

## List of exercises #6 (Non-linear systems and chaos) - 7600040

1. A circuit with a nonlinear inductor can be modeled by the equations  $\dot{x} = y$  and  $\dot{y} = -ky - x^3 + B \cos t$ .
  - (a) Compare this system of equations with the Duffing equation.
  - (b) Study numerically the dynamics for  $k = 0.1$  and  $9.8 \leq B \leq 13.4$ .
2. Assume that  $x(t) = b \cos(\omega_0 t) + u(t)$  is a solution of the van der Pol equation  $\ddot{x} + \mu(x^2 - a^2)\dot{x} + \omega_0^2 x = 0$ . Assume that the damping term  $\mu$  is small and keep terms in  $u(t)$  up to first order in  $\mu$ . Show that  $b = 2a$  and  $u(t) = -\frac{\mu a^3}{4\omega_0^3} \sin(3\omega_0 t)$  is a solution. Produce a phase diagram of  $\dot{x}$  versus  $x$  and plots of  $x(t)$  and  $\dot{x}(t)$  for values of  $a = \omega_0 = 1$ , and  $\mu = 0.05$ .
3. Consider the Standard map  $J_{n+1} = J_n + K \sin \theta_n$  and  $\theta_{n+1} = \theta_n + J_{n+1}$ , with  $0 \leq \theta_n \leq 2\pi$ .
  - (a) Study numerically the associated Poincaré section, i.e., for a fixed value of  $K$ , plot in the same graph  $J_n$  vs.  $\theta_n$  for many different initial conditions  $\{\theta_0, J_0\}$  and  $n$  ranging from 0 to  $10^3$ . Consider the cases of  $K = 0, 0.01, \dots$ . For what values of  $K$  the many tori start to be destructed, i.e., when does chaos appear?
  - (b) Notice that as  $K$  increases there appear resonance zones, periodic orbits and bands of chaos as tori of  $J = \text{const}$  undergo progressive breakdown.  
Study the Twist map and the Poincaré–Birkhoff theorem in Aguiar Sec. 10.2 and in Kibble & Berkshire Appendix D.3.
4. Consider the Logistic map  $x_{i+1} = rx_i(1 - x_i) \equiv G(x_i)$ , where  $0 < x_0 < 1$  and  $r$  is a constant.
  - (a) Show that there is a point attractor for  $0 \leq r < 3$ .
  - (b) Show that there is a two-cycle attractor for  $3 < r < 1 + \sqrt{6}$ .
  - (c) Show that  $\alpha, \beta, s$  can be found such that  $y_n$  satisfies the logistic map with parameter  $s$  ( $\neq r$ ) and  $x_j = \alpha + \beta y_j$ .  
[This is an example of the fact that all quadratic maps  $y_{j+1} = A + By_j + Cy_j^2$  are essentially just the Logistic map, as it can be obtained by a suitably chosen linear relation between  $y_j$  and  $x_j$ .]
  - (d) Let  $x_j = G^{(j)}(x_0) \equiv G(G(\dots G(x_0)\dots))$ . Show that  $G^{(j)'}(x)|_{x=x_0} = \prod_{k=0}^{j-1} G'(x)|_{x=x_k}$ .
  - (e) Let  $d_j \equiv |G^{(j)}(x_0 + \epsilon) - G^{(j)}(x_0)|$ , i.e.,  $d_j$  is the distance between two initial conditions after they evolved  $j$  steps. Assuming that  $d_j = \epsilon e^{\lambda j}$  for  $j \rightarrow \infty$ , show that the Lyapunov exponent is  $\lambda = \lim_{j \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{j} \sum_{k=0}^{j-1} \ln |G'(x)|_{x=x_k}$ .
  - (f) Calculate the Lyapunov exponent for (i)  $0 < r < 1$ , (ii)  $1 < r < 3$ , (iii)  $3 < r < 1 + \sqrt{6}$ , and (iv)  $r = 4$ .
  - (g) What is the behavior of the logistic map when  $r > 4$ ?
  - (h) Now let  $r$  and  $x_n$  be complex numbers. Find regions of the complex  $r$  plane for which the map has (i) a point attractor, (ii) a 2-cycle attractor.
5. The tent map is given by  $x_{n+1} = 1 - 2|x_n - \frac{1}{2}|$  where  $0 \leq x_n \leq 1$ .
  - (a) Find the fixed points.
  - (b) Show that these fixed points are all unstable.
  - (c) Show that this map exhibits extreme sensitivity to initial conditions, i.e., an uncertainty  $\epsilon$  in  $x_0$  is rapidly magnified. Estimate the number of iterations after which the range of uncertainty in the iterates is the complete interval  $[0, 1]$ .
6. For the cubic map  $x_{n+1} = ax_n - x_n^3$ , where  $a$  is real, show that, when  $|a| < 1$ , there is an asymptotically stable fixed point  $x^* = 0$  and that, when  $1 < a < 2$  there are two such fixed points at  $x^* = \pm\sqrt{a-1}$ . What happens when  $a > 2$ ?
7. By calculating Lyapunov exponents examine sensitivity to initial conditions of the equal-area maps of the unit square ( $0 \leq x, y \leq 1$ ):
  - (a) Arnold's cat map  $x_{n+1} = x_n + y_n, y_{n+1} = x_n + 2y_n$  (each modulo 1).
  - (b) The baker's transformation  $(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = (2x_n, \frac{1}{2}y_n)$  if  $x_n < \frac{1}{2}$ , and  $(x_{n+1}, y_{n+1}) = (2 - 2x_n, \frac{1}{2}(2 - y_n))$ , if  $x_n > \frac{1}{2}$ .