

# Chaotic Contagion: The Idealized Hipster Effect

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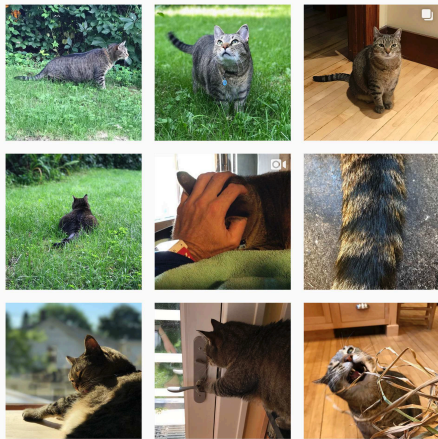
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# Chaotic Contagion on Networks:


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"Limited Imitation Contagion on random networks: Chaos, universality, and unpredictability" 

Dodds, Harris, and Danforth,  
Phys. Rev. Lett., **110**, 158701, 2013. <sup>[1]</sup>



"Dynamical influence processes on networks: General theory and applications to social contagion" 

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A. Mandel, conference at Urbana-Champaign,  
2007:

"If I was a younger man, I would have stolen this from you."

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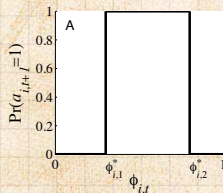
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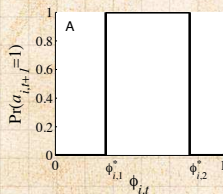
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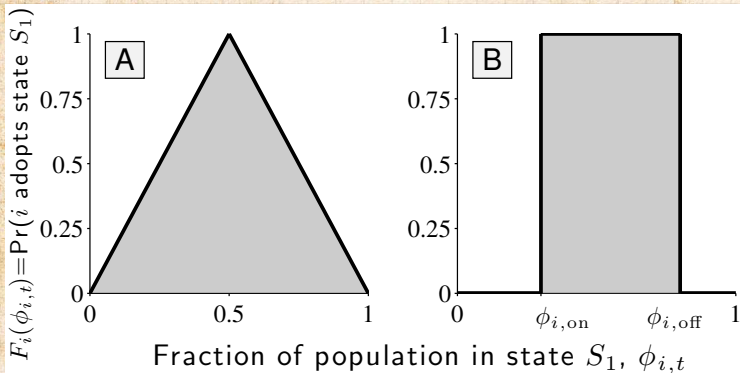
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Definition of the tent map:

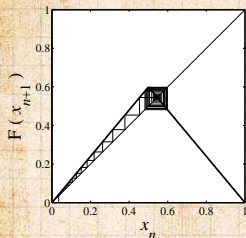
$$F(x) = \begin{cases} rx & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{1}{2}, \\ r(1-x) & \text{for } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

 The usual business: look at how  $F$  iteratively maps the unit interval  $[0, 1]$ .



# The tent map

Effect of increasing  $r$  from 1 to 2.



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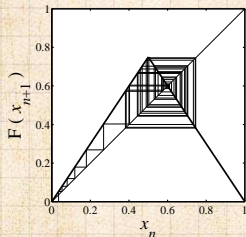
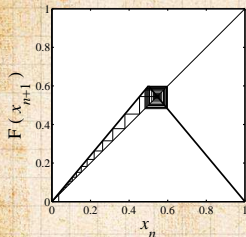
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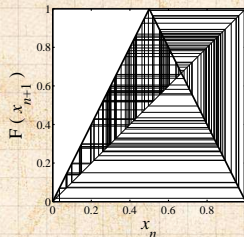
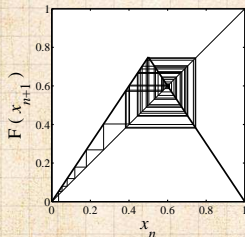
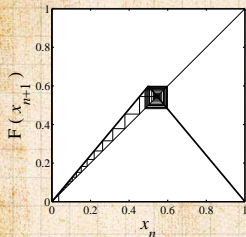
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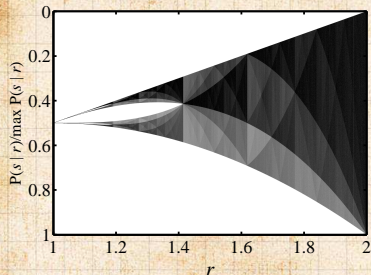
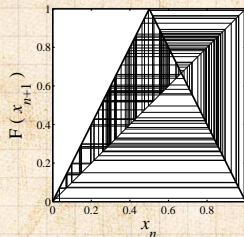
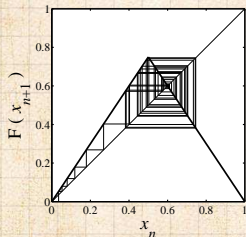
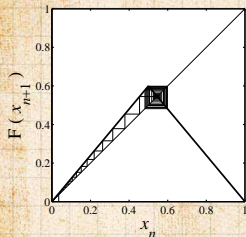
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Orbit diagram:

