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Multidimensional Integrable Generalizations of
the nonholonomic Chaplygin sphere problem

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- Preservation of Invariant Measure

$$\dot{x} = v(x), \quad x = (x_1, \dots, x_n) \quad (*)$$

The volume form $\mathcal{I} = \mu(x) dx_1 \wedge \dots \wedge dx_n$ is said to be an invariant measure of (*) if

$$\mathcal{L}_v \mathcal{I} = 0 \quad \iff \quad \dot{\mu}(x) + \mu \operatorname{div}(v) = 0.$$

- Some Integrability Theorems:

Theorem 1. (Euler–Jacobi). *If the system (*) possesses an invariant measure \mathcal{I} and $n - 2$ independent first integrals, then it is integrable by quadratures.*

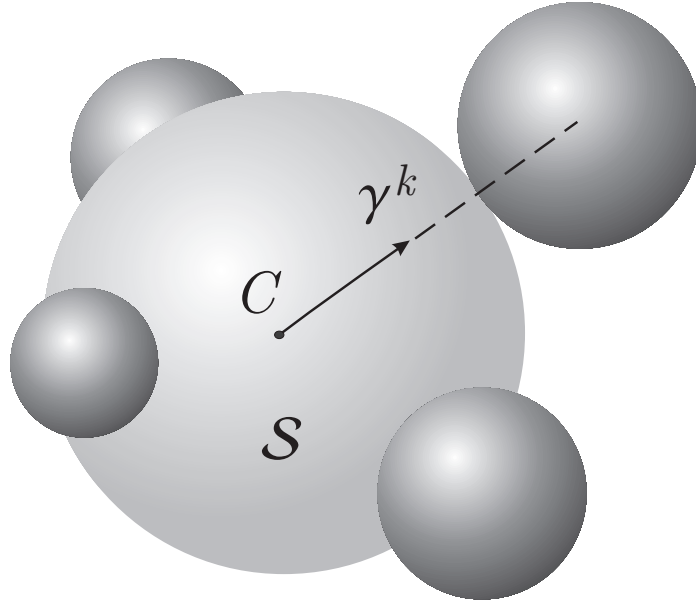
Theorem 2. (Kozlov). *Suppose that the system (*) has an invariant measure $\mathcal{I}(x)$, $k - 1$ independent integrals $f_1(x), \dots, f_{k-1}(x)$, and there are vector fields $u_{k+1} = v, u_{k+2}, \dots, u_n$, independent at each point, commuting with each other, such that*

$$\mathcal{L}_{u_j} \mathcal{I} = 0, \quad \mathcal{L}_{u_j} f_i = 0, \quad i = 1, \dots, k, \quad j = k + 1, \dots, n.$$

Then this system is integrable by quadratures.

- Example: *Spherical Supporter* (Yu. F., 1988)

A dynamically non-symmetric sphere surrounded by N symmetric spheres



$$J\dot{\omega} + \omega \times J\omega = \sum_{k=1}^N \gamma^k \times R^k, \quad D_k \dot{\omega}^k = \lambda_k \gamma^k \times R^k, \quad k = 1, \dots, N.$$

N nonholonomic constraints expressing absence of slipping at the contact points:

$$-\lambda_k \omega^k = \omega - (\omega, \gamma^k) \gamma^k - \lambda_k (\omega^k, \gamma^k) \gamma^k, \quad \lambda_k (\omega^k, \gamma^k) = c_k = \text{const.}$$

Taking into account the constraints, the first equation gives rise to

$$\Lambda\dot{\omega} + \omega \times \Lambda\omega = -\Gamma\dot{\omega}, \quad \Lambda = J + \sum_{k=1}^N (D_k/\lambda_k^2)\mathbf{I}, \quad \Gamma = \sum_{k=1}^N D_k\gamma^k \otimes \gamma^k/\lambda_k^2,$$

Setting $\Gamma = a\alpha \otimes \alpha + b\beta \otimes \beta + c\gamma \otimes \gamma$,
one obtains the *generalized Euler top* on $T SO(3)$:

