# A Computational Procedure for High-Order Adiabatic Invariants 

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#### Abstract

When the frequency of the harmonic oscillator is slowly varying in time, the invariants can be expanded in powers of a small parameter characterizing the slowness of the variation. It is the purpose of this paper to present a recurrence procedure yielding, with the help of an algebraic computer program, the terms of the adiabatic invariants determined up to the tenth order. The obtained formulas are checked over with two examples.


## 1. Introduction

When the parameters of a physical system are slowly varying under the effect of external perturbations, some quantities are constant at any order of a small parameter $\epsilon$ characterizing the slowness of the variation. Of course, this does not imply that these quantities are exactly constant but that their variation goes to zero faster than any power of $\epsilon$. Such quantities are called adiabatic invariants.

To find the series of adiabatic invariants for the harmonic oscillator a procedure has been proposed by Kulsrud [1] and later by Lewis [2], who determined a class of exact invariants. In this paper we suggest an iterative procedure derived from Chandrasekhar's method [3], which has been shown to be equivalent to the Lewis method [4]. A recurrence formula is obtained and used to get the different terms of the expansion with an algebraic computer language (FORMAC). The numerical value of the adiabatic invariants can be obtained up to order ten.

Two examples are given and discussed. In the first case the adiabatic series converges strictly to the exact invariant. In the second case a nonadiabatic jump cannot be avoided and the series, which looks numerically like an asymptotic one, gives a slightly modified value of the invariant. Values of $\epsilon$ are found which are small enough for the nonadiabatic jump to be quite negligible but big enough to exhibit an improvement when high order invariants are considered.

## 2. Analytic Treatments of Adiabatic Invariants

Consider the general equation of the linear oscillator,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d^{2} q}{d t^{2}}+\omega^{2}(t) q=0 \tag{1}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the Hamiltonian for unit mass is

$$
\begin{equation*}
H=\frac{1}{2}\left(p^{2}+\omega^{2} q^{2}\right) \tag{2}
\end{equation*}
$$

and $q$ and $p$ are the conjugate coordinate and momentum.
In the case of a slowly varying frequency, the ratio, energy/frequency, is well known to be the zero order adiabatic invariant, the first and second order adiabatic invariant are

$$
L_{1}=K_{0}+\epsilon K_{1} \quad \text { and } \quad L_{2}=K_{0}+\epsilon K_{1}+\epsilon^{2} K_{2},
$$

respectively, where:

$$
\begin{align*}
K_{0} & =E / \omega \\
\epsilon K_{1} & =\frac{d \omega}{d t} \frac{q p}{2 \omega^{2}}  \tag{3}\\
\epsilon^{2} K_{2} & =\frac{q^{2}}{8 \omega^{s}}\left(\frac{d \omega}{d t}\right)^{2}+\frac{1}{8 \omega^{4}}\left[\frac{d^{2} \omega}{d t^{2}}-\frac{3}{2 \omega}\left(\frac{d \omega}{d t}\right)^{2}\right],
\end{align*}
$$

as first derived by Kulsrud [1].
In Eq. (3) the parameter $\epsilon$ appears automatically if we take $\omega=\omega(u)$ with $u=\epsilon t$. But the method given by Kulsrud is of no use to compute high order invariants because of the difficulty of the calculus. Two other methods can be used to find the adiabatic series.

## A. Lewis' Method

To solve Eq. (1) Lewis introduced a new variable and a new function:

$$
\begin{align*}
& q=Q w  \tag{4}\\
& \theta=\int_{0}^{t} \frac{1}{w^{2}\left(t^{\prime}\right)} d t^{\prime} \tag{5}
\end{align*}
$$

Eq. (1) is, therefore, equivalent to the system,

$$
\left\{\begin{array}{l}
\frac{d^{2} Q}{d \theta^{2}}+Q=0  \tag{6}\\
\frac{d^{2} w}{d t^{2}}+\omega^{2}(t) w=w^{-3}
\end{array}\right.
$$

consequently,

$$
\begin{equation*}
I=\frac{1}{2}\left[Q^{2}+\left(\frac{d Q}{d \theta}\right)^{2}\right] \tag{7}
\end{equation*}
$$

is an exact invariant for the motion.
Taking into account Eq. (4), Eq. (7) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
I=\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{q^{2}}{w^{2}}+\left(q \frac{d w}{d t}-w \frac{d q}{d t}\right)^{2}\right] \tag{8}
\end{equation*}
$$

As any initial condition on $w,(d w / d t)$ may be taken as Eq. (8) defines a family of exact invariants.