Chaotic behavior increases as map slope  $r$  is increased.

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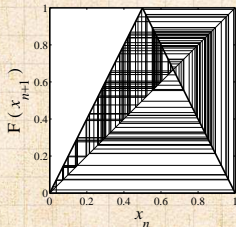
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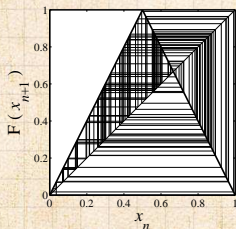
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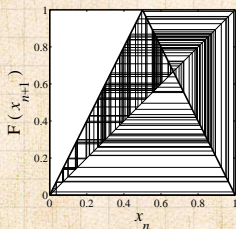
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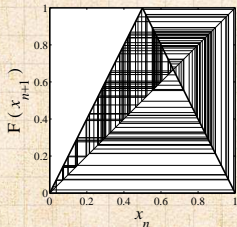
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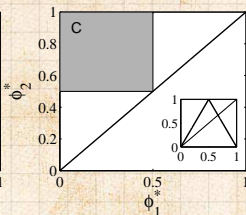
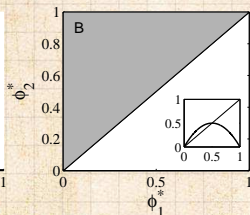
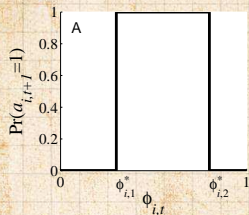
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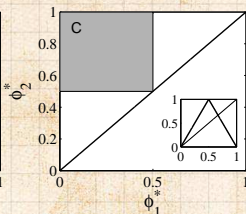
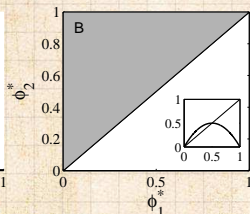
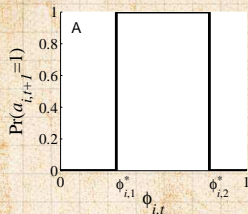
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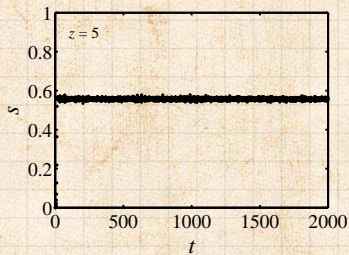
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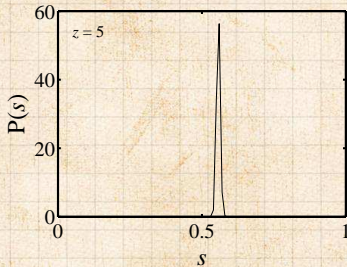
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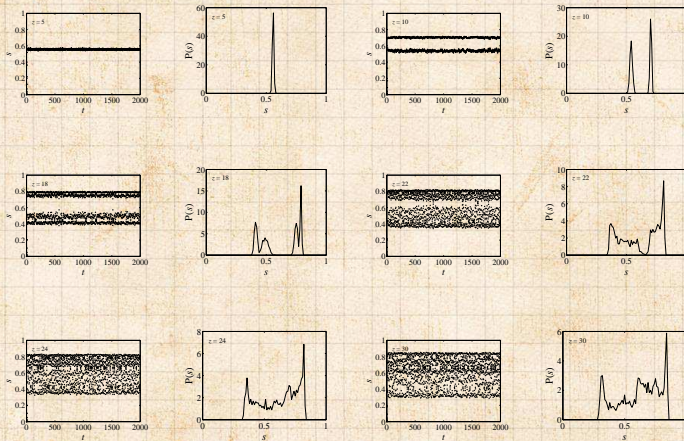
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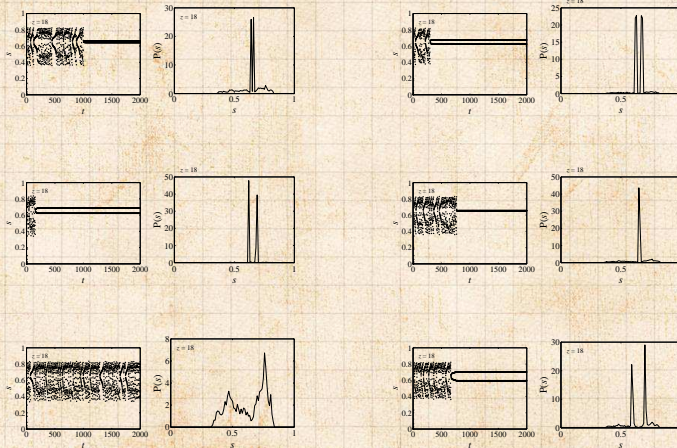


