

# Homework 1

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

This homework concerned the basics of python plotting use matplotlib.  
The process was essentially:

- import matplotlib
- Create a figure: `figure = matplotlib.pyplot.figure()`
- Create a subplot: `ax = figure.add_subplot(111)`
  - with create an a subplot you can create multiple subplots to the same figure to get multiple graphs onto one figure. `Subplot(int X,int Y,int n)` denotes how many graphics can be placed in a given row column section. For example, if you were to use `subplot(232)` that would mean that there are 2 available rows for each of the 3 available columns and you would want to place the given plot in the second box  $a_{12}$ , in the 2 by 3 matrix.
- Create a title: `figure.suptitle("Title")`
  - This is the global title for all subplots you can also make individual titles for each subplot
- Label X and Y axis: `ax.set_xlabel(r"Xlabel")` & `ax.set_ylabel(r"Ylabel")`
- Plot to a designated subplot: `ax.scatter(x,y,s=10,c='colorcode',marker="o",label='DataLabel')` or `subplot = ax.plot(x,y,s=10,c='colorcode',marker="o",label='DataLabel')`
- Make a legend for designated subplot: `ax.legend(loc='upperleft')`

## 2. 3.1

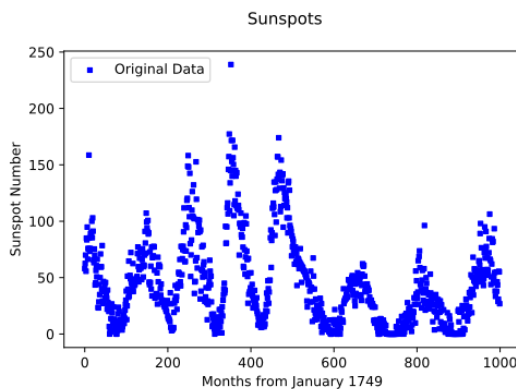


FIG. 1:

Problem 3.1 involved plotting data from from a .txt file containing sunspot data. A running average was then computed from the data by taking the previous 5 points and the next 5 points and averaging them. At the end points I just repeated the original point at  $x_i$  for the points that couldn't be accessed at the beginning or end of the list i.e points  $x_{i-1}, x_{i-2}, x_{i-3}, etc$  and  $x_{i+1}, x_{i+2}, x_{i+3}, etc$ .

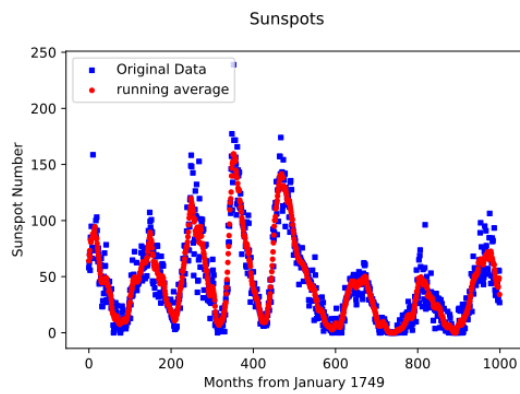


FIG. 2:

### 3. 3.2

Problem 3.2 involved plotting data using polar coordinates. I accomplished this goal by making a function that converted  $r$  and  $\theta$  into  $x$  and  $y$  using  $x = r * \cos(\theta)$   $y = r * \sin(\theta)$ . I then used this to make a Deltoid and a Butterfly plot.

