

**ON A HYPOTHETICAL OSCILLATOR: INVESTIGATIONS  
IN THE LIGHT OF THE MELNIKOV'S APPROACH,  
SOME SIMULATIONS**

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**ABSTRACT:** A variety of microelectromechanical (MEM) oscillators is governed by a version of the Mathieu equation that harbors both linear and cubic nonlinear time-varying stiffness terms [7]–[11]. Obviously, these studies can be successfully continued. In this paper, we propose a generalized hypothetical differential model. Considerations in the light of the Melnikov's approach are also given. We focus on some interesting simulations based on the proposed new model as well as demonstrate specialized modules for investigating the dynamics of these oscillators. This is an integral part of a planned much more general Web-based application for scientific computing.

**Key Words:** Mathieu equation, microelectromechanical oscillators, Melnikov's approach, generalized hypothetical oscillator

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

In [8], the authors study the dynamics of the following *microelectromechanical oscillator*

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = -\beta x - \delta x^3 - \epsilon (\gamma(1 + \cos(\omega t))x + \eta(1 + \cos(\omega t))x^3) - \epsilon \alpha y, \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

where  $0 \leq \epsilon < 1$ . For other results see [7]–[11]. Obviously, these studies can be successfully continued. In this article, we propose a generalized hypothetical differential model taking a special attention on the Melnikov's approach. We present some simulations in the light of the so defined new model. We demonstrate also some specialized modules for investigating the dynamics of these oscillators. The derived results can be used as an integral part of a much more general application for scientific computing – for some details see [13]–[17].

The plan of the paper is as follows. We state our model in section 2. Our results in the light of the Melnikov's approach can be found in 3. Some simulations are presented in section 4. We conclude by section 5.

## 2. THE MODEL

We consider the following new generalized hypothetical model

$$\begin{cases} \frac{dx}{dt} = y \\ \frac{dy}{dt} = bx - \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{n}{2} \rfloor - 1} b_i x^{n-2i} - \epsilon \left( \alpha y + (1 + \cos(\omega t)) \left( ax + \sum_{i=0}^{\lfloor \frac{m}{2} \rfloor - 1} a_i x^{m-2i} \right) \right), \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where  $0 \leq \epsilon < 1$  and  $n$  and  $m$  are odd.

Let us consider the case  $n = m = 3$ . We can fix without community restriction  $b$  and  $b_0$  at  $b = b_0 = 1$ . For  $\epsilon = 0$ , the resulting Hamiltonian of the system (2) is

$$H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^4.$$

There is a saddle at the origin, centers at  $(\pm 1, 0)$ , and double homoclinic orbit given by (see Fig.1)

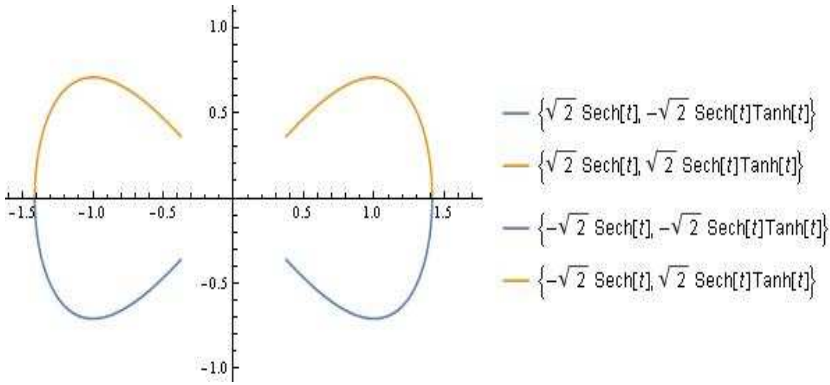


Figure 1: Double homoclinic orbit.

