



## Orbital Motion Around the Collinear Libration Points of the Restricted Three-Body Problem

A. H. Ibrahim<sup>1</sup>, M. N. Ismail<sup>1\*</sup>, A. S. Zaghrou<sup>2</sup>,  
S. H. Younis<sup>2</sup> and M. O. El Shikh<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Department of Astronomy and Meteorology, Faculty of Science, Al-Azhar University, Egypt.

<sup>2</sup>Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science (Girls), Al-Azhar University, Egypt.

<sup>3</sup>Department of Mathematics, Faculty of Science (Girls), Al Qassim University, Saudi Arabia.

### Authors contributions

This work was carried out in collaboration between all authors. All authors read and approved the final manuscript.

### Article Information

DOI: 10.9734/JAMCS/2018/43370

Editor(s):

(1) Dr. Dragos-Patru Covei, Professor, Department of Applied Mathematics, The Bucharest University of Economic Studies, Piata Romana, Romania.

(2) Dr. Tian-Xiao He, Professor, Department of Mathematics and Computer Science, Illinois Wesleyan University, USA.

Reviewers:

(1) Jean Paulo dos Santos Carvalho, Universidade Federal do Recôncavo da Bahia, Brazil.

(2) Omar Abu Arqub, Al-Balqa Applied University, Jordan.

(3) Sie Long Kek, Universiti Tun Hussein Onn Malaysia, Malaysia.

(4) Nishanth Pushparaj, Anna University, India.

(5) Xuhua Cheng, Hebei University of Technology, China.

Complete Peer review History: <http://www.sciencedomain.org/review-history/26393>

Received: 07 July 2018

Accepted: 18 September 2018

Published: 25 September 2018

**Original Research Article**

## Abstract

In this work, the special solutions of the Restricted Three-Body Problem (RTBP) are presented which specify the locations of the equilibrium points. The periodic orbits around these libration points are obtained analytically and numerically. The Lissajous orbits around the collinear libration points are focused in this work. Earth-Moon-Spacecraft system is carried out to illustrate this study.

Keywords: Lissajous orbits; periodic orbits; libration points; restricted three-body problem.

\*Corresponding author: E-mail: [mnader\\_is@azhar.edu.eg](mailto:mnader_is@azhar.edu.eg)

## 1 Introduction

The three-body problem has been extensively studied during the past two centuries and attracted many authors from Poincare till now. Szebehely made an extensive treatment of the problem [1]. More recently, numerical techniques have been used to generate solutions. Sharma studied periodic orbits of the second kind in the restricted three-body problem when the more massive primary is an oblate spheroid [2]. Sharivastava studied the equations of motion of the restricted problem of three bodies with variable mass [3]. Gabern studied a restricted four-body model for the dynamic near the lagrangian points of the Sun-Jupiter system [4]. Mathlouthi studied the infinity of periodic solution of the restricted three- body problem by using a variational formulation [5]. Llibre studied periodic and Quasi-periodic orbits of the spatial three-body problem [6]. The existence of the periodic orbits near the collinear libration points were treated by many authors. Archambeau [7] determined a class of Eight Lissajous orbits near collinear libration points by using Lindstedt Poincare's technique. Celletti [8] analyzed the Lissajous and halo orbits near the collinear libration points by using the classical perturbation theory. Ibrahim [9] has determined the libration pints for Sun-Earth-Moon system and has solved the equations of motion at these libration points. Ibrahim [10] studied Lissajous Orbits at the Collinear Libration Points in the Restricted Three-Body Problem with Oblateness.

This paper is organized as follows, the restricted three- body problem is formulated in the equations of motion framework, then the libration points deduced from the equations of motion. The motion around the collinear libration points is treated analytically and numerically. Finally, this study applied on the Earth-Moon system and Sun-Saturn system.

## 2 Formulating the Restricted Three Body Problem

The motion of an infinitesimal particle influenced by the gravitational force from the central binary can be formulated from Newton's law of the gravity and the second Newton's law of the motion. Considering the two primary masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  and their positions  $r_1$  and  $r_2$ , respectively, where  $r_1$  is the position vector from  $m_1$  to  $m_3$  and  $r_2$  is the position vector from  $m_2$  to  $m_3$ ,  $G$  is Newtonian constant of gravitation, the equations of motion for the third body in the inertial coordinates in the components of x,y and z become:

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{Gm_1(x-x_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{Gm_2(x-x_2)}{r_2^3} \quad (1)$$

$$\ddot{y} = -\frac{Gm_1(y-y_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{Gm_2(y-y_2)}{r_2^3} \quad (2)$$

$$\ddot{z} = -\frac{Gm_1(z-z_1)}{r_1^3} - \frac{Gm_2(z-z_2)}{r_2^3} \quad (3)$$

Let the unit of two masses be chosen and their common center of mass be chosen as  $G(m_1+m_2) = 1$ , we assume that  $m_1 > m_2$  and define  $\mu = \frac{m_2}{m_1+m_2}$ , so we have:

$$r_1^2 = (\mu + x)^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

$$r_2^2 = (x - (1 - \mu))^2 + y^2 + z^2$$

Then in this system of units the two masses are  $\mu_1 = Gm_1 = 1 - \mu$ ,  $x_1 = -\mu_2 = -\mu$  and  $y_1 = 0$ .  
 $\mu_2 = Gm_2 = \mu$ ,  $x_2 = \mu_1 = 1 - \mu$ , and  $y_2 = 0$ .

