

Lorenz eqns, cont.

$$\begin{cases} \dot{x} = \sigma(y-x) \\ \dot{y} = rx - y - xz \\ \dot{z} = xy - bz \end{cases}$$

- for  $\sigma=10$ ,  $b=8/3$ ,  $r=28$  there appears in numerical simulations what appears to be a chaotic attractor
- seems to be essentially (except for some "unimportant" details) independent of step size
- numerical method used

$\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f}(\vec{x}) = -\sigma - 1 - b < 0 \rightarrow$  (it can be shown) there is an attractor

- is the attractor chaotic?
- the maximal Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda(\vec{x}_0)$  for an initial value is defined as follows:

i) let  $\vec{x}(t)$  be the solution of IVP  $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{f}(\vec{x})$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0$ .

let  $\vec{x} = \vec{x}^*(t)$  be the solution of  $\dot{\vec{x}} = \vec{f}(\vec{x})$ ,  $\vec{x}(0) = \vec{x}_0 + \vec{u}_0$   
 $\uparrow \vec{x}^*(0)$   
 $\|\vec{u}_0\|$  small

ii) to approximate  $\vec{x}^*(t) - \vec{x}(t)$ , linearise the system about the (moving) trajectory  $\vec{x}(t)$  and solve the IVP

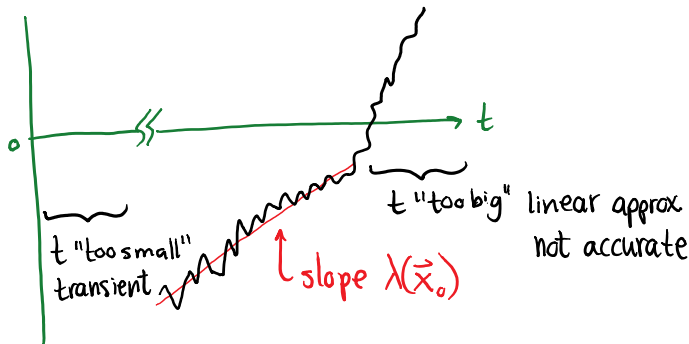
$$\dot{\vec{u}} = D\vec{f}(\vec{x})\vec{u}, \quad \vec{u}(0) = \vec{u}_0$$

then  $\vec{x}^*(t) - \vec{x}(t) = \vec{u}(t) + O(\|\vec{u}_0\|^2)$  for finite  $t$

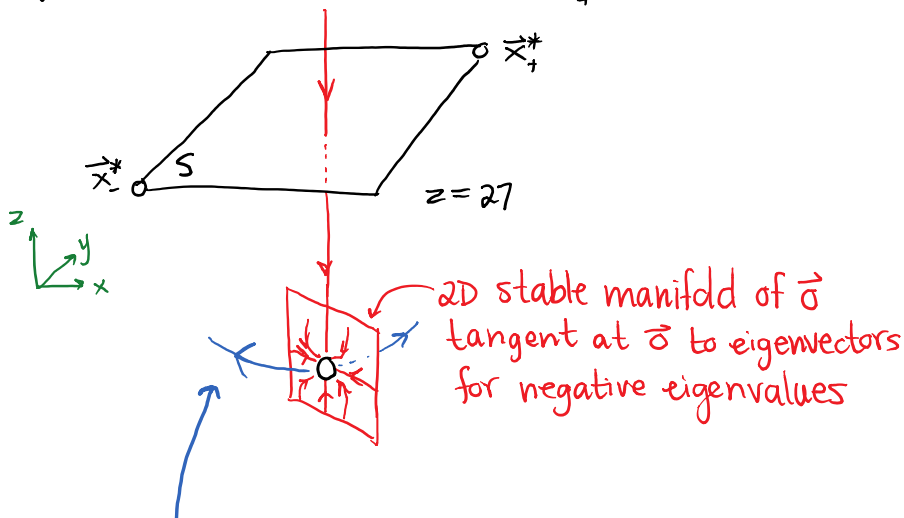
$$\text{iii) } \lambda(\vec{x}_0) = \limsup_{t \rightarrow \infty} \max_{\vec{u}_0 \neq \vec{0}} \frac{1}{t} \ln \left( \frac{\|\vec{u}(t)\|}{\|\vec{u}_0\|} \right)$$