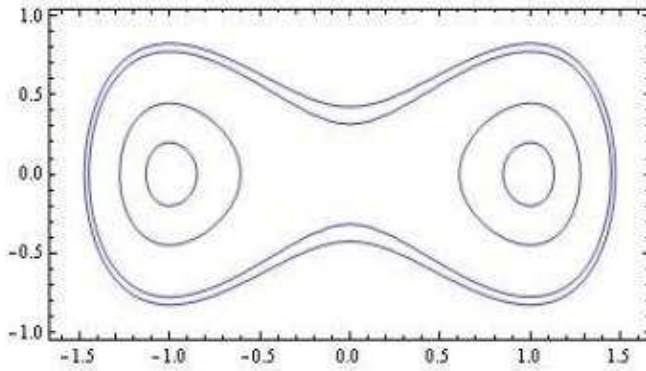


Figure 2: The level curve  $L_h$ .

$$x_0(t) = \pm\sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t$$

$$y_0(t) = \mp\sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t \operatorname{tanh} t.$$

We refer to [1]–[4] for more details. The level curve, see [12], can be derived through the formula

$$L_h = \{H(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}y^2 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{4}x^4 = h\}; \quad -\frac{1}{4} < h < 0 \cup h > 0$$

and it is depicted on Fig. 2.

### 3. RESULTS IN THE LIGHT OF THE MELNIKOV'S APPROACH

The Melnikov's method gives us an analytic tool for establishing the existence of transfer homoclinic points of the Poincare map for a periodic orbit of a perturbed dynamical system.

Let us consider again the case  $m = n = 3$ . The first Melnikov function is given by

$$M(t_0) = \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_0(t) (\alpha y_0(t) + (1 + \cos(\omega(t + t_0)))(ax_0(t) + a_0x_0^3(t))) dt.$$

From a numerical point of view, the task of finding a multiple root of  $M(t_0)$  is more interesting given that the parameters appearing in the proposed differential model are subject to a number of restrictions (of a physical and practical nature).

The following proposition stands.

**Proposition 1.** If  $m = n = 3$  and  $A = k$  for

$$A = \frac{8\alpha}{\pi} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right); \quad k = \omega^2(6a + a_0(4 + \omega^2)),$$

then the Melnikov function  $M(t_0)$  has a root with multiplicity two.

Proof. We have

$$\begin{aligned} M(t_0) &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} y_0(t) (\alpha y_0(t) + (1 + \cos(\omega(t + t_0)))(ax_0(t) + a_0x_0^3(t))) dt \\ &= \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \alpha(\sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t \tanh t)^2 dt + \\ &\quad + \int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t \tanh t (1 + \cos(\omega(t + t_0))) (-a\sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t + a_0(-\sqrt{2}\operatorname{sech} t)^3) dt \end{aligned}$$

The integrals can be evaluated (the second by the method of residuals) to yield

$$\begin{aligned} M(t_0) &= \frac{4}{3}\alpha - \frac{1}{6}\pi\omega^2(6a + a_0(4 + \omega^2))\operatorname{csch}\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right) \sin(t_0\omega) \\ &= -\frac{1}{6}\pi\omega^2(6a + a_0(4 + \omega^2))\operatorname{csch}\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right) \left(\sin(t_0\omega) - \frac{A}{k}\right) \end{aligned}$$

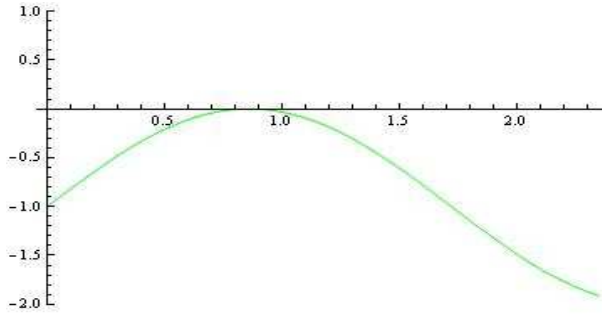


Figure 3: The root  $t_0$  of multiplicity two (Example 1).

This completes the proof of Proposition 1.

**Example 1.** Let us consider the example when  $\alpha = 2.4$ ,  $a_0 = 0.18$ ,  $\omega = 1.8255$ ,  $a = 2.46$ . The root of multiplicity two is  $t_0 \approx 0.86$  – see Fig.3.

