



# Computing Choreographies

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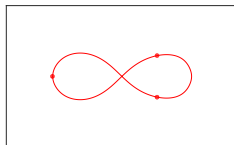
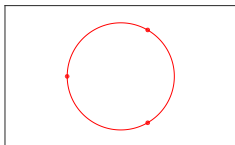
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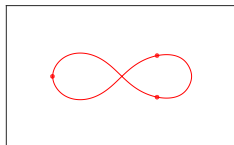
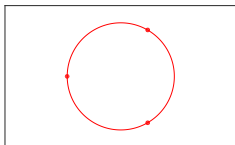
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$$A = \int_0^{2\pi} L(t) dt, \quad L(t) = K(t) - U(t),$$

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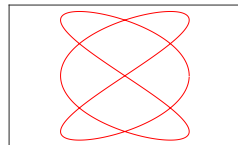
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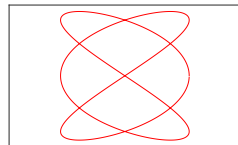
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$$A_N = \frac{n}{2} \int_0^{2\pi} |p'_N(t)|^2 dt + \frac{n}{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n-1} \int_0^{2\pi} \left| p_N(t) - p_N\left(t + \frac{2\pi j}{n}\right) \right|^{-1} dt$$

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$$f_j(u_k, v_k, t)^2 = \left( \sum_{k=-\frac{N-1}{2}}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} a_{k,j}(t) u_k + b_{k,j}(t) v_k \right)^2 + \left( \sum_{k=-\frac{N-1}{2}}^{\frac{N-1}{2}} (-b_{k,j}(t)) u_k + a_{k,j}(t) v_k \right)^2$$



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$$Y'(t) = L(t)Y(t), \quad L(t + 2\pi) = L(t), \quad (2)$$

i.e., need to solve  $2n$  times a system of  $2n$  linear equations, computationally expensive

- Then, characteristic multipliers  $\{\rho_i\}$  = eigenvalues of  $\Psi(2\pi)$  and stable iff  $\max |\rho_i| \leq 1$
- Other approach: a matrix solution  $\Delta(t)$  of (2) is a set of functions which maps the nullspace of the operator  $Y(t) \mapsto Y'(t) - L(t)Y(t)$ , can be calculated in Chebfun using a (continuous) singular value decomposition of the operator  $Y(t)$
- Once we have the matrix solution  $\Delta(t)$ ,

$$\Psi(2\pi) = \Delta(2\pi)\Delta^{-1}(0)$$

	$n = 2$	3	4	5
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