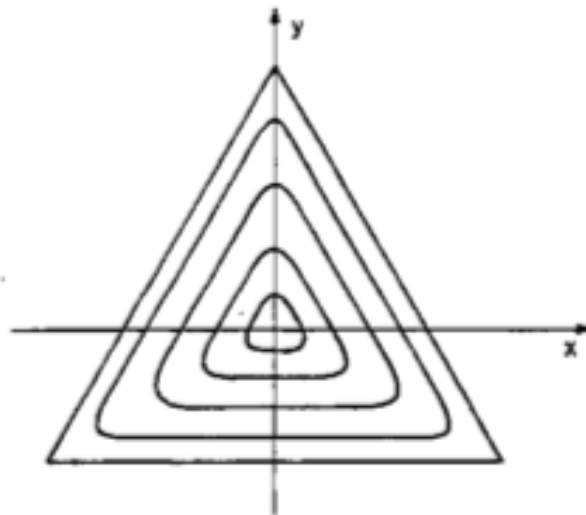


Henon-Heiles Hamiltonian (1964)

$$H = \frac{1}{2} (p_x^2 + p_y^2 + x^2 + y^2) + x^2 y - \frac{1}{3} y^3$$

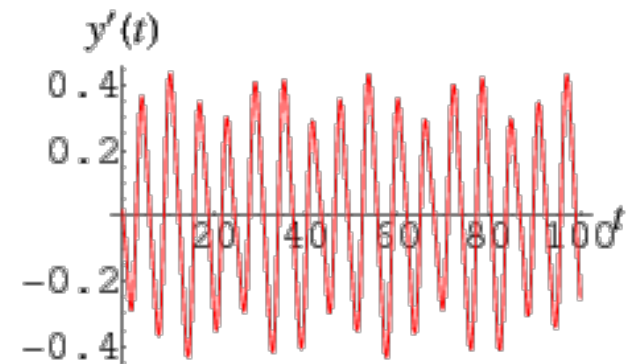
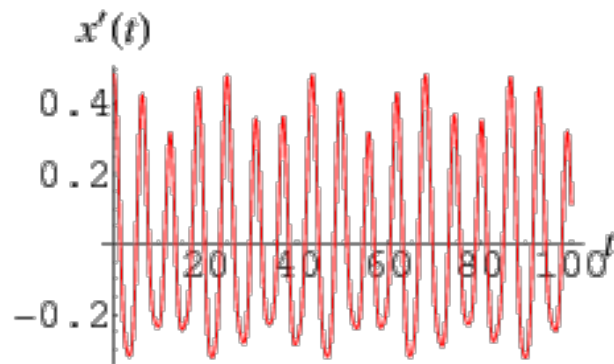
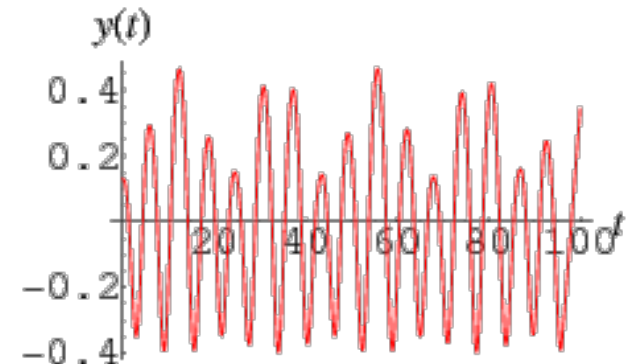
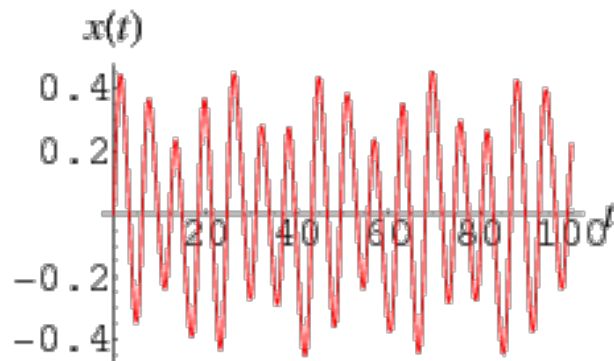


$$\begin{aligned} V(x, y) &= \frac{1}{2} (x^2 + y^2) + x^2 y - \frac{1}{3} y^3 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} r^2 + \frac{1}{3} r^3 \sin(3\theta) \end{aligned}$$

