

# Spectral Method for Henon-Heiles System

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## 1 Background

Consider the Heonon-Heiles System

$$H(p_1, p_2, q_1, q_2) = \frac{1}{2}(p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2) + q_1^2 q_2 - \frac{1}{3} q_2^3$$

The corresponding system of nonlinear ODE for this H is

$$\dot{p}_1(t) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_1} = -q_1 - 2q_1 q_2$$

$$\dot{p}_2(t) = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial q_2} = -q_2 - q_1^2 + q_2^2$$

$$\dot{q}_1(t) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_1} = p_1$$

$$\dot{q}_2(t) = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_2} = p_2$$

First we can do a little theoretic analysis about the system. There are 4 four equilibrium points for this system which are  $E_1 = (0, 0, 0, 0)$ ,  $E_2 = (0, 0, 0, 1)$ ,  $E_3 = (0, 0, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ ,  $E_4 = (0, 0, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$

The Hessen Matrix of H is

$$D^2 H = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 + 2q_2 & 2q_1 \\ 0 & 0 & 2q_1 & 1 - 2q_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

Buy judging it is positive , negative or neither, we can know  $E_1$  is a local maximal point and others are saddle points. With the help of graph of contour plot of energy H in [2] , we know there are 3 exits for the energy to escape according to the 3 saddle points. The total energy H=0 for  $E_1$  and  $H = \frac{1}{6}$  for  $E_2, E_3, E_4$ . If the initial energy is far beyond this H, the particles wander inside the region for a certain time in the scattering region until they cross one of the three energy line and escape to infinity. In other words, when the initial  $H < \frac{1}{6}$ ,

the solution is regular; when  $H > \frac{1}{6}$ , the solution is chaotic. Note that the time they spent in bounded region is named "escape time". The higher the energy, the shorter escape times are found.

## 2 The Algorithm

We use Chebyshev-Guass-Lobatto Collocation Method to solve it. We solve the system on  $[0,1]$  first, then use the obtained values  $(p(1), q(1))$  as an initial condition to repeat the process on  $[1,2]$  and so on.....

We map the interval  $[0,1]$  to  $[-1,1]$  through the coordinate transform:  $x=2t-1$  and denote  $P(x)=p(t)$ ,  $Q(x)=q(t)$ .

The transformed ODEs read

$$\dot{P}_1(t) = -\frac{1}{2}Q_1 - Q_1Q_2$$

$$\dot{P}_2(t) = -\frac{1}{2}Q_2 - \frac{1}{2}Q_1^2 + \frac{1}{2}Q_2^2$$

$$\dot{Q}_1(t) = \frac{1}{2}P_1$$

$$\dot{Q}_2(t) = \frac{1}{2}P_1$$

Let  $x_j = -\cos(\frac{j\pi}{N})$ ,  $j = 0, 1, \dots, N$ . We interpolate  $P_1, P_2, Q_1, Q_2$  as  $P_{1N}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N P_1(x_j)l_j(x)$ ,  $P_{2N}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N P_2(x_j)l_j(x)$ ,  $Q_{1N}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N Q_1(x_j)l_j(x)$ ,  $Q_{2N}(x) = \sum_{j=0}^N Q_2(x_j)l_j(x)$ , where  $l_j$  is the langrange nodal basis function.

We are seeking numerical approximations of  $(P_1(x_j), P_2(x_j), Q_1(x_j), Q_2(x_j))$ , denote as  $(p_{1j}, p_{2j}, q_{1j}, q_{2j})$ . The explicit form of the Chebyshev differentiation matrix  $D = (d_{ij})_{i,j=0}^N$  is known in [1] with  $d_{ij} = l'_j(x_i)$ . But [1] uses  $\cos(\frac{j\pi}{N})$  as its collocation points, we just need to add a negative sign before D. Note that the rank of the  $(N+1) \times (N+1)$  matrix D is N, we actually use the  $D_N = (d_{ij})_{i,j=1}^N$ . Therefore we solve the following system to obtain  $\mathbf{p}_1, \mathbf{p}_2, \mathbf{q}_1, \mathbf{q}_2$

