

Introduction to Nonlinear Dynamics

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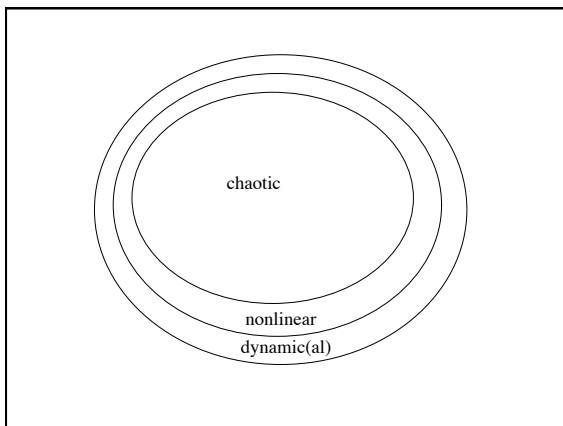
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- sensitive dependence on initial conditions
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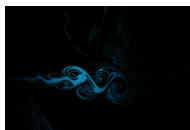
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Systems that exhibit chaos are ubiquitous; many of them are also simple, well-known, and "well-understood"

Where nonlinear dynamics turns up

- Flows (of fluids, heat, ...)
- Eddy in creek
- Weather
- Vortices around marine invertebrates
- Air/fuel flow in combustion chambers



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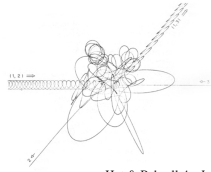
- Driven nonlinear oscillators
- Pendula
- Hearts
- Fireflies



- and lots of other electronic, chemical, & biological systems

Where nonlinear dynamics turns up

- Classical mechanics
 - three-body problem
 - paired black holes
 - pulsar emission
 -



Hut & Bahcall *Ap J*, 268:319

- Protein folding
- Population biology
- And many, many other fields (including yours)

- continuous time systems:
 - time proceeds smoothly
 - “flows”
 - modeling tool: differential equations
- discrete time systems:
 - time proceeds in clicks
 - “maps”
 - modeling tool: difference equation



A useful graphical solution technique

- “cobweb” diagram
- aka return map
- aka correlation plot

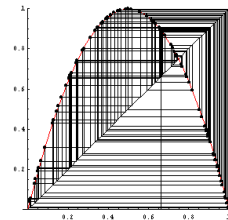


Image from Doug Ravenel's website at URochester

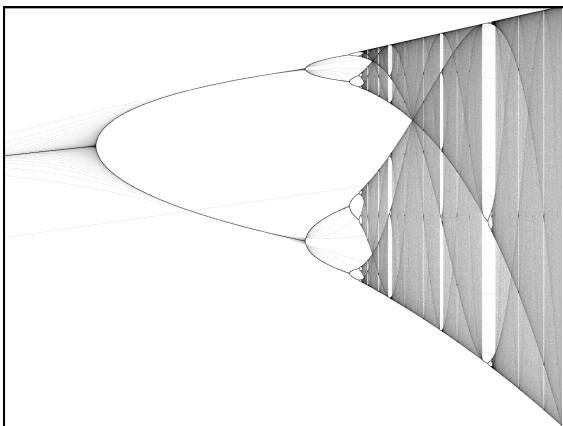
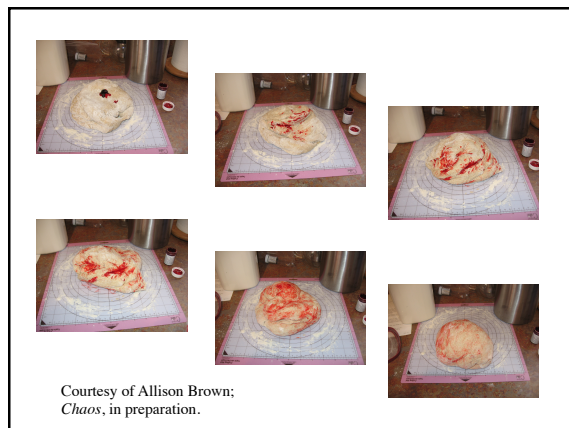
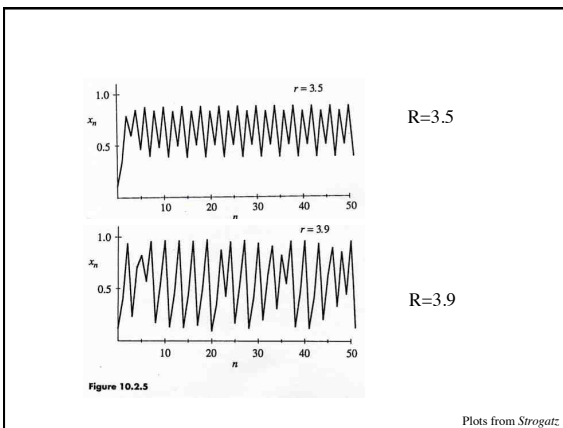
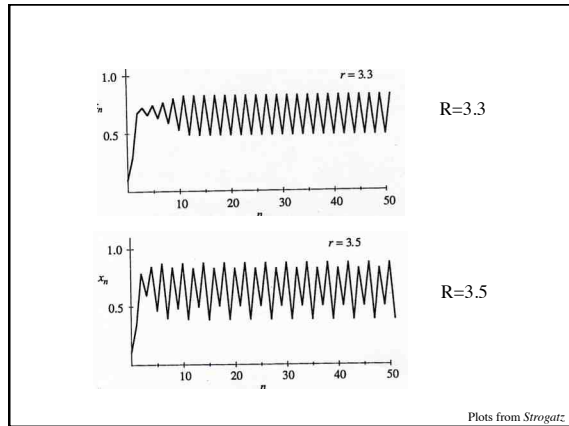
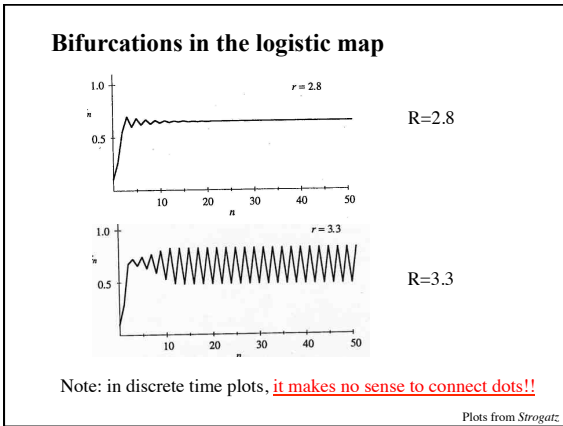
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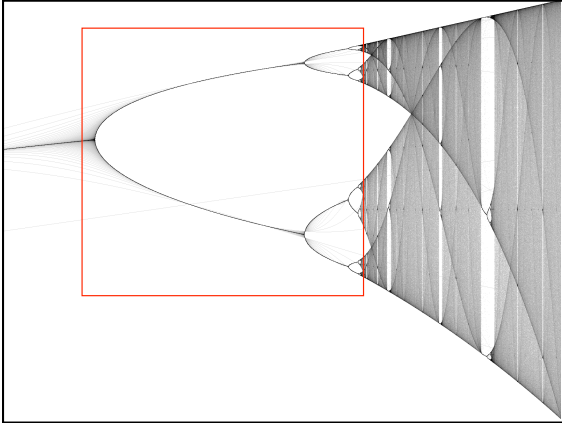
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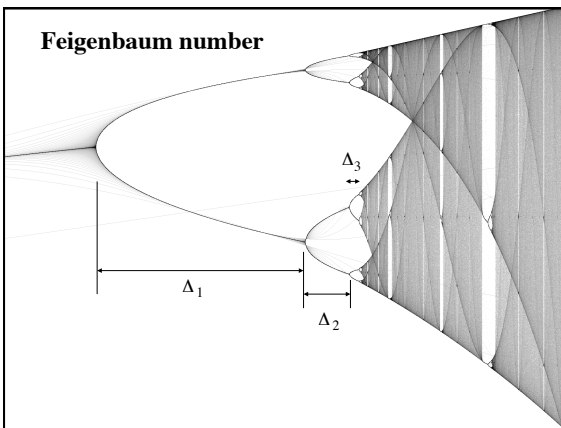
- Heart: pathology
- Eddy in creek: water level
- Olfactory bulb: smell
- Brain: blood chemicals
- etc. etc.



