

Problem Set 12 Solutions

1. The time series is plotted for $\dot{\theta}$ instead of θ itself because θ may become very large if the pendulum winds around the top and it may be hard to understand the system's behavior.

(a) For $k=0.5$ we see similar behavior to the transition to chaos in the circle map. We can enter and leave mode-locked regions (Arnold tongues) and have quasi-periodic behavior between them. After the onset of chaos we can still get mode-locked regions.

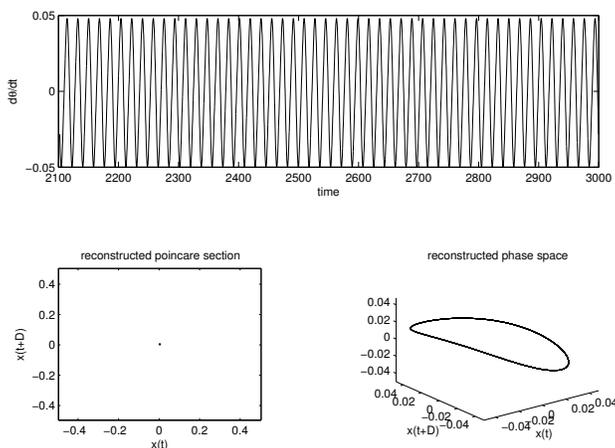


Figure 1: $f=0.1$, a mode-locked solution (periodic).

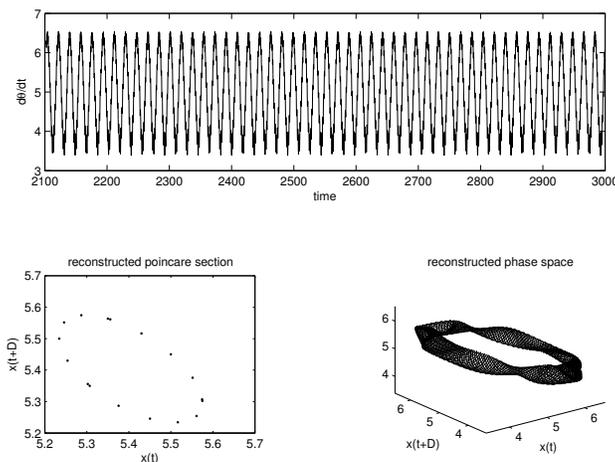


Figure 2: $f=0.5$, a quasi-periodic solution. The bagel in phase space and circle in the Poincaré section signify this.

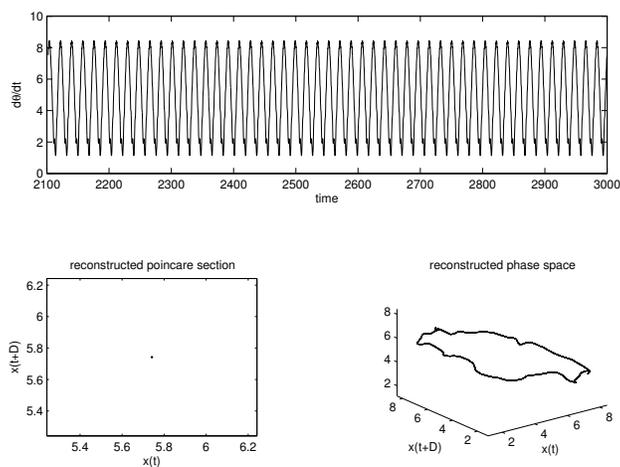


Figure 3: $f=1.25$, we enter another mode-locked solution. Interestingly, from here we follow a period-doubling route to chaos.

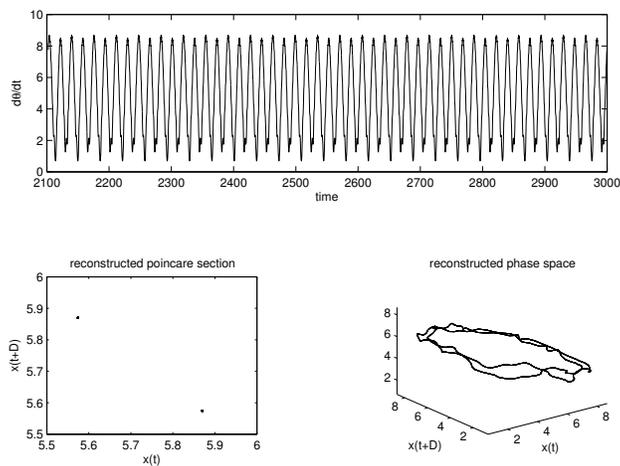


Figure 4: $f=1.3$, the period has doubled.