Now, assuming that $\omega$ is a slowly varying function of time and taking $\omega=$ $\omega(u=\epsilon t)$ the differential equation for $w$ becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
\epsilon^{2} \frac{d^{2} w}{d u^{2}}+\omega^{2}(u) w=w^{-3} \tag{9}
\end{equation*}
$$

so that a perturbation method can be used to solve Eq. (9). We look for a solution to the form,

$$
\begin{equation*}
w=w_{0}+\epsilon^{2} w_{2}+\cdots+\epsilon^{2 n} w_{2 n}+\cdots \tag{10}
\end{equation*}
$$

The zero order solution of $w$, namely $w_{0}$, is easily found,

$$
\begin{equation*}
w_{0}=\omega^{-1 / 2} \tag{11}
\end{equation*}
$$

Introducing Eq. (11) in Eq. (8) we see that the zero order adiabatic invariant is

$$
\begin{equation*}
I_{0}=\frac{1}{2}\left[q^{2} \omega+\frac{1}{\omega}\left(\frac{d q}{d t}\right)^{2}\right]+\epsilon \frac{q}{2 \omega^{2}} \cdot \frac{d q}{d t} \cdot \frac{d \omega}{d u}+\epsilon^{2} \frac{q^{2}}{8 \omega^{3}}\left(\frac{d \omega}{d u}\right)^{2} \tag{12}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (12) shows that the two first terms and a part of the third term of the Kulsrud series are recovered. Unfortunately this last method is difficult to use for solving the problem of high order invariants.
B. Chandrasekhar's Method

Following Chadrasekhar [3] let us introduce in Eq. [1] a new variable $t_{1}$ and a new function $q_{1}$ given by

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
\frac{d t_{1}}{d t} & =\omega  \tag{13}\\
q_{1} & =\omega^{1 / 2} q
\end{align*}\right.
$$

which gives

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d^{2} q_{1}}{d t_{1}^{2}}+\omega_{1}^{2} q_{1}=0 \tag{14}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{1}^{2}=1+\omega^{-3 / 2} \frac{d^{2}}{d t^{2}}\left(\omega^{-1 / 2}\right) \tag{15}
\end{equation*}
$$

Again, it is useful to introduce explicitly the slowness of the time variation of $\omega$ through the change of variable $u=\epsilon t$. Equation (15) is changed in

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega_{1}^{2}=1+\epsilon^{2} \omega^{-3 / 2} \frac{d^{2}}{d u^{2}}\left(\omega^{-1 / 2}\right) \tag{16}
\end{equation*}
$$

This procedure may be repeated and the general expressions,

$$
\left\{\begin{align*}
\frac{d t_{k+1}}{d t_{k}} & =\omega_{k}  \tag{17}\\
q_{k+1} & =\omega_{k}^{1 / 2} q_{k}
\end{align*}\right.
$$

yield

$$
\begin{equation*}
\frac{d^{2} q_{k+1}}{d t_{k+1}^{2}}+\omega_{k+1}^{2} q_{k+1}=0 \tag{18}
\end{equation*}
$$

with

$$
\omega_{k+1}^{2}=1+\omega_{k}^{-3 / 2} \frac{d^{2}}{d t_{k}^{2}}\left(\omega_{k}^{-1 / 2}\right)
$$

As an $\epsilon^{2}$ factor appears at each step in the second term of Eq. (16), for $k=n$, $\omega_{k+1}^{2}$ can be taken strictly equal to 1 , which closes the iterative process.

Now the product,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{n}=\left(\omega \omega_{1} \ldots \omega_{n}\right)^{-1 / 2} \tag{19}
\end{equation*}
$$

has been shown [4] to be equivalent to the development of $w$ up to the $2 n$th order and to satisfy

$$
\begin{equation*}
\rho_{n}^{-4}=\frac{d^{2} \rho_{n-1}}{d t^{2}} / \rho_{n-1}+\omega^{2} \tag{20}
\end{equation*}
$$

The $\rho_{n}$ series is infinite and contains some parts of the higher order corrections of $w$. We consequently get a new way to compute the adiabatic invariants by replacing $w$ by $\rho_{n}$, in Eq. (8), so that

$$
\begin{equation*}
J_{n}=\frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{q^{2}}{\rho_{n}{ }^{2}}+\left(\rho_{n} \cdot \frac{d q}{d t}-q \cdot \frac{d \rho n}{d t}\right)^{2}\right] \tag{21}
\end{equation*}
$$

## C. Comparative Study of the Three Methods

If in the expression of I given by (8) we replace $w$ by its $2 n$th order approximation we get the Lewis adiabatic invariant $I_{n}$. Now expanding $I_{n}$ in powers of $\epsilon$, we obtain an infinite series (because of the $1 / w 3$ term). As has been shown for the zero order, if we keep the $2 n+1$ first terms of this series we recover strictly the Kulsrud adiabatic invariant of order $2 n+1$. Consequently we can write

$$
I_{n}=L_{2 n+1}+\mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{2 n+2}\right)
$$

$\mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{2 n+2}\right)$ stands for a sum of terms going to zero at least as fast as $\epsilon^{2 n+2}$.
Now $\rho_{n}$ is equivalent to the development of $w$ up to the $2 n$th order in $\epsilon$ the same relation can be writhen for $J_{n}$

$$
J_{n}=L_{2 n+1}+\mathcal{O}\left(\epsilon^{2 n+2}\right)
$$

Therefore, if $\epsilon$ is small enough the three methods are equivalent, but the series $I_{n}, J_{n}$, and $L_{2 n+1}$ have different radius of convergence.

Let us remark that the Lewis and the Chandrasekhar methods give expansion in $\epsilon^{2}$ so that computing one more term in the series is equivalent to computing two orders more in Kulsrud series.

