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## Select / Special Topics in Classical Mechanics

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**Unit 11 : Chaotic Dynamical Systems**

## Unit 11

# Chaotic Dynamical Systems

Complex behavior of simple systems!

“I am convinced that chaos research will bring about a revolution in natural sciences similar to that produced by quantum mechanics”.

-Gerd Binnig,

-Nobel Prize (1986) for designing  
Scanning Tunneling Microscope



Many others, who work in a wide **variety** of frontier research fields have expressed a similar view.

Physics addresses the temporal-evolution of the 'state of a system'.

That's what an equation of motion

*(Newton / Lagrange / Hamilton / Schrodinger)*

is about!

Growth of science:

Empirical knowledge, theoretical models,

predictions, testing .....

Observations of natural phenomena – Galileo / Raman .....

What laws of nature can we learn from Mathematics?

–From numbers,

for example:  $\pi, e, \dots$

or, from a sequence of numbers.....

*Fibonacci (1202): How many pairs of rabbits can there be if they breed in “ideal” conditions and never die?*

Our rabbits **never die.**

The female always  
produces one new pair  
every month.



New pair: always  
one male and one female.

How many pairs will there be in one year?

<http://www.maths.surrey.ac.uk/hosted-sites/R.Knott/Fibonacci/fibnat.html#rabeecow>  
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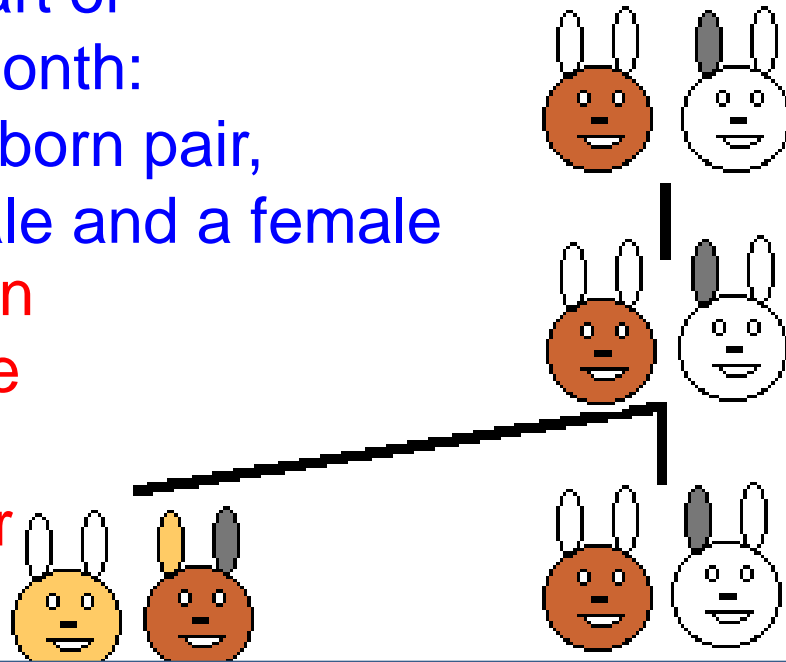
Each pair will reproduce; none will die.

Each new born pair takes a month to  
mature enough to mate.

The female then takes a month to  
deliver the next pair – always a male  
and a female

@start of  
1<sup>st</sup> month:  
new born pair,  
a male and a female

Each new born  
pair would take  
2 months to  
deliver another  
pair: M+F.



Number  
of pairs

1

1

2

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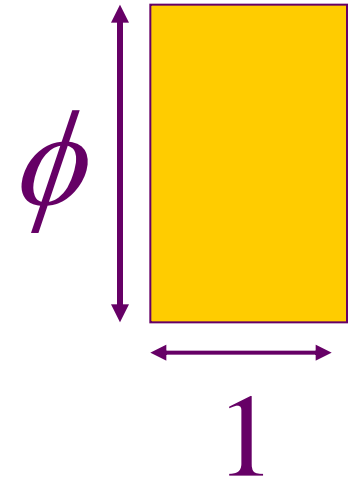
1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144,.....

$$\frac{2}{1} = 2$$

$$\frac{13}{8} = 1.625$$

$$\frac{3}{2} = 1.5$$

$$\frac{21}{13} = 1.615384\dots$$

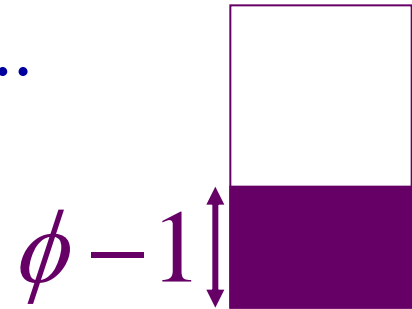


$$5 / 3 = 1.66666\dots$$

$$34 / 21 = 1.61904\dots$$

$$\frac{8}{5} = 1.6$$

$$\frac{55}{34} = 1.617646\dots$$



**the golden ratio**

$$\phi = 1.6180339887\dots$$

1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34,55,89,144,.....

the golden ratio = 1.6180339887...

*Fibonacci Spiral:*

*Draw arcs connecting the opposite corners of squares, whose sides have lengths given by the Fibonacci Sequence.*

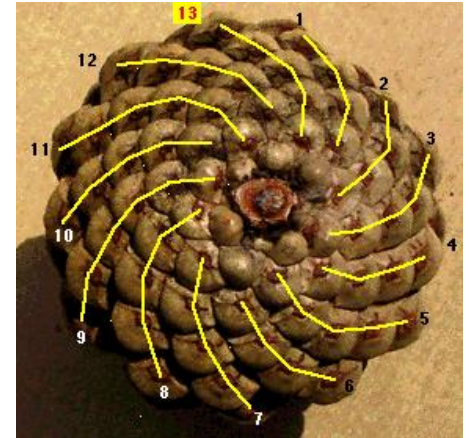
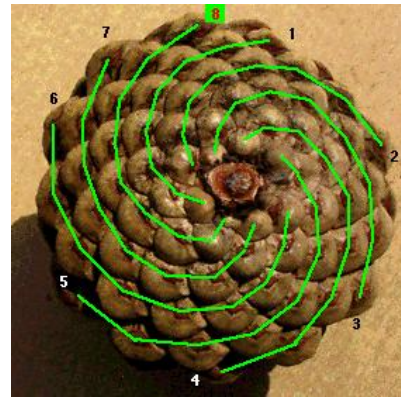
Several shapes in nature conform to the shape of Fibonacci Spiral.

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[http://hynesva.com/blogs/character\\_and\\_excellence/archive/2009/11/15/the-golden-ratio-a-wonder-of-god-s-creation.aspx](http://hynesva.com/blogs/character_and_excellence/archive/2009/11/15/the-golden-ratio-a-wonder-of-god-s-creation.aspx)



D E Knuth '*The Art of Computer Programming: Volume 1*'

(errata to second edition): “Before Fibonacci wrote his work, the sequence **F(n)** had already been discussed by Indian scholars, who had long been interested in rhythmic patterns that are formed from one-beat and two-beat notes.

The number of such rhythms having **n** beats altogether is **F(n+1)**; therefore both Gopala (before 1135) and Hemachandra (c. 1150) mentioned the numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, ... explicitly”.

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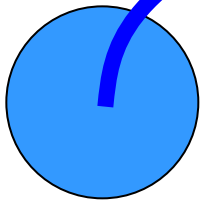
Fibonacci: Leonardo of Pisa, 'Liber Abaci' (1202)  
-- but was this sequence known earlier?

$\pi, e, \phi, \delta, \alpha,$

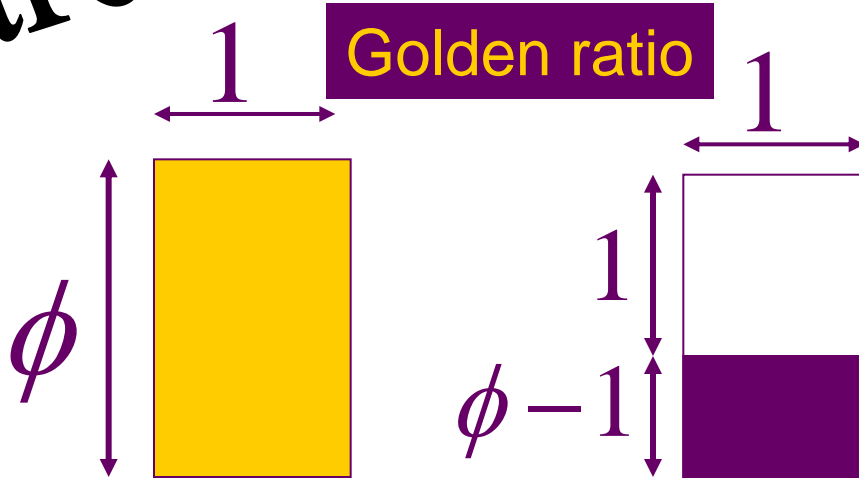
Feigenbaum constants  
....bifurcation diagrams

evolution of a dynamical system

toward an 'attractor'



INITIAL  
STATE



the golden ratio = 1.6180339887...

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.....it may happen that small differences in the initial conditions produce very great ones in the final phenomena....

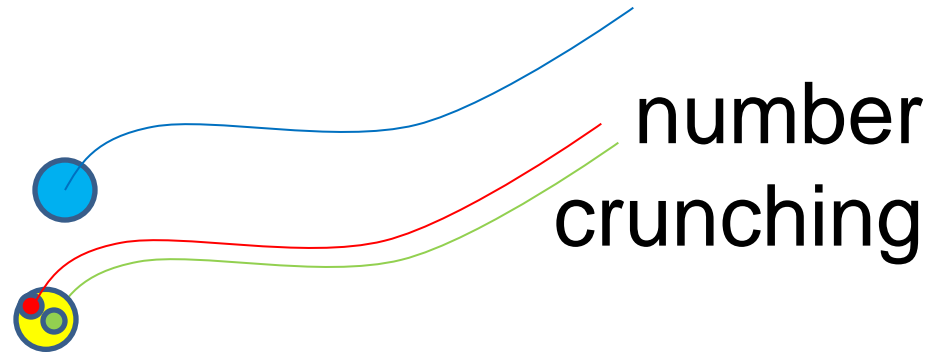
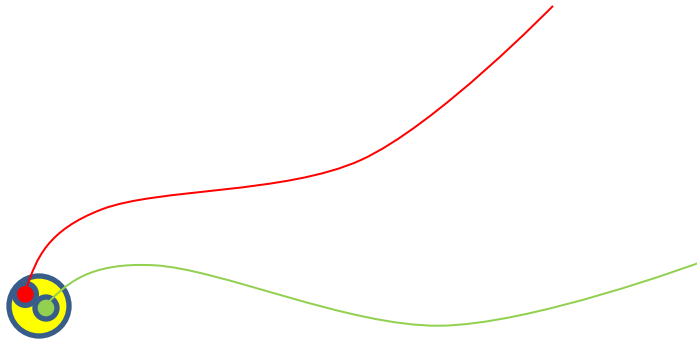


Henri Poincaré (1854 -1912)



evolution of a dynamical system

*Kolmogorov, Arnold and Moser*



.....butterfly  
effect



6.87	10.7	10.66
+3.79	+ 9.89	+9.89
<hr/> 10.66	<hr/> 20.59	<hr/> 20.55

“For want of a nail,  
the shoe was lost;



For want of a shoe,  
the horse was lost;

For want of the horse,  
the rider was lost;

For want of a rider,  
the battle was lost;

For want of a battle,  
the kingdom was lost!”

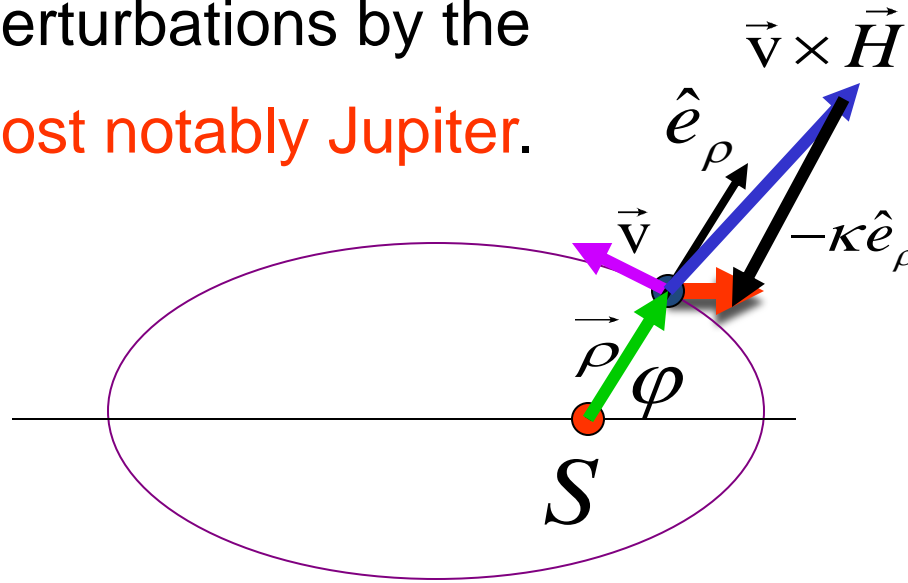
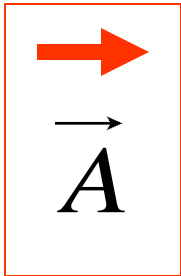


James Gleick’s book on ‘Chaos’  
page 23 (1998 Edition)



# Laplace Runge Lenz

Earth's elliptic orbit precesses, at a current rate of 0.3 degrees per century due to perturbations by the other planets, **most notably Jupiter.**



$$\vec{A} = \left( \vec{v} \times \vec{H} \right) - \kappa \hat{e}_\rho$$

The  $\odot \vec{H}$   
(specific)  
angular  
momentum  
vector is  
out of the  
plane of  
this figure,  
*toward us.*

Jacques Laskar (1989, Paris) - numerical integration of the Solar System over 200 million years.

-averaged equations, had some 150,000 terms.

Laskar's work: Earth's orbit → chaotic.

*(as well as the orbits of all the inner planets)*

An error as small as 15 meters in measuring the position of the Earth today would make it impossible to predict where the Earth would be in over 100 million years' time.

See 'Solar system dynamics' by Murray & Dermott

Dynamical System: “dynamical” : changing....

study of temporal evolution of systems/processes.

Examples:

Weather – changes with time

Changes in Chemicals – as reactions take place....

Population changes....

Motion of simple pendulum

Stock market....

..... Physics / Chemistry / Engineering / Finance / Biology ...

Question:

Can we make accurate long-time predictions?

# Dynamical Systems

Newton/Lagrange/Hamilton

1890s: Poincare

1920-60: Borkhoff

Kolmogorov

Arnol'd

Moser

} *KAM*

1963: Lorenz

1970s: Ruelle & Takens

May

Feigenbaum

Mandelbrot

1980s+

Cascading of  
interest and work  
in non-linear  
dynamics, chaos,  
fractals

Our interest:

Is the evolution of a system/process predictable?

“Unpredictability”

Chaos: Even if number of variables is just one,  
- and even if there is no quantum phenomenon

For example: Add 2 to the previous number, beginning with 0

$$0+2=2$$

$$2+2=4$$

$$4+2=6$$

$$6+2=8 \dots \text{and so on}$$

examine the predictability of  
the results of successive iterations.....

Put Rs 1000 in the bank at 10% annual interest.

$$A_0=1000$$

$$A_1=A_0+0.1A_0=1000+100=1100=1.1A_0$$

$$N=10; \text{Rs}2593.74$$

$$A_2=A_1+0.1A_1=1100+110=1210=1.1A_1$$

$$A_3=A_2+0.1A_2=1210+121=1331=1.1A_2$$

$$N=50; \text{Rs}1,17,390.85$$

$$\dots\dots\dots A_N=1.1A_{N-1}=(1.1)^N(A_0)$$

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mathematical model of population growth.

Exponential growth model:

Each member of a population reproduces at the same per-capita rate, the growth rate is

$r$  : fecundity

-ability to reproduce

-rate coefficient

-‘control’ parameter

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

$$\frac{dN}{N} = r dt$$

$$\log_e N = rt + c$$

At  $t=0$ ,  $\log_e N(\text{at } t = 0) = c$ ; i.e.,  $c = \log_e N_0$

$$\log_e N = rt + \log_e N_0$$

$$N(t) = e^{rt + \log_e N_0} = e^{rt} e^{\log_e N_0} = N_0 e^{rt}$$

We shall take a break here.....

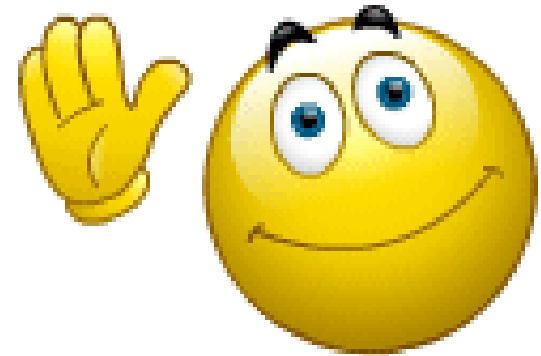
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*- bifurcations, chaos!*



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*Malthus's population model predicts population growth without bound for  $r > 0$ , or certain extinction for  $r < 0$ .*

$$N(t) = N_0 e^{rt}$$

## **‘Logistic’ Population Model**

Two parameters:

$r$ : growth rate.

$K$ : carrying capacity of the system.

**Carrying Capacity:** population level at which the birth and death rates of a species precisely match, resulting in a stable population over time.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = rN$$

*Malthus*  
(exponential)

Logistic Model of Population Growth Rate / incorporates a 'feedback mechanism'

Pierre Verhulst (Belgian, 1838): the rate of population increase may be limited, depending on 'population'.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left[ r \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) \right] N = rN \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right)$$

**K: "carrying capacity"; N: population size.**  
The **growth rate** decreases as population size increases.

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left[ r \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) \right] N$$

This **non-linear** equation is known as **LOGISTIC EQUATION.**

when  $\frac{dN}{dt} = \dot{N} \geq 0$

and the growth rate coefficient  $r > 0$ ,

we have:  $0 \leq N \leq K$

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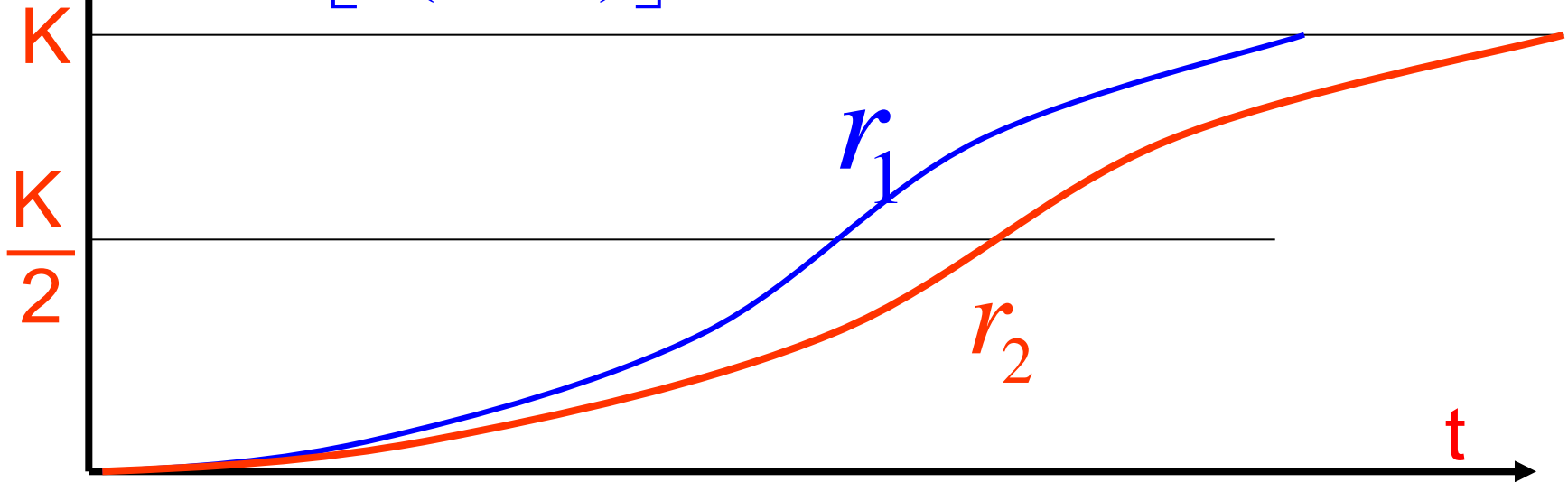
Thus:  $N=0$ : Unstable state  
 $N=K$ : Asymptotically Stable.

The LOGISTIC non-linear differential equation (continuous changes) does not predict any chaos.

Rapid growth till  $K/2$ ,  
slower growth thereafter

$N(t)$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left[ r \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) \right] N$$



$K/2$  is an inflection point

$$r_1 < r_2$$

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Several organisms reproduce in discrete intervals.

**“How Many Pairs of Rabbits Are Created by One Pair in One Year?” - Fibonacci**

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is **not** applicable for 'discrete' growth models

$$\frac{N((n+1)\delta t) - N(n\delta t)}{\delta t} = r \left[ 1 - \frac{N(n\delta t)}{K} \right] N(n\delta t).$$

Note the correspondence, considering the very definition

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \lim_{\delta t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\delta N}{\delta t}$$

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$$N((n+1)\delta t) = N(n\delta t) + rN(n\delta t) \left[ 1 - \frac{N(n\delta t)}{K} \right] \delta t$$



Pierre Francois Verhulst

(28/10/1804–15/2/1849  
Belgium)

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**Robert M. May**  
born 8 January 1936

“I urge that people be introduced to the logistic equation early in their mathematics equation.”

– Robert M. May

‘Simple mathematical models with very complicated dynamics’

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$$P_{n+1} = rP_n(1 - P_n)$$

*n* : *n*<sup>th</sup> generation index

Logistic MAP, Difference Equation

The discrete model

$$N((n+1)\delta t) = N(n\delta t) + r \left[ 1 - \frac{N(n\delta t)}{K} \right] N(n\delta t) \delta t$$

gives results that are very different from those obtained from the continuum model!

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = \left[ r \left( 1 - \frac{N}{K} \right) \right] N$$

The continuum model gives the rest state  $N = K$  as asymptotically stable,

- regardless of the value of  $r$ ,

whereas,

*the discrete model is very sensitive to the growth rate as well as the interval length between reproduction.*

*For large enough  $r\delta t$ , predictions of the discrete model can give rise to instabilities!*

***Behavior: bizarre, chaotic!***

MAP: Time domain is discrete; discrete time intervals:  
difference equations instead of differential equations

$$P_{next} = F(P_{current})$$

- **Population:**

*linear function*

$$P_{next} = rP_{current} \text{ (Malthus)} \rightarrow \text{linear}$$

$$P_{n+1} = rP_n(1 - P_n)$$

The modification through  $(1 - P_n)$

checks the growth,

since  $(1 - P_n)$  decreases as  $P_n$  increases.

The non-linear term plays havoc!

Let us see what the non-linear term  
does -

– depending on the value of the  
control parameter

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*Let  $r = 2.7$  (arbitrary value – example from James Gleick's book: Chaos - making a new science)*

Starting population:  $P_0 = 0.02$

$$1 - 0.02 = 0.98$$

$$2.7 \times 0.02 \times 0.98 = 0.0529$$

population } doubled!

$$P_{next} = F(P_{current})$$

*linear function*

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*next :*

$$\begin{aligned} & 2.7 \times 0.0529 \times (1 - 0.0529) \\ & = 2.7 \times 0.0529 \times 0.9471 = 0.1353 \end{aligned}$$

$P_{n+1} = rP_n(1 - P_n)$  Logistic MAP Difference Equation

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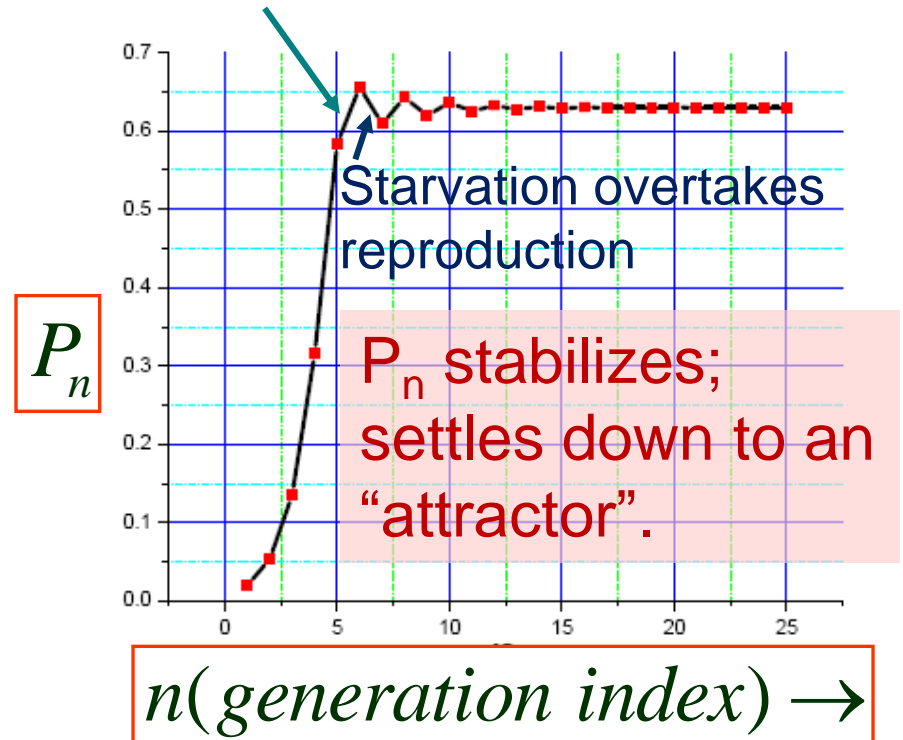
$2.7 \times 0.1353 \times (1 - 0.1353) = 0.3159$

Note: population has more than doubled.