Motion is bounded up to $E=1/6$

Integrate the equations of motion over time:

$$E=1/8$$



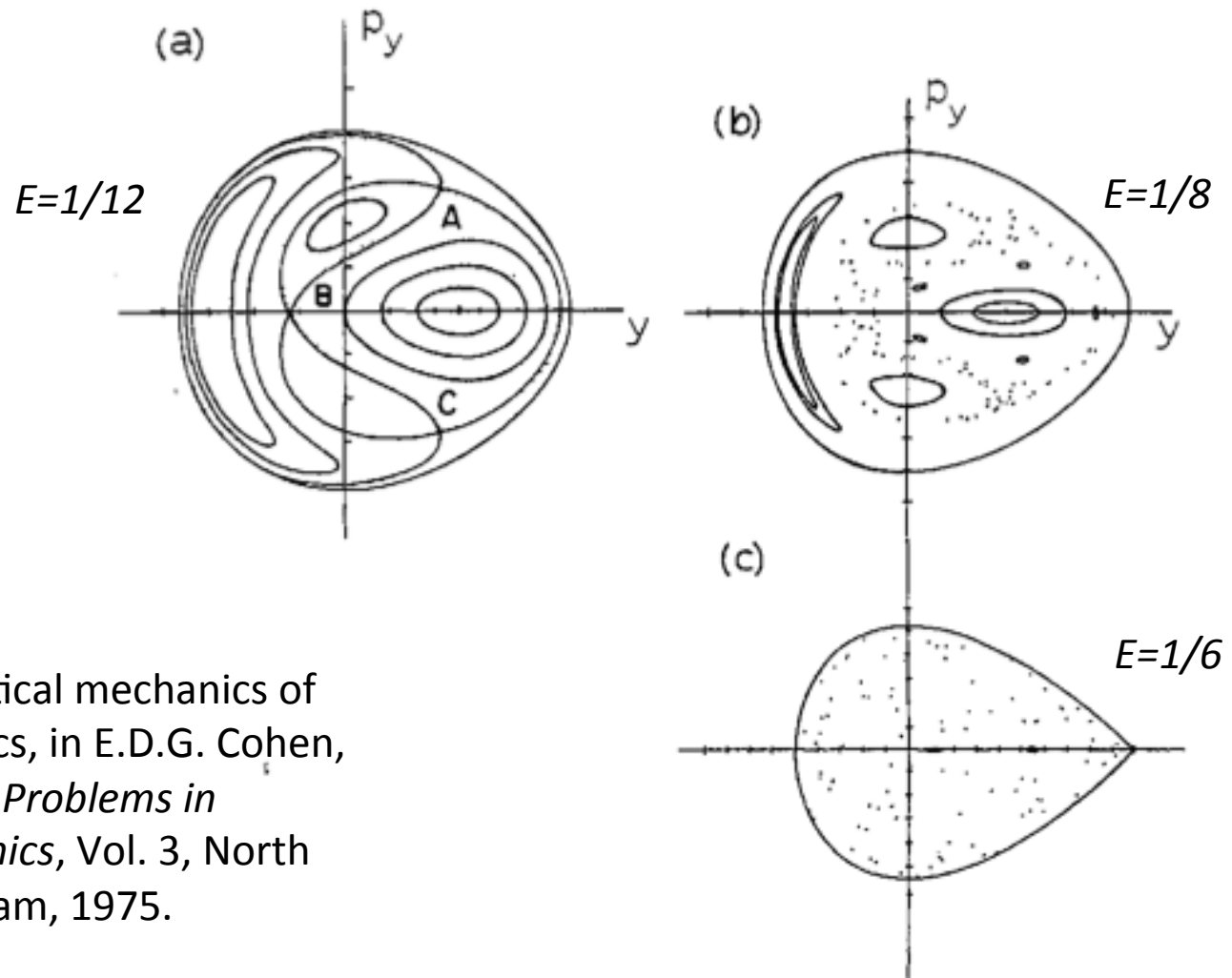
$$\dot{x} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_x}$$
$$\dot{p}_x = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial x}$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{\partial H}{\partial p_y}$$
$$\dot{p}_y = -\frac{\partial H}{\partial y}$$

Poincaré sections for the Henon-Heiles system



Henri Poincaré



J. Ford, The statistical mechanics of analytical dynamics, in E.D.G. Cohen, Ed., *Fundamental Problems in Statistical Mechanics*, Vol. 3, North Holland, Amsterdam, 1975.

You Tube

- <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rEoUMKxbuvA>

Another example: spin coupled to a harmonic oscillator (Dicke model)

