Strange Attractors

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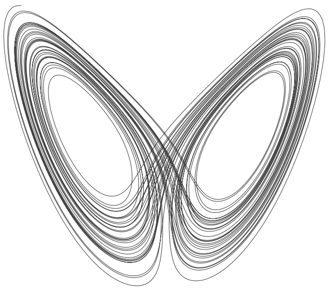
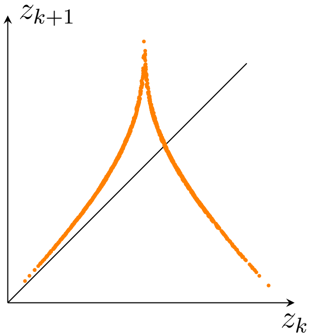
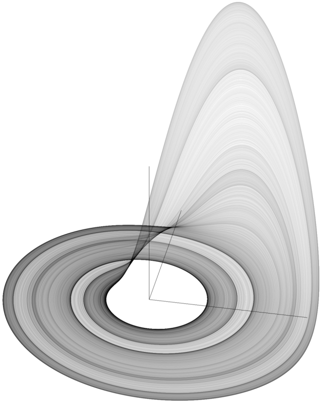
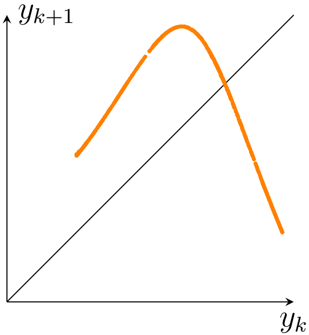
Lorenz system





Rössler system





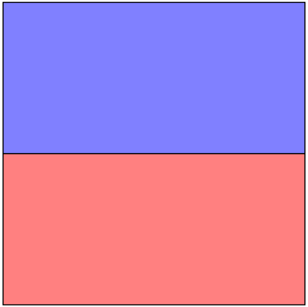
Making pastry

A lot can be understood about strange attractors by looking at how puff pastry is being made.

Baker's map

$$(x_{k+1}, y_{k+1}) = \begin{cases} (2x_k, ay_k) & \text{for } 0 \leq x_k \leq \dfrac{1}{2} \\ \\ (2x_k - 1, ay_k + 1 - a) & \text{for } \dfrac{1}{2} \leq x_k \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Baker's map ($a = \frac{1}{2}$)



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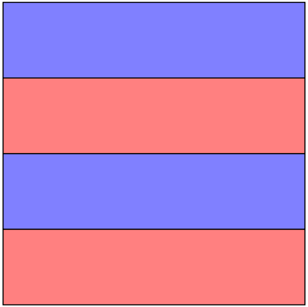

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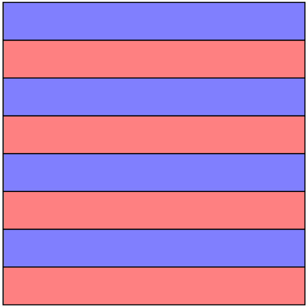

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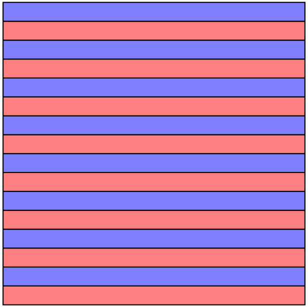

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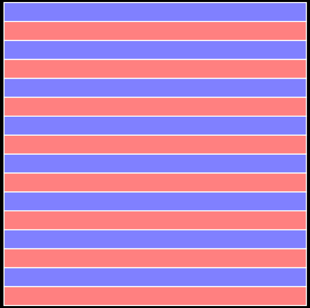

For $a = {}^1\!/_2$, Baker's map is **area-preserving**

$$\mathrm{area}\left(\mathcal{B}(R)\right) = \mathrm{area}\left(R\right).$$

The square S is mapped *onto* itself and transients never die. Orbits never settle down to a lower-dimensional attractor.

