

Maps

$$\vec{x}_{n+1} = \vec{f}(\vec{x}_n)$$

also: iterated maps, difference equations, recursion relations arise as

- discretization of continuous systems
 - eg - iterative methods for solving linear/nonlinear equations:
 - numerical integration of differential equations
 - Poincaré sections of continuous-time dynamical systems
- models of natural phenomena with discrete dynamics
- simple mathematical models of chaotic behaviour

One-dimensional maps

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

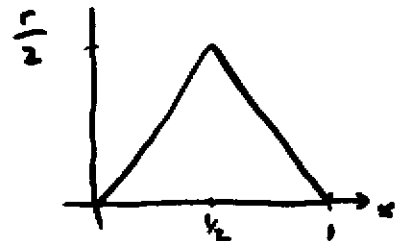
points x_n "hop" along their orbits - oscillations possible



Examples: • Tent map

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} rx & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ r(1-x) & \frac{1}{2} < x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

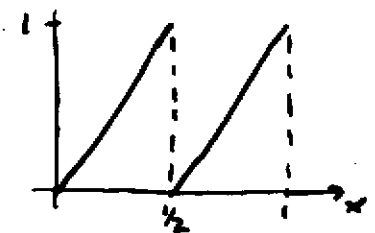
If $0 \leq r \leq 2$, $f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$



• (Bernoulli) shift map

$$f(x) = 2x \bmod 1 = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(x - \frac{1}{2}) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

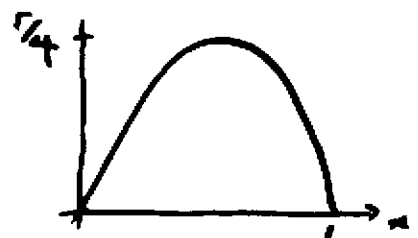
$f: [0,1) \rightarrow [0,1)$



• Logistic map

$$f(x) = rx(1-x)$$

If $0 \leq r \leq 4$, $f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$



Fixed Points and Stability

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

x^* is a fixed point:

$$f(x^*) = x^*$$

Note:

$$\dot{x} = f(x)$$

f gives change in x
fixed point: $f(x) = 0$

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

f gives new value of x
fixed point: $f(x) = x$

Stability:

Consider a small perturbation of x^* :

$$\eta_n = x_n - x^*$$

$\{x_n\}$ is a nearby orbit).

Then

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \Rightarrow x^* + \eta_{n+1} = f(x^* + \eta_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* + \eta_{n+1} = \underbrace{f(x^*)}_{= x^*} + f'(x^*)\eta_n + \frac{1}{2}f''(x^*)\eta_n^2 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_{n+1} = f'(x^*)\eta_n + O(\eta_n^2)$$

Linearized map near x^* (okay if $|f''(x)|$ bounded near x^*)

$$\eta_{n+1} = f'(x^*)\eta_n$$

eigenvalue/multiplier $\lambda = f'(x^*)$

$$\text{so } \eta_1 = \lambda\eta_0, \eta_2 = \lambda\eta_1 = \lambda^2\eta_0, \dots, \eta_n = \lambda^n\eta_0$$

- If $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| < 1$: $\eta_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$
ie $x_n \rightarrow x^*$

x^* is linearly stable

(note: if $0 < \lambda < 1$, η_{n+1} has same sign as η_n
 \Rightarrow iterates approach x^* monotonically)

if $-1 < \lambda < 0 \Rightarrow$ iterates oscillate about x^*)

- If $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| > 1$: $|\eta_n|$ grows with n
 x^* is unstable ($\lambda > 1$: monotonic growth
 $\lambda < -1$: oscillatory instability)
- If $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| = 1$: marginal case
- If $\lambda = f'(x^*) = 0$: $\eta_{n+1} \sim \eta_n^2$ quadratic convergence
 x^* is superstable

eg $x^2 - x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-2)(x+1) = 0$ near the root $x=2$.

Possible iterations:

- $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = x_n^2 - 2$ $f'(x) = 2x, f'(2) = 4 > 1$
unstable, no convergence
- $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = \sqrt{x_n + 2}$ $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+2}}, f'(2) = \frac{1}{4}$
monotonic convergence
- $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = 1 + \frac{2}{x_n}$ $f'(x) = -\frac{2}{x^2}, f'(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$
oscillatory convergence
- $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = \frac{x_n^2 + 2}{2x_n - 1}$ $f'(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 2x - 4}{(2x-1)^2}, f'(2) = 0$
quadratic convergence

Newton's method for $g(x) = 0$:

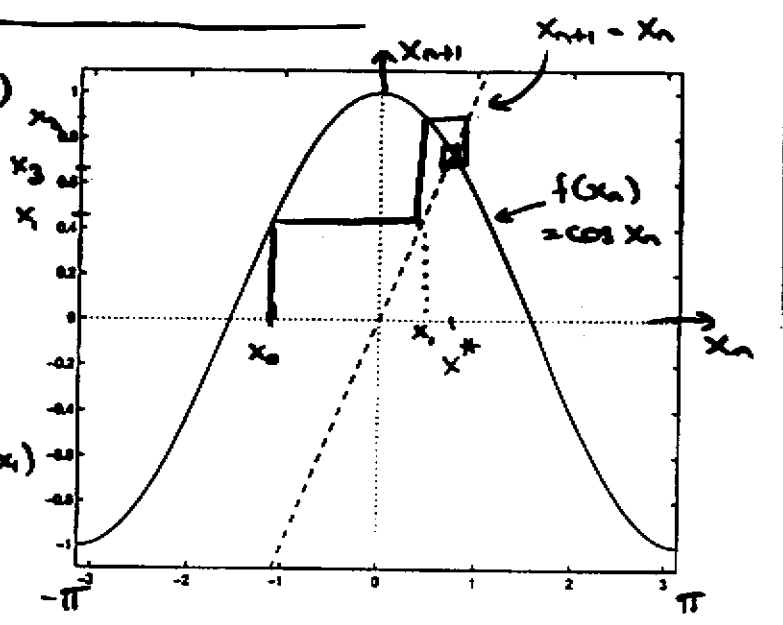
$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{g(x_n)}{g'(x_n)} = f(x_n)$$

$g'(x^*) \neq 0$: superstable.

Cobwebs

for $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$
given x_0 .

- draw vertical line: intersects graph of f at $x_1 = f(x_0)$
- use x_1 as "input": draw horizontal line to the diagonal $x_{n+1} = x_n$, then move vertically to the curve of f again: $x_2 = f(x_1)$
- repeat: easy graphical approach to iteration



eg $x_{n+1} = \cos x_n$

For any initial condition, $x_n \rightarrow x^* : x^* = 0.739085... \leftarrow$ unique root of $x - \cos x = 0$.

Multiplier: $|f'(x^*)| = |-\sin x^*| < 1$: stable
convergence through damped oscillations

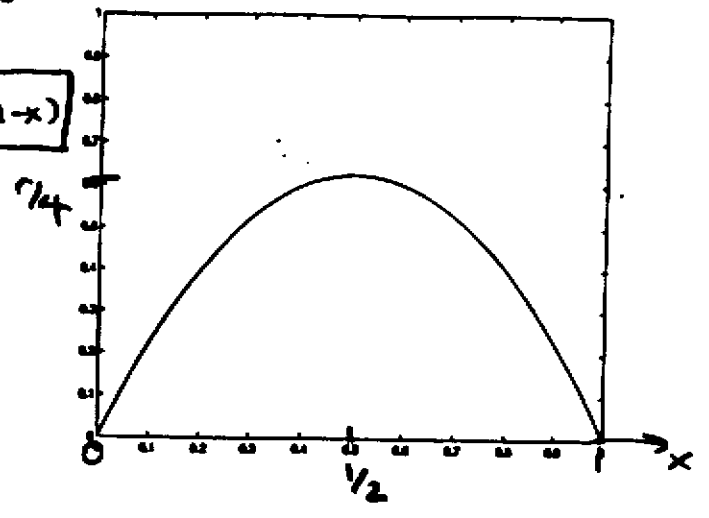
Logistic Map (Robert May, 1976)

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n), \quad \boxed{f(x) = rx(1-x)}$$

• Graph of f : parabola

• $\boxed{f'(x) = r(1-2x)}$

Maximum of f at $x = 1/2$:
 $f(1/2) = r/4$.