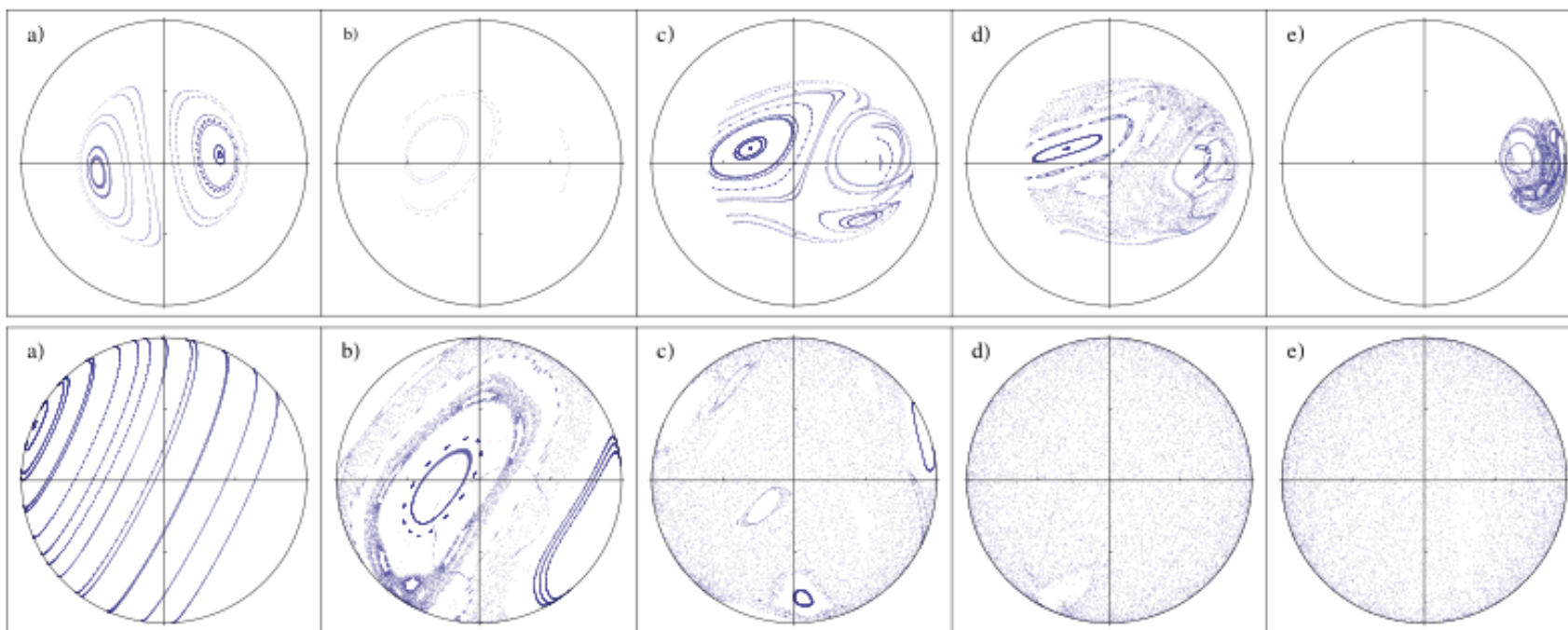
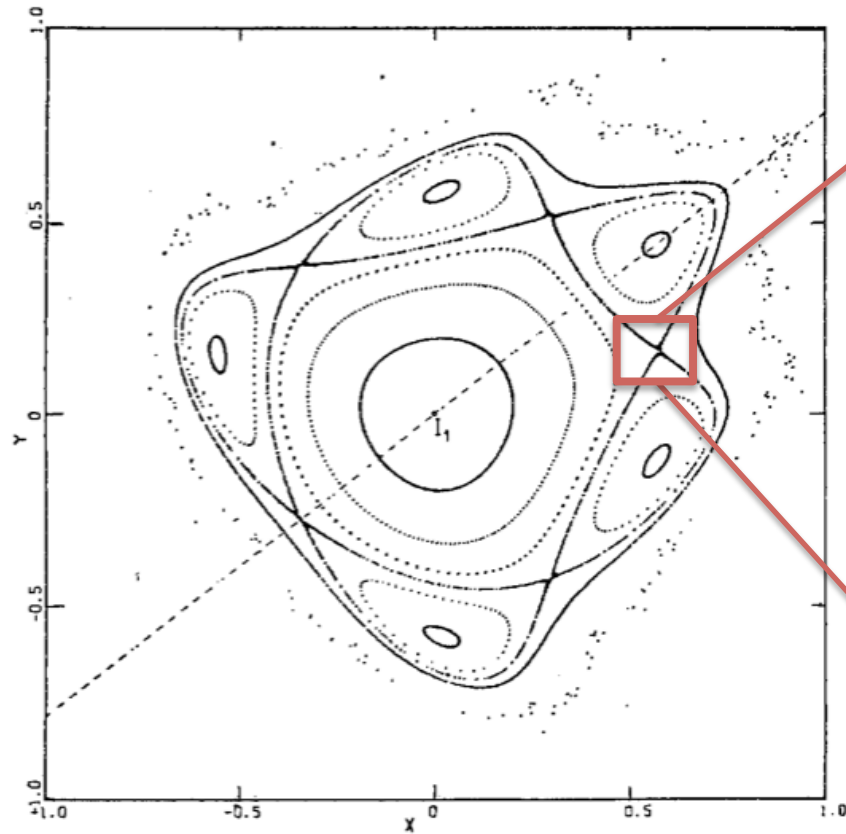


FIG. 1 (color online). Poincaré sections generated by monitoring the projection (l_x, l_y) of l in the southern hemisphere at fixed values of the phase ψ . For each parameter value, g/g_c , nine trajectories of different on-shell initial conditions are sampled. Upper row: Energy $\Delta\epsilon \simeq 0.2|\epsilon_0|$ above the ground state and values g/g_c (a) 0.2, (b) 0.7, (c) 0.9, (d) 1.01, (e) 1.5. Lower row: Energy $\Delta\epsilon \simeq 20|\epsilon_0|$.