Next we investigate the case  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 5$ . The following proposition is valid.

**Proposition 2.** If  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 5$ , and  $B = k_1$  for

$$B = \frac{120\alpha}{\pi} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right); \quad k_1 = \omega^2(90a + (4 + \omega^2)(15a_1 + a_0(16 + \omega^2))),$$

then the Melnikov function  $M(t_0)$  has a root with multiplicity two.

Proof. For the first Melnikov function we have

$$M(t_0) = -\frac{\pi\omega^2}{90} (90a + (4 + \omega^2)(15a_1 + a_0(16 + \omega^2))) \operatorname{csch}\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right) \times \left(\sin(t_0\omega) - \frac{B}{k_1}\right).$$

This completes the proof of Proposition 2.

**Example 2.** For  $\alpha = 1.15$ ,  $a_0 = 0.09$ ,  $a_1 = 0.15$ ,  $a = 1.01$ ,  $\omega = 1.9946$  the root of multiplicity two is  $t_0 \approx 0.75$  – see Fig.4.

The reader can consider the corresponding approximation problem for arbitrarily chosen  $n$  and  $m$ . For  $n > 3$  the study of the critical levels of the Hamiltonian  $H(x, y)$  is very complicated. In this regard, we recommend the excellent study by Gavrilov and Iliev [24]. Here we will only note that even with the weakened choice  $n = 3$  and  $m$  - a sufficiently large number, some difficulties (of a user nature) are encountered when calculating the Melnikov integrals using known Computer Algebraic Systems. For example, with  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 7$  we get

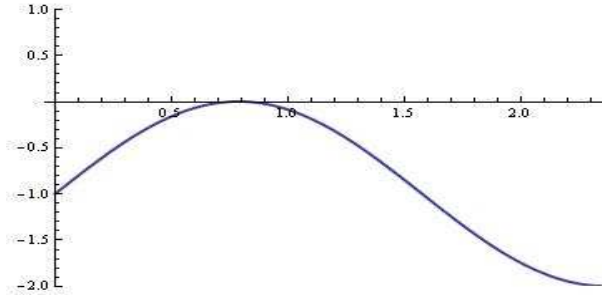


Figure 4: The root  $t_0$  of multiplicity two (Example 2).

$$M(t_0) = \frac{4\alpha}{3} - \frac{\pi\omega^2}{2520} (2520a + (4 + \omega^2)(420a_2 + 28a_1(16 + \omega^2) + a_0(16 + \omega^2)(36 + \omega^2))) \times \\ \times \operatorname{csch}\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right) \sin(t_0\omega),$$

but with a pre-set limit by us:  $|Im(\omega)| \leq 2$ .

It is easily understood that

$$M(t_0) = -\frac{\pi\omega^2}{2520} (2520a + (4 + \omega^2)(420a_2 + 28a_1(16 + \omega^2) + a_0(16 + \omega^2)(36 + \omega^2))) \\ \times \left( \sin(t_0\omega) - \frac{C}{k_2} \right).$$

Thus we proved the following statement

**Proposition 3.** If  $n = 3$ ,  $m = 7$ , and  $C = k_2$  for

$$C = \frac{3360\alpha}{\pi} \sinh\left(\frac{\pi\omega}{2}\right);$$

$$k_2 = \omega^2(2520a + (4 + \omega^2)(420a_2 + 28a_1(16 + \omega^2) + a_0(16 + \omega^2)(36 + \omega^2))),$$

then the Melnikov function  $M(t_0)$  has a root with multiplicity two.

#### 4. SOME SIMULATIONS

Here we will focus on some interesting simulations

**1** For given  $n = m = 5$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 2.2$ ,  $a_0 = -1.35$ ,  $a_1 = -2.9$ ,  $b = b_0 = b_1 = 1$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = 1.9$  the simulations on the system (2) for  $x_0 = 0.9$ ;  $y_0 = 0.7$  are depicted on Fig. 5.