We restrict our attention to $0 \leq r \leq 4$: then $f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1]$
(f maps unit interval into itself)

[If $r > 4$, $x_n \rightarrow -\infty$ for most initial conditions x_0]

• Fixed points $x = f(x) = rx(1-x)$

$$\Rightarrow (r-1)x - rx^2 = 0$$

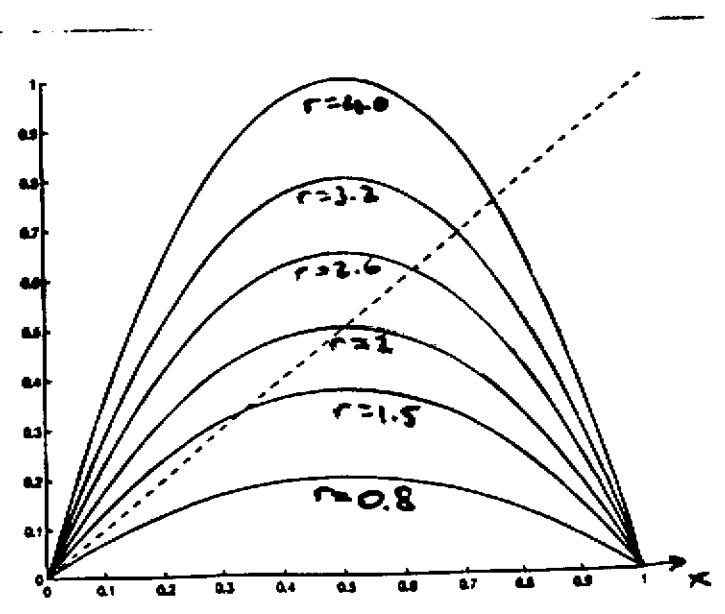
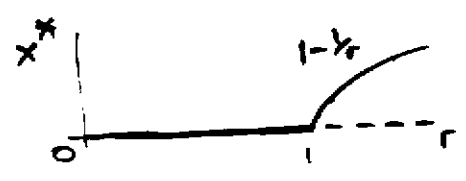
$$\Rightarrow x^* = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^* = \frac{r-1}{r} = 1 - \frac{1}{r} \quad \leftarrow \text{in } [0,1] \text{ for } r \geq 1.$$

• Stability

$x^* = 0$: $f'(0) = r$ so $x^* = 0$ is $\begin{cases} \text{stable, } 0 \leq r < 1 \\ \text{unstable, } r > 1 \end{cases}$

(at $r=1$: $f(x) = x - x^2 < x$
for $0 < x \leq 1$
 $\Rightarrow x^* = 0$ is stable)

$x^* = 0$ becomes unstable through a transcritical bifurcation at $r=1$.







stability of $x^* = 1 - 1/r$: compute multiplier $\lambda = f'(x^*)$:

$f'(x^*) = f'(1 - 1/r) = r(1 - 2(1 - 1/r)) = 2 - r$

$x^* = 1 - 1/r$ is $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{stable if } |2 - r| < 1 \text{ i.e. } 1 < r < 3 \\ \text{unstable if } r > 3. \end{array} \right.$ note: superstable if $r = 2$

For $r > 3$, both fixed points are linearly unstable (cannot occur for flows)

$0 < f'(x^*) < 1$	$f'(x^*) = 0$	$-1 < f'(x^*) < 0$	$f'(x^*) < -1$
			
$1 < r < 2$ stable, monotonic approach	$r = 2$ superstable	$2 < r < 3$ stable, oscillatory	$r > 3$ 2-cycle

What happens for $r > 3$?

$r = 3.2$ Iterates oscillate between two values



$x_1 < x^* = 1 - 1/r, x_2 > x^*$: period-2 cycle or 2-cycle

Period-doubling bifurcation at $r = 3$. $\Delta \cdot f'(x^*) = -1$

Larger r : eg $r = 3.5$ iterates oscillate between four values
4-cycle - another period-doubling

Further period-doublings to period 8, 16, 32, 64, ...

Let r_n be the value of r at which a 2^n -cycle first appears:

<u>Numerically:</u>		Birth of cycle of period
r_1	$= 3$	2
r_2	$= 1 + \sqrt{6} = 3.449\dots$	4
r_3	$= 3.54409\dots$	8
r_4	$= 3.5644\dots$	16
r_5	$= 3.568759\dots$	32
\vdots		
r_∞	$= 3.569946\dots$	∞

Successive bifurcations occur faster and faster:

$$r_n \rightarrow r_\infty \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty.$$

Convergence is geometric:

$$\delta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_n - r_{n-1}}{r_{n+1} - r_n} = 4.669\dots \quad \text{Feigenbaum constant.}$$

$r > r_\infty$: Chaos

Aperiodic long-term dynamics:

Sequence $\{x_n\}$ never settles down to a fixed point or periodic orbit

Sensitive dependence on initial conditions.

