

# Finding Maxima and Minima of DiffEq Solutions

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## 0.0.1 Setup

In this tutorial we will show how to use Optim.jl to find the maxima and minima of solutions. Let's take a look at the double pendulum:

```
#Constants and setup
using OrdinaryDiffEq
initial = [0.01, 0.01, 0.01, 0.01]
tspan = (0.,100.)

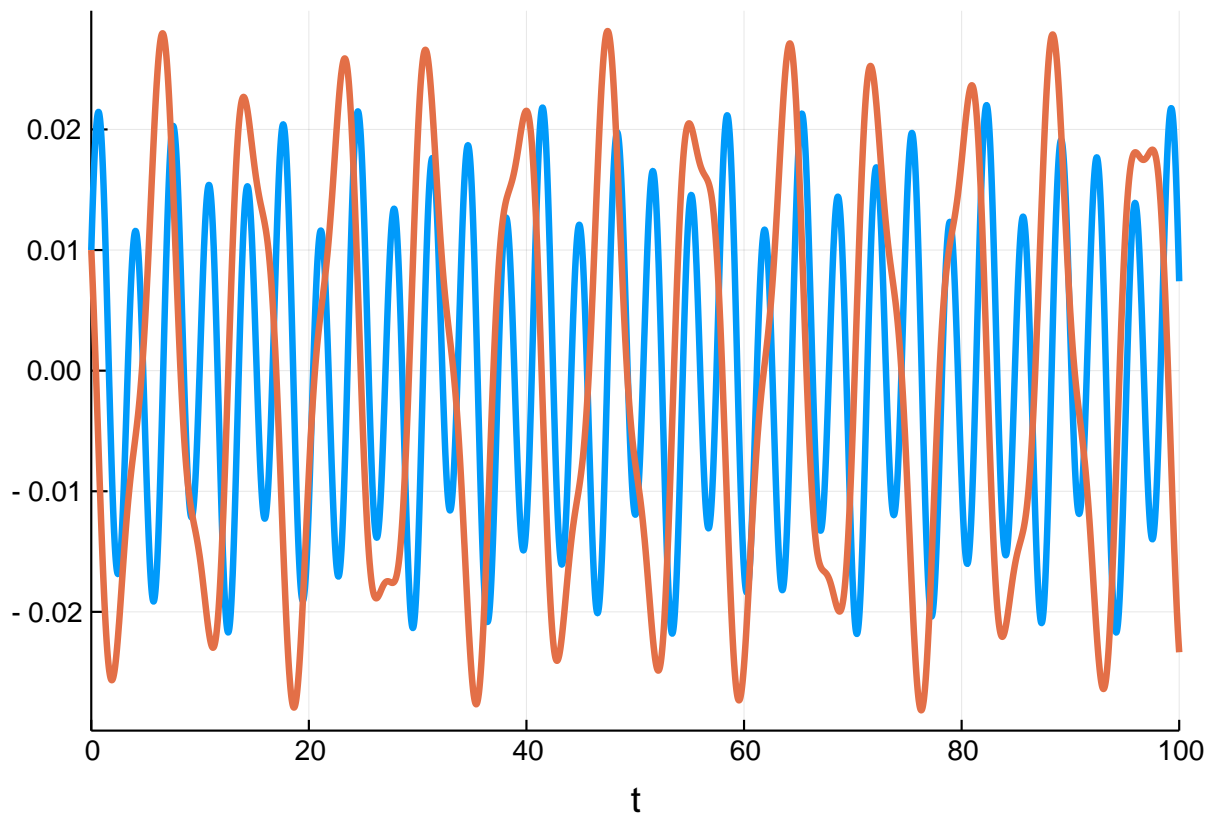
#Define the problem
function double_pendulum_hamiltonian(udot,u,p,t)
    α = u[1]
    lα = u[2]
    β = u[3]
    lβ = u[4]
    udot .=
    [2(lα-(1+cos(β))lβ)/(3-cos(2β)),
     -2sin(α) - sin(α+β),
     2(-(1+cos(β))lα + (3+2cos(β))lβ)/(3-cos(2β)),
     -sin(α+β) - 2sin(β)*(((lα-lβ)lβ)/(3-cos(2β))) + 2sin(2β)*((lα^2 - 2(1+cos(β))lα*lβ
     + (3+2cos(β))lβ^2)/(3-cos(2β))^2)]
end

#Pass to solvers
poincare = ODEProblem(double_pendulum_hamiltonian, initial, tspan)

sol = solve(poincare, Tsit5())
```