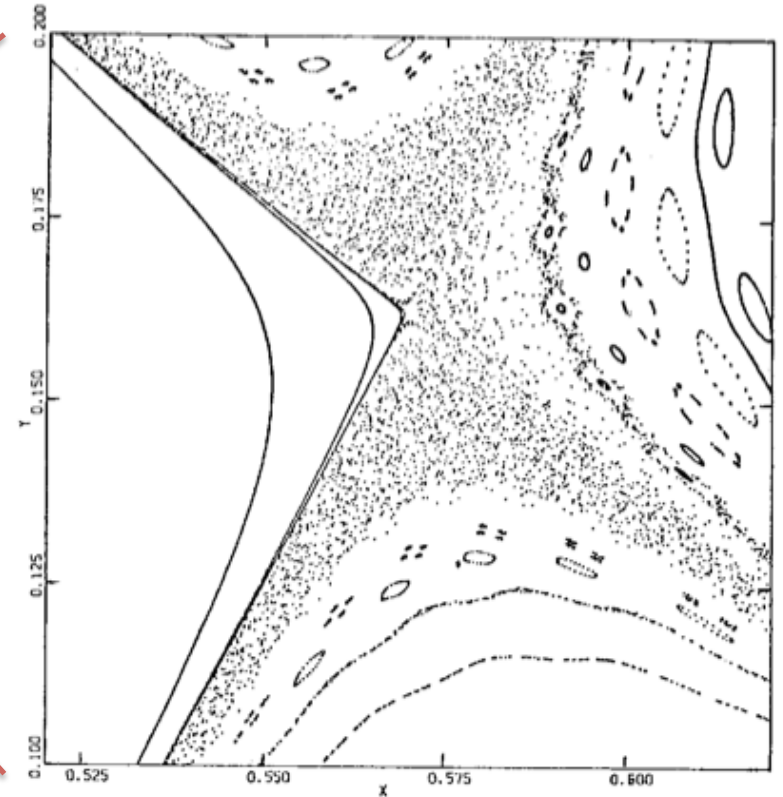
$$\hat{H} = \hbar \left\{ \omega_0 \hat{J}_z + \omega \hat{a}^\dagger \hat{a} + g \sqrt{\frac{2}{j}} (\hat{a} + \hat{a}^\dagger) \hat{J}_x \right\} \quad \text{Spin } j \text{ coupled to a harmonic oscillator}$$

Altland and Haake, Phys. Rev. Lett. **108**, 073601 (2012).

Henon map (1969)



$\alpha=0.2114$



Zoom-in around right-hand-most hyperbolic point

$$T_1: \begin{aligned} x_{i+1/2} &= x_i \\ y_{i+1/2} &= y_i - x_i^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$T_2: \begin{aligned} x_{i+1} &= x_{i+1/2} \cos \alpha - y_{i+1/2} \sin \alpha \\ y_{i+1} &= x_{i+1/2} \sin \alpha + y_{i+1/2} \cos \alpha \end{aligned}$$