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- *period-doubling cascade @ low R*

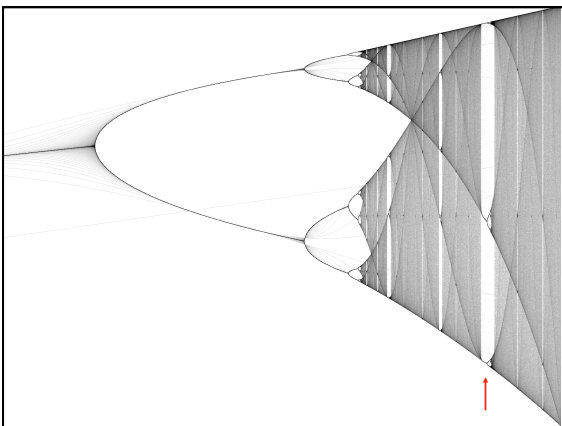


Universality!

Feigenbaum number and many other interesting chaotic/dynamical properties hold for any 1D map with a quadratic maximum.

Proof: renormalizations. See Strogatz §10.7

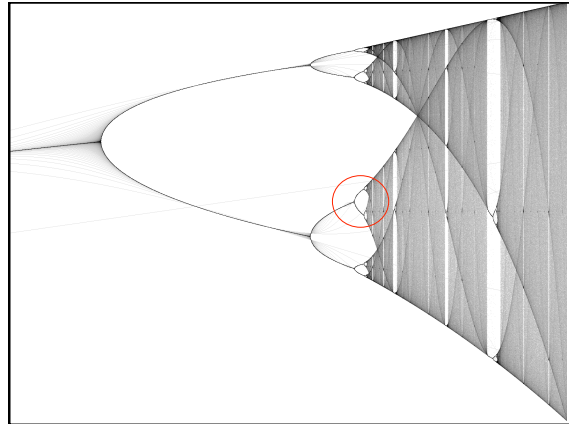
Don't take this too far, though...



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- *windows of order within the chaos, complete with their own period-doubling cascades (e.g., 3 to 6 to 12)*

A bit more lore on periods and chaos

- Sarkovskii (1964)
3, 5, 7, ... 3×2 , 5×2 , ... 3×2^2 , 5×2^2 , ... 2^2 , 2, 1
- Yorke (1975)
- Metropolis *et al.* (1973)



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- *small copies of object embedded in it (fractal)*

Fractals

- non-integer Hausdorff dimension
- self-similar

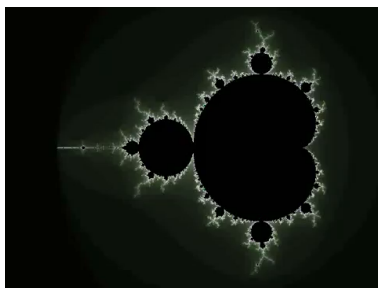


Images from Gleick



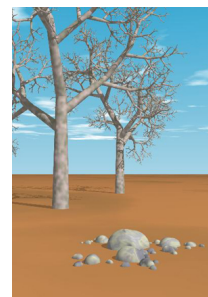
Examples: Cantor set, coastlines, trees, lungs, clouds, drainage basins, ...

The Mandelbrot set



www.youtube.com/watch?v=G_GBwuYu00s

Fractals in computer graphics



Matthew Ward, WPI
davis.wpi.edu/~matt/courses/fractals/trees.html

Fractals in maps

Newton's method
on $x^4 - 1 = 0$



From Strogatz

Fractals and chaos...

The connection: *many (most)* chaotic systems have fractal state-space structure.

But **not** "all."

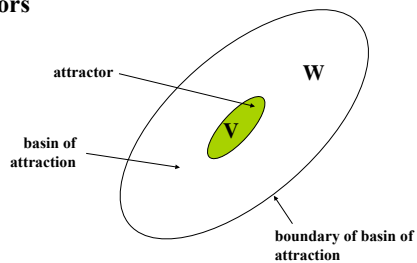
So far: mostly about *maps*.

- discrete time systems:
 - time proceeds in clicks
 - "maps"
 - modeling tool: difference equation

Next up: *flows*

- continuous time systems:
 - time proceeds smoothly
 - "flows"
 - modeling tool: differential equations

Attractors



- Attractors exist only in dissipative systems!
- Dissipation \iff contraction of state space under the influence of the dynamics
- Can still have chaos if no dissipation...just not chaotic *attractors*

Conditions for chaos in continuous-time systems

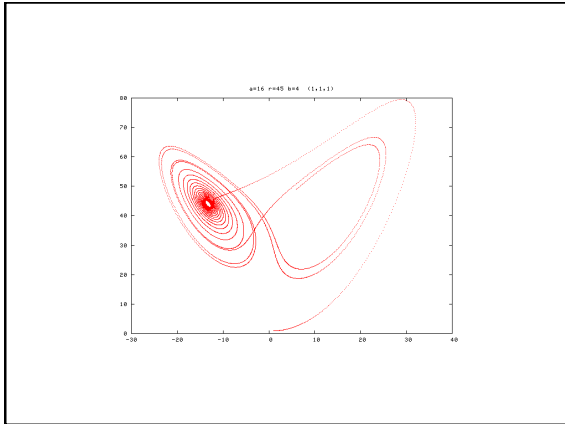
Necessary:

- Nonlinear
- At least three state-space dimensions (NB: only one needed in maps)

Necessary and sufficient:

- "Nonintegrable"
i.e., cannot be solved in closed form

- Concepts: review**
- State variable
 - State space
 - Initial condition
 - Trajectory
 - Attractor
 - Basin of attraction
 - Transient
 - Fixed point (un/stable)
 - Bifurcation
 - Parameter



A Lorenz applet:

www.exploratorium.edu/complexity/java/lorenz.html

(Note: by Jim Crutchfield, who will be here next week)

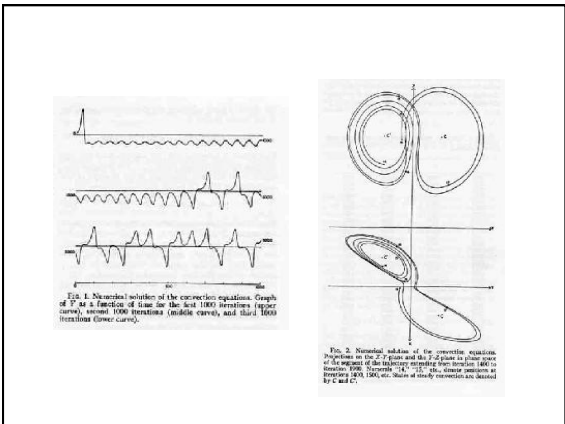
Deterministic Nonperiodic Flow¹

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Massachusetts Institute of Technology
(Manuscript received 18 November 1962, in revised form 7 January 1963)

ABSTRACT

Finite systems of deterministic ordinary nonlinear differential equations may be designed to represent forced dissipative hydrodynamic flow. Solutions of these equations can be identified with trajectories in phase space. For those systems with bounded solutions, it is found that nonperiodic solutions are ordinarily unstable with respect to small modifications, so that slightly differing initial states can evolve into considerably different states. Systems with bounded solutions are shown to possess bounded numerical solutions. A simple system representing cellular convection is solved numerically. All of the solutions are found to be unstable, and almost all of them are nonperiodic. The feasibility of very-long-range weather prediction is examined in the light of these results.

