

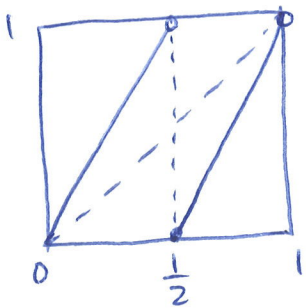
## 8. Chaotic Orbit

Definition: Let  $f: I \rightarrow I$  and let  $\gamma(x_0) = \{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$  be a bounded orbit. The orbit is chaotic if

- (1) It is not asymptotically periodic.
- (2) It has either sensitive dependence on initial condition or the Lyapunov exponent  $h(x_0) > 0$ .

Example: Every orbit of the tent map  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & , 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1-x) & , \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$  that is not eventually periodic is a chaotic orbit. In fact, by using the itinerary, every asymptotically periodic point is ~~in fact~~ eventually periodic. As we worked out in an example earlier, the Lyapunov exponent of any non-eventually periodic orbit is  $\ln 2 > 0$ . So by definition, every non-eventually periodic orbit is chaotic.

Example: Consider the map  $f(x) = 2x \pmod{1}$ , see the graph.



Let  $L = [0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $R = [\frac{1}{2}, 1)$ . Then  $K_f = R\bar{L}$ .

One can show that the binary expansion of any number  $x \in [0, 1)$  which replaces any <sup>tail</sup> sequence of the form  $0111\dots$  by  $1000\dots$

coincides with the itinerary expansion. That is, let  $S(x_0) = s_0 s_1 \dots$

then  $x_0 = \frac{b_0}{2} + \frac{b_1}{2^2} + \frac{b_2}{2^3} + \dots$  identifying  $b_i = 0$  iff  $s_i = L$ .

For example, the number  $\frac{1}{2} = .1000\dots$  in its binary expansion and  $S(\frac{1}{2}) = RLL\dots$  in its itinerary expansion. Also note  $f(x_0) = 2(\frac{b_0}{2} + \frac{b_1}{2^2} + \dots) \pmod{1} = \frac{b_1}{2} + \frac{b_2}{2^2} + \dots = .b_1 b_2 \dots$ . Like the tent map, all non-eventually periodic orbits are chaotic.

Hwk <sup>consider</sup> The map  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x$  on  $\mathbb{R}$  has fixed point at  $x=0$  and  $x=3$ . (a) Find all the fixed points

(b) Determine the stability of the fixed points.

(c) Find all period-2 points in  $[0, 2.5]$  (Use Maple)

(d) Determine the stability of the period-2 points.

Hwk (a) Find a period-3 point for the

$$\text{tent map } T(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & , 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1-x) & , \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

that satisfies  $0 < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $T(a) < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $T^2(a) > \frac{1}{2}$  and  $T^3(a) = a$ .

(b) Show that all periodic points are repellers.

Hwk: Show that if  $x_n = f(x_{n-1})$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \bar{x}$  exists and  $f$  is continuous at  $\bar{x}$ , then  $\bar{x}$  must be a fixed point of  $f$ .

## 8 Natural Measure

It is impossible to predict where a chaotic orbit will be at a particular iterate into the future. But it is possible to anticipate what it will likely do in some probabilistic sense. The idea of natural measure is a way to specifying the likely-hood a typical orbit will visit any conceivable region. To do this, we iterate a map  $f$  at a randomly chosen initial point  $x_0$ , count the amount of iterates in a particular region, say  $S$ , divide by the number of iterates, and take the limit as the number of iterates goes to infinity. This gives rise to the so-called "fraction" of iterates of the orbit  $\{f^n(x_0)\}$  lying in the set  $S$ . We denote it by

$$\bar{\mu}_f(x_0, S) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{f^i(x_0) \in S : 0 \leq i \leq n\}}{n}$$

if the limit exists. The concept of natural measure is a slight modification on the "fraction of iterates". More precisely, let  $N_r(S)$  be the set of points that are within  $r > 0$  distance <sup>to</sup> the set  $S$ , called the  $r$ -neighborhood of  $S$ . The "natural measure" generated by  $f$  is defined by

$$\mu_f(S) = \lim_{r \rightarrow 0} \bar{\mu}_f(x_0, N_r(S))$$

for each closed set  $S$ , if the limit exists for almost all  $x_0 \in I$ .



