Agenda: Complex Processes in Nature and Laboratory

Systems and dynamics, qualifiers

Examples (climate, planetary motion),

Order and Chaos, determinism and stochastic unpredictability

1D dynamics: phase space curves/orbits

Non-linear dynamics in nature and their modeling
Mathematical model (logistic map, climate,....)
Stability criteria, stationary states

Self replicating structures out of simplicity

Cellular automata and fractal structures,

Self-organization in coupled chemical reactions

Thermodynamic states and their transformations

Collective and chaotic multi-dimensional systems

Energy types equilibration,

flow of heat and radiation

Reading Assignments

Weeks 1&2

LN I: Complex processes

Kondepudi Ch.19
Additional Material
J.L. Schiff:
Cellular Automata,
Ch.1, Ch. 3.1-3.6

McQuarrie & Simon Math Chapters MC B, C, D,

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Stepwise iteration
$$f_{i+1} = g_i$$
 with In.Cond.: $i = 0$, $g_0 = g(x_0)$

Trajectory
$$x(t) \rightarrow x_i := x(t_i); \ \dot{x}(t) \rightarrow \dot{x}_i := \dot{x}(t_i)$$
 Phase curve $\{x(t_i), \dot{x}(t_i)\}; \ i = 0,...$

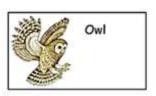
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Important examples: global climate, 3-body dynamics, forced mechanical or molecular oscillators, biological population dynamics, organ functionality, catalytic chemical reactions.

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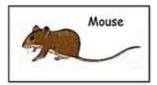


Non-Linear Predator-Prey Dynamics

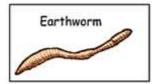






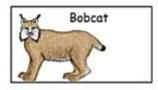




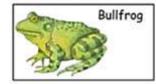


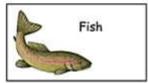












Predator-Prey competition for survival Populations:

Species $A \to x(t) \le 1$; reproduction rate a Species $B \to y(t) \le 1$; reproduction rate b

$$\dot{X} = \frac{dX}{dt} = (a - b)X \cdot [1 - X]$$

$$\dot{y} = \frac{dy}{dt} = (b - a)y \cdot [1 - y]$$

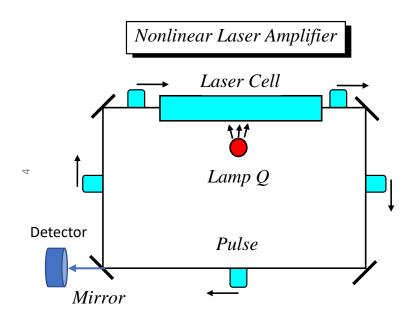
For small populations

$$x \ll x_{max} := 1 \rightarrow x(t) \propto exp\{-(a-b) \cdot t\}$$

 $y \ll y_{max} := 1 \rightarrow y(t) \propto exp\{-(b-a) \cdot t\}$

$$\dot{\mathbf{x}} = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{x}^2 - \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{x}$$
$$\dot{\mathbf{y}} = \mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{y}^2 - \phi(\mathbf{x}, \mathbf{y}) \cdot \mathbf{y}$$

Laboratory Experiments On Complex (Chaotic) Dynamics



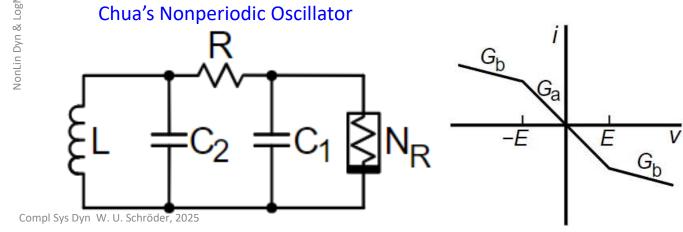
To investigate expected behavior of physical system \rightarrow study mathematical properties of profile function and associated maps.

→ Test with laboratory experiments.

