

CLASSICALIZATION OF THE NONLINEAR SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION

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ABSTRACT

The Nonlinear Schrödinger Equation (NLSE), (in units of $\hbar = 1$)

$$i \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} + \alpha \frac{\partial^2 \psi}{\partial x^2} + \beta |\psi|^p \psi = 0$$

where $p = 1, 2, 3, \dots$; α is a positive real constant, and β is a real constant, E is the energy, is known to be integral for infinite X space. A fourier analysis in a bounded interval $|X| \leq L$, i.e.

$$u(x) = \sum_j u_j \exp(ik_j x)$$

shows that the NLSE is a nonlinear Hamiltonian system of N degrees of freedom. The effect of truncating the degrees of freedom to a finite number N and the fact that L is finite are investigated for the case $\alpha = +1, \beta = 1$ and $p = 2$. The results show that chaos sets in at certain value of the energy as the energy - increases for fixed N . Hence the NLSE is not integrable for finite N , and L . However, the integrability increases with increase in N implying that as N tends to infinity the NLSE becomes completely integrable as expected.

1. INTRODUCTION

The NLSE above describes the wave envelope $u(x)$ with time in a waveguide. The second term is the diffractive term, while the third is the nonlinear term with a nonlinear parameter β .

The analysis of this equation is important because its applications are ubiquitous since it is a canonical equation. It is a canonical equation because it governs the modulation of the amplitude u of a weakly nonlinear wave packet in a moving medium; (Drazin and Johnson 1992). It also finds an important application in Plasma Physics where it describes electron (Langmuir) waves. Another application is known in Nonlinear Optics where the function $u(x, t)$ has the sense of a complex envelope of electromagnetic field and the equation

self-modulation and self-focusing of light in a Kerr-type nonlinear medium (Yevseyev et al, 1989). It also has a geometric application in the three-dimension motion of a vortex; (Rogers and Schief, 1998). Work has been done for the linear Schrodinger equation (LSE) by [66]. It was shown that the Hamiltonian operator of the LSE can be written as a sum of terms containing products of the q's (position coordinates) and p's (momenta).

We express the NLSE as a Hamiltonian with infinity many degrees of freedom, as a sum of terms containing products of the q's and p's. In section 4, Hamiltonian equations of motion are formed from the Hamiltonian and section 4 deals with the results and discussion. Section 5 concludes the paper.

THEORETICAL ANALYSIS OF THE NONLINEAR SCHRÖDINGER EQUATION:

$$i\hbar \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial t} = \left(\frac{-\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 + |\psi|^2 \right) \psi \quad (2.1)$$

Consider a Hilbert space with basis $\phi_j(x)$ such that $\langle \phi_k | \phi_j \rangle = \delta_{kj}$.

$$\psi = \sum_j u_j(t) \phi_j(x)$$

$$|\psi|^2 = \psi^* \psi = \sum_k \sum_l u_k^* u_l \phi_k^* \phi_l$$

Eq (2.1) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_j \frac{\partial}{\partial t} u_j \phi_j &= \left(\frac{-\hbar^2}{2M} \nabla^2 + \sum_k \sum_l u_k u_l \phi_k \phi_l \right) \sum_j u_j \phi_j \\ &= \frac{-\hbar^2}{2M} \sum_j u_j \nabla^2 \phi_j + \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l u_j u_k^* u_l \phi_j \phi_k^* \phi_l \end{aligned}$$