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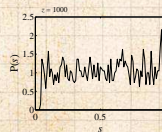
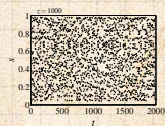
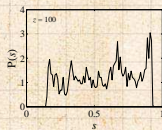
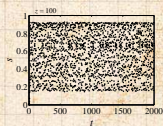
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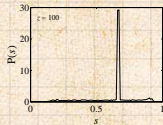
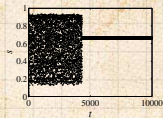
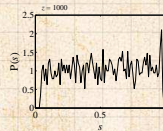
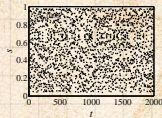
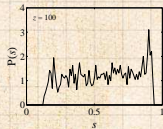
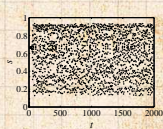
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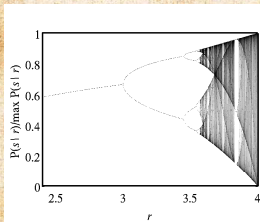
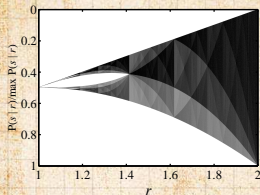
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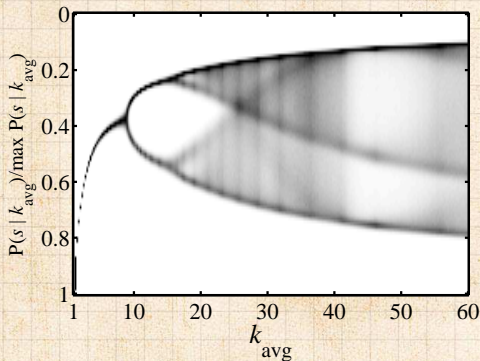
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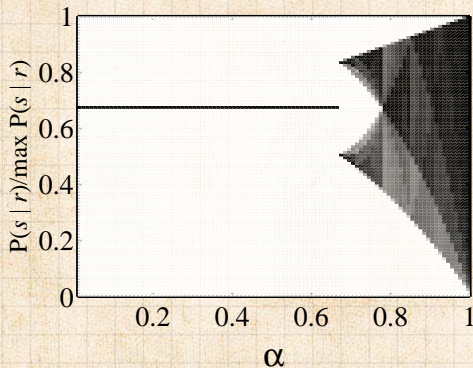
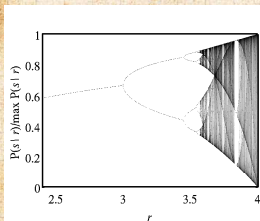
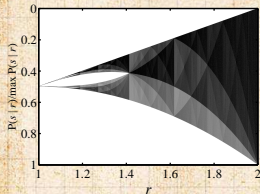
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Stochastic response functions:



