln d_i$$

Maximum Lyapunov Exponent

$\sigma_1=0 \rightarrow$ Regular motion
 $\sigma_1 \neq 0 \rightarrow$ Chaotic motion

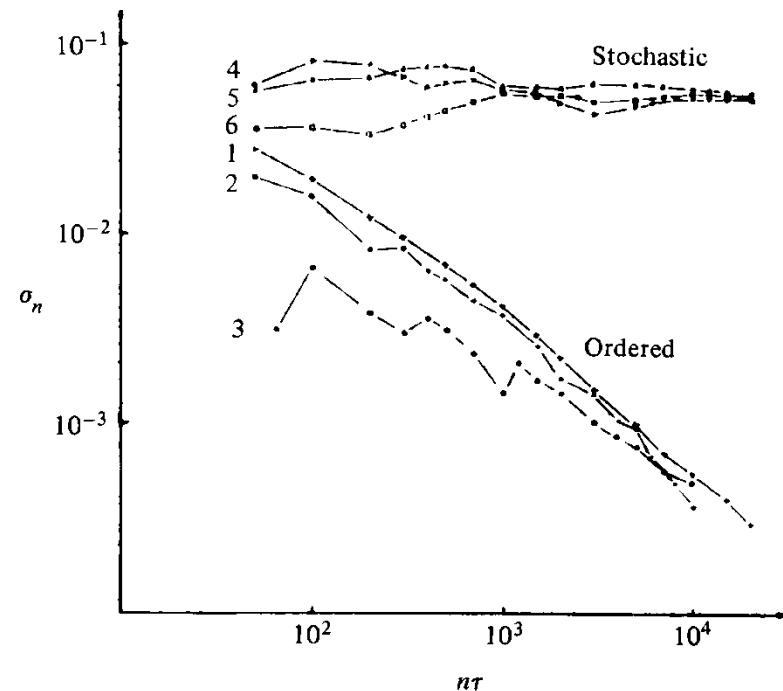
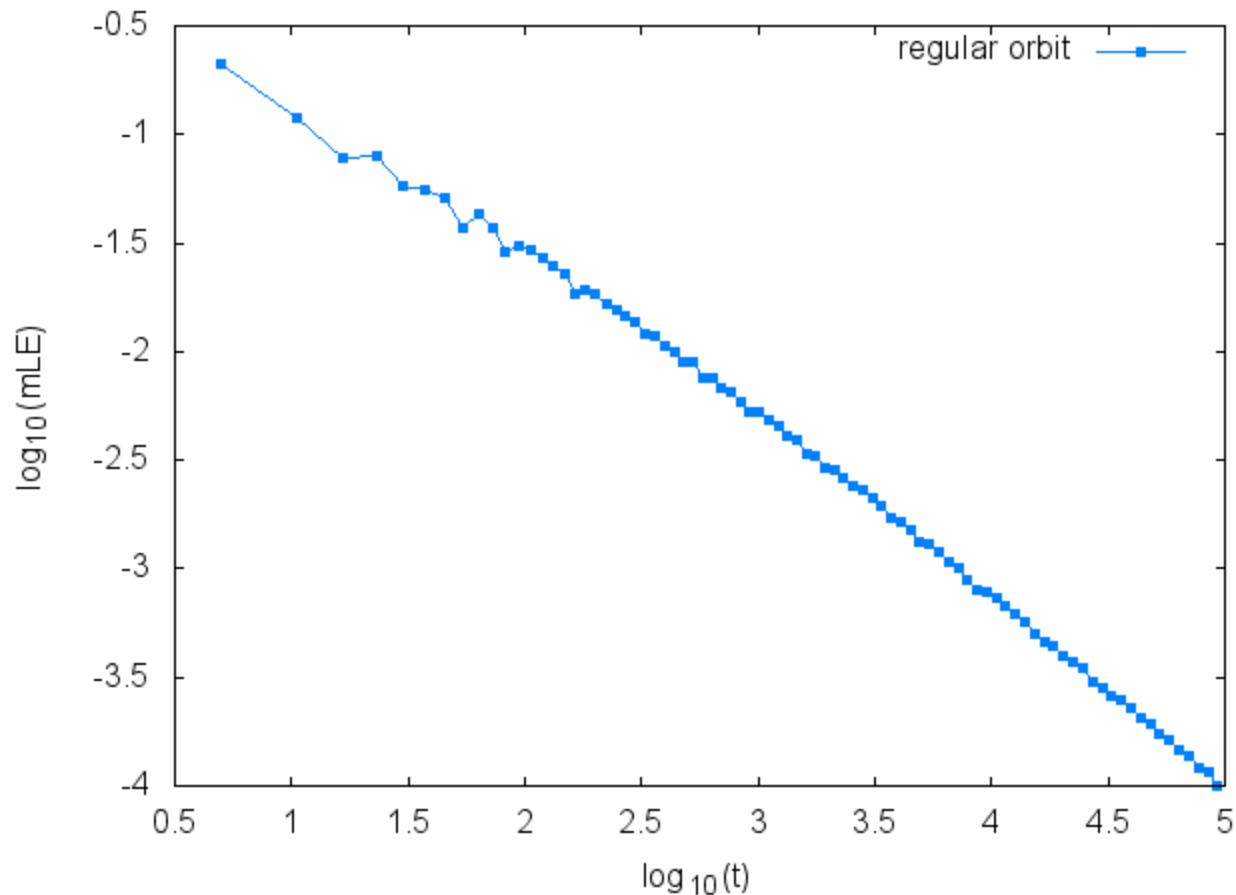