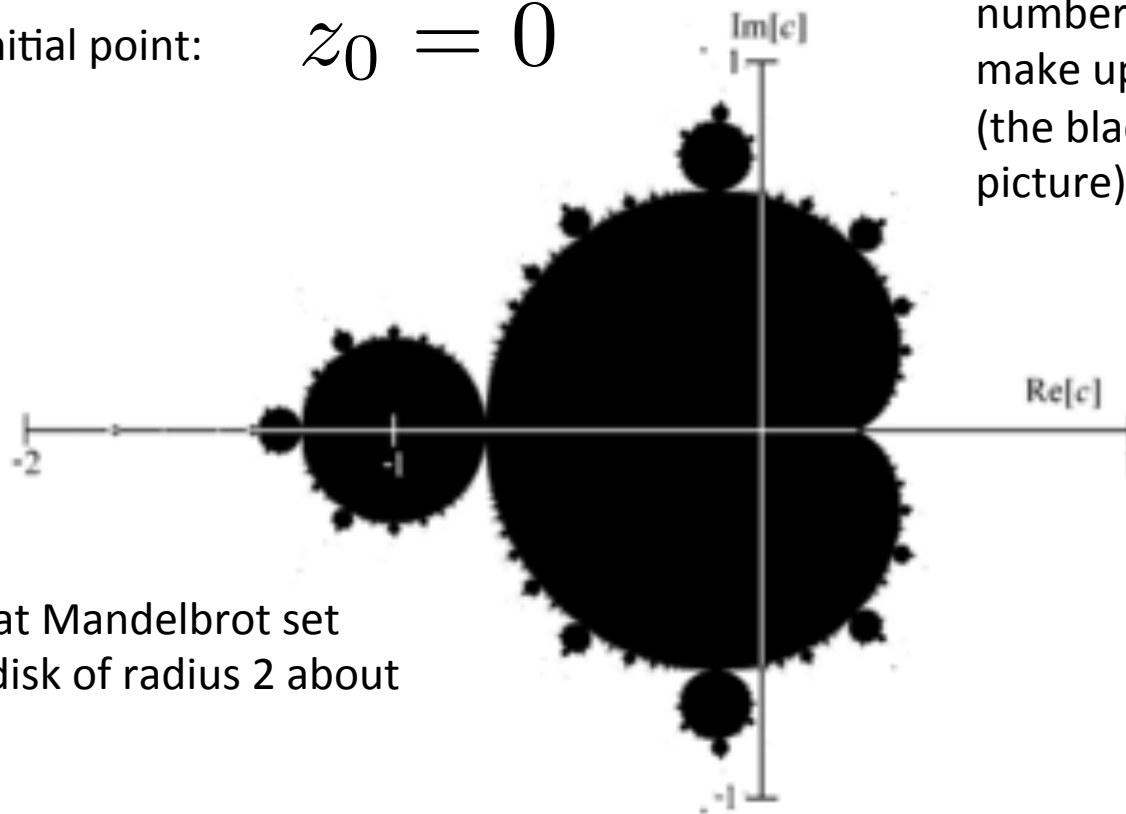
$$T = T_1 T_2$$

Mandelbrot set (two dimensional fractal shape)

Map in complex plane: $z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$

Starts from initial point: $z_0 = 0$

The complex numbers C for which $|z_n|$ remains a finite number as n tends to infinity make up the Mandelbrot set (the black points in the picture).

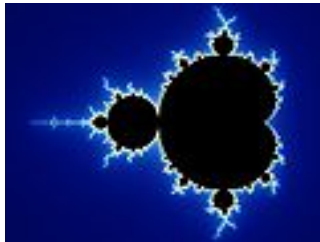


Can prove that Mandelbrot set lies within a disk of radius 2 about the origin.

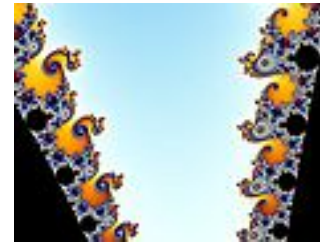
Example 1: $C=1$ gives:
 $0, 1, 2, 5, 26, \dots$ tends to infinity

Example 2: $C=i$ gives:
 $0, i, -1+i, -2i, -i, -1+i, \dots$ remains bounded

Self-similarity



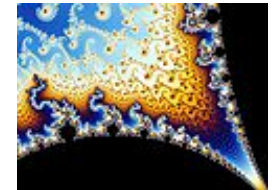
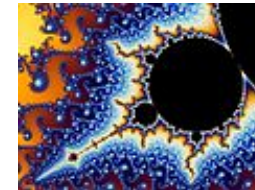
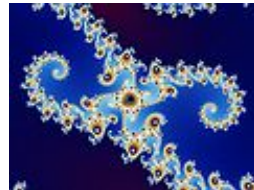
Gap between head and body called the "seahorse valley"



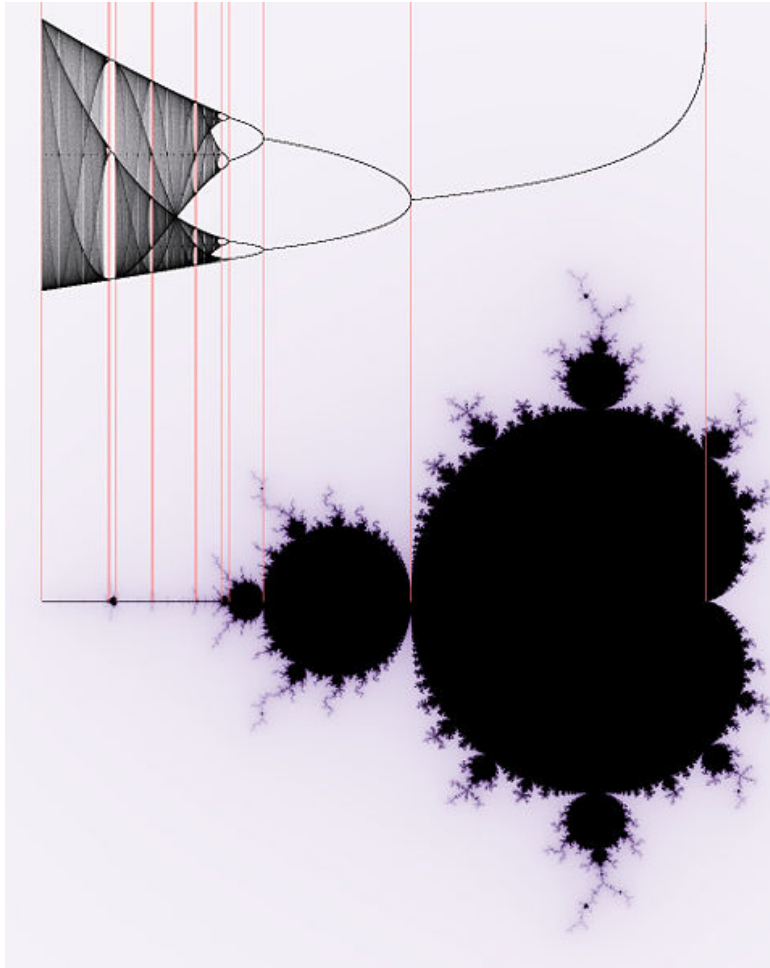
Double spiral on the left, seahorses on the right.