two trajectories starting close together rapidly diverge from each other

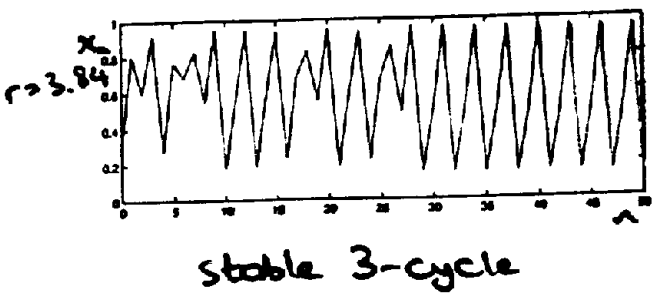
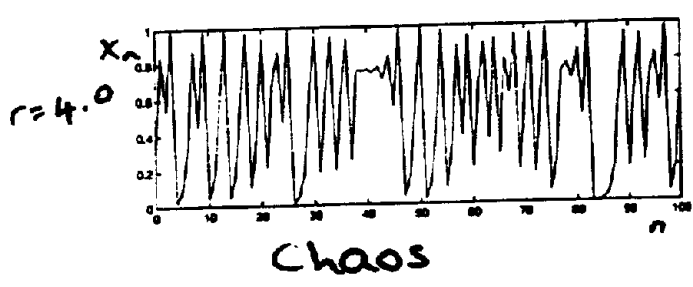
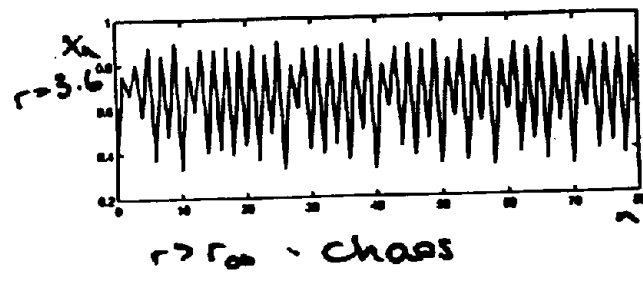
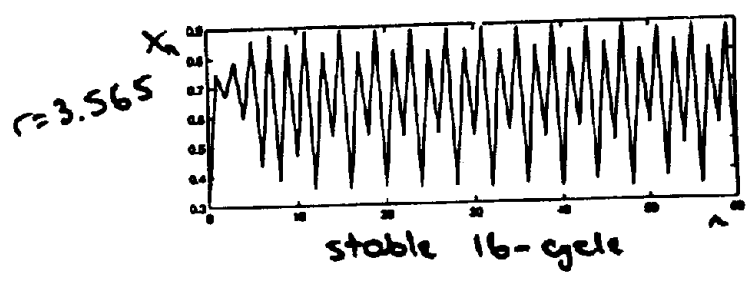
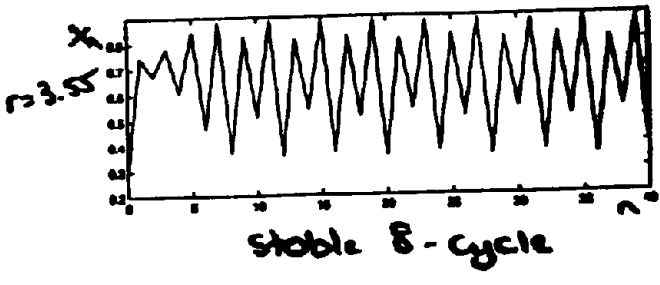
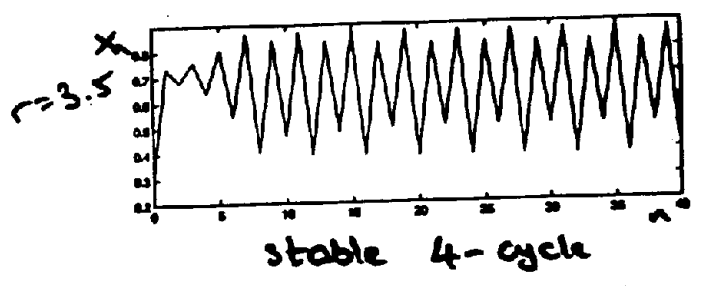
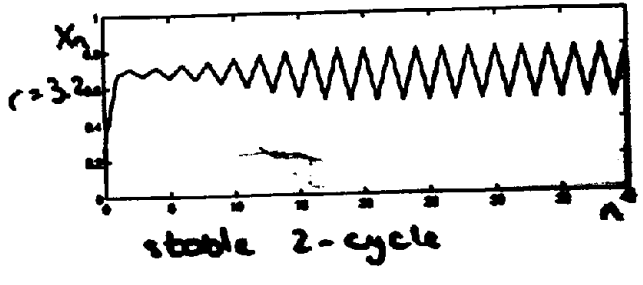
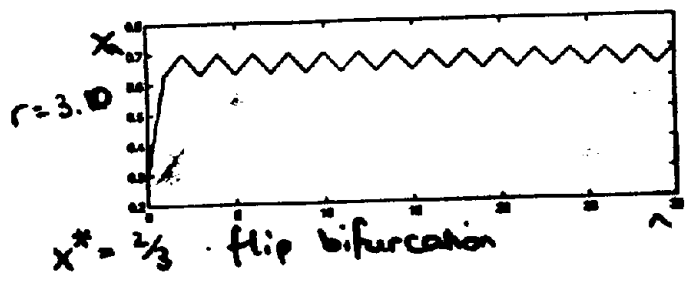
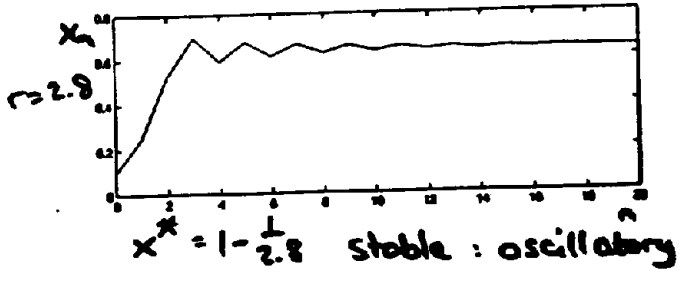
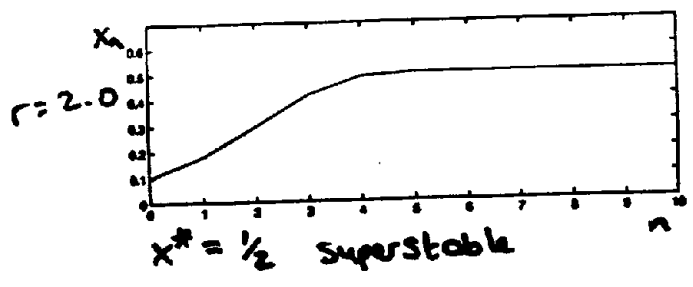
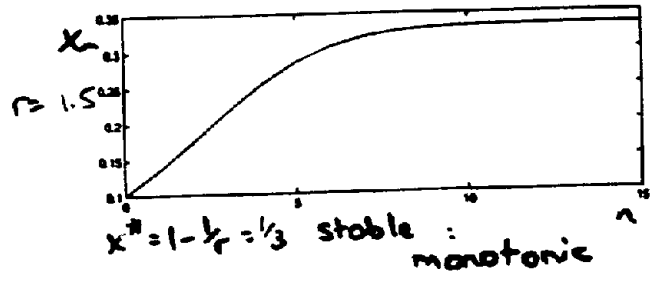
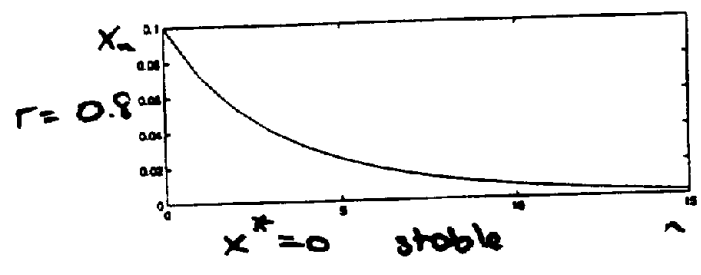
(\Rightarrow long-term prediction impossible: small uncertainties are amplified exponentially fast)

Irregularity due to nonlinearity, not noise.

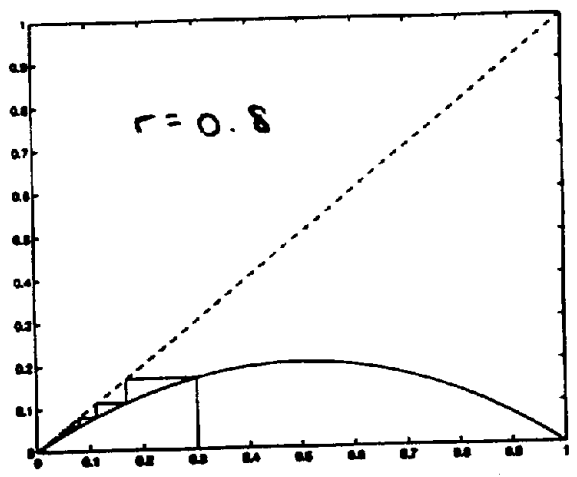
But: periodic windows e.g. period 3 for $r = 3.84$

Chaos: Aperiodic long-term behaviour in a deterministic system that exhibits sensitive dependence to initial conditions.

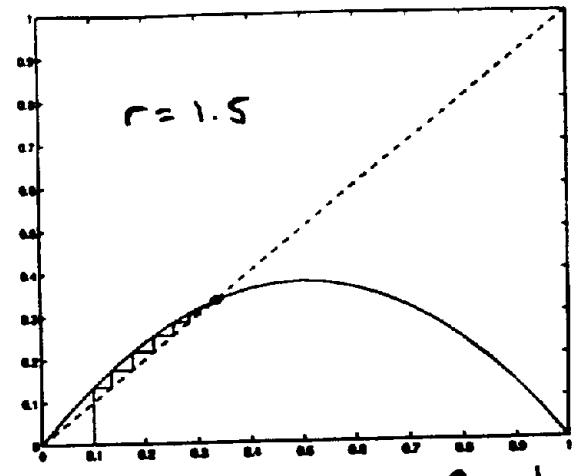
Iterates for the logistic map $x_{n+1} = r x_n (1 - x_n)$