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{K} &= K \times \omega, & \dot{\alpha} &= \alpha \times \omega, & \dot{\beta} &= \beta \times \omega, & \dot{\gamma} &= \gamma \times \omega, \\ K &= (\Lambda + \Gamma)\omega = \Lambda\omega + a(\omega, \alpha)\alpha + b(\omega, \beta)\beta + c(\omega, \gamma)\gamma, \end{aligned}$$

• First integrals: (K, K) ,

$$\begin{aligned} (K, \alpha) &= (\Lambda_a\omega, \alpha), & (K, \beta) &= (\Lambda_b\omega, \beta), & (K, \gamma) &= (\Lambda_c\omega, \gamma), \\ \Lambda_a &= \Lambda + a\mathbf{I}, & \Lambda_b &= \Lambda + b\mathbf{I}, & \Lambda_c &= \Lambda + c\mathbf{I}, \end{aligned}$$

of which any three integrals are independent. Besides, the system has the kinetic energy integral

$$\frac{1}{2}(\omega, (\Lambda + \Gamma)\omega) = \frac{1}{2}(\omega, \Lambda\omega) + \frac{a}{2}(\omega, \alpha)^2 + \frac{b}{2}(\omega, \beta)^2 + \frac{c}{2}(\omega, \gamma)^2.$$

It also possesses an invariant measure with density $\mu = \sqrt{\det(\Lambda + \Gamma)}$

• By the Euler–Jacobi theorem, the system is integrable by quadratures, and its generic invariant manifolds are two-dimensional tori.

• For $N = 1$ we have $\Gamma = -D_1\gamma \otimes \gamma/\lambda_1^2$, $\gamma = \gamma^1$,

$$\dot{K} = K \times \omega, \quad \dot{\gamma} = \gamma \times \omega, \quad K = \Lambda\omega - D(\omega, \gamma)\gamma,$$

and the spherical support becomes equivalent to the celebrated *Chaplygin sphere problem* (Chaplygin, 1903).

• **The Suslov problem** (A. Suslov, 1903)

Nonholonomic constraint: the projection of the angular velocity vector $\vec{\omega} \in \mathbb{R}^3$ to a certain *fixed in the body* unit vector $\vec{\gamma}$ equals zero:

$$(\vec{\omega}, \vec{\gamma}) = 0.$$

The Lagrangian $L = \frac{1}{2}(\vec{\omega}, \mathbb{I}\vec{\omega})$, the momentum $\vec{M} = (M_1, M_2, M_3)^T = \mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}$.

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}) = \mathbb{I}\vec{\omega} \times \vec{\omega} + \lambda \vec{\gamma},$$

which is equivalent to

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}) = (\mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}, \vec{\gamma}) \vec{\omega} \times \mathbb{I}^{-1}\vec{\gamma}.$$

The Suslov system possesses the energy integral

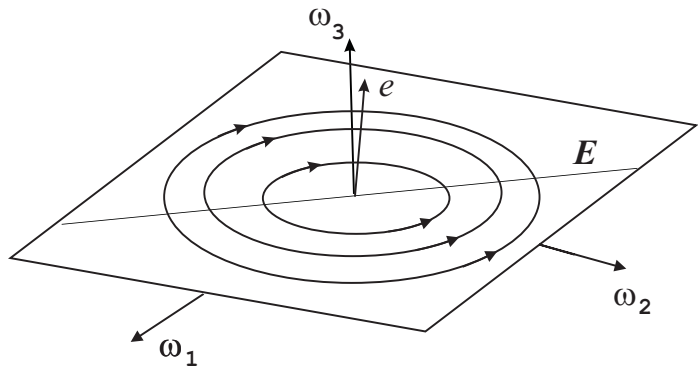
$$(\vec{\omega}, \mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}) \equiv (\vec{M}, \mathbb{I}^{-1}\vec{M}) = h, \quad h = \text{const}$$

and a line of equilibria positions

$$E = \{(\vec{\omega}, \vec{\gamma}) = 0\} \cap \{(\mathbb{I}\vec{\omega}, \vec{\gamma}) = 0\}.$$