Initial maximum laser cavity intensity I=1Once around the track $\rightarrow I_{\alpha} < 1 \rightarrow$ cavity Stimulated emission \propto product of trigger intensity **x** available inversion

$$I_{1} = \mu \cdot I_{0} \cdot (1 - I_{0}) \quad etc \quad n > 0$$
 Logistic Map

n = number of circuits completed

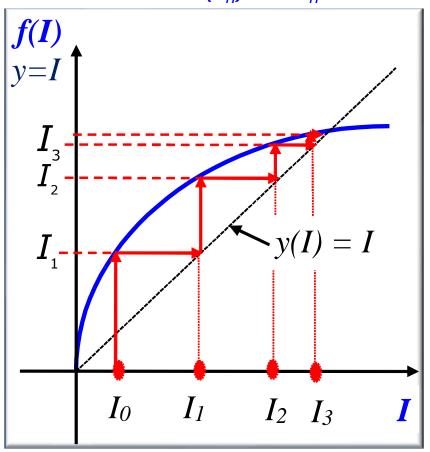


Chua Diode N_R : nonlinear negative resistance = amplifier with positive feedback.

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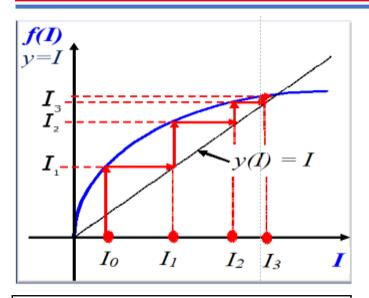
Graphing An Iteration ("Cobweb Plot")

Sequence I, f(I), $f^2(I)$,..., $f^n(I)$... Plotted in 2D : $f(I_n)$ vs. I_n



- 1. Draw horizontal (*I*) and vertical (*f*) axes of a 2D Cartesian coordinate system, with equal divisions.
- 2. Plot the map profile function f(I) vs. I.
- 3. Plot the diagonal line y(I) = I.
- 4. Start drawing the trajectory I_n , (n = 0, 1,...) by marking the initial point $I_{n=0}$ on the horizontal axis.
- 5. Draw a vertical arrow, from point I_n , to its functional value $I_{n+1} = f(I_n)$ on the profile curve.
- 6. Draw a horizontal arrow from point $f(I_n)$ to the point $f(I_n) = I_n$ on the y = I line. This identifies the abscissa coordinate I_n for the next iteration.
- 7. Go to 5) and repeat 5) and 6) until done.

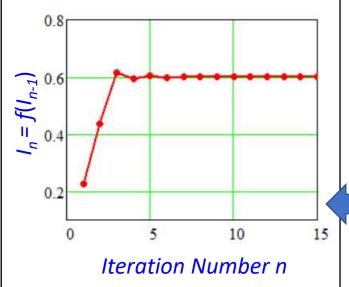
Graphing An Iteration II



Sequence I, f(I), $f^2(I)$,..., $f^n(I)$... Plotted in 2D

$$f(I_n)$$
 vs. I_n

Different In: Laser intensity flickers

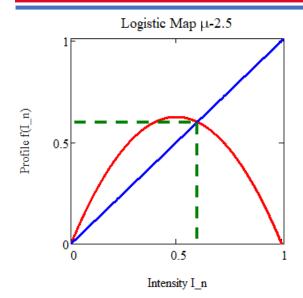


Sequence I, f(I), $f^2(I)$,..., $f^n(I)$... Plotted in 1D vs. I

Intensity I_n vs. Iteration number n

Intensity increases at first, then oscillates slightly. Finally, gets to steady-state operation after a few initial circuits (periods).

Logistic Map Features



Logistic Map μ=2.5, I_0=0.15

0.65

0.55

0.45

0.45

iteration n

Features of an iteration on a map depend on the profile function f, specifically on the amplification factor μ and the initial conditions, InCon for 1D: just the starting point I_0 .

