

Pattern Formation and Nonlinear Dynamics

Blatt 3. Conjugation and Symbolic Dynamics

1. Topological Conjugation.

We consider the tent map and its conjugations by two maps $k_1(x) = x^2$ und $k_2(x) = \log(2 - x)/\log 2$.

- (a) Which dynamics are obtained by conjugation with respect to $k_1(x)$, $k_1^{-1}(x)$, $k_2(x)$, and $k_2^{-1}(x)$?
- (b) What are the related invariant densities?

2. Invariant density of the Logistic Map.

In the lecture we derived that the Logistic Map has an invariant density

$$\rho_*(x) = \frac{1}{\pi} (x(1-x))^{-1/2}$$

- (a) Verify that this is a stationary solution of the Frobenius-Perron equation for this dynamics.
- (b) Write a Sage program that follows the time evolutions of the following initial conditions

$$\rho_L(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 4 & \text{for } 0 < x < 1/4 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
$$\rho_M(x, 0) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{for } 1/4 < x < 3/4 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$
$$\rho_N(x, 0) = 1 - \cos(2\pi x)$$

3. Symbolic Dynamics.

We consider the map $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (\eta - 1) + \eta x & \text{for } x < 0 \\ (1 - \eta) + \eta x & \text{for } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

- (a) Determine the set of points that do not leave the interval $[-1, 1]$ in N iterations. How does it look like for $\eta > 2$? How for $1 < \eta < 2$.

(b) Show that x can be expressed as

$$x = (\eta - 1) \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \sigma_{k-1} \eta^{-k} \quad \text{with} \quad \sigma_k = \text{sign}(f^k(x))$$

- (c) Show that the trajectories that share the same ν symbols $\{\sigma_k, k = 0 \dots \nu - 1\}$ lie in an interval of length $\eta^{-\nu}$. What does this imply about the convergence of a symbol sequence towards the associated value x ?
- (d) Determine the total length of the intervals that contain all distinct initial symbol sequences of length ν . How does the total length scale with ν ? What does this imply about the uniqueness of the decomposition?
- (e) Find an example of a point $x_* \in (-1, 1)$ that for a given fixed η has at least two different representations in the form indicated in (b).
- (f) Determine the symbols σ_k based on the iteration $f^k(x)$. What do you find? What does this imply about the symbol sequences adopted by the symbolic dynamics?