In the basis where $\vec{\gamma} = (0, 0, 1)^T$ the energy integral can be replaced by

$$\mathbb{I}_{22}M_1^2 - 2\mathbb{I}_{12}M_1M_2 + \mathbb{I}_{11}M_2^2.$$



• **Discrete nonholonomic mechanical system on $Q \times Q$** (J.Cortés, S. Martínez, 1999)

- (1) a *discrete Lagrangian* $\mathbb{L} : Q \times Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$;
- (2) distribution \mathcal{D} on TQ ($\mathcal{D} = \{\dot{q} \in TQ \mid \langle A^j(q), \dot{q} \rangle = 0, j = 1, \dots, s\}$);
- (3) a discrete constraint manifold $\mathcal{D}_d \subset Q \times Q$ (of the same dimension as \mathcal{D} and $(q, q) \in \mathcal{D}_d$ for all $q \in Q$)
 $\mathcal{F}_j(q_k, q_{k+1}) = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, s$

Discrete Lagrange–d'Alembert equations with multipliers

$$D_1\mathbb{L}(q_k, q_{k+1}) + D_2\mathbb{L}(q_{k-1}, q_k) = \sum_{j=1}^s \lambda_j^k A_j(q_k), \quad \mathcal{F}_j(q_k, q_{k+1}) = 0$$

This defines a *multi-valued* map $Q \times Q \mapsto Q \times Q$

• **Discrete Euler–Poincaré–Suslov Equations** (Yu. F., D. Zenkov, 2004)

- Assume $Q = G\{g\}$ and $\mathbb{L}(g g_k, g g_{k+1}) = \mathbb{L}(g_k, g_{k+1})$.
- Introduce *left displacement* $W_k = g_k^{-1}g_{k+1} \in G$.

There exists *reduced discrete Lagrangian* $l_d : (G \times G)/G \cong G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ such that $L_d(g_k, g_{k+1}) = l_d(W_k)$.

- The discrete body momentum $p_k : G \times G \mapsto \mathfrak{g}^*$

$$\langle p_k, \xi \rangle = -\frac{d}{ds} \Big|_{s=0} l_d(\exp(-s\xi)W_k), \quad p_k = R_{W_k}^* l'_d(W_k).$$

- Left-invariant distribution $\mathcal{D} \subset \mathcal{T}G$, $\mathcal{D}_g = TL_g \mathfrak{d}$,

$$\mathfrak{d} = \{\xi \in \mathfrak{g} \mid \langle a^j, \xi \rangle = 0, j = 1, \dots, s\}, \quad a^j = \text{const.}$$

Then $\langle a^j, g^{-1}\dot{g} \rangle = 0, \quad j = 1, \dots, s$.

- **Discrete Euler–Poincaré–Suslov Equations** (continuation)
 - Discrete left-invariant constraints $\mathcal{F}_j(g g_k, g g_{k+1}) = \mathcal{F}_j(g_k, g_{k+1})$
- there exist functions $f_j : G \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $j = 1, \dots, s$, such that

$$\mathcal{F}_j(g_k, g_{k+1}) = f_j(W_k).$$

$\mathcal{D}_d \subset G \times G$ is completely defined by *the admissible displacement subvariety*

$$\mathcal{S} = \{f_1(W) = 0, \dots, f_s(W) = 0\} \subset G;$$

This implies that the discrete momentum p_k is restricted to *the admissible momentum subvariety*

$$\mathcal{U} = \{p \in \mathfrak{g}^* \mid p = L_W^* l'_d(W), W \in \mathcal{S}\} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

$$p_{k+1} - \text{Ad}_{W_k}^* p_k = \sum_{j=1}^s \lambda_{k+1}^j a^j, \quad \text{where } W_k, W_{k+1} \in \mathcal{S}, \quad p_k, p_{k+1} \in \mathcal{U} \subset \mathfrak{g}^*.$$

- Our choice of $\mathcal{S} \subset G$: $\mathcal{S} = \exp \mathfrak{d}$. *Usually* $\exp \mathfrak{d} = G$!

