DYNAMICAL CHAOS

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The time propagation of a non-linear system typically depends quite strongly (exponentially, to be exact) on the initial conditions, leading to an essentially unpredictable state of the system. This is known as dynamical chaos.

1. Plot the logistic map for the Feigenbaum series and examine it carefully. Determine the bifurcation points accurately. Study the stability of attractor(s) for several values of the growth parameter μ. Show by graphing (or by math, if you dare; see `http://chaosbook.org`) that the Feigenbaum diagram is a fractal.

2. Determine the cycle period of Arnold's cat map for a chosen dimension N.

3. For the standard (Taylor-Greene-Chirikov) map plot the phase diagram and determine the critical value for the kick parameter K. Find fractal islands and determine the value of K at which they dissapear. How many attractors does the standard map have?

4. **Extra credit:** include attenuation to the standard map and find attractors as function of the attenuation coefficient. This is known as the Zaslavsky map.