

Nonlinear systems :

(Maps, Flows, Periodicity & chaos)

Flows = continuous systems \Rightarrow Differential equations

Maps = discrete systems \Rightarrow Difference eqns.

Various systems possible.

Consider a simple model for population growth.

For a realistic touch, make the following assumptions :

1. Popn. after the end of next generation
— proportional to popn. at the end
of current gen. — when the population
is very small. i.e. rate of growth of
population is proportional to its size.

2. If population — very large —
 \Rightarrow all resources will be consumed
quickly, & the entire population will
die out in the next gen. \Rightarrow extinction!

3. So assume that is a discrete model there is a maximum population level M , which, when reached, results in the extinction of the popln. in next gen.

M = "annihilation parameter"

If popln. ever reaches $M \Rightarrow$ doom for the species!

Now write down formally what these assumptions correspond to:

x_n = population at the end of generation n .

x_0 = initial population.

$$x_{n+1} = r x_n \left(1 - \frac{x_n}{M}\right)$$

∴ if x_n is small $\Rightarrow \left(1 - \frac{x_n}{M}\right) \approx 1$

\Rightarrow the difference eqn. becomes:

$x_{n+1} \approx r x_n$ (exponential growth model)

But if $x_n \geq M \Rightarrow x_{n+1} \leq 0$

"-ve population" \Leftarrow interpret it as meaning the species is extinct.

Assume $x_n = \%$ or fraction of the max popln. alive at gen. n .

i.e. assume $M = 1$ & $0 < x_n \leq 1$.

$\therefore x_n \leq 0 \Rightarrow$ extinction

and $x_n = 1 \Rightarrow$ max. popln. reached.

\therefore our difference egn. is

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

↙ "Discrete Logistic egn."

or "Logistic Difference egn."

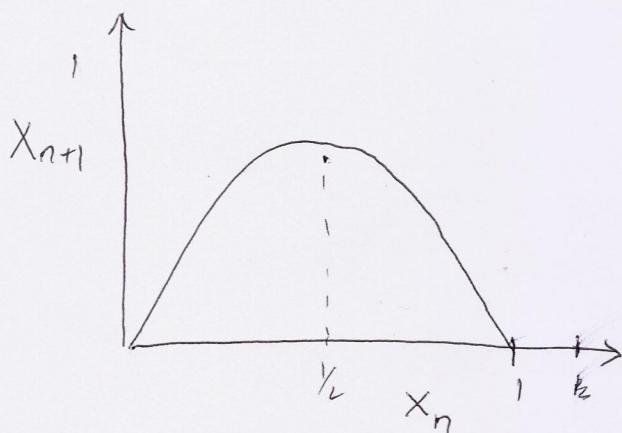
$r =$ depends on the species or system being studied. For different r , different behaviours.
 $r \geq 0$ — intrinsic growth rate

Robert May

"Simple mathematical models with very complicated dynamics."

Nature 261, 459 (1976)

$$\boxed{x_{n+1} = r x_n (1-x_n)} \quad \textcircled{1}$$



Graph is a parabola with maxm val. of $\frac{r}{4}$ at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

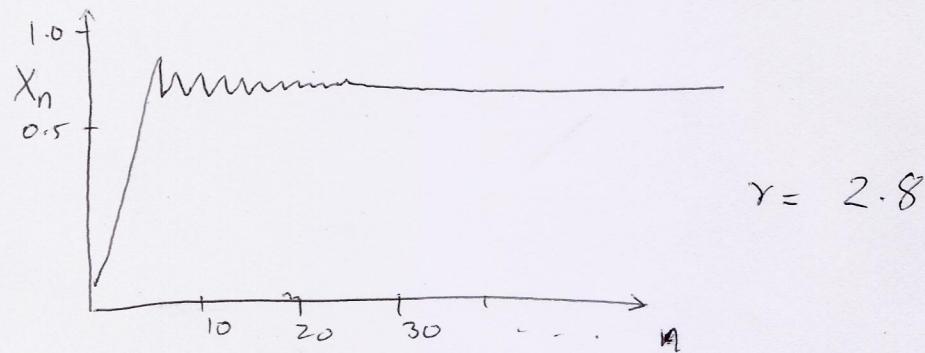
so restrict the control parameter r to the range $0 \leq r \leq 4$ so that the eqn. ① maps the interval $0 \leq x \leq 1$ onto itself. (For other values of x & r , behavior is less interesting).