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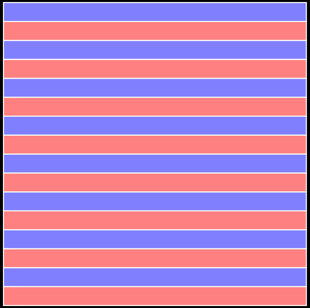
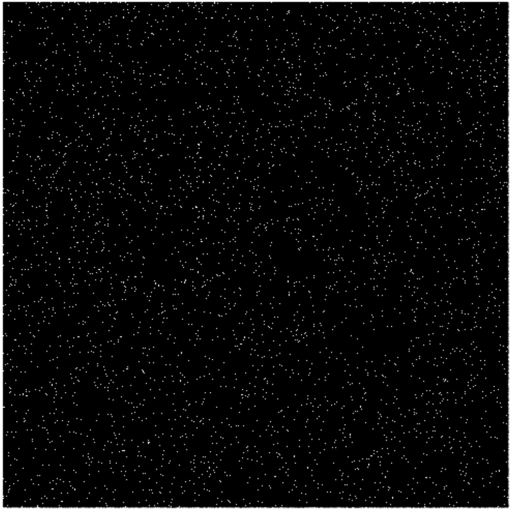


This type of chaos is known as **Hamiltonian chaos** and is beyond the scope of this class.

Baker's map ($a = \dfrac{1}{3}$)



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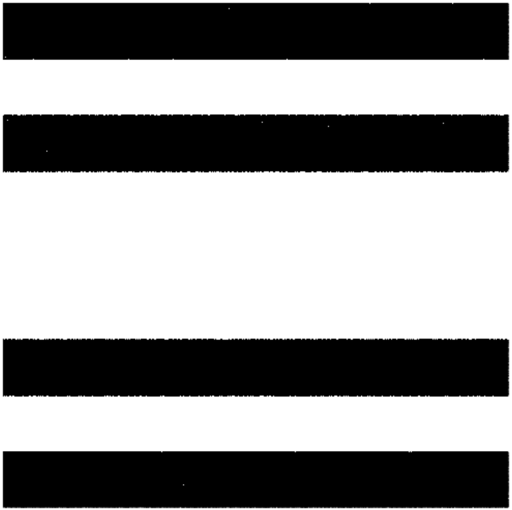

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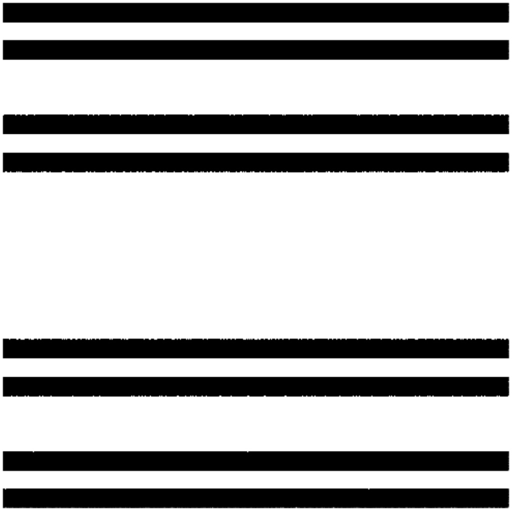

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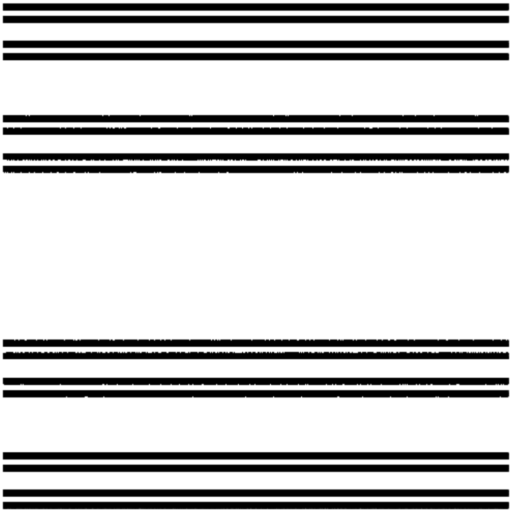

