Application of Hamiltonian Instability and Diffusion

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Arnold Diffusion

- Arnold diffusion problem (1964): For typical¹, integrable² Hamiltonian systems of n > 2 degrees of freedom, when applying small, 'generic'³ perturbations, there are trajectories for which the action *I*-variable changes O(1): H_ε(I, φ) = H₀(I) + εH₁(I, φ), (I, φ) ∈ ℝⁿ × T^d, ∃(I(t), φ(t)) s.t. ||I(T) - I(0)|| > C for all ε sufficiently small
- Energy interpretation: Small forcing applied to a frictionless mechanical system can produce large energy growth
- Optical interpretation: In a periodic optical medium whose index of refraction is arbitrarily close to 1, there exist rays which change direction by a prescribed finite angle (Kaloshin and Levi,2008)

¹strictly convex and superlinear

²in the sense of Liouville-Arnold

³ from an open-dense, or cusp residual set in C^r , with r large $a \rightarrow c \equiv c = a$

Arnold Diffusion

• A priori unstable case: the unperturbed Hamiltonian possesses a differentiable family of invariant tori that have hyperbolic invariant manifolds

$$H_{\varepsilon}(I,\phi,p,q,t) = \underbrace{\underbrace{\frac{I^{2}}{2}}_{l} + \underbrace{\left(\frac{1}{2}p^{2} + \cos(q) - 1\right)}_{unperturbed}}_{unperturbed} + \underbrace{\varepsilon H_{1}(p,q,I,\phi,t)}_{perturbation}$$

where $(I,\phi,p,q,t) \in M = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{T} \times \mathbb{T}$

• A priori stable case: the phase space of the unperturbed Hamiltonian is foliated by Lagrangean invariant tori

$$H_{\varepsilon}(I,\phi) = H_0(I) + \varepsilon H_1(I,\phi)$$

• Example

• Chain of weakly coupled oscillators (penduli, rotators)



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Arnold Diffusion

• Remarks:

- diffusion occurs along resonances
- only few trajectories diffuse a large distance
- diffusion speed is very slow
- there is also symbolic dynamics (trajectories with prescribed itineraries)

• Upshot:

 one can use chaos to control individual trajectories



Credit: Guzzo, Lega and Froeschele

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Arnold Diffusion

- Issues with some theoretical results:
 - 'typical' integrable Hamiltonian system may not be generic
 - 'generic' classes of perturbations may be small sets; cannot verify whether a given perturbation is 'generic'
 - perturbation size needs to be very small
 - non-constructive arguments for diffusion

Geometric method

- The dynamics is organized by invariant manifolds:
 - there exist one or several normally hyperbolic invariant manifolds $(\rm NHIM)^4$
 - there is an inner dynamics, restricted to each NHIM
 - there is an *outer dynamics*, along the homoclinic/heteroclinic intersections of the stable and unstable manifolds of the NHIMs
 - pseudo-orbits formed by the two-dynamics can be *shadowed* by true orbits

⁴NHIM:

• $\Phi: M \to M, C^1$ -smooth flow

• $TM = T\Lambda \oplus E^u \oplus E^s$

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The exponential expansion (contraction) rates of DΦ^t on TΛ are dominated by the expansion (contraction) rates of DΦ^t on E^u (E^s, resp.)

Geometric method

Advantages:

- explicit construction of diffusing trajectories
- quantitative information e.g., diffusion time
- deal with general type of integrable Hamiltonians
- conditions on generic perturbations are *explicit* and *verifiable by finite precision calculations in concrete systems*
- deal with larger size perturbations
- deal with perturbations that are not periodic/quasiperiodic e.g., mildly recurrent, random

- Analogy between single particle dynamics and planetary motion
- Main goal: use chaos to design zero-cost trajectories with prescribed itineraries
- Motion of satellite in the Sun-Earth system: $H(x, y, z, \dot{x}, \dot{y}, \dot{z}) = \frac{1}{2}(\dot{x}^2 + \dot{y}^2 + \dot{z}^2) - \omega(x, y, z),$ $\omega(x, y, z) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + y^2) + \frac{1-\mu}{r_1} + \frac{\mu}{r_2}$
- Equilibria: L_1, L_2, L_3 center×center×saddle L_4, L_5 center×center
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Existence of diffusing orbits

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Example from celestial mechanics

Spatial circular restricted three-body problem

Example: diffusing orbits (2 jumps)