Equations (1),(2) and (3) yield,

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{\mu_1(x+\mu_2)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu_2(x-\mu_1)}{r_2^3} \quad (4)$$

$$\ddot{y} = \frac{(-\mu_1)y}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu_2 y}{r_2^3} = - \left[ \frac{\mu_1}{r_1^3} + \frac{\mu_2}{r_2^3} \right] y \quad (5)$$

$$\ddot{z} = - \left[ \frac{\mu_1}{r_1^3} + \frac{\mu_2}{r_2^3} \right] z \quad (6)$$

The synodic coordinates are related to the sidereal coordinates by

$$\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \cos(\theta) & \sin(\theta) & 0 \\ -\sin(\theta) & \cos(\theta) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} X \\ Y \\ Z \end{pmatrix}$$

The equations of motion of the third body in the rotating system become:

$$\ddot{X} - 2\dot{Y} - X = - \frac{(1-\mu)(\mu+X)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(\mu+X-1)}{r_2^3} \quad (7)$$

$$\ddot{Y} + 2\dot{X} - Y = - \frac{Y(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} - \frac{Y\mu}{r_2^3} \quad (8)$$

$$\ddot{Z} = - \frac{Z(1-\mu)}{r_1^3} - \frac{Z\mu}{r_2^3} \quad (9)$$

The system of Equations (7), (8), and (9) admits an integral of the motion that was originally found by Jacobi [11]:

$$- \frac{\mu_1}{r_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{r_2} + \frac{V^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} (X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2) = C \quad (10)$$

Where,  $\frac{V^2}{2}$  is the kinetic energy per unit mass relative to the rotating frame and  $-\frac{\mu_1}{r_1} - \frac{\mu_2}{r_2}$  are the gravitational potential energy of the two primary masses and  $C$  is called Jacobi integral, or Jacobi constant.

### 3 Location of the Libration Points

The libration points are particular solutions to the equations of motion as well as equilibrium solutions. For the equilibrium points,

$$\dot{X} = \dot{Y} = \dot{Z} = 0 \quad (11)$$

$$\ddot{X} = \ddot{Y} = \ddot{Z} = 0 \quad (12)$$

Substituting Equations (11) and (12) into Equations (7), (8) and (9) respectively, this yields,

$$X - \frac{(1-\mu)(\mu+X)}{r_1^3} - \frac{\mu(X-(1-\mu))}{r_2^3} = 0 \quad (13)$$

$$Y - \left[ \frac{1-\mu}{r_1^3} + \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} \right] Y = 0 \quad (14)$$

$$\left[ \frac{1-\mu}{r_1^3} + \frac{\mu}{r_2^3} \right] Z = 0 \quad (15)$$

It is well-known that the above system of equations has five equilibrium points. Three of them, denoted by  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$ , are collinear with the two primaries and the other two are the triangular equilibrium points of  $L_4, L_5$  where the coordinates of them are [1]

$$L_4 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \mu, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right), \quad L_5 \left( \frac{1}{2} - \mu, -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \quad (16)$$

### 3.1 Location of libration points of $L_1, L_2$ and $L_3$

The three collinear points  $L_1, L_2$  and  $L_3$ , can be found from Equation (13) [1]. The libration point  $L_1$  lies between masses  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  we can calculate it from nonlinear equation.

$$\frac{\mu}{(xL_1 - (1 - \mu))^2} - \frac{1 - \mu}{(\mu + xL_1)^2} + xL_1 = 0 \quad (17)$$

which expanded to

$$\mu + 2\mu xL_1 - \mu(xL_1)^2 + (3 - 2\mu)(xL_1)^3 + (\mu - 3)(xL_1)^4 + (xL_1)^5 = 0 \quad (18)$$

Where,  $xL_1$  represents the coordinate of  $L_1$ . Equation (18) is quintic equation has one real solutions at  $L_1$ . Figs. 1 and 2 display the collinear point  $L_1$  for the Earth-Moon system and Sun-Saturn system respectively obtained from the roots of Equation (18).

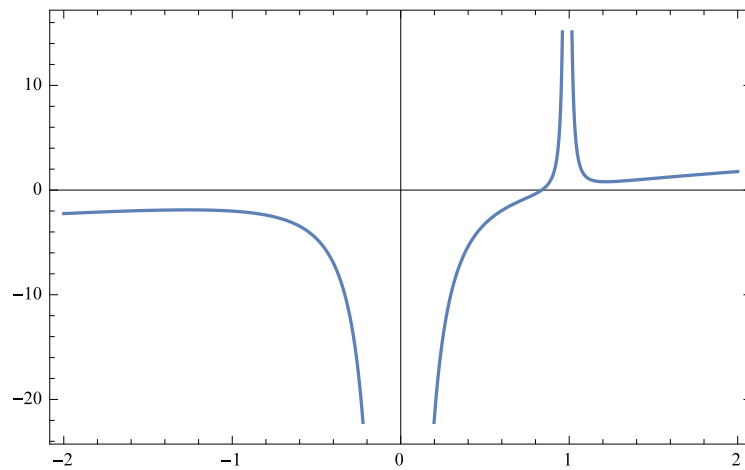


Fig. 1. The libration point  $L_1$  for the Earth-Moon system at  $L_1= 0.836915$

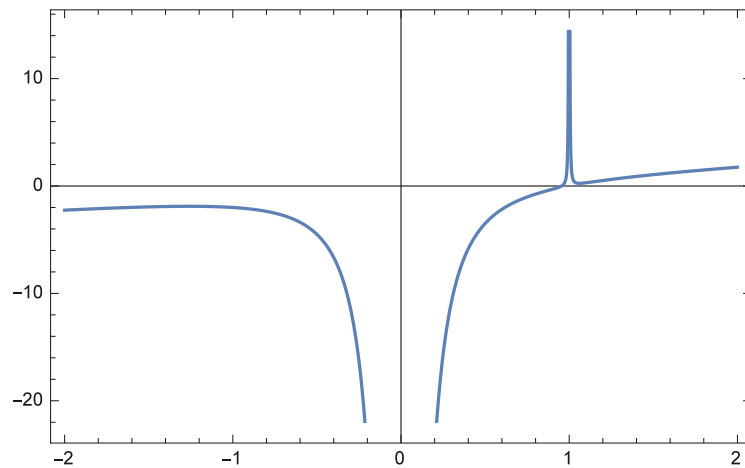


Fig. 2. The libration point  $L_1$  for the Sun-Saturn system at  $L_1= 0.9547469$