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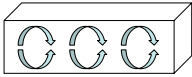
• Equations:

$$x' = a(y-x)$$


$$y' = rx - y - xz$$

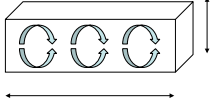
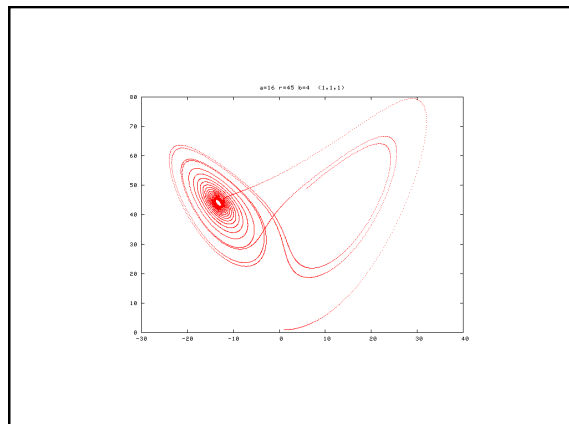
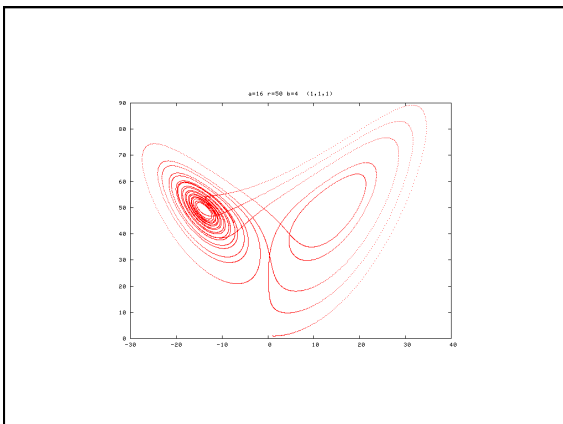
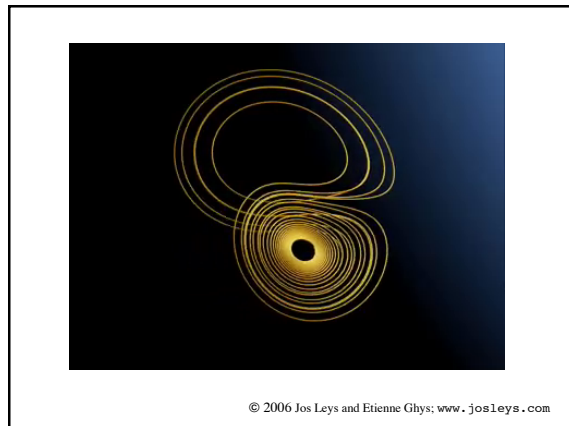
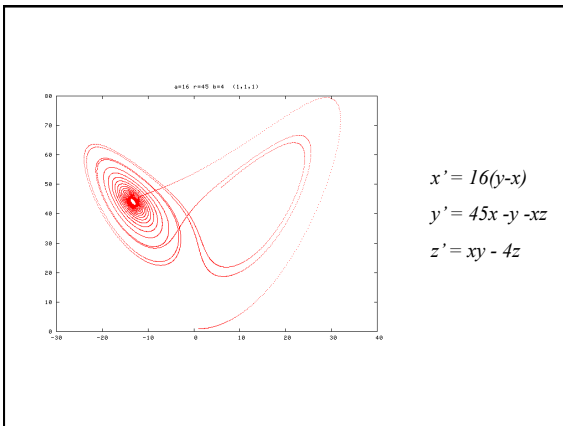
$$z' = xy - bz$$

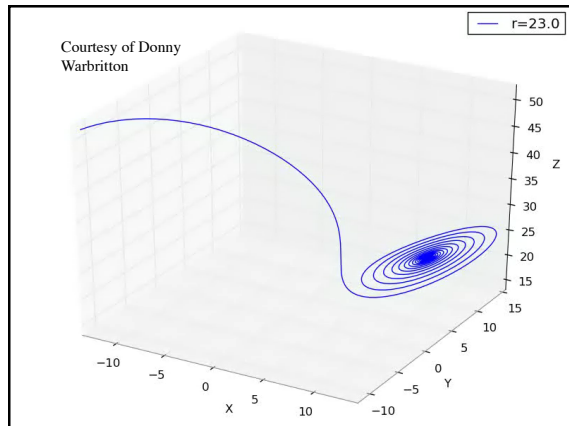
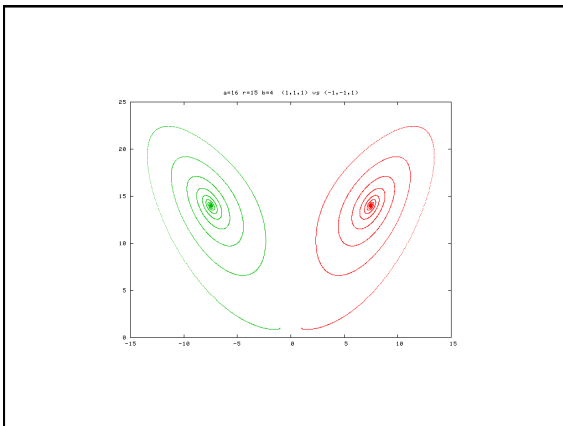
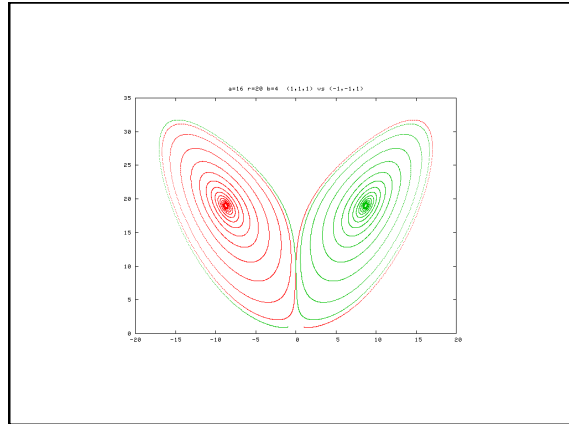
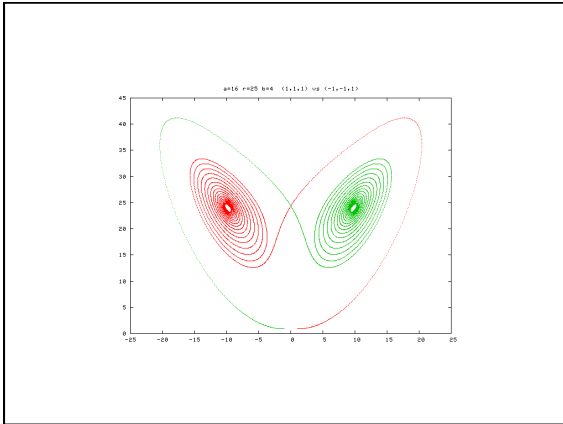
(first three terms of a Fourier expansion of the Navier-Stokes eqns)



- State variables:
 - x convective intensity
 - y temperature
 - z deviation from linearity in the vertical convection profile

- Parameters:
 - a Prandtl number - fluids property
 - r Rayleigh number - related to ΔT 
 - b aspect ratio of the fluid sheet



Attractors

Four types:

- fixed points
- limit cycles (*aka* periodic orbits)
- quasiperiodic orbits
- chaotic attractors

A nonlinear system can have any number of attractors, of all types, sprinkled around its state space

Their basins of attraction (plus the basin boundaries) *partition* the state space

And there's no way, *a priori*, to know where they are, how many there are, what types, etc.

