Fig. 1 A typical form for the relationship between  $X_{t+1}$  and  $X_t$ described by equation (1). The curves are for equation (3), with a = 2.707 (a); and a = 3.414 (b). The dashed lines indicate the slope at the "fixed points" where F(X) intersects the 45° line: for the case a this slope is less steep than  $-45^{\circ}$  and the fixed point is stable; for b the slope is steeper than  $-45^{\circ}$ , and the

point is unstable.