Period-doubling.

Choose some val. of r - fix it.

choose some initial popln. x_0 & then use ① to generate subsequent x_n . WHAT happens?

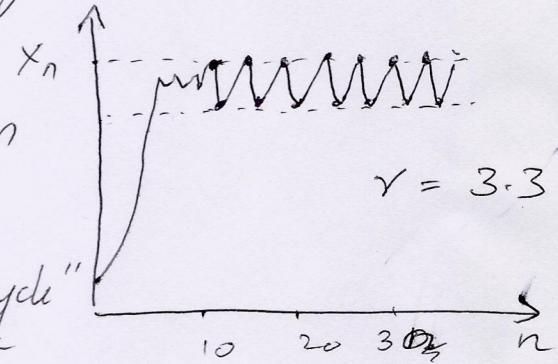
- For Small $r < 1$, $x_n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, population goes extinct.
- For $1 < r < 3$, population grows, eventually reaches a non-zero steady state. \rightarrow



$$r = 2.8$$

For larger r , eg. $r = 3.3$, population builds up again, but now oscillates about former steady state. — Alternating betwn. a larger popln. in one gen. & smaller popln. in the next.

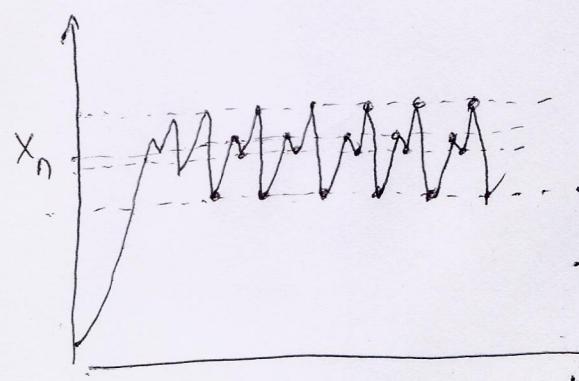
This type of oscillation where x_n repeats every 2 iterations — "period-2 cycle"



$$r = 3.3$$

Still larger r — eg. $r = 3.5$ popln. approaches a cycle that repeats every 4 generations — — previous cycle has doubled its period to

period-4



$$r = 3.5$$

Further period doublings to cycles of period 8, 16, 32, ... occur with increasing r .

Let $r_n = \text{val. of } r \text{ where a } 2^n$ cycle first appears. Then:

$$r_1 = 3 \quad \text{period 2 is born}$$

$$r_2 = 3.449 \quad 4$$

$$r_3 = 3.54409 \quad 8$$

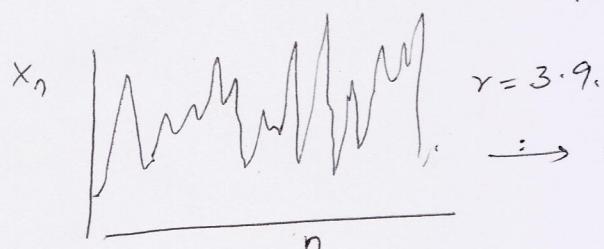
$$\vdots \quad \vdots$$

$$r_\infty = 3.569946 \quad \infty$$

Note: successive bifurcations come closer & closer.

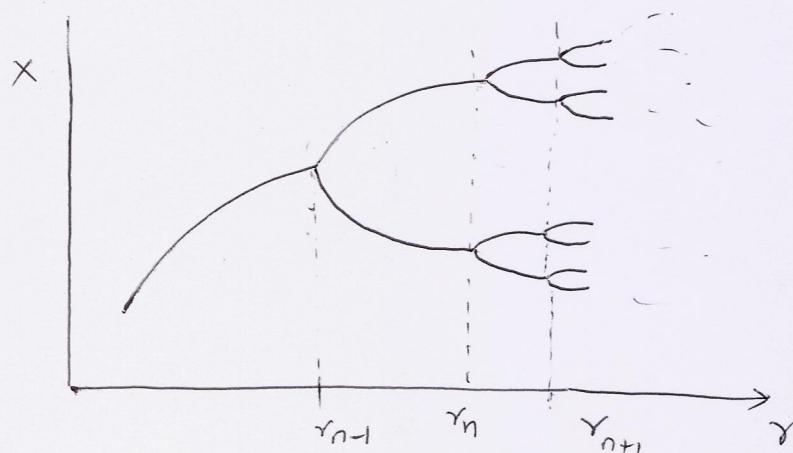
$$\delta = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{r_n - r_{n-1}}{r_{n+1} - r_n} = 4.669 \dots$$