1	0.02
2	0.0529
3	0.1353
4	0.3159
5	0.5835
6	0.6562
7	0.6092
8	0.6428
9	0.6199
10	0.6362
11	0.6249
12	0.6328

13	0.6273
14	0.6312
15	0.6285
16	0.6304
17	0.6291
18	0.63
19	0.6294
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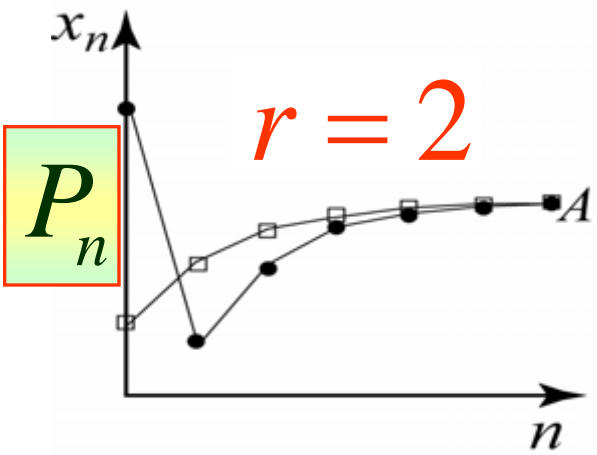
Rate of increase slows down





An 'attractor' is a region in the configuration or phase space that is invariant under time evolution and attracts nearby configurations -

– *those that lie within the 'basin of attractors'.*



Period Two Oscillations

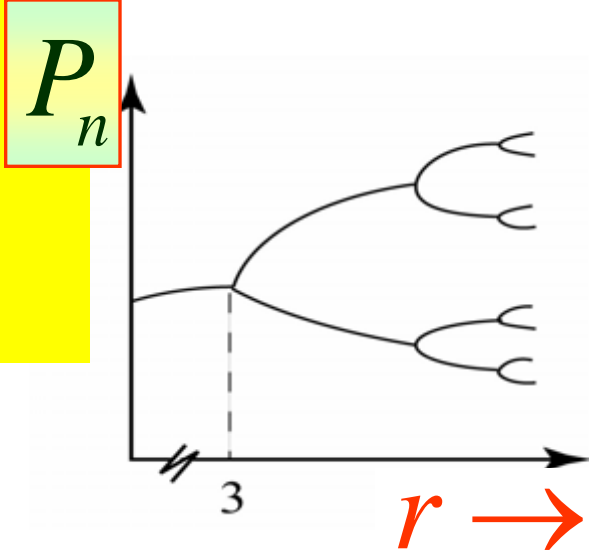
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} P_n = 0.56 & 1 \\ P_{n+1} = 0.76 & 2 \\ P_{n+2} = 0.56 & 1 \\ P_{n+3} = 0.76 & 2 \end{array} \right.$$

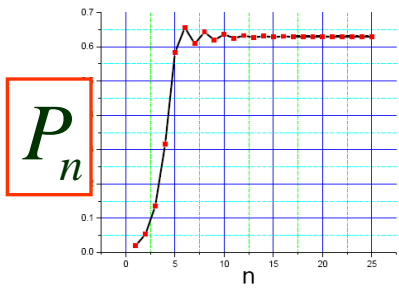
...SO ON

$r = 3.1$

*The attractor oscillates between two STEADY STATE values*

Number of iterations →



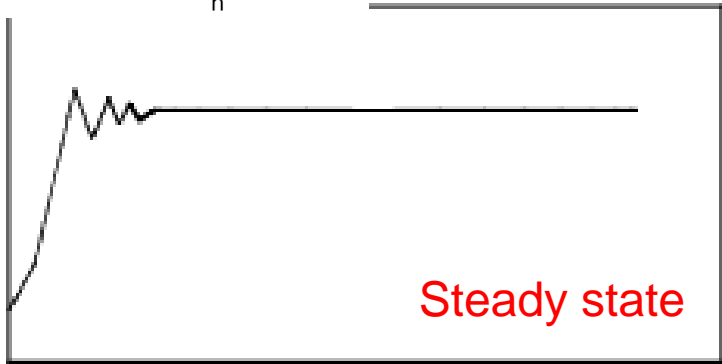


# Period Doubling / Bifurcation

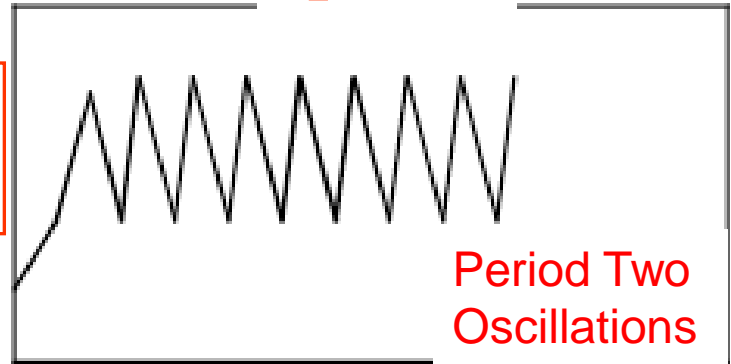
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2.7

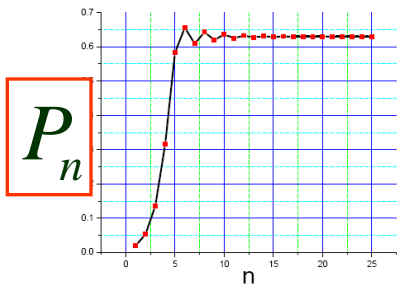
$r_1 = 3$



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Number of iterations of the equation  $\longrightarrow$

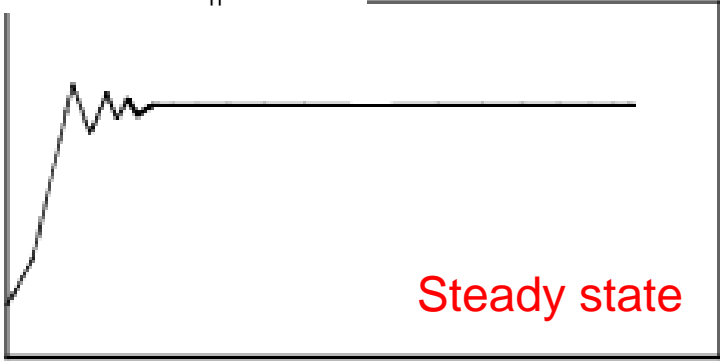


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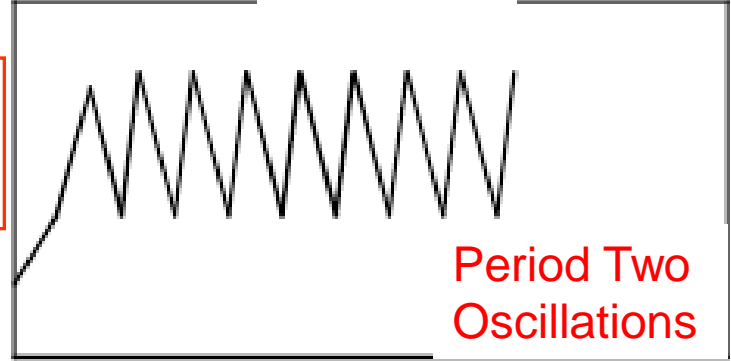
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Steady state

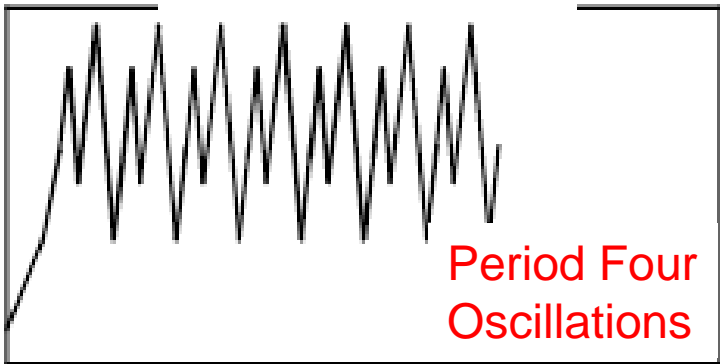
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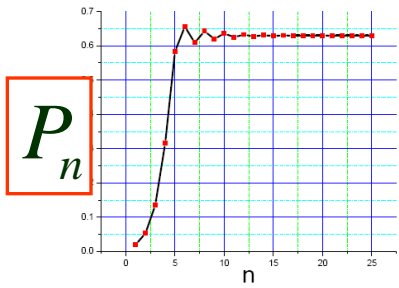
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Period Four Oscillations

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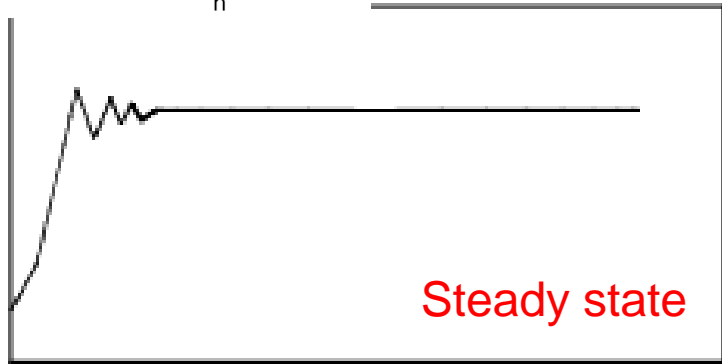


## Period Doubling / Bifurcation

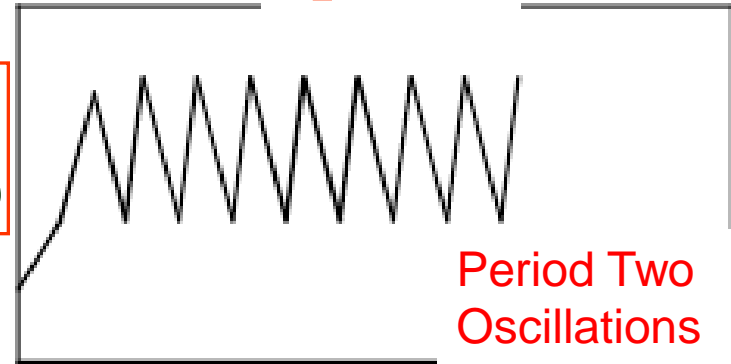
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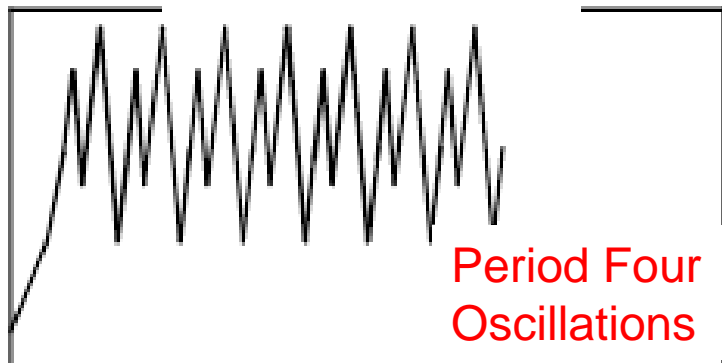


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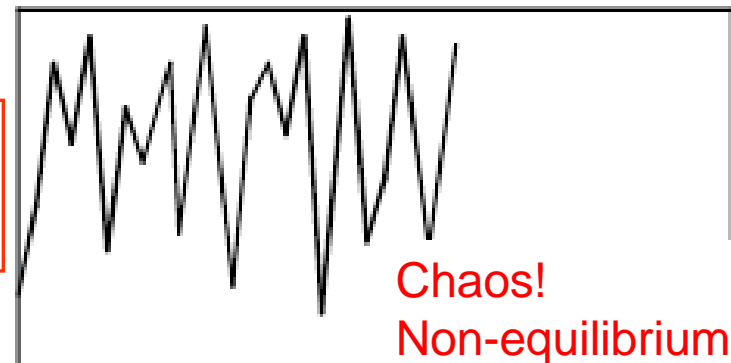


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An **attractor** is a set to which a dynamical system evolves over a long enough time.

That is, points that get close enough to the attractor remain close even if slightly disturbed.

An 'attractor' can be a point, a curve, a manifold, or even a complicated set with a fractal structure known as a *strange attractor*.

CHAOS theory: builds mathematically rigorous formulations to describe the 'attractors' of chaotic dynamical systems.

$r$

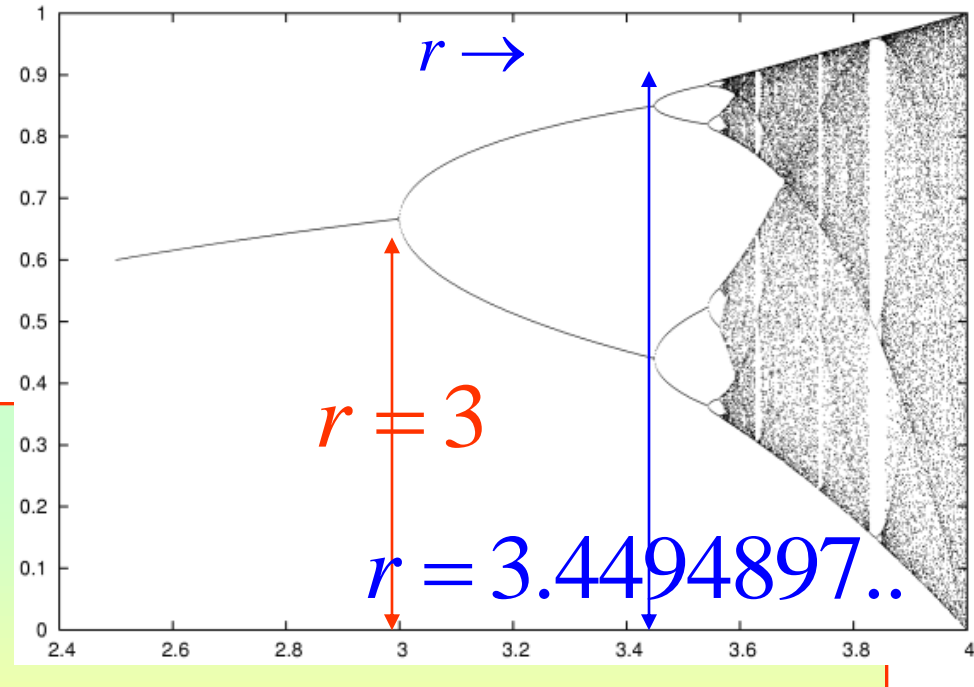
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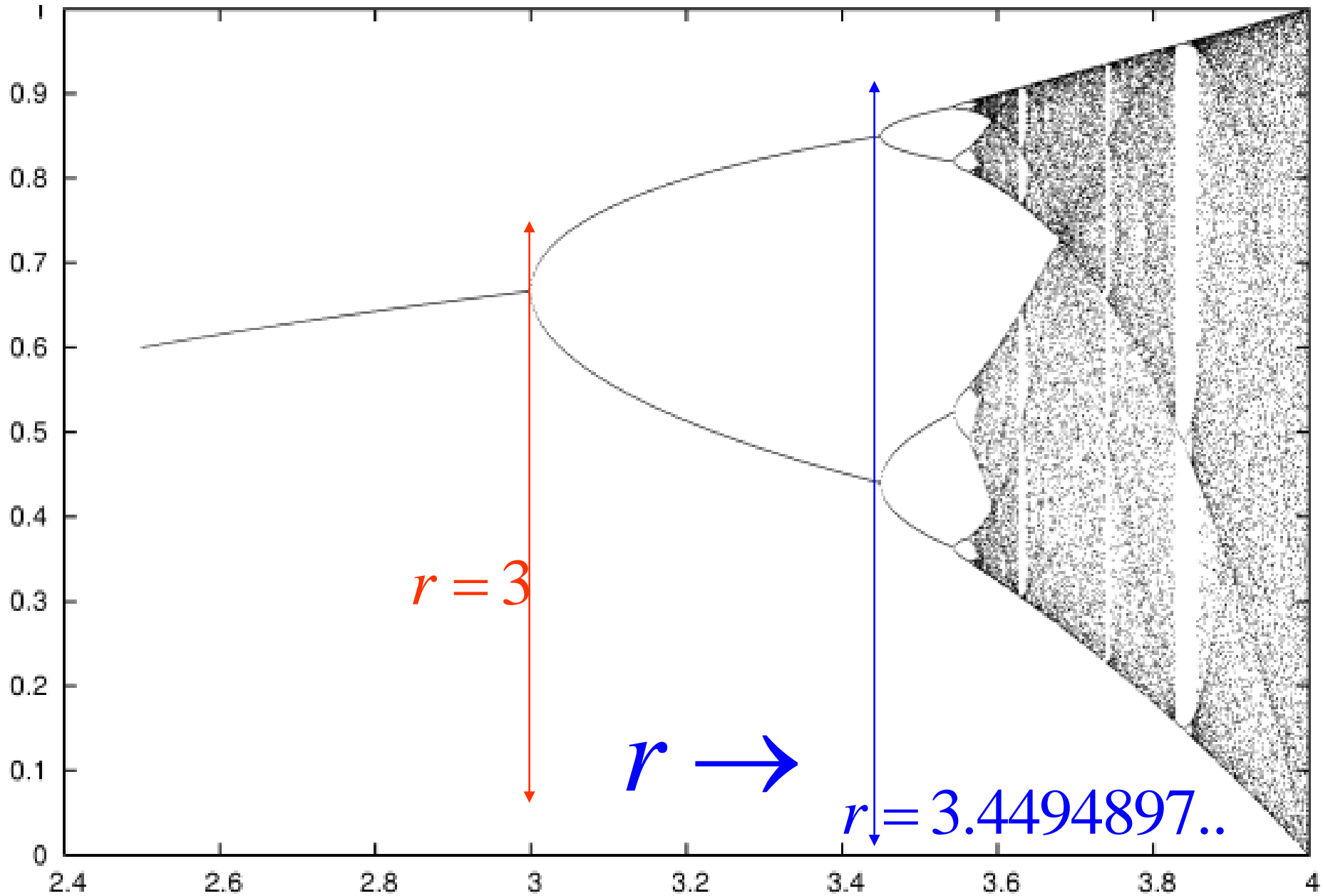
-ability to reproduce

-control parameter

$$P_{next} = rP_{current} (1 - P_{current})$$

$0 < r < 1$  : Population eventually dies, no matter what the initial population.







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$$l/\delta$$

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We shall take a break here.....

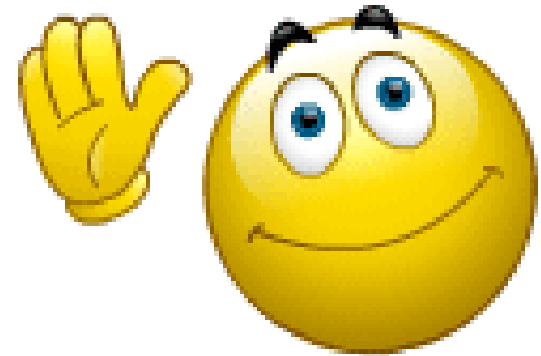
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Unit 11 – CHAOTIC DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS

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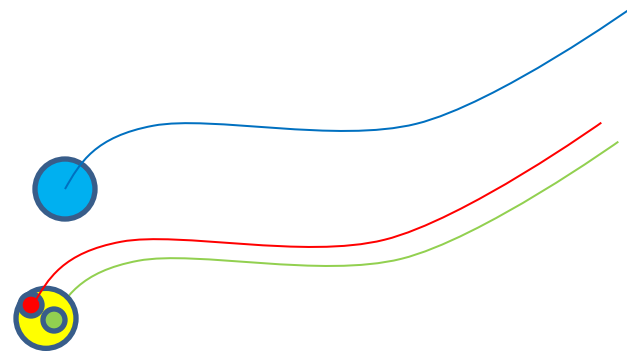
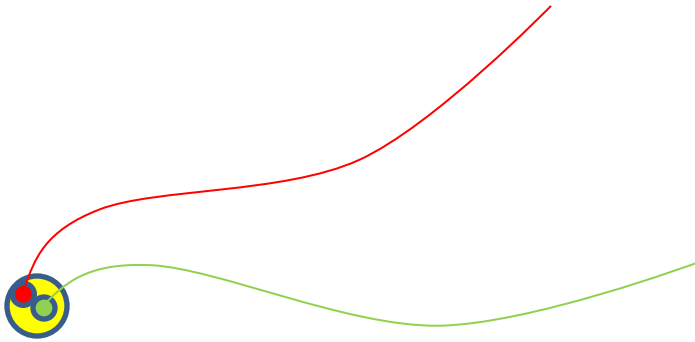
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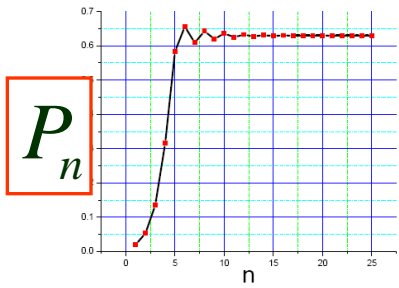
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## Unit 11 : Chaotic Dynamical Systems

*- Bifurcations, Chaos! 'Attractor', 'Strange Attractor'*



.....butterfly  
effect

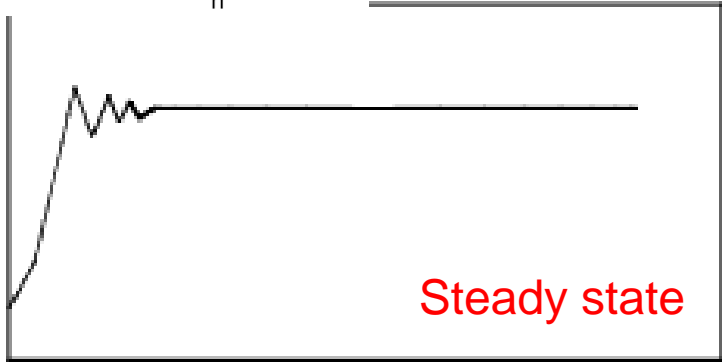


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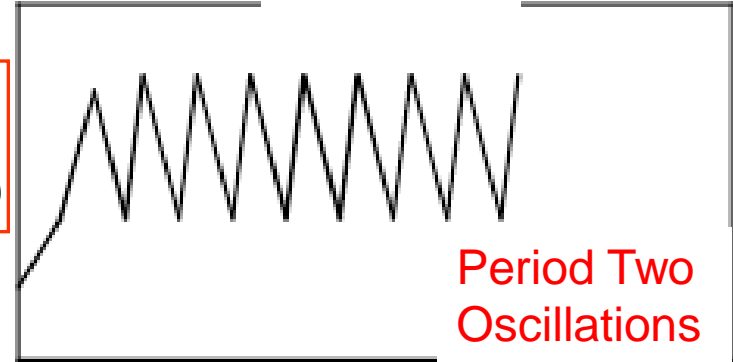
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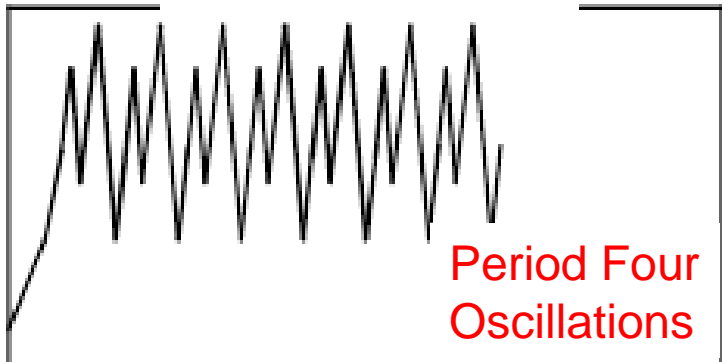


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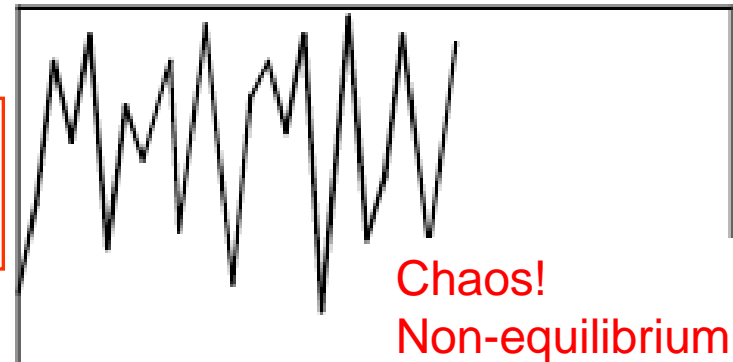


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# Chaotic $\neq$ Random

Random: same initial value may result in unpredictable final state.

Chaotic: deterministic.

*Same initial value results in same final state, but the final state is very sensitive to small variations in the initial value.*

Since initial values cannot be known with infinite accuracy, the outcome can be chaotic/unpredictable: butterfly effect

Mitchell Jay  
Feigenbaum  
(b. Dec. 19, 1944)

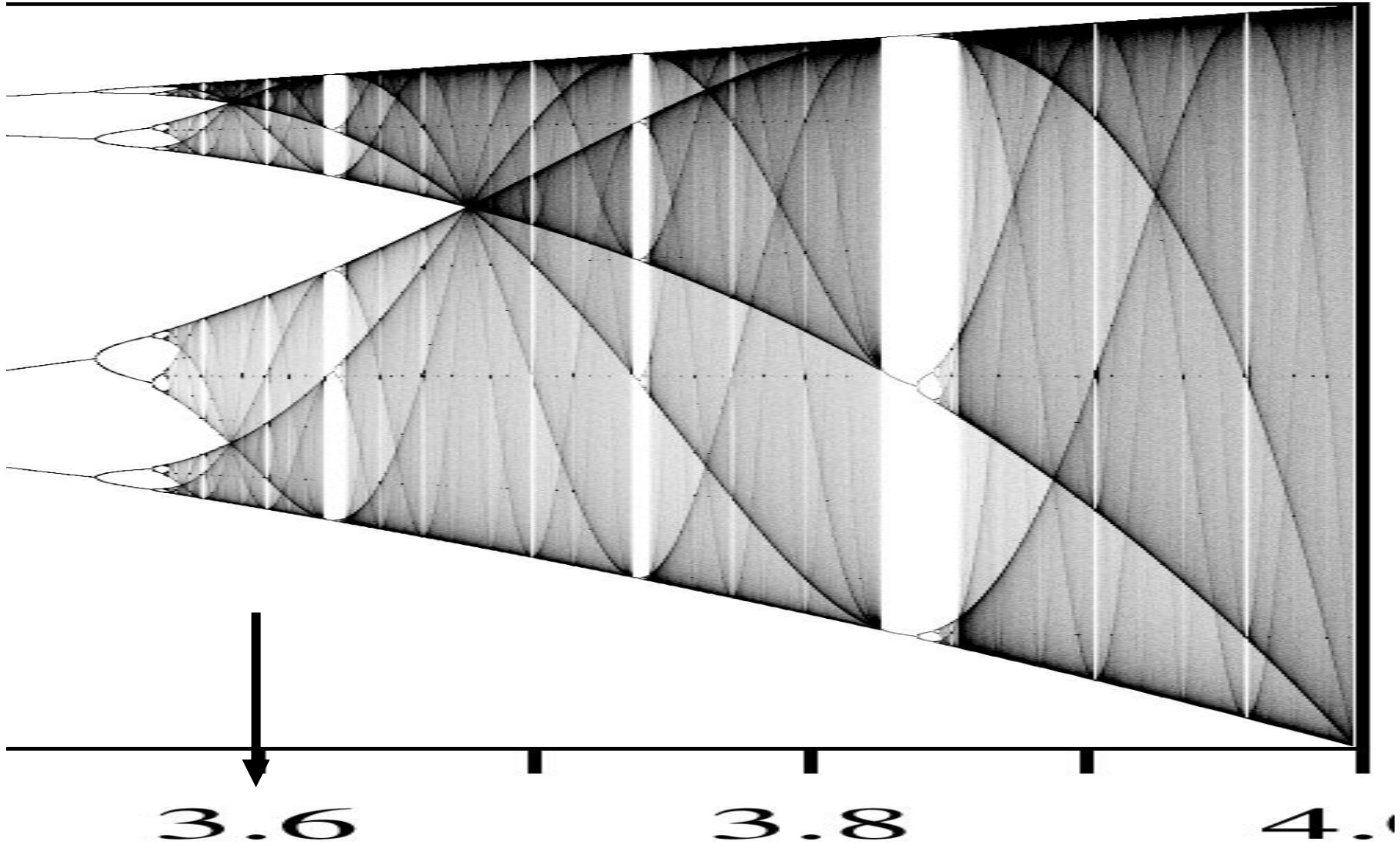
Feigenbaum's  
constant can be  
used to predict when  
chaos will occur.