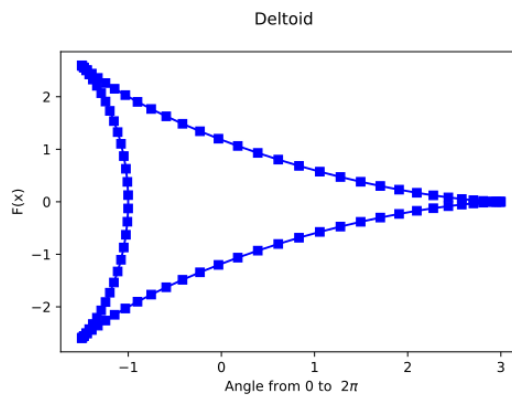


FIG. 3: Deltoid plot using Cartesian plot

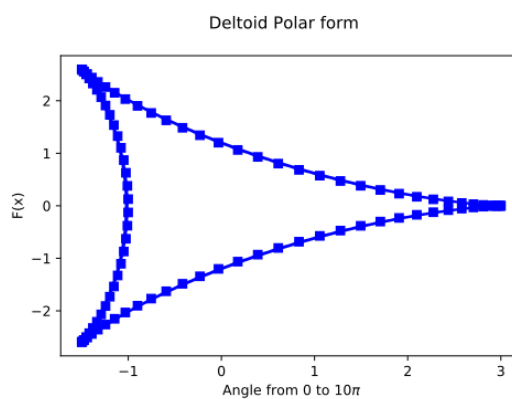


FIG. 4: Deltoid plot using Polar plot

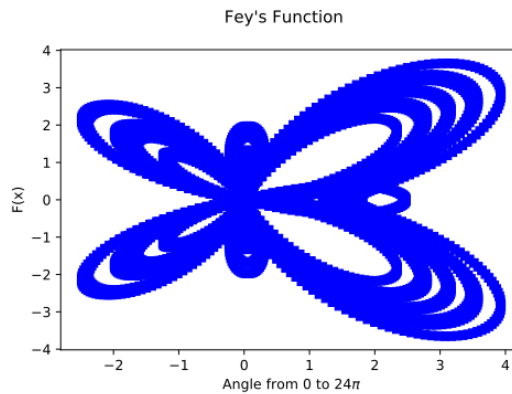


FIG. 5: Butterfly plot using Polar plot

#### 4. 3.6

**Data:** Feigenbaum Plot

**Result:** Wrote the Feigenbaum plot recursively

This was done by setting the base case to when 1000 iterations are completed

**if** *The base case was reached* **then**

  return  $rx(1 - x)$

**else**

  send it back through the function with the new value of  $x = rx(1 - x)$

**end**

**Algorithm 1:** How to Plot the Feigenbaum function recursively

I then used this function to append values to a list which I plotted against a linear space of  $r$  values from 1 to 4 with a step size of 0.01. I hypothesized that a steady point would look like a series of consistent points. An oscillating point would look like sinusoidal and chaos would have no coherent structure. This is past the deadline, but I have to revise this. After watching a Veritasium video on chaos I realized my plot was not completely correct. Even though I followed the instructions to run my fig tree function a 1000 times each iteration I did not get the branches shown in the studies Veritasium mentioned. As a result, I went back to my code and realized that my plot was not correct because to capture the oscillations of points you need to use a number of iterations that are spaced in mod 4 space. This meant that I should've plotted 1000, 1001, 1002, and 1003 on the same plot to show all the branches of the fig tree. And I now think that the sinusoidal points look like branches in the tree instead of the vaguely oscillatory motion I noticed in my other plot, which could be attributed to the function settling.

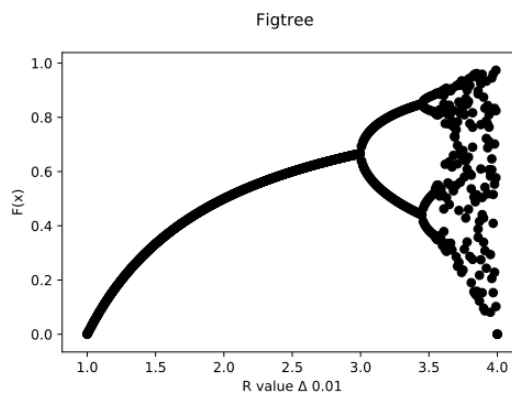


FIG. 6: Fig Tree plot

Based on my plot I would say the edge of chaos occurs at  $r = 3.7$

## 5. CONCLUSIONS

Overall I enjoyed this homework far more than the last because of the ample amount of choice given to choose interesting problems. I found the skills I learned in this problem set to be very useful for my future stem career, and the timing needed for the homework to be ample. I thoroughly enjoyed this problem set.