Operating through by ϕ_m^* one gets

$$i \dot{u}_m \phi_m^* \phi_j = \frac{-\hbar^2}{2M} \sum_j u_j \phi_m^* \nabla^2 \phi_j + \sum_j \sum_k \sum_l u_j u_k^* u_l \phi_m^* \phi_j \phi_k \phi_l$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{i\partial u_m}{\partial t} = \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum S_{mj} u_j + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} u_j u_k^* u_l \quad (2.2)$$

where

$$\phi_m^* \nabla^2 \phi_j = S_{mj}$$

and

$$\phi_m^* \phi_j \phi_k^* \phi_l = 1$$

Eq (2.2) is a coupled nonlinear equation of motion. It can be decoupled by using the transformation

$$u_n = p_n + iq_n$$

as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} i(\dot{p}_m + i\dot{q}_m) &= \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum_j S_{mj} (p_j + iq_j) + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} (p_j + iq_j) (p_k - iq_k) (p_l + iq_l) \\ &= \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum_j S_{mj} (p_j + iq_j) + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} (p_j p_k - ip_j q_k + ip_k q_j + q_j q_k) (p_l + iq_l) \\ &= \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum_j S_{mj} (p_j + iq_j) + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} \begin{pmatrix} p_j p_k p_l + ip_j p_k q_l - ip_j p_l p_k + p_j p_k p_l + ip_k p_l p_j \\ p_k q_j q_l + p_l q_j q_k + iq_j q_k q_l \end{pmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Equating real and imaginary parts one obtains

$$\text{Im: } \dot{p}_m = \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum_j S_{mj} q_j + \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} (p_j p_k q_l - p_j p_l q_k + p_k p_l q_j + q_j q_k q_l) = \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_m} \quad (2.3)$$

$$\text{Real: } \dot{q}_m = \frac{-\hbar}{2M} \sum_j S_{mj} p_j - \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jkl} (p_j p_k q_l + p_j q_k q_l - p_k q_j q_l + p_l q_j q_k) = \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_m} \quad (2.4)$$

where G is the Hamiltonian of the system.

From eq.(2.3)

$$G = \frac{\hbar}{2M} \sum_{jm} S_{mj} q_j q_m - \frac{1}{\hbar} \sum_{jklm} (p_j p_k q_l q_m - p_j p_l q_k q_m + p_k p_l q_j q_m + q_j q_k q_l q_m) \quad (2.5)$$

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By averaging equations (2.5) and (2.6) one gets

$$G = \frac{\hbar}{4M} \sum_{jm} S_{mj} (p_j p_m + q_j q_m) - \frac{1}{2\hbar} \sum_{jklm} \left(p_j p_k p_l p_m + p_j p_m q_k q_l - p_j p_m q_k q_l - p_j p_l q_k q_m - p_k p_m q_j q_l + p_k p_l q_j q_m + p_l p_m q_j q_k + q_j q_k q_l q_m \right) \quad (2.7)$$

Eq(2.7) is a Hamiltonian with infinite degrees of freedom (d.o.f).

One can truncate it to N degrees of freedom (d.o.f) to have

$$G = \frac{\hbar}{4M} \sum_{jm}^N S_{mj} (p_j p_m + q_j q_m) - \frac{1}{2\hbar} \sum_{jklm} \left(p_j p_k p_l p_m + p_j p_m q_k q_l + p_j p_m q_k q_l - p_j p_l q_k q_m - p_k p_m q_j q_l + p_k p_l q_j q_m + p_l p_m q_j q_k + q_j q_k q_l q_m \right) \quad (2.8)$$

If N = 2 (i.e. 2 d.o.f) and ϕ 's are eigenvectors of ∇^2 eq (2.8), after expansion, simplification and factorization becomes

$$G = \frac{\hbar}{4M} \left[S_{11} (p_1^2 + q_1^2) + S_{22} (p_2^2 + q_2^2) - \frac{1}{2\hbar} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2) \right] \right]^2 \quad (2.9)$$

Similarly, for the case N = 3 Eq. (2.8) gives

$$G = \frac{\hbar}{4M} \left[S_{11} (p_1^2 + q_1^2) + S_{22} (p_2^2 + q_2^2) + S_{33} (p_3^2 + q_3^2) - \frac{1}{2} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 + q_1 q_2 + q_1 q_3 + q_2 q_3) \right] \right]^2 \quad (2.10)$$

(A.N.Njah, 2000).