When the value of the driving  
parameter  $r$  equals 3.57,  $P_{next}$  neither  
converges nor oscillates — its value  
becomes completely random!

For values of  $r$  larger than 3.57, the  
behavior is mostly chaotic.

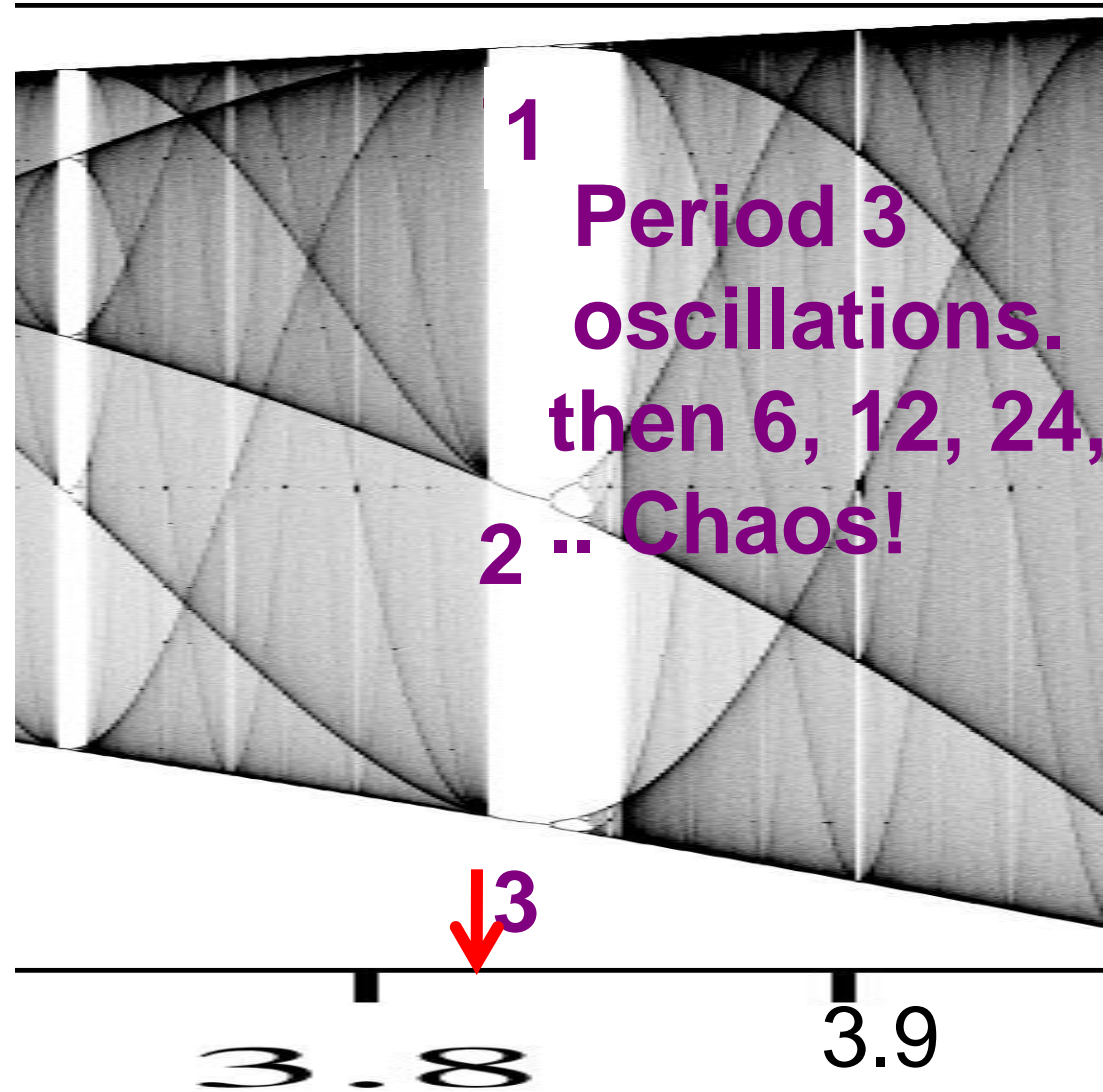
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For most values of  $r > 3.57$  : chaotic behavior.

For certain **isolated values** of  $r$ , we see **non-chaotic** behavior.



In any one-dimensional system, if a regular cycle of period three ever appears, then the system will display regular cycles of every other length, as well as completely chaotic cycles.

**“PERIOD THREE IMPLIES CHAOS”.**  
– James Yorke

$$P_{next} = rP_{current} (1 - P_{current})$$

We have an in-built non-linearity in the above relation

$$\ddot{x} = -\frac{k}{m}x \rightarrow \text{linear}$$

$$\ddot{\theta} = -\frac{g}{l}\sin\theta \rightarrow \text{non-linear}$$

*linearization* :  $\sin\theta \approx \theta$

For a non-linear system,  
the principle of linear superposition will not hold. *OF COURSE!*

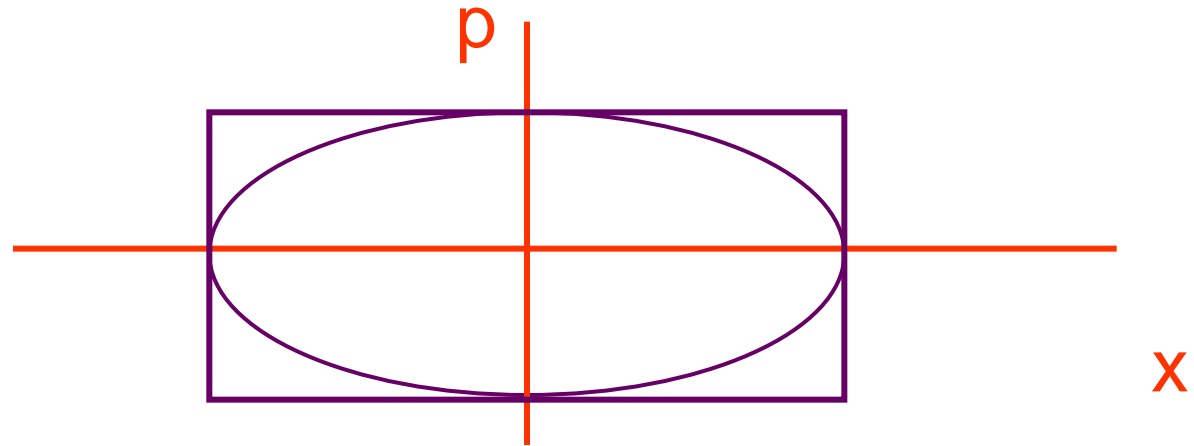
Linear systems are easier to treat since parts of the system can be separated, solved independently, and the solutions superposed to get the answer.

For a non-linear system, one cannot do this!

$$\frac{1}{2}kx^2 + \frac{p^2}{2} = E$$

The 'orbit'  
is an  
'attractor'

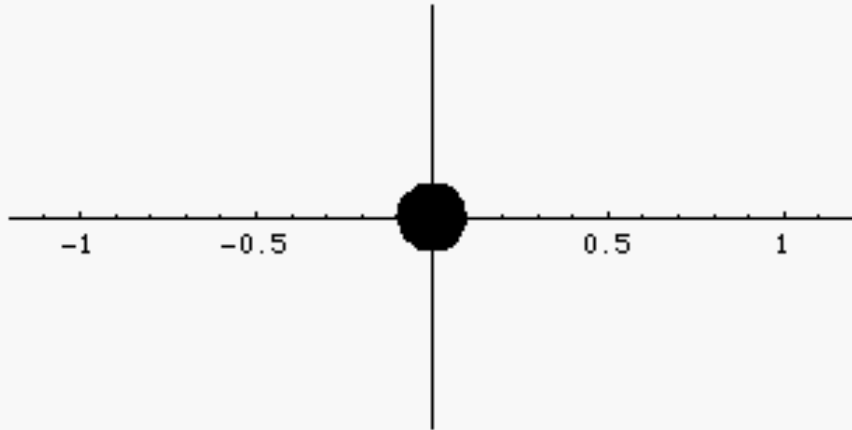
Phase  
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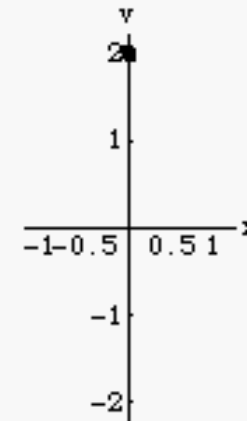
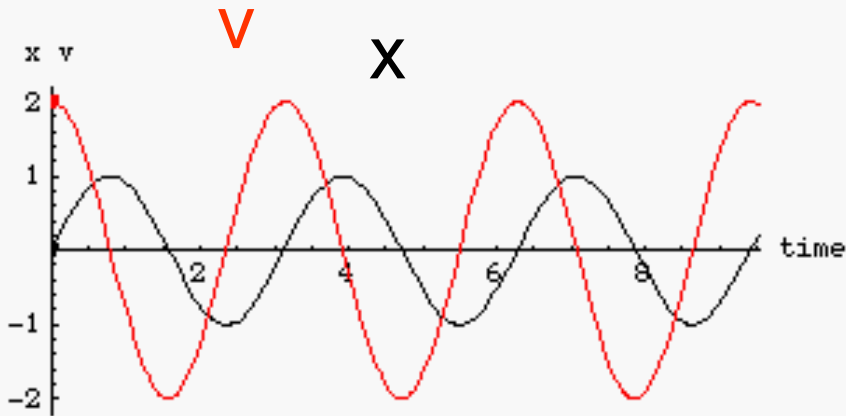
ATTRACTORS 'live' in PHASE SPACE.

An attractor can be a FIXED POINT ("steady state")  
in phase space, or a periodic orbit ("limit cycles")

# Linear Oscillator: ellipse

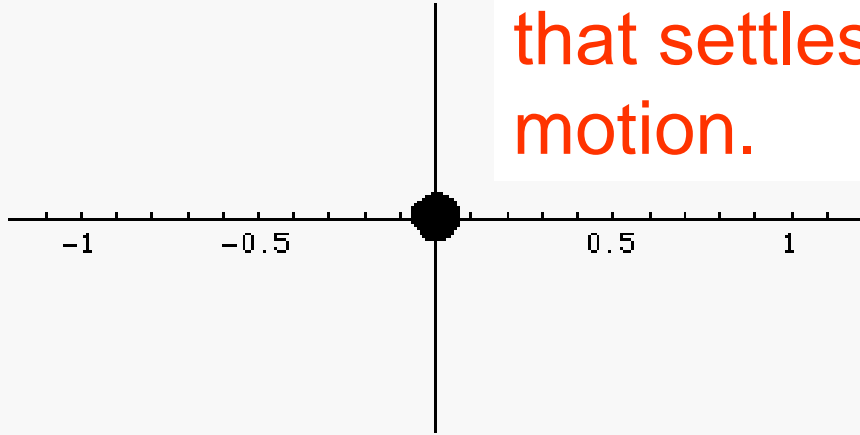


The attractor is a repetitive ORBIT ('limit cycle') in the phase space.

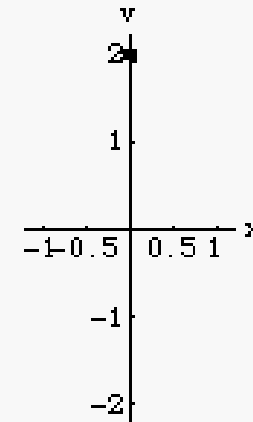
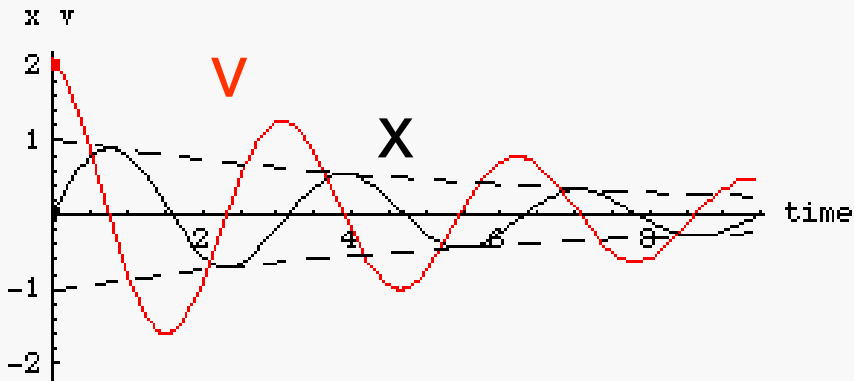


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# Damped Oscillator: shrinking ellipse that settles to the 'steady state' of no motion.

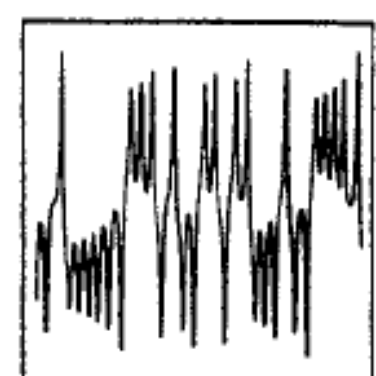
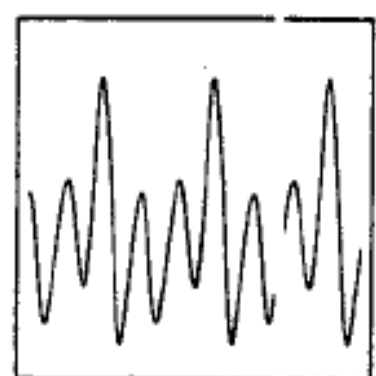
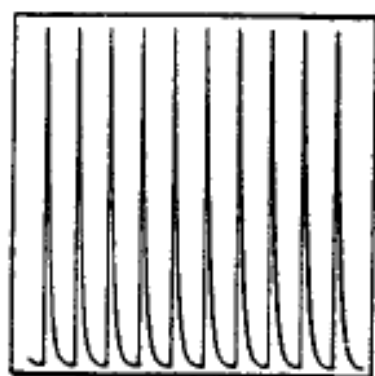
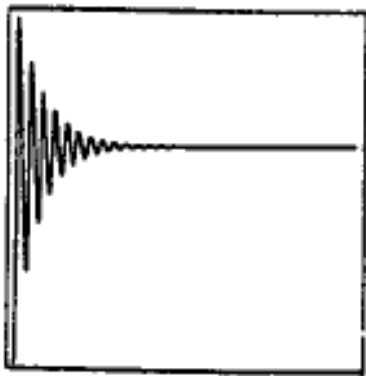


The attractor is a **SINGLE FIXED POINT** in the phase space.

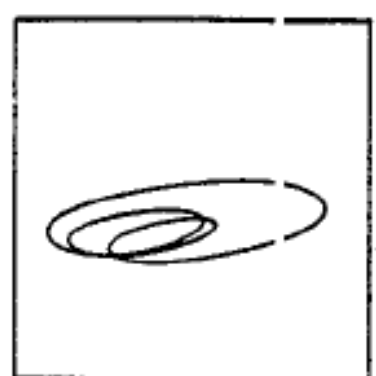
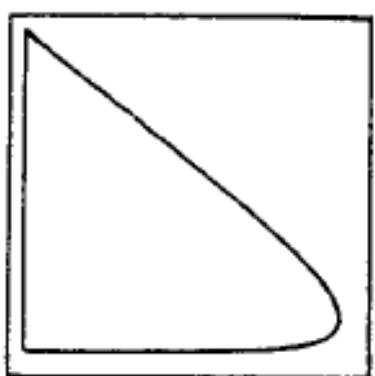
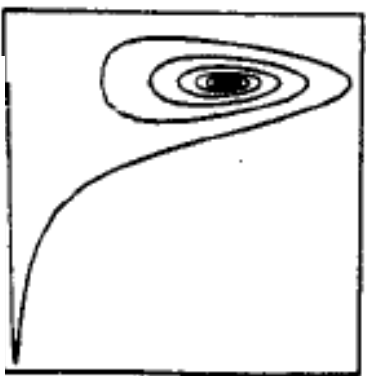


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Traditional  
time  
series



Phase  
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Steady  
state

Cyclic  
orbit

Period  
three

Chaos

From Gleick's 'Chaos: Making of a new science' page 50



The Lorenz attractor:

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = -\sigma x + \sigma y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = \rho x - y - xz$$

$$\frac{dz}{dt} = xy - \beta z$$

*example :*

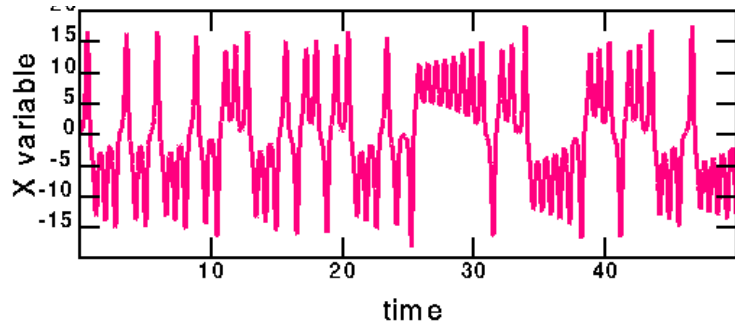
$$\sigma = 10, \rho = 28, \beta = \frac{8}{3}$$

Edward N. Lorenz :

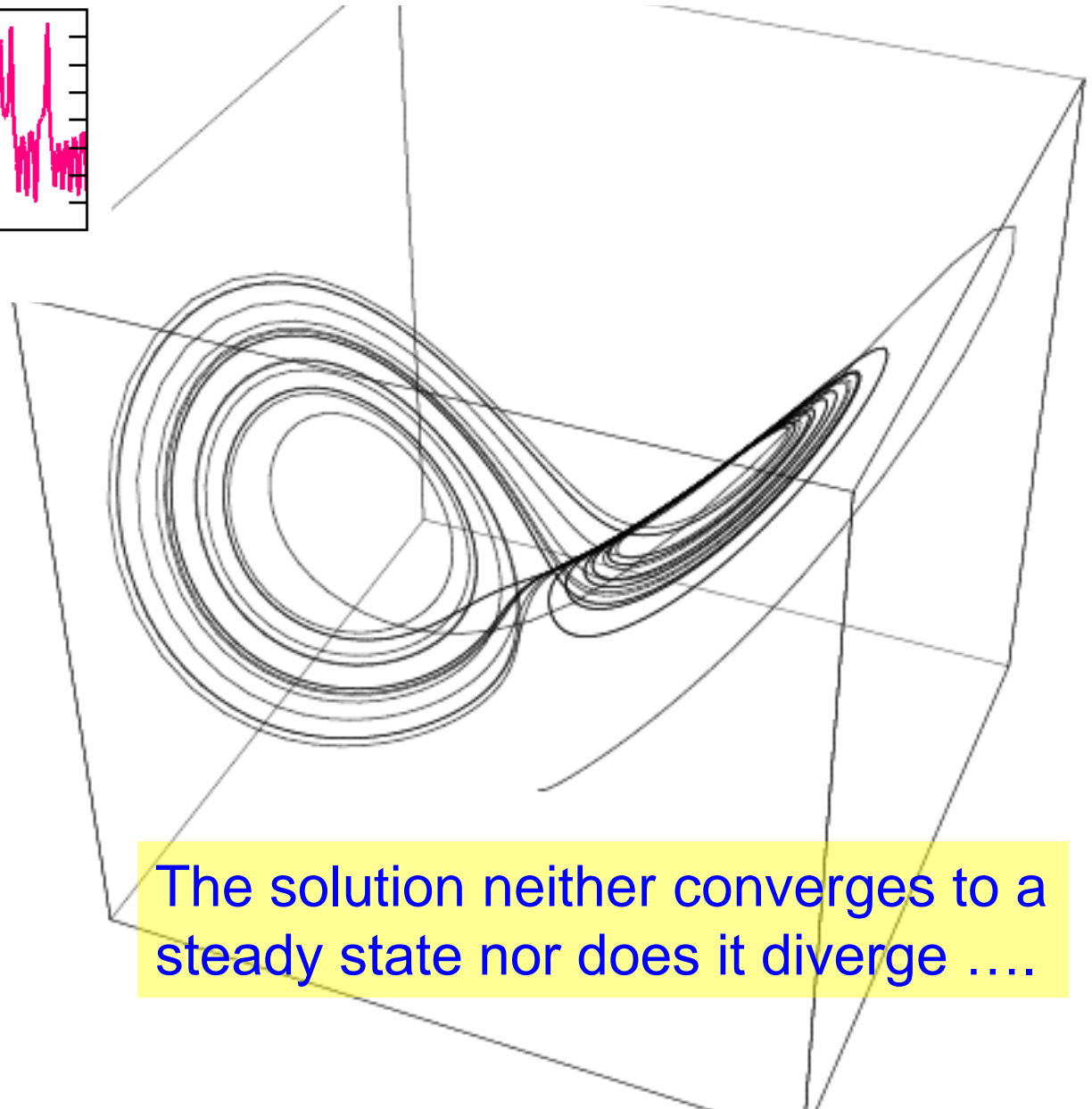
"Deterministic nonperiodic flow"

Journal of the Atmospheric  
Sciences (1963).

A dynamical system described by  
these equations converges to a  
'strange attractor' with fractal  
properties.

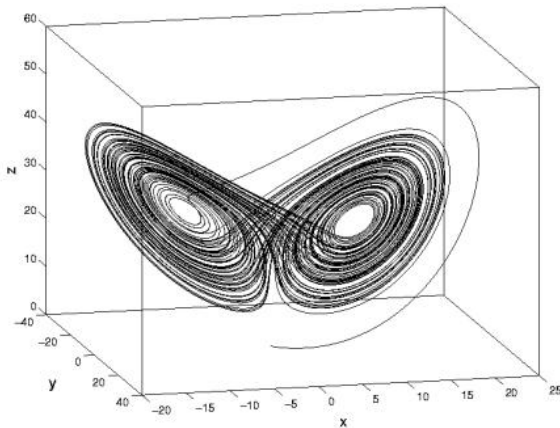


The chaotic  
dynamical  
system's  
motion takes  
place over a  
**STRANGE  
ATTRACTOR.**



The solution neither converges to a steady state nor does it diverge ....

The motion of the particle described by a peculiar system of non-linear differential equations such that *the solution will neither converge to a steady state in the phase space, nor diverge to infinity, but will stay in a bounded region.* The trajectory in phase space is nevertheless chaotic, and *sensitive to initial conditions.*

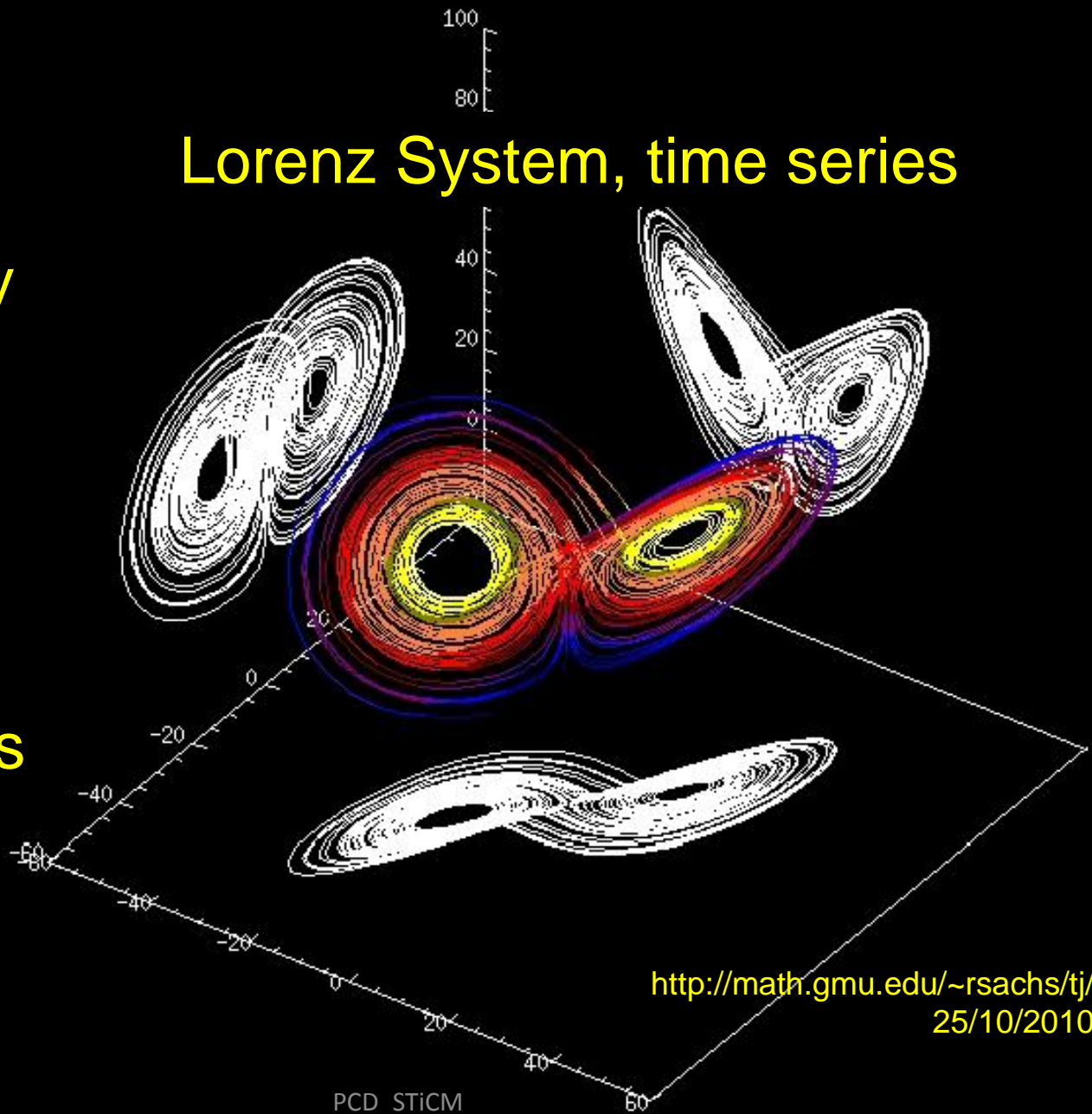


The particle's location, is definitely in the attractor, but is randomly located within the bounded space.