Finally let us point out that our proposed method [getting $\rho_{n}$ from the recurrence formula (20) and introducing this value in the expression (8) of the exact invariant] is the least analytical but the most suitable to numerical computation. We do not need the knowledge of analytical expression for $L_{n}$ or $w$. The only work to be done is a recurrent differentiation of (20). We show in the next section how we do it.

## 3. Computational Procedure

Using a development of Eq. (9) Lewis [2] gives the expression of $w$ up to $\epsilon^{6}$ which is equivalent to $\rho_{3}$. From a computational point of view (20) is much more interesting. We carry out successive derivations and do not have to expand $w^{-3}$ but only to manipulate a recurrence formula.

In the Lewis method analytic expressions of the quantities $w_{2 n}$ are needed in order to build $w_{2 n+2}$, and similarly in the Kulsrud method we must have an analytic expression for each coefficient. The interest of our iterative method is that we can work out numerical algorithms to get the higher order terms. (It is well known that for numerical computations iterative formulas are very useful.)

Instead of computing $\rho_{n}$ through Eq. (20) it is more convenient to use the expression,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{n}=\rho_{n}^{-4}=\left(\omega \omega_{1} \cdots \omega_{n}\right)^{2} \tag{22}
\end{equation*}
$$

getting rid of the fractional powers. Equation (20) becomes

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{j+1}=\frac{5}{16} R_{j}^{-2}\left(\frac{d R_{j}}{d t}\right)^{2}-\frac{1}{4} R_{j}^{-1} \frac{d^{2} R_{j}}{d t^{2}}+\omega^{2} \tag{23}
\end{equation*}
$$

We write (23) under the form,

$$
\begin{equation*}
R_{j+1}=f_{0}\left(R_{j}, \dot{R}_{j}, \ddot{R}_{j}, \omega\right) \tag{24}
\end{equation*}
$$

where the dots indicate the derivative with repect to time.
The successive derivatives of (24) can be formally obtained. However, their determinations become intricate very rapidly. Consequently, an algebraic language such as FORMAC can be used,

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{R}_{j+1}=\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial R_{j}} \cdot \dot{R}_{j}+\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} \ddot{R}_{j}+\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} \cdot \dddot{R}_{j}+\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \omega} \dot{\omega} \tag{25}
\end{equation*}
$$

Equation (25) is formally written

$$
\begin{equation*}
\dot{R}_{j+1}=f_{1}\left(R_{j}, \dot{R}_{j}, \ddot{R}_{j}, \dddot{R}_{j}, \omega, \dot{\omega}\right) \tag{26}
\end{equation*}
$$

The derivation is carried on

$$
\dot{R}_{j+1}=f_{2}\left(R_{j}, \dot{R}_{j}, \dot{R}_{j}, \dddot{R}_{j}, R_{j}^{(4)}, \omega, \dot{\omega}, \ddot{\omega}\right)
$$

The $(2 n-2)$ derivative, i.e., $d^{2 n-2}\left(R_{j+1}\right) / d t^{2 n-2}$, is, therefore, a function of

$$
R_{j}, \dot{R}_{j}, \ldots, R_{j}^{(2 n-1)}, R_{j}^{(2 n)}, \omega, \dot{\omega}, \ddot{\omega}, \ldots, \omega^{(2 n-2)}
$$

It must be pointed out that the algebraic language gives the formal expressions:

$$
\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial R_{j}} ; \frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} ; \frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} ; \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial R_{j}} ; \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} ; \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial \dot{R}_{j}} ; \ldots
$$

The expressions

$$
\frac{\partial f_{0}}{\partial \omega}, \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial \omega}, \frac{\partial f_{1}}{\partial \dot{\omega}}, \ldots
$$

are quite trivial and do not need the help of a computer. Once this algebraic part is done, the calculations will be entirely numerical.
We have now to deal with $2 n-2$ formal expressions. Starting with $R_{0}$ (that is to say $\omega^{2}$ ) and its $2 n$ first derivatives numerical values at time $t_{0}$, we can compute on $R_{1}\left(t_{0}\right), \dot{R}_{1}\left(t_{0}\right) \ldots R_{1}^{(2 n-2)}\left(t_{0}\right)$.
Introducing these new values in the same formal expressions, we get $R_{2}\left(t_{0}\right)$, $\dot{R}_{2}\left(t_{0}\right), \ldots, R_{2}^{2 n-4)}\left(t_{0}\right)$, etc. Thus, at the end of the process, we get numerical values of $R_{1}, R_{2}, R_{3}, \ldots, R_{n}$ at time $t_{0}$.

## 4. Application of the Adiabatic Invariant in Two Particular Cases

## A. Only Adiabatic Effects are Present

Choose (see Fig. 1)

$$
\begin{equation*}
\omega(t)=(\epsilon t)^{-2 n / 2 n+1} \tag{27}
\end{equation*}
$$



Fig. 1. Function $\omega(t)=t^{-2 / 3}$.


Fig. 2. Adiabatic invariant $J_{1}-J_{5}$ with $\omega(t)=t^{-2 / 3}$ for time $2<t<8$. Note the asymptoticity of the series.