An upside down seahorse



The logistic map



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

where $f(x) = 4\lambda x(1 - x)$

Mandelbrot: $z_{n+1} = z_n^2 + c$

There is a correspondence between the two maps along the real line if we put:

$$c = \frac{\lambda}{2} \left(1 - \frac{\lambda}{2}\right)$$

Motivation for the logistic map

Biological model for population growth:

$$x_{n+1} = rx_n - sx_n^2$$

r : rate constant quantifying ability of population to reproduce

s : parameter quantifying the effect of over crowding

Cf. logistic differential equation: $\dot{x} = kx - \sigma x^2$

which has solution: $x(t) = \frac{kx_0}{\sigma x_0 + (k - \sigma x_0) \exp(-kt)}$ for $x_0 > 0$

Logistic map: $x_{n+1} = 4\lambda x_n - 4\lambda x_n^2$

How the logistic map works

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

$$f(x) = 4\lambda x(1 - x)$$

Fixed points:

$$x^* = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x^* = 1 - (4\lambda)^{-1}$$

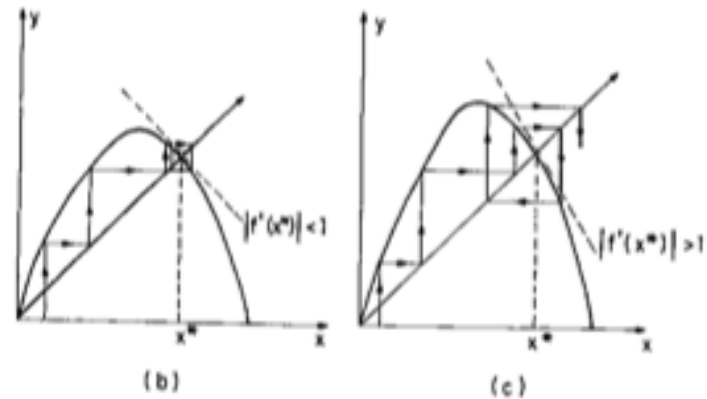
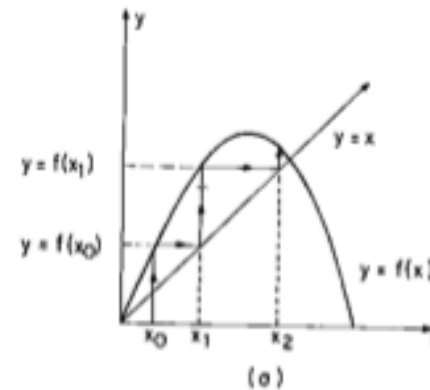
i.e. solutions of $x^* = 4\lambda x^*(1 - x^*)$

Stability of fixed points:

consider $x_n = x^* + \epsilon_n$

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= f(x^* + \epsilon_n) \approx f(x^*) + \epsilon_n f'(x^*) \\ &= x^* + \epsilon_n f'(x^*) \end{aligned}$$

but $x_{n+1} = x^* + \epsilon_{n+1}$ so $\frac{\epsilon_{n+1}}{\epsilon_n} = f'(x^*) \implies$ converges if $|f'(x^*)| < 1$



Period doubling

For $\lambda < 1/4$ all iterates converge to $x^* = 0$.

For $1/4 < \lambda < 3/4$ all iterates converge to $x^* = 1 - 1/4\lambda$.

For $\lambda > 3/4$ the latter fixed point becomes unstable (at $\lambda = 3/4$ $f'(x^*) = -1$). Actually, it bifurcates into two stable fixed points. These are fixed points of

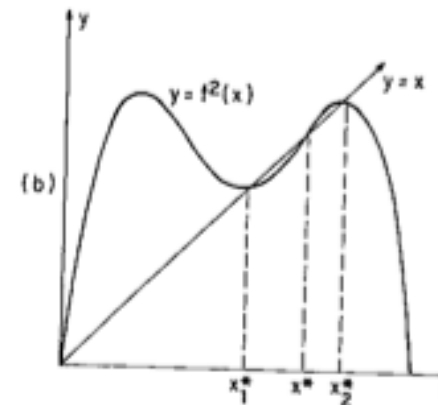
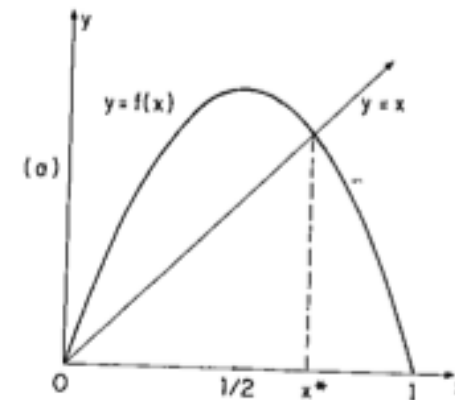
$$f^2 = f(f(x))$$