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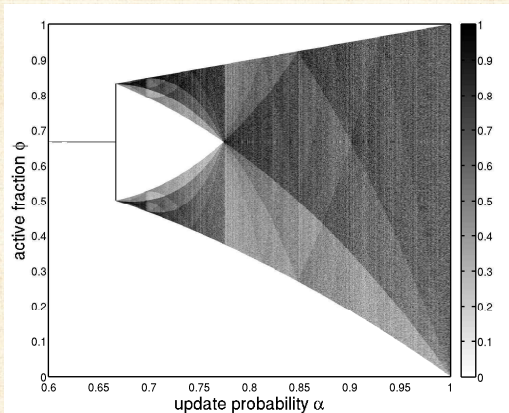


FIG. 3. Bifurcation diagram for the dense map  $\Phi(\phi; \alpha)$ , Eqn. (18). This was generated by iterating the map at 1000  $\alpha$  values between 0 and 1. The iteration was carried out with 3 random initial conditions for 10000 time steps each, discarding the first 1000. The  $\phi$ -axis contains 1000 bins and the invariant density, shown by the grayscale value, is normalized by the maximum for each  $\alpha$ . With  $\alpha < 2/3$ , all trajectories go to the fixed point at  $\phi = 2/3$ .

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How the bifurcation diagram changes with increasing average degree  $\langle k \rangle$  as a function of the synchronicity parameter  $\alpha$  for the stochastic response (tent map) case.



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LIC dynamics on a fixed graph with a shared stochastic (tent map) response function. Average degree = 6, update synchronicity parameter  $\alpha = 1$ . The macroscopic behavior is period-1, plus noisy fluctuations.






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LIC dynamics on a fixed graph with a shared stochastic (tent map) response function.  $\langle k \rangle = 30$ , update synchronicity parameter  $\alpha = 1$ . The macroscopic behavior is chaotic.




<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AfhUlklOiOU?rel=0> 

LIC dynamics on a fixed graph with fixed, deterministic response functions. Average degree = 30, update synchronicity parameter  $\alpha = 1$ . Shown are nodes which continue changing (703/1000) after the transient chaotic behavior has "collapsed."





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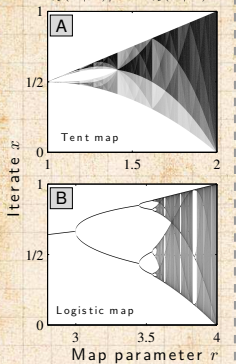
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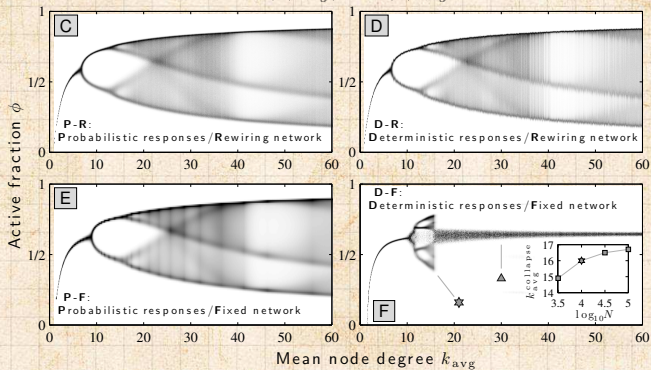
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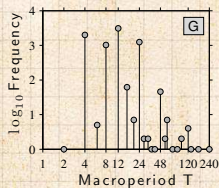
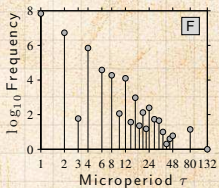
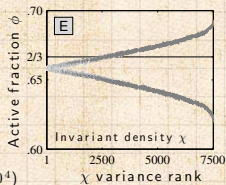
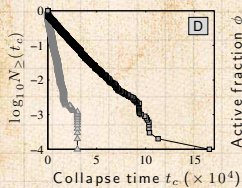
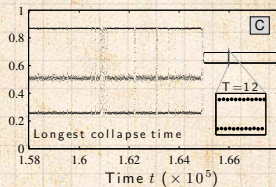
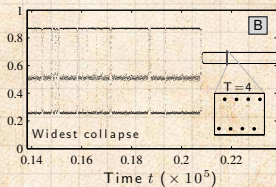
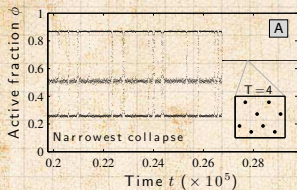
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