Assume $\mathfrak{g} = \mathfrak{h} \oplus \mathfrak{d}$, \mathfrak{h} being a subalgebra, such that

$$[\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{h}] \subset \mathfrak{h}, \quad [\mathfrak{d}, \mathfrak{d}] \subset \mathfrak{h}, \quad [\mathfrak{h}, \mathfrak{d}] \subset \mathfrak{d}.$$

In this case $\mathcal{S} = \exp \mathfrak{d}$ is a smooth submanifold of G homeomorphic to either the symmetric space G/H or to a quotient of G/H by a finite group action.

• **Discrete Suslov system** $G = SO(3)$ ($SO(n)$), $\{R_k\} \subset SO(3)$ ($SO(n)$)

Finite rotations $\Omega_k = R_k^{-1}R_{k+1}$ (discrete analogue of the body angular velocity $\omega = R^{-1}\dot{R}$)

Discrete Lagrangian is the same as for the discrete Euler top (A. Veselov, J.Moser, 1991)

$$\mathbb{L}(R_k, R_{k+1}) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (R_k J R_{k+1}^T), \quad l_d(\Omega_k) = \frac{1}{2} \text{Tr} (\Omega_k J),$$

The discrete body angular momentum $M_k = \Omega_k J - J \Omega_k^T \in so(3)$

Continuous constraints are defined by the subspace

$$\mathfrak{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & \dots & 0 & \omega_{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots & \vdots \\ 0 & \dots & 0 & \omega_{n-1,n} \\ -\omega_{1n} & \dots & -\omega_{n-1,n} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \subset so(n), \quad \mathfrak{d} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & \omega_{13} \\ 0 & 0 & \omega_{23} \\ -\omega_{13} & -\omega_{23} & 0 \end{pmatrix} \subset so(3)$$

Discrete constraints are defined by the admissible finite rotations

$$\mathcal{S} = \exp \mathfrak{d} = \{ \Omega \in SO(n) \mid \Omega_{ij} = \Omega_{ji}, \quad \Omega_{in} = -\Omega_{ni}, \quad 1 \leq i, j \leq n-1. \}$$

\mathcal{S} is diffeomorphic to $\mathbb{RP}^{n-1} = S^{n-1}/\mathbb{Z}^2$.

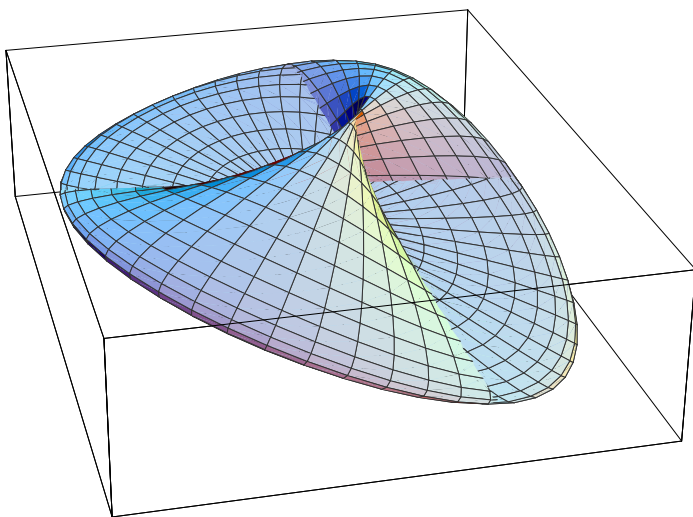
For $n = 3$,

$$\Omega = \begin{pmatrix} 2(q_0^2 + q_1^2) - 1 & 2q_1q_2 & 2q_0q_2 \\ 2q_1q_2 & 2(q_0^2 + q_2^2) - 1 & -2q_0q_1 \\ -2q_0q_2 & 2q_0q_1 & 2q_0^2 - 1 \end{pmatrix}, \quad q_0^2 + q_1^2 + q_2^2 = 1.$$