For $\lambda > 3/4$, x_1^* and x_2^* are the fixed points of f^2 . They are not fixed points of f , but are mapped into each other under f , forming a 2-cycle:

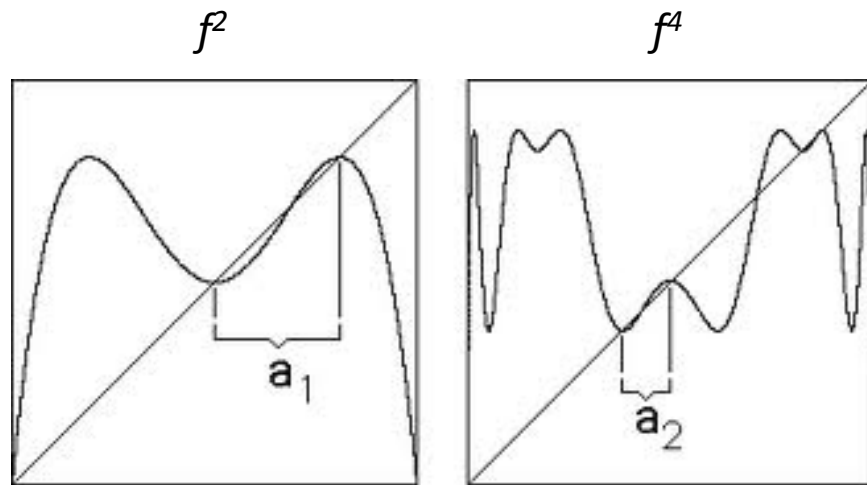
$$x_1^* = f(x_2^*) \quad \text{and} \quad x_2^* = f(x_1^*)$$

An initial point eventually settles into the sequence:

$$x_1^*, x_2^*, x_1^*, x_2^*, x_1^*, x_2^*, \dots$$



4-cycle



Stability of n-cycles

Consider f^2 : define $x_2 = f^2(x_0) = f(x_1)$ where $x_1 = f(x_0)$

Chain rule:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} f^2(x) \right|_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(x_1) \right|_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx_1} f(x_1) \frac{dx_1}{dx} \right|_{x=x_0} = \left. \frac{d}{dx_1} f(x_1) \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right|_{x=x_0}$$

Can easily generalize to:

$$\left. \frac{d}{dx} f^n(x) \right|_{x=x_0} = f'(x_0) f'(x_1) f'(x_2) \dots f'(x_{n-1})$$

If $|\lambda| < \frac{3}{4}$ then for the fixed point $x^* = x_0$, clearly $x_2 = x_1 = x^*$ and hence $f^{2'}(x^*) = f'(x^*) f'(x^*) = (f'(x^*))^2$.
Thus if $|f'(x)| < 1$ then $|f^{2'}(x)| < 1$. So if x^* is a stable point of f , it is also a stable point of f^2 .

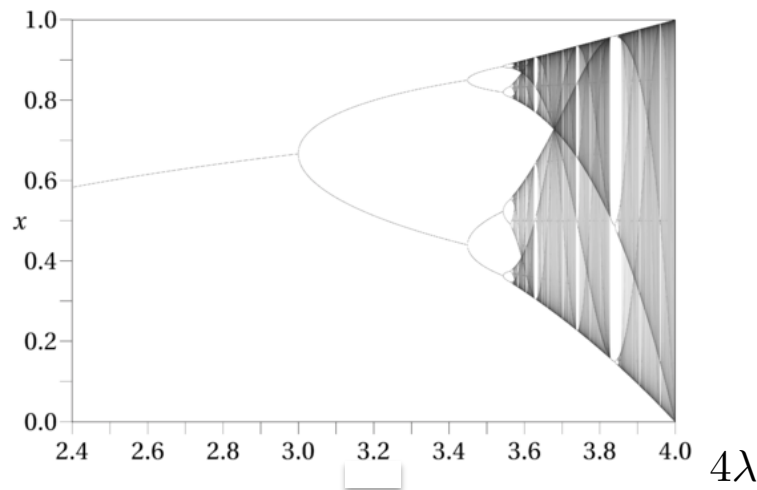
If $|\lambda| > \frac{3}{4}$ then $x_1^* = f(x_2^*)$ and $x_2^* = f(x_1^*)$ and neither of these points are fixed points of f .
However, the slope of f^2 at x_1^* and x_2^* are the same, i.e.

$$f^{2'}(x_2^*) = f'(x_1^*) f'(x_2^*) \quad \text{and} \quad f^{2'}(x_1^*) = f'(x_2^*) f'(x_1^*)$$

Thus, x_1^* and x_2^* are simultaneously stable for $|\lambda| > \frac{3}{4}$ and become simultaneously unstable at some larger value of $|\lambda|$.