3. THE EQUATIONS OF MOTION AND THEIR SOLUTIONS:

The Hamilton equations of motion for case N=2, from eq (2.9), are:

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \dot{p}_1 &= \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_1} = \frac{-\hbar}{2M} S_{11} q_1 + \frac{2}{\hbar} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2) \right] (p_1 + p_2) \\ \dot{p}_2 &= \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_1} = \frac{-\hbar}{2M} S_{22} q_2 + \frac{2}{\hbar} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2) \right] (p_1 + p_2) \\ \dot{q}_1 &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_1} = \frac{\hbar}{2M} S_{11} p_1 - \frac{2}{\hbar} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2) \right] (q_1 + q_2) \\ \dot{q}_2 &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_2} = \frac{\hbar}{2M} S_{22} p_2 - \frac{2}{\hbar} \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + 2(p_1 p_2 + q_1 q_2) \right] (q_1 + q_2) \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (3.1)$$

The system of first order differential equation eq (3.1) is linear in the first terms but nonlinear in the second (perturbation) term. By giving numerical values to S_{11} , S_{22} , M , and choosing appropriate initial conditions $q_i, (i), p_i(0), i = 1, 2$, the system can be solved numerically by the Runge-Kutta method. G can be calculated from eq(2.9). The phase diagram, i.e., the plots of points $(p_2, q_2), q_1 = 0$ and $p_1 \geq 0$ are shown in figs (1), and (2) and (3) for different values of S_{11}, S_{22} and hence E .

The equations of motion for the case N=3, from eq(2.10), are:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{p}_1 &= \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_1} = \frac{-S_{11} q_1}{2M} + 2 \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 + q_1 q_2 + q_1 q_3 + q_2 q_3) \right] (q_1 + q_2 + q_3) \\ \dot{p}_2 &= \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_2} = \frac{-S_{22} q_2}{2M} + 2 \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 + q_1 q_2 + q_1 q_3 + q_2 q_3) \right] (q_1 + q_2 + q_3) \\ \dot{p}_3 &= \frac{-\partial G}{\partial q_3} = \frac{-S_{33} q_3}{2M} + 2 \left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1 p_2 + p_1 p_3 + p_2 p_3 + q_1 q_2 + q_1 q_3 + q_2 q_3) \right] (q_1 + q_2 + q_3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{q}_1 &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_1} = \frac{S_{11}P_1}{2M} - 2\left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1p_2 + p_1p_3 + p_2p_3 + q_1q_2 + q_1q_3 + q_2q_3)\right] (p_1 + p_2 + p_3) \\ \dot{q}_2 &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_2} = \frac{S_{22}q_2}{2M} - 2\left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1p_2 + p_1p_3 + p_2p_3 + q_1q_2 + q_1q_3 + q_2q_3)\right] (q_1 + q_2 + q_3) \\ \dot{q}_3 &= \frac{\partial G}{\partial p_3} = \frac{S_{33}P_3}{2M} - 2\left[p_1^2 + p_2^2 + p_3^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 + q_3^2 + \right. \\ &\quad \left. 2(p_1p_2 + p_1p_3 + p_2p_3 + q_1q_2 + q_1q_3 + q_2q_3)\right] (q_1 + q_2 + q_3) \end{aligned} \quad (3.2)$$

By giving numerical values to M , S_{ii} , $q_i(0)$ and $p_i(0)$, $i = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ the system of equations in eq(3.2) can again be solved by the Runge-Kutta method. The results in phase space, are shown in figs (4), (5) and (6). G is now calculated from eq (2.10).

4. RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

For small values of E ($E \leq 1$) the region, where the system is integrable is well demarcated by the ellipse. As E increases the region increases until chaos starts to set in at $E = 1.7$ for the case $N = 2$, fig. (2) and $E = 5.2$ for the case $N = 3$, fig. (5). As E increases further the system becomes chaotic and hence nonintegrable, fig. (3) and fig. (6) for the cases $N = 2$ and $N = 3$ respectively. It is also noted that, at the onset of chaos the region where the system is integrable is larger for the case $N = 3$ than the case $N = 2$, fig. (3.7). This shows that as N increases the region increases. In the limit that N tends to infinity, the region of integration tends to infinity and the NLSE is integrable for all values of E . In other words, for an infinitely large number of degree of freedom, the NLSE becomes completely integrable.