Notice that if the natural measure exists, it must be a probability measure, meaning ~~that~~  $\mu(I) = 1$ . Also, it must be  $f$ -invariant in the sense that

$$\mu(A) = \mu(f^{-1}(A)),$$

which simply ~~states that~~ is based on the fact that the number of iterates of  $\{f^i(x_0) : 0 \leq i \leq n\}$  that visit a neighborhood of  $A$  must be the same number of iterates that come from or have already visited the  $f^{-1}(A)$  preimage.

We will consider in this section only those maps  $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  which Markov in the following sense

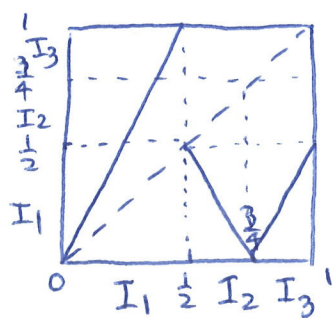
(a) There is a partition of the interval  $[0, 1]$  ~~into~~ into finite union of subintervals  $I_i$ ,  $i=1, 2, \dots, n$ . That is

$$[0, 1] = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup \dots \cup I_n$$

(b)  $f$  is linear on each of the subinterval  $I_i$ .

(c) The image  $f(I_i)$  of each  $I_i$  is a union of some subintervals of  $I_j$ , i.e. if  $f(I_i) \cap I_j \neq \emptyset$ , then  $f(I_i) \supset I_j$ .

Example 1



The map  $f$  shown has a Markov partition

$$[0, 1] = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3 \text{ with } I_1 = [0, \frac{1}{2}], I_2 = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}],$$

$I_3 = [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$ .  $f$  is linear on each  $I_i$  with slope  $|f'(x)| = 2$ . Also,  $f(I_1) = I_1 \cup I_2 \cup I_3 = [0, 1]$ ,  $f(I_2) = f(I_3) = I_1$ . So  $f$  is Markov.



Example 2: Both the tent map  $T(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ 2(1-x), & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$  and the doubling map  $D(x) = 2x \pmod{1}$  are Markov as well.

The question for a Markov map would be what would ~~be~~ the natural measure, if exists, of each of the partitioning interval  $I_i$ ? To answer this question and the existence question, we need to introduce the concept of "transition matrix". Let  $[0, 1] = \bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i$  be a Markov partition of a Markov map  $f$ . Then for any  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $1 \leq j \leq n$ , the preimage  $f^{-1}(I_j)$  either intersects  $I_i$  empty or a ~~non-empty~~ subinterval of  $I_i$ . Either ways we denote ~~the~~  $f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i$  the subinterval (empty interval allowed) in  $I_i$ . Let  $|I_i|$  denote the length of interval  $I_i$  ~~then~~ and introduce the ratio

$$p_{ij} = \frac{|f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i|}{|I_i|}$$

which can be regarded as the probability of  $f(x)$  being in  $I_j$  given that  $x$  is in  $I_i$ . Then by definition, the "transition matrix"  $P$  of  $f$  is the  $n \times n$  matrix with entries  $p_{ij}$ , i.e.  $P = [p_{ij}]_{n \times n}$ .

Example 3. The transition matrix  $P$  for the map from example 1 above is  $P = \begin{bmatrix} p_{11} & p_{12} & p_{13} \\ p_{21} & p_{22} & p_{23} \\ p_{31} & p_{32} & p_{33} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Example 4: the transition matrix  $P$  for both the tent map and the doubling map is  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  with the Markov partition  $[0, 1] = [0, \frac{1}{2}) \cup [\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ .

Definition: A transition matrix  $P$  is regular if for some  $K$ ,  $P^K$  has no zero entries.

Example 5: The transition matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  is regular by definition with  $K=1$ . The transition matrix  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  is regular with  $K=2$  because  $P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{1}{8} & \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \end{bmatrix}$ .

the question of existence of natural measure is answered by the following theorem which we will ~~not~~ ~~prov~~ omit the proof.

Theorem: If  $f$  is a Markov and its transition matrix is regular, then the natural measure exists for  $f$ .

Moreover, the natural measure on each of the partitioning subinterval  $I_i$  has a constant density  $g_i$ , that is if  $J \subset I_i$  is a subinterval of  $I_i$ , then the natural measure of  $J$  is calculated as  $\mu(J) = g_i |J|$  with  $|J|$  being the length of  $J$ .  $\square$ .