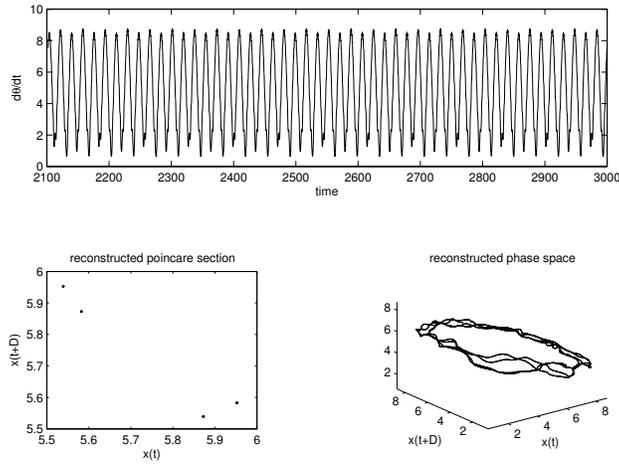


Figure 5: $f=1.31$, the period has doubled again.

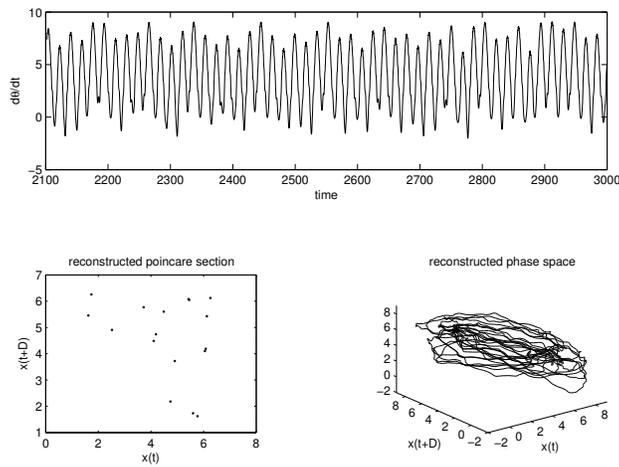


Figure 6: $f=1.4$, chaos! If we keep increasing f we will reach a phase-locked solution near $f=1.9$ that will go through another period-doubling cascade back to chaos.

- (b) When $k=0$, we don't find any quasi-periodic behavior. So we might consider this a degenerate case of the quasi-periodic route to chaos. The quasi-periodicity is lost due to the symmetry gained by setting $k=0$.

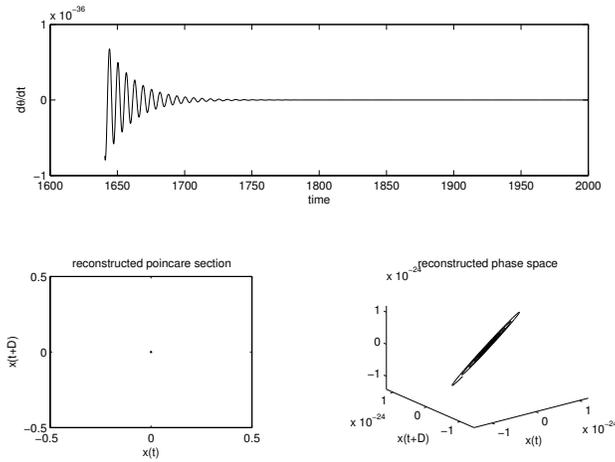


Figure 7: For small forcing ($f=0$) the system is damped.

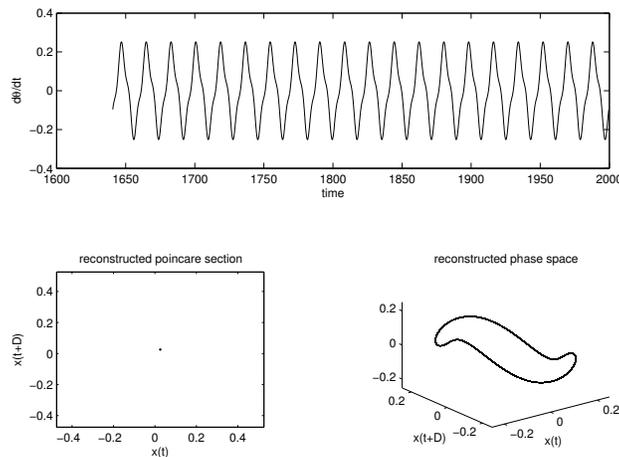


Figure 8: At larger forcing ($f=0.5$) we get mode-locked behavior.