Figure 5.7. Behavior of σ_n at the intermediate energy $E = 0.125$ for initial points taken in the ordered (curves 1–3) or stochastic (curves 4–6) regions (after Benettin *et al.*, 1976).

If we start with more than one linearly independent deviation vectors they will **align to the direction defined by the largest Lyapunov exponent** for chaotic orbits.

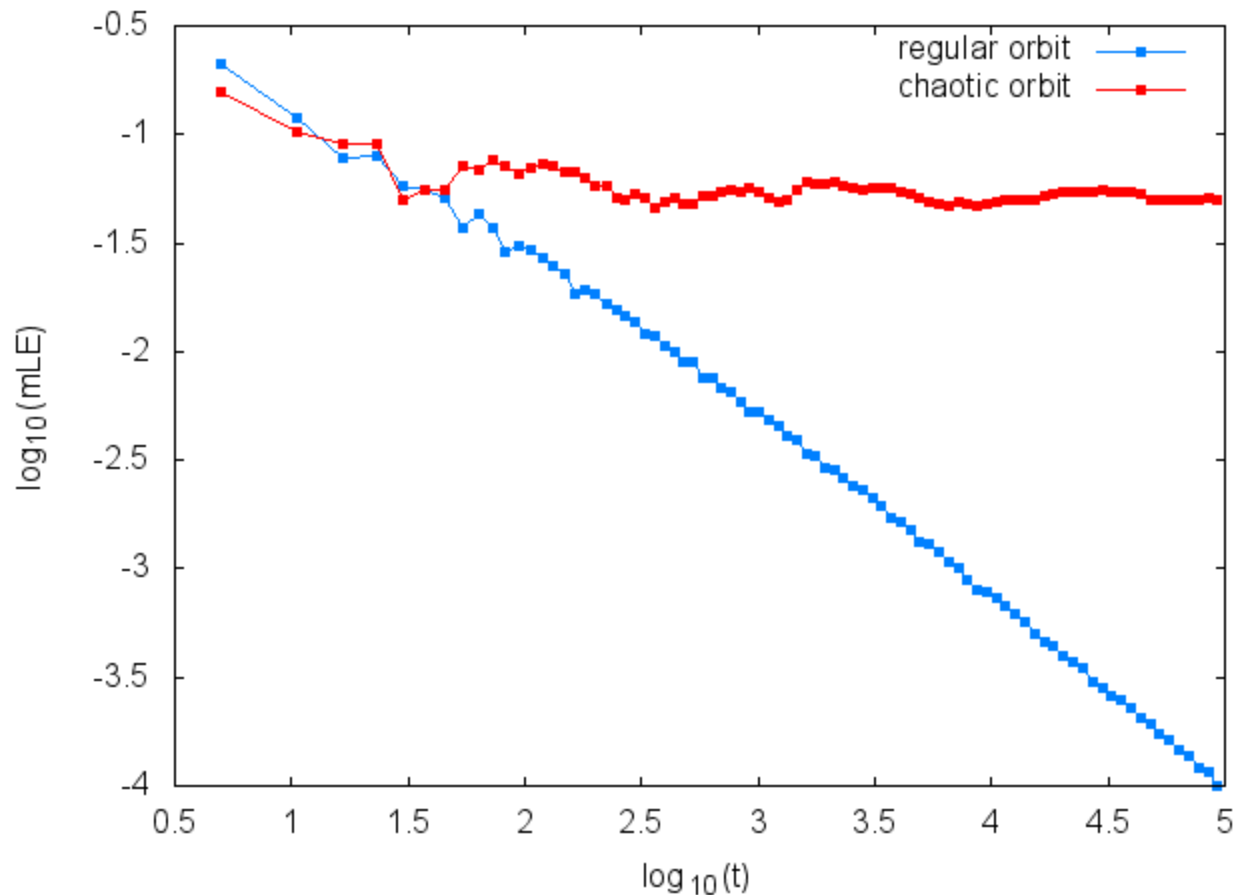
Maximum Lyapunov Exponent

Hénon-Heiles system: **Regular orbit**



Maximum Lyapunov Exponent

Hénon-Heiles system: **Regular orbit** and **Chaotic orbit**



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