

# Complex Economic Dynamics

Lecture 2 – 03 November 2021

• using PlutoUI , Plots , LaTeXStrings

• using DynamicalSystems

## 1-Dimensional dynamical systems

1-D systems dynamics are fairly simple. For monotonic functions in particular we have the following results:

### Theorem

if  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is a monotonic and continuous function, then an orbit  $\{x_t\}$  either:

Diverges

Converges to a Steady State

Converges to a 2-cycle (only if decreasing)

## Bifurcations

Bifurcations are qualitative changes in dynamics as a parameter varies. For the 1-state, 1-parameter family  $f_\lambda : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$   $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  we will analyze 4 types of bifurcations

### Period-doubling bifurcations:

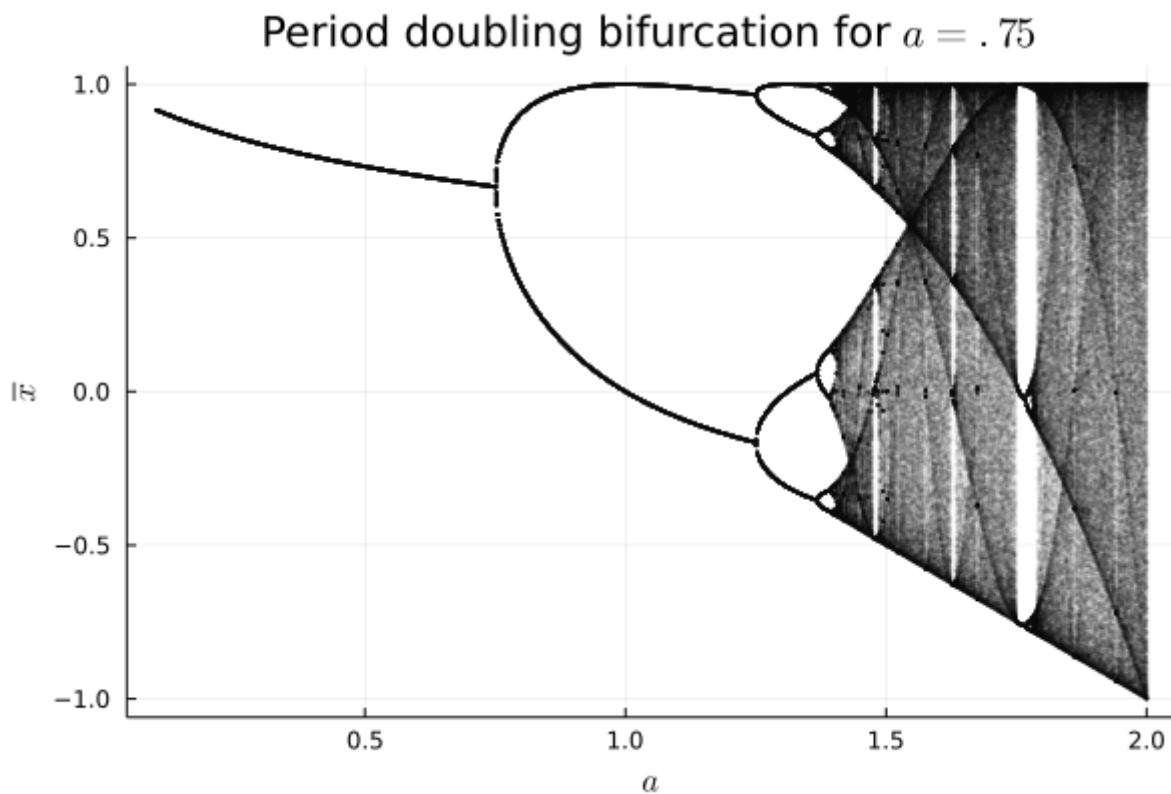
- Before: Steady-state (stable / unstable);
- At: Stability change and creation of a 2-cycle;
- After: unstable / stable Steady-state and stable / unstable 2-cycle (n.b. order matters);

**Note, everywhere for "ss" one can read k-cycle and for 2-cycle one reads 2k-cycle**

Necessary condition: at  $\lambda = \lambda^* : f'_\lambda(x^*) = -1$

Example:  $f_a(x_t)$ , where  $f_a(x) = 1 - ax^2$ ,  $a > 0$ , and with  $x_0 \in [-1, +1]$ .