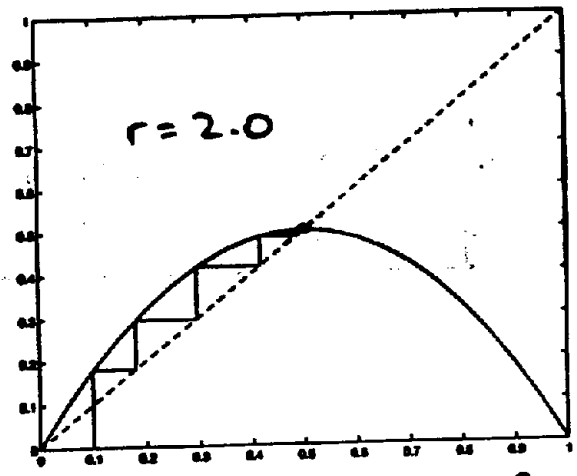
Cobweb diagrams for the logistic map



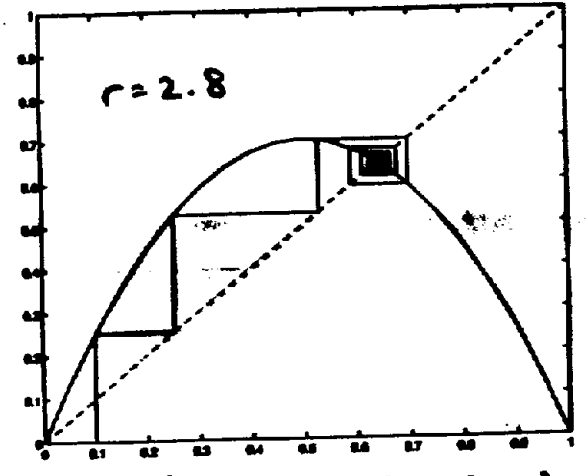
$x^* = 0$ stable



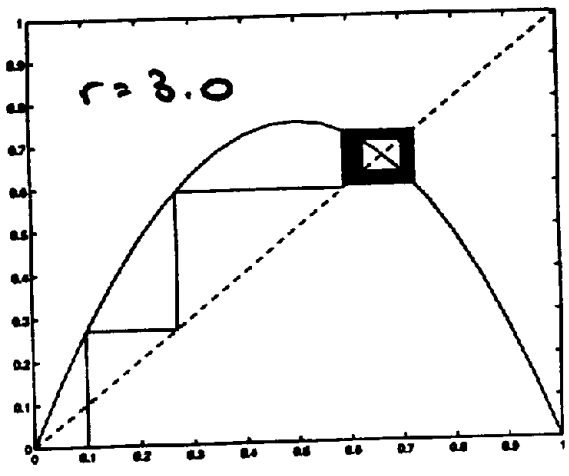
$x^* = 1/3$ stable fixed point



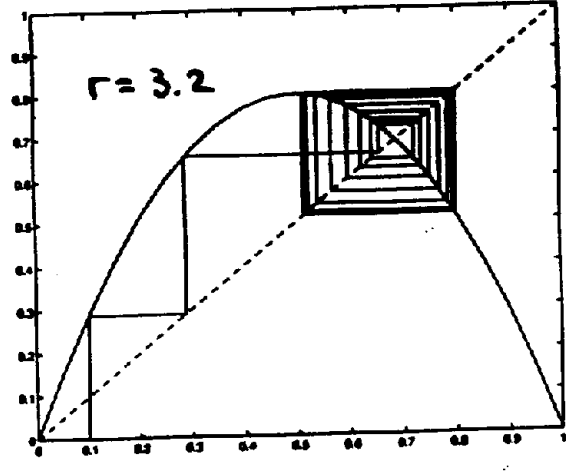
$x^* = 1/2$ superstable fixed point



x^* stable fixed point

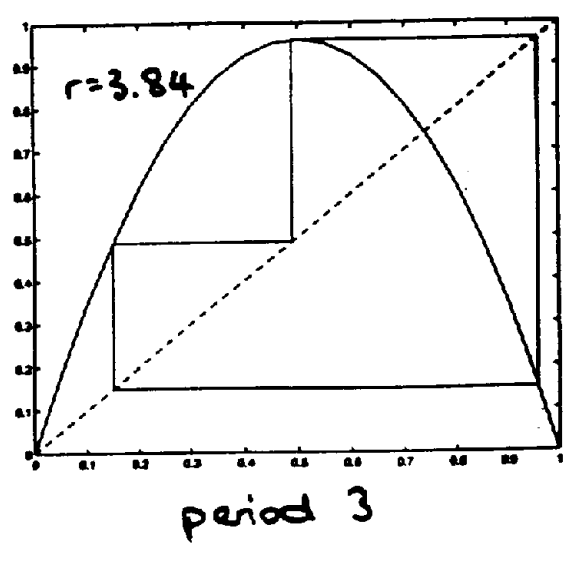
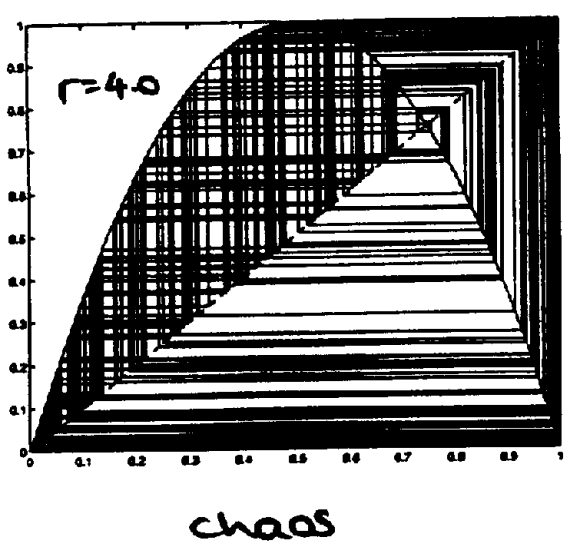
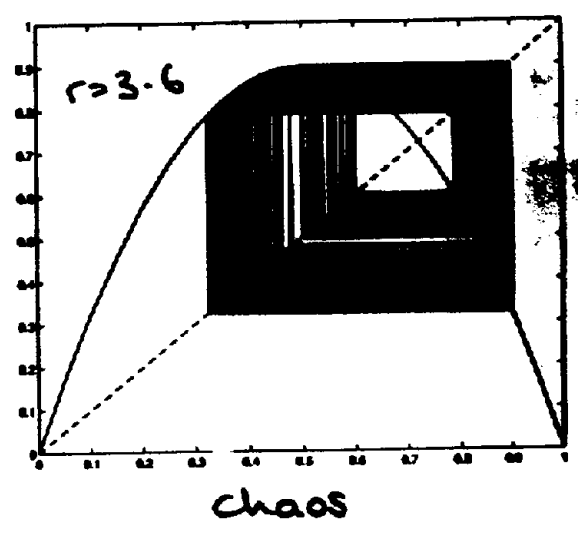
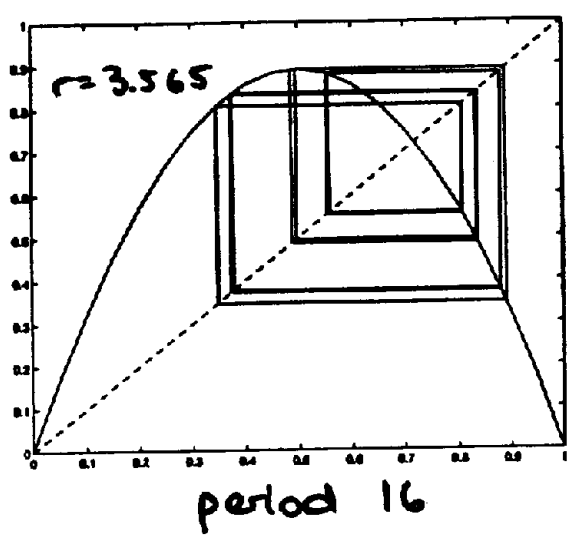
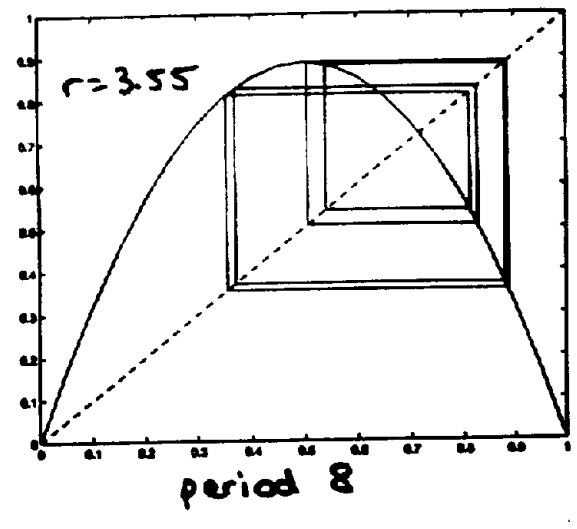
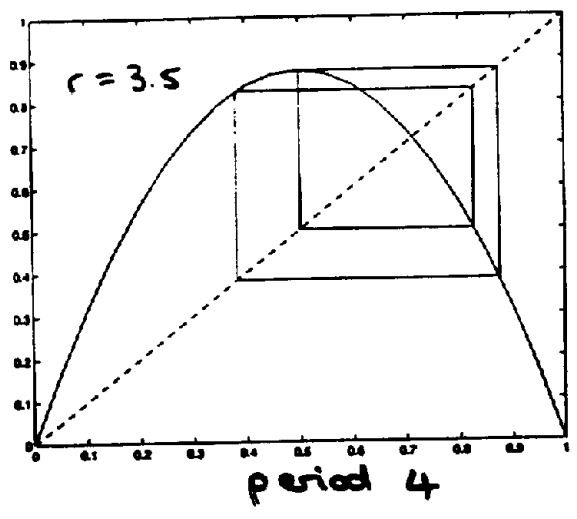