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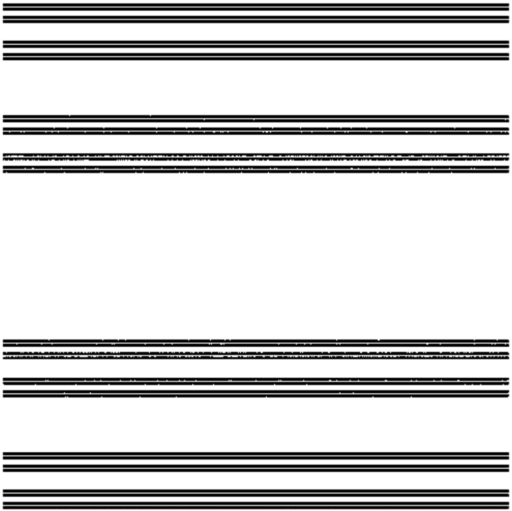

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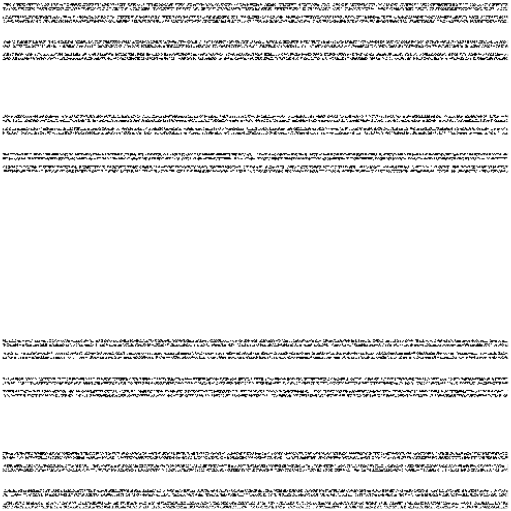

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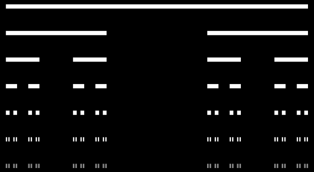
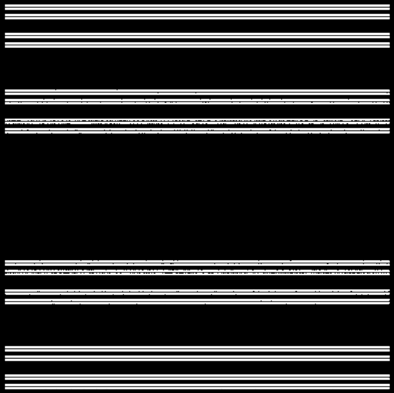


This particular fractal structure is known as the (uniform) **Cantor set**. Its dimension is

$$D = \frac{\log(2)}{\log(3)} \simeq 0.631$$

It less than a line but more than isolated points.

Baker map



$$D = -\lim_{\epsilon \to 0} \frac{\log(N)}{\log(\epsilon)}$$

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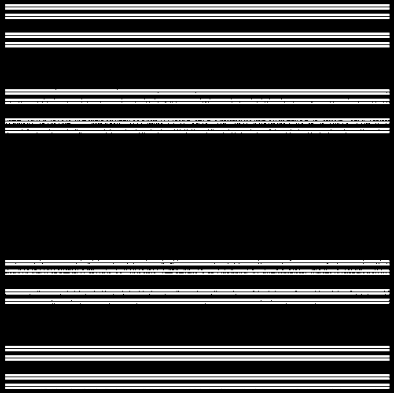

$$D = \lim_{n\to\infty} \frac{\log\left(2^n \times a^{-n}\right)}{\log\left(a^{-n}\right)}$$