**2** For given  $n = m = 5$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 2.9$ ,  $a_0 = -3.35$ ,  $a_1 = -2.2$ ,  $b = b_0 = b_1 = 1$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = 2.1$  the simulations on the system (2) for  $x_0 = 0.7$ ;  $y_0 = 0.6$  are depicted on Fig. 6.

**3** For given  $n = m = 7$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 2.9$ ,  $a_0 = -3.35$ ,  $a_1 = -2.2$ ,  $b = 0.1$ ,  $b_0 = 0.3$ ,  $b_1 = 0.01$ ,  $b_2 = 0.2$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = 2.1$  the simulations on the system (2) for  $x_0 = 0.7$ ;  $y_0 = 0.6$  are depicted on Fig. 7.

**4** For given  $n = m = 9$ ,  $a = 1$ ,  $\alpha = 2.4$ ,  $a_0 = -1.35$ ,  $a_1 = -0.25$ ,  $a_2 = -0.55$ ,  $a_3 = 0.12$ ,  $b = 0.1$ ,  $b_0 = 0.2$ ,  $b_1 = 0.05$ ,  $b_2 = 0.15$ ,  $b_3 = 0.09$ ,  $\epsilon = 0.01$ ,  $\omega = 1.85$  the simulations on the system (2) for  $x_0 = 0.8$ ;  $y_0 = 0.6$  are depicted on Fig. 8.

## 5. CONCLUDING REMARKS

We have investigated in this paper a generalized differential model for microelectromechanical oscillators in the light of the Melnikov's approach. The derived results can be used to estimate the associated total energy potential of the considered differential system. As we mentioned above, the method of residues has been used when calculating the Melnikov integrals. Modern computer algebraic systems for scientific calculations provide this opportunity for the users. The upgrade of the Web Application planned by us foresees the use of an algorithm (hidden to the user) to define the limit, for example  $|Im(\omega)| \leq Const$ .

Also, some specialized modules for investigating the dynamics of some new hypothetical oscillators have been demonstrated. They will be an integral part of the mentioned above Web-based application for scientific computing. Let us note that the theoretical apparatus for studying the circuit implementation (design, fabricating, etc.) of the considered differential model is extremely complex and requires a serious investigation before being adapted for its possible inclusion in our planned Web platform.

Specialists working in this scientific direction have the floor.

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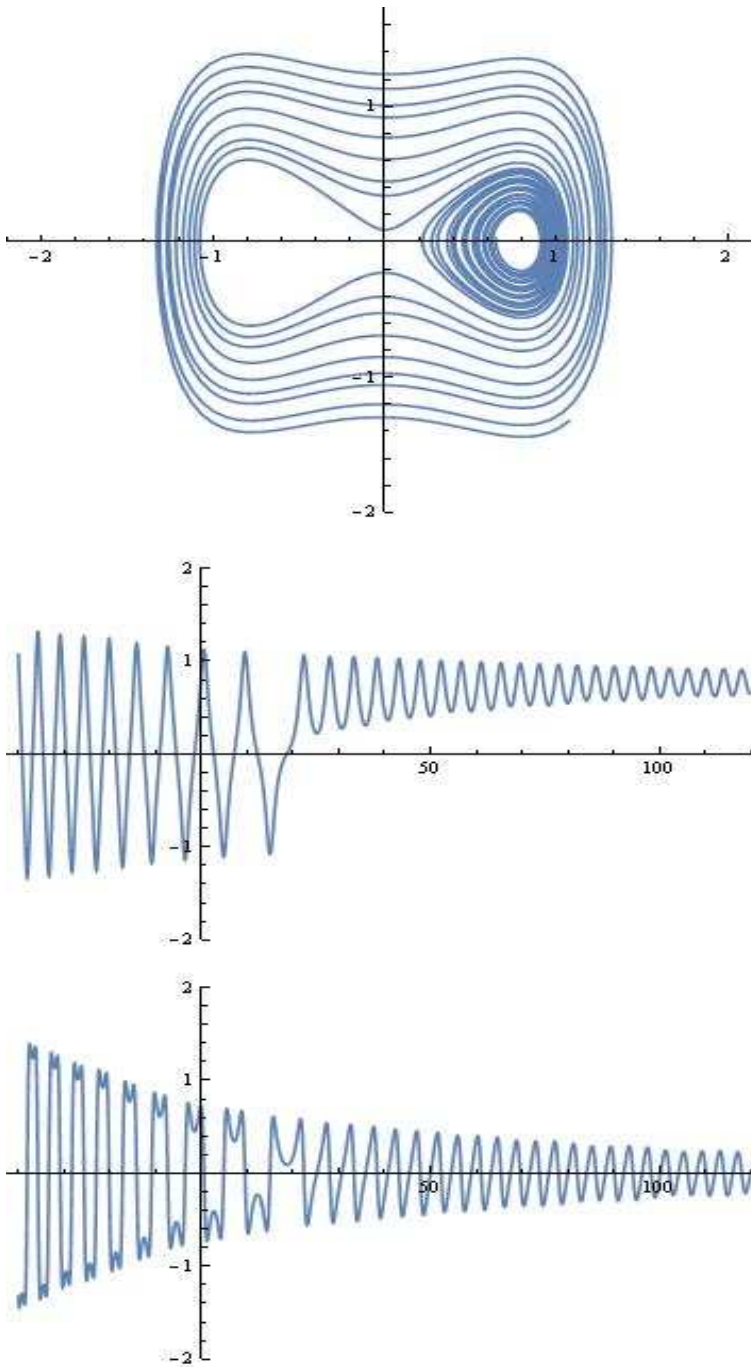