flip bifurcation



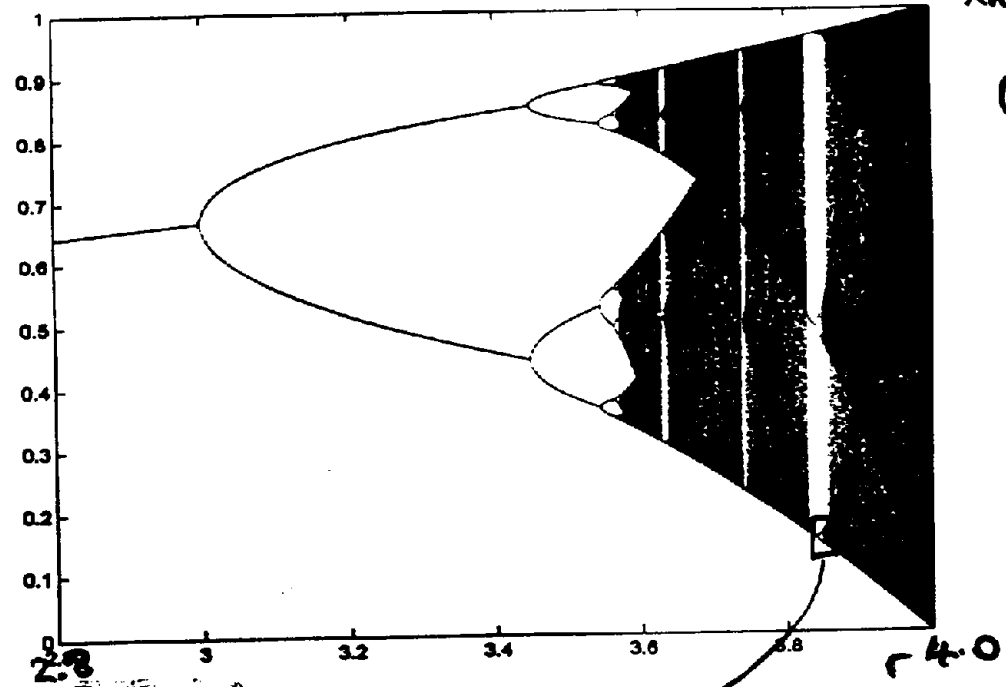
period-2 cycle

Cobweb diagrams for the logistic map (no transients)



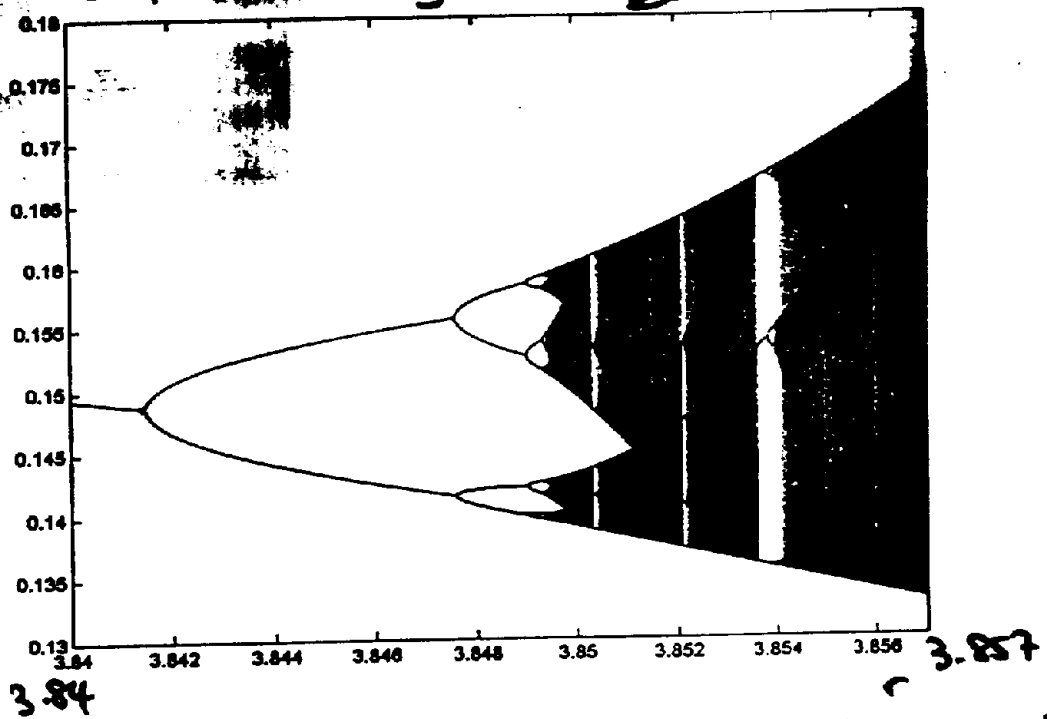
Orbit diagram for the logistic map

$$x_{n+1} = r x_n (1 - x_n)$$

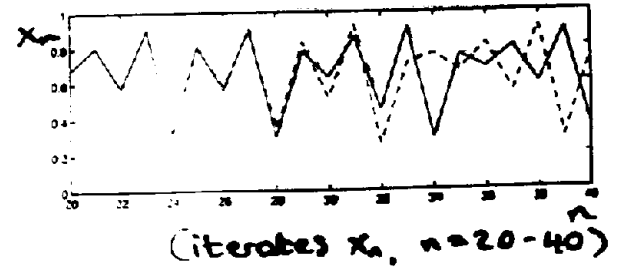
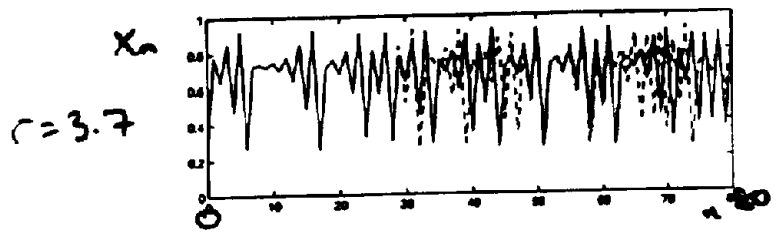


(Plot of long-time behaviour of iterates as a function of r)

Self-similarity



Chaos: sensitive dependence on initial conditions



Solid line — : $x_0 = 0.3$
 Dashed line --- : $x_0 = 0.300001$

Period-2 orbit for $r > 3$:

Fixed point at $x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$ undergoes a flip bifurcation

$$\text{at } r=3: f'(x^*) = -1$$

\Rightarrow a period-2 orbit is born:

there are $x_1 = p, x_2 = q$ so that $f(p) = q, f(q) = p$

$$\Rightarrow p = f(f(p)) = (f \circ f)(p) = f^2(p) \quad \text{composition, not power}$$

ie p (and q) is a fixed point of the second iterate map

$$g(x) \equiv f^2(x) = f(f(x))$$

$$f(x) = rx(1-x) \text{ quadratic} \Rightarrow f^2(x) = rf(x)(1-f(x)) \quad \text{quartic}$$

Computation of 2-cycle: Find p, q : solve $x = f^2(x)$
(fixed points of f^2)

$$x = f(f(x)) = rf(x)(1-f(x)) = r^2x(1-x)(1-rx(1-x))$$

Quartic polynomial equation!