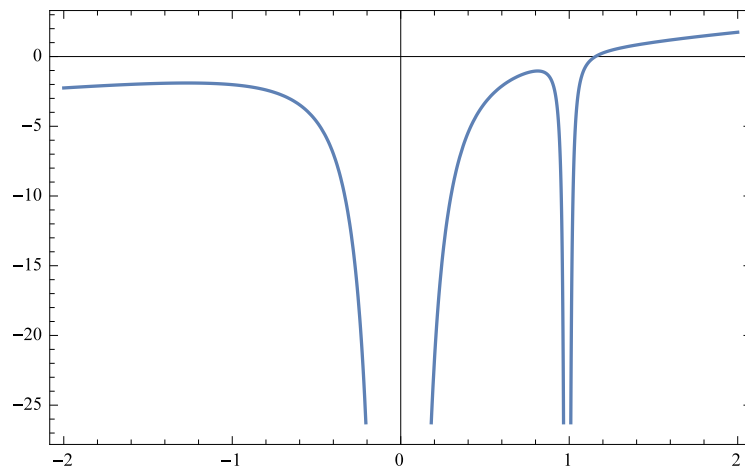
The libration point  $L_2$  lies outside the mass  $m_2$  and we can calculate it from nonlinear Equation (19).

$$-\frac{\mu}{(xL_2 - (1 - \mu))^2} - \frac{1 - \mu}{(\mu + xL_2)^2} + xL_2 = 0 \quad (19)$$

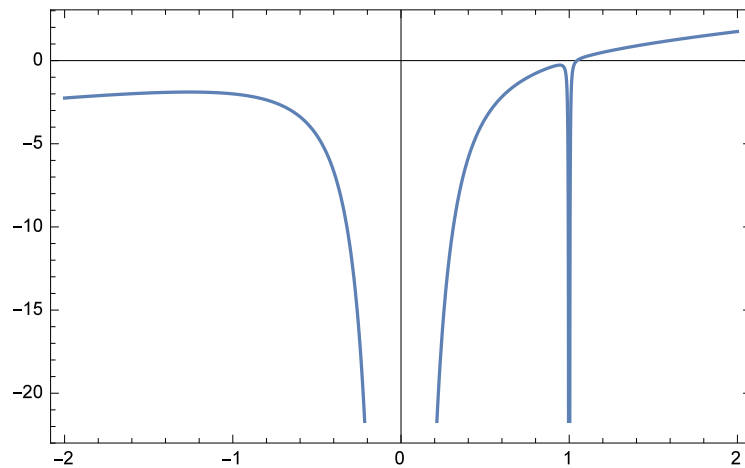
which expanded to

$$-\mu - 2\mu xL_2 - \mu(xL_2)^2 + (3 - 2\mu)(2xL_2)^3 + (3 - \mu)(xL_2)^4 + (xL_2)^5 = 0 \quad (20)$$

Where,  $xL_2$  represents the coordinate of  $L_2$ . Equation (20) has five roots only one of them is in a real root represents the location of the libration point  $L_2$ . while the other roots are imaginary. Figs. 3 and 4 display the collinear point  $L_2$  for the the Earth-Moon system and Sun-Saturn system.



**Fig. 3.** The libration point  $L_2$  for the Earth-Moon system at  $L_2=1.15568$



**Fig. 4.** The libration point  $L_2$  for the Sun-Saturn system at  $L_2=1.0460716$

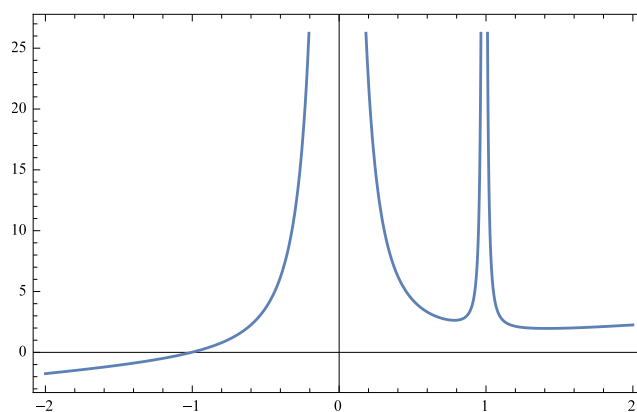
The libration point  $L_3$  lies on the negative x-axis and we can calculate it from nonlinear Equation(21).

$$-\frac{\mu}{(xL_3 - (1 - \mu))^2} - \frac{1 - \mu}{(\mu + xL_3)^2} + xL_3 = 0 \tag{21}$$

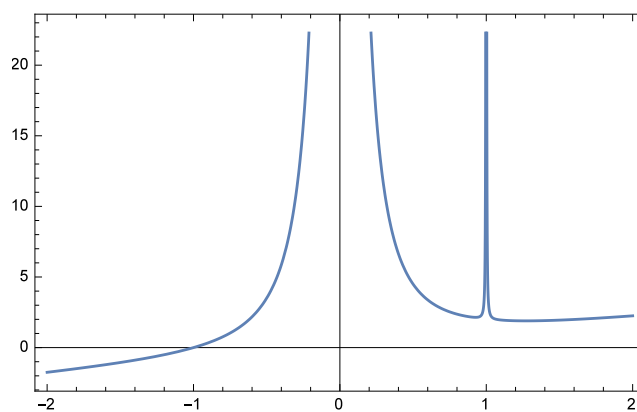
which expanded to

$$\begin{aligned} \mu + 3(2\mu - 2)xL_3 + (\mu - 1)(xL_3)^2 + (2\mu + 1)(xL_3)^3 \\ + (\mu + 2)(xL_3)^4 + (xL_3)^5 = 0 \end{aligned} \tag{22}$$

Where,  $xL_3$  represents the coordinate of  $L_3$ . Equation (22) has only one real root which is the location of the libration point  $L_3$ . Figs. 5 and 6 display the collinear point  $L_3$  for the Earth-Moon system and the Sun-Saturn system.