We have a period doubling bifurcation for  $a = 3/4$

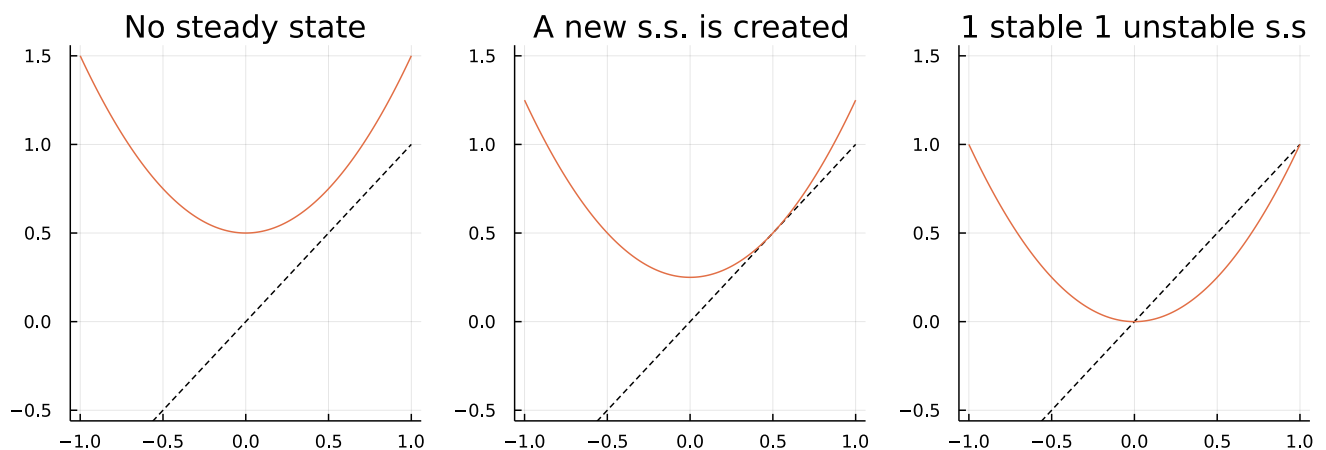


## Tangent (saddle-node)

- Before: No Steady-state;
- At: New Steady-state is created;
- After: There are 2 Steady-state (one stable and one unstable);

Necessary condition: at  $\lambda = \lambda^* : f'_\lambda(x^*) = 1$

Example:  $f_a(x) = x^2 - a$  for  $a = -.25$

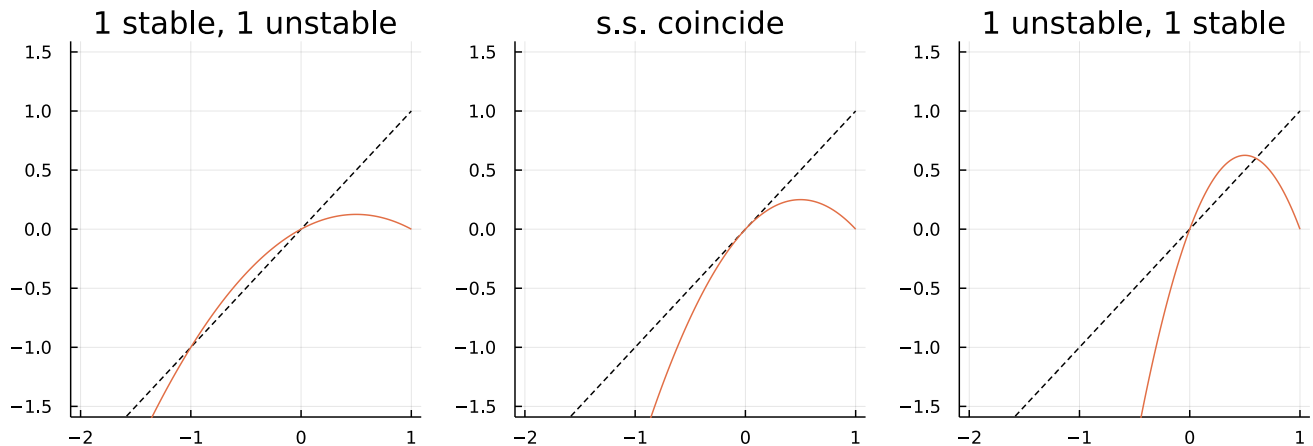


# Transcritical bifurcation

- Before: 1 stable and 1 unstable steady state;
- At: Steady states coincide and they exchange stability;
- After: 1 unstable and 1 stable steady state;