“Order within disorder”, since the particle does not leave the “strange attractor”.

Note the  
sensitivity  
of the  
solution  
to initial  
conditions

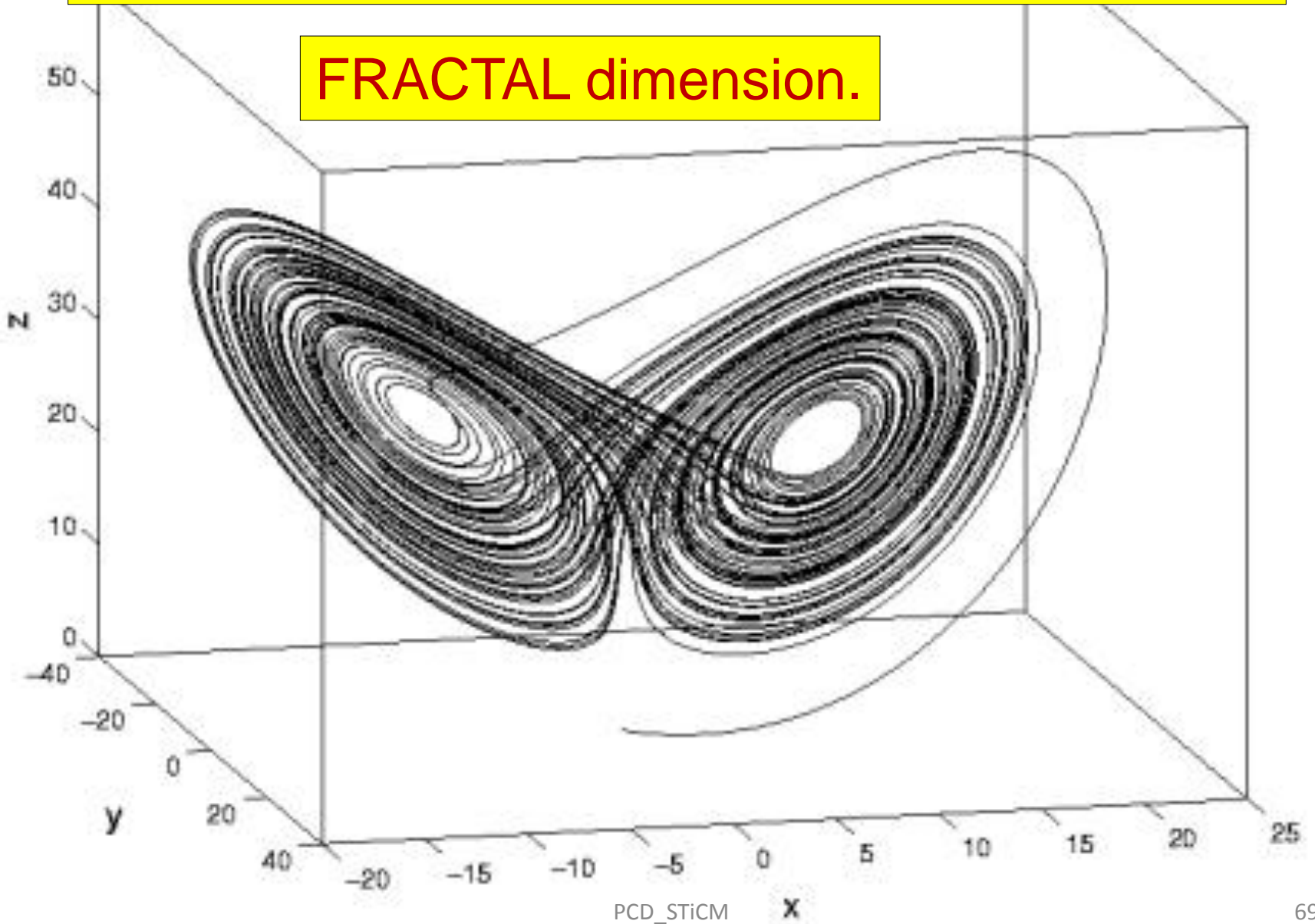
## Lorenz System, time series



<http://math.gmu.edu/~rsachs/tj/>  
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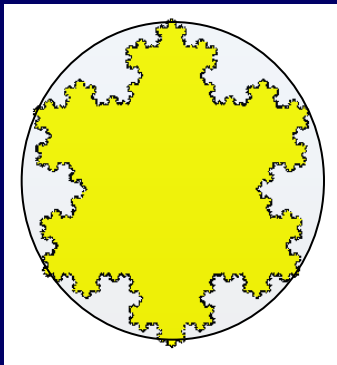
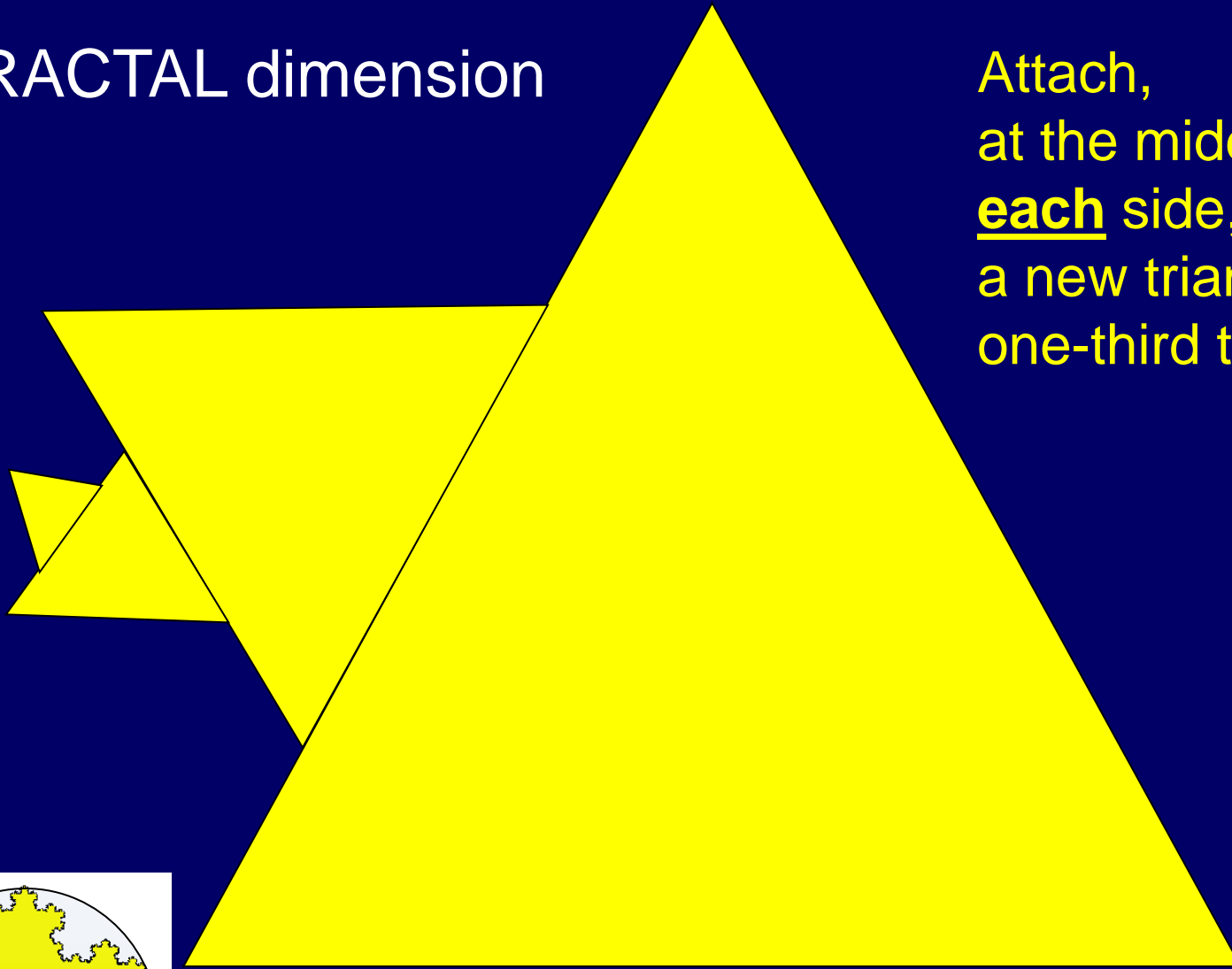
What is the dimension of the Lorenz attractor?

**FRACTAL** dimension.



# FRACTAL dimension

Attach,  
at the middle of  
each side,  
a new triangle  
one-third the size



The KOCH  
snowflakes/  
curve

Area < area of the circle  
drawn around the original  
triangle

# The KOCH snowflakes or, KOCH CURVE

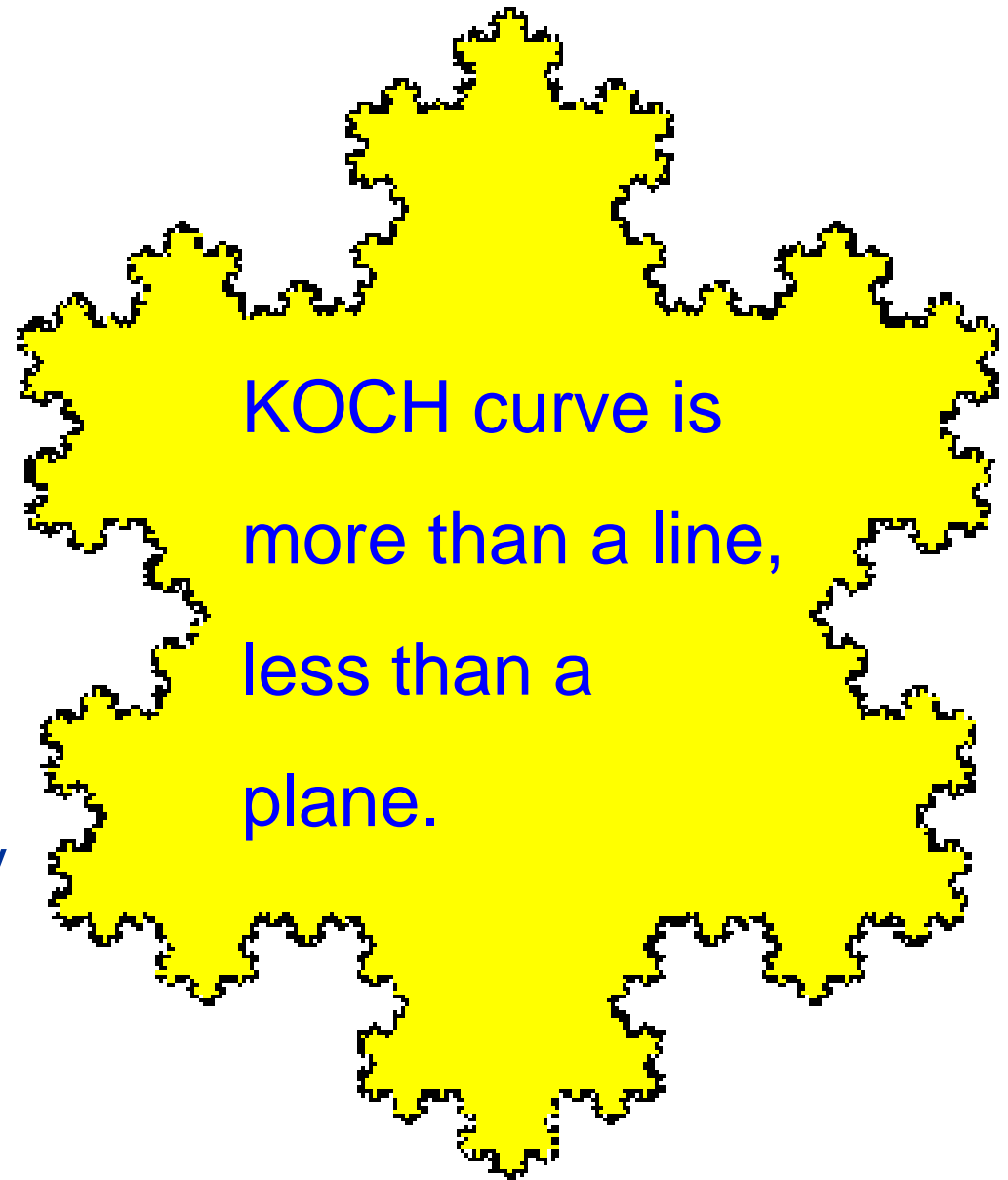
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What is the dimensionality  
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More than 1, less than 2.

Fractal dimension!



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**Unit 11 : Chaotic Dynamical Systems**

*- Fractal Dimensions, Mandelbrot sets*



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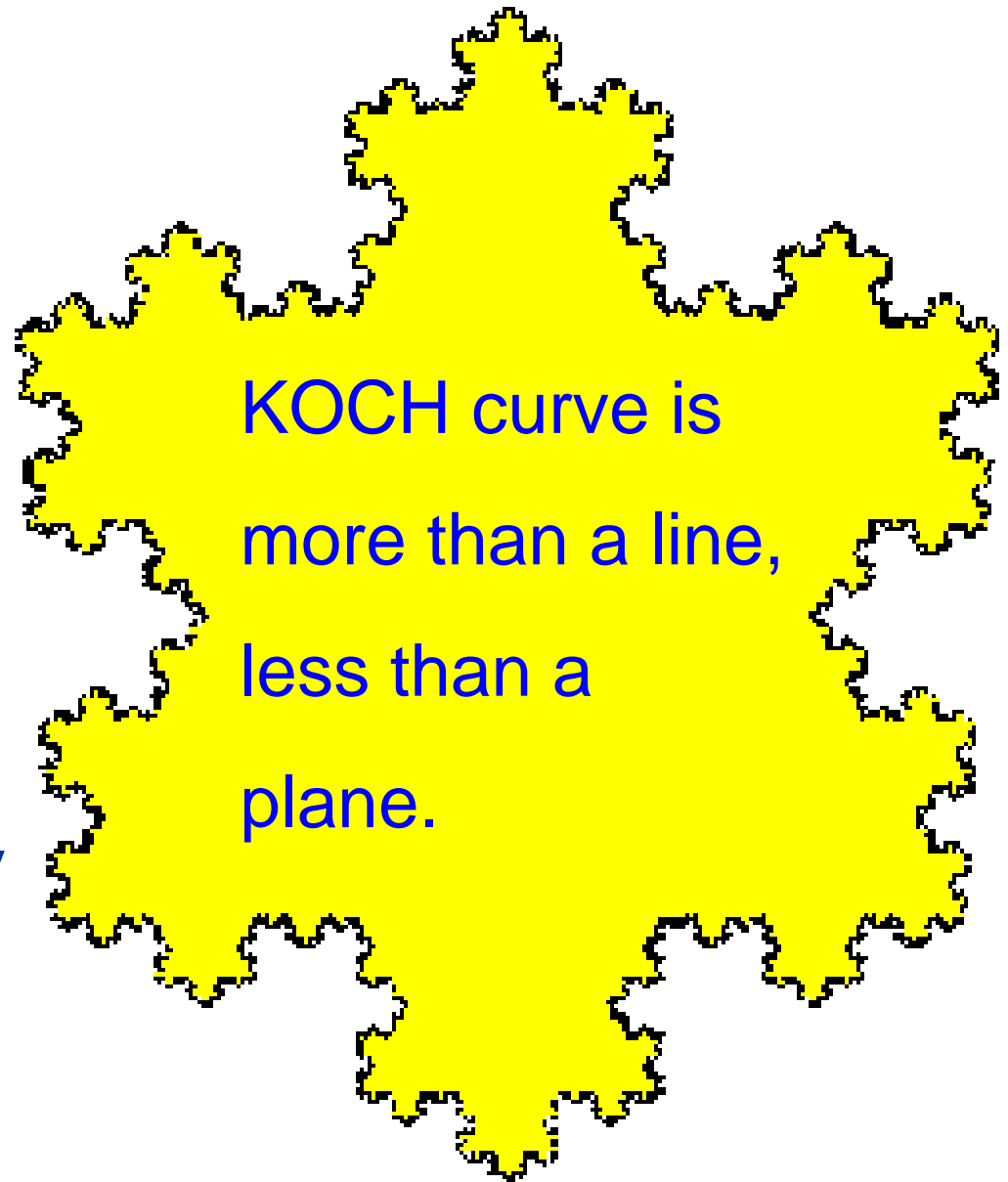
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**Felix Hausdorff**  
(1868-1942)

Hausdorff dimension is a mathematical procedure to assign a fractional dimension to a curve or shape.

Hausdorff-Besicovitch dimension.

Fractal: is a set for which the Hausdorff-Besicovitch dimension exceeds the topological dimension.

**Topological dimension:**

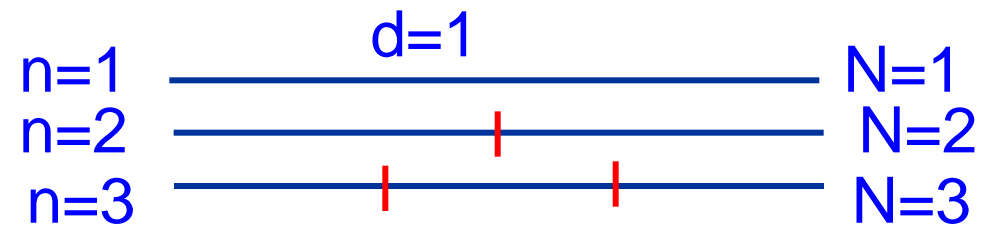
point : 0-dimensional; line : 1-dimensional;

a plane : 2-dimensional; Euclidean space  $R^n$  :  $n$ -dimensional.

Dimension of space = no. of real parameters needed to describe different points in that space.

*This idea breaks down!*

Cantor's work (also Peano's): There is a one-to-one correspondence between  $R^1$  and  $R^2$ .



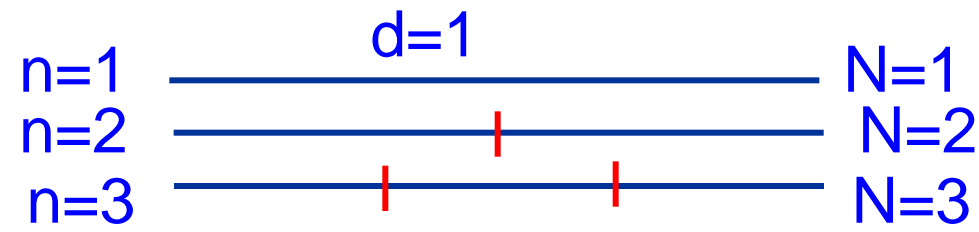
Take an object in Euclidean one dimension.

Reduce this dimension by a factor of  $n$ .

Cut it in  $n$  pieces.

The number of individual units we then have is  $N=n^d$ ,

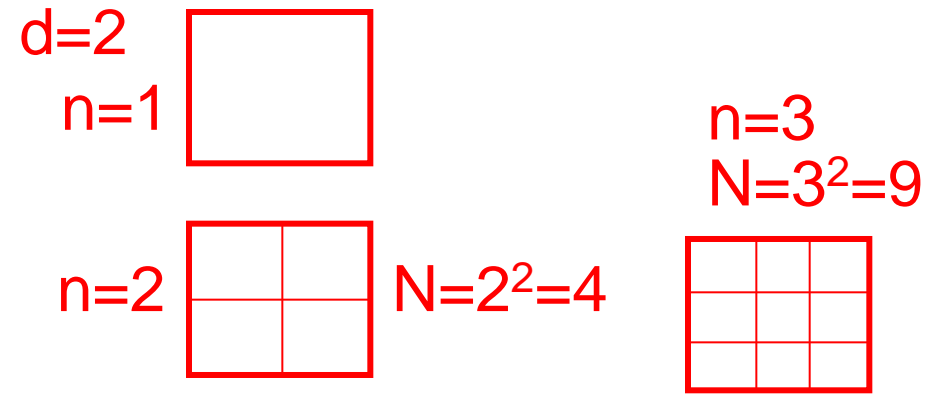
In this case,  $d=1$  is the dimension.



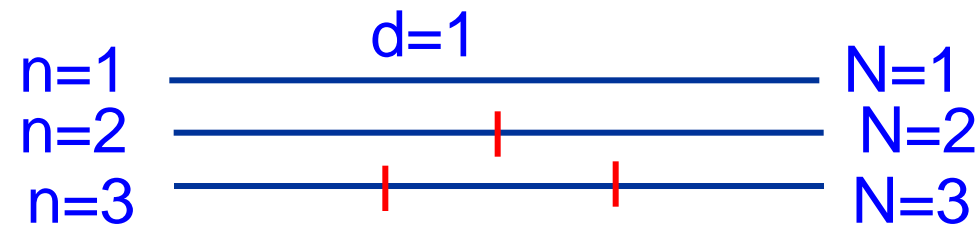
Take an object in Euclidean dimension  $d$ .

Reduce **each** dimension by a factor of  $n$ .

*i.e.,*  
**cut each side into  $n$  pieces.**

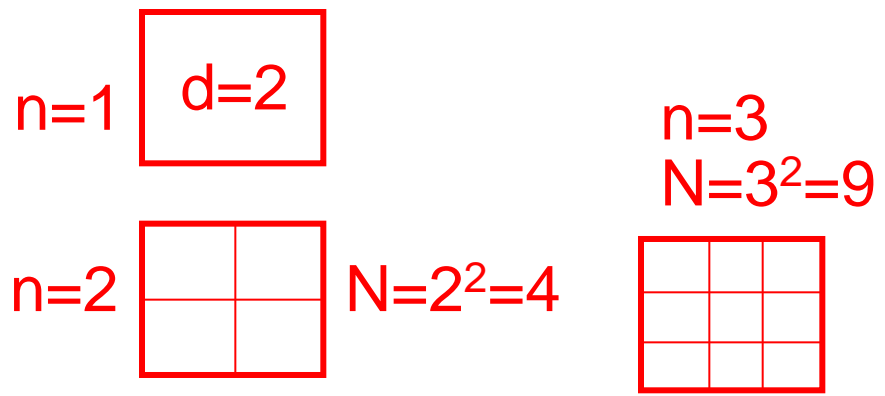


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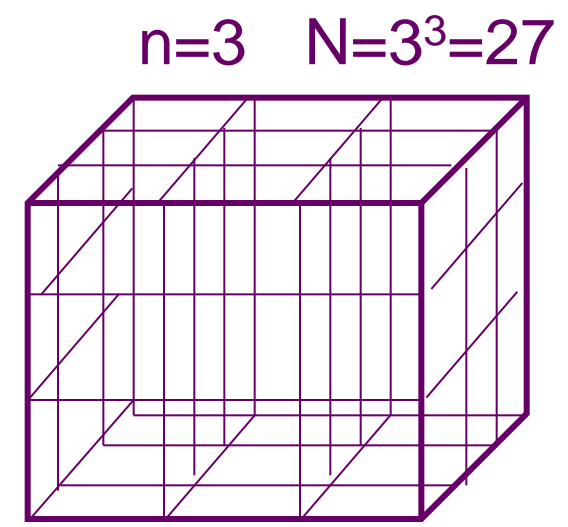
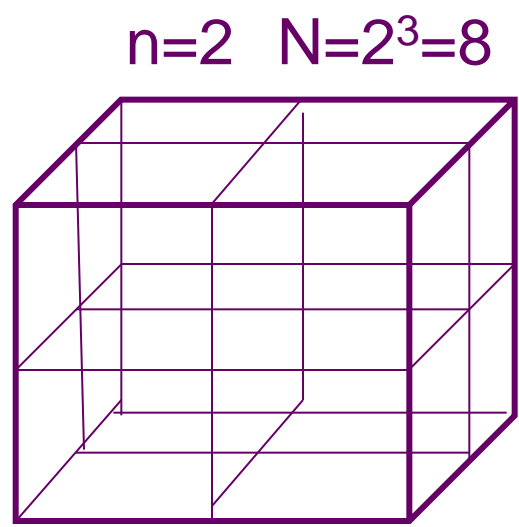
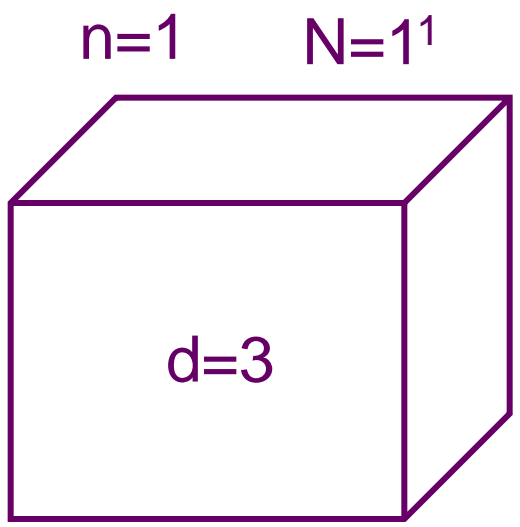


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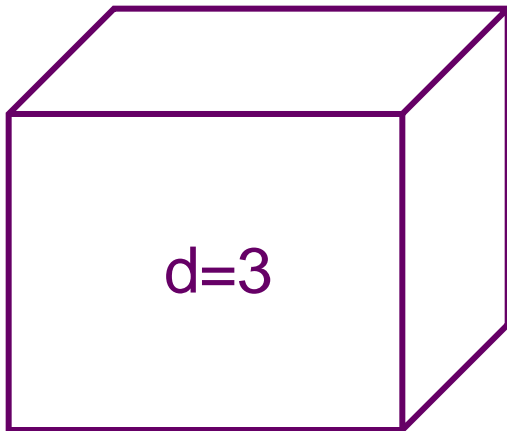
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$$d = \frac{\log N}{\log n}$$

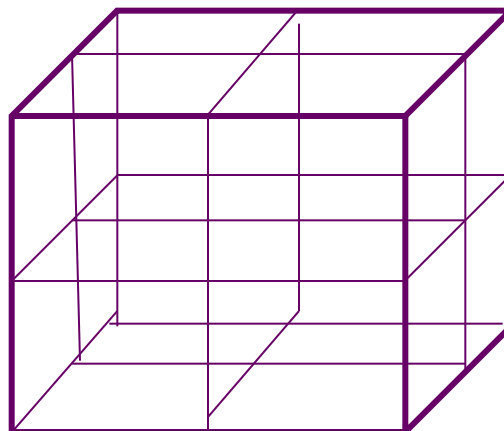
dimensionality  $d$

need \*NOT\* be an integer, it can be a fractional number

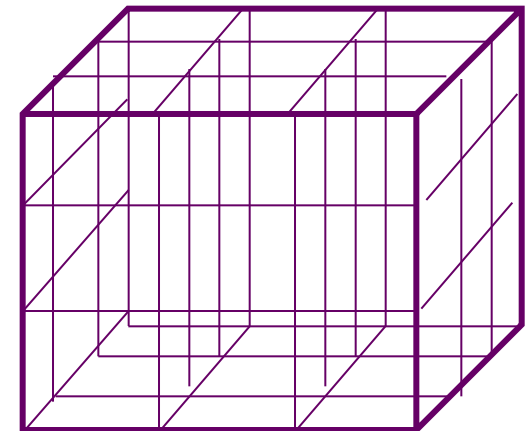
$$n=1 \quad N=1^3$$



$$n=2 \quad N=2^3=8$$



$$n=3 \quad N=3^3=27$$





Benoît Mandelbrot  
Born: 20<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1924  
Polish; moved to France  
French-American

Father of  
FRACTAL GEOMETRY

What is the length  
of the coast line of  
Great Britain?  
How would you  
measure it?