Fig. 3. Adiabatic invariant $J_{2}-J_{5}$ with $\omega(t)=t^{-2 / 3}$ for time $t<50$. We are in good adiabatic conditions and the series converges absolutely.


Fig. 4. Function $\omega(t)=1.5-0.5 \exp -T^{2}$.


Fig. 5. Adiabatic invariant $J_{2}-J_{5}$ for time $0<t<8$.


Fig. 6. Adiabatic invariant $J_{1}-J_{5}$ for time $0<t<8$.
It has been shown [2] that there is an exact solution of (6) which is

$$
w=t^{n / 2 n+1}|G(t, \epsilon)|^{2}
$$

where

$$
\begin{equation*}
G(t, \epsilon)=\left[\sum_{0}^{n}(-1)^{k} \frac{(n+k)!}{k!(n-k)!}\left(\frac{\epsilon}{2 i(2 n+1)}\right)^{k} t^{-k /(2 n+1)}\right]^{1 / 2} . \tag{28}
\end{equation*}
$$

$|G(t, \epsilon)|^{2}$ can be expanded in terms of $\epsilon^{2 k}$ so that we get the Lewis expansion for $w$. Figs. 2 and 3, show the results for $\epsilon=1$ with $n=1$, i.e., for $\omega(t)=t^{-2 / 3}$. Because of the divergence of $\omega$ for $t=0$ this case has no physical meaning but is interesting because the cxact solution of Eq. (6) and the valuc of the exact invariant can be obtained. See [2].

Another interesting point is the difference of behavior in the terms of the series for different times. In Fig. $2 t$ goes from 0 to 8 and in that interval the adiabaticity conditions $\dot{\omega} / \omega^{2} \ll 1$ are not fulfilled. For time $t<2.5$ all the invariants blow up on the figure due to the fine scale used. For $2.5<t<6, J_{3}$ is the best approxima-
tion. But for a larger time (Fig. 3) the frequency variation is adiabatic, and the convergence of the $J_{n}$ series is confirmed by the numerical calculations. The exact invariant towards which $J_{n}$ converges can be very precisely obtained. It must be pointed out that in this case there is no nonadiabatic jump, i.e., that the final value of the adiabatic invariant is strictly equal to the value of the exact invariant.

This can be very simply explained. In that case (28) shows that $w(t)=t^{1 / 3}$ $\left(1-t^{-2 / 3} / 9\right)^{1 / 2}$ and will converge for any time $t>1 / 27$. It must be noticed that our series seems to require a much bigger value of $t$ for convergence.

## B. Nonadiabatic Case

Figs. 5-8 show the results for the function,

$$
\omega(t)=\omega_{\infty}-\left(\omega_{\infty}-\omega_{0}\right) \exp \left(-\epsilon^{2} t^{2}\right)
$$

with $\omega_{\infty}=1.5, \omega_{0}=1.0$ and different values of $\epsilon(0.1,0.15,0.20,0.25)$.


Fig. 7. Adiabatic invariant $J_{1}-J_{5}$ for time $0<t<8$.


Fig. 8. Adiabatic invariant $J_{0}-J_{5}$ for time $0<t<8$.
This example has been studied by Howard [5] who gives numerical calculations for $L_{2}=K_{0}+\epsilon K_{1}+\epsilon^{2} K_{2}$. As already pointed out our $J_{0}$ is roughly equivalent to his $K_{0}+\epsilon K_{1}$ approximation while our $J_{1}$ goes up to order 3 in $\epsilon$.

Figures 5-8 show the $\Delta J$ curves where $\Delta J=J_{n}-I$ versus time for different $n$. We need a very fine scale to exhibit on the figures the variation $\Delta J$. For $\epsilon=0.1$ (very good adiabatic conditions) Fig. 5 shows the unavoidable nonadiabatic jump. While $J_{0}$ and $J_{1}$ are completely out of scale (one should notice the very small $\left(10^{-5}\right)$ relative variation for the entire plot) $J_{5}$ is the best curve smoothly varying from the initial to the final one without any oscillation. For $\epsilon=0.15$ (Fig. 6) we must point out
(a) a much larger ordinate scale ( $10^{-3}$ in relative value)
(b) $J_{4}$ and $J_{5}$ are the best curves, $J_{5}$ presenting no marked improvement upon $J_{4}$. For $\epsilon=0.2$ (Fig. 7) the asymptotic nature of the series is confirmed.
$J_{3}$ and $J_{4}$ show the smoothest variation, $J_{5}$ is definitively worse, and a "giant" nonadiabatic jump (compared to the preceeding one) is obtained. Finally the case $=0.25$ (Fig. 8) is similar. Notice that $J_{0}$ now appears on the figure. This jump has been shown to decrease with $\epsilon$ as $\exp -\eta / \epsilon$, where $\eta$ is a constant [5,6]. This means that the jump goes to zero faster than any power of $\epsilon$. This is in agreement with both Howard and our results. We found $\eta=1.52$.