A general result in the a priori unstable case

• Example:

$$\begin{aligned} & H_{\varepsilon}(p,q,l,\phi,t) = \\ & h_0(l) + \sum_{i=1}^n \pm P_i(p_i,q_i) + \varepsilon H_1(p,q,l,\phi,t) \\ & \text{where } P_i(p_i,q_i) = \frac{1}{2}p_i^2 + V_i(q_i), \text{ and} \\ & (p,q,l,\phi,t) \in \mathbb{R}^n \times \mathbb{T}^n \times \mathbb{R}^d \times \mathbb{T}^d \times \mathbb{T}^1. \\ & \text{Assumptions:} \end{aligned}$$

(A1)
$$V_i$$
, h_0 and H_1 are C^r

- (A2) Each V_i is 1-periodic in q and has a unique non-degenerate global maximum at (0,0); hence, there is a homoclinic orbit to (0,0)
- (A3) The perturbation H_1 satisfies some explicit non-degeneracy conditions (depending on H_1 evaluated along the homoclinic family of the unperturbed system)





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A general result in the a priori unstable case

Theorem (M.G., de la Llave, Seara, 2014)

Assuming the conditions A1-A3, there exists $\varepsilon_0 > 0$, and $\rho > 0$ such that, for each $\varepsilon \in (0, \varepsilon_0)$, there exists a trajectory x(t) such that

$$||I(x(T)) - I(x(0))|| > \rho$$
 for some $T > 0$.

• Note:

- we do not require $\partial^2 h_0 / \partial I^2$ to be sign definite or non-degenerate
- we allow for non-twist dynamics appear in magnetic field lines in toroidal plasma devices (tokamaks, stellerators), in transport in magnetized plasma, and in satellite dynamics near critical inclination



Shadowing Lemma for NHIM's

Shadowing Lemma [M.G., de la Llave, Seara, 2014]

Assume that $f : M \to M$ is a C^r -map, $r \ge 3$, $\Lambda \subseteq M$ is a normally hyperbolic invariant manifold, and $S : U^- \to U^+$ is a scattering map. Assume:

- S area preserving
- almost every point in Λ is recurrent for $f_{|\Lambda}$

Then, given any orbit $\{x_i\}_{i=0,...,n}$ of the scattering map in Λ , i.e. $x_{i+1} = S(x_i)$ for all i = 0, ..., n-1, for every $\rho > 0$ there exist an orbit $z_{i+1} = f^{k_i}(z_i)$ in M, for some $k_i > 0$, s.t. $d(z_i, x_i) < \rho$ for all i = 0, ..., n

- Idea of the proof: Apply Poincaré Recurrence to f to return close to the x_i's
- Remark: one can use several scattering maps rather than a single one

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Planar elliptic restricted three-body problem

- Planar elliptic restricted three-body problem: the primaries move on elliptic orbits of eccentricities ε instead of circular orbits
- Model: motion of Oterma comet in the Sun-Jupiter system
- Hamiltonian

 $\begin{aligned} & H_{\varepsilon}(\mathbf{x},t) = H_0(\mathbf{x}) + \varepsilon H_1(\mathbf{x},t), \\ & H_0 \text{ is the Hamiltonian of the PCRTBP} \end{aligned}$

Theorem [Capiński, M.G., de la Llave, 2014]: There exists ε₀ > 0 and ρ > 0 such that for each 0 < ε < ε₀ there exists x(t) such that ||H₀(x(T)) - H₀(x(0))|| > ρ



- Model: motion of moon/spacecraft near a Trojan asteroid in the Sun-Jupiter-(624) Hektor system
- Hill approximation four equilibria L_1, L_2, L_3, L_4
- The stable and unstable manifolds W^{s,u}(λ_i), of the periodic orbit λ_i around L_i, i = 1, 2, intersect both in the interior region and in the exterior region
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Given:

- $H_{\varepsilon}(I, \phi) = H_0(I) + \varepsilon H_1(I, \phi),$ C^2 -Hamiltoninan, $(I, \phi) \in \mathbb{A}^3 = \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{T}^3$
- H₀ strictly convex

• Then:

• for every $O_1, O_2, \ldots O_n$ open sets in 'action space' \mathbb{R}^3 , h regular value of H_0 , s.t. $O_j \cap \{H = h\} \neq \emptyset$, then for for εH_1 cusp residual there exists $\Phi_{\varepsilon}^t(x)$ in $\{H_{\varepsilon} = h\}$ with $I(\Phi_{\varepsilon}^{t_j}(x)) \in O_j$ for some t_j


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Steps:

- I. Resonances determine 'chains of cylinders' [Marco,2012,2015]
- II. Existence of diffusing orbits under certain conditions [M.G. and Marco,2015]
- III. 'Cusp genericity' of those conditions [Marco,2015]

• Approach for II:

- Geometric goes back to Birkhoff's theory on connecting orbits; related approaches
- Constructive diffusing orbits can be found explicitly (via an algorithm)