if  $\lambda(\vec{x}_0) > 0$  then there is SDIC

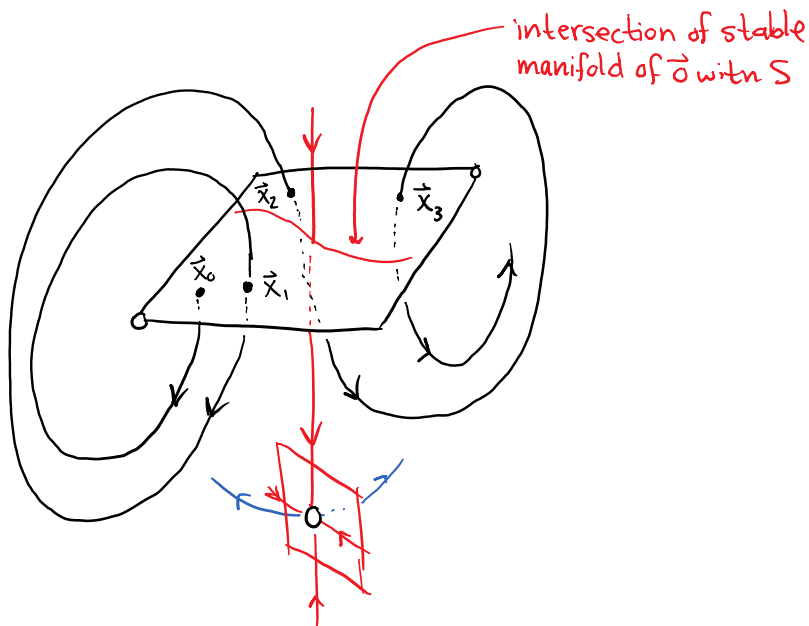
the typical  $\ln\left(\frac{\|\vec{x}^*(t) - \vec{x}(t)\|}{\|\vec{u}_0\|}\right)$  vs  $t$



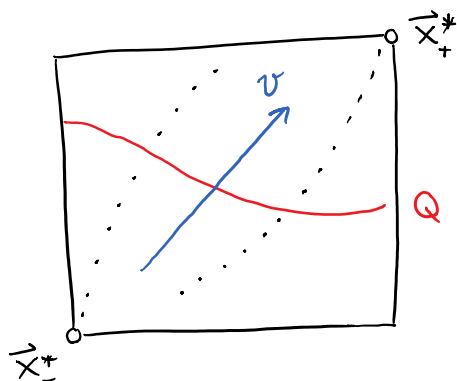
- XPP (or other software) can approximate the maximal Lyapunov exponent with more or less accuracy depending (in part) or skill and knowledge of user
- to rigorously prove chaos, need to show SDIC for all  $\vec{x}_0$  in the basin of attraction
- careful numerical experiments with Lyapunov exponents indicate that the Lorenz attractor is very likely to be chaotic
- another approach: Poincaré map
- recall for  $r > 1$  there are 3 fixed points:  $\vec{0}$  (whose linearisation has 2 negative eigenvalues and 1 positive eigenvalue) and  $\vec{x}_{\pm}^* = (\pm 8.48, \pm 8.48, 27)$
- define a section  $S$  between  $\vec{x}_+^*$  and  $\vec{x}_-^*$  with  $z = 27$



1D unstable manifold of  $\vec{0}$   
 tangent at  $\vec{0}$  to eigenvector  
 for positive eigenvalue



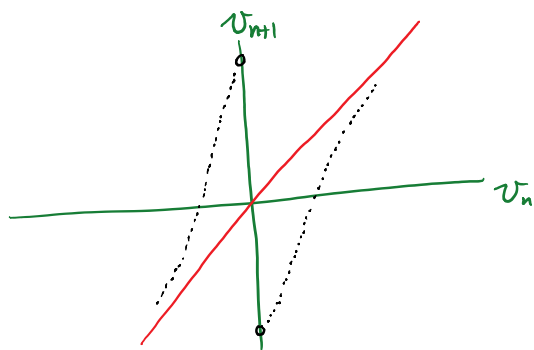
· result (symmetric)



