

# Discrete dynamic models in social sciences: strategic interaction, rationality, evolution

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# Cobweb model

Consider a good sold in the market at a unit price  $p(t)$ .

- Demand:  $Q^d(t) = D(p_t)$ , usually decreasing (hence invertible).
- Supply function  $Q^s(t) = S(p_t^e)$  (increasing)
- Economic equilibrium:  $Q^d(t) = Q^s(t) \implies D(p_t) = S(p_t^e)$

## discrete dynamics

$\Delta t = 1$ : production lag (maturation period for agricultural products, production time for an industrial process)

Naïve expectations  $p_t^e = p_{t-1}$

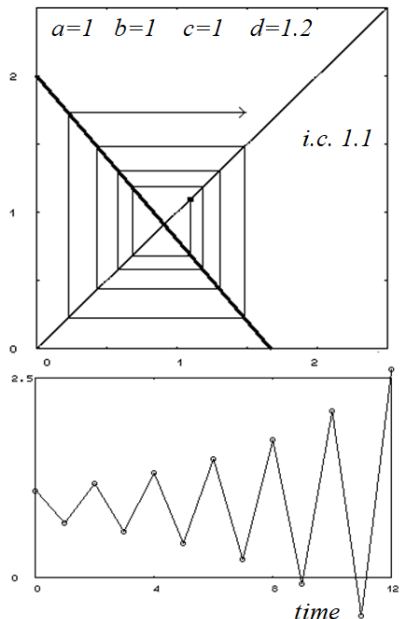
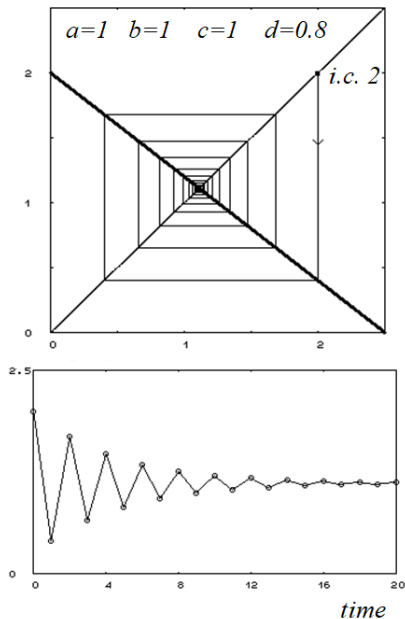
Matching between demand and supply:  $D(p_t) = S(p_{t-1})$

Hence  $p_{t+1} = f(p_t) = D^{-1}(S(p_t))$

Example: linear demand and linear supply:

$$D(p) = a - bp ; S(p) = -c + dp$$

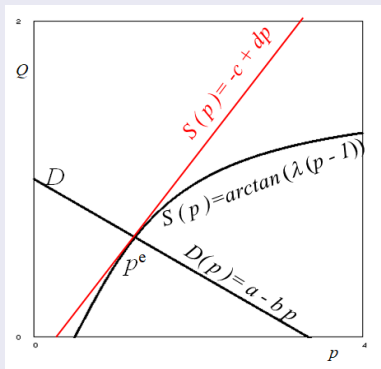
$$p_{t+1} = f(p_t) = -\frac{d}{b}p_t + \frac{a+c}{b}$$





## Nonlinear supply with saturation

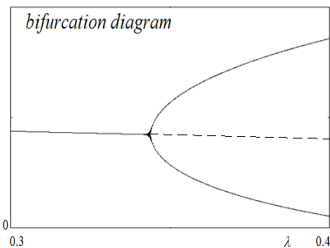
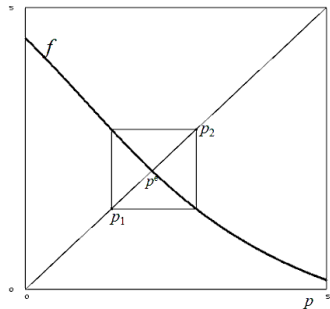
$$S(p) = \arctan(\lambda(p - 1))$$





$D(p_{t+1}) = S(p_t)$  gives:

$$p_{t+1} = f(p_t) = \frac{1}{b} [a - \arctan(\lambda(p_t - 1))]$$

nonlinear decreasing map.