For the remainder of this section, we will illustrate a method to calculate the natural measure of partitioning intervals  $I_i$ .



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Here is how we derive the method. Because  $\mu$  is  $f$ -invariant,  $\mu(J) = \mu(f^{-1}(J))$ . We also have  $\mu(I_i) = g_i |I_i|$  with  $g_i > 0$  being the density. We will also use the fact that if  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_k$  are pair-wise disjoint, i.e., no two different sets intersect a non-empty interval, then  $\mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^k A_i) = \sum_{i=1}^k \mu(A_i)$ . We now ready to calculate  $\mu(I_j)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \mu(I_j) &= \mu(f^{-1}(I_j)) = \mu(f^{-1}(I_j) \cap [0, 1]) = \mu(f^{-1}(I_j) \cap (\bigcup_{i=1}^n I_i)) \\ &= \mu(\bigcup_{i=1}^n f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i) \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n g_i |f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i| = \sum_{i=1}^n g_i \frac{|f^{-1}(I_j) \cap I_i|}{|I_i|} |I_i| \\ &= \sum_{i=1}^n \mu(I_i) p_{ij}, \text{ with } p_{ij} \text{ the transition matrix entry} \end{aligned}$$

This formula says that as a vector  $\vec{u} = (\mu(I_1), \mu(I_2), \dots, \mu(I_n))$ ,  $\vec{u}$  is an eigenvector for transpose of the transition matrix, i.e.  $P^T \vec{u} = \vec{u}$ , and the associated eigenvalue is 1.

Example 6: Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ . Solving  $P^T \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \end{pmatrix}$  gives  $u_1 = u_2$ .

Since  $\mu$  is a probabilistic measure, we need  $u_1 + u_2 = 1$  as well.

So the only solution to  $u_1 = u_2, u_1 + u_2 = 1$  is  $u_1 = u_2 = \frac{1}{2}$ .

In other words, for the tent map, <sup>any typical</sup> orbit has an equal probability to visit both subinterval  $[0, \frac{1}{2})$ ,  $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$ . For

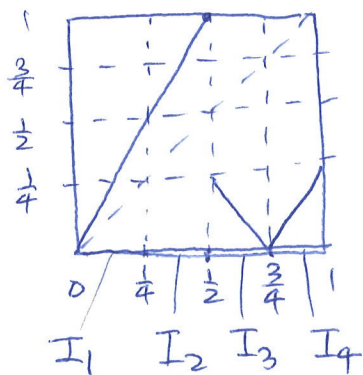
$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{4} & \frac{1}{4} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $P^T = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & 1 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 \\ \frac{1}{4} & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , and solving  $P^T \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} u_1 \\ u_2 \\ u_3 \end{pmatrix}$  gives

$\frac{1}{4}u_1 = u_2, \frac{1}{4}u_1 = u_3$ . Using  $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 = 1$  also gives  $u_1 = \frac{2}{3}, u_2 = u_3 = \frac{1}{6}$ .

In terms of density,  $g_1 = \frac{4}{3}, g_2 = g_3 = \frac{2}{3}$  for the map of example 1.



Example: Find the Lyapunov number for the map as shown.



Solu: We find first the natural measures on the Markov intervals.

$$I_1 = [0, \frac{1}{4}), I_2 = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{2}), I_3 = [\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}), I_4 = [\frac{3}{4}, 1].$$

In fact,  $f$  is Markov because  $f$  is linear on each  $I_i$ , and

$$f(I_1) = I_1 \cup I_2, f(I_2) = I_3 \cup I_4, f(I_3) = f(I_4) = I_1.$$

So the transition matrix is

$$P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}.$$

One can

verify explicitly that  $P$  is regular because  $P^4$  has no zero entries. Therefore, the natural measure exists. Moreover,

let  $u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4$  be the measures on  $I_1, I_2, I_3, I_4$ , then

$\vec{u} = (u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4)$  satisfies  $\vec{u} = P^T \vec{u}$  and  $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + u_4 = 1$ .

Solve  $\vec{u} = P^T \vec{u}$ , we have  $u_2 = \frac{1}{2}u_1, u_3 = \frac{1}{2}u_2 = \frac{1}{4}u_1, u_4 = \frac{1}{2}u_2 = \frac{1}{4}u_1$ .