Periodic point I_{pm} , period $m: f^m(I_{pm}) = I_{pm}$ Fixpoints $I_f: f(I_f) = I_f$ Trivial $I_f = 0$ Non – trivial FP exist if f(I) and y(I) = I intersect

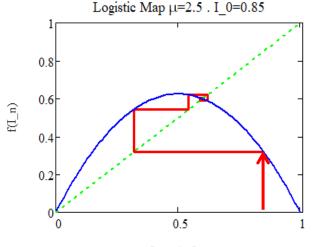
Condition
$$I_f = \frac{\mu - 1}{\mu} \ge 0$$

Trajectory ensembles with $I_0 \approx I_f$ fixpoints "attract" or "repel" (scatter)

$$\left| \left(\frac{df}{dI} \right)_{\underline{I_f}} \right| < 1 \quad (I_f = Attractor) \qquad \left| \left(\frac{df}{dI} \right)_{\underline{I_f}} \right| > 1 \quad (I_f = Repellor)$$

$$\left| \left(\frac{df}{dI} \right)_{\underline{I_f}} \right| = 0 \quad (I_f = ???)$$

Chaotic behavior if sensitivity to initial condition.

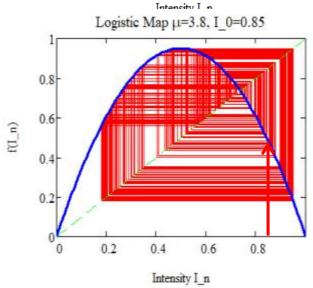


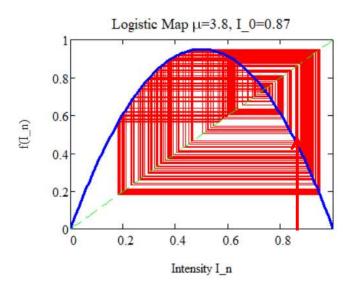
 μ = 2.5: Fixpoint = attractor. All trajectories end up in this point: Laser operation stable after startup.

 μ = 3.8 Fixpoint = strange attractor.

Trajectories spiral initially around fixpoint: intensity blinks slightly. After a few cycles, oscillations between 3 and 4 different brightness levels, highly unstable, essentially right after start.

Sensitivity to initial conditions → chaotic operation

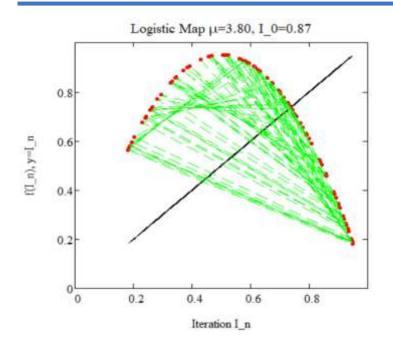




Slightly different I_0 lead to very different time behavior. N=500 iterations

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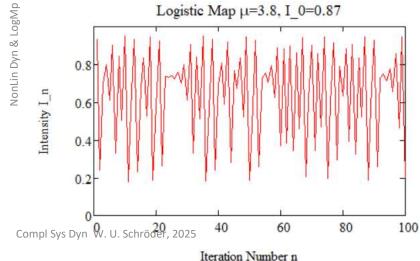
Chaotic Map Trajectories



Same example as above, plot showing only the iterative intensities I_n on the curve representing the map profile function f(I).

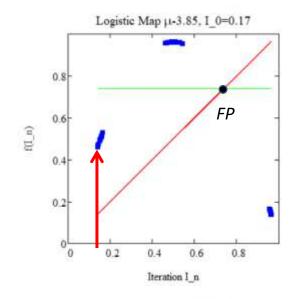
A large part of the brightness spectrum is covered by the trajectory already after 500 iteration. No apparent intensity pattern.

Intensity flashes between bright and dim.



Same example as above, plot shows iterative intensities I_n vs n. Some, but not exact similarities, intermittency domains, strongly dependent on initial condition I_0 .

Sensitivity to Initial Conditions



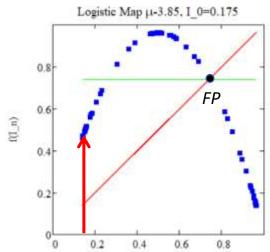


Illustration of sensitivity to initial conditions for μ = 3.85, fixpoint at I = 0.74, strange attractor **IC:** I_0 = 0.170, N = 100 iterations Blinking alternatively with 3 different intensities