## 5. Solution of the Harmonic Oscillator Equation

What is the use of the high-order adiabatic invariants? The answer is suggested in Fig. 5. We see that the constancy of $J_{n}$ is an indication of how the $\rho_{n}$ approximates $w$, one of the exact solutions of Eq. (6). Consequently, if we are interested in solving Eq. (1) it is important to get an approximation of $w$ valid for all times. This can be seen on Eq. (5), where the new variable $\theta$ is shown to be the integral of $w^{-2}$. Consequently, although for time $t=8$, we see that the differences between $J_{3}, J_{4}$, and $J_{5}$ are bigger than the unavoidable nonadiabatic jump, we can predict that the large variation of $J_{3}$ between $t=0$ and $t=3$ will give a solution much worse than $J_{4}$ and $J_{5}$. This last quantity just experiences the nonadiabatic jump without any further variation.

To check this idea the solution of (1) was obtained in the following way. $\rho_{n}$ was


Fig. 9. Exact and approximate solutions, $q_{2}$ and $q_{3}, \omega(t)=1.5-.5 \exp -t^{2} / 100$.


Fig. 10. Exact and approximate solutions, $q_{3}, q_{4}$, and $q_{5}, \omega(f)=1.5-.5 \exp -t^{2} / 100$.
computed as previously indicated and the approximation, $w=\rho_{n}$, was introduced in (4), (5), and (6). More precisly we have

$$
\begin{align*}
\theta_{n}(t) & =\int_{0}^{t} \frac{1}{\rho_{n}^{2}} d t^{\prime} \\
Q_{n} & =A_{n} \cos \theta_{n}+B_{n} \sin \theta_{n} \tag{29}
\end{align*}
$$

Where $A_{n}$ and $B_{n}$ are determined from the initial conditions on $q_{0}$ and $\dot{q}_{0}$ through the relations,

$$
\begin{aligned}
Q_{n}(0) & =A_{n}=q_{0} / \rho_{n}(0) \\
\left(d Q_{n} / d \theta_{n}\right)(0) & =B_{n}=\rho_{n}(0) \dot{q}_{0}-\dot{\rho}_{n}(0) q_{0}
\end{aligned}
$$

For the value of the parameters indicated on Fig. 5; we have computed (29) with a numerical integration scheme involving only 15 points for the entire interval, $0-8$. Figures 9 and 10 indicate the difference between the different approximations and the exact solutions obtained by a Runge Kutta method. Indeed the improvement is still important when we go from $\rho_{4}$ to $\rho_{5}$. Of course, the difference is very small and the computation of high order $\rho_{n}$ is only justified if we need a great accuracy. This can be the case in some astronomical problem (or motion of particles in nearly periodic orbit-for example, due to a slow variation in the magnetic space field).

## 6. Conclusion

In this paper we showed how the technical problem of computing high-order adiabatic invariants have been solved (up to order ten in $\epsilon$ ). However, it must be pointed out that in most cases the asymptotic convergence of that series raises important problems.

When $\epsilon$ is very small, the final value is rapidly obtained and the higher-order contributions are quite negligible unless very precise results are desired. On the other hand, if $\epsilon$ is not very small the series very quickly becomes divergent (at order 2 or 3 ), no improvement can be expected, and the obtained high-order terms are not very useful.

These difficulties with adiabatic series are due to the fact that we want to get a valid solution for all times. If we give up this ambitious goal and content ourselves with a solution valid from time $0-T$ (where $T$ is somewhat related to the small parameter by the relation $T \ll 1 / \epsilon$ ) we can get a formula much more interesting from a numerical point of view.

The idea is to use an expansion in the small parameter $\epsilon$ with $X=X_{0}+\epsilon X_{1}+$ $\epsilon^{2} X_{2}+\cdots$. Now the initial conditions are fully absorbed by the zero order term $X_{0}$, i.e., $X(0)=X_{0}(0)$ and $\dot{X}(0)=\dot{X}_{0}(0)$ the higher orders are computed taking carefully into account initial conditions $X_{1}(0)=X_{2}(0)=\ldots=\dot{X}_{1}(0)=\dot{X}_{2}(0)=\ldots=0$.

Secular terms can arise but they will in the worst case vary $(\epsilon t)^{n}$ and, consequently, provided we take $\epsilon T \ll 1$, they will not give us any trouble. After this "step" $T$ the process is repeated the value of $X(T)$ and $\dot{X}(T)$ being again absorbed by $X_{0}$ and $\bar{X}_{0}$. This is identical to a classical numerical scheme but with "giant steps" and fully taking into account the possibilities of treating analytically some part of the equations. Such algebraic numerical method has been used for the Mathieu equations and has given very encouraging results.

## Appendix - Algebraic Computation

As we have already pointed out we compute only the successive derivatives of the expression,

$$
V=\frac{5}{16} R^{-2}\left(\frac{d R}{d t}\right)^{2}-\frac{1}{4} R^{-1} \frac{d^{2} R}{d t^{2}}
$$

It can be easily seen that these derivatives can be written under the following form:

$$
\frac{d^{k} V}{a t}=\sum_{i=1}^{k+2} Z C(k, j) / R^{j}
$$

The FORMAC program computes the algebraic expression of the $Z C(k, j)$ which obviously are functions of the $R$ derivatives. The obtained formulas for $Z C$, which permit the obtention of the ten first derivatives of the recurrence formula (and consequently the numerical computation of the $R_{1}, R_{2}, \ldots, R_{6}$ ), are shown hereafter.