 Chiarella C. (1988) "The cobweb model. Its instability and the onset of chaos", *Economic Modelling*.

 Hommes C. (1991) "Adaptive learning and roads to chaos. The case of the cobweb", *Economic Letters*.

## Adaptive expectations

$$p_{t+1}^e = p_t^e + \alpha(p_t - p_t^e) = (1 - \alpha)p_t^e + \alpha p_t, \\ 0 \leq \alpha \leq 1.$$

For  $\alpha = 1$  reduces to naïve  $p_{t+1}^e = p_t$ .

From  $p_t = f(p_t^e)$  the law of motion

$$p_{t+1}^e = (1 - \alpha)p_t^e + \alpha f(p_t^e)$$

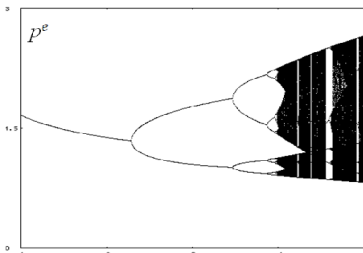
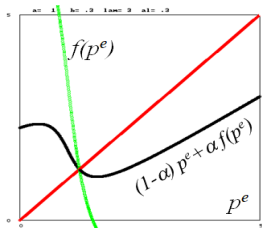
in the space of expected prices.



Then  $p_t = f(p_t^e)$  from beliefs to realizations

For the model

$$p_t = f(p_t^e) = \frac{1}{b} [a - \arctan(\lambda(p_t^e - 1))]$$

we get a bimodal map.



-  Dimitri (1988), "A short remark on learning of Rational Expectations", *Economic Notes*.
-  Holmes, Manning (1988) "Memory and market stability: The case of the Cobweb", *Economic Letters*


Cobweb model  $p_{t+1} = f(p_{t+1}^{(e)})$   
with  $p_{t+1}^{(e)}$  average of past prices

$$p_{t+1}^{(e)} = \sum_{k=1}^t a_{tk} p_k, \text{ with } a_{tk} \geq 0, \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^t a_{tk} = 1$$

numerically show that "the evolution of the model is very much dependent upon the starting position" and "intermediate run dynamics can be rather complex and of considerable interest".

# Fading memory

 Bischi and Gardini (1997) *Int. Jou. of Bifurcation and Chaos*.

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Weights distributed as the terms of a geometric sequence of ratio  $\rho \in [0, 1]$

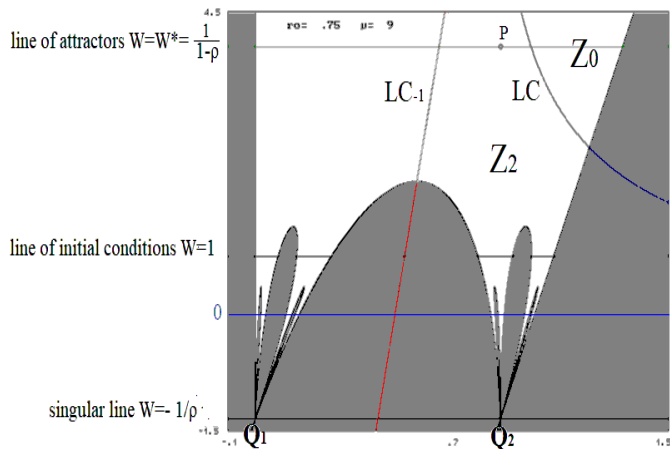
$$a_{tk} = \frac{\rho^{t-k}}{W_t}, \quad \text{with} \quad W_t = \sum_{k=1}^t \rho^{t-k} = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\rho^t}{1-\rho} & \text{if } 0 \leq \rho < 1 \\ t & \text{if } \rho = 1 \end{cases}.$$