Feigenbaum number



\rightarrow aperiodic behaviour

discrete + version of chaos



Logistic map : numerics

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

For plotting the orbit diagram (also termed bifurcation diagram), proceed as follows:

- 1st — choose a value of r .
- Then, generate an orbit for some starting from some random initial condition x_0 .
 [What is an orbit? The sequence x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots is called the orbit starting from x_0 .]
- Iterate for 300 cycles or so
 — allow the system to settle down,
 (allow the transient behaviour to decay off).
- Now plot, $x_{301}, x_{302}, \dots, x_{600}$ for that r .
- Now move to another r value $r \rightarrow r + \delta r$,
REPEAT the above cycle.

Note that:

at $r = 3.4$ — period 2 cycle.
 (-2 branches)

r increases — both branches split simultaneously — period 4 cycle.
 (period-doubling bifurcation) —

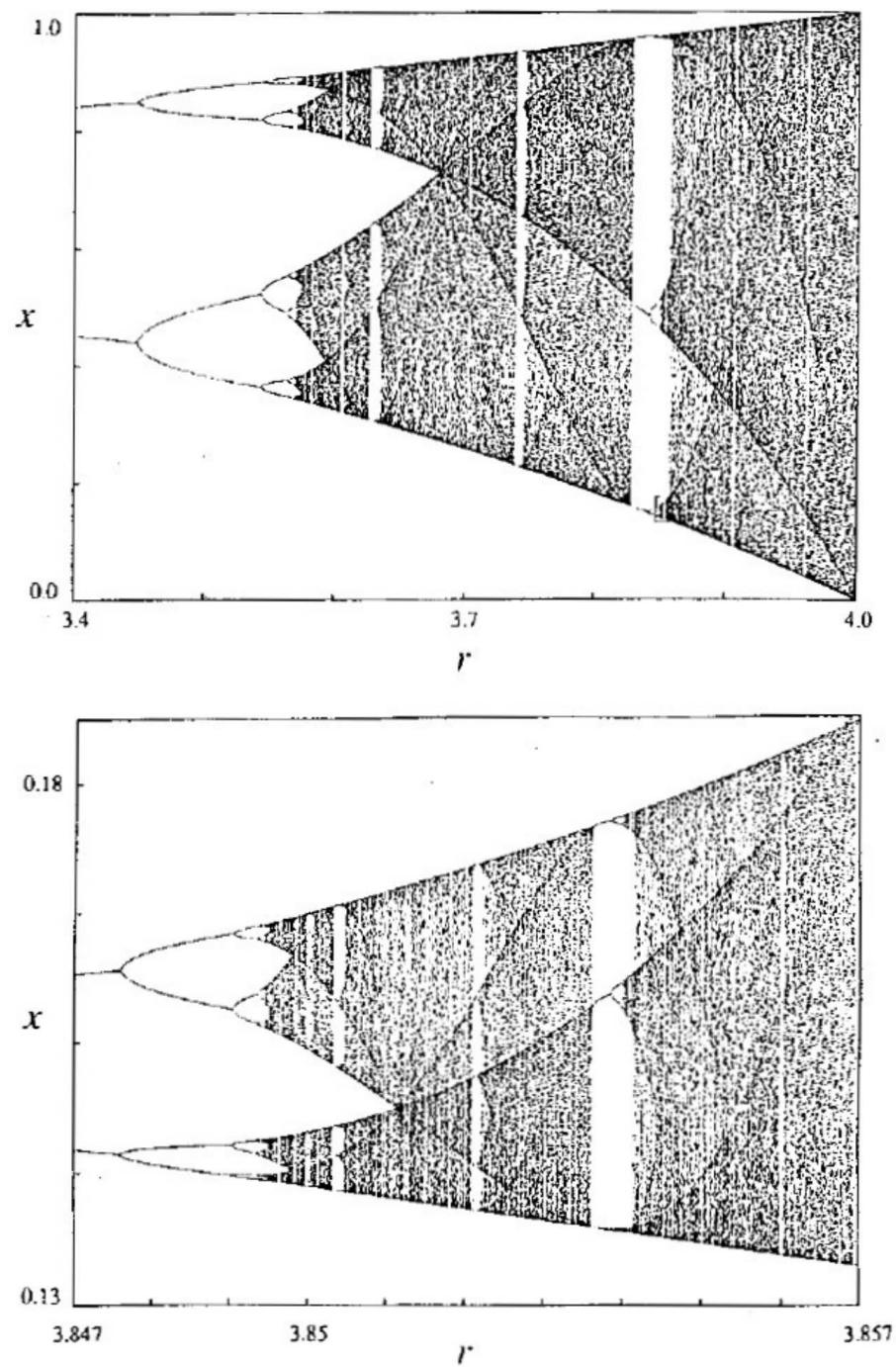
(recall: $r_1 = 3$ period 2 is born

$r_2 = 3.449$ period 4

$r_{\infty} = 3.569946$ ∞)

For $r > r_{\infty}$ — a mix of order & chaos,
 e.g. at $r \approx 3.83$ — a stable period-3 cycle.
periodic windows appearing betw. chaos.

See a magnified view of the period-3 window — what do you see?!



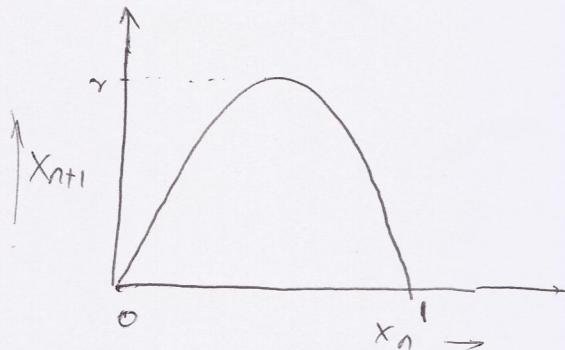
Universality

First Consider the sine map:

A unimodal map

$$x_{n+1} = r \sin \pi x_n,$$

for $0 \leq r \leq 1$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.



The maximum of $r \sin \pi x_n$ is $\approx r$

(Recall: in the logistic map $rx(1-x)$ has a max. value of $\frac{r}{4}$.)