Note: fixed points $x^* = 0$ and $x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{r}$ of f are also fixed points of f^2 ie (trivially) period-2 orbits (also n -cycles)

$$\left[\underbrace{f^2(x^*)}_{= x^* \text{ fixed point}} = f(f(x^*)) = f(x^*) = x^* \right]$$

So we already know two roots:
factor x and $[x - (1 - \frac{1}{r})]$ by long (polynomial) division

$$\begin{aligned} x - f^2(x) &= x - r^2x(1 - (1+r)x + 2rx^2 - rx^3) \\ &= x(rx - (r-1)) \underbrace{(r^2x^2 - r(r+1)x + (r+1))}_{\text{quadratic}} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

p, q are roots

$$\Rightarrow p, q = \frac{(r+1) \pm \sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)}}{2r}$$

$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{real for } r > 3 \\ -1 < r < 3: \text{ roots} \\ \text{complex, 2-cycle} \\ \text{doesn't exist} \end{array} \right\}$

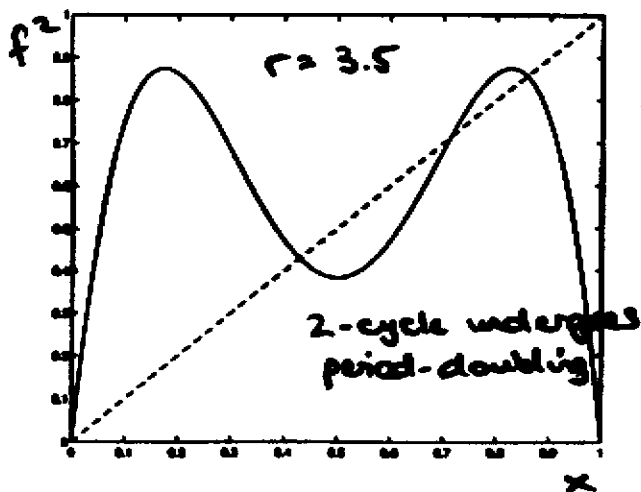
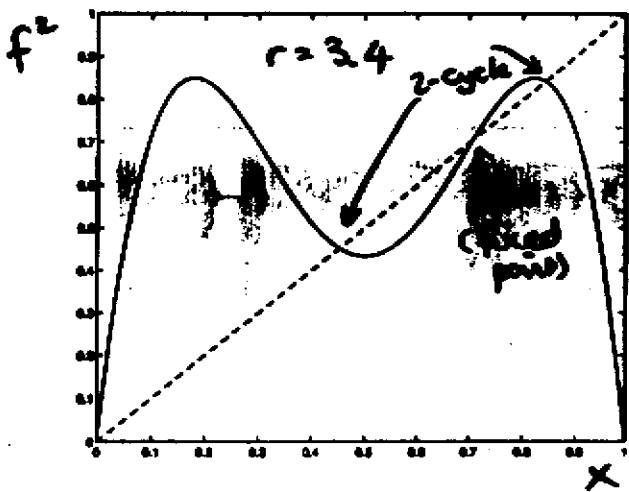
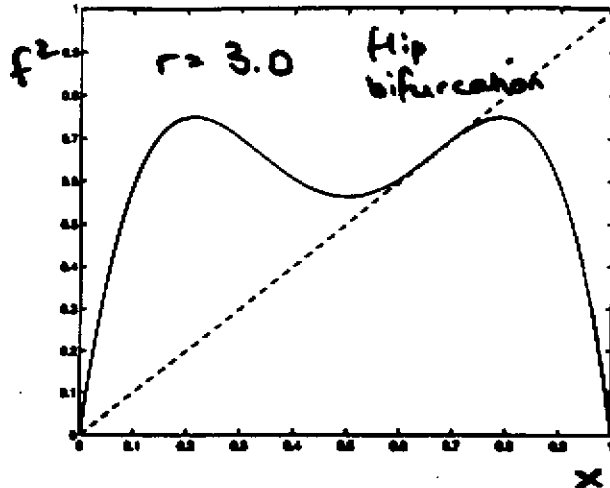
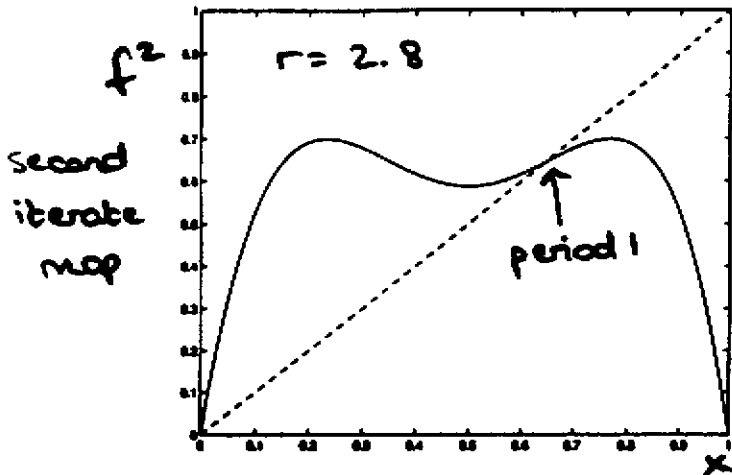
\Rightarrow 2-cycle exists for $r > 3$.

At $r=3$: $p, q = \frac{r+1}{2r} = \frac{2}{3} = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = x^*$: 2-cycle bifurcates continuously from x^*

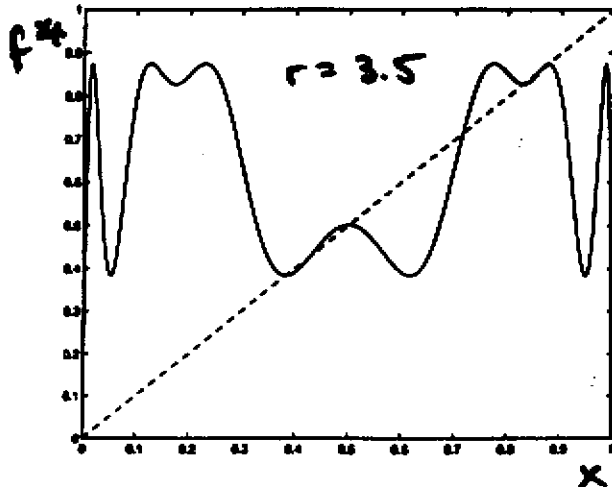
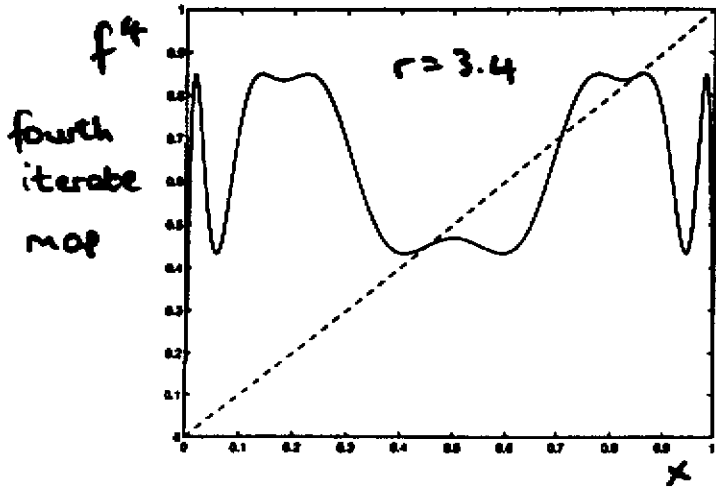
Period-doubling via a supercritical flip bifurcation

Flip (period-doubling) bifurcation:

supercritical pitchfork for f^2 : creation of new fixed points



$r > 1 + \sqrt{6} = 3.449... : 2\text{-cycle becomes unstable in flip bifurcation}$



Stability of 2-cycle

- reduce question of the stability of a cycle to stability of a fixed point!

$p = f(q), q = f(p) \Rightarrow p, q$ are fixed points of f^2 ,
second iterate map

The 2-cycle is stable $\Leftrightarrow p, q$ are stable fixed points of f^2

Compute multiplier (for p):

$$\lambda = \frac{d}{dx} [f^2(x)] \Big|_{x=p} = \frac{d}{dx} [f(f(x))] \Big|_{x=p} = f'(f(p)) f'(p) = f'(q) f'(p)$$

Note: multiplier is same at $x=p$ and $x=q$:
 p, q branches bifurcate simultaneously.