Measurement of length: Lay down lots of straight-line rulers/scales and count the number of scales, add them up



scales



If we use a scale of half the previous length, we need more than twice the number of scales. Each successive time we use smaller scale to get more accurate answer, we get a longer length.

What is the length of the coast line of Great Britain?

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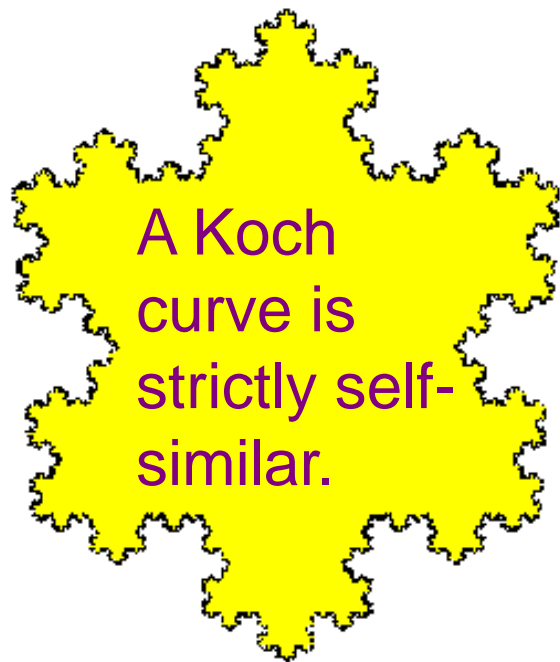
With smaller scales, one can reach various nooks and corners



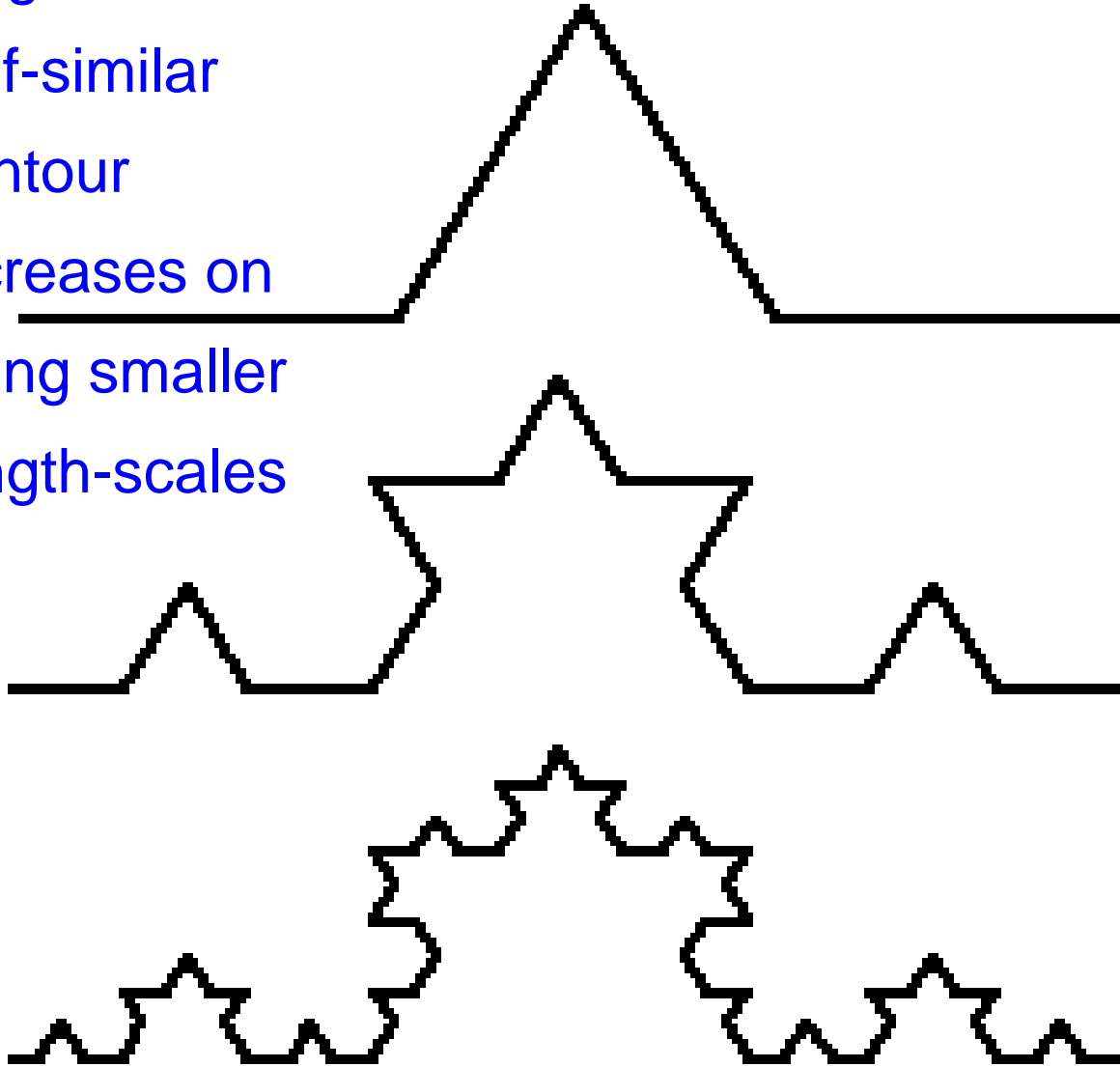


The Coastline has only a hint of 'self-similarity'.

Big bays and peninsulas contain mid-sized bays and peninsulas in them, and these have in turn many small bays and peninsulas.



Result for the  
length of  
self-similar  
contour  
increases on  
using smaller  
length-scales



1 segment of unit  
length  
Length=1

4 segments of one-  
third unit:  
Length=4/3

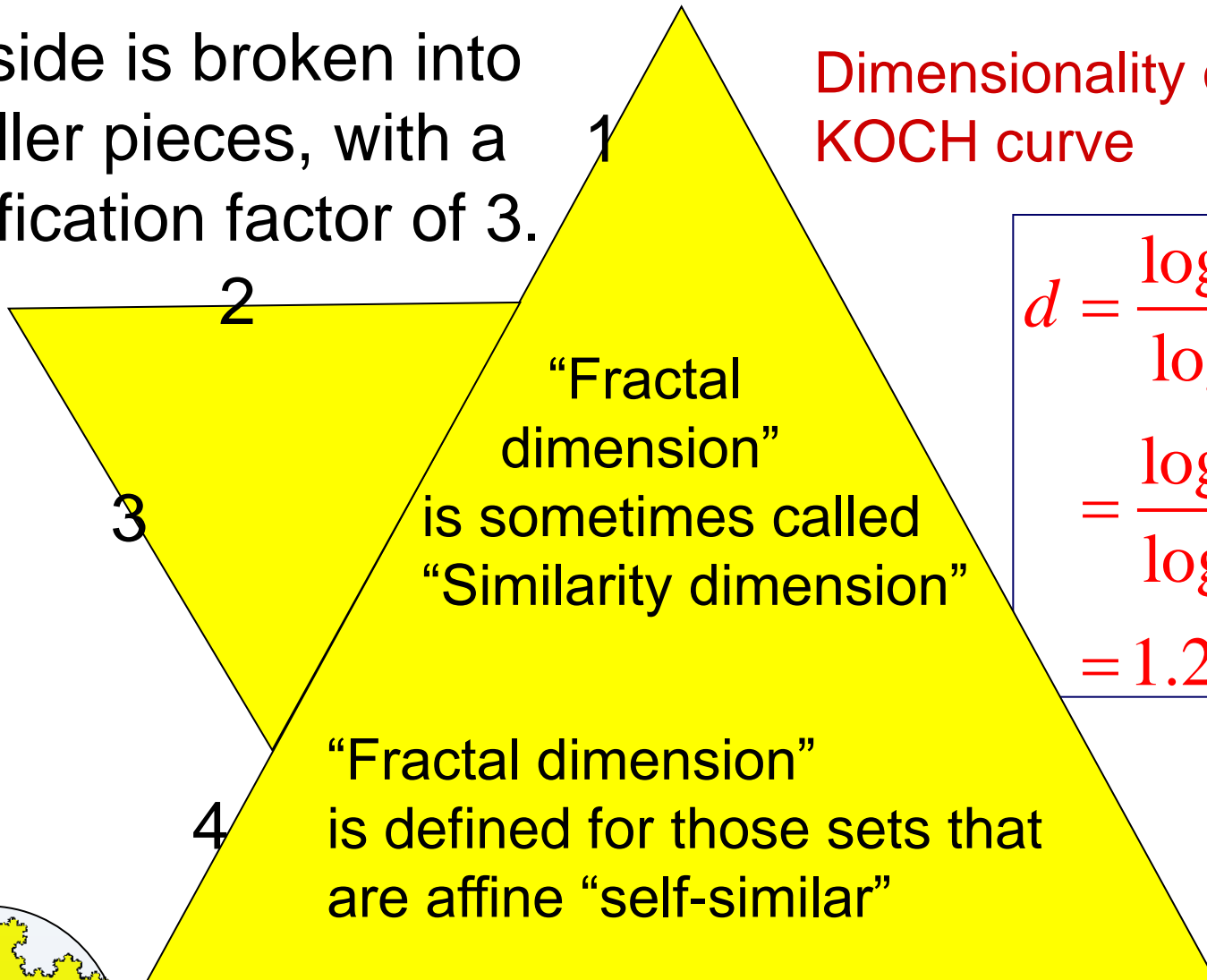
16 segments of  
one-ninth unit:  
Length=16/9

64 segments of  
one-twenty-  
seventh unit:  
Length=64/27

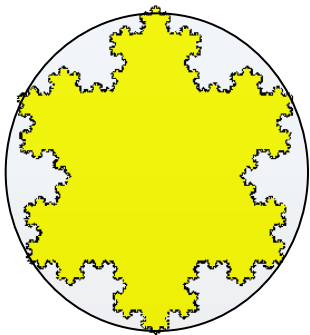
<b>Iteration Number</b>	<b>Segment Length</b>	<b>Number of segments</b>	<b>Curve Length</b>
1	1	1	1.00
2	1/3	4	1.33
3	1/9	16	1.77
4	1/27	64	2.37

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Dimensionality of the KOCH curve



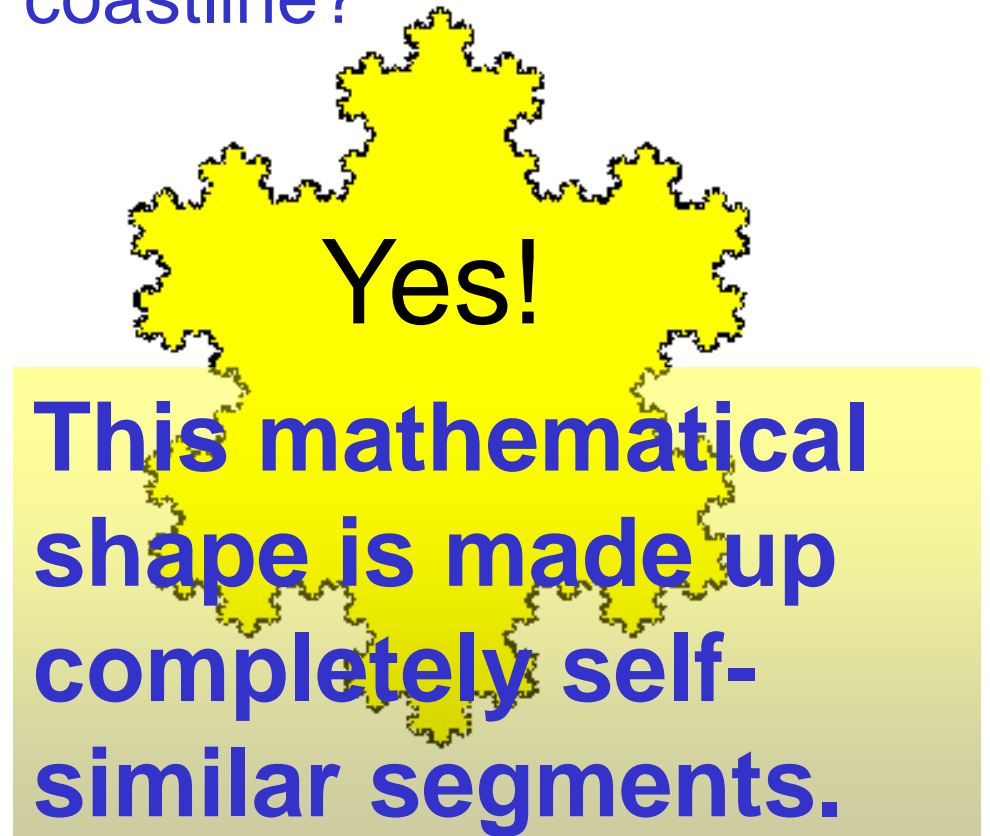
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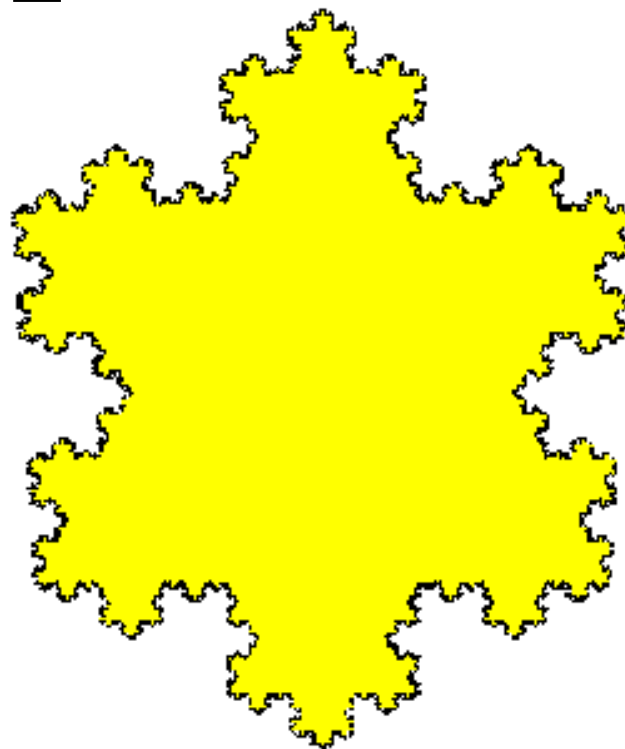
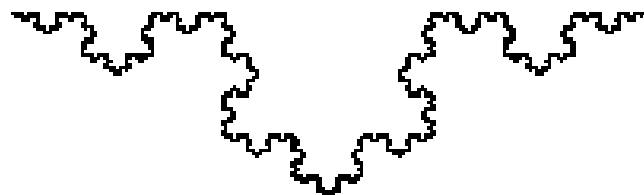
The KOCH snowflakes/curve

Each successive time we use smaller scale to get more accurate answer, we get a longer length for the coastline.

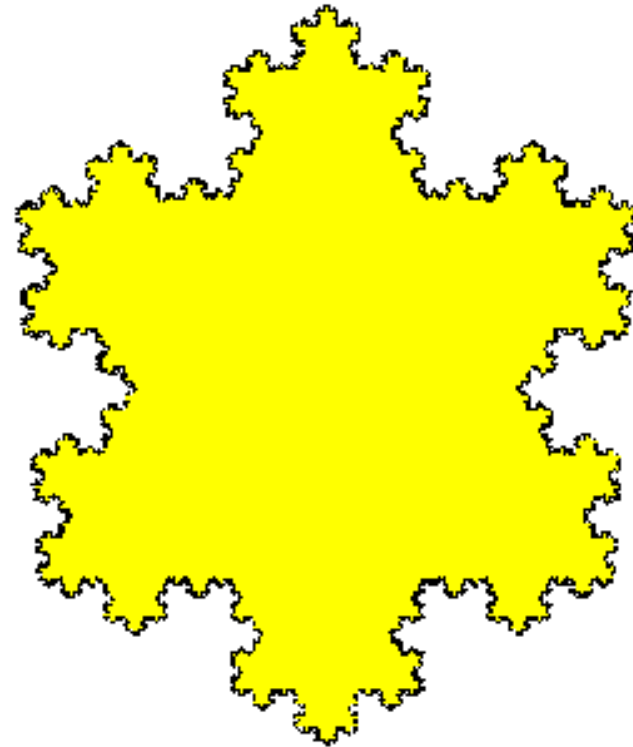
Will successive measurements with smaller scales give an infinite length for the coastline?



# Infinite SELF-SIMILARITY of the KOCH CURVE

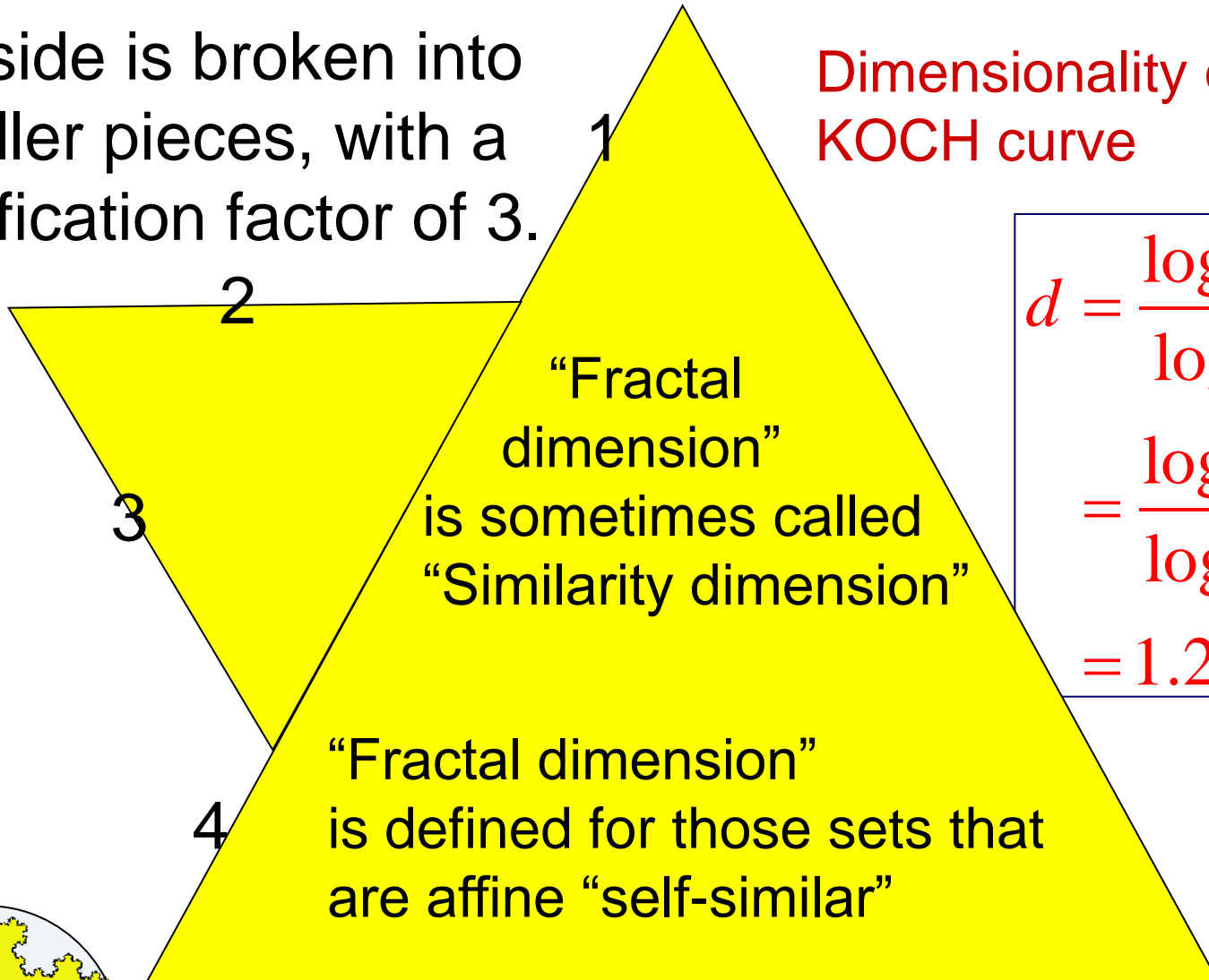


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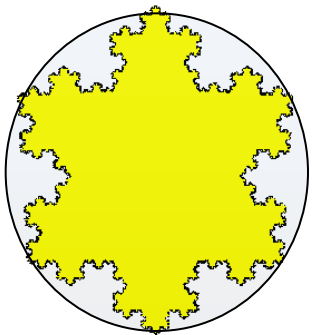


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# (Waclaw) Sierpinski carpet (1916): a plane fractal

Begin with a square.

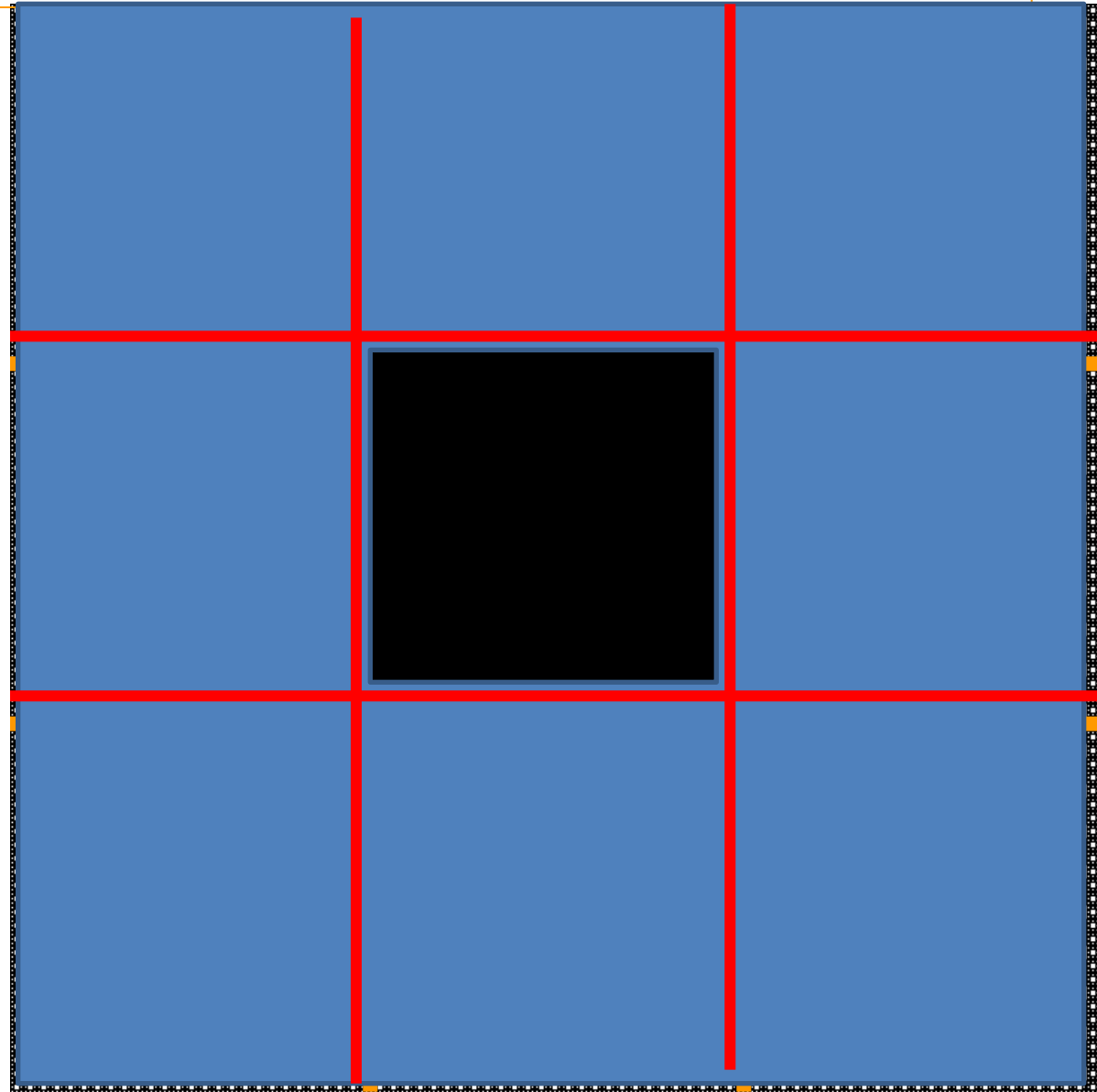
Divide it into  $3 \times 3 = 9$  equal squares.

Remove the central square.

Repeat (self-similar) successively on remaining squares by putting 'square-holes' in the center.