$$F(p, q) = \begin{pmatrix} D_N & 0 & \frac{1}{2}I_N & 0 \\ 0 & D_N & 0 & \frac{1}{2}I_N \\ -\frac{1}{2}I_N & 0 & D_N & 0 \\ 0 & -\frac{1}{2}I_N & 0 & D_N \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} p_1 \\ p_2 \\ q_1 \\ q_2 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} q_1 q_2 \\ \frac{1}{2}q_1^2 - \frac{1}{2}q_2^2 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} p_1 0(d_{i0})_{i=1}^N \\ p_2 0(d_{i0})_{i=1}^N \\ q_1 0(d_{i0})_{i=1}^N \\ q_2 0(d_{i0})_{i=1}^N \end{pmatrix} \quad (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{p}_1 &= (p_{11}, p_{12}, \dots, p_{1N})^T, \mathbf{p}_2 = (p_{21}, p_{22}, \dots, p_{2N})^T \\ \mathbf{q}_1 &= (q_{11}, q_{12}, \dots, q_{1N})^T, \mathbf{q}_2 = (q_{21}, q_{22}, \dots, q_{2N})^T \\ \mathbf{q}_1 \mathbf{q}_2 &= (q_{11}q_{21}, q_{12}q_{22}, \dots, q_{1N}q_{2N})^T \\ \mathbf{q}_1^2 &= (q_{11}^2, q_{12}^2, \dots, q_{1N}^2)^T, \mathbf{q}_2^2 = (q_{21}^2, q_{22}^2, \dots, q_{2N}^2)^T \end{aligned}$$

We choose Newton Iteration Method to solve this system. Since Newton Method is sensitive to initial value, we use the explicit symplectic scheme of order 2 in [2] as following to get initial value.

$$p_1^{k+1} = p_1^k - \frac{h}{2}(q_1^k + 2q_1^k q_2^k) \quad (2)$$

$$p_2^{k+1} = p_2^k - \frac{h}{2}(q_2^k + q_1^{k2} - q_2^{k2}) \quad (3)$$

$$q_1^{k+1} = q_1^k - \frac{h}{2}p_1^{k+1} \quad (4)$$

$$q_2^{k+1} = q_2^k - \frac{h}{2}p_2^{k+1} \quad (5)$$

Note that the distribution of collocation points in  $[-1,1]$  is dense near the end and sparse in the centre. So we need to add some points in it. We select  $\delta = \frac{1}{N}$ , if distance between two adjacent points  $h < \delta$ , we do not add points. Otherwise we add  $[\frac{h}{\delta}]$  equal-distance points. We denote the Jacobi matrix of F is J, the Newton iteration process is as following:

While  $\text{norm}(dx) > 10^{-14}$

$dx = -J^{-1}F$ ;

$x_{n+1} = x_n + dx$ ;

### 3 Numerical Experiment Result

We select two different sets of initial conditions. The first set represents a regular case with initial condition

$p_1(0) = 0.011, p_2(0) = 0, q_1(0) = 0.013, q_2(0) = -0.4$ ; In this case,  $H_0 = 0.101410733 < \frac{1}{6}$

The second set is a chaotic case with

$p_1(0) = \sqrt{2 \times 0.15925}, p_2(0) = q_1(0) = q_2(0) = 0.12$ ; In this case,  $H_0 = 0.182002 > \frac{1}{6}$

Figure 1a represents phase plots of a regular solution on  $[0,200]$  by the spectral collocation  $N=20$