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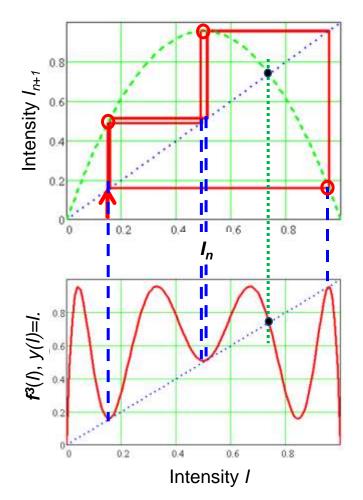
Question: What would the probability distribution look like for the entire chain of N_{total} iterations?

$$I \in \left[I - \frac{\Delta I}{2}, I + \frac{\Delta I}{2}\right] \rightarrow \frac{\Delta P(I)}{\Delta I} := \frac{N(I_n = I)}{N_{total}}; 0 \le I(t) \le 1$$

Normalization:
$$P = \sum_{n=1}^{N_{total}} \left(\frac{\Delta P(I_n)}{\Delta I} \right) \cdot \Delta I = 1 \ (= 100\%)$$

Periodic Flashes

Metastable/intermittent processes, strange but predictable trajectories: search for "periodic points." Points of period n = stable (attractor) fixpoints of $f^n(x)$.

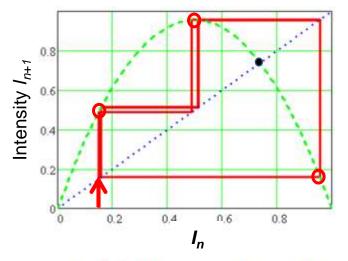


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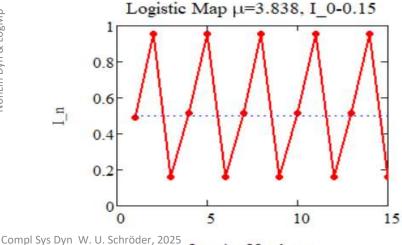
Finding members of strange cycle: look for tangential touching of curve $f^3(\mu, \mathbf{l})$ at $y(\mathbf{l})=\mathbf{l}$.

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Iteration Number n

Pattern $f(\mu, I)$ exhibiting periodic triplet blinking patterns : medium, high, low intensity.

Deterministic

 $0.0 \le \mu \le 1.0$:

No non – trivial fixpoints $\rightarrow I_n \xrightarrow[n \to \infty]{} 0$

 $1.0 < \mu \le 3.0$:

1 non – trivial attractor fixpoint, "deterministic chaos" Trajectory deterministic for precise initial condition

 $3.0 < \mu \le 3.6$:

1 non – trivial repellor fixpoint, "deterministic chaos"

bi - stable flickering with alternating intensities,

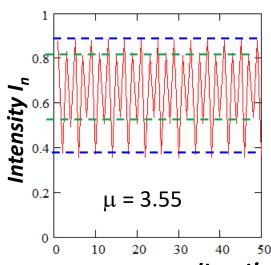
several n – frequency doublings (bifurcations)

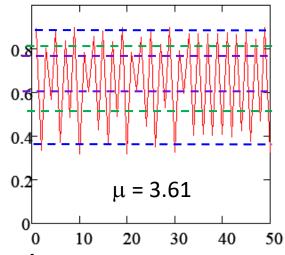
 $3.6 < \mu < 3.8$:

1 non – trivial repellor fixpoint, intermittent flicker

 $3.8 \le \mu < 4.0$:

1 non – trivial repellor fixpoint, chaotic dynamics





Left: Frequency doubling

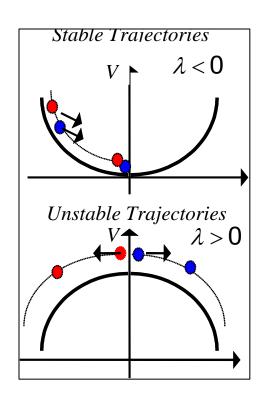
Right: Two frequency doublings with intermittency.