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2C(1,1)=-D(3)*(1/4)
ZC(1,2)=D(2)*D(2)*(7/8)
2C(1,3)=-D(1)**3*(5/8)
ZC(2,1)=-D(4)*(1/4)
ZC(2,2)=D(3)*D(1)*(9/8) + D(2)**2*(7/8)
zC(2,3)=-D(2)*D(1)**2*(29/8)
2C(2,4)=D(1)**4*(15/8)
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ZC(3,1)=-D(5)*(1/4)
ZC(3.2)=D(4)*D(1)*(11/8) + D(3)*D(2)*(23/8)
ZC(3,3)=-D(3)*D(2)**2*(47/8)-D(2)**2*D(1)*9
ZC(3,4)=D(2)*D(1)**3*(147/8)
ZC(3.5)=-D(1)**5*(15/2)
ZC(4*1)=-D(6)*(1/4)
ZC(4.2)=O(5)*D(1)*(13/8) + D(4)*D(2)*(27/4) +D(3)**2*(23/8)
2C(4*3)=-D(4)*D(1)**2*(69/8)-D(3)*D(2)*D(1)*(71/2)-D(2)**3*9
2C(4,4)=D(3)*D(1)**3*36+D(2)**2*D(1)**2*(657/8)
2((4,5)=-D(2)*D(1)**4*11)
ZC(4,6) = O(1)**6*(75/2)
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ZC(5,1)=-D(7)*(1/4)
2C(5,2)=D(6)*D(1)*(15/8) + D(5)*D(2)*(47/8) + D(4)*D(3)*10
2C(5,3)=-D(5)*D(1)**2*(95/8 ) - D(4)*D(2)*D(1)*(245/4 )-D(3)*D(2)
**2*(125/2 )-D(3)**2*D(2)*(165/4)
ZC(5:4)=D(4)*D(2)**3*(495/8) + D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**2*(1515/4) + D
(2)**3*D(1)*(765/4)
ZC(5*5)=-D(3)*D(1)**4*255-D(2)**2*D(1)**3*(1545/2)
ZC(5.6)=D(2)*D(1)**5*780
ZC(5,7)=-D(1)**7*225
ZC(6.1)=-D(8)*(1/4)
2C(6.2)=D(7)*D(1)*(17/8) +D(6)*D(2)*(31/4) + D(5)*D(3)*(127)
8) + D(4)**2*10
ZC(6*3)= -D(6)*D(1)**2*(125/8)-D(5)*D(2)*D(1)*(38//4 )-D(4)*D(3
)*D(1)*(655/4 )-D(4)*D(2)**2*(495/4 )-D(3)**2*D(2)*(665/4)
ZC(6*4)=D(5)*D(1)**3*(195/2) + D(4)*D(2)*D(1)**2*(5985/8) + D
(3)*D(2)**2*D(1)*(6075/4) + D(3)**2*D(1)**2*(1005/2) + D(2)**4*
(765/4)
ZC(6.5)=-D(4)*D(1)**4*(1005/2)-D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**3*4080-D(2)**3*
D(1)**2*(6165/2)
ZC(6.5)=D(3)*D(1)**5*2055 + D(2)**2*D(1)**4*(15525/2)
ZC(6,7) = -D(2)*D(1)**6*6255
ZC(6:8)= D(1)**8*1575
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2C(7,1)= -D(9)*(1/4)
2C(7.2) = D(8)*D(1)*(19/8) + D(7)*D(2)*(79/8) + D(6)*D(3)*(189)
8) + D(5)*D(4)*(287/8)
ZC(7.3)= -D(7)*)(1)**2*(159/8 )-D(6)*D(2)*D(1)*(28//2 )-D(5)*D(3
)*П(1)*(1169/4 )-D(5)*D(2)**2*(441/2 )-D(4)*D(3)*D(2)*(2975/4 )-0
(4)**2*D(1)*(735/4 )-つ(3)**3*(665/4)
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2C(7,4)=D(6)*D(1)**3*(1155/8) +D(5)*D(2)*D(1)**2*(10647/8 )
    +D(4)*D(3)*D(1)**2*(17955/8) + D(4)*D(2)**2*D(1)*(13545/4 ) +
D(3)*D(2)**3*(9135/4) + D(3)**2*D(2)*D(1)*(18165/4)
ZC(7,5)=-D(5)*C(1)**4*(1785/2 ) -D(4)*D(2)*D(1)**3*(18165/2 )-D(
3)*D(2)**2*D(1)**2*(55.125/2 1-D(3)**2*D(1)**3*6090-D(2)**4*D(1)*
6930
ZC(7.6) = D(4)*D(1)**5*(9135/2) + D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**4*46200 + D(2)
**3*D(1)**3*(92925/2 )
2C(7,7)= -D(3)*D(1)**6*18585-D(2)**2*D(1)**5*84105
ZC(7.8)=O(2)*D(1)**7*56385
ZC(7.9)= -D(1)**n#12600