**Fig. 5.** The libration point  $L_3$  for the Earth-Moon system at  $L_3 = -1.00506$



**Fig. 6.** The libration point  $L_3$  for the Sun-Saturn system at  $L_3 = -1$

Finally, Figs. 7 and 8 show the collinear points  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  on the x-axis for the Earth-Moon and the Sun- Saturn system.

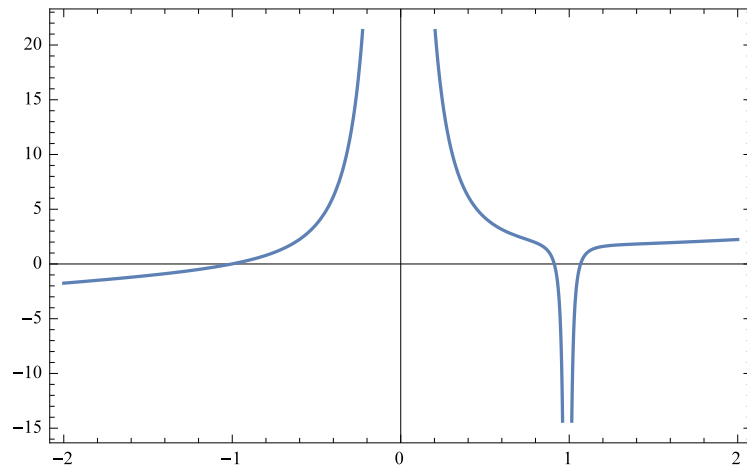


Fig. 7. The collinear points for the Earth-Moon system

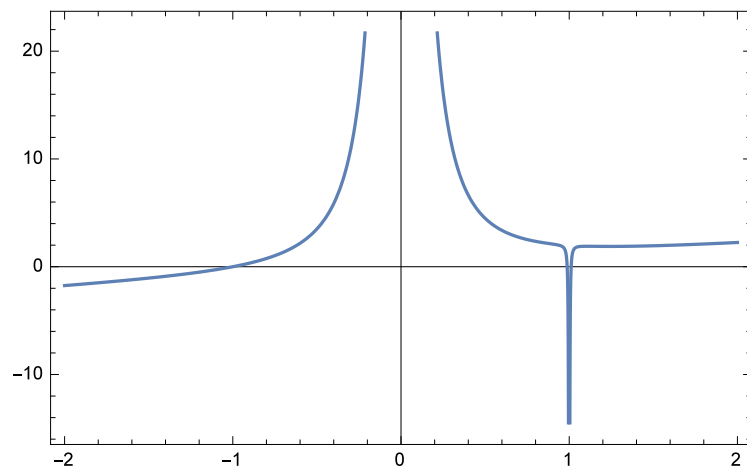


Fig. 8. The collinear points for the Sun- Saturn system

## 4 The Motion around Collinear Libration Points

The stability of motion near an equilibrium point in the nonlinear system can be obtained by linearizing and producing variationally equations relative to the equilibrium solutions [1]. Thus, a limited investigation of the motion of spacecraft in the vicinity of any libration point can be accomplished with linear analysis. The linear variationally equations associated with libration point  $L_i$ , corresponding to the position  $(x_{L_i}; y_{L_i}; z_{L_i})$  relative to the barycenter, can be determined through a Taylor series expansion about  $L_i$ , retaining only first-order terms. To allow a more compact expression, the variationally variables  $(\xi, \eta, \zeta)$  are introduced such that,

$$\xi = x - x_{L_i}, \eta = y - y_{L_i}, \zeta = z - z_{L_i}$$

The resulting linear variationally equations for motion about  $L_i$  are written as follows,

$$\ddot{\xi} - 2\dot{\eta} = \xi U_{xx} + \eta U_{xy} + \zeta U_{xz} \quad (23)$$

$$\ddot{\eta} + \dot{\xi} = \eta U_{yy} + \zeta U_{yz} + \xi U_{xy} \quad (24)$$

$$\ddot{\zeta} = \zeta U_{zz} \quad (25)$$

where,

$$U_{xx} = \frac{3\mu(\mu+x-1)^2}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} - \frac{\mu}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{1-\mu}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{3(1-\mu)(\mu+x)^2}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} + 1$$

$$U_{yy} = 1 + \frac{3\mu y^2}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} - \frac{\mu}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{1-\mu}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{3((1-\mu)y^2)}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$U_{zz} = 1 + \frac{3\mu z^2}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} - \frac{\mu}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} - \frac{1-\mu}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{3/2}} + \frac{3((1-\mu)z^2)}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$U_{xy} = U_{yx} = \frac{3y(\mu(\mu+x-1))}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{3(\mu+x)((1-\mu)y)}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$U_{yz} = U_{zy} = \frac{3\mu yz}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{3y((1-\mu)z)}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}}$$

$$U_{zx} = U_{xz} = \frac{3z(\mu(\mu+x-1))}{((\mu+x-1)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}} + \frac{3(\mu+x)((1-\mu)z)}{((\mu+x)^2+y^2+z^2)^{5/2}}$$

Because all of the libration points are in-plane, the partial derivatives containing z-components are vanished. Therefore, Equations (23) through (25) can be reduced and written as

$$\ddot{\xi} - 2\dot{\eta} = \xi U_{xx} + \eta U_{xy} \quad (26)$$

$$\ddot{\eta} + 2\dot{\xi} = \eta U_{yy} + \xi U_{xy} \quad (27)$$

let

$$\xi = Ae^{\lambda t}, \eta = Be^{\lambda t} \quad (28)$$

Using the Equation (28) into Equations (26) and (27) then,

$$A\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} - 2B\lambda e^{\lambda t} = Ae^{\lambda t} U_{xx} + Be^{\lambda t} U_{xy} \quad (29)$$

$$B\lambda^2 e^{\lambda t} + 2B\lambda e^{\lambda t} = Ae^{\lambda t} U_{xy} + Be^{\lambda t} U_{yy} \quad (30)$$