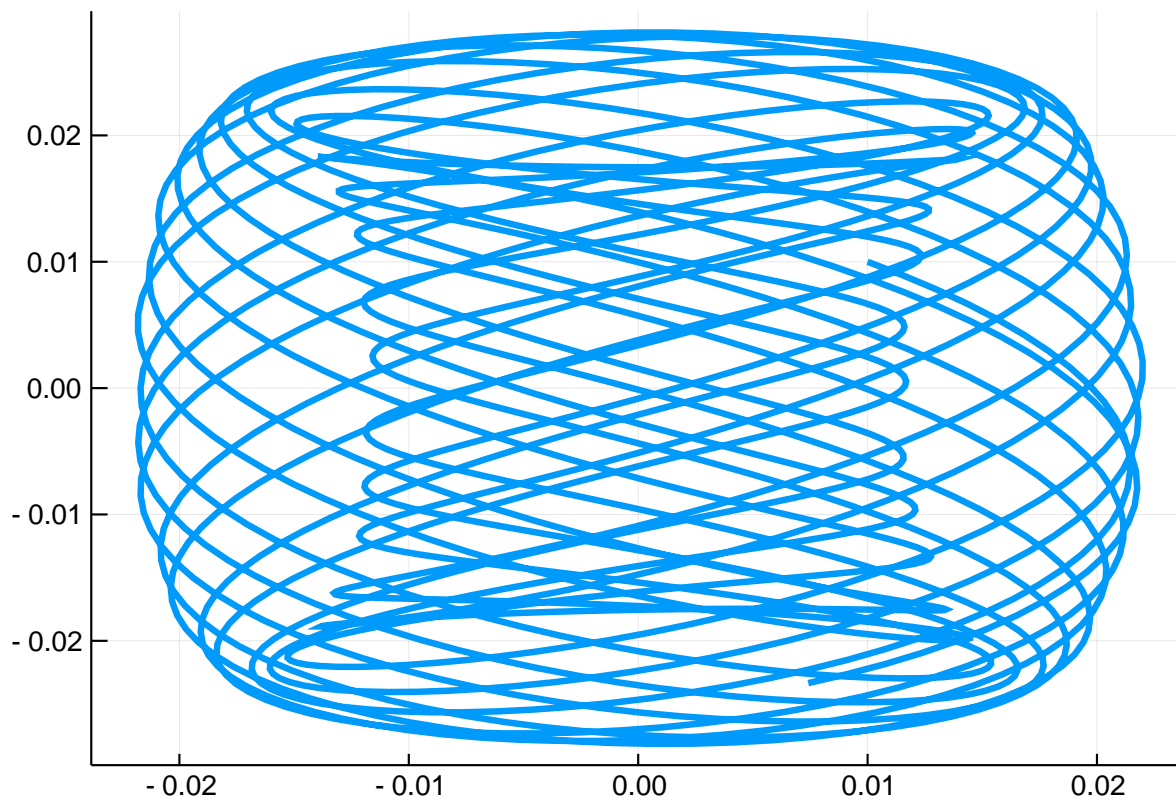
In time, the solution looks like:

```
using Plots; gr()
plot(sol, vars=[(0,3),(0,4)], leg=false, plotdensity=10000)
```



while it has the well-known phase-space plot:

```
plot(sol, vars=(3,4), leg=false)
```



## 0.0.2 Local Optimization

Let's find out what some of the local maxima and minima are. Optim.jl can be used to minimize functions, and the solution type has a continuous interpolation which can be used. Let's look for the local optima for the 4th variable around  $t=20$ . Thus our optimization function is:

```
f = (t) -> sol(t,idxs=4)
```

`first(t)` is the same as `t[1]` which transforms the array of size 1 into a number. `idxs=4` is the same as `sol(first(t))[4]` but does the calculation without a temporary array and thus is faster. To find a local minima, we can simply call Optim on this function. Let's find a local minimum:

```
using Optim
opt = optimize(f,18.0,22.0)
```

From this printout we see that the minimum is at  $t=18.63$  and the value is  $-2.79e-2$ . We can get these in code-form via:

```
println(opt.minimizer)
```

```
18.632126799604933
```

```
println(opt.minimum)
```