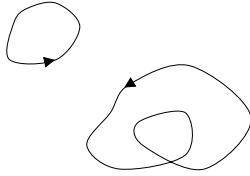
Attractors

- Fixed point

A contour plot showing a single basin of attraction for a single-well potential. The plot is titled "a16 r=05 h=4 (1,1,1) vs (-1,-1,1)". The x-axis ranges from -14 to 8 and the y-axis from 0 to 25.

Attractors

- Limit cycle

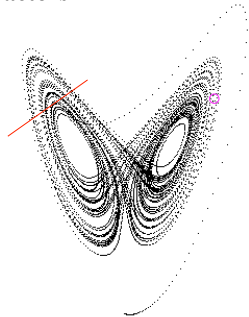


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- Quasi-periodic orbit...

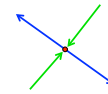
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- covered densely by trajectories
- exponential divergence of neighboring trajectories...



Lyapunov exponents

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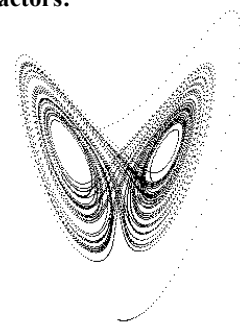


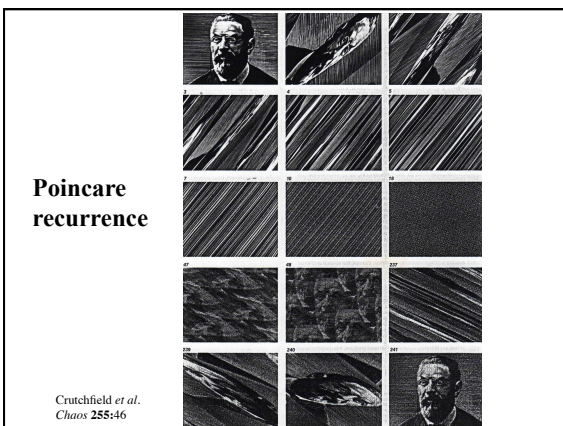
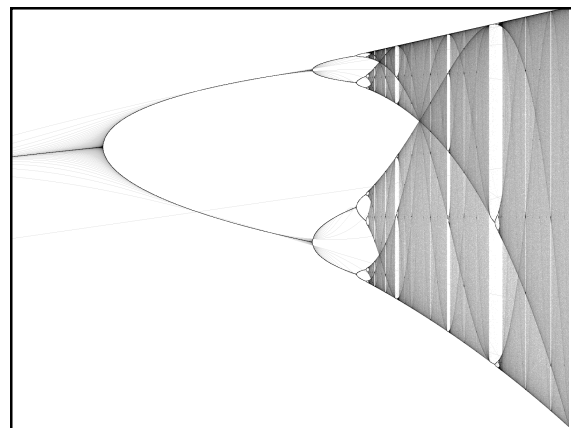
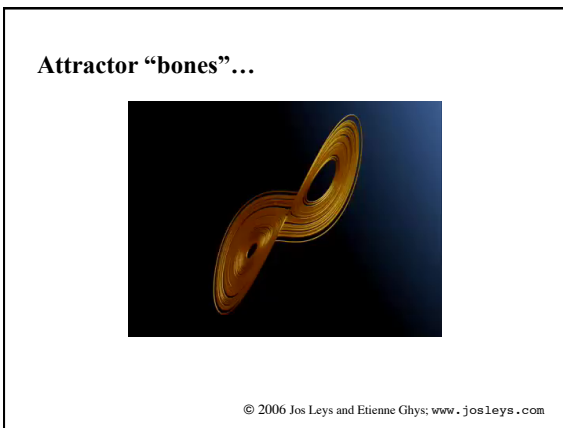
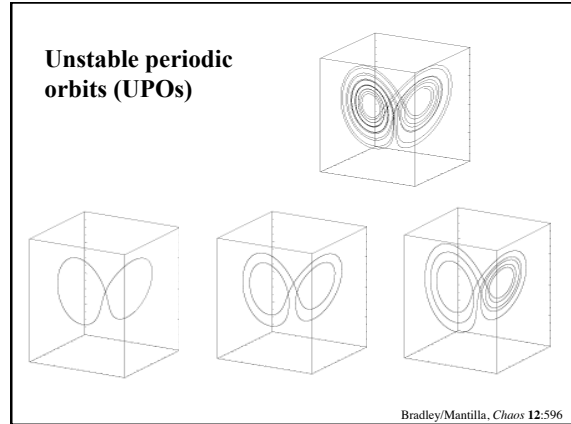
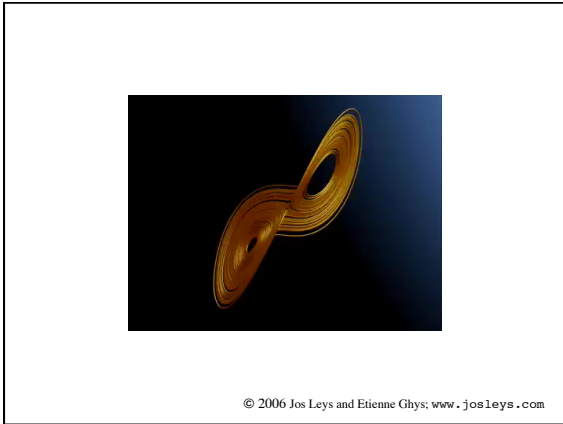
Lyapunov exponents: summary

- nonlinear analogs of eigenvalues: one λ for each dimension
- negative λ_i compress state space; positive λ_i stretch it
- $\sum \lambda_i < 0$ for dissipative systems
- long-term average in definition; biggest one dominates as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- *positive λ is a signature of chaos*
- λ_i are same for all ICs in one basin