Equations (29) and (30) can be written as,

$$(\lambda^2 - U_{xx}) A - B(2\lambda + U_{xy}) = 0 \quad (31)$$

$$(2\lambda - U_{xy}) A + B(\lambda^2 - U_{yy}) = 0 \quad (32)$$

Since A and B are not vanish then,

$$\begin{pmatrix} \lambda^2 - U_{xx} & 2\lambda + U_{xy} \\ 2\lambda - U_{xy} & \lambda^2 - U_{yy} \end{pmatrix} = 0 \quad (33)$$

The determinant of Equation (33) will give the characteristic equation in the form,

$$\lambda^4 + (\lambda(-U_{xx} - U_{yy} + 4))^2 - U_{xy}^2 + U_{xx}U_{yy} = 0 \quad (34)$$

The roots of the characteristic Equation (34) are found to be  $\lambda_{1,2} = \pm\lambda$ ,  $\lambda_{3,4} = \pm s$ ,  $\lambda$  will be real values and  $s$  will be imaginary values.



The solutions of the variational Equations (26) and (27) can be expressed in terms of elements depend on time as,

$$\xi = A_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + A_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + A_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} + A_4 e^{\lambda_4 t} \quad (35)$$

$$\eta = B_1 e^{\lambda_1 t} + B_2 e^{\lambda_2 t} + B_3 e^{\lambda_3 t} + B_4 e^{\lambda_4 t} \quad (36)$$

where  $A_i$  and  $B_i$  are constant coefficients. and  $B_i = \frac{A_i(\lambda_i^2 - U_{xx})}{2\lambda_i - U_{xy}} = A_i c_i$ , (i=1,2,3,4)

To obtain the values of constants of integration. Let  $\xi_0, \eta_0, \dot{\xi}_0$  and  $\dot{\eta}_0$  be the initial coordinates and components of velocity then Equations (35) and (36) give at  $t = 0$ ,

$$\xi_0 = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 + A_4 \quad (37)$$

$$\dot{\xi}_0 = A_1 \lambda_1 + A_2 \lambda_2 + A_3 \lambda_3 + A_4 \lambda_4 \quad (38)$$

$$\eta_0 = c_1(A_1 + A_2) + ic(A_3 + A_4) \quad (39)$$

$$\dot{\eta}_0 = c_1 \lambda_1(A_1 + A_2) + isc(A_3 + A_4) \quad (40)$$

By putting  $A_1 = A_2 = 0$  to eliminate unstable frequencies  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$ , then the Equations(37) through (40) become,

$$\xi_0 = A_3 + A_4 \quad (41)$$

$$\eta_0 = ic(A_3 + A_4) \quad (42)$$

$$\dot{\eta}_0 = isc(A_3 + A_4) \quad (43)$$

$$\dot{\xi}_0 = A_3 \lambda_3 + A_4 \lambda_4 \quad (44)$$

$$A_3 = \frac{\xi_0}{2} - \frac{\eta_0 i}{2c} \quad (45)$$

$$A_4 = \frac{\xi_0}{2} + \frac{\eta_0 i}{2c} \quad (46)$$

Where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $c_i = \frac{(\lambda_i^2 - U_{xx})}{2\lambda_i - U_{xy}}$  and  $\lambda_{3,4} = \pm s$ . Then Equations (35) and (36) become,

$$\begin{aligned} \xi &= \frac{1}{2}\xi_0 (e^{-ist} + e^{ist}) + \frac{(\eta_0 i)(e^{ist} - e^{-ist})}{2c} \\ &= \frac{\eta_0 \sin(st)}{c} + \xi_0 \cos(st) \end{aligned} \quad (47)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \eta &= \frac{1}{2}(c\xi_0)(e^{ist} - e^{-ist}) + \frac{1}{2}i\eta_0 (e^{-ist} + e^{ist}) \\ &= \eta_0 \cos(st) - c\xi_0 \sin(st) \end{aligned} \quad (48)$$

#### 4.1 Lissajous orbits At $L_2$ for Earth-Moon system

At  $L_2$   $\eta_0 = 0$ , then  $A_3 = A_4 = A_\xi = \frac{1}{2}\xi_0$

$$\xi(t) = A_\xi \cos(st + \varphi) \quad (49)$$

$$\eta(t) = -A_\xi \sin(st + \varphi) \quad (50)$$

$$\zeta(t) = A_\zeta \cos(\sigma + tv) \tag{51}$$

Where,  $\varphi$  and  $\sigma$  are the phase angle respectively.

Equations(49),(50) and (51) will be shown the halo and Lissajous orbits around any collinear libration points.

The application of this technique will be show at  $L_2$  of the Earth-Moon system for simplicity. The periodic orbits obtained in the (x,y) plane are called Lyapunov planer orbits as shown in Fig. 9. While the periodic orbits obtained in (x,z) and (y,z) planes are called Lissajous orbits as shown in Figs. 10 and 11 respectively. Tables 1 and 2 display the collinear libration points , the eigen values at each point and Jacobi integral for Earth-Moon system and the Sun-Saturn system respectively.