Figure 5: a) phase space; b)  $x$ -time series; c)  $y$ -time series; (example 1).



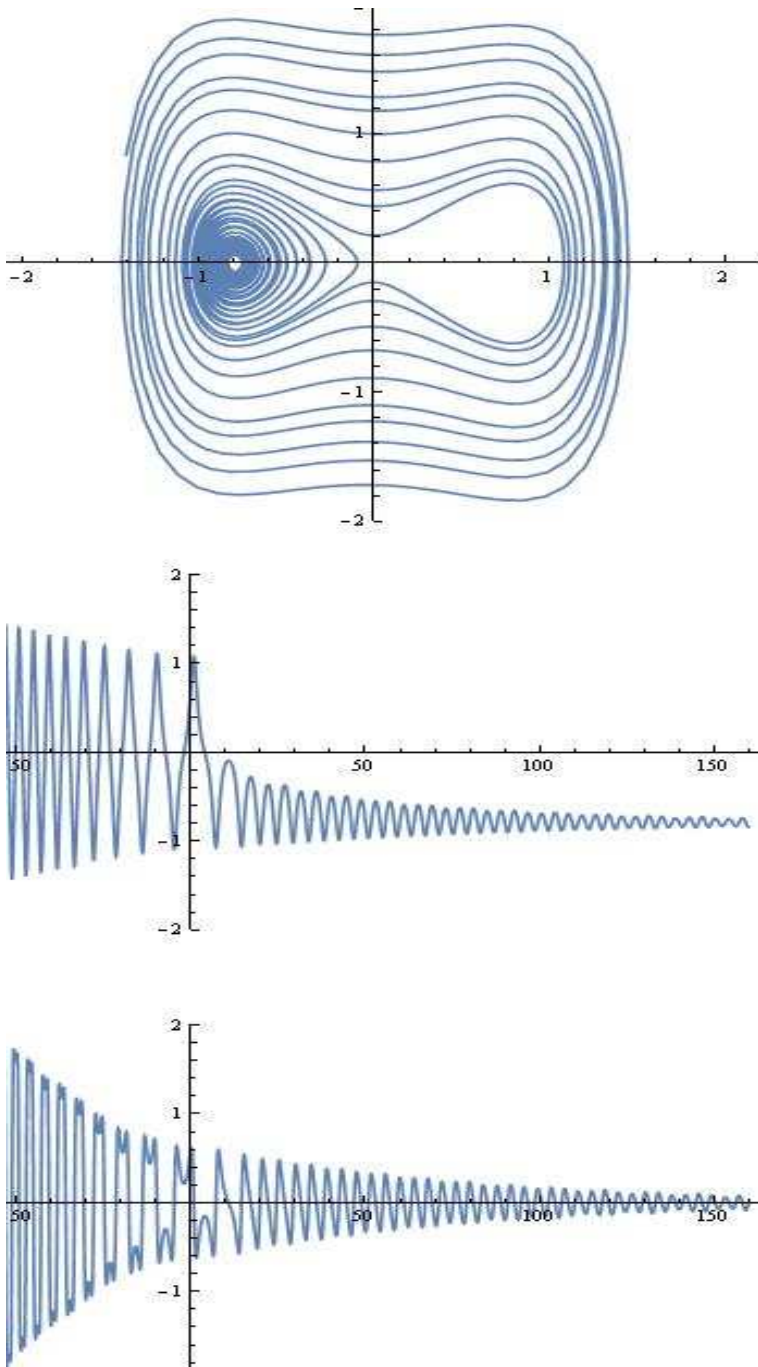


Figure 6: a) phase space; b)  $x$ -time