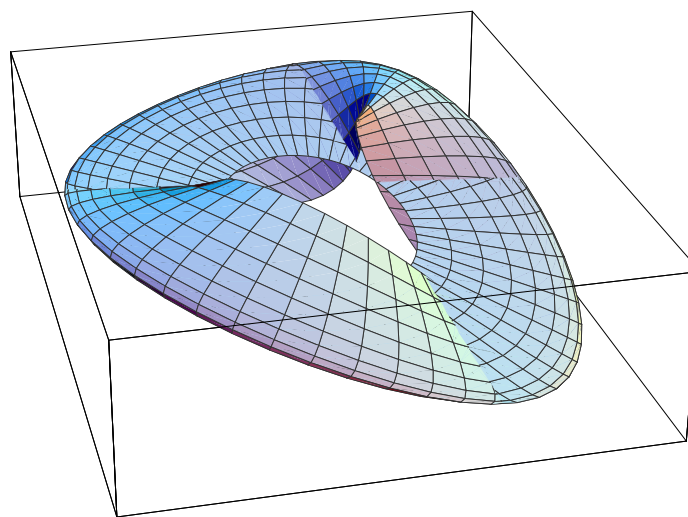
- Discrete Euler–Poincaré–Suslov equations on $so^*(3)$.

$$M_{k+1} = \Omega_k^T M_k \Omega_k + \lambda_k \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ -1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \quad M_k = \Omega_k J - J \Omega_k^T$$

Admissible momentum locus in $so^*(3)$, $\mathcal{U} = \{\Omega_k J - J \Omega_k^T \mid \Omega_k \in \mathcal{S}\}$



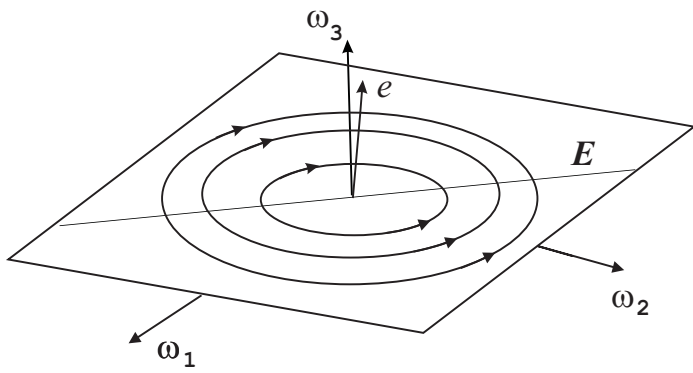
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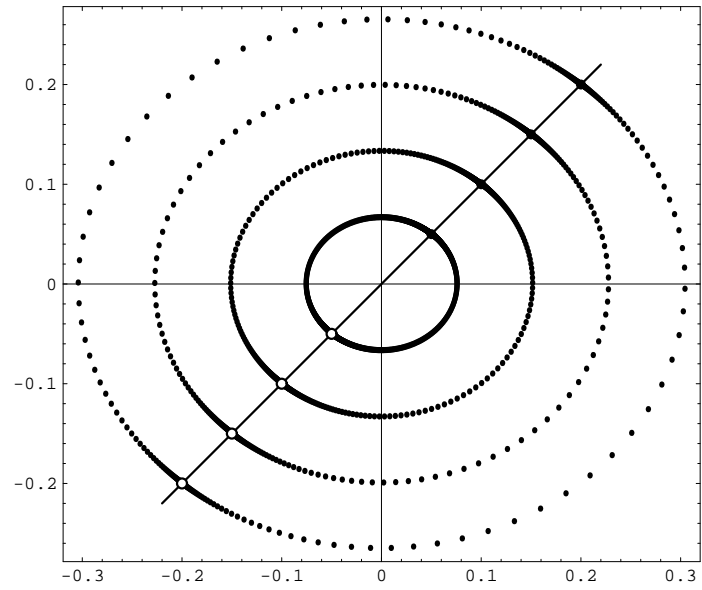
(b)

Theorem 3. *Regardless to the branch of the map $M_k \mapsto M_{m+1}$, the discrete Suslov map preserves the reduced constrained energy*

$$E_c(M_{23}, M_{13}) = (J_{11} + J_{33})M_{23}^2 + 2J_{12}M_{23}M_{13} + (J_{22} + J_{33})M_{13}^2.$$



(c)



(d)

- **A discretization of the Chaplygin sphere** $\{R_k, r_k\}$, $R_k \in SO(n)$, $r_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Discrete Lagrangian $\mathbb{L} = \frac{1}{2}\text{Tr}(R_k J R_{k+1}^T) + \frac{m}{2}\langle \Delta r_k, \Delta r_k \rangle$, $\Delta r_k = r_{k+1} - r_k$.