5. CONCLUSION

The NLSE, like the LSE, is also expressible as a sum of terms containing products of the q 's (the position coordinates) and p 's (the momenta). By this approach, it is found that the NLSE is completely integrable for an infinitely large number of degrees of freedom as expected.

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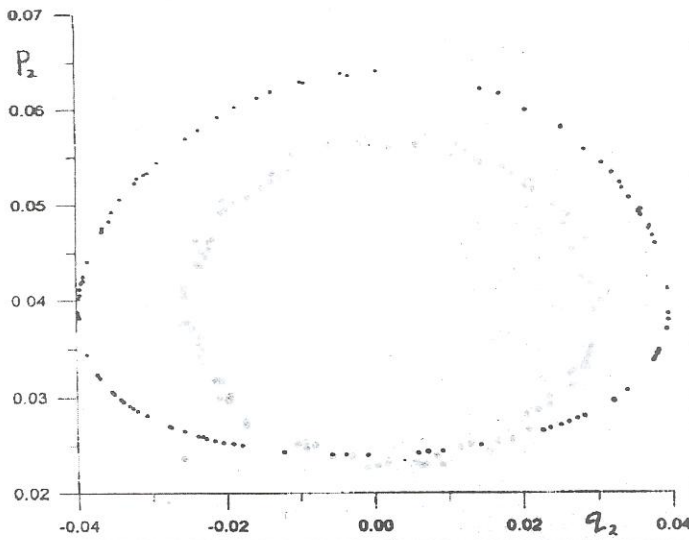


Fig (1): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) of the NLSE, showing the KAM region

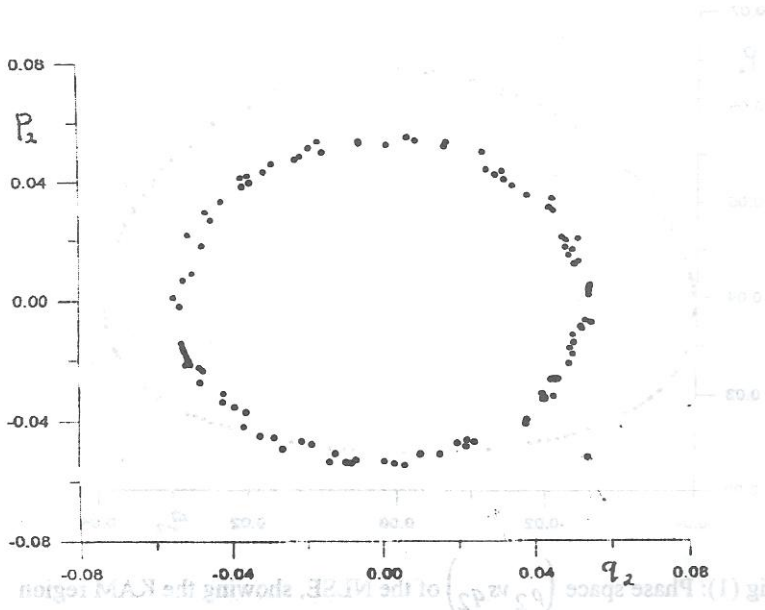


Fig (2): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) for the NLSE showing the onset of chaos, case $N=2$.