Period doubling bifurcations of the logistic map

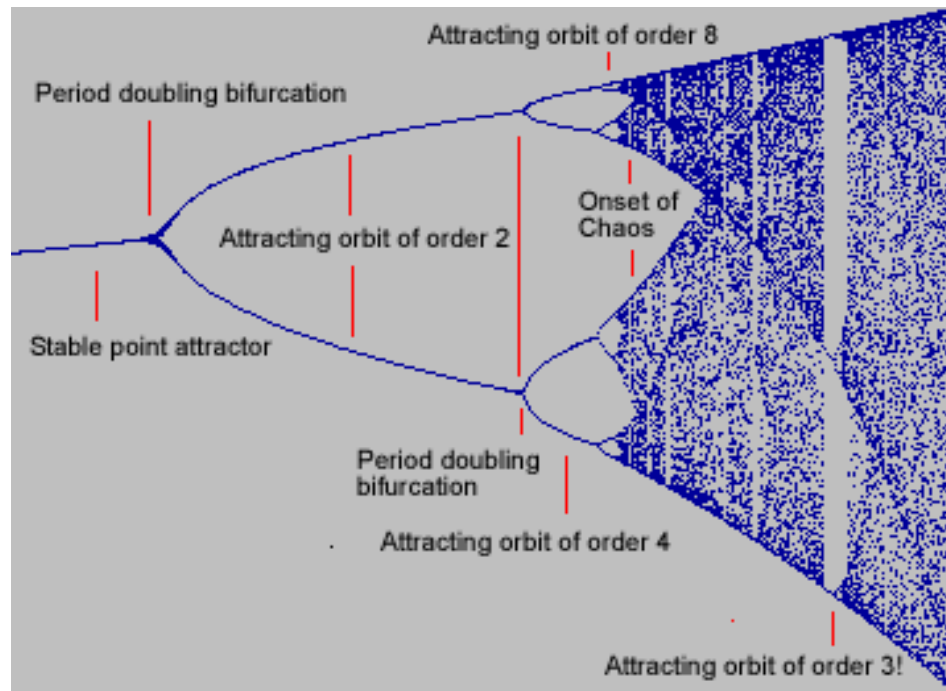
- For small λ all iterates (providing $x_0 \neq 0$) converge onto a single limit point. The behaviour persists until $\lambda > 0.75$.
- For larger λ the single limit point bifurcates into a pair of fixed points (period-2 limit cycle).
- Increasing λ further the period-2 limit cycle bifurcates into a period-4 cycle, which subsequently bifurcates into a period-8 cycle, and so on.
- The λ values at which the bifurcations occur ($\lambda_1, \lambda_2, \dots$) become ever closer and converge geometrically to a critical value λ_∞ (about 0.892) where the orbit becomes aperiodic (has infinite period).
- Beyond λ_∞ both chaotic orbits and odd period limit cycles occur.
- At $\lambda=1$ the motion is formally ergodic on the unit interval (0,1); beyond $\lambda=1$ all orbits escape to infinity.



$$x_{n+1} = 4\lambda x_n (1 - x_n)$$

$$0 < x < 1$$

“Period 3 implies chaos”★



The appearance of odd-period cycles seems to be intimately connected to the appearance of chaos.

★ Li and Yorke, *Period three implies chaos*, Am. Math. Monthly **82**, 985 (1975).

Feigenbaum number

In 1978 Feigenbaum noticed a geometric convergence of the period doubling sequence:

$$\lambda_{\infty} - \lambda_n \propto \frac{1}{\delta^n}$$

e.g. can define

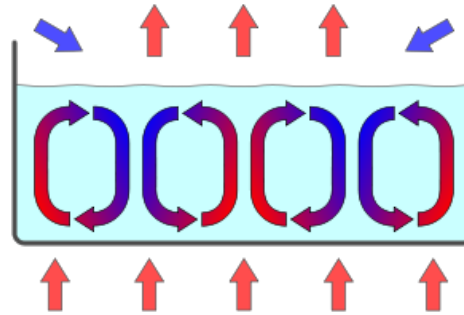
$$\delta_n = \frac{\lambda_{n+1} - \lambda_n}{\lambda_{n+2} - \lambda_{n+1}}$$

As n tend to infinity

$$\delta \rightarrow 4.6692016$$

Remarkably, other nonlinear maps (Henon map, Lorenz model, small mode truncations of the Navier-Stokes equations) have this same convergence rate. Thus, δ is a universal number, at least for a certain class of map.

Rayleigh-Benard convection



Rayleigh-Benard convection for mercury in a magnetic field shows at least four period doublings with a universal scaling that agrees with Feigenbaum's number to within 5% (Libchaber et al, *Two Parameter study of routes to chaos*, *Physica* **7D**, 69 (1983)).