The discrete momentum of the sphere in the body frame

$$M_k = \Omega_k J - J \Omega_k^T, \quad \Omega_k = R_k^T R_{k+1} \in SO(n),$$

- Continuous constraints expressing absence of slipping at the contact point

$$\dot{r} + \rho \omega \vec{\gamma} = 0.$$

Discrete Euler–Poincaré equations with multipliers

$$M_k = \Omega_{k-1}^T M_{k-1} \Omega_{k-1} + \rho \vec{F}^k \wedge \gamma_k^T, \quad m(\Delta r_k - \Delta r_{k-1}) = \vec{f}^k.$$

where $\vec{F}^k = R_k^T \vec{f}^k$, $\gamma_k = R_k^T \vec{\gamma}$.

- Our choice of discrete constraints that mimic the continuous constraints

$$\Delta r_k + \frac{\rho}{2}(\bar{\Omega}_k - \bar{\Omega}_k^T)\vec{\gamma} = 0, \quad \bar{\Omega}_k = R_{k+1}^T R_k \in SO(n).$$

Proposition 4. *The map admits the following compact representation*

$$\mathcal{K}_k = \Omega_{k-1}^T \mathcal{K}_{k-1} \Omega_{k-1}, \quad \Gamma_k = \Omega_{k-1}^T \Gamma_{k-1} \Omega_{k-1},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} \mathcal{K}_k &= \Omega_k \left(J + \frac{D}{2} \Gamma_k \right) - \left(J + \frac{D}{2} \Gamma_k \right) \Omega_k^T + \frac{D}{2} (\Gamma_k \Omega_k - \Omega_k^T \Gamma_k) \\ &\equiv M_k + \frac{D}{2} (\Omega_k \Gamma_k - \Gamma_k \Omega_k^T) + \frac{D}{2} (\Gamma_k \Omega_k - \Omega_k^T \Gamma_k), \quad D = m\rho^2, \\ &= \Omega_k \left(J + \frac{D}{2} (\Gamma_{k+1} + \Gamma_k) \right) - \left(J + \frac{D}{2} (\Gamma_{k+1} + \Gamma_k) \right) \Omega_k^T. \end{aligned}$$

- The classical case $n = 3$ Let

$$\vec{M} = (M_1, M_2, M_3)^T \equiv (M_{32}, M_{13}, M_{21})^T, \quad \vec{\mathcal{K}} = (\mathcal{K}_1, \mathcal{K}_2, \mathcal{K}_3)^T \equiv (\mathcal{K}_{32}, \mathcal{K}_{13}, \mathcal{K}_{21})^T.$$

Then the map reads

$$\vec{\mathcal{K}}_k = \Omega_{k-1}^T \vec{\mathcal{K}}_{k-1}, \quad \gamma_k = \Omega_{k-1}^T \gamma_{k-1}$$

and preserves 3 independent integrals

$$\langle \gamma, \gamma \rangle = 1 \quad \langle \mathcal{K}, \gamma \rangle = h, \quad \langle \mathcal{K}, \mathcal{K} \rangle = n.$$

The special case $\vec{\mathcal{K}} \parallel \gamma$. ($\vec{\mathcal{K}}_k = h\gamma_k$, $h = \text{const}$)

This defines map $\mathcal{G}_h : S^2 \mapsto S^2$, $\mathcal{G}_h(\gamma_k) = \gamma_{k+1}$

Proposition 5. *Regardless to branch of the map \mathcal{G}_h , it has the quadratic integral*

$$\langle \gamma, \Lambda^{-1} \gamma \rangle = l.$$

Hence, γ admits the elliptic parameterization, e.g.,

$$\gamma_1 = C_1 \text{cn}(u|k), \quad \gamma_2 = C_2 \text{sn}(u|k), \quad \gamma_3 = C_3 \text{dn}(u|k),$$

Therefore, for a fixed l , the map \mathcal{G}_h is reduced to one-dimensional map

$$u_{k+1} = u_k + \Delta u_k(u_k, l)$$

Δu_k depends non-trivially on u_k !