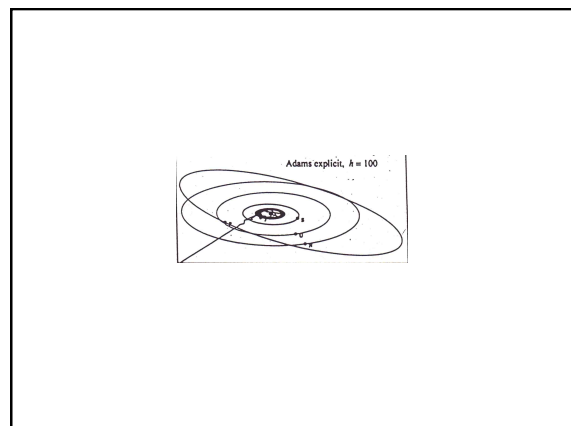
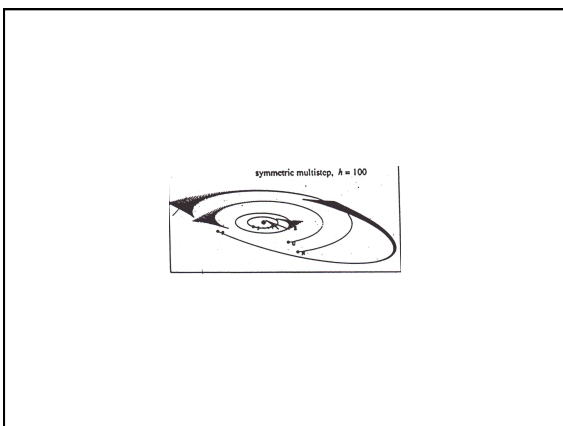
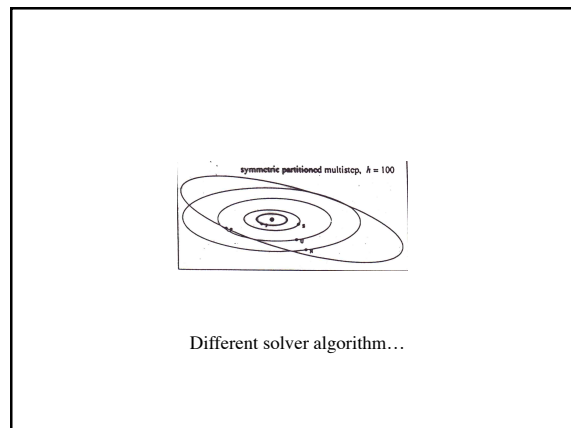
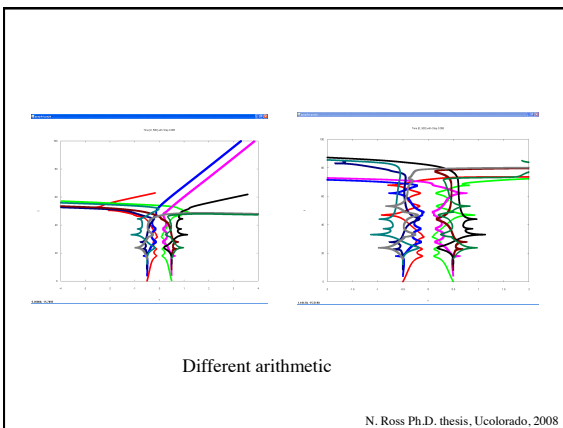
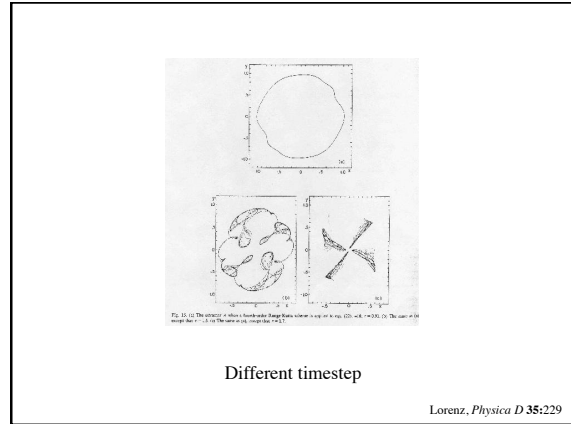
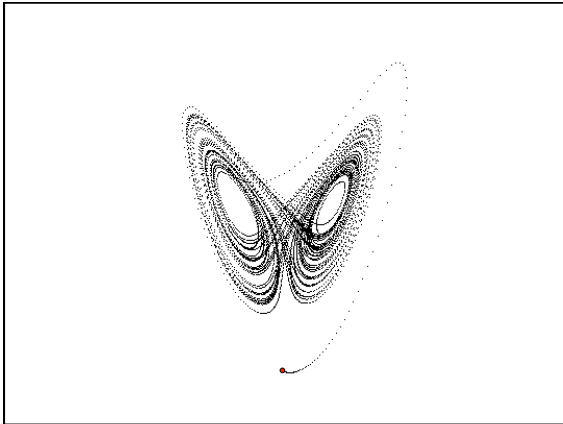
“Strange” or chaotic attractors:

- exponential divergence of neighboring trajectories
- *often* fractal
- covered densely by trajectories
- contain an infinite number of “unstable periodic orbits”...





- The rest of today...**
- Lunch (cafeteria downstairs)
 - Dynamics Lab I: (here)
 - Meet here at 1:30pm
 - Bring your laptop, if you have one here
 - Lab handouts on the CSSS wiki
 - 3pm — Intro to student projects (here)
 - 4:15pm — Start thinking & talking about those projects!



Moral: numerical methods can run amok in “interesting” ways...

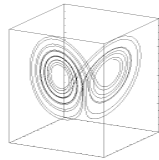
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 - *change the timestep*
 - *change the method*
 - *change the arithmetic*

So ODE solvers make mistakes.

...and chaotic systems are sensitively dependent on initial conditions....



...??!

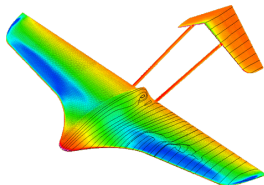
Shadowing lemma

Every* noise-added trajectory on a chaotic attractor is *shadowed* by a true trajectory.

Important: this is for *state* noise, not *parameter* noise.

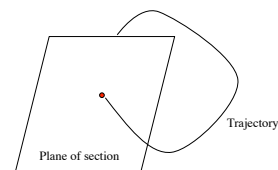
(*) Caveat: not if the noise bumps the trajectory out of the basin

Solving PDEs

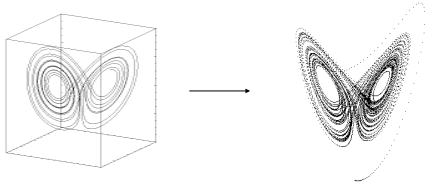


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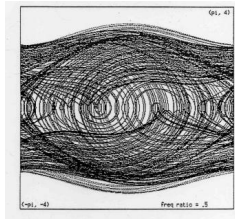
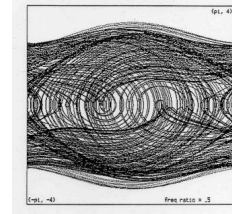
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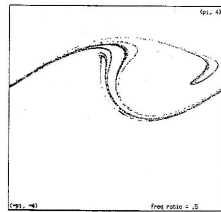
Not the same thing as a projection!



The driven damped pendulum

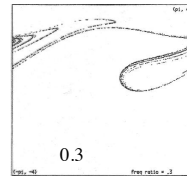


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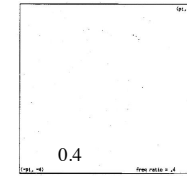


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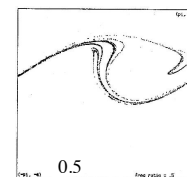
What bifurcations look like on a Poincaré section



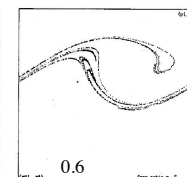
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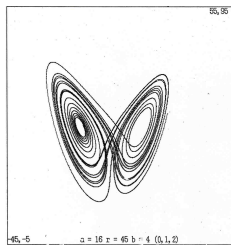


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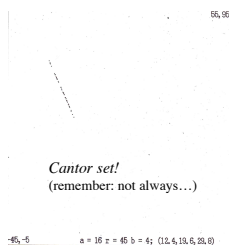


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The Lorenz attractor



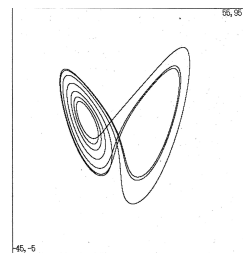
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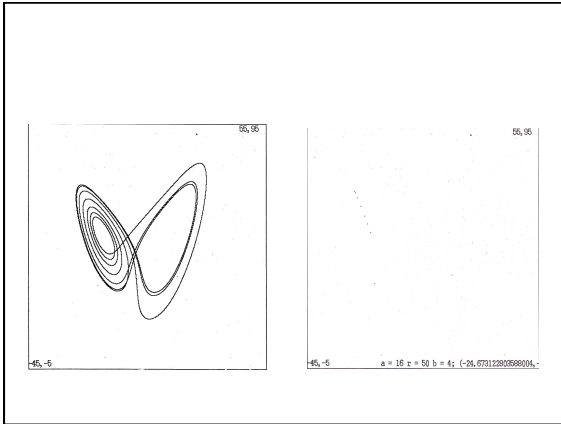
Cantor set!
(remember: not always...)

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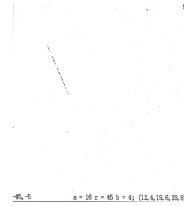
What about a section of a UPO?



