Session overview



Bifurcations

Edward Lorenz, father of chaos theory (and the "butterfly effect"), died yesterday at age 90 http://xkcd.com/378/

Pass in HW3 now

Tangent bifurcation

• Consider a family of curves $F_{\lambda}(x)$

- Note that the center curve is tangent to the replacement line at one point, and thus has one fixed point
- The curve to the left has no fixed points
- The curve to the right has two fixed points
- The value of λ for which the curve is tangent to the replacement line at one point is called the *bifurcation value* (λ₀)
- The ordered pair (λ₀, x₀) is called the bifurcation point

Bifurcation diagram

- A graph of the limiting state values (fixed points, periodic points, etc.) as a function of the parameter
- Solid lines indicate attraction
- Dashed lines indicate repulsion

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 λ_0

λ

X₀

Period-doubling bifurcation



- The plots to the left are of Q_c^2 for values of *c* around -3/4
 - ◆ blue: *c* = -1/2
 - ♦ red: c = -3/4
 - ◆ green: *c* = -1
- Note that the bifurcation point is (-3/4, -1/2)
- The slope of Q_c at the bifurcation point is -1

-2

2.

y1

2.

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Quiz

 The quiz reviews logistic map bifurcations and their relationship to the Feigenbaum diagram