

Fig. 6.5 Attractor for two identical coupled van der Pol oscillators in Eq. (6.9) with $b = 2.2$, $k = 0.7$, and initial conditions $(x_0, v_0, y_0, u_0) = (0, 1, 0, 1.7)$, $\lambda = 0.0829$.

6.3.3 Coupled complex oscillators

Any of the nonlinear complex oscillators in Table 2.5 can be coupled in a similar fashion to produce chaos. For example, the dissipative system

$$\begin{aligned} \dot{z}_1 - z_1^2 - \bar{z}_1 + 1 &= -kz_2 \\ \dot{z}_2 - z_2^2 - \bar{z}_2 + 1 &= -kz_1 \end{aligned} \quad (6.10)$$

is chaotic for $k = 2.5$ with an attractor as shown in Fig. 6.6.

6.3.4 Other coupled nonlinear oscillators

Any of the other acceleration-forced systems in Chapter 2 can be mutually coupled in a manner similar to the coupled pendulums and the coupled complex oscillators. Table 6.3 gives a few such examples, all of which are conservative with their corresponding state space plots shown in Fig. 6.7.

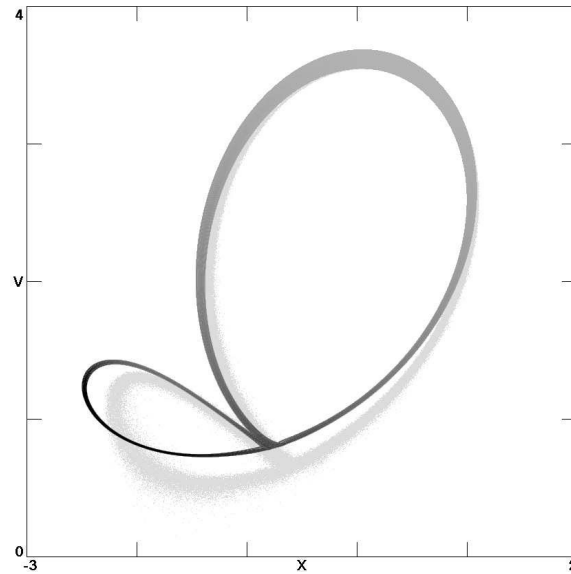


Fig. 6.6 Attractor for the coupled complex oscillators in Eq. (6.10) with $k = 2.5$ and initial conditions $(z_{10}, z_{20}) = (-2.4 + i, 1 - 3i)$, $\lambda = 0.0801$.

Table 6.3 Some chaotic coupled nonlinear oscillators.

Model	Equations	x_0, v_0, y_0, u_0	Lyapunov Exponents
CO_0	$\ddot{x} + \sin x = y - x, \ddot{y} + \sin y = x - y$	3.9, 0.3, 0.5, 0.3	0.0057, 0, 0, -0.0057
CO_1	$\ddot{x} + \sin x = y - x, \ddot{y} + \operatorname{sgn} y = x - y$	-0.2, 0.4, -2, -0.3	0.0216, 0, 0, -0.0216
CO_2	$\ddot{x} + \sin x = y - x, \ddot{y} + y^3 = x - y$	1.2, 1.9, 0.4, -1.2	0.0645, 0, 0, -0.0645
CO_3	$\ddot{x} + \operatorname{sgn} x = y - x, \ddot{y} + \operatorname{sgn} y = x - y$	0.8, 0.8, -2.1, 1.6	0.0557, 0, 0, -0.0557
CO_4	$\ddot{x} + \operatorname{sgn} x = y - x, \ddot{y} + y^3 = x - y$	-0.4, 0.5, -0.7, 1.3	0.0796, 0, 0, -0.0796
CO_5	$\ddot{x} + x^3 = y - x, \ddot{y} + y^3 = x - y$	1.7, 1.1, -3.2, 1.1	0.1447, 0, 0, -0.1447

6.4 Hamiltonian Systems

Many conservative systems including those above can be derived from Hamilton's equations

$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial v} \quad (6.11)$$

$$\dot{v} = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

(and similar equations for (y, \dot{y}) , etc.), where the *Hamiltonian function* $H = H(x, v, y, u, \dots)$ does not depend explicitly on time and is thus a