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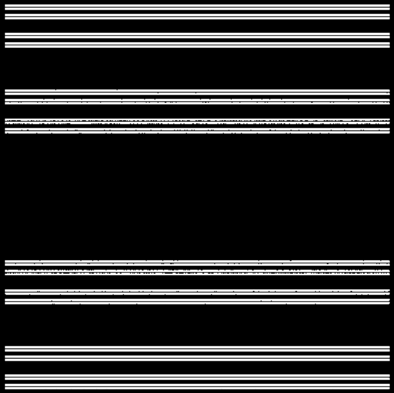

$$D = 1 + \frac{\log(2)}{\log(1/a)}$$

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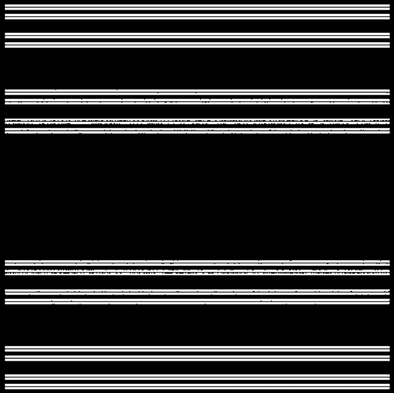

$$D \simeq 1.63$$

Hénon Map

A somewhat analog to Lorenz in discrete-time

Hénon Map (1976)

$$x_{k+1} = y_k + 1 - \alpha x_k^2$$
$$y_{k+1} = \beta x_k$$

Michel Hénon (1931-2013)

Hénon Map

$$x' = x_k$$
$$y' = 1 + y_k - \alpha x_k^2$$

Hénon Map

$$x'' = \beta x'$$
$$y'' = y'$$

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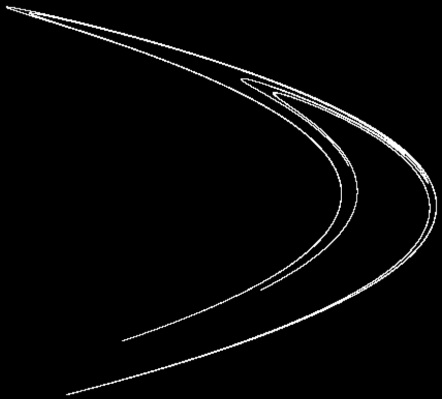
$$x_{k+1} = y''$$
$$y_{k+1} = x''$$

Hénon Map $(a, b) = (1.4, 0.3)$



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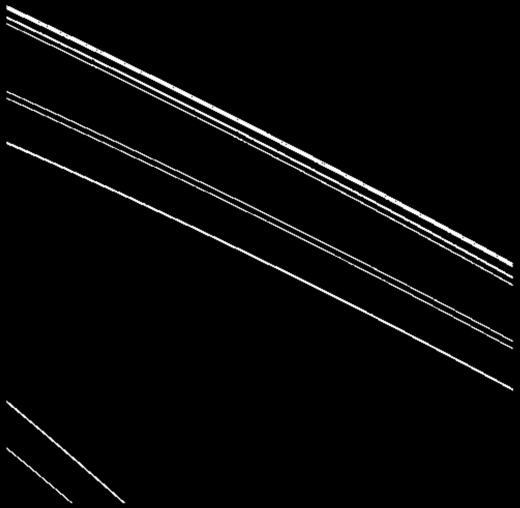

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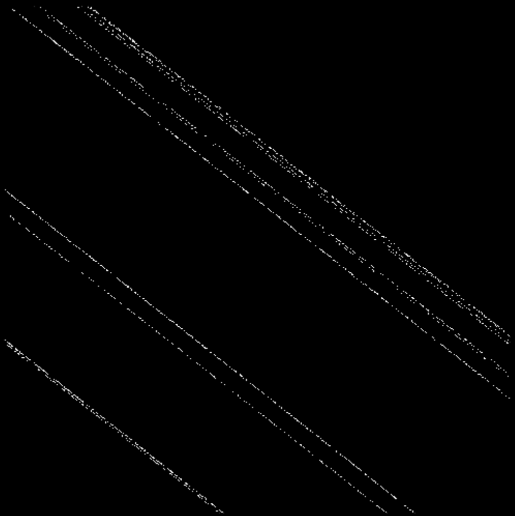


