

# Weakly Nonlinear Oscillators

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## 1 Van der Pol

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + T + \varepsilon \mathcal{F}\left(T, \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right) = 0$$

where  $0 \leq \varepsilon \ll 1$  and  $\mathcal{F}()$  is an arbitrary smooth function. This represents small perturbations from

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + T = 0$$

The van der Pol equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + T + \varepsilon(T^2 - 1)\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= 0 & \mathcal{F}\left(T, \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right) &= (T^2 - 1)\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \\ \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} - \delta \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \alpha T + \delta T^2 \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} &= 0 & \alpha &= 1 \quad \delta = \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

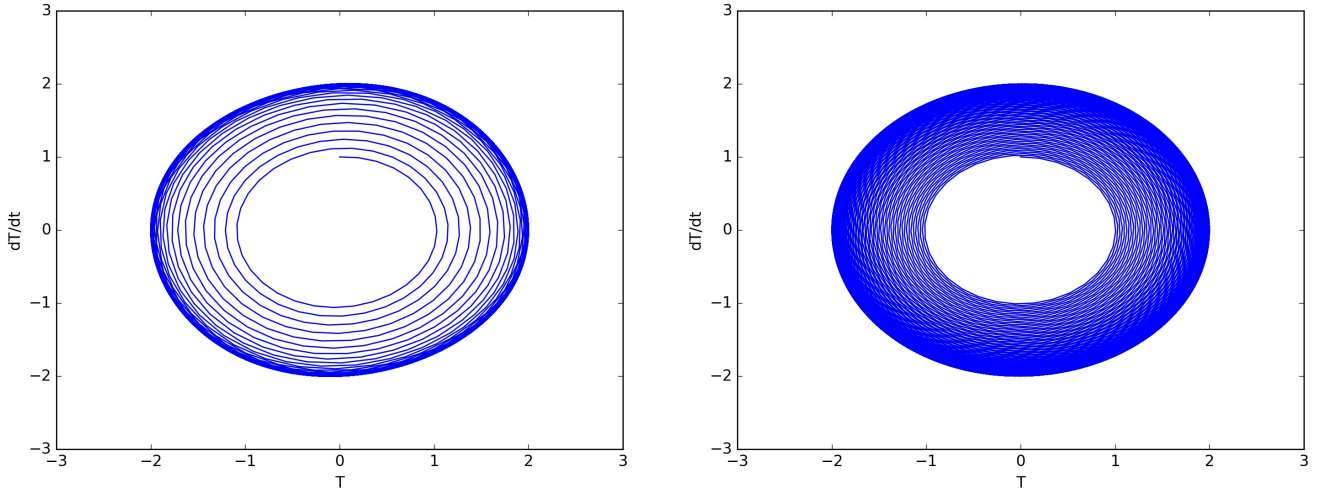


Figure 1: Van der Pol equation phase trajectories for  $\alpha = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$  (*left*), and  $\delta = 0.01$ , (*right*) for the same total time interval.

## 2 Duffing

The undamped, undriven Duffing equation

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + \alpha T + \beta T^3 = 0 \quad \mathcal{F}\left(T, \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}\right) = T^3 \quad \alpha = 0$$

A SST duffing oscillator for  $T$  is (take one derivative of the heat equation?)

$$\frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2} + \delta \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} + \alpha T + \beta T^3 = \gamma \cos(\omega t) \quad \delta = 0 \quad \alpha = 1 \quad 0 \leq \beta \ll 1$$

does not exactly obey Hooke's law.