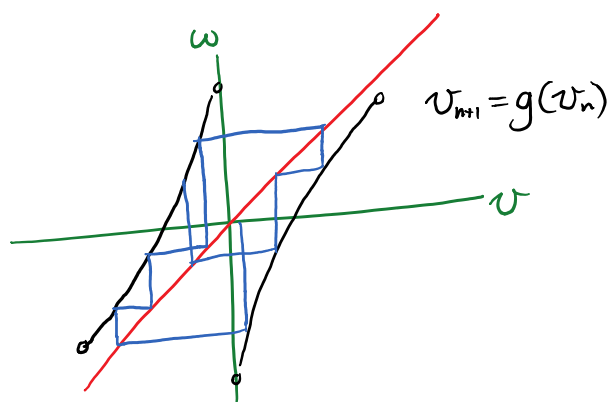
iterates  $(x_n, y_n)$  appear to  
 lie on 2 curves

the 2D Poincaré map is  
 approximately 1D

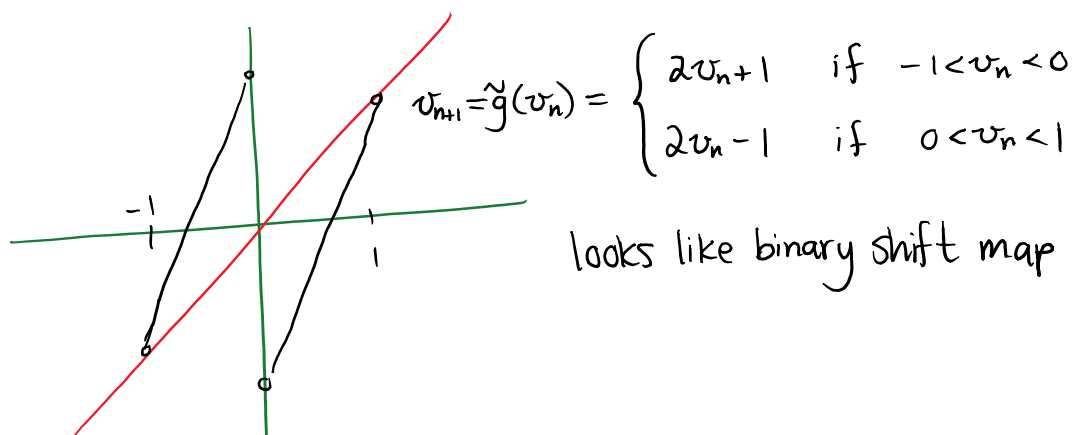
- for the flow in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , the attractor is thin and flat, approx 2D,  
 recall it has volume 0
- measuring the signed distance from Q by some coordinate  $v$ ,  
 make a Ruelle plot  $v_{n+1}$  vs.  $v_n$



· approximate 1D map



· simplified 1D map - piecewise linear



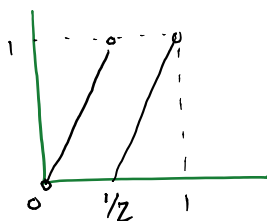
· do coordinate transformation  $v = \alpha u + \beta$

$$\alpha u_{n+1} + \beta = \tilde{g}(\alpha u_n + \beta) \quad (\text{from } v_{n+1} = \tilde{g}(v_n))$$

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{\alpha} [\tilde{g}(\alpha u_n + \beta) - \beta] = \tilde{f}(u_n)$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2u_n & \text{if } 0 < u_n < 1/2 \\ 2u_n - 1 & \text{if } 1/2 < u_n < 1 \end{cases}$$

choose  $\alpha, \beta$  to get this



this is the doubling  
(binary shift) map

- we know some of its properties
  - no fixed point
  - countable infinity of periodic points
  - uncountable infinity of non-periodic points
  - SDIC ( $\lambda = \ln 2 > 0$ )
- this suggests (but does not prove) similar properties for the Poincaré map and Lorenz attractor
- work backwards:

$\tilde{f} \rightarrow \tilde{g}$ : no problem, just a smooth coord. change

$\tilde{g} \rightarrow g$ : harder, only make general assumptions about  $g$  (e.g.  $g' > 1$ ), but okay

$g \rightarrow$  actual Poincaré map: ? need to clarify what "approx 1D" means

Poincaré map  $\rightarrow$  Lorenz flow: numerical solutions  
"probably" okay