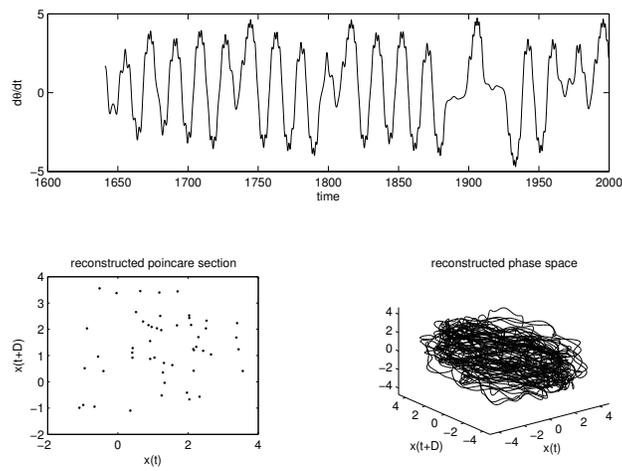


Figure 9: Then the system becomes chaotic ($f=1$).

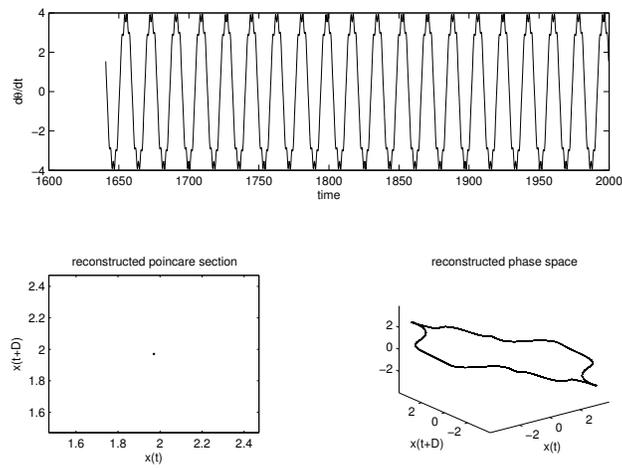


Figure 10: You can find mode-locked periodic behavior after the onset of chaos ($f=1.1$ here).

(c) I was able to get a very rough picture of what was going on using this method. A major annoyance is that the behavior seems to depend pretty strongly on the time-stepping. When I decreased the time-stepping by a factor of 10 the behavior changed dramatically. To give you an idea of how complex an actual state plot of a system like this is, here's one from (D'Humieres *et al.*, 1982) for $k=0$.

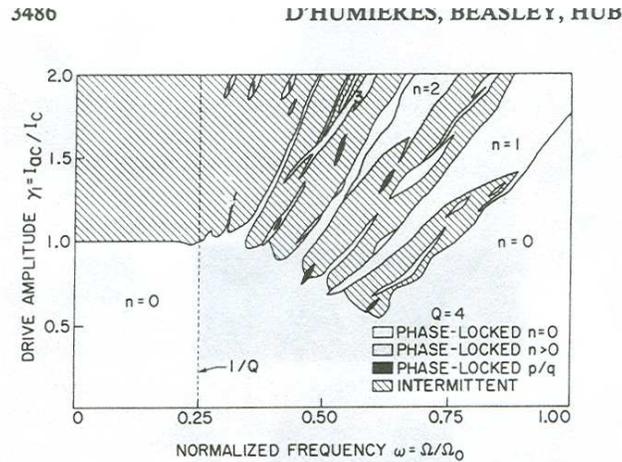


FIG. 3. State diagram for the driven pendulum with $Q=4$ and $\gamma_0=0$.

Figure 11: The x-axis is the frequency of the driving and the y-axis is the coefficient of the periodic forcing.

2. In general when the map of an experimental system that is similar to the circle map becomes non-invertible, chaos occurs.