Use  $u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + u_4 = 1$  to get  $u_1 + \frac{1}{2}u_1 + \frac{1}{4}u_1 + \frac{1}{4}u_1 = 2u_1 = 1$ , so  $u_1 = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $u_2 = \frac{1}{4}, u_3 = \frac{1}{8}, u_4 = \frac{1}{8}$ . We are now ready to compute

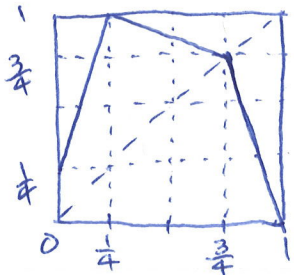

the Lyapunov ~~exponent~~ number. We note first that

$|f'(x_i)| = 2$  if  $x_i \in I_1 \cup I_2$ ,  $|f'(x_i)| = 1$  if  $x_i \in I_3 \cup I_4$ . So for all most all initial point  $x_0 \in (0, 1)$ , we have the following

$$\begin{aligned} L(x_0) &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \prod_{i=0}^{n-1} |f'(x_i)| \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \prod_{x_i \in I_1 \cup I_2} |f'(x_i)| \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( \prod_{x_i \in I_3 \cup I_4} |f'(x_i)| \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 2^{\#\{x_i \in I_1 \cup I_2; 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \left( 1^{\#\{x_i \in I_3 \cup I_4; 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}} \right)^{\frac{1}{n}} \\ &= 2^{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\#\{x_i \in I_1 \cup I_2; 0 \leq i \leq n-1\}}{n}} = 2^{u_1 + u_2} = 2^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}} = 2^{\frac{3}{4}} > 1. \end{aligned}$$

(Note: density:  $p_1 = \frac{1/2}{1/4} = 2$ ,  $p_2 = \frac{1/4}{1/4} = 1$ ,  $p_3 = p_4 = \frac{1/8}{1/4} = \frac{1}{2}$ , i.e.  $\delta(x_0)$  in  $I_1$  is twice as dense as in  $I_2$  which  $\delta(x_0)$  is twice as dense as in  $I_3$  and  $I_4$ .)

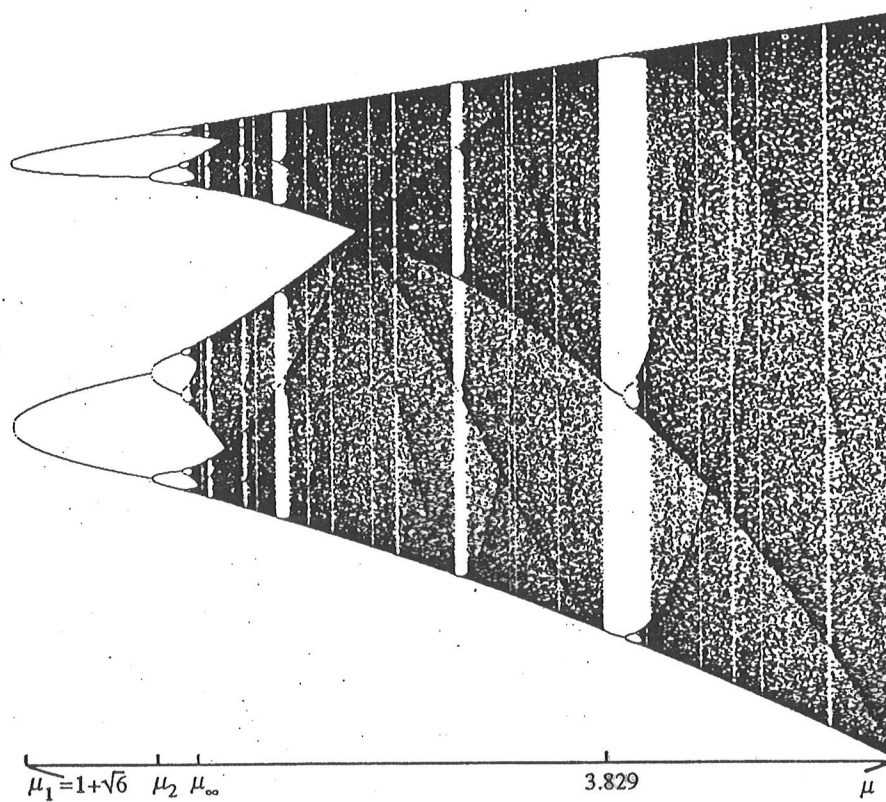
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1. Find extremals for the functional  
 ⑩  $\int_a^b (y^2 + y'^2 + 2y e^x) dx$ ,  $y \in C^2$ ,  $y(a) = y_a$ ,  $y(b) = y_b$
2. Show that the functional  $J(y) = \int_a^b (p(x) y'^2 + q(x) y^2) dx$ ,  
 ⑩  $y \in C^2$ ,  $y(a) = y_a$ ,  $y(b) = y_b$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are positive, is an absolute minimum for  $y = Y(x)$ , where  $Y$  is the solution to the Euler equation. (Hint: Show that  $\mathcal{E} = 0$  is an absolute minimum for every admissible variation  $h$ .)  
for  $K(\mathcal{E}) = J(Y + \mathcal{E}h)$
3. Consider the piecewise linear map  $f$  as shown.  
 ⑩ 
  - Show that the fixed point  $x = \frac{3}{4}$  is a repeller by showing that for every  $x_0 \neq \frac{3}{4}$  sufficiently near  $\frac{3}{4}$ ,  $f^i(x_0)$  moves away from  $\frac{3}{4}$ .
  - Find a period-2 point in  $(0, \frac{1}{4})$ .
  - Find a period-3 point in  $(0, \frac{1}{4})$ .
4. Consider the same map  $f$  as in 3 above. Let  $L = [0, \frac{1}{4})$ ,  
 ⑩  $M = [\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4})$ ,  $R = [\frac{3}{4}, 1]$ . Let  $S(x_0) = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots$  be the itinerary of a point  $x_0 \in [0, 1]$  with  $s_i \in \{L, M, R\}$ .  
  - Show that  $S(x_0)$  must satisfy the following rules (see the so-called transition graph)
    - If  $s_i = L$  then  $s_{i+1} \neq L$ .
    - If  $s_i = M$  then  $s_{i+1} \neq L, M$ .
    - If  $s_i = R$  then  $s_{i+1} \neq R$  or if  $s_{i+1} = R$  then  $s_k = R$  for all  $k \geq i$ .