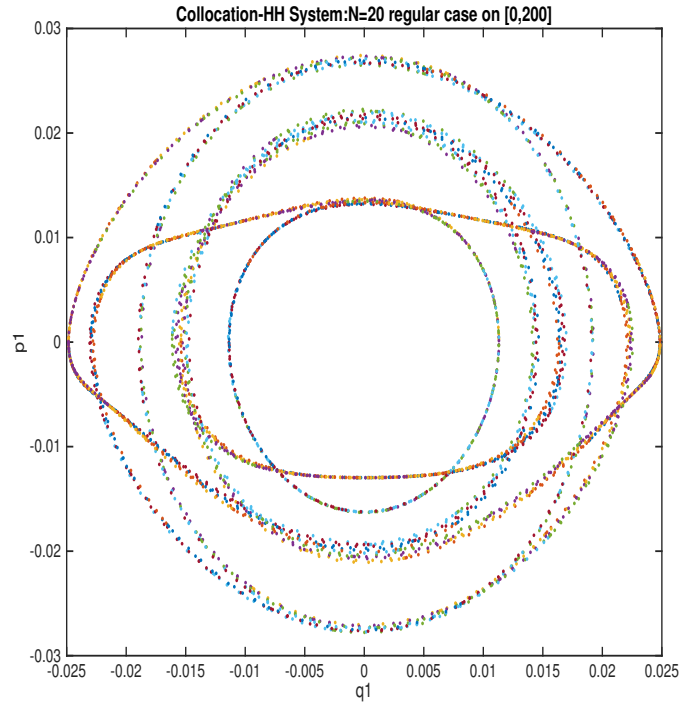


Figure 1b represents phase plots of a regular solution on  $[0, 2000]$  by the spectral collocation  $N=20$ .

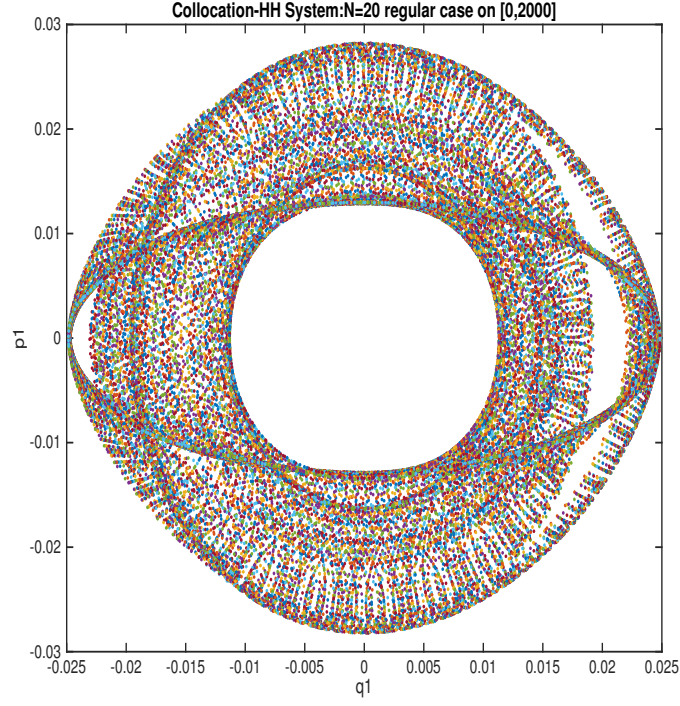
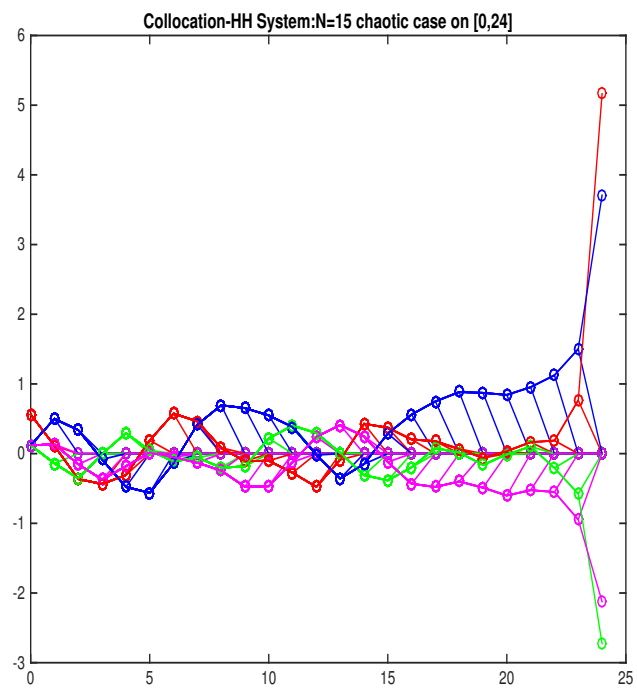
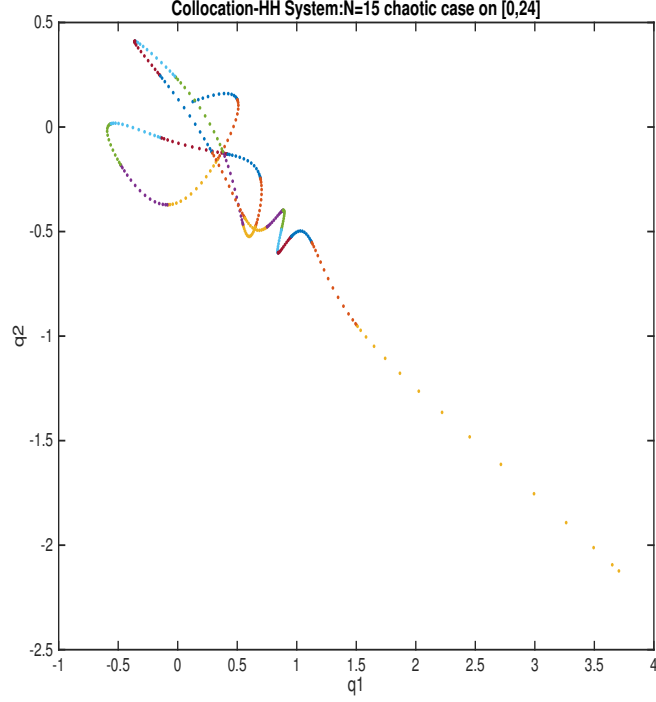