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Aside: finding UPOs



- Section
- Look for close returns
- Cluster
- Average
- See Gunaratne, So papers

Computing sections

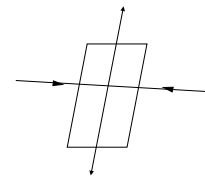
- If you're slicing in state space: use the "inside-outside" function
- If you're slicing in *time*: use modulo on the timestamp

Time-slice sections of periodic orbits: some thought experiments

- pendulum rotating @ 1 Hz and strobe @ 1 Hz?
- pendulum rotating @ 1 Hz and strobe @ 2 Hz?
- pendulum rotating @ 1 Hz and strobe @ 3 Hz?
- pendulum rotating @ 1 Hz and strobe @ 1/2 Hz?
- pendulum rotating @ 1 Hz and strobe @ π Hz? (or some other irrational)

Stability, λ , and the un/stable manifolds

These λ & manifolds play a role in control of chaos...




Lyapunov exponents:

- one λ for each dimension; $\sum \lambda < 0$ for dissipative systems
- λ are same for all ICs in one basin
- negative λ compress state space along *stable manifolds*
- positive λ stretch it along *unstable manifolds*
- biggest one (λ_1) dominates as $t \rightarrow \infty$
- *positive λ_1 is a signature of chaos*
- calculating them:
 - From equations: eigenvalues of the variational matrix (see variational system notes on CSC15446 course webpage; see link from Liz's homepage.)
 - From data: various algorithms that are hideously sensitive to numerics, noise, data length, & algorithmic parameters...

Calculating λ (& other invariants) from data

- A good reference: Kantz & Schreiber, *Nonlinear Time Series Analysis* (Abarbanel's book is also very good)
- Associated software: TISEAN
www.mpiyks-dresden.mpg.de/~tisean



TISEAN
Nonlinear Time Series Analysis

Rainer Hegger
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- Unsupported

Generating time series

A few routines are provided to generate test data from simple equations. Since there are powerful packages (for ex. Helena Nusse and Jim Yorke) that can generate chaotic data, we have only included a minimal selection here.

Lyapunov exponents are an important means of quantification for unstable systems. They are however difficult to estimate from a time series. Unless low dimensional, high quality data is at hand, one should not attempt to calculate the full spectrum. Try to compute the maximal exponent first. The two implementations differ slightly. While `lyap_k` implements the formula by Kantz, `lyap_r` uses that by Rosenstein et al. which differs only in the definition of the neighbourhoods. We recommend to use the former version, `lyap_k`.

The estimation of Lyapunov exponents is also discussed in the [introduction](#) paper. A recent addition is a program to compute finite time exponents which are not invariant but contain additional information.

Maximal exponent `lyap_k`, `lyap_r`
 Lyapunov spectrum `lyap_spec`

Description of the program: `lyap_k`

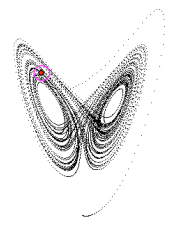
The program estimates the largest Lyapunov exponent of a given scalar data set using the algorithm of Kantz.

Usage:

`lyap_k` [Options]

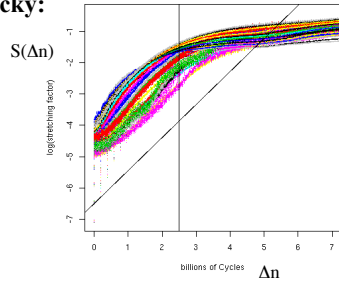
Everything not being a valid option will be interpreted as a potential datafile name. Given no datafile at all, means read stdin. Also - means stdin

Kantz's algorithm:



1. Choose point K
2. Look at the points around it
3. Measure how far they are from K
4. Average those distances
5. Watch how that average grows with time (Δn)
6. Take the log, normalize over time $\rightarrow S(\Delta n)$
7. Repeat for lots of points K and average the $S(\Delta n)$

If you're lucky:



The slope of the scaling region—iff one exists—is the λ_1

Calculating λ (& other invariants) from data

- *Be careful! TISEAN has lots of knobs and its results are incredibly sensitive to their values!*
- Use your dynamics knowledge to understand & use those knobs intelligently
- *Look at the plot; do not blindly fit a regression line to something that has no scaling region*

Option	Description	Default
-#	number of data to be used	whole file
-x#	number of lines to be ignored	0
-c#	column to be read	1
-M#	maximal embedding dimension to use	2
-m#	minimal embedding dimension to use	2
-d#	delay to use	1
-r#	minimal length scale to search neighbors (data interval)/1000	
-R#	maximal length scale to search neighbors (data interval)/100	
-#	number of length scales to use	5
-n#	number of reference points to use	all
-s#	number of iterations in time	50
-l#	'heiler window'	0
-o#	output file name	without file name: 'datafile'.lyap (or stdin.lyap if the data were read from stdin)
	verbosity level	
-V#	0: only panic messages 1: add input/output messages 2: add statistics for each iteration	3
-h	show these options	none

Description of the Output:

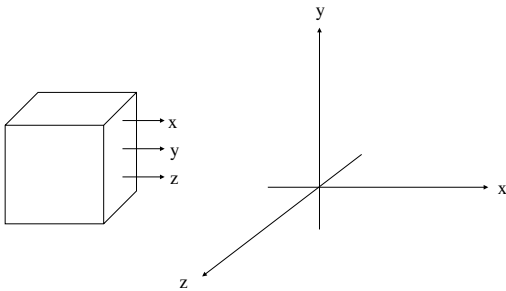
For each embedding dimension and each length scale the file contains a block of data consisting of 3 columns

1. The number of the iteration
2. The logarithm of the stretching factor (the slope is the Lyapunov exponent if it is a straight line)
3. The number of points for which a neighborhood with enough points was found

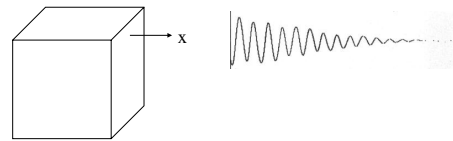
Fractal dimension:

- Capacity
- Box counting
- Correlation (d2 in TISEAN)
- Lots of others:
 - Kth nearest neighbor
 - Similarity
 - Information
 - Lyapunov
 - ...
- See Chapter 6 and §11.3 of Kantz & Schreiber

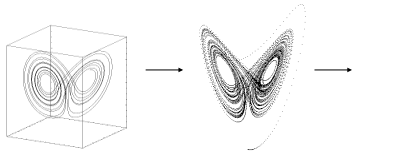
We've been assuming that we can measure all the state variables...



But often you can't.



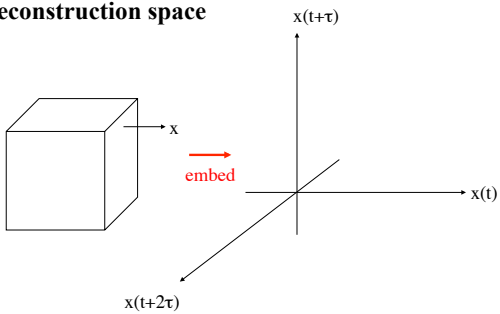
How to undo a projection?



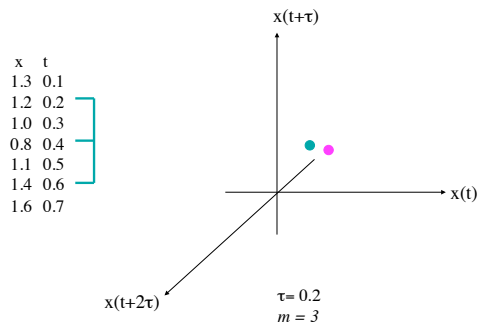
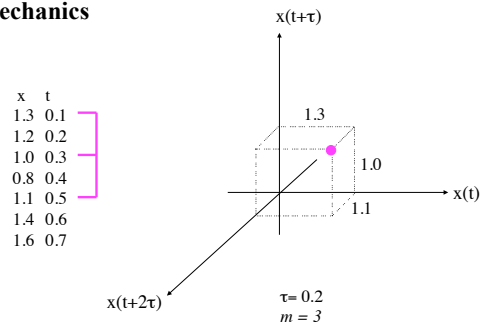
Delay-coordinate embedding

“reinflate” that squashed data to get a *topologically identical* copy of the original thing.