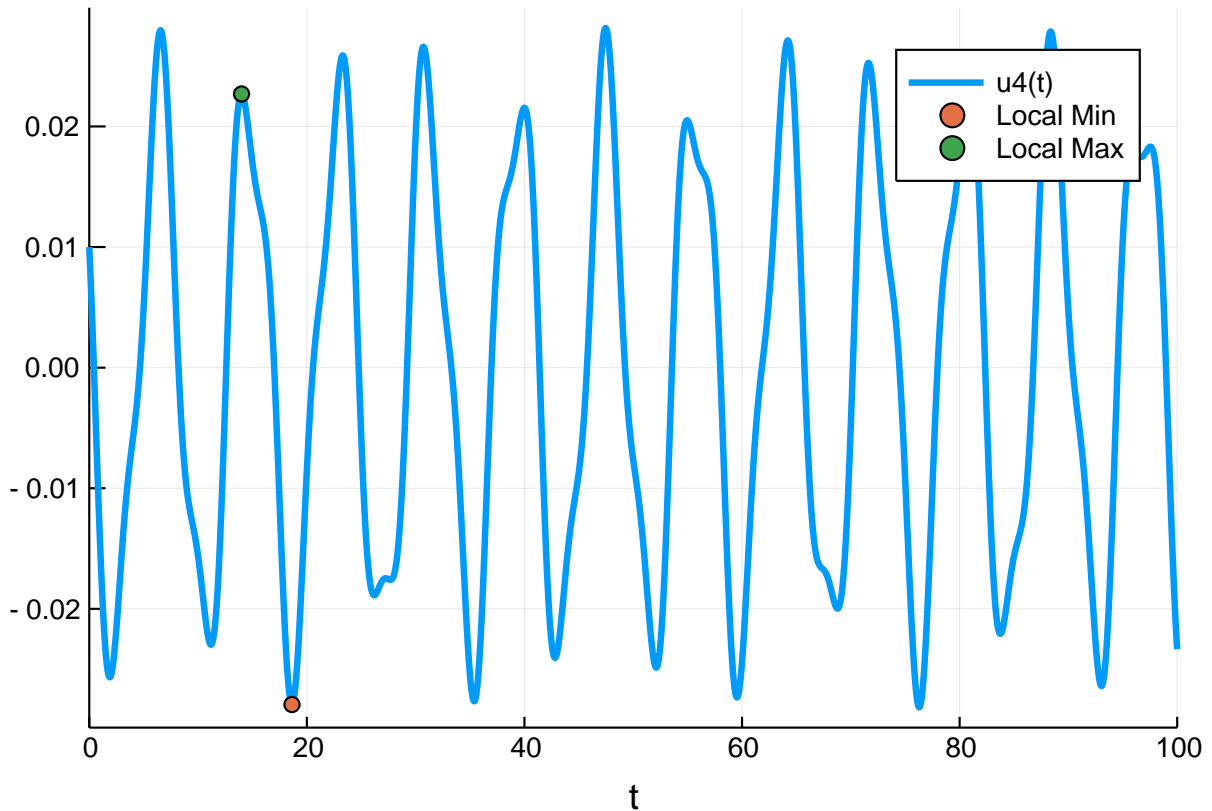
```
-0.027931635264245896
```

To get the maximum, we just minimize the negative of the function:

```
f = (t) -> -sol(first(t),idxs=4)
opt2 = optimize(f,0.0,22.0)
```

Let's add the maxima and minima to the plots:

```
plot(sol, vars=(0,4), plotdensity=10000)
scatter!([opt.minimizer],[opt.minimum],label="Local Min")
scatter!([opt2.minimizer],[-opt2.minimum],label="Local Max")
```



Brent's method will locally minimize over the full interval. If we instead want a local maxima nearest to a point, we can use `BFGS()`. In this case, we need to optimize a vector `[t]`, and thus dereference it to a number using `first(t)`.

```
f = (t) -> -sol(first(t),idxs=4)
opt = optimize(f,[20.0],BFGS())
```

### 0.0.3 Global Optimization

If we instead want to find global maxima and minima, we need to look somewhere else. For this there are many choices. A pure Julia option is `BlackBoxOptim.jl`, but I will use `NLopt.jl`. Following the `NLopt.jl` tutorial but replacing their function with our own:

```
import NLopt, ForwardDiff

count = 0 # keep track of # function evaluations

function g(t::Vector, grad::Vector)
    if length(grad) > 0
        #use ForwardDiff for the gradients
        grad[1] = ForwardDiff.derivative((t)->sol(first(t),idxs=4),t)
    end
    sol(first(t),idxs=4)
end

opt = NLopt.Opt(:GN_ORIG_DIRECT_L, 1)
NLopt.lower_bounds!(opt, [0.0])
NLopt.upper_bounds!(opt, [40.0])
NLopt.xtol_rel!(opt, 1e-8)
```

```

NLOpt.min_objective!(opt, g)
(minf,minx,ret) = NLOpt.optimize(opt,[20.0])
println(minf, " ",minx, " ",ret)

```

```

-0.027931635264245837 [18.6321] XTOL_REACHED

```

```

NLOpt.max_objective!(opt, g)
(maxf,maxx,ret) = NLOpt.optimize(opt,[20.0])
println(maxf, " ",maxx, " ",ret)