ZC(8,1) = -D(10)*(1/4 )
ZC(8,2)=D(9)*D(1)*(21/8) + D(8)*D(2)*(49/4) + D(7)*D(3)*(67/2
    1 + D(6)*D(4)*(129/2) + D(5)**2*(287/8)
ZC(8,3)= -D(8)*D(1)**2*(197/8 )-D(7)*D(2)*D(1)*203-D(6)*D(3)*D(1
)*493-D(6)*D(2)**2*364-D(5)*D(4)*D(1)*(1463/2 )-D(5)*D(3)*D(2)*
1477-D(4)*D(3)**2*(2485/2)-D(4)**2*D(2)*(2855/2)
2C(9,4)=D(7)*D(1)**3*204 + D(6)*D(2)*D(2)**2*(4389/2) + D(5)*D
(3)*D(2)**2*4452 + D(5)*D(2)**2*D(1)*(13419/2) + D(4)*D(3)*D(2)*
D(1)*22j75 + D(4)*D(2)**3*5670 + D(4)**2*D(1)**2*(22365/8) + D(3
)**2*D(2)**2*(22785/2 ) + D(3)**3*D(1)*5040
ZC(8.5)= -D(6)*D(1)**4*1470-D(5)*D(2)*D(1)**3*17976-D(4)*D(3)*D(
{)**3*30240-D(4)*D(2)**2*D(1)**<**68355-D(3)*D(2)**3*D(1)*91980-D(
3)**2*D(2)*D(1)**2*91560-D(2)**5*6930
ZC(8,6)=D(5)*D(1)**5*9030 + D(4)*D(2)*D(1)**4*114450 + D(3)*D(2
)**2*D(1)**3*462000 + D(3)**2*D(1)**4*76650 + D(2)**4*D(1)**2*1
348075/2)
ZC(8.7) = -D(4)*D(1)**6*45990-D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**5*556420-D(2)**3*D(
1)**4*699300
ZC(8.8)= D(3)*D(1)**7*186480 + D(2)**2*D(1)**6*983430
ZC(3,9) = -D(2)*D(1)**8*564480
ZC(8,10)= D(1)**10*113400
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$Z C(9,1)=-D(11) *(1 / 4)$
2C(9.2) $=D(20) * D(2) *(23 / 8)+D(9) * D(2) *(119 / 8)+D(8) * D(3) *($ $183 / 4)+D(7) * D(4) * 93+D(6) * D(5) *(525 / 4)$
$Z C(9,3)=-D(9) * D(2) * * 2 *(239 / 8)-D(8) * D(2) * D(1) *(1207 / 4)-D(7) * D($ 3)*D(1)*753-D(7)*D(2)**2*567-D(6)*D(4)*D(1)*(2667/2)-D(6)*D(3)*D (2)*2688 $=D(5) * D(4) * D(2) *(8127 / 2)-D(5) * D(3) * * 2 *(5439 / 2)-D(5) * * 2 *$ D(1)*(3213/4)-D(4)**2*D(3)*(6825/2)
ZC(9.4) $=D(8) * D(1) * * 3 *(2223 / 8)+D(7) * D(2) * D(1) * * 2 *(6831 / 2)+$ $D(6) * O(3) * D(1) * * 2 *(16191 / 2)+D(6) * D(2) * * 2 * D(1) *(24381 / 2)+D(5$ $) * D(4) * D(1) * * 2 *(48951 / 4)+D(5) * D(3) * D(2) * D(1) * 49329+D(5) * D(2)$ **3*(24759/2) + D(4)*D(3)*D(2)**2*62370 + D(4)*D(3)**2*D(1)*( $82845 / 2)+D(4) * * 2 * 1(2) * D(2) *(123795 / 4)+D(j) * * 3 * D(2) * 27825$ $2 C(9,5)=-D(7) * D(1) * * 4 * 2286-D(6) * D(2) * D(1) * * 3 * 32634-D(5) * D(3) * D($ 1)**3*64024-D(5)*D(2)**2*D(1)**2*149121-D(4)*D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**2* 500*50-0(4)*D(2)**3*D(1)*251370-1)(3)*D(2)**4*126630-0(4)**2*D(1) **3*(92845/2 )-D(3)**2*D(2)**2*D(1)*504630-D(3)**3*U(1)**2*111720 ZC(9, 6$)=D(6) * D(1) * 5 * 16380+D(5) * D(2) * D(1) * * 4 * 249480+D(4) * D($ $3) * D(1) * * 4 * 418950+D(4) * D(2) * * 2 * D(2) * * 3 * 12615 / 5+\operatorname{c}(3) * D(2) * * 3 * D$ (1)**2*2542050 + D(3)**2*D(2)*D(1)**3*1688400 + D(2)**5*D(1)* 382725
$Z C(9,7)=-D(5) * D(2) * * 6 * 100170-L(4) * D(2) * D(1) * * 5 * 1519560-0(3) * D(2$ )**2*D(1)**4*7654500-D(3)**2*D(1)**5*1016820-D(2)**4*D(1)**3*