Now $f'(x) = r(1-2x), p, q = \frac{(r+1) \pm \sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)}}{2r}$ [roots of $r^2x^2 - r(r+1)x + r+1 = 0$]

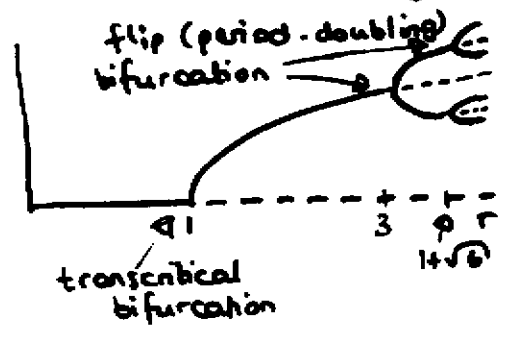
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lambda &= f'(p) f'(q) = r(1-2p)r(1-2q) \\ &= r^2(1-2(p+q) + 4pq) \\ &= r^2(1-2\frac{r(r+1)}{r^2} + 4\frac{r+1}{r^2}) = r^2 - 2r(r+1) + 4(r+1) \\ &= -r^2 + 2r + 4 \end{aligned}$$

The 2-cycle is linearly stable $\Leftrightarrow |\lambda| = |-r^2 + 2r + 4| < 1$

ie for $3 < r < 1 + \sqrt{6} = 3.449...$

$r = 1 + \sqrt{6}$: fixed points of f^2 undergo period-doubling bifurcation: creation of 4-cycle (for f)
 $\lambda = -1$

Partial bifurcation diagram



Fixed points of $f^4(x) = f(f(f(f(x))))$
16th order polynomial equation
(4 roots known: $x^2 = 0, 1-1/r; p, q$)
- analytical methods become unwieldy

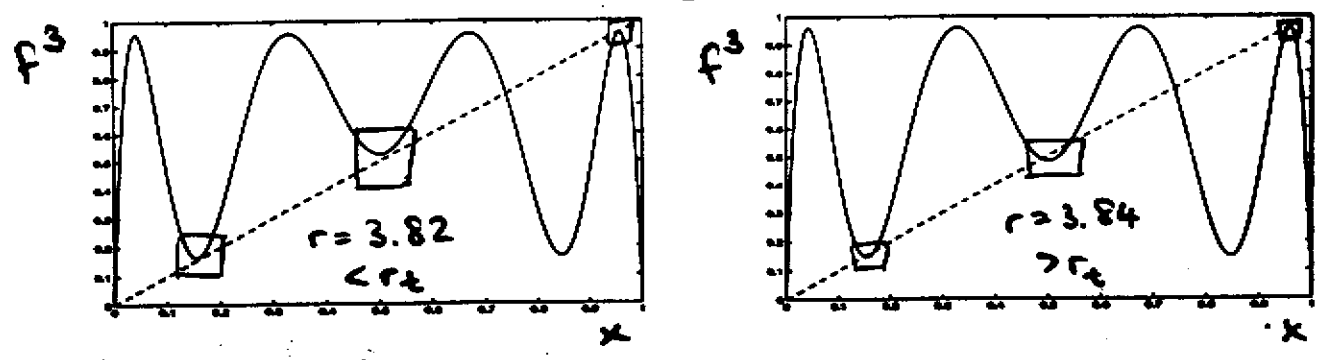
Further period-doublings at $r = r_2, r_3, r_4, \dots$ to cycles of period 8, 16, 32, ...
- bifurcation points accumulate: Chaos at $r = r_\infty$

Periodic windows and intermittency for $r > r_{\infty}$

Stable period-3 window: $3.8284... < r < 3.8415...$

$\uparrow r_c$

- how does a stable 3-cycle appear from chaos?

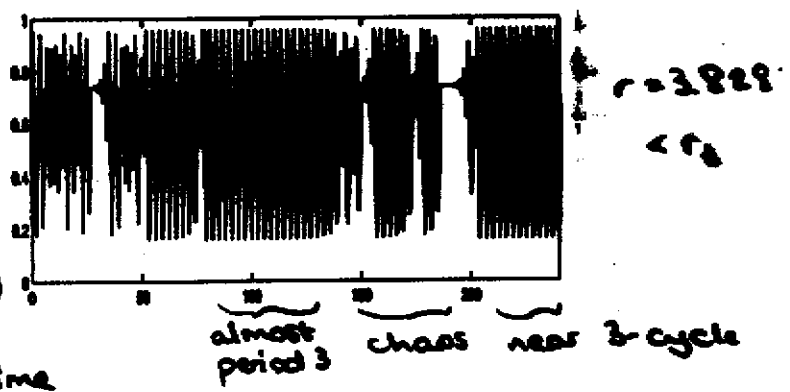


As we decrease r , intersections vanish through a tangent bifurcation at $r = r_c = 1 + \sqrt{8}$

fold, saddle-node

For $r < r_c$: Intermittency

- iterates remain near 3-cycle for a long time, then move away



Orbit spends much time in channel: ghost of saddle-node bifurcation

- intermittent bursts of chaos (orbit escapes) before iterates return near the 3-cycle

Experimental observation: (eg lasers)

- nearly periodic motion interspersed by irregular bursts, statistically distributed (in a deterministic system)

- Intermittency Route to Chaos

Period-doubling in the window: 3-cycle is start of a period-doubling sequence, to $3 \cdot 2^k$ -cycles

Note: "Period three implies chaos" (Li & Yorke 1975) (Sarkovskii 1964)

If f has an orbit of period 3, it has an orbit of each period $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and aperiodic orbits (which don't approach any periodic orbit)

Bifurcations of maps

Transcritical bifurcation

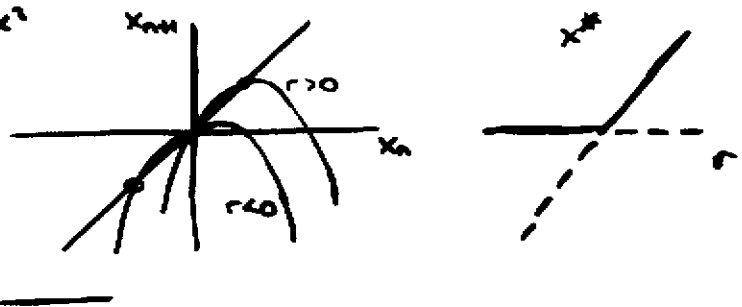
$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = (1+r)x_n - x_n^2$$

(normal form)

fixed points: $x = f(x) = (1+r)x - x^2$
 $\Rightarrow x^* = 0, r$

stability: $f'(0) = 1+r$
 $f'(r) = 1-r$

Transcritical bifurcation at $r=0$



Fold bifurcation (tangent, saddle-node)

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = -r + x_n + x_n^2$$

fixed points: $x = -r + x + x^2 \Rightarrow x^2 = r$
 $\Rightarrow x^* = \pm\sqrt{r}, r \geq 0$

stability: $f'(\sqrt{r}) = 1 + 2\sqrt{r} > 1$ unstable
 $f'(-\sqrt{r}) = 1 - 2\sqrt{r}$ stable $0 < r < 1$



Flip bifurcation

- need $f(x^*) = x^*, f'(x^*) = -1$

eg $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = -(1+r)x_n \pm x_n^3$

fixed point at $x^* = 0 : f'(0) = -(1+r)$
 so $x^* = 0$ is stable for $r < 0$, unstable for $r > 0$

Check: • for "+" $[f(x) = -(1+r)x + x^3]$

f^2 has two stable fixed points for $r > 0$:
 stable 2-cycle for f

\Rightarrow supercritical flip bifurcation (period-doubling)

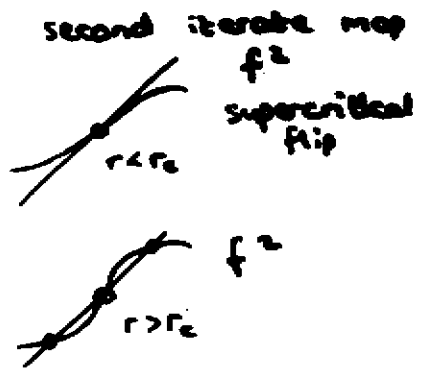
- corresponds to supercritical pitchfork bifurcation for f^2

• for "-" $[f(x) = -(1+r)x - x^3]$

f^2 has two unstable fixed points for $r < 0$: unstable 2-cycle

\Rightarrow subcritical flip bifurcation

subcritical pitchfork bifurcation for f^2



Liapunov Exponent

Chaos: Sensitive dependence on initial conditions

ie Neighbouring orbits diverge exponentially fast
(on average)

Quantify sensitive dependence:

Consider initial condition x_0 (iterates $x_1 = f(x_0), x_2 = f^2(x_0), \dots$),

nearby point $x_0 + \delta_0$: small initial separation δ_0

δ_n : separation after n iterates.

IF $|\delta_n| \approx |\delta_0| e^{n\lambda}$, λ : Liapunov exponent

λ : measure of exponential rate of convergence/divergence.