## 5 Phase Spaces at Libration Points

To get the periodic orbits about the libration points the following technique will be used. This technique depends on the solution of the system of Equations (7), (8) and (9) taken into account the location of libration point as initial values, it is needed to reduce the order of the differential equations system as follows, let

$$\dot{x}(t) = u(t) \tag{52}$$

$$\dot{y}(t) = v(t) \tag{53}$$

$$\dot{z}(t) = w(t) \tag{54}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{u}(t) = & -(1 - \mu) \frac{\mu + x(t)}{r1(t)^3} - \mu \frac{\mu + x(t) - 1}{r2(t)^3} \\ & + x(t) + 2v(t) \end{aligned} \tag{55}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{v}(t) = & -(1 - \mu) \frac{y(t)}{r1(t)^3} - \mu \frac{y(t)}{r2(t)^3} \\ & + y(t) - 2u(t) \end{aligned} \tag{56}$$

$$\dot{w}(t) = -\frac{(1 - \mu)z(t)}{r1(t)^3} - \frac{\mu z(t)}{r2(t)^3} \tag{57}$$

The system of differential Equations (52) through (57) can be solved numerically, a code with MATHEMATICA was constructed to solve this system using Implist Runge Kutta method. Fig. 12 displays the phase space for the motion near  $L_1$ , also Figs. 13 and 14 display the phase space near  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  for the Earth-Moon-spacecraft system.

**Table 1. Earth-Moon libration points at  $\mu = 0.0121505816$ . and components of charcterstic roots**

Libration points	(XLi , YLi)	(XLi , YLi) km	$\pm\lambda_{1,2}$	$\pm\lambda_{3,4}$	C
$L_1$	(0.836915, 0)	(334766., 0)	1.43994	1.46698 <i>i</i>	3.0009
$L_2$	(1.15568, 0)	(462273., 0)	2.15787	1.86217 <i>i</i>	3.00089
$L_3$	(-1.00506, 0)	(-402025., 0)	0.543736	1.41169 <i>i</i>	3
$L_4$	(0.49999, -0.86602)	(334766., 397547.)	0.0045302 <i>i</i>	0.99998 <i>i</i>	3
$L_5$	(0.49999, -0.86602)	(334766., -397547.)	0.298078 <i>i</i>	0.99998 <i>i</i>	3