**Dimensionality of Sierpinski carpet:**

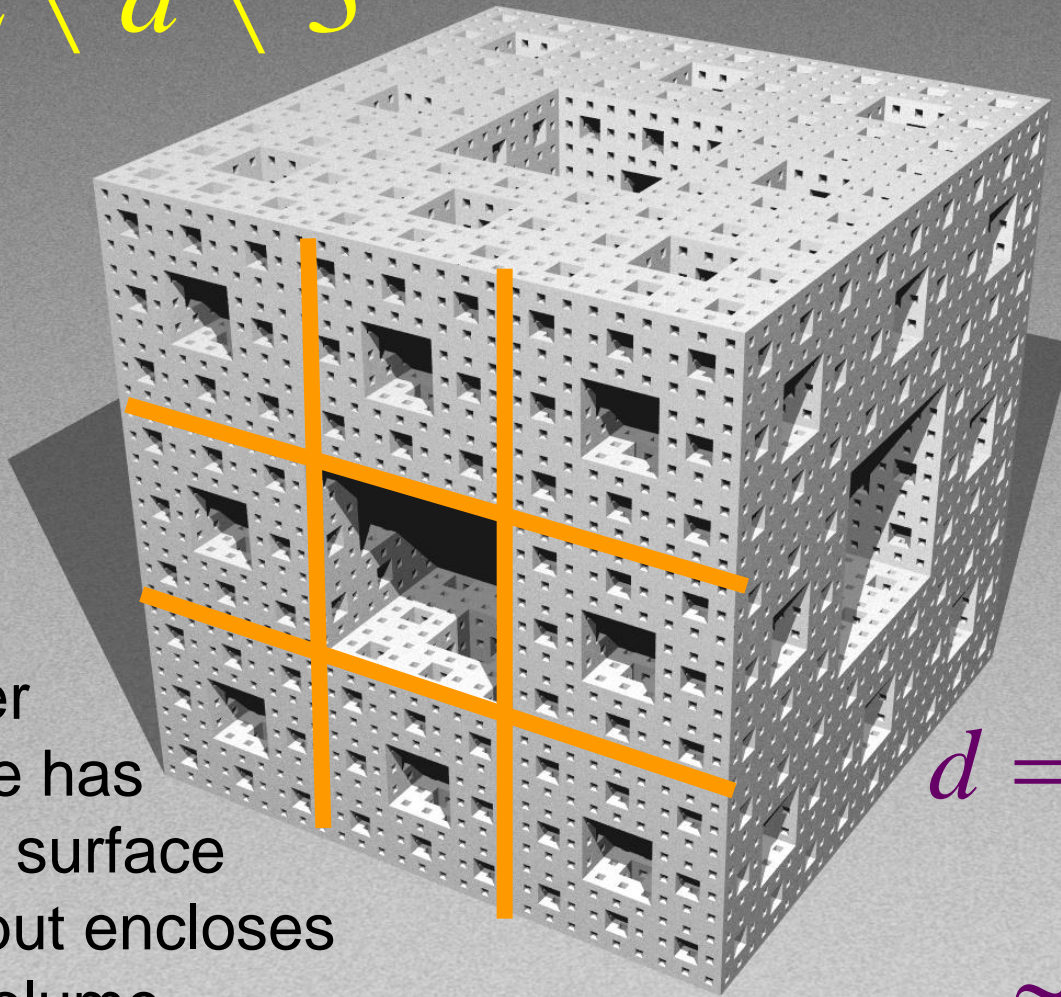
$$1 < d < 2$$



**Hausdorff 'self-similar' 'fractal' dimension**

# Menger sponge: 3-dimensional analogue of Sierpinski carpet

$$2 < d < 3$$



Menger sponge has infinite surface area, but encloses zero volume.

$$d = \frac{\log 20}{\log 3} \approx 2.7268$$

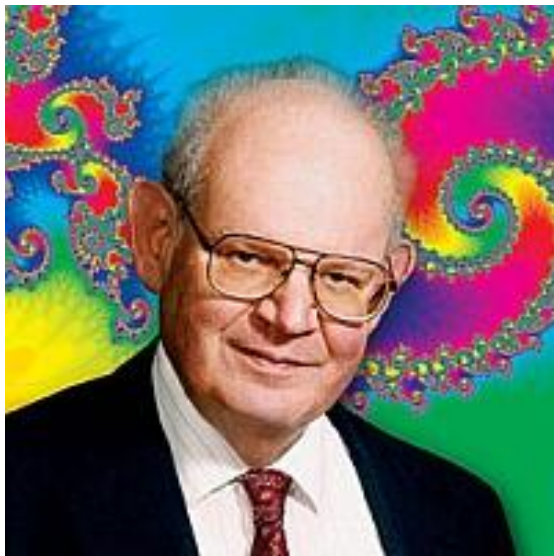
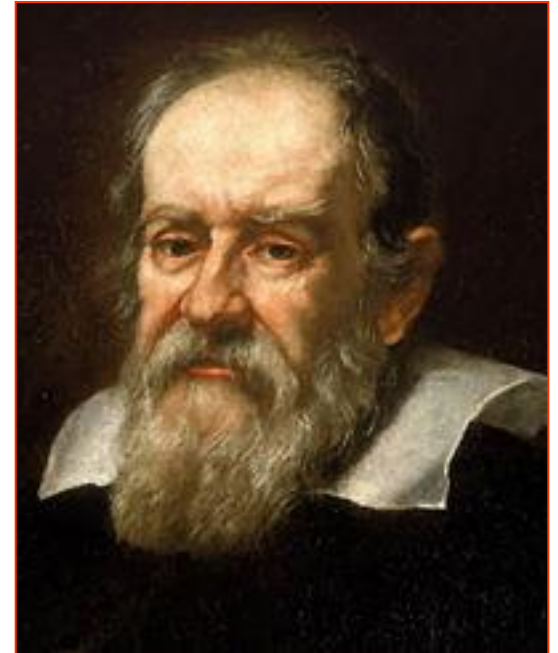
Nature is discrete. Mathematics is not constrained by nature.

One can have a mathematical shape that has an infinite perimeter but a finite area, or infinite area that would enclose only a finite volume.

You will get a finite perimeter length if you use a rigid ruler to measure the perimeter. A smaller ruler will yield a bigger value for the length of the perimeter. This growth continues without converging to any finite value as you keep making the ruler smaller.

“.... the universe .... Cannot be understood unless one first learns to comprehend the language in which it is written. It is written in the language of mathematics, and its characters are triangles, circles and other geomteric figures,....”

– Galileo Galilei (in 1623)



“....Clouds are not spheres, mountains are not cones, coastlines are not circles, and bark is not smooth,....”

– Benoit Mandelbrot  
(in 1984)

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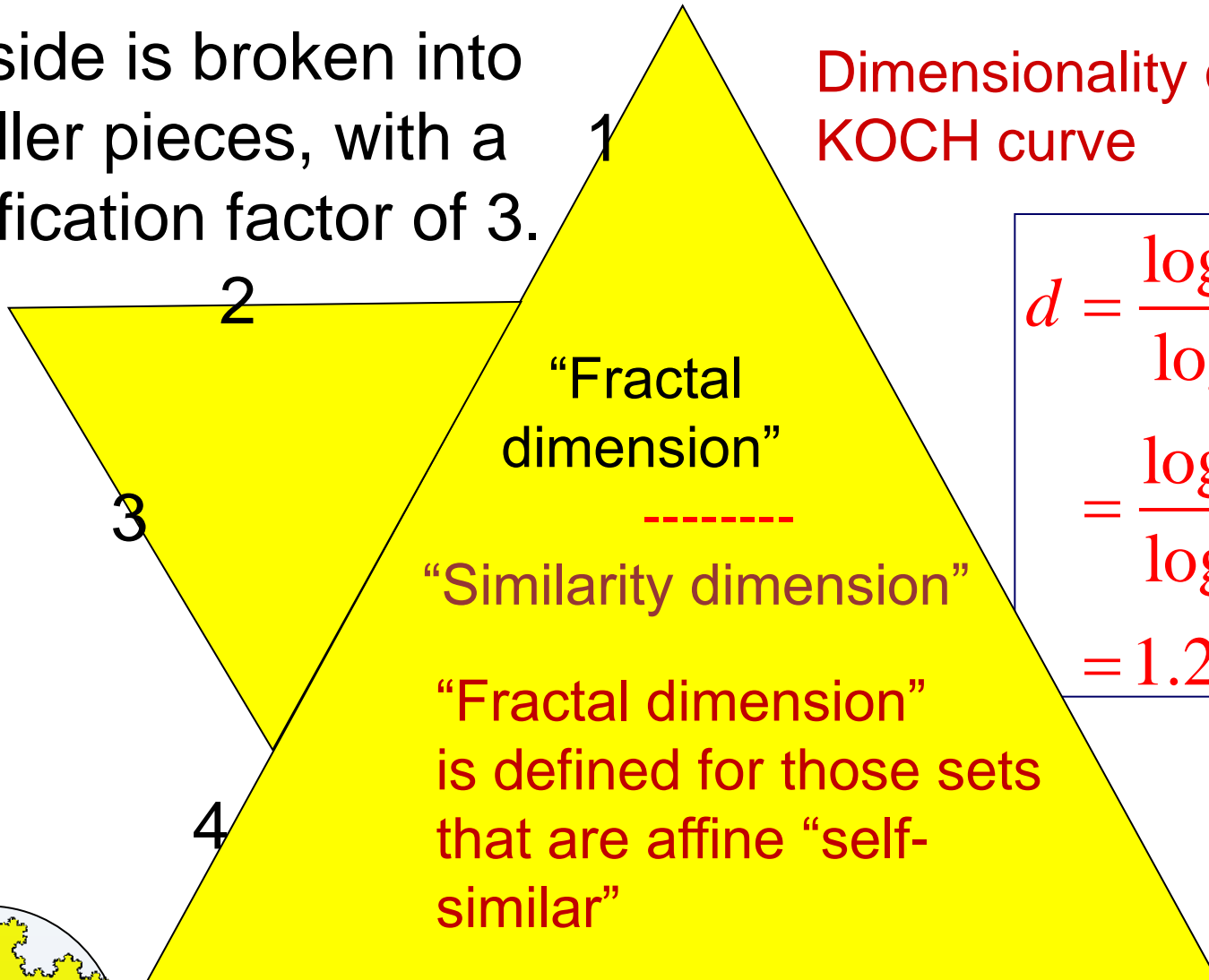
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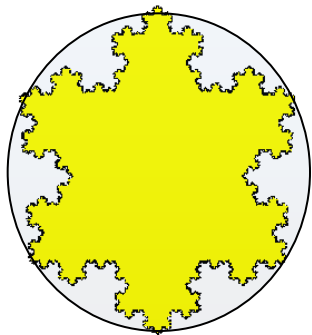
*- Bifurcation, Chaos, Mandelbrot sets*

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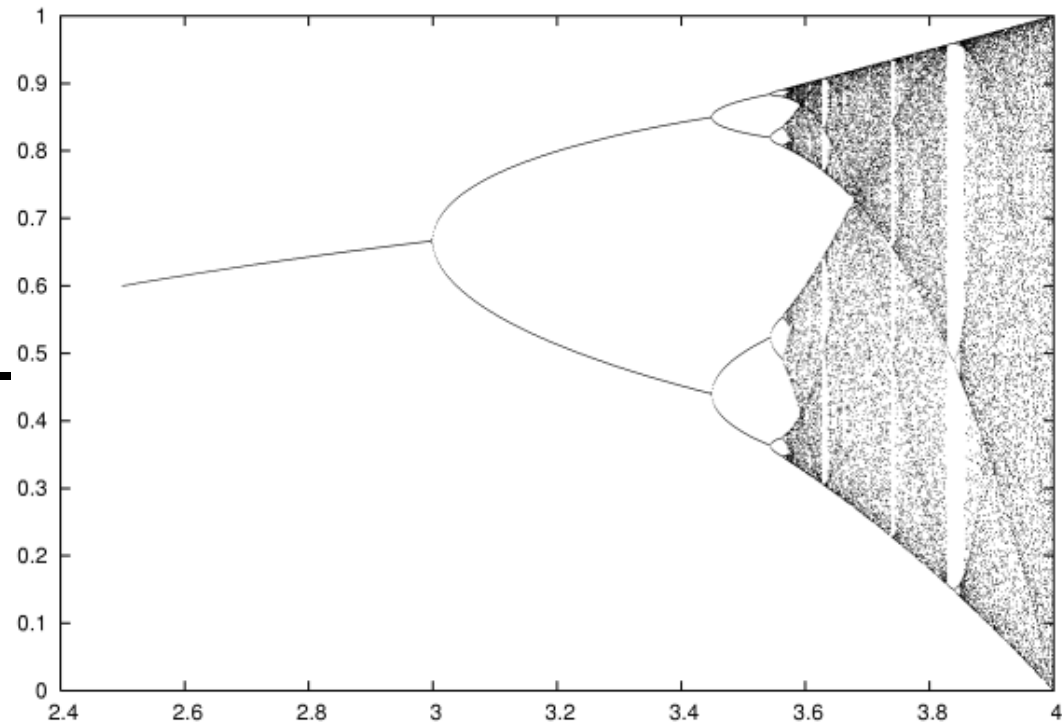
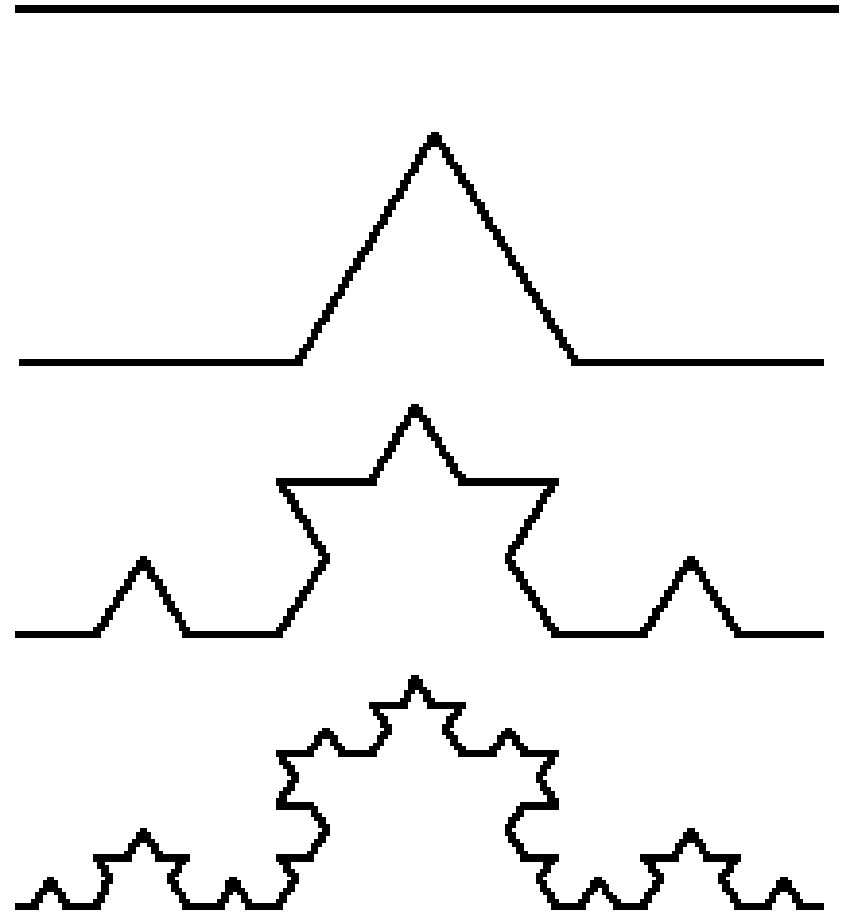


The KOCH snowflakes/curve





# SELF-SIMILARITY: important aspect of 'CHAOS'



Feigenbaum discovered the exact scaling factor (4.669.....) at which it was self-similar.

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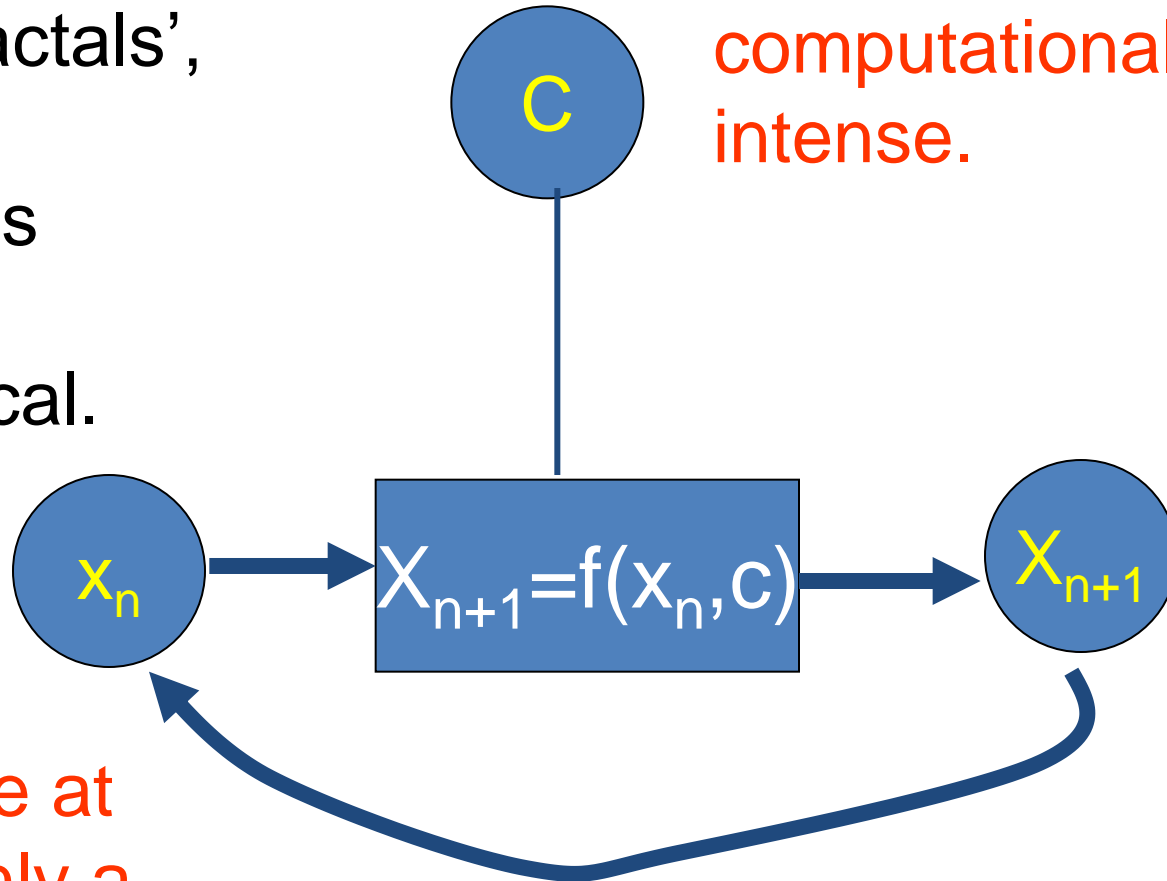
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The subject of 'chaos', 'fractals', 'non-linear dynamics' is intensely mathematical.

Also, it is computationally intense.



We aim here at providing only a cursory introduction without using heavy numerical/ computational, mathematical techniques.

Mandelbrot set: set of all complex numbers  $z$  for which sequence defined by the iteration

$$z(0) = c, z(n+1) = z(n)*z(n) + c, \quad n=0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

remains bounded.

If  $c=0$ , then  $z(n) = 0$  for all  $n$ , so the limit of the sequence is zero.

If  $z=i$ , the sequence oscillates between  $i$  and  $i-1$ , so the sequence remains bounded without converging to a limit.

$$z = z^2 + c$$

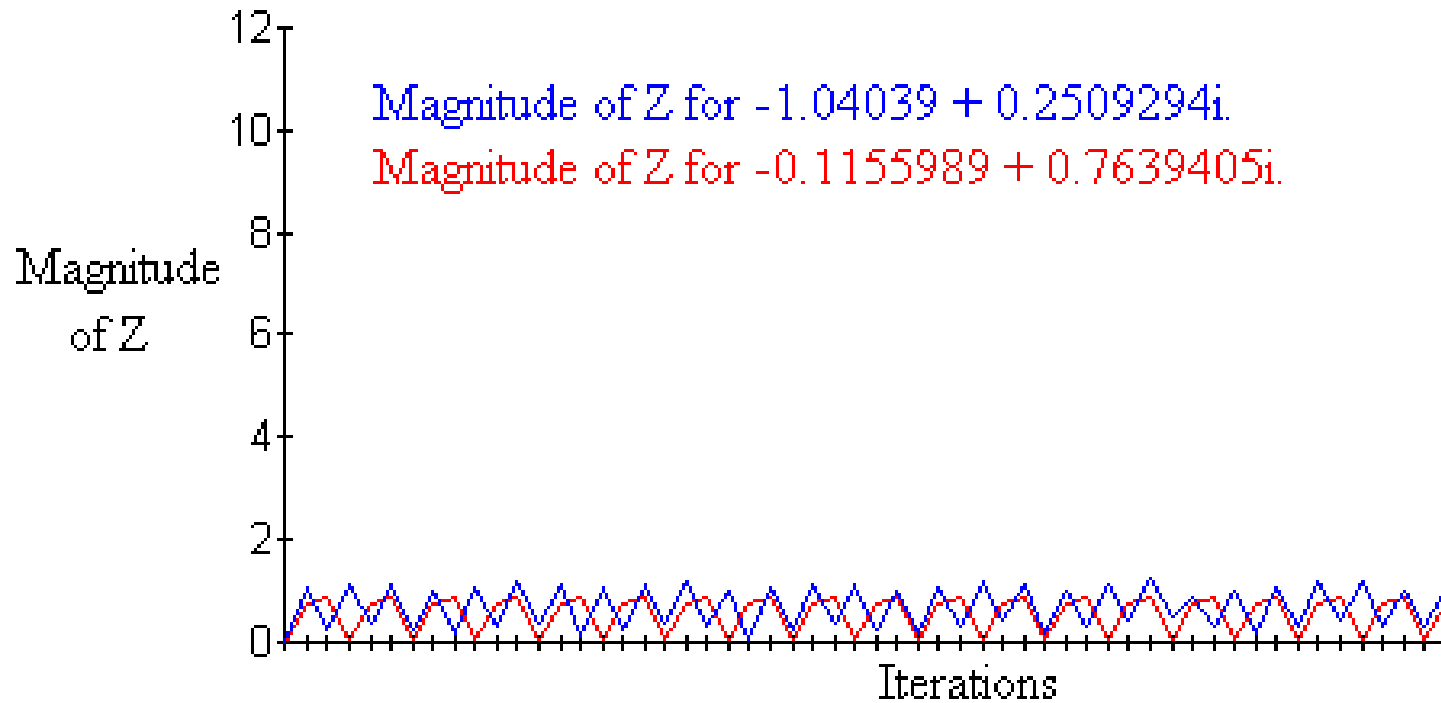
*c : complex number*

Mandelbrot set:

Do the same to the complex number that results from the above operation.

i.e. ITERATE: *If the functions  $g(z) = z^2 + c$  are used to do the iterations, then which values of  $c$  give orbits that escape, and which values of  $c$  give orbits that do not escape?*

If the result tends to infinity, exclude  $c$ ; if the result of a large number of iterations stays below a certain level, include 'c' as part of 'Mandelbrot set'.



Introduction to the Mandelbrot Set  
*A guide for people with little math experience.*

*By David Dewey*

*<http://www.ddewey.net/mandelbrot/>*

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If  $|Z| > 2$ , it will escape to infinity.

That is, we don't have to check it for infinity, just for 2.

How many times should we iterate  $Z_n$  to see if it goes farther away than 2 or not?

*Luckily just a few times suffices.*



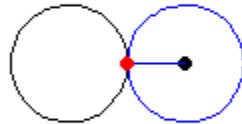
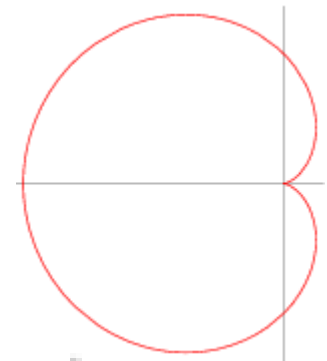
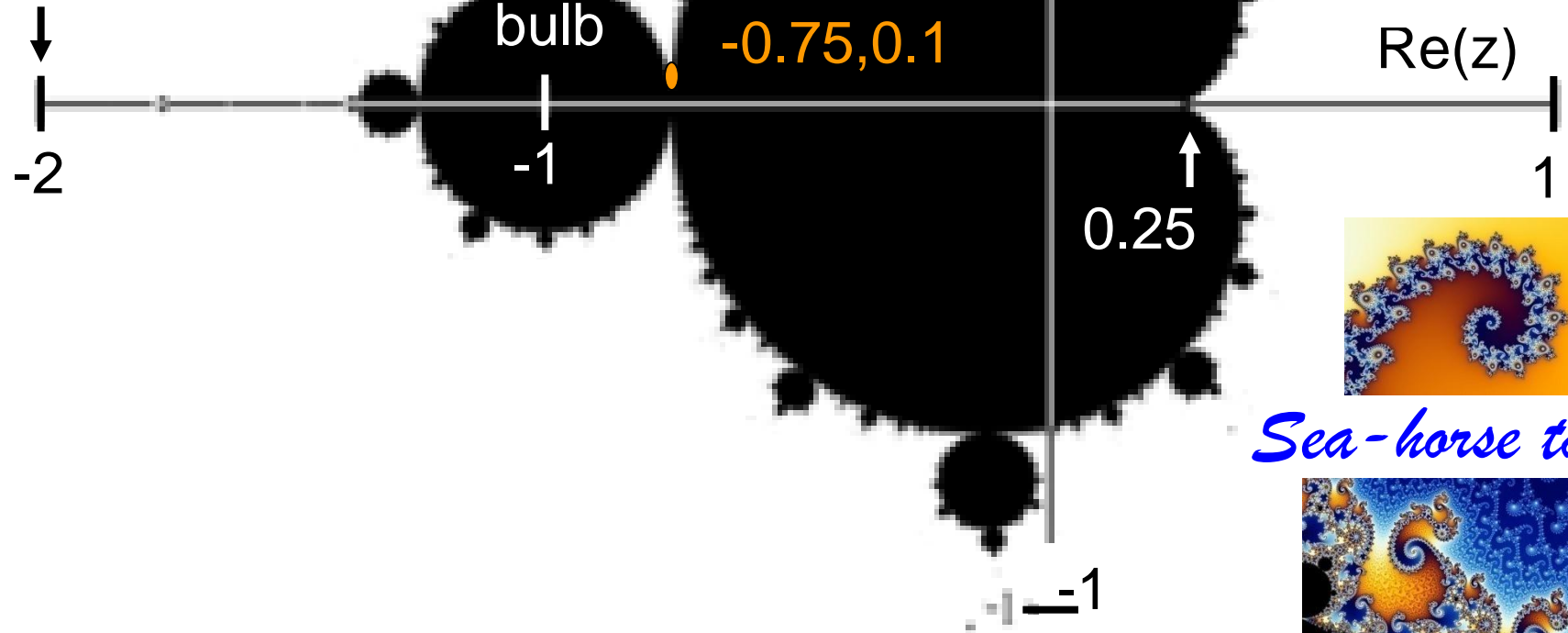
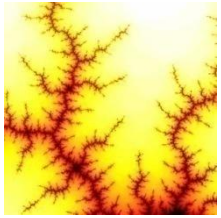
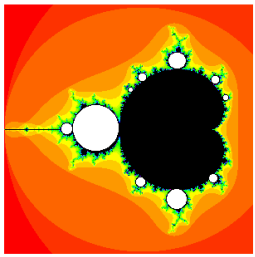
The Mandelbrot set is a ***fractal***.

Fractals: objects that display self-similarity at various scales.

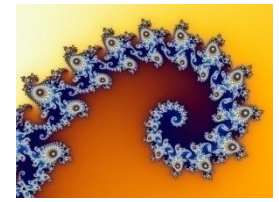
**Magnifying a fractal reveals small-scale details similar to the large-scale characteristics.**

Although the Mandelbrot set is self-similar at magnified scales, the small scale details are not *identical* to the whole. In fact, the Mandelbrot set is infinitely complex.