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ZC(9.R)=D(4)*D(1)**7*508410 + D(3)*D(2)*O(1)**6*7170660 + D(2)
**3*D(1)**5*10795680
ZC(9.9)= -D(3)*D(1)**8*2056320-D(2)**2*D(1)**7*12383280
2C(7.10) = D(2)*D(1)**9*6214320
2C(9.11)= -D(1)**11*1134000
2C(10.1)= -D(12)*(1/4 )
Z(110.2)=D(11)*D(1)*(25/8) + D(10)*D(2)*(71/4 ) +D(9)*D(3)*(
485/8) + D(8)*D(4)*(555/4 ) + D(7)*D(5)*(897/4 ) + D(6)**2*(525/
4 1
2C(10.3)= -D(10)*D(1)**2*(285/8 )-D(9)*D(2)*D(1)*(1465/4 )-D(8)*
D(3)*D(1)*(4485/4 )-D(8)*D(2)**2*(3375/4 ) - D(7)*D(4)*D(1)*(4545/2
    )-D(7)*D(3)*D(2)*4575-D(6)*D(5)*D(1)*(6405/2 )=D(6)*D(4)*D(2)*
8085-D(6)*D(3)**2*(10915/2)-D(5)*D(4)*D(3)*(32655/2 )-D(5)**2*D(
2)*(19467/4 )-D(4)**3*(6825/2)
ZC(10,4)=D(9)*D(1)**3*(735/2) + D(8)*D(2)*D(1)**2*(40635/8)
    +D(7)*D(3)*D(1)**2*13770 + 0(7)*D(2)**2*D(1)*(41445/2 ) + D(6)*
D(4)*D(1)**2*(97335/4) +D(6)*D(3)*D(2)*D(1)*97965 + D(6)*D(2)**
3*24570 + D(5)*D(4)*D(2)*D(1)*(295785/2) + D(5)*D(3)*D(2)**2*(1
297675/2 ) + D(5)*D(3)**2*D(1)*98910 + D(4)*D(3)**2*D(2)*(499275)
2) + D'5)**2*D(1)**2*(29295/2) + D(4)**2*D(3)*D(1)*(496125/4)
    * )(4)**2*D(2)**?*(373275/4) + D(3)**4*27825
ZC(10.5)= -D(8)*D(1)**4*(6795/2 1-D(7)*D(2)*D(1)**3*55440-D(6)*D
(3)*D(1)**3*131040-D(6)*D(2)**2*D(1)**2*295785-D(5)*D(4)*D(1)**3*
157820-D(5)*D(3)*D(2)*D(1)**2*1194480-D(5)*D(2)**3*D(1)*599130-D(
4)*D(3)*D(2)**2*D(1)*3014550-D(4)*D(3)**2*D(1)**2*1001700-D(4)*D(
2)**4*378000-0(4)**2*D(2)*D(1)**2*(1497825/2 1-D(3)**2*D(2)**3*
1011150-D(3)**3*D(2)*D(1)*1344000
ZC(10*6)=D(7)*D(1)**5*27B10 + D(6)*D(2)*D(1)**4*494550 + D(5)*D
(3)*D(1)**4*998550 + D(5)*D(2)**2*D(2)**3*3005100 + D(4)*D(3)*D(2
1*D(1)**3*10080000 + D(4)*D(2)**3*D(1)**2*7583625 + D(3)*D(2)**4*
D(1)*7630875 + D(4)**2*D(1)**4*(1252125/2) + D(3)**2*D(2)**2*D(1
l**2*152d4500 + D(3)**3*D(1)**3*2247000 + D(2)**6*382725
ZC(10*7)= = D(6)*D(1)**6*198450-D(5)*D(2)*D(1)**5*3617460-0(4)*D(
3)*D(1)**5*6066900-D(4)*D(2)**2*D(1)**4*22821750-D(3)*D(2)**3*D(1
1**3*61236000-D(3)**2*D(2)*D(1)**4*30523500-D(2)**5*D(1)**2*
13820825
ZC(10.8)= D(5)*D(1)**7*1209600 * D(4)*D(2)*D(1)**6*21366450 + D(
3)*D(2)**2*D(1)**5*228992500 + D(3)**2*D(1)**6*14288400 + D(2)**4
*D(1)**4*30868375
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$2(120.9)=-D(4) * D(2) * * 8 * 6123600-D(3) * D(2) * D(1) * * 7 * 98582400-D(2)$
**3*D(1)**6*173048400
Z(1)0.10) = D(3)*D(1)**9*24721200 + D(2)**2*D(1)**8*167378400
ZC(10.11) $=-D(2) * D(1) * \# 10 * 74617200$
$2 C(10.12)=D(1) * * 12 * 12474000$
NOTATIONS OF FCRTEA
$D(j)$ means $\frac{d j R}{d t j} \quad$ Indicates a multiplication

* $\ddagger$ indicates an exponentiation

For example Z $C(2,2)$ should be read :
$z c(2,2)=\frac{9}{8} \frac{d^{3} R}{d t^{3}} \frac{d R}{d t}+\frac{7}{8}\left(\frac{d^{2} R}{d t^{2}}\right)^{2}$