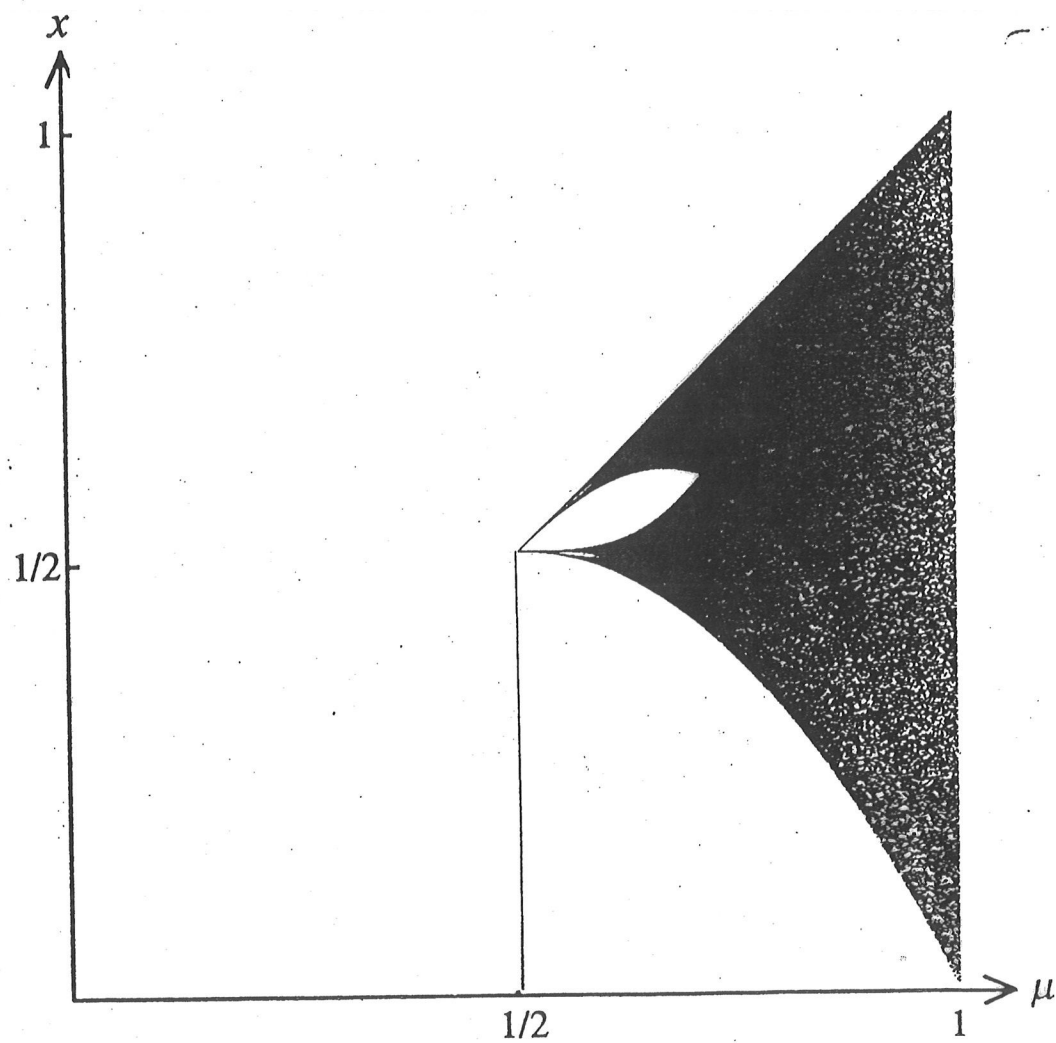
either  $s_k = R$  for all  $k \geq i$  or  $s_{i+1} \neq R$