Positive λ : signature of chaos.

$$\frac{\delta_n}{\delta_0} = \frac{f^n(x_0 + \delta_0) - f^n(x_0)}{\delta_0} \approx (f^n(x_0))'$$

$\delta_0 \rightarrow 0$

chain rule $\Rightarrow f'(f^{n-1}(x_0)) f'(f^{n-2}(x_0)) \dots f'(f(x_0)) f'(x_0)$
 $= f'(x_{n-1}) f'(x_{n-2}) \dots f'(x_1) f'(x_0) = \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} f'(x_i)$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda \approx \frac{1}{n} \ln \left| \frac{\delta_n}{\delta_0} \right| \approx \frac{1}{n} \ln \left| \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} f'(x_i) \right|$$

If the limit as $n \rightarrow \infty$ exists, we use this to define the

Liapunov exponent:

$$\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_i)|$$

a property of an orbit (depends on x_0)

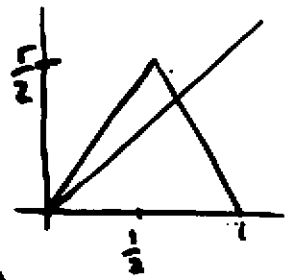
• If f has a stable p-cycle containing x_0 , then $\lambda < 0$:

p-cycle is stable $\Rightarrow x_0$ is a stable fixed point of $f^p \Rightarrow |(f^p)'(x_0)| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{For a p-cycle, } \lambda &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_i)| = \frac{1}{p} \sum_{i=0}^{p-1} \ln |f'(x_i)| \\ &= \frac{1}{p} \ln \prod_{i=0}^{p-1} |f'(x_i)| = \frac{1}{p} \ln |(f^p)'(x_0)| < 0. \end{aligned}$$

Superstable cycle $\Rightarrow (f^p)'(x_0) = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -\infty$.

eg tent map: $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = \begin{cases} r x_n & 0 \leq x_n \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ r(1-x_n) & \frac{1}{2} \leq x_n \leq 1 \end{cases}$



Note: $|f'(x)| = r$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$

(ie for $r > 1$, both fixed points are unstable)

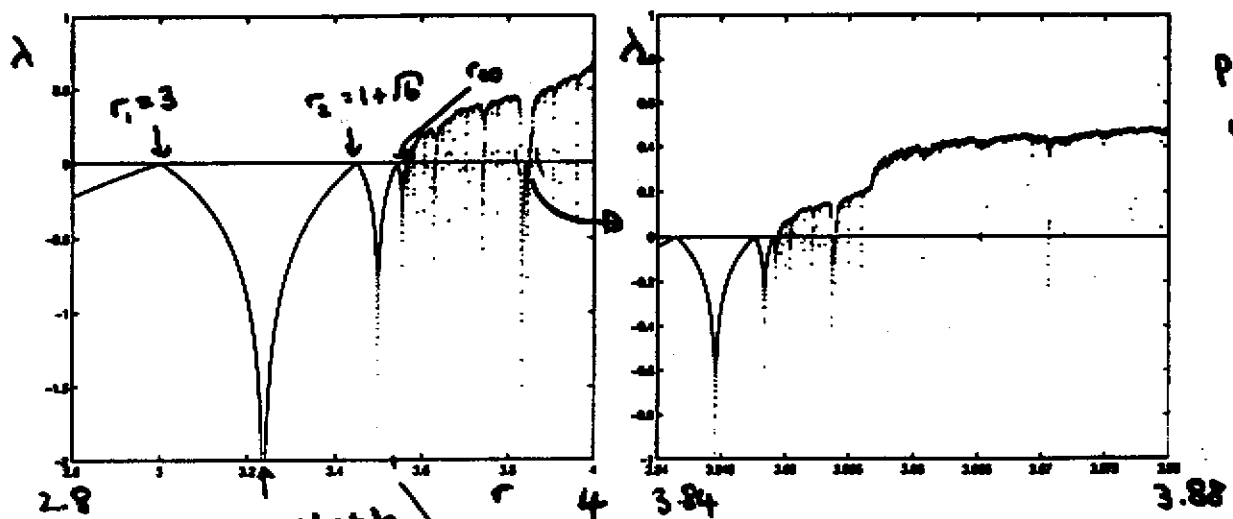
Liapunov exponent: $\lambda = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln |f'(x_i)|$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \ln r = \ln r$$

$\Rightarrow \lambda = \ln r$ (independent of x_0)

\Rightarrow tent map has chaotic solutions for all $r > 1$

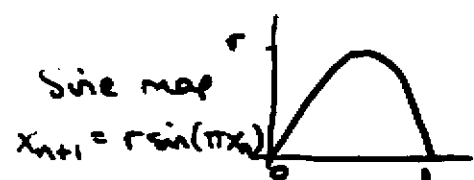
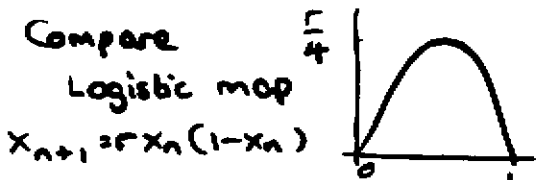
Lyapunov exponent for the logistic map



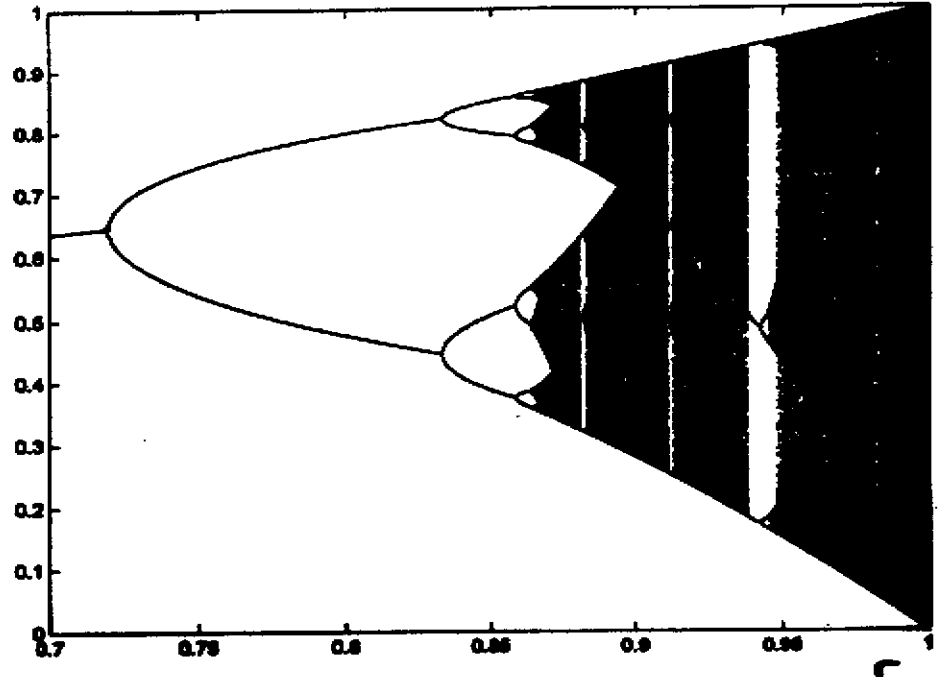
superstable
2-cycle at
 $r = 1 + \sqrt{5}$

onset of chaos at $r_\infty \approx 3.57$:
Liapunov exponent λ becomes positive

Universality



Orbit diagram for sine map $x_{n+1} = r \sin(\pi x_n)$



Qualitative dynamics
(period-doubling route to chaos, periodic windows, ...)
identical for logistic map and sine map.

Universality: different unimodal maps

have qualitatively similar dynamics and routes to chaos also observed in continuous systems, experiments!

for a popular discussion, see Gleick "Chaos: Making a New Science"

single peak, smooth, convex

eg. periodic attractors (stable cycles) appear in the same sequence (U-sequence) Metropolis et al 1973

(for unimodal maps $x_{n+1} = r f(x_n)$, $f(0) = f(1) = 0$, there is a universal sequence of attractors: up to period 6:

- 1, 2, 2x2, 6, 5, 3, 2x3, 5, 6, 4, 6, 5, 6)

- universal convergence rate of period-doubling bifurcation points r_n : $\delta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_n - r_{n-1}}{r_{n+1} - r_n} = 4.669...$ Feigenbaum, 1975
- theory: based on renormalization (Feigenbaum)
- experiment: period-doubling routes to chaos observed in ODEs (n>3), chemical systems, convection (hydrodynamics), electronic...