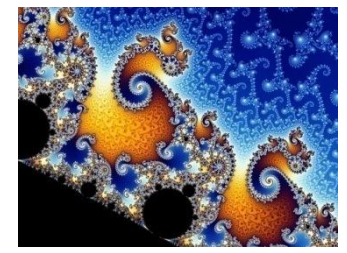
The process of generating the Mandelbrot set is simple, based on the simple equation involving complex numbers.



$$r = a(1 - \cos \theta)$$

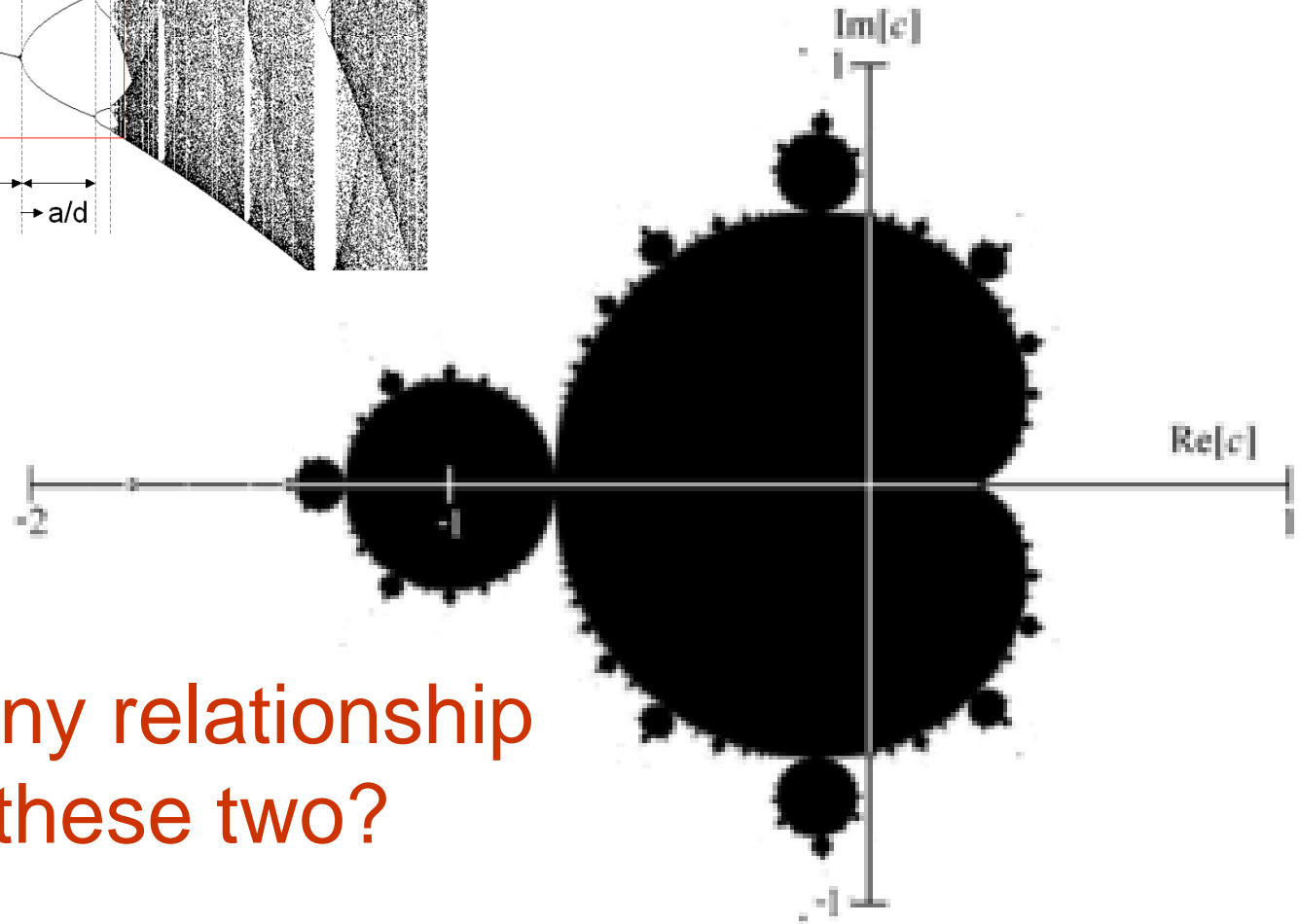
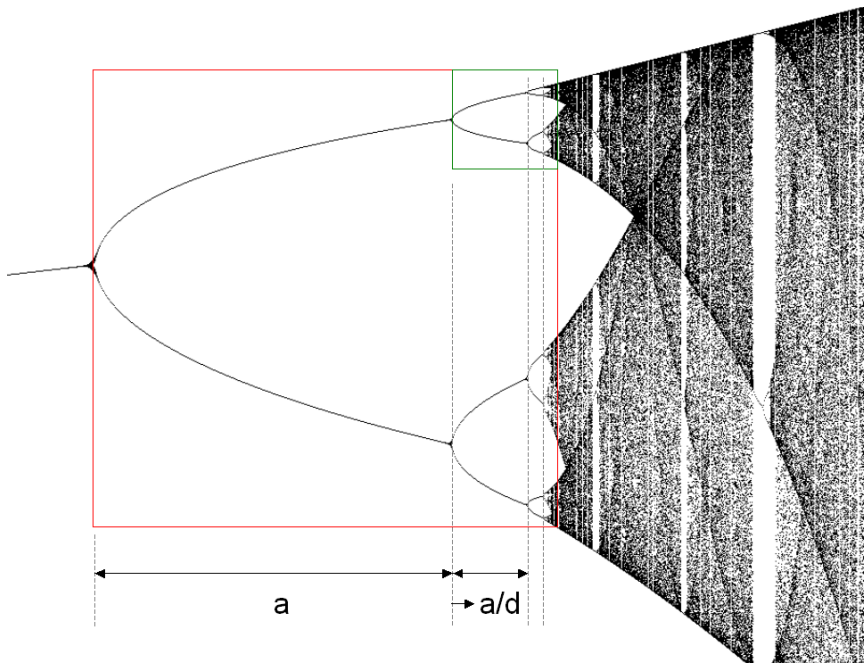


*Sea-horse tail*

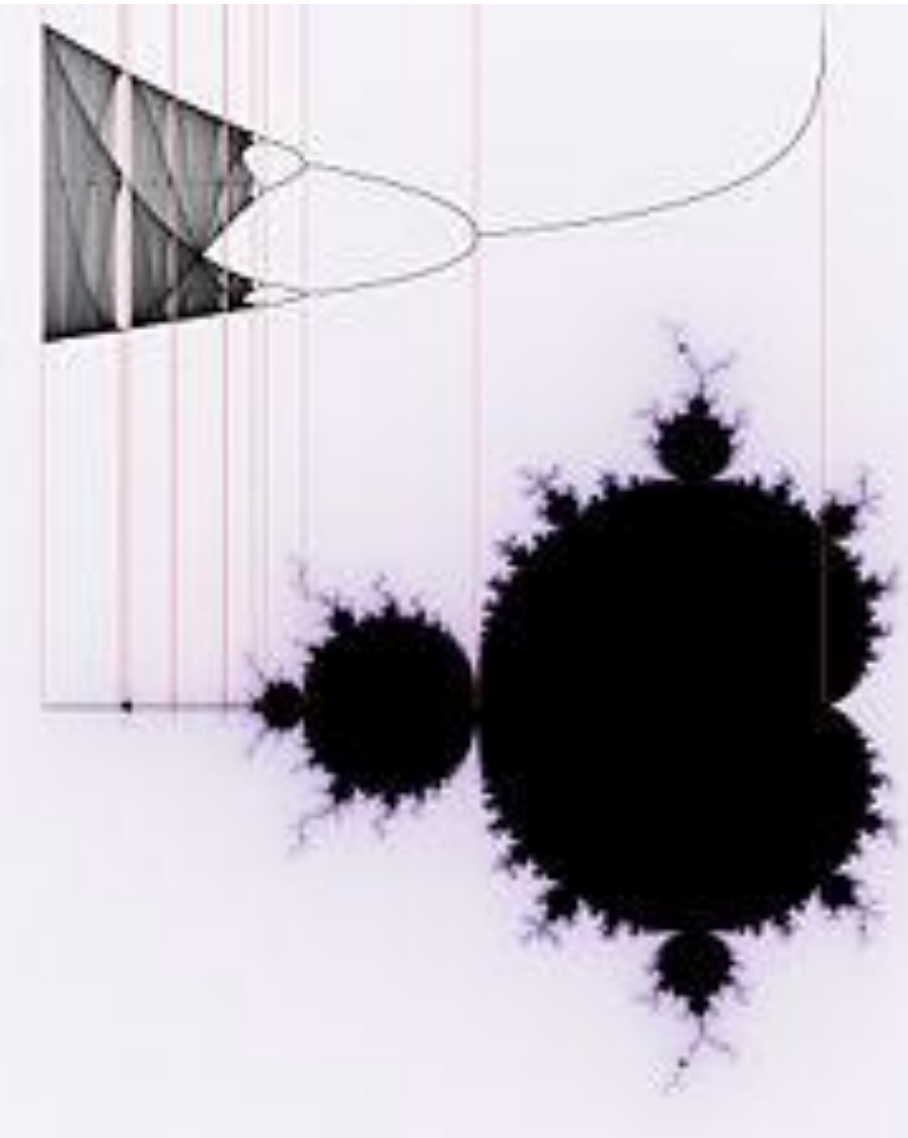


# Logistic Map

# Mandelbrot Set

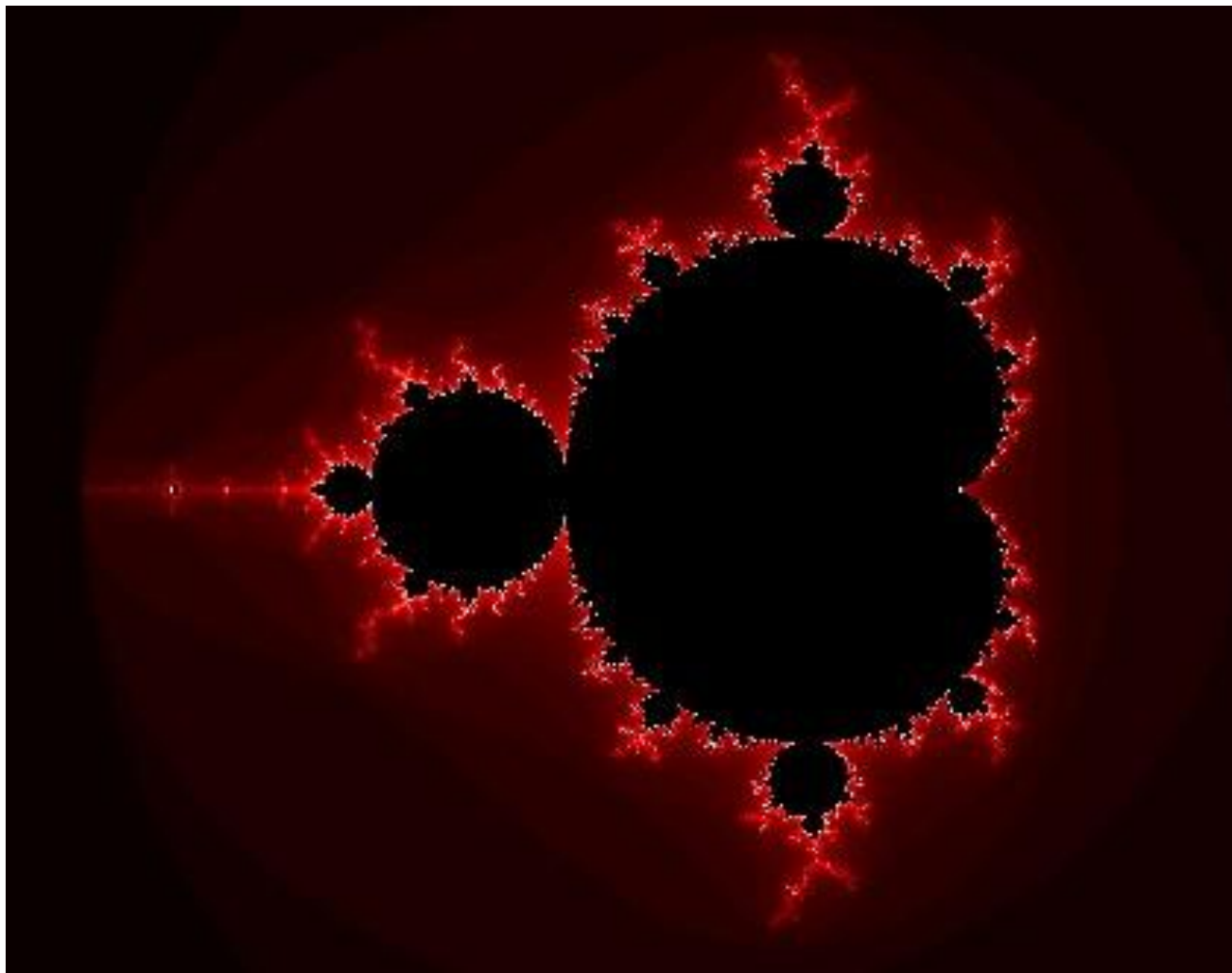


Is there any relationship between these two?



Courtesy: Public domain image by Georg-Johann Lay  
<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Verhulst-Mandelbrot-Bifurcation.jpg#file>

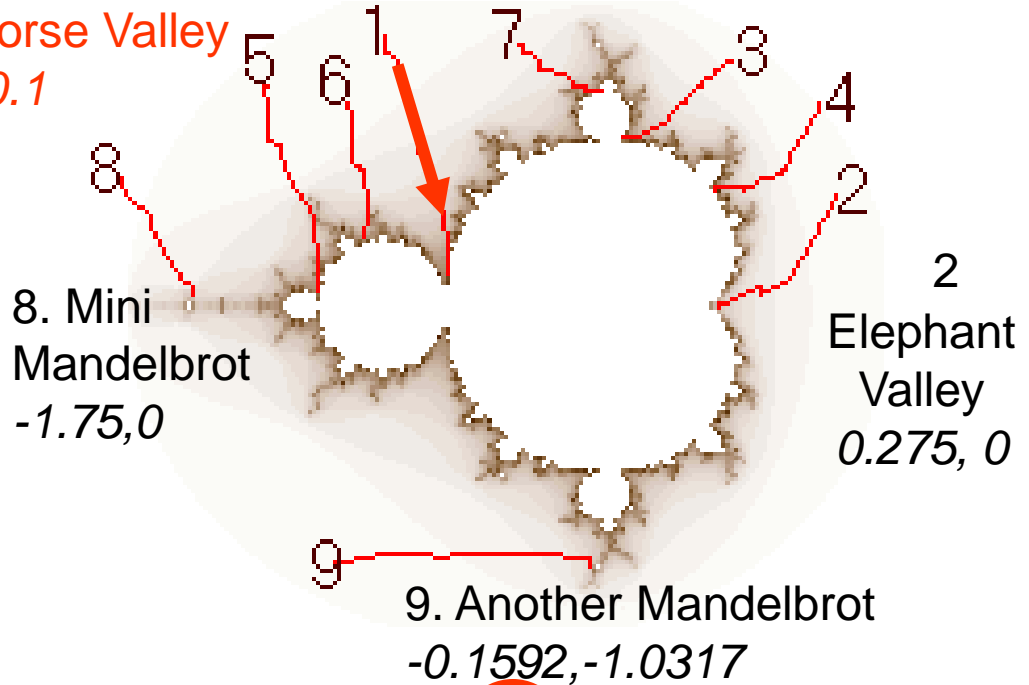
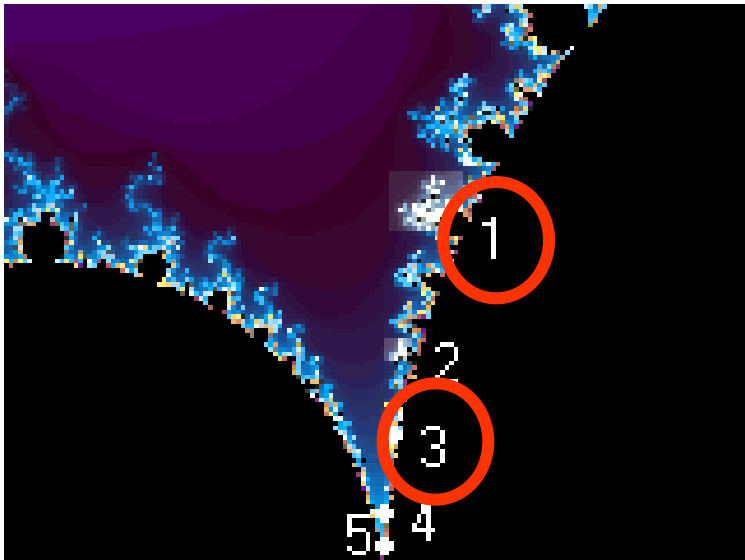
The first thing to do to draw the Mandelbrot set is to set the equivalence between pixel coordinates and complex numbers.



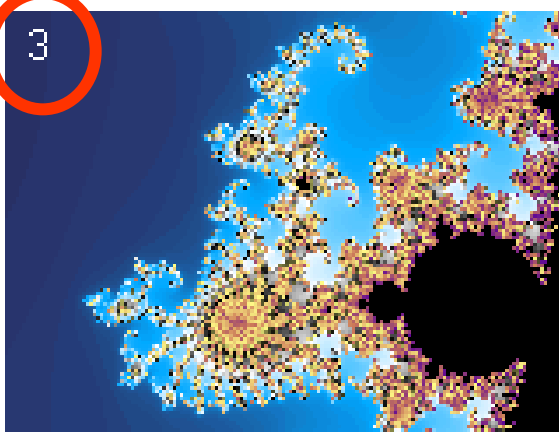
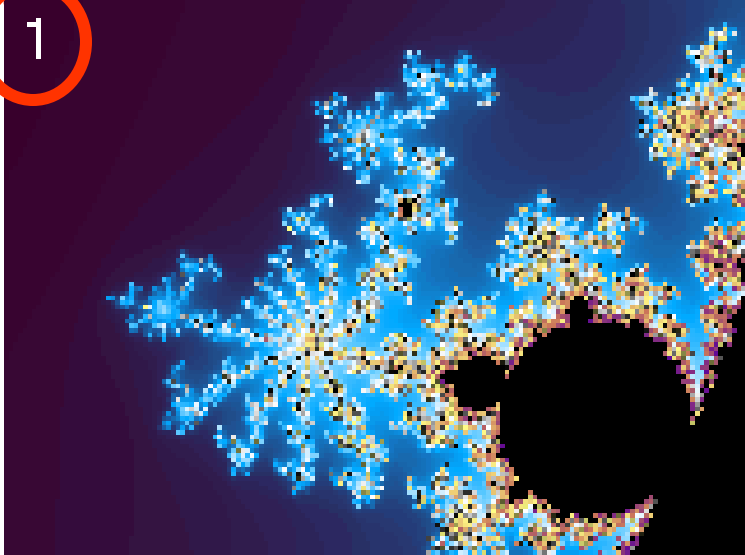
The colors in the images are shown in regions OUTSIDE the Mandelbrot set; the colors are chosen so that they have a mathematical relationship with  $C$  and the iterative mathematics.

# SELF-SIMILARITY

1. Seahorse Valley  
-0.75, 0.1



<http://66.39.71.195/Derbyshire/manguide.html>



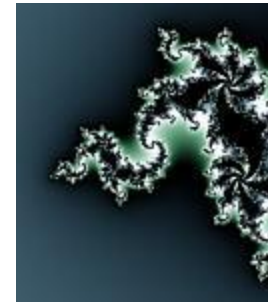
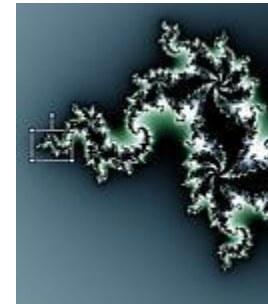
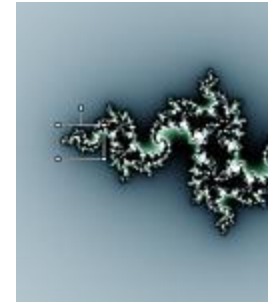
Mandelbrot Set Zoom  
on youtube .....Very Many!  
For example:  
(Jonathan Coulton's song on Mandelbrot song)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gEw8xpb1aRA>

## Some properties of the Mandelbrot set

- M is connected; no disconnected "islands".
- Area of M: finite
  - it fits inside a circle of radius 2;  
the exact area has been approximated,  
but the length of its border is infinite.
- If you take any part of the border of the set, the length of this part will also be infinite. The border has **“infinite details”**.



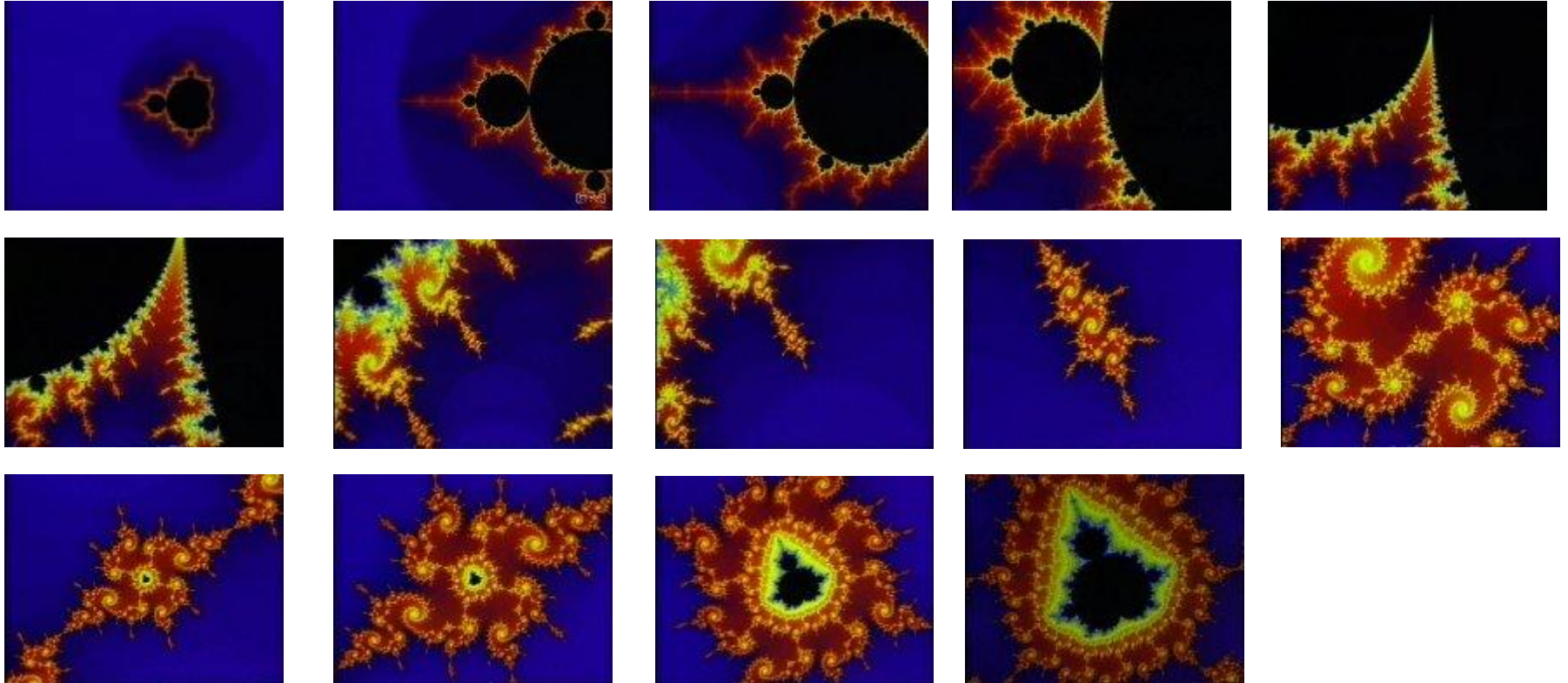
Fractal structures: Blood vessels branching out further and further, the branches of a tree, the internal structure of the lungs, graphs of stock market data, .....all have something in common: they are all self-similar.