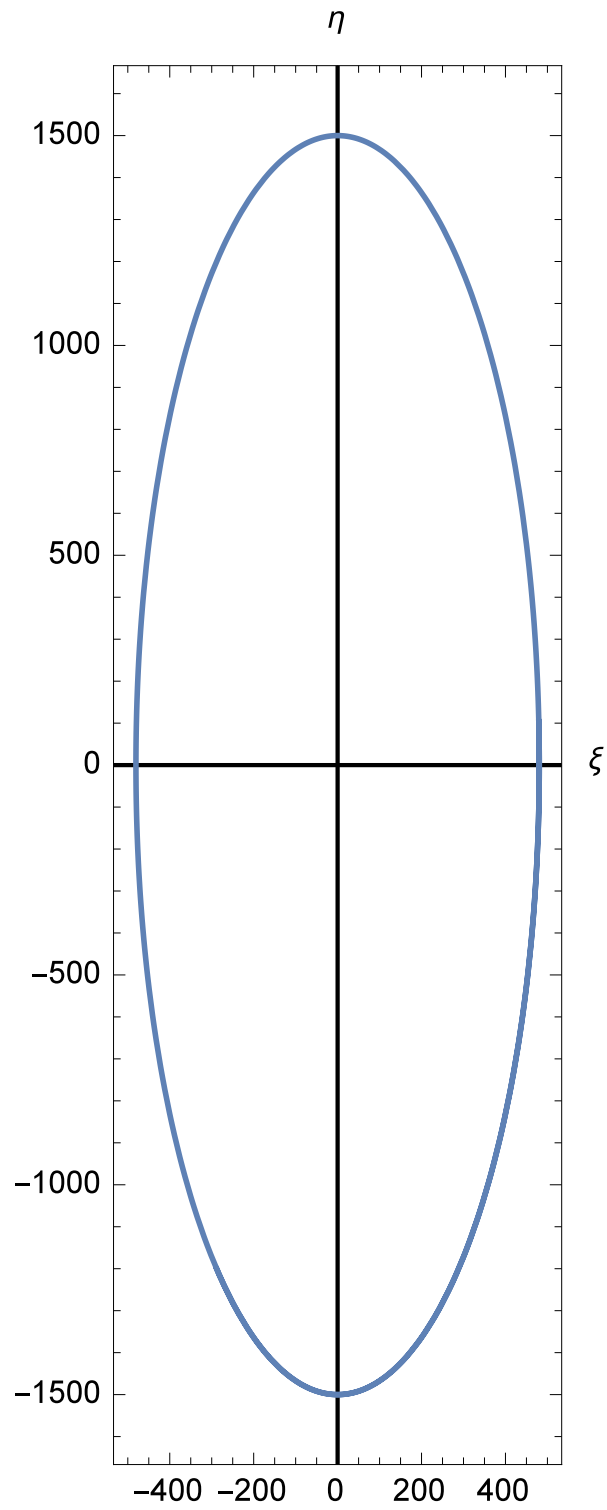


Fig. 9. Lyapunov Orbit around  $L_2$

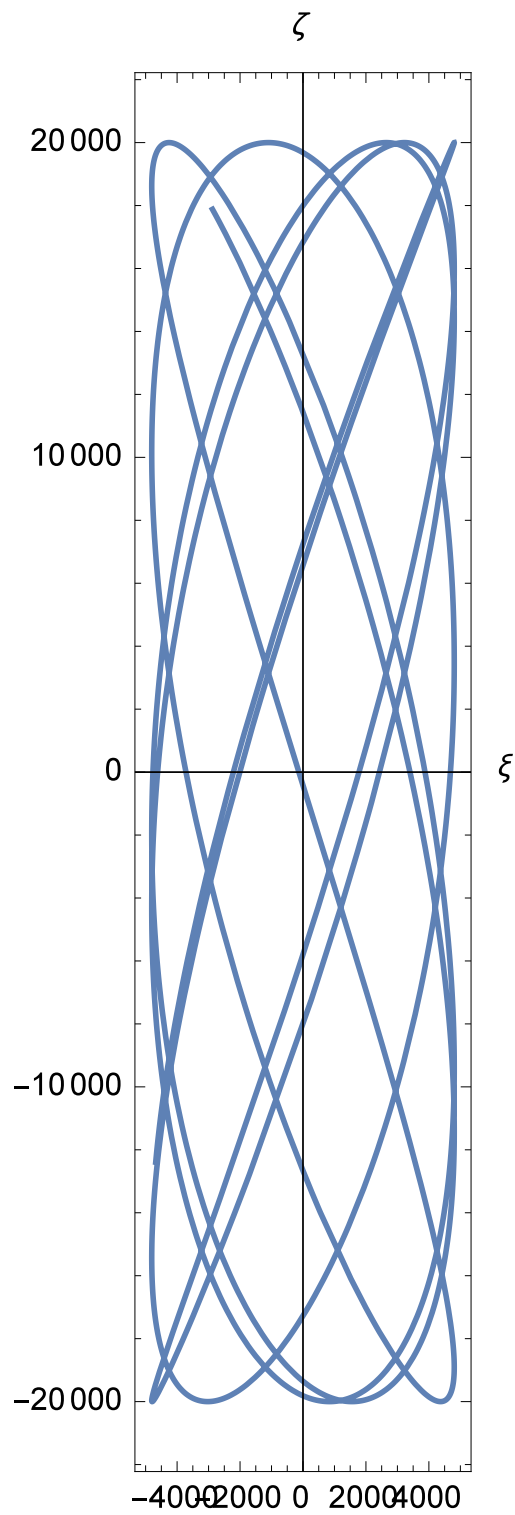


Fig. 10. Lissajous orbits around  $L_2$ ,  $\xi$  against  $\zeta$

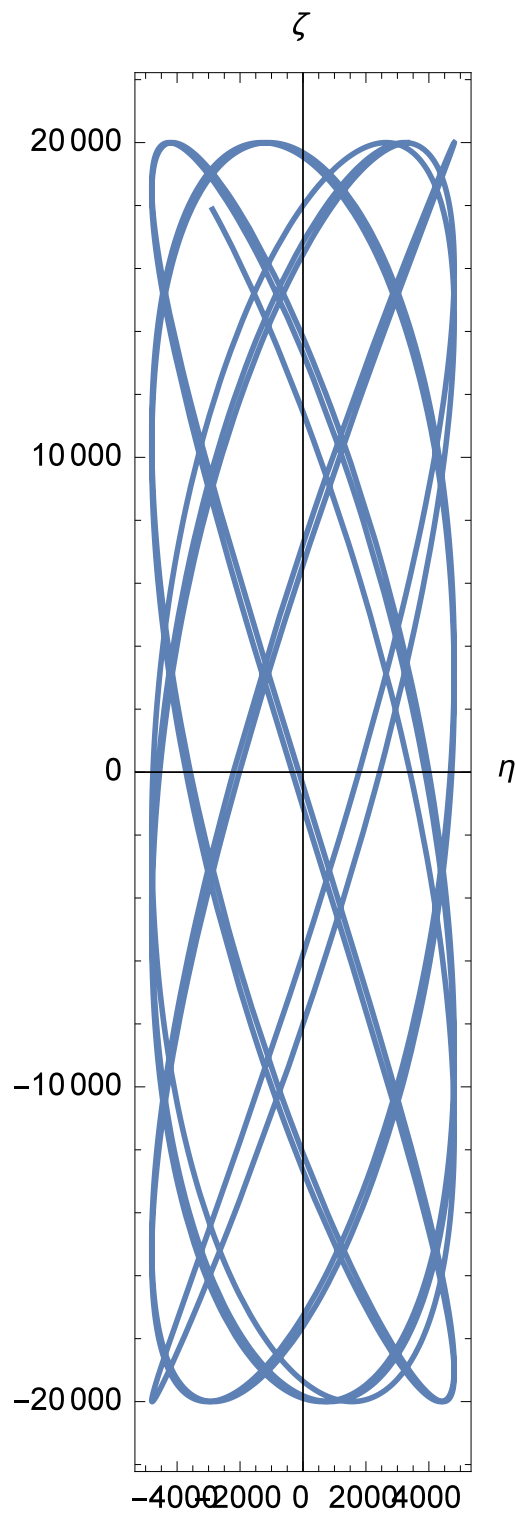


Fig. 11. Lissajous orbits around  $L_2$ ,  $\eta$  against  $\zeta$

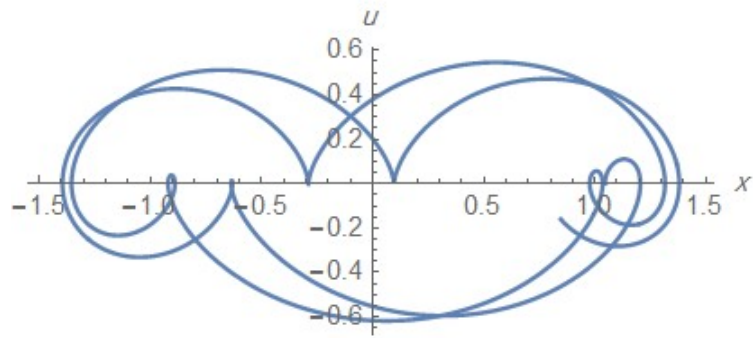


Fig. 12. Phase space about  $L_1$

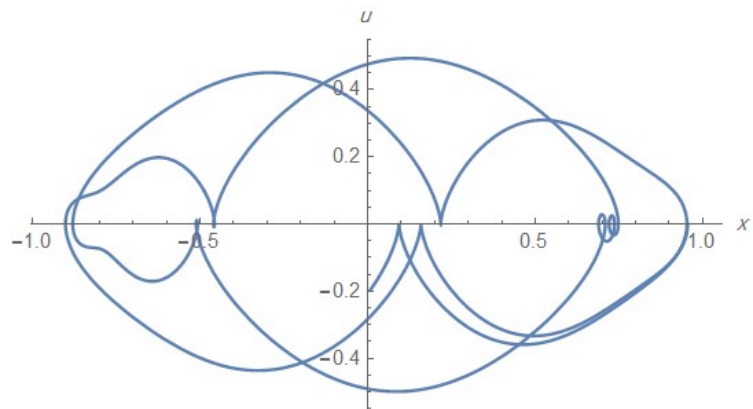


Fig. 13. Phase space about  $L_2$

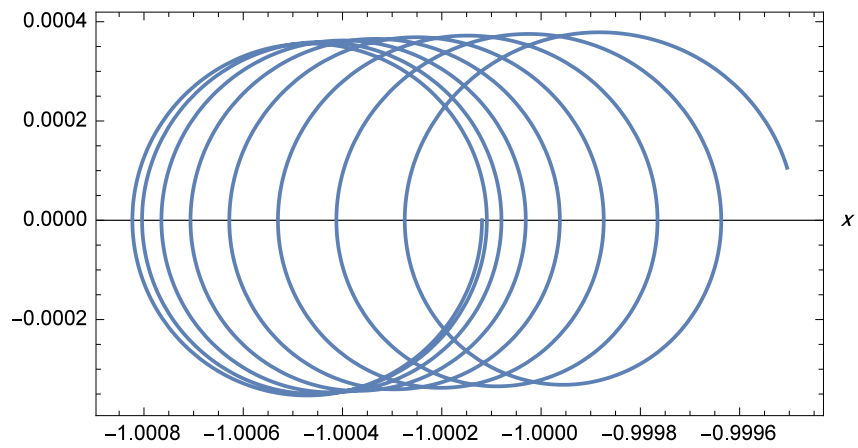


Fig. 14. Phase space at  $L_3$

**Table 2. Sun-Saturn libration points at  $\mu = 0.0002857696$ . and components of charcterstic roots**

Libration points	(X <sub>Li</sub> , Y <sub>Li</sub> )	(X <sub>Li</sub> , Y <sub>Li</sub> ) km	$\pm\lambda_{1,2}$	$\pm\lambda_{3,4}$	C
$L_1$	(0.9547469, 0)	(1.36815 * 10 <sup>9</sup> , 0)	2.6218685	2.14112956i	3.017822
$L_2$	(1.0460716,0)	(1.49902 * 10 <sup>9</sup> , 0)	2.4075625	2.0105626i	3.0174414
$L_3$	(-1.000119, 0)	(-1.4331 <sup>9</sup> , 0)	0.0273895	1.0002499i	3.0002857
$L_4$	(0.499714, 0.86602)	(1.36815 * 10 <sup>9</sup> , 1.43279 * 10 <sup>9</sup> )	0.0439506i	0.9990337i	2.999714
$L_5$	(0.499714, -0.86602)	(1.36815 * 10 <sup>9</sup> , -1.43279 * 10 <sup>9</sup> )	0.0273895i	1.0002499i	2.999714

## 6 Conclusion

In this study, the equations of motion for the restricted three-body problems were written. The collinear and equatorial libration points for the system were determined. The motion around the collinear libration points were studied. The Lissajous orbits were obtained. The phase spaces about collinear libration points were obtained using Implist Runge-Kutta method. This work is carried out on Earth-Moon system and Sun-Saturn system, which implies periodical motion around the libration points for suitable intervals for the space missions.

## Competing Interests

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

## References

- [1] Szebehely VG. Theory of orbits: The restricted problem of three-bodies. Academic Press Inc., New York; 1967.