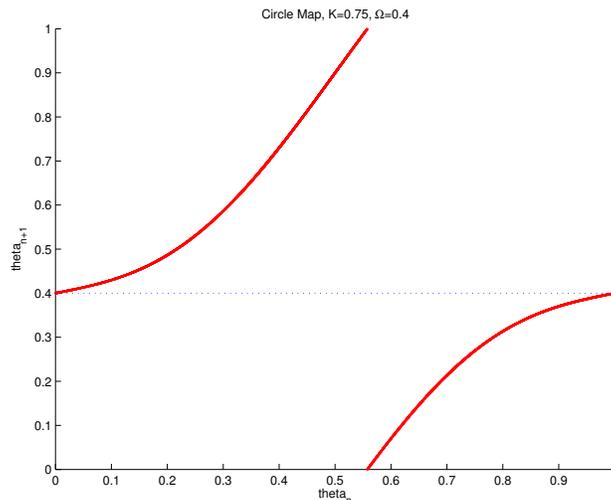


Figure 12: For $K < 1$ θ_{n+1} is a single-valued function of θ_n and vice versa, so the circle map is invertible for $K < 1$.

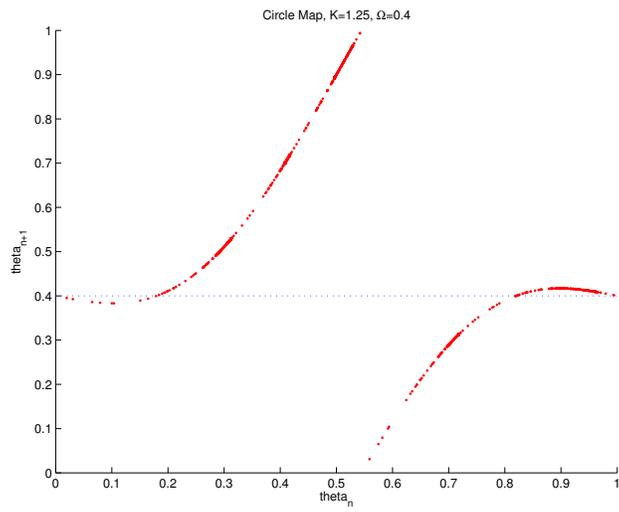


Figure 13: For $K > 1$ θ_{n+1} is a single-valued function of θ_n , but θ_n is not a single-valued function of θ_{n+1} . so the circle map is not invertible for $K > 1$. I had to use 30 random starting points the get a decent picture of the function here.

3. The n th iteration of the Koch curve has 4^n intervals of length $(\frac{1}{3})^n$. So the box dimension is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{box} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(4^n)}{\ln(3^n)} \\
 &= \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln(3)} \\
 &\approx 1.26
 \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

4. The n th iteration has 3^{2n} 2D boxes each with side length $\epsilon = (\frac{1}{3})^n$. 4^n are filled. The box dimension is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{box} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(4^n)}{\ln(3^n)} \\
 &= \frac{\ln(4)}{\ln(3)} \\
 &\approx 1.26
 \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

The same as the Koch curve!

5. We have a 3D cube, such that divide into 27, we obtain $27 = 3^3$ cubes. After one iteration, we removed $2 \cdot 3 + 1$ cubes ($2 \cdot 3$ faces and 1 center). We are left with $[3^3 - (2 \cdot 3 + 1)]$ cubes. After 2 iterations $[3^3 - (2 \cdot 3 + 1)]^2 \dots$ After n iterations, $[3^3 - (2 \cdot 3 + 1)]^n$ each with side length $\epsilon = (\frac{1}{3})^n$. The box dimension is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{box} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln[3^3 - (2 \cdot 3 + 1)]^n}{\ln(3^n)} \\
 &= \frac{\ln(20)}{\ln(3)} \\
 &\approx 2.73
 \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

6. Now imagine we have an N -dimensional cube and we keep the only the corners at each fractal iteration. We still have $\epsilon = (\frac{1}{3})^n$ for the n th iteration. So the box dimension is:

$$\begin{aligned}
 D_{box} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln[3^N - (2 \cdot N + 1)]^n}{\ln(3^n)} \\
 &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln[3^N - (2 \cdot N + 1)]}{\ln(3)}
 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

7. There are 4^{2n} 2D boxes at the n th iteration, so $\epsilon = (\frac{1}{4})^n$. 8^n of these boxes are filled. So the box dimension is:

$$\begin{aligned} D_{box} &= \lim_{\epsilon \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(N(\epsilon))}{\ln(\frac{1}{\epsilon})} \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(8^n)}{\ln(4^n)} \\ &= \frac{\ln(8)}{\ln(4)} \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$