The Rössler System

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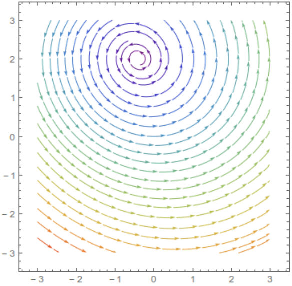

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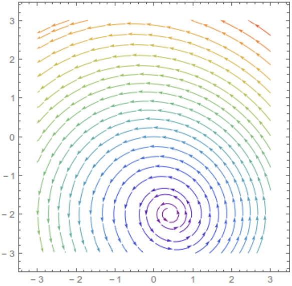

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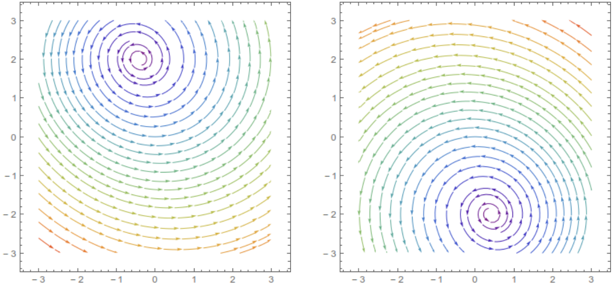

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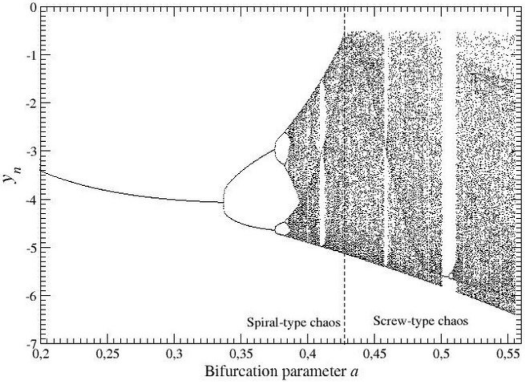

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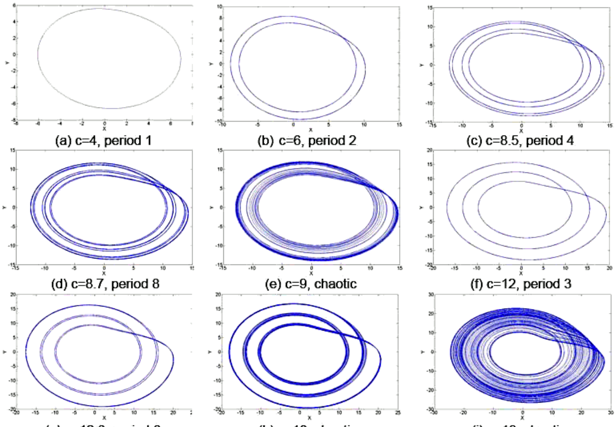

(a) c=4, period 1 (b) c=6, period 2 (c) c=8.5, period 4
(d) c=8.7, period 8 (e) c=9, chaotic (f) c=12, period 3
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