  - Assume that any sequence  $S = s_0 s_1 s_2 \dots$  obeying the rules a) i), a) ii), a) iii) above is the itinerary of a unique point  $x$  in  $[0, 1]$ , then construct ~~an~~ a chaotic orbit by showing its Lyapunov number is greater than 1.
5. Consider the same map as in 4 above.  
 ⑩
  - Show that  $f$  is Markov (you need to find a Markov partition).
  - Show the transition matrix is regular.
  - Find the natural measures and their densities on the Markov partition.
  - Find the Lyapunov number for any typical orbit.
 ⑩ Numerically verify the answers of 5) □



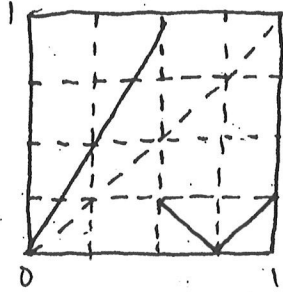


remainder of the bifurcation diagram for  $\{Q_\mu\}$

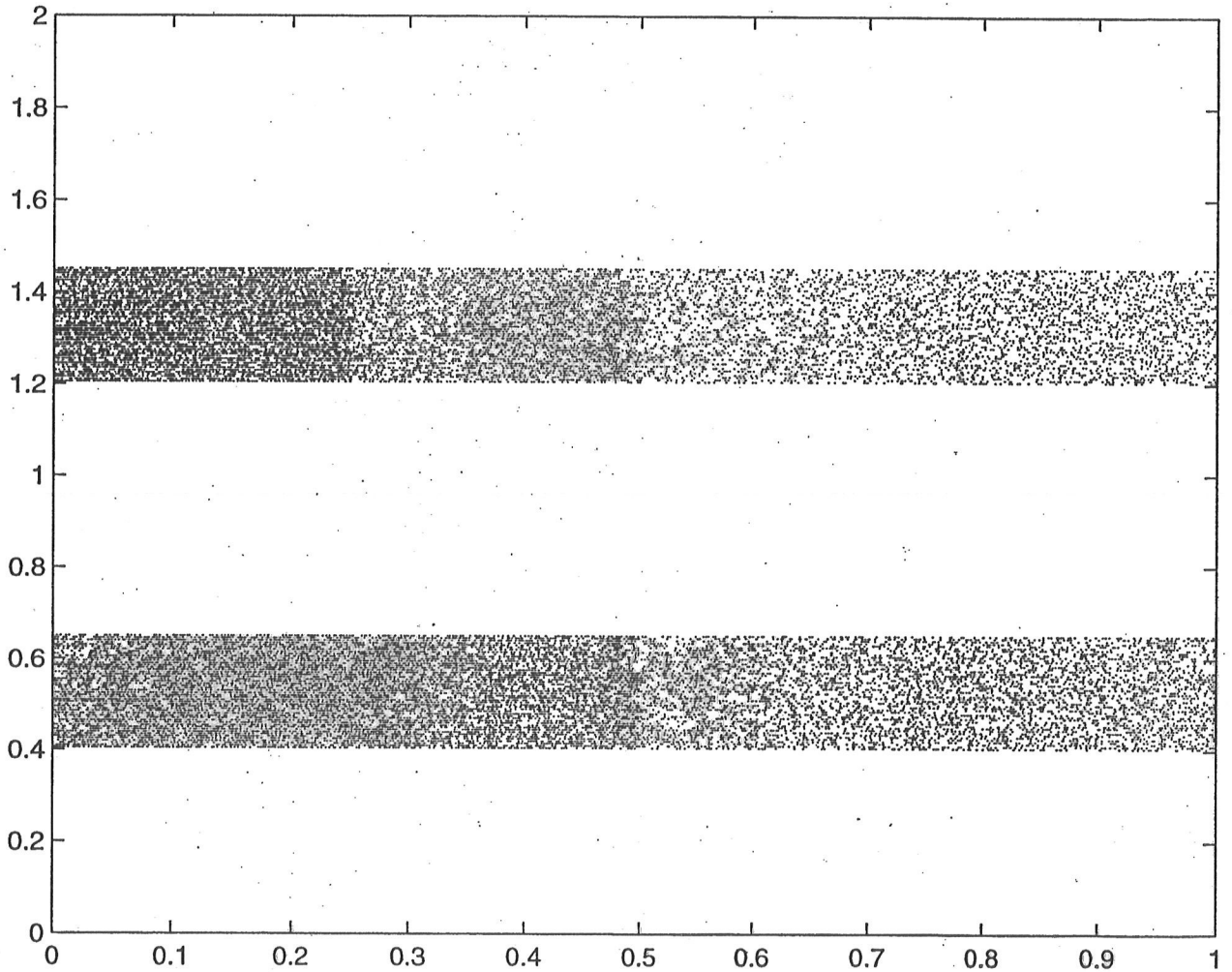




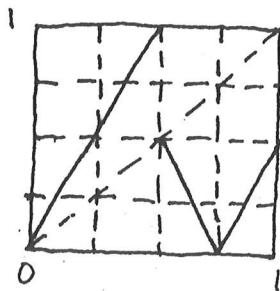
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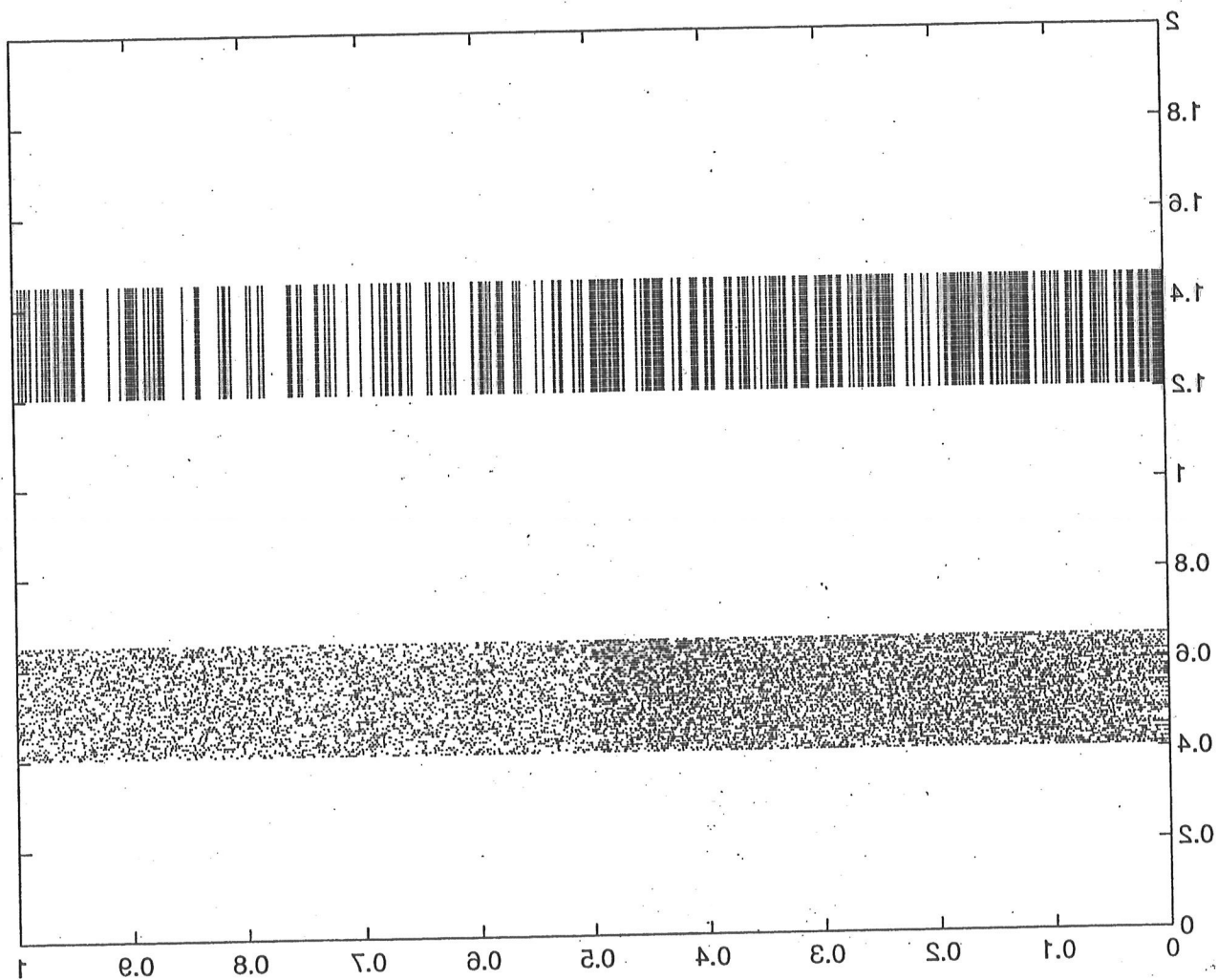
$$p = \begin{cases} 2, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{4} \\ 1, & \frac{1}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{Natural} \\ \text{measure} \\ \text{density} \end{matrix}$$