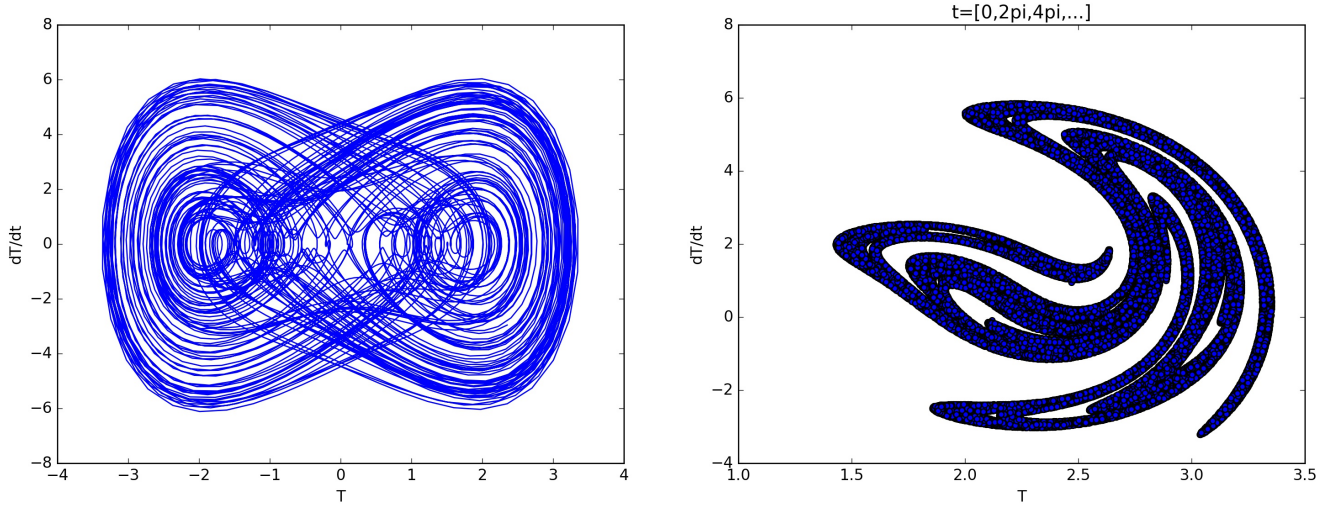


Figure 2: Duffing oscillator phase trajectory (*left*) and Poincare section (*right*) for  $\alpha = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $\delta = 0.05$ ,  $\gamma = 7.5$ , and  $\omega = 1$ .

### 3 Initial conditions

At time  $t = 0$  let

$$T(0) = 0 \quad \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = 0$$

Find the paper that Marianna had on T3 for ENSO

### 4 RK4 Numerical Solution

Let

$$\mathcal{F} = T \quad \mathcal{G} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

where

$$\dot{\mathcal{F}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{F}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad \dot{\mathcal{G}} = \frac{\partial \mathcal{G}}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial t^2}$$

then we can rewrite Equation BLANK

$$\dot{\mathcal{F}}_n = \dot{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}_n) = \mathcal{G}_n$$

$$\dot{\mathcal{G}}_n = \dot{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}_n, \mathcal{F}_n, t_n) = -\delta \mathcal{G}_n - \alpha \mathcal{F}_n - \beta \mathcal{F}_n^3 + \gamma \cos(\omega t_n)$$

RK4:

$$\mathcal{G}_{n+1} = \mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{6}(k_{1g} + 2k_{2g} + 2k_{3g} + k_{4g})$$

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$$t^{n+1} = t^n + \Delta t$$

start with initial values

$$\mathcal{F}_n = T_n \quad \mathcal{G}_n = \left. \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \right|_n$$

$$\mathcal{F}(0) = \mathcal{F}_0 = 0 \quad \mathcal{G}(0) = \mathcal{G}_0 = 0$$

and use coefficients

$$k_{1f} = \dot{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}_n) = \mathcal{G}_n$$

$$k_{2f} = \dot{\mathcal{F}}\left(\mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{1f}\right) = \mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{1f}$$

$$k_{3f} = \dot{\mathcal{F}}\left(\mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{2f}\right) = \mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{2f}$$

$$k_{4f} = \dot{\mathcal{F}}(\mathcal{G}_n + \Delta t k_{3f}) = \mathcal{G}_n + \Delta t k_{3f}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
k_{1g} &= \dot{\mathcal{G}}(\mathcal{G}_n, \mathcal{F}_n, t_n) = -\delta\mathcal{G}_n - \alpha\mathcal{F}_n - \beta\mathcal{F}_n^3 + \gamma\cos(\omega t_n) \\
k_{2g} &= \dot{\mathcal{G}}\left(\mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{1g}, \mathcal{F}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{1g}, t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \\
k_{3g} &= \dot{\mathcal{G}}\left(\mathcal{G}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{2g}, \mathcal{F}_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}k_{2g}, t_n + \frac{\Delta t}{2}\right) \\
k_{4g} &= \dot{\mathcal{G}}\left(\mathcal{G}_n + \Delta tk_{3g}, \mathcal{F}_n + \Delta tk_{3g}, t_n + \Delta t\right)
\end{aligned}$$