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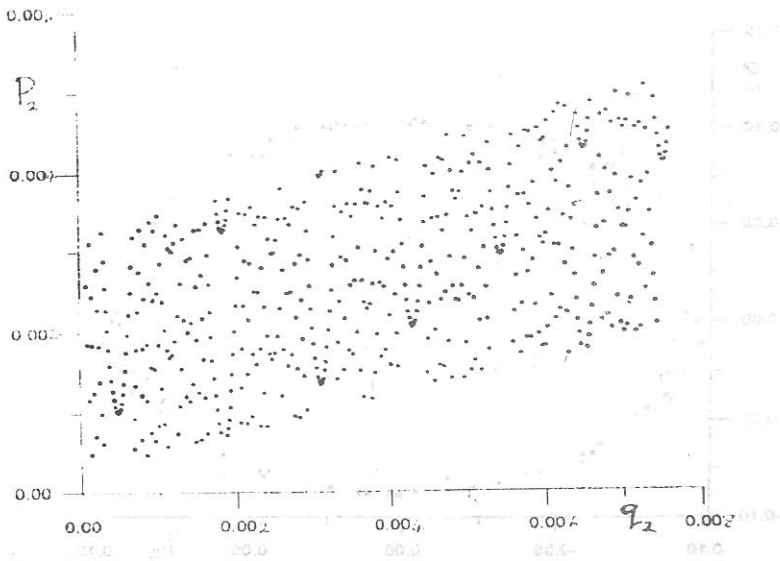


Fig (3): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) of the NLSE, case N=2 showing chaos.

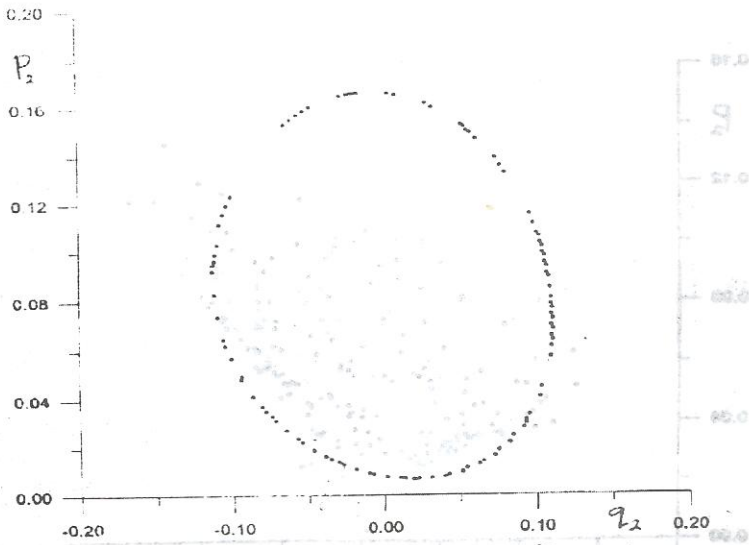


Fig (4): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) of the NLSE n=3 showing the KAM region

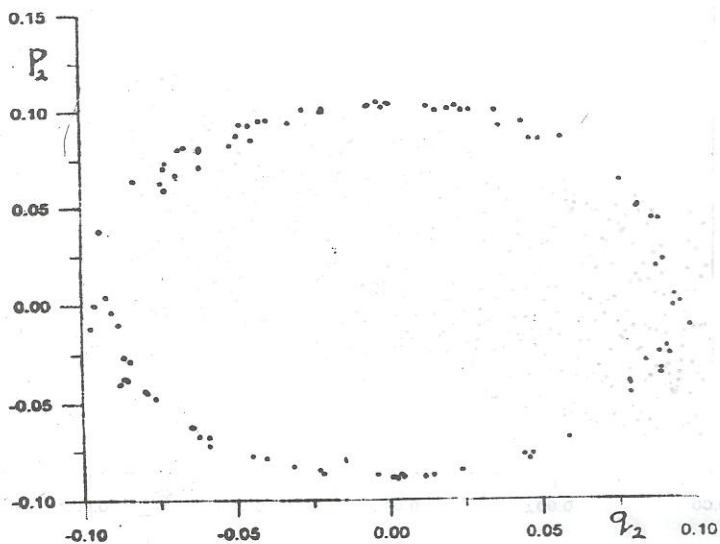


Fig (5): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) for the NLSE, case $N=3$, showing the onset of chaos.