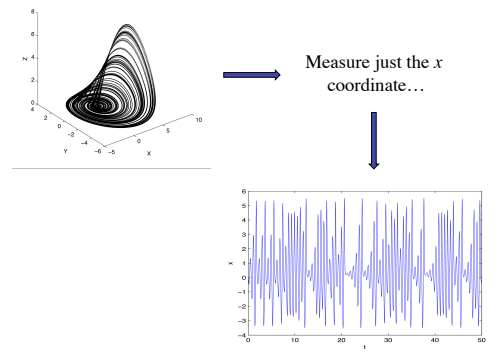
Reconstruction space

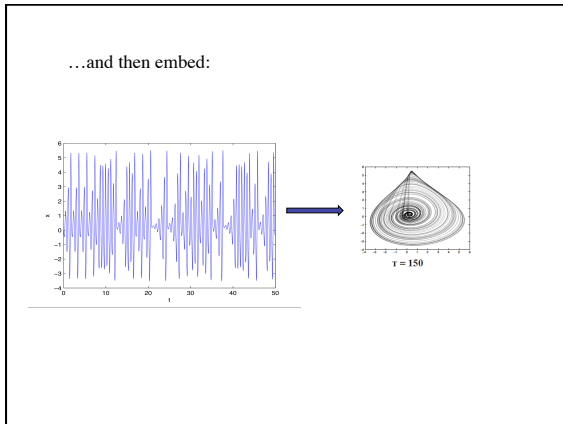


Mechanics



TISEAN's `delay` command does this





Takens* theorem

For the **right τ** and **enough dimensions**, the embedded dynamics are diffeomorphic to (have same topology as) the original state-space dynamics.

* Whitney, Mane, ...

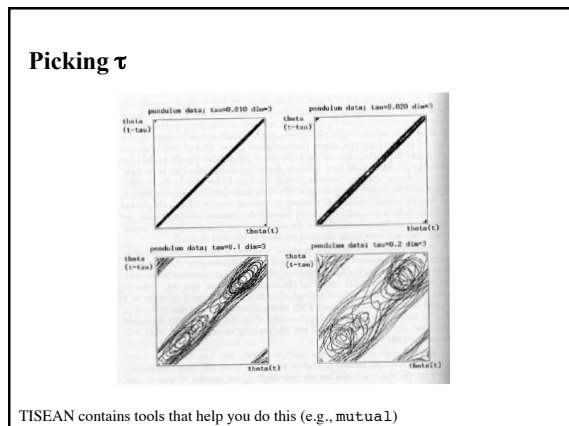
Note: the measured quantity must be a smooth, generic function of at least one state variable, and must be uniformly sampled in time.

Diffeomorphisms and topology

Diffeomorphic: mapping from the one to the other is differentiable and has a differentiable inverse.

What that means:

- *qualitatively* the same shape
- have same dynamical invariants (e.g., λ)



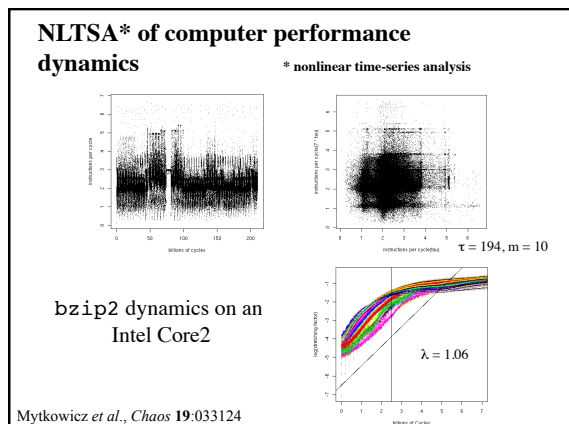
Picking m

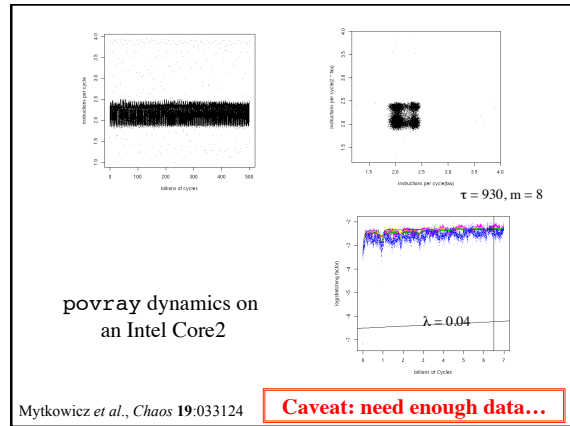
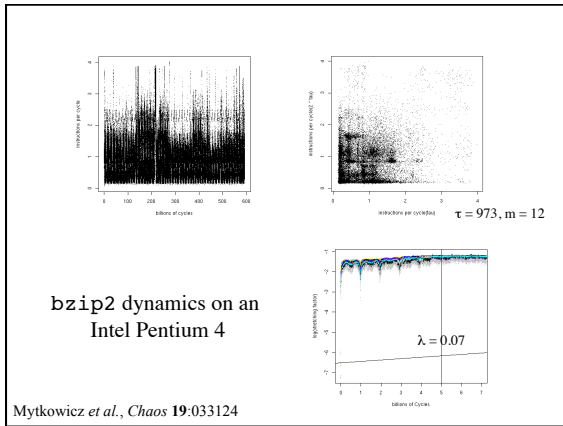
$m > 2d$: **sufficient** to ensure no crossings in reconstruction space:

...may be overkill.

“Embedology” paper: $m > 2 d_{\text{box}}$ (box-counting dimension)

TISEAN contains tools that help you do this (e.g., `false_nearest`)





If Δt is not uniform

~~Theorem (Takens): for $\tau > 0$ and $m > 2d$, reconstructed trajectory is diffeomorphic to the true trajectory~~

~~Conditions: evenly sampled in time~~

Interspike interval embedding

idea: lots of systems generate spikes — hearts, nerves, etc.

if you assume that the spikes are the result of an integrate-and-fire system, then the Δt has a one-to-one correspondence to some state variable's *integrated* value...

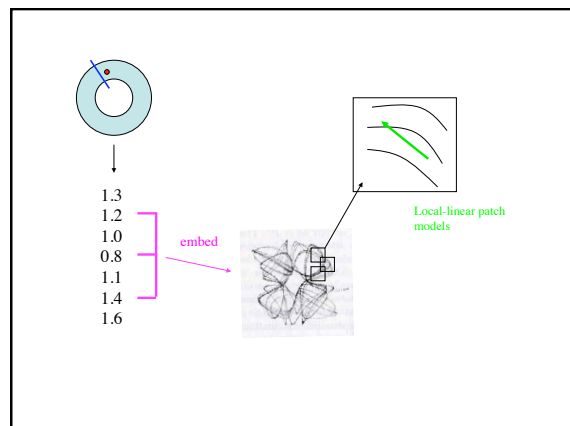
in which case the Takens theorem still holds.