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Iteration Number n

Lyapunov Stability Criterion



2 trajectories initially separated by $\Delta x = \varepsilon$ Separation at iteration n (time t_n)

Stability $\lambda < 0$

$$\delta(\varepsilon, n) := |f^{n}(x) - f^{n}((x + \varepsilon))| = |\varepsilon| \cdot e^{\lambda \cdot n}$$

$$Ln\left\{\frac{|f^{n}(x)-f^{n}((x+\varepsilon))|}{\varepsilon}\right\} = \lambda \cdot n \to \lambda = \frac{1}{n} \cdot Ln\left|\frac{df^{n}(x)}{dx}\right|$$

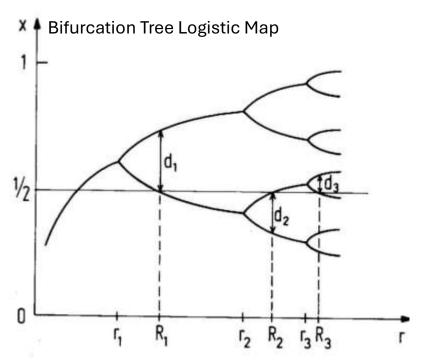
$$f^{n}(x) = f(x_{n-1}) = f(f(x_{n-2})) = \dots = f(\dots(x_{0})\dots)$$

$$\frac{df^{n}}{dx} = \frac{df(x_{n-1})}{dx_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-1}}{dx} = \frac{df(x_{n-1})}{dx_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-1}}{dx_{n-2}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-2}}{dx} = \dots = \dots$$

$$df^{n}/dx = f'(x_{n-1}) \cdot f'(x_{n-2}) \cdot f'(x_{n-3}) \cdot f'(x_{n-4}) \cdot \cdot f'(x_{0})$$

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Ln |f'(x_i)|$$

Tree of Successive Bifurcations



On ordinate $x_{i\to\infty}$ asymptotic iterates (fix or periodic points x_n , for large n) plotted vs. amplification/scaling factor r, for the logistic map. Similar behavior for related maps of the kind

$$f(x) := \mu \cdot x^k \cdot (1 - x^k)^{1/k}$$
;
Logistic map $k = 1$

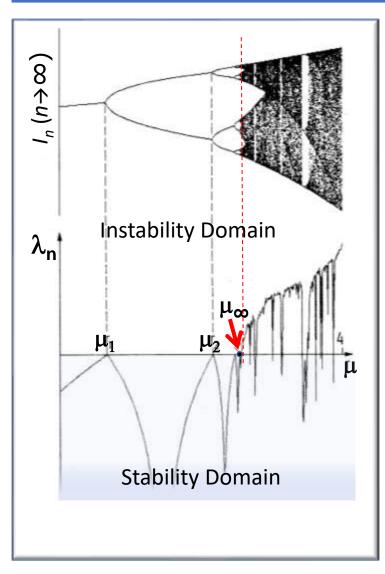
Feigenbaum Scaling: Bifurcation points

$$r_n = r_{\infty} - const \cdot \delta^{-n}, n \gg 1$$

 $r_{\infty} = 3.5699456$
 $\delta = 4.66920160$

$$\frac{d_n}{d_{n+1}} = -\alpha$$
, $n \gg 1$; $\alpha = 2.502907875$

Lyapunov Exponent = $\mathbf{f}(\mu)$



Asymptotic iterates and Lyapunov exponent for the logistic map:

Gain factors μ determine dynamics

 $\mu \ge \mu_1$: at least 1 bifurcation

 $\mu \ge \mu_2$: at least 2 bifurcations

 $\mu \ge \mu_{\infty}$: λ generally >0, \rightarrow Chaotic system behavior, small special domains for (relatively) orderly behavior.

Similar:

$$f(x) := \mu \cdot x^k \left(1 - x^k\right)^{1/k}$$
 and

$$f(x) := \mu(x) \cdot x^{k} \left(1 - x^{k}\right)^{1/k}$$

Outlook and Conclusions (for our environment)

- \square Non-linear dynamics of complex systems can lead to orderly or chaotic behavior, depending on non-linearity \rightarrow amplification μ for log. map. strength of positive feed back loops.
- ☐ Chaotic dynamics include sudden wild oscillations in system properties at "Tipping Points,"
- Given an observed non-linear behavior for a specific system (example: Earth albedo), it is possible to estimate a Logistic-Map model amplification parameter μ.
- ☐ Extensions of simple 1D Logistic-Map model include multiple dimensions {x,y} provide understanding of population dynamics (predator-prey)

$$dx/dt = \mu(x,y) \cdot x \cdot [1-x]$$
 $dy/dt = \mu(x,y) \cdot y \cdot [1-y]$

☐ Earth albedo can change rapidly, leading to tipping points in climate.