Taking  $z_t = p_{t+1}^{(e)} = \sum_{k=1}^t \frac{\rho^{t-k}}{W_t} p_k$  and  $W_t$  (partial sum of geometric series) as dynamical variables

$$T : \begin{cases} z_{t+1} = \frac{\rho W_t}{1+\rho W_t} z_t + \frac{1}{1+\rho W_t} f(z_t) \\ W_{t+1} = 1 + \rho W_t \end{cases}$$

2-dim equivalent map, with i.c.  $(z_1, W_1) = (p_1, 1)$  and attractors in the limiting invariant line  $W = W^* = \frac{1}{1-\rho}$

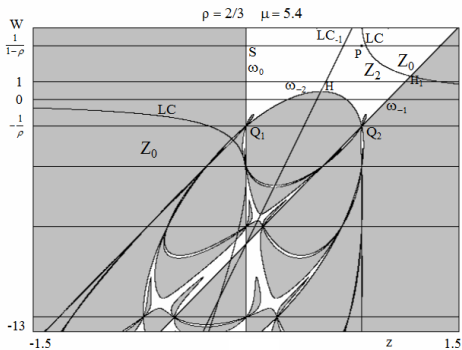
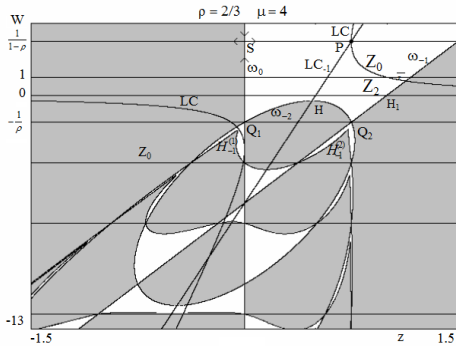
Quadratic map  $f(z) = \mu z(1 - z)$  (like in the example of Dimitri)







The two preimages of the line  $W = 0$  are the points

$$Q_1 = \left(0, -\frac{1}{\rho}\right) \text{ and } Q_2 = \left(\frac{\mu-1}{\mu}, -\frac{1}{\rho}\right)$$

where the first component of the map assumes the form  $\frac{0}{0}$ .



# Maps with vanishing denominator and focal points

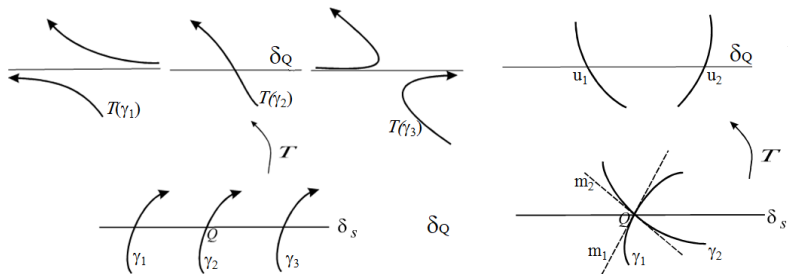
-  Bischi, L. Gardini (1997) "Basin fractalization due to focal points in a class of triangular maps", *Int. Jou. of Bifurcation and Chaos*.
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$$T: \begin{cases} x' = F(x, y) \\ y' = G(x, y) \end{cases} \text{ where } F(x, y) = \frac{N_1(x, y)}{D_1(x, y)} \text{ and/or } G(x, y) = \frac{N_2(x, y)}{D_2(x, y)}$$