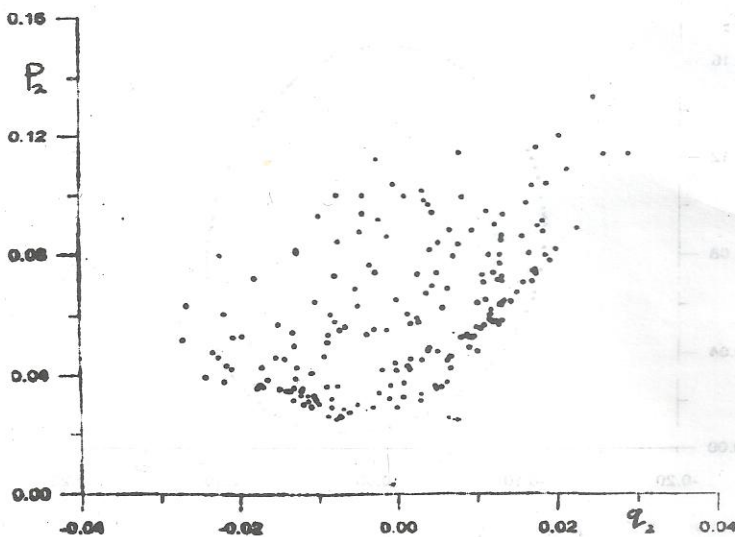


Fig (6): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) of the NLSE with $N=3$, showing chaos.

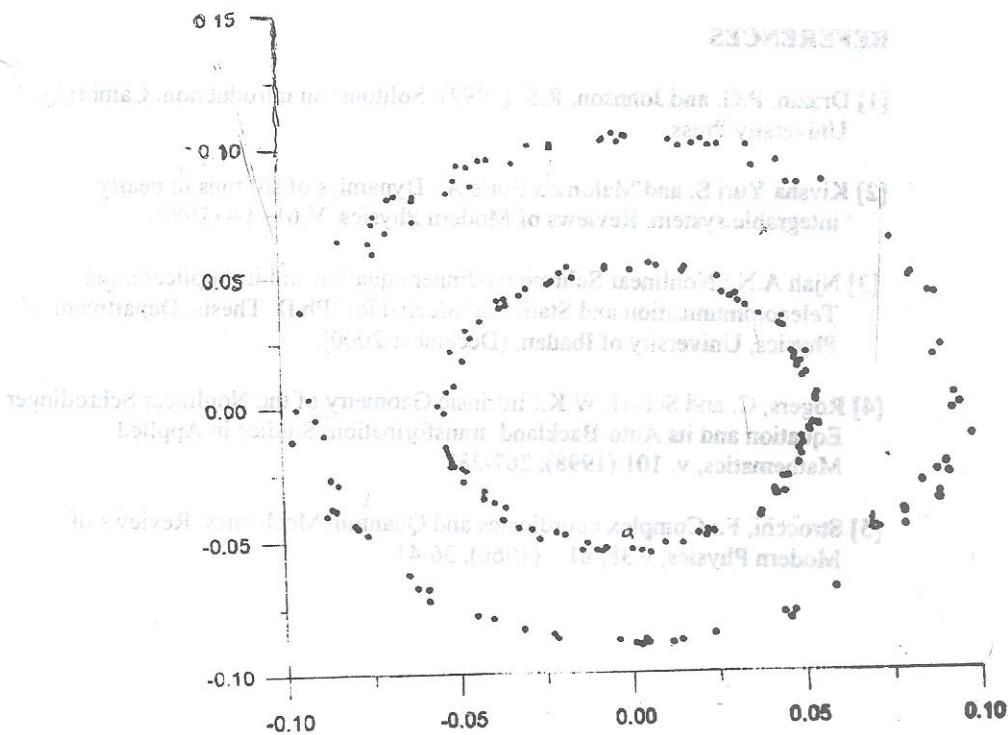


Fig (7): Phase space (p_2 vs q_2) comparing the KAM region at the onset of chaos for the cases (a) $N=2$ and (b) $N=3$ for the NLSE

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