```

```

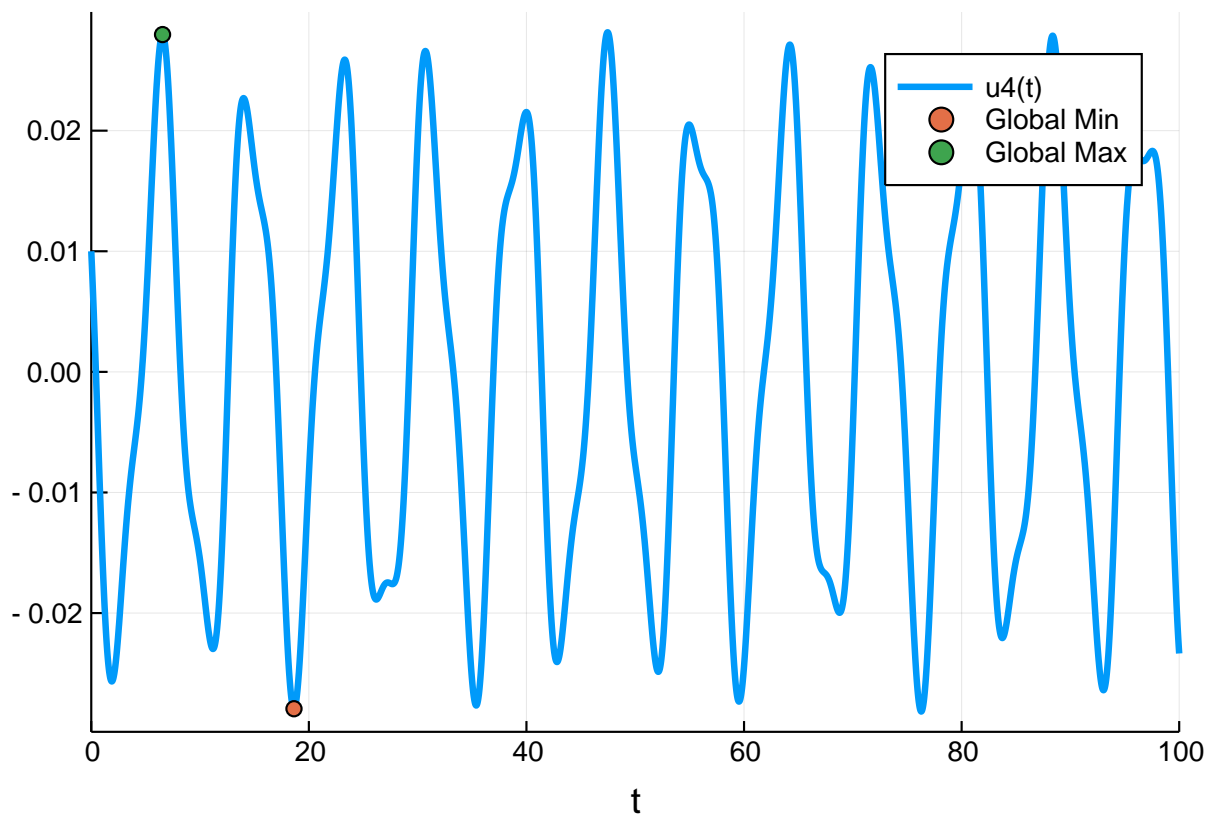
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```

```

plot(sol, vars=(0,4), plotdensity=10000)
scatter!([minx],[minf],label="Global Min")
scatter!([maxx],[maxf],label="Global Max")

```



## 0.1 Appendix

```

using DiffEqTutorials
DiffEqTutorials.tutorial_footer(WEAVE_ARGS[:folder],WEAVE_ARGS[:file])

```

These benchmarks are part of the DiffEqTutorials.jl repository, found at:

<https://github.com/JuliaDiffEq/DiffEqTutorials.jl>

To locally run this tutorial, do the following commands:

```
using DiffEqTutorials
DiffEqTutorials.weave_file("ode_extras","ode_minmax.jmd")
```

Computer Information:

Julia Version 1.1.0

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Platform Info:

OS: Windows (x86\_64-w64-mingw32)

CPU: Intel(R) Core(TM) i7-8700 CPU @ 3.20GHz

WORD\_SIZE: 64

LIBM: libopenlibm

LLVM: libLLVM-6.0.1 (ORCJIT, skylake)

Environment:

JULIA\_EDITOR = "C:\Users\accou\AppData\Local\atom\app-1.34.0\atom.exe" -a

JULIA\_NUM\_THREADS = 6

Package Information:

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fEq`]
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