(with the Δt s as state variables)

Sauer Chaos 5:127

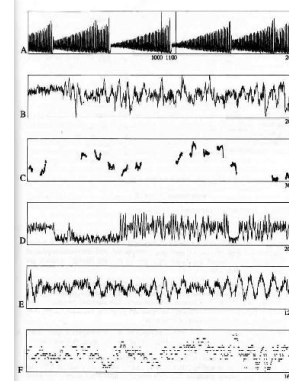
What if we measured time-series data from a roulette wheel?

The Eudaemonic Pie
(or The Newtonian Casino)



The Santa Fe competition

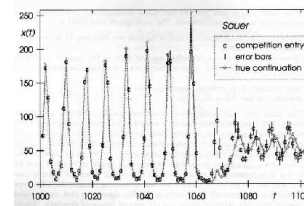
- Weigend & Gershenfeld, 1992
- put a bunch of data sets up on an ftp server
- and invited all comers to predict their future
- chronicled in *Time Series Prediction: Forecasting the Future and Understanding the Past*, Santa Fe Institute, 1993 (from which the images on the following half-dozen slides were reproduced)



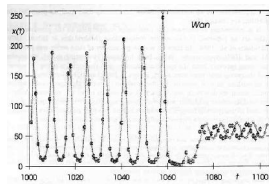
The Santa Fe competition: data

- Laboratory laser
- Medical data (sleep apnea)
- Currency rate exchange
- RK4 on some chaotic ODE
- Intensity of some star
- A Bach fugue

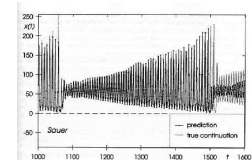
Embedding + patch models: (Sauer)



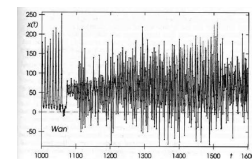
Neural net: (Wan)



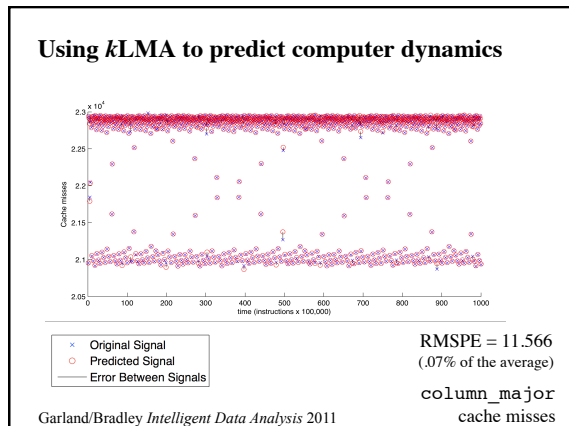
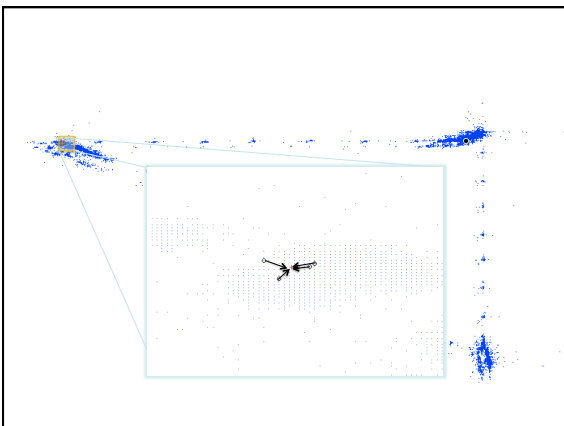
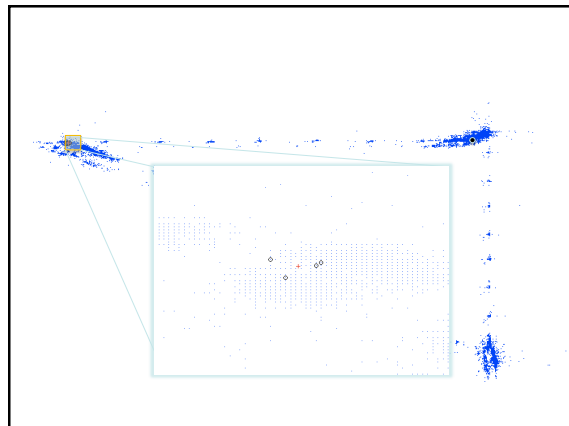
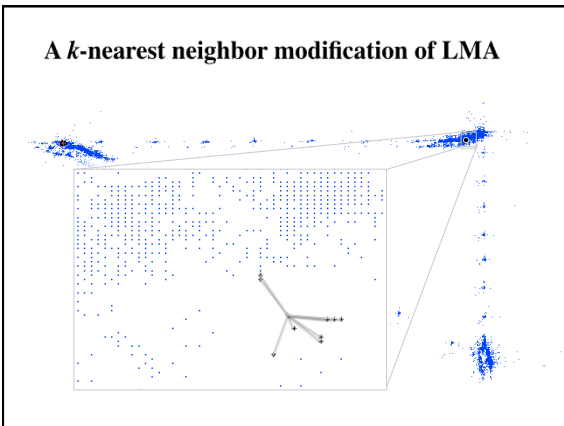
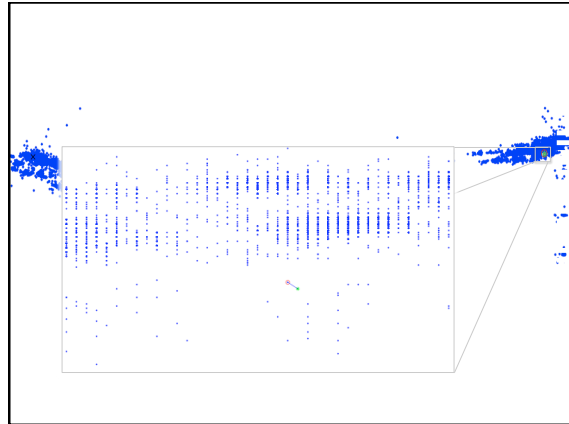
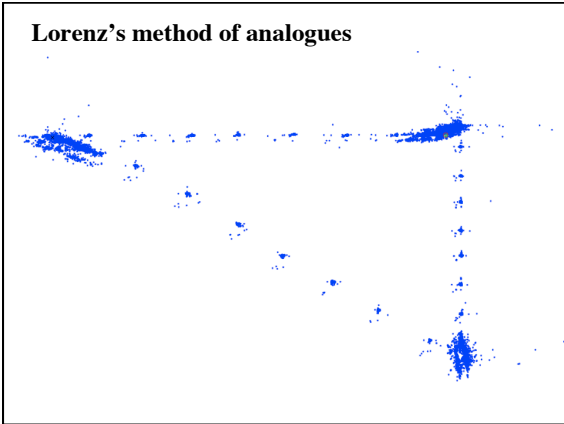
Further out:



Sauer



Wan

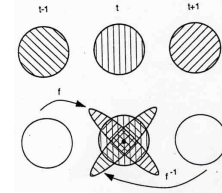


Noise...

Linear filtering: a bad idea if the system is chaotic

Nonlinear alternatives:

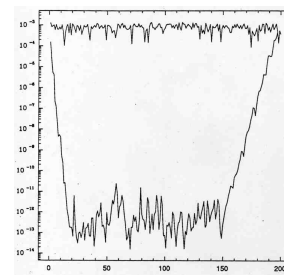
- use the stable and unstable manifold structure on a chaotic attractor...



Farmer & Sidorowich, in *Evolution, Learning and Cognition*, World Scientific, 1983

Idea:

- If you have a model of the system, you can simulate what happens to each point in forward *and* backward time
- If your system has transverse stable and unstable manifolds, that does useful things to the noise balls
- Since all three versions of that data should be identical at the middle time, can average them
- → noise reduction!
- Works best if manifolds are perpendicular, but requires only transversality

Results:

Farmer & Sidorowich, in *Evolution, Learning and Cognition*, World Scientific, 1983