- [2] Sharma RK. Periodic orbits of the second kind in the restricted three-body problem when the more massive primary. Virkarm Sarabhai Space Center, Trivandrum, India; 1980.
- [3] Sharivastava AK, Ishwar B. Equation of motion of the restricted problem of three bodies with variable mass. Department of Mathematics. India College Engineering, Bihar, India; 1983.
- [4] Gabern F, Jorba A. Restricted four and five body problem in the solar system. Universitata de Barcelona Gran via 585,08007 Barcelona, Spain; 1991.
- [5] Mathlouthi S. Periodic orbits of the restricted three- body problem. American Mathematical Society. 1998;850(6).
- [6] Llibre J. Periodic and Quasi-periodic orbits of the spatial three-body problem. Montse Cobera; 1999.
- [7] Archambeau G, Augros P, Trlat E. Eight Lissajous orbits in the EarthMoon system. Maths Action. 2011;4(1):123.
- [8] Celletti AG, Pucacco D. Stella. Lissajous and Halo orbits in the restricted three-body problem. J. Nonlinear Science. 2015;25(2):343-370.

- [9] Ibrahim AH, Ismail MN, Khalil KHI. Studying the liberation points of the Sun-Earth-Moon System. International Journal of Scientific Engineering Research. 2016;7(10):1247-1251. ISSN: 2229-5518
- [10] Ibrahim AH, Ismail MN, Zaghrouf AS, Younis SH, El Shikh MO. Lissajous orbits at the collinear libration points in the restricted Three-Body problem with Ob-lateness. World Journal of Mechanics. 2018;8:242-252.  
Available:<https://doi.org/10.4236/wjm.2018.86020>
- [11] Curtis Howard. Orbital mechanics for engineering students (2st ed.). Amsterdam: Elsevier Ltd.; 2009.

---

© 2018 Ibrahim et al.; This is an Open Access article distributed under the terms of the Creative Commons Attribution License (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by/4.0>), which permits unrestricted use, distribution, and reproduction in any medium, provided the original work is properly cited.

**Peer-review history:**

The peer review history for this paper can be accessed here (Please copy paste the total link in your browser address bar)

<http://www.sciencedomain.org/review-history/26393>