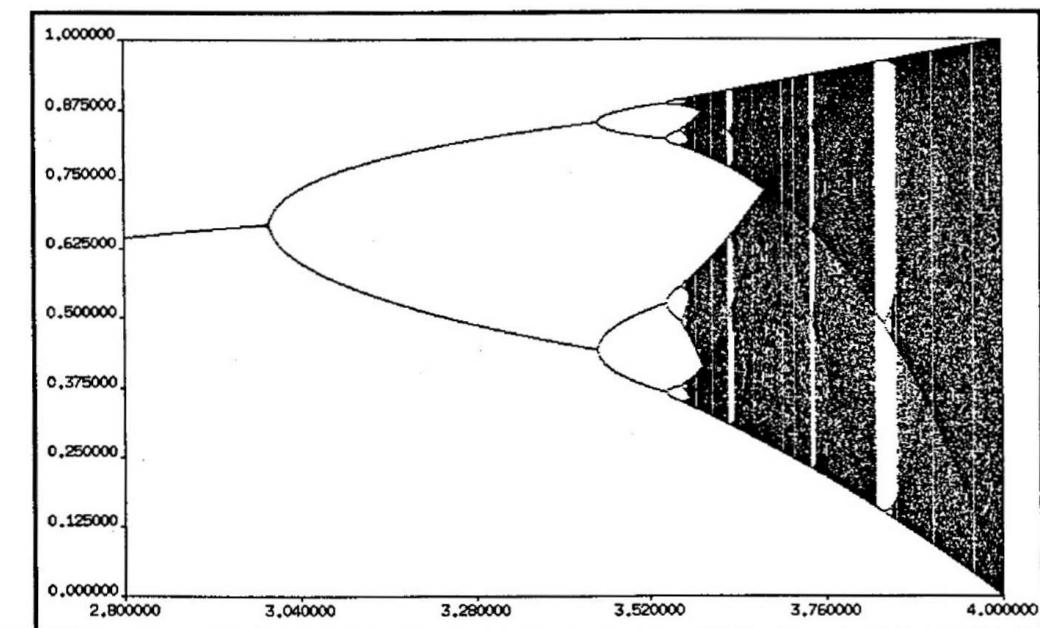
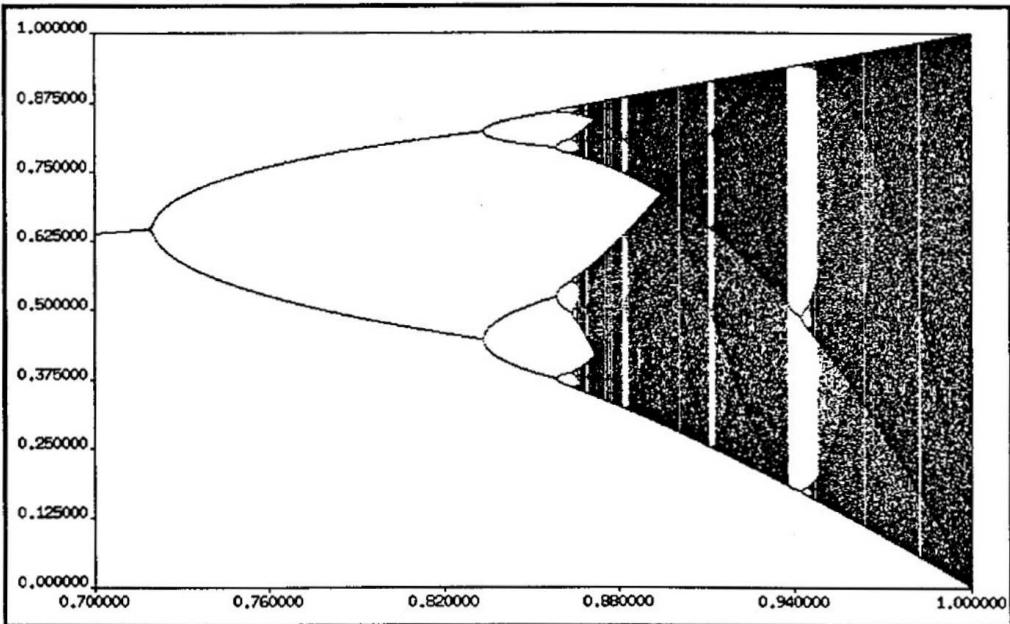
See the orbit diagram for this map;
Compare with the logistic map.

You'll see:

- Qualitative dynamics — identical.
- Both maps — undergo period-doubling routes to chaos; followed by periodic windows mixed with chaotic bands.
- Periodic windows occur in the same order,
with the same relative sizes
 - period 3 window is the largest in both & the next largest windows preceding it are period 5, & period 6.

Quantitative differences: eg. Periodic windows — thinner.
Period doubling occurs later in logistic map

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Qualitative Universality: the U sequence.

Consider all unimodal maps of the form

$$x_{n+1} = r f(x_n), \quad \text{with } f(x) \text{ satisfying}$$

$$f(0) = f(1) = 0$$

(for full details, see

N. Metropolis, M.L. Stein & P.R. Stein,

J. Combin. Theor. 15, 25 (1973))

As r is varied, the order in which stable periodic solutions appear is independent of the unimodal map being iterated.

i.e. Periodic attractors always occur in the same sequence, a Universal Sequence, or U-sequence.

Up to period-6, this sequence is (omitting higher-order periods)

1, 2, 2×2 , 6, 5, 3, 2×3 , 5, 6, 4, 6, 5, 6

CHECK!

Period doubling in the real world:

- in hydrodynamics
- in acoustics
- laser feedback
- electronics, etc.

U-sequence found in expts. on the Belousov-Zhabotinsky reaction, in chemical reactors, etc..