series; c)  $y$ -time series; (example 2).

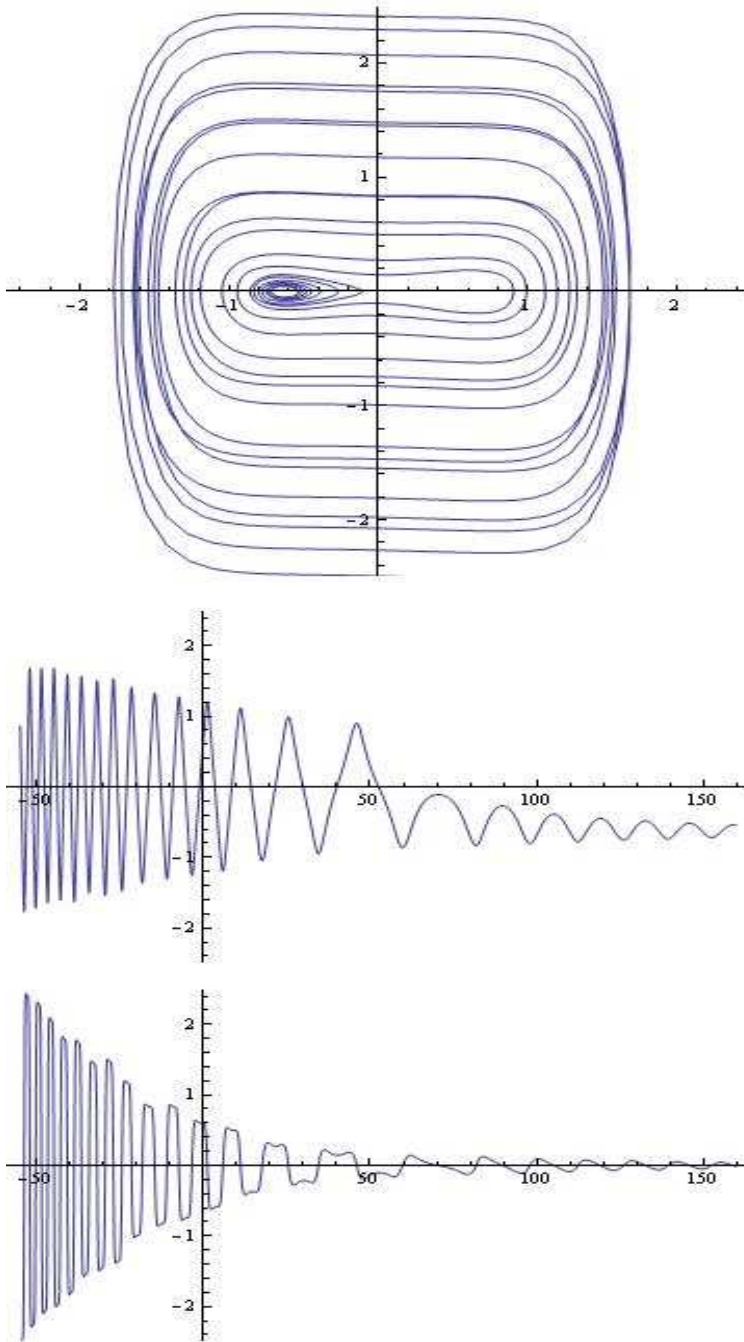


Figure 7: a) phase space; b)  $x$ -time series; c)  $y$ -time series; (example 3).