<https://www.fractalus.com/info/layman.htm>

Conclude by showing video:

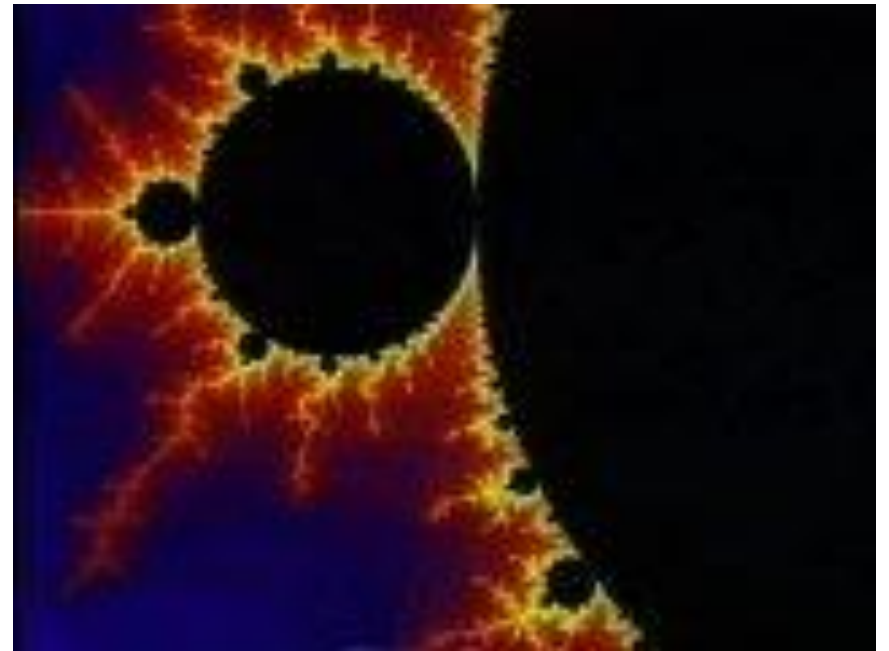
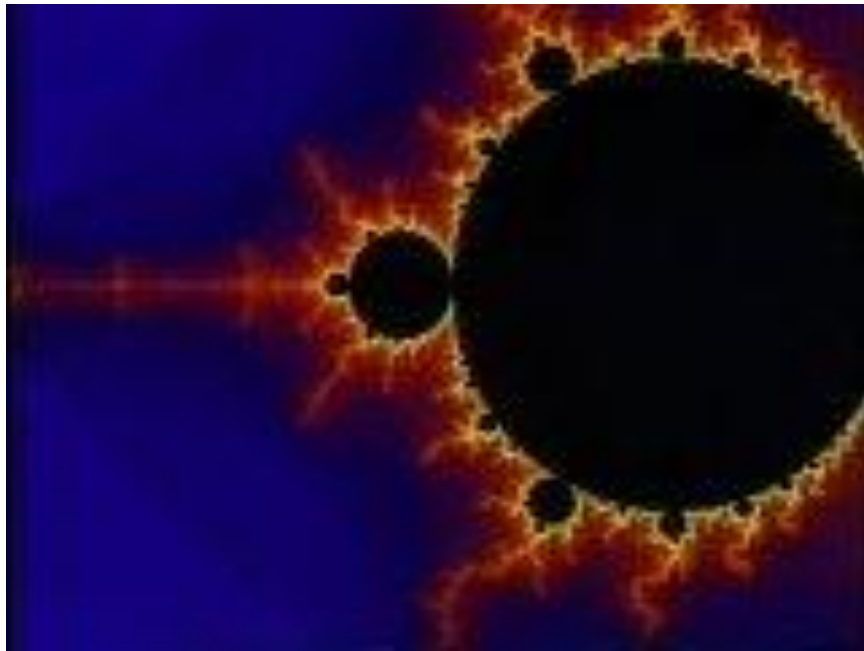
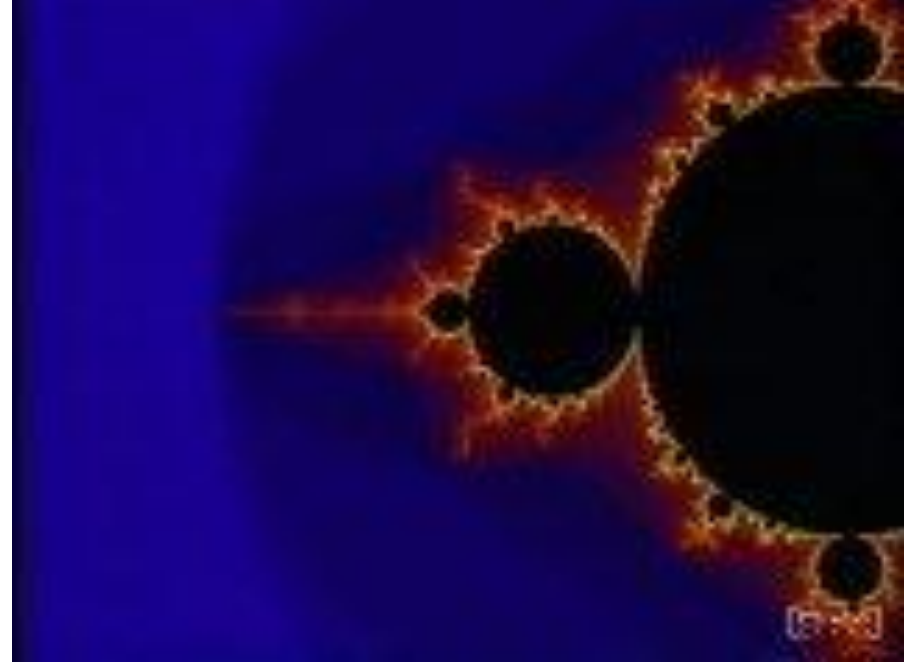
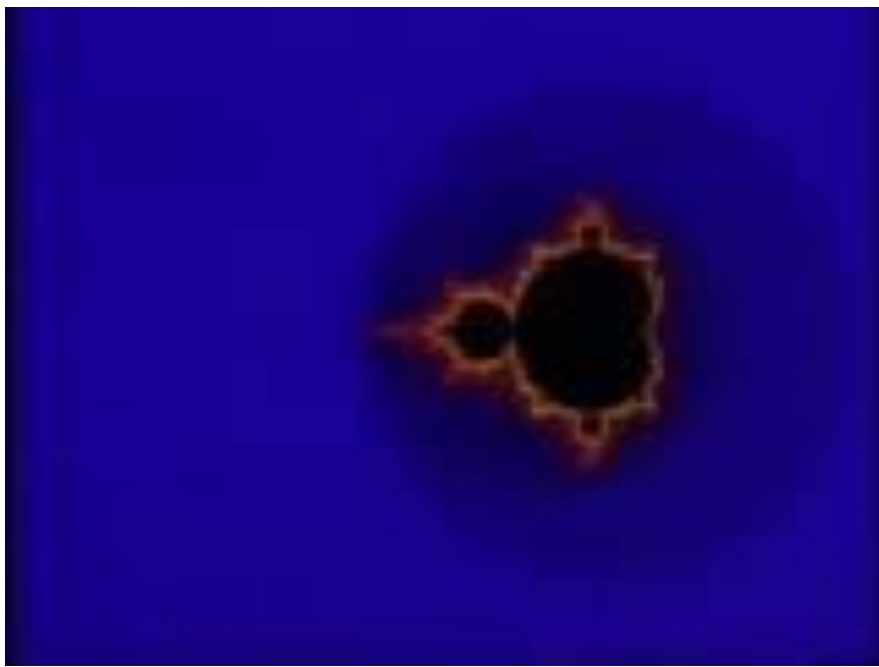
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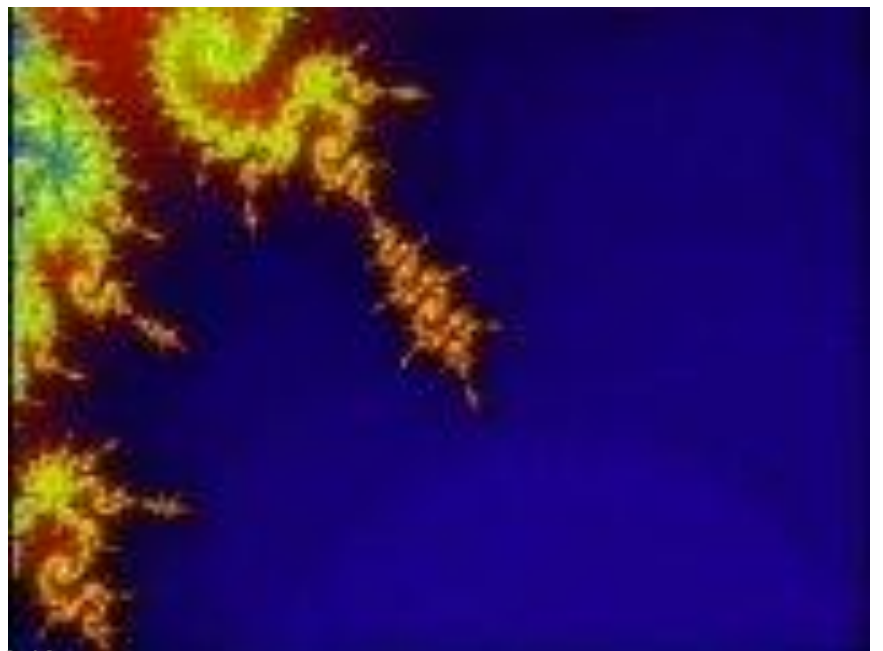
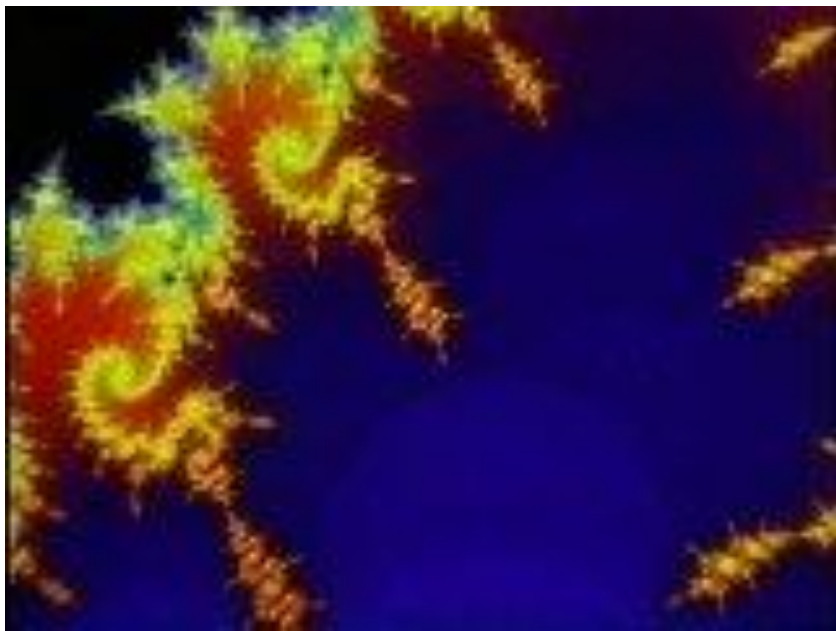
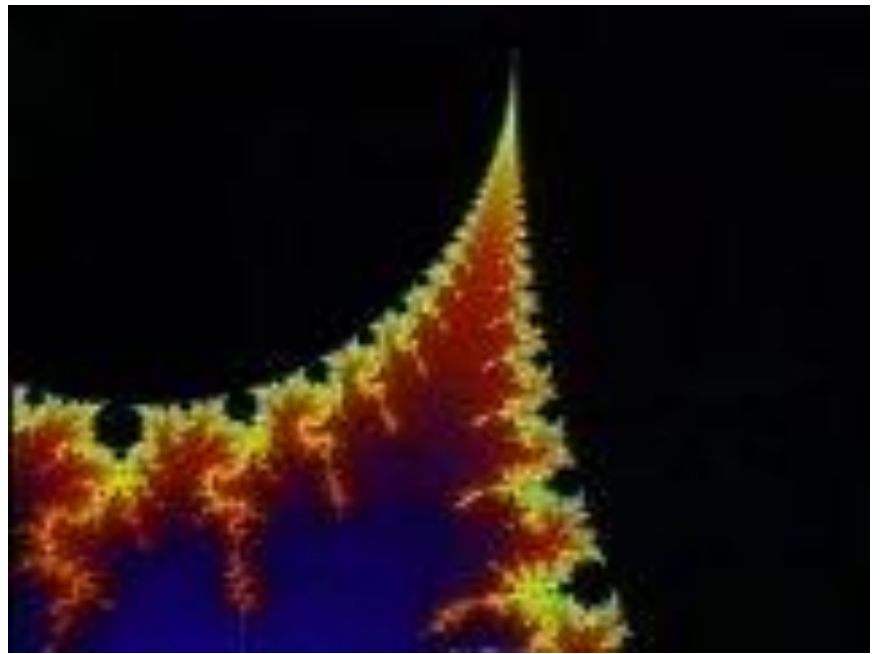
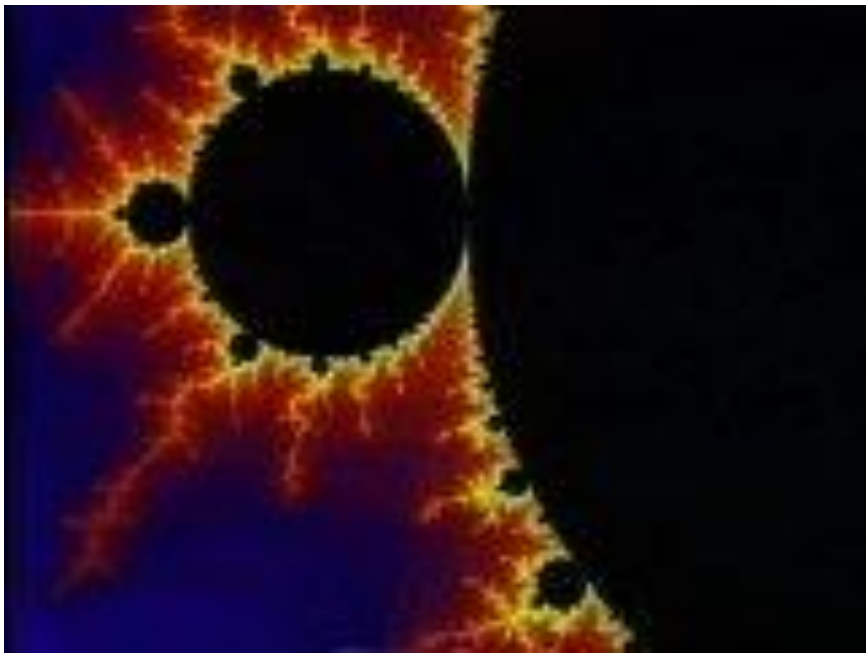
John Hubbard's video

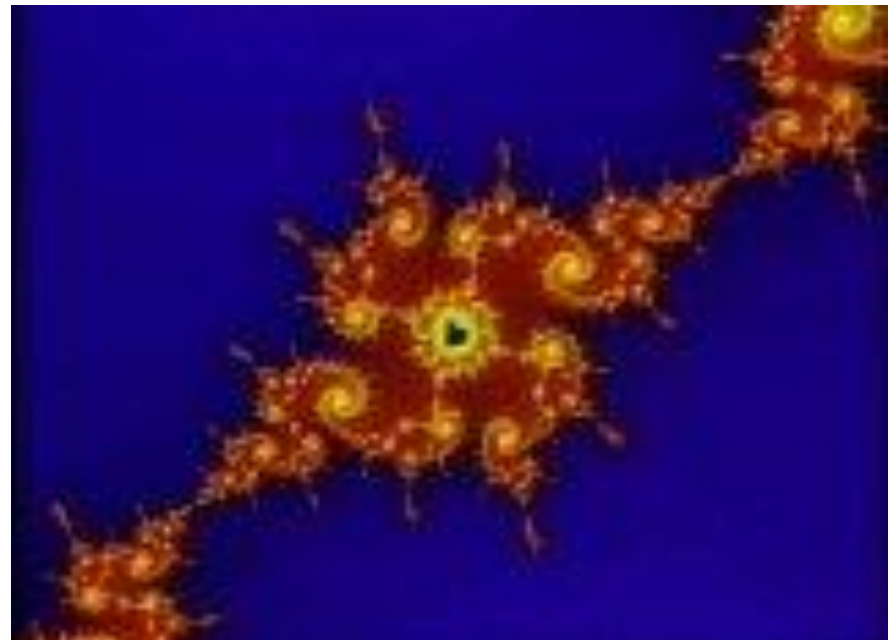
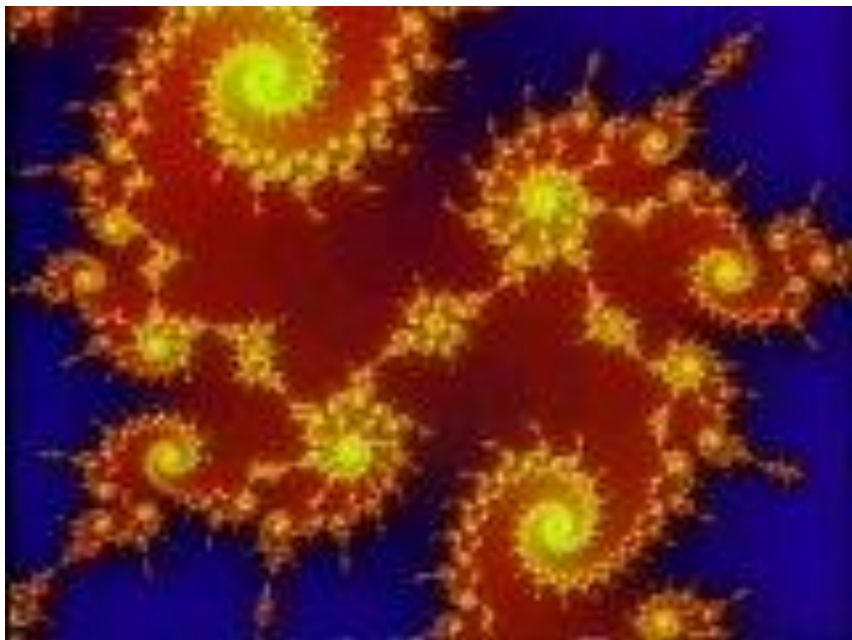
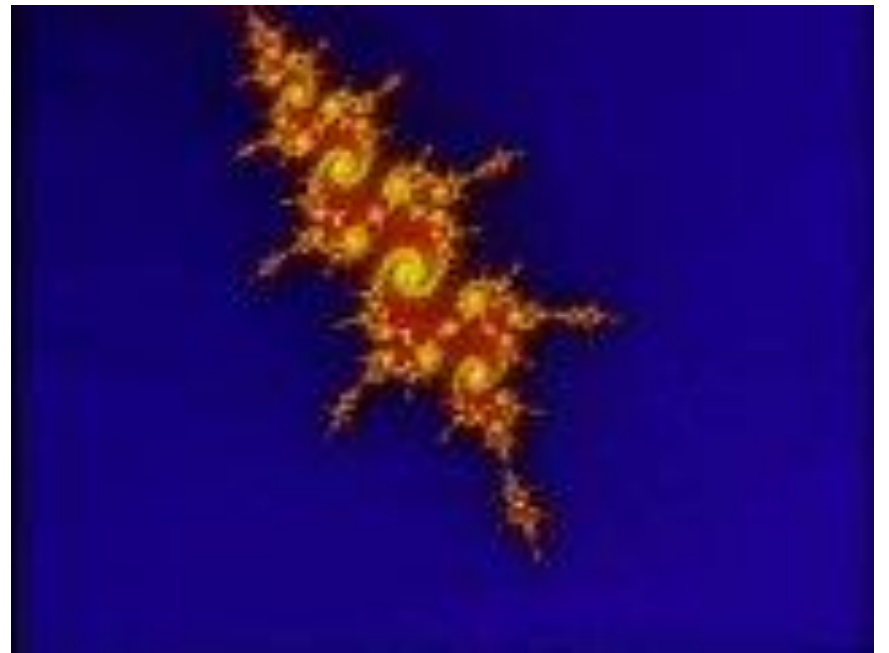
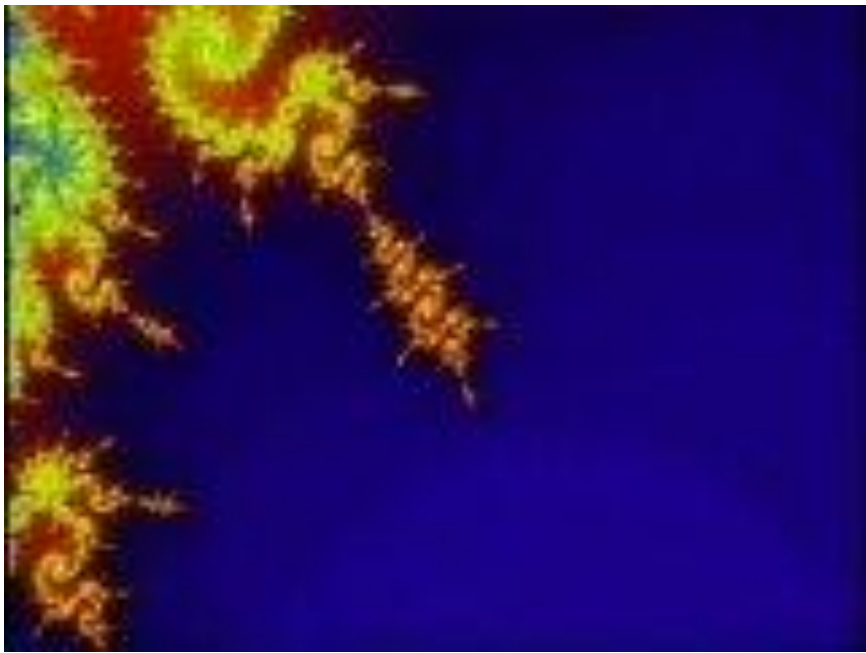
**The Beauty and Complexity of the Mandelbrot Set**

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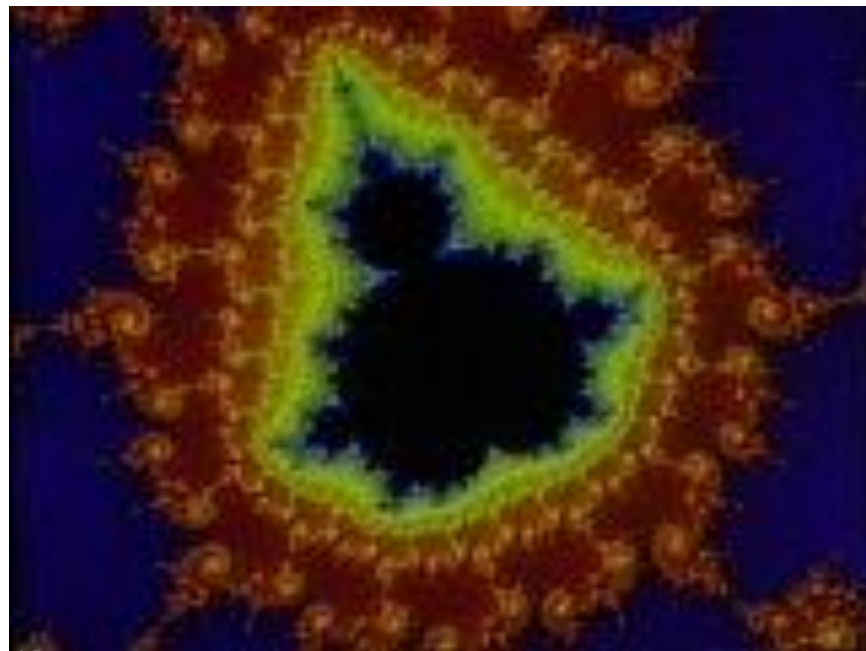
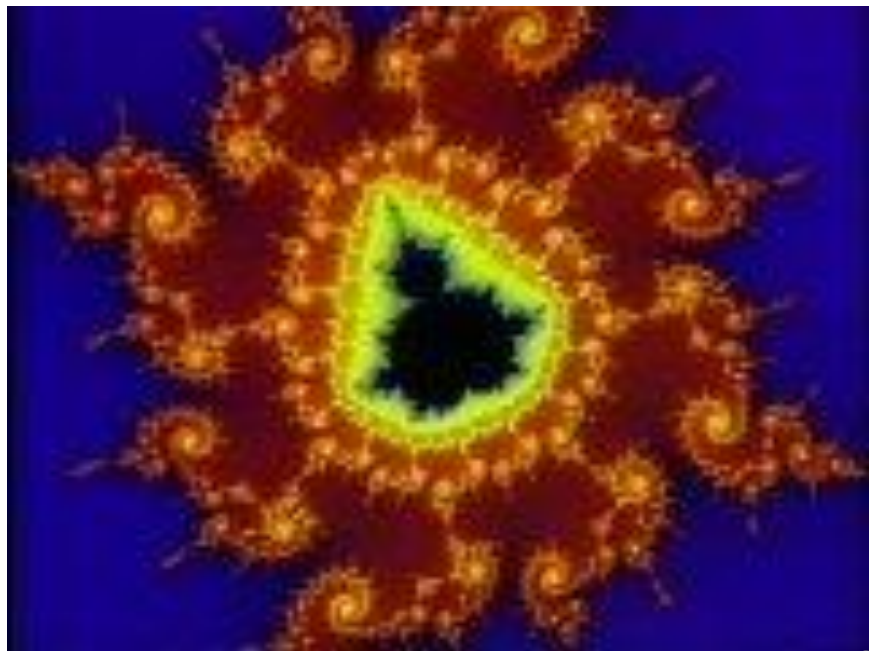
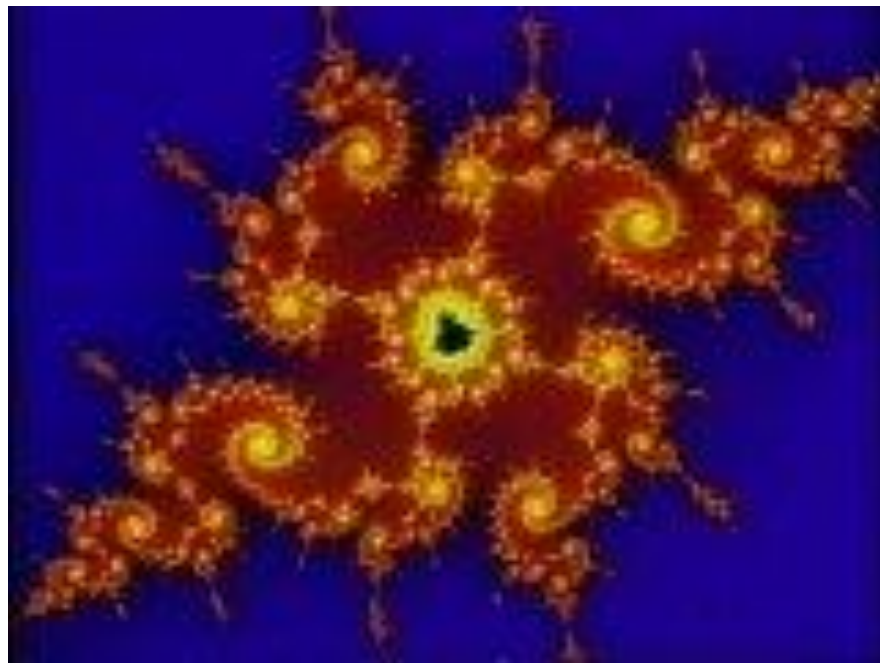
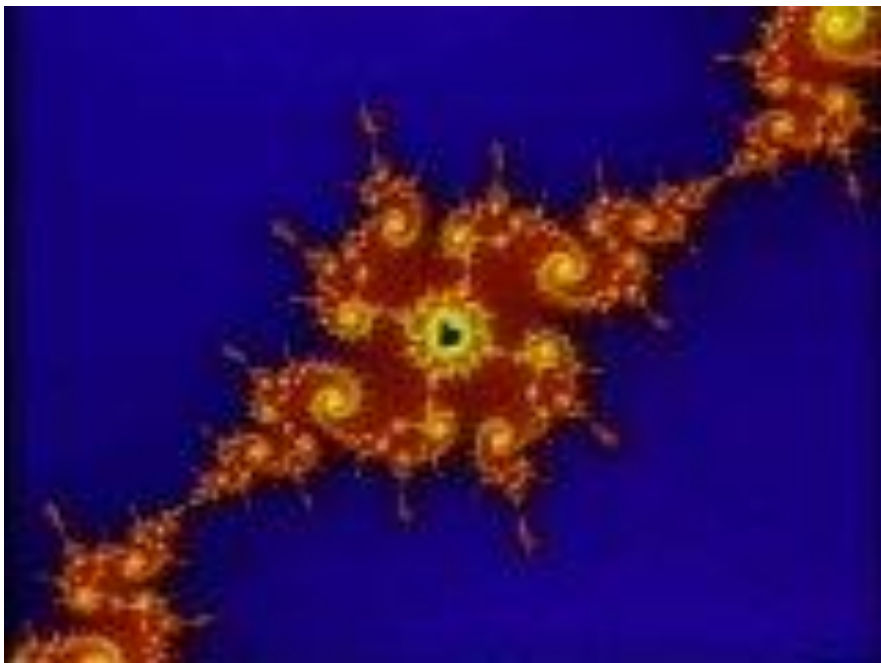






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*INTERNET ! Great source, but use it cautiously!!*



We shall take a break here.....

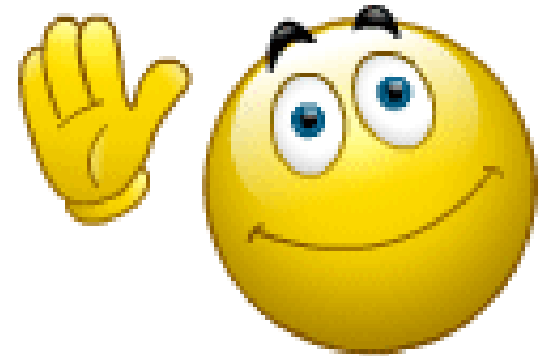
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