Only occurs in system with special structure

Example:  $f_a(x) = ax(1 - x)$  for  $a = 1$

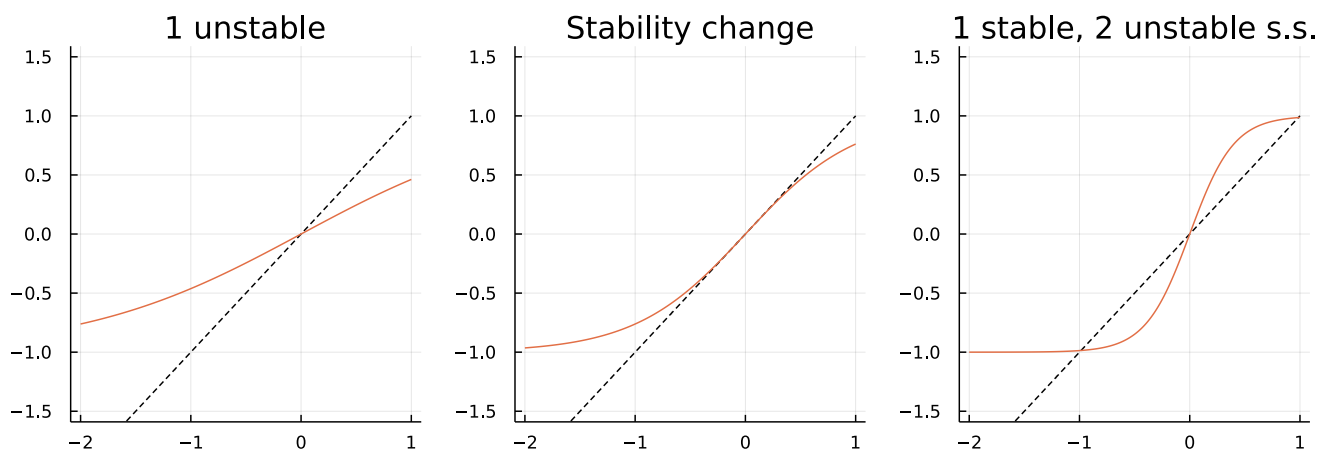


# Pitchfork bifurcation

- Before: 1 stable/unstable steady state;
- At: Stability change and two added s.s.;
- After: 1 unstable/stable steady state and two added stable/unstable s.s.;

Typically occurs in systems with a reflection symmetry:  $f_\lambda(-x) = -f_\lambda(x)$

Example:  $f_a(x) = \tanh(ax)$  for  $a = 1$



# Topological chaos

The dynamics  $x_{t+1} = f(x_t)$  is called (topologically) chaotic if the following three properties are satisfied:

- There is an infinite set  $P$  of (unstable) periodic orbits with different periods
- There is an uncountable set  $S$  of aperiodic points
- $f$  has dependence on initial conditions wrt  $\Lambda = P \cup S$

## Definition:

A map:  $f : \Lambda \rightarrow \Lambda$   $\Lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  has sensitive dependence on initial conditions if there is  $c > 0$  s.t.  $\forall x_0 \in \Lambda$ , and all  $\mathcal{U} = (x_0 - \epsilon, x_0 + \epsilon)$ ,  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is  $y_0 \in \Lambda \cap \mathcal{U}$  and  $T > 0$ , such that the distance  $(x_T, y_T) > c$

### Li & York Theorem (period 3 implies chaos)

Given a continuous map  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , if there is a point  $x_0$  s.t.

$$f^3(x_0) \leq x_0 < f(x_0) < f^2(x_0)$$

then, the dynamics are topologically chaotic.

## Appendix

generateinstance (generic function with 1 method)

computeorbit (generic function with 1 method)