$$\lambda = \frac{1}{n} Ln \left| \frac{df^n(x)}{dx} \right|$$

Implicit function
$$f^{n}(x) = f(x_{n-1}) = \dots = f(f(f(f(x_{n-4}))))\dots$$

$$\vdots$$

Chain Rule for differentiation:

$$\frac{df^{n}(x)}{dx} = \frac{df(x_{n-1})}{dx_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-1}}{dx} = \frac{df(x_{n-1})}{dx_{n-1}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-1}}{dx_{n-2}} \cdot \frac{dx_{n-2}}{dx_{n-2}} \cdot \cdots \cdot \frac{dx_{1}}{dx_{0}}$$

$$=\frac{df(x_{n-1})}{dx_{n-1}}\cdot\frac{df(x_{n-2})}{dx_{n-2}}\cdot\frac{df(x_{n-3})}{dx_{n-3}}\cdot\cdots\cdot\frac{df(x)}{dx}$$

$$Ln\left|\frac{df^{n}}{dx}\right| = Ln\prod_{i=0}^{n-1}|f'(x_{i})|_{x_{i}} = \sum_{i=0}^{n-1}Ln|f'(x_{i})|_{x_{i}}$$



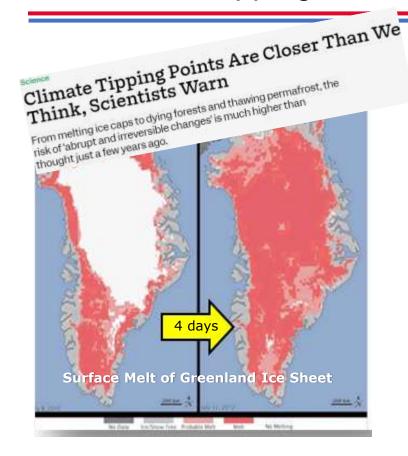


explicit, direct

$$\lambda_n = \frac{1}{n} \cdot \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} Ln |f'(x_i)|_{x_i}$$

Large $n \to \infty$, test the shape of f at many positions x_i

Tipping Points in Earth Climate?



Non-linear and coupled effects in Earth current climate evolution → global warming, melting of sea ice, ice cap, desertification, ocean acidification, sea level rise,.....

Historic climate facts:

Ice ages (little and major) and greenhouse periods. Transition speed?

Do we have time to adapt or change pace?

Mind the fate of planet Venus (NYT 012921)

Earth albedo or surface reflectivity ε = important in maintaining radiation balance

Glaciation: increasing ice cover $\Delta \varepsilon > 0 \rightarrow surface \ temperature \ change \ \Delta T < 0$

Warming: decreasing ice cover $\Delta \varepsilon < 0 \rightarrow surface temperature change \Delta T > 0$

Albedo is non-monotonic function of important driving parameters, has extrema!

Earth Albedo Model

Albedo is non-monotonic function of important driving parameters.

Combine ε parameter dependence to model *non-linear* dependence on history:

$$\varepsilon(t + \Delta t) = \alpha \cdot \varepsilon(t) - \beta \cdot \varepsilon^2(t) + \dots$$
; parameters $\alpha, \beta = f(CO_2, \dots)$?

Since $\varepsilon(t)$ is non-monotonic and must have an extremum $\rightarrow sign(\alpha) = sign(\beta)$, choose $\alpha, \beta > 0$

Adopt discrete time steps t_n (days, months, years,...,centuries) $\rightarrow \varepsilon_{n+1} = \varepsilon_n (t + n \cdot \Delta t) \approx \alpha \cdot \varepsilon_n - \beta \cdot \varepsilon_n^2$ "Iteration"

 $Variable\ transformation \rightarrow$

Profile function
$$f(\varepsilon) = \mu \cdot \varepsilon \cdot (1 - \varepsilon)$$
 "Logistic Map"

$$\varepsilon_{n+1} = f(\varepsilon_n) = f(f(\varepsilon_{n-1})) = f(f(f(\varepsilon_{n-2}))) = f^3(\varepsilon_{n-2})$$
 Iterative Logistic Map

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