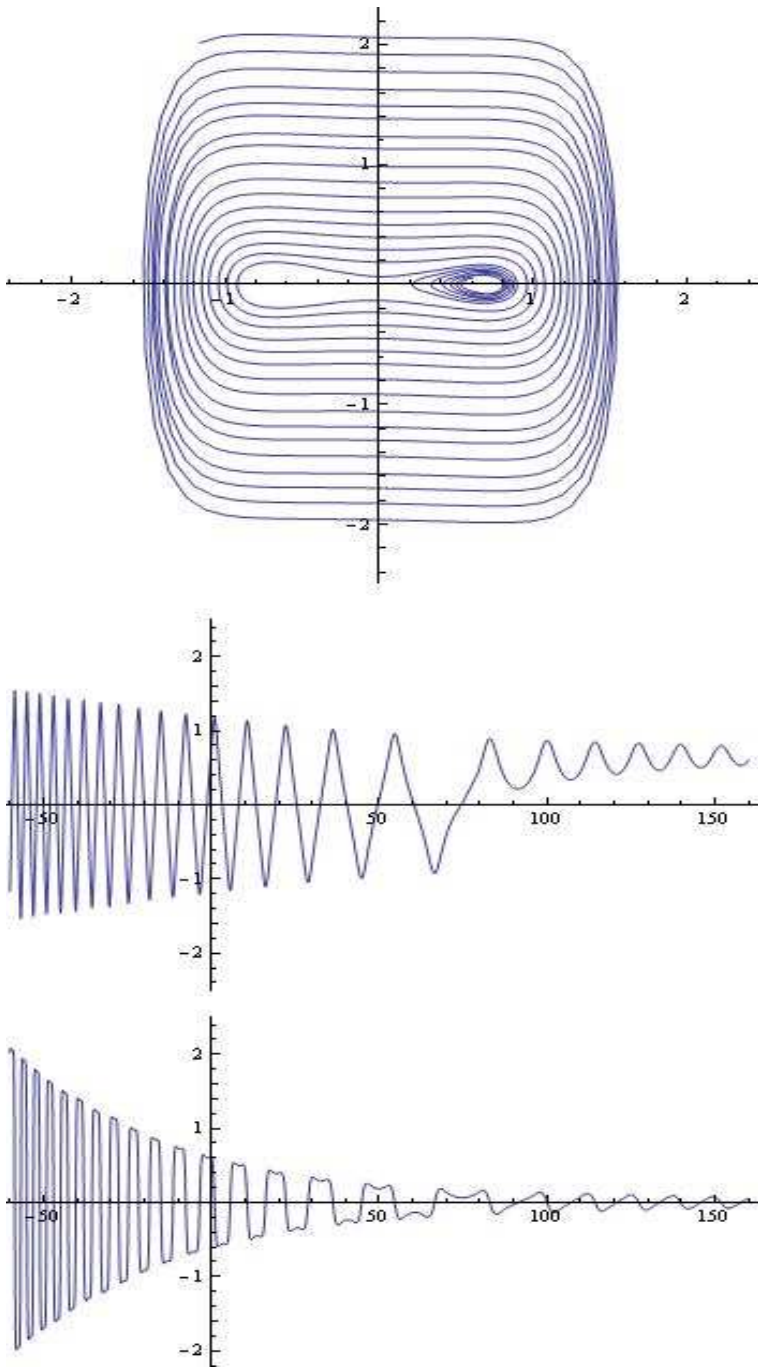


Figure 8: a) phase space; b)  $x$ -time series; c)  $y$ -time series; (example 4).

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