Figure 2 shows the chaotic solution by spectral collocation  $N=15$  and the phase plot when the particle wanders in the bounded region until it crosses the energy threshold line and escapes. The first one is on  $[0,24]$  and the other one is phase plot  $q_2$  versus  $q_1$  on  $[0,24]$ . When  $T_{\epsilon}24$ , it will convergent very slowly.

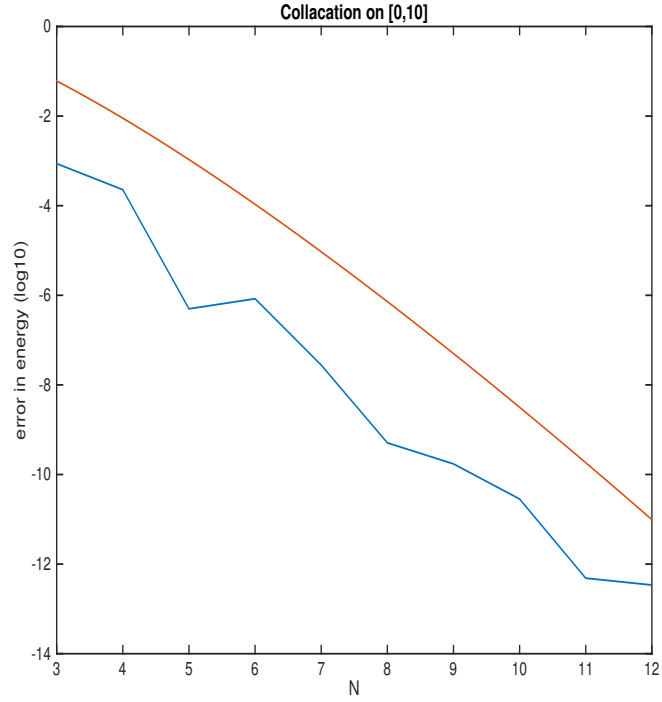




The error in energy  $H$ , and the CPU times are presented in the table. We choose initial conditions from the regular case when  $N=20$ . The CPU times used are much less than [2]. It seems that the energy loses as linear as losing  $10^{-14}$  every period  $t=1000$ .

T	time(secs)	Error in Energy
[0,1000]	3	$5.5345 \times 10^{-14}$
[0, $10^4$ ]	21	$5.6853 \times 10^{-13}$
[0, $10^5$ ]	232	$5.8277 \times 10^{-12}$
[0, $10^6$ ]	2234	$5.8806 \times 10^{-11}$

The rate of convergence in energy on  $[0,10]$  using the regular initial values is shown in the following figure . Spectral Collocation gives the rate in the order of  $(\frac{1}{N})^{0.85N}$ .



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