Rössler system

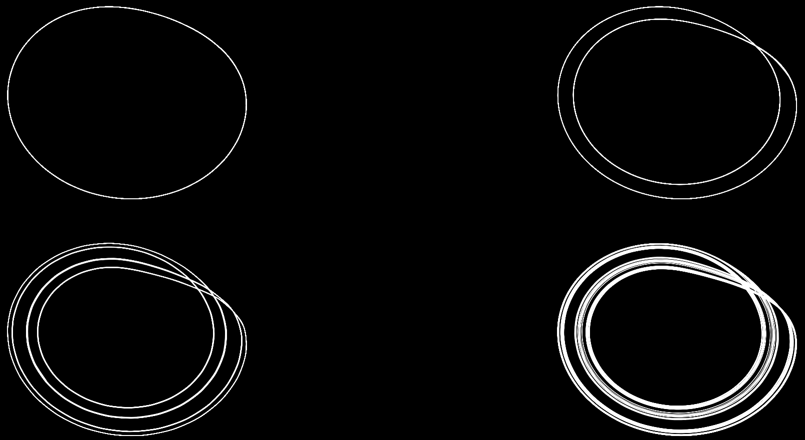
Folding and stretching in continuous time

Rössler system (1976)

$$\dot{x} = -y - z$$
$$\dot{y} = x + ay$$
$$\dot{z} = b + z(x - c)$$

Otto Rössler (81 years old)

Rössler system



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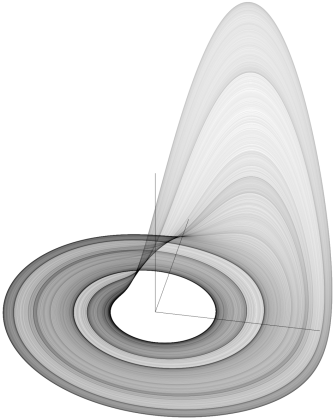

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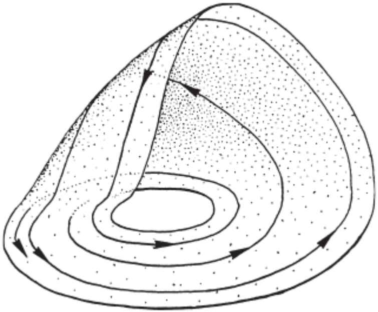

Stretching occurs along the two-dimensional unstable manifold of the spiral-saddle point close to the origin.

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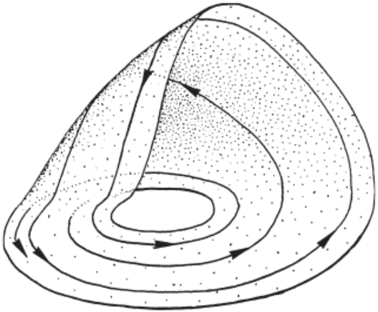

Folding and re-injection is induced by along the stable and unstable manifolds of the second fixed point.

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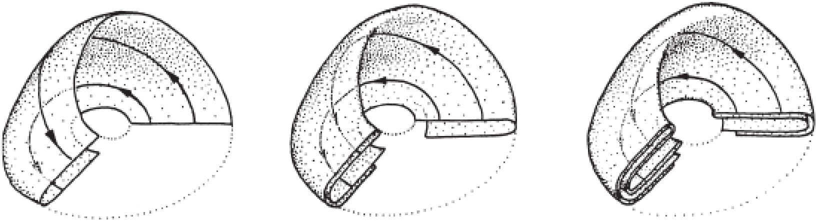
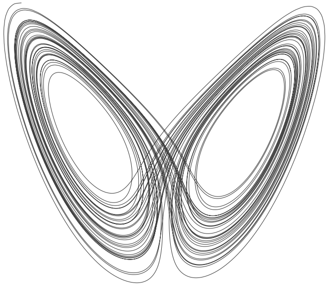
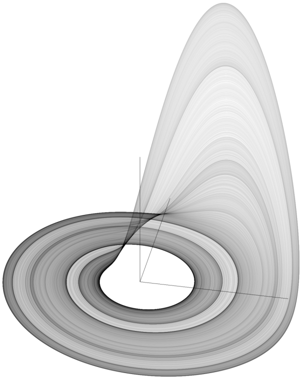


(a) (b) (c)

Four basic mechanisms

Folding, inverted folding, tearing and half-inverted tearing





Folding

Inverted folding

Tearing

Half-inverted tearing

What did we not cover in this class ?

An awful lot !

Thank you for your attention

Any question ?