Bottom  
Graph



$$p = \begin{cases} \frac{4}{3}, & 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{4} \\ \frac{2}{3}, & \frac{3}{4} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases} \quad \begin{matrix} \text{natural} \\ \text{measure} \\ \text{density} \end{matrix}$$



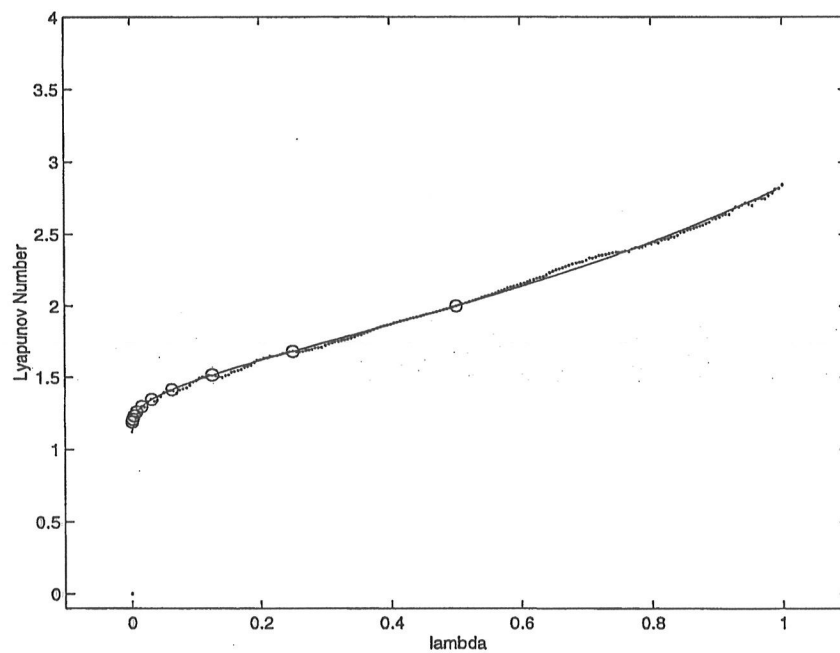


Figure 14: Approximate Lyapunov numbers taken over 10,000 iterates compared to the Lyapunov numbers calculated in Section 5.