## Definitions

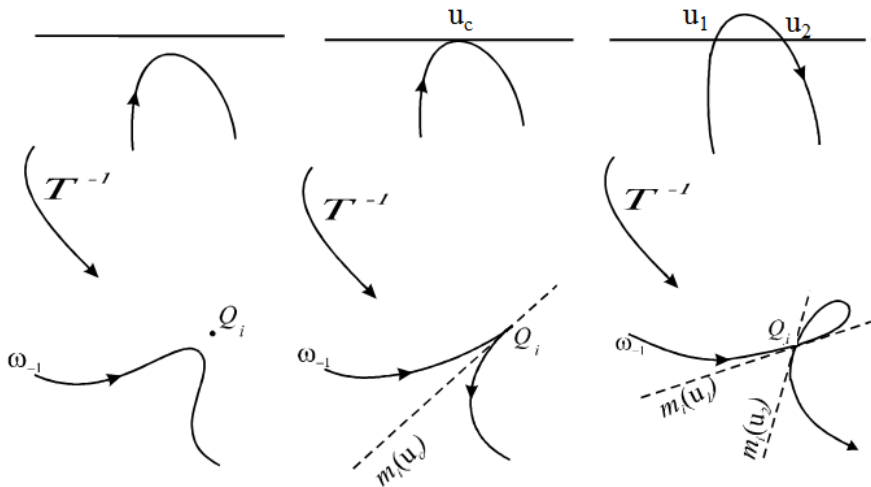
In  $\delta_s$  (Singular set) one denominator vanishes.  $Q \in \delta_s$  focal point if at least one component of the map  $T$  becomes  $0/0$  in  $Q$  and there exist smooth arcs  $\gamma(t)$ , with  $\gamma(0)=Q$ , such that  $\lim_{\tau \rightarrow 0} T(\gamma(\tau))$  is finite. The set of all such finite values is the prefocal set  $\delta_Q$

One-to-one correspondence between slope of  $\gamma$  through  $Q_i$  and point where  $T(\gamma)$  crosses  $\delta_Q$





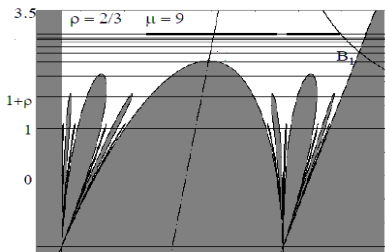
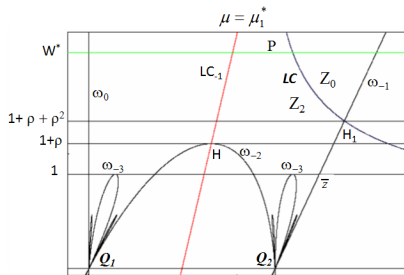
Roughly speaking, a *prefocal curve* is a set of points for which at least one inverse exists which maps (or “focalizes”) the whole set into a *focal point*.



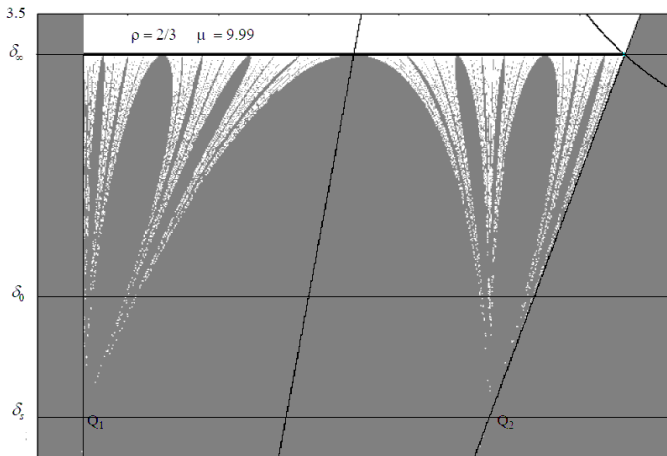
## Sequence of bifurcations

As  $\mu$  is increased, at  $\mu_0^* = 2 + 2\sqrt{1 + \rho}$  the vertex  $H$  of the parabola  $\omega_{-2}$  is on the line  $W = W_1 = 1 + \rho$  and, as a consequence, the curve  $\omega_{-2}$  becomes tangent to the line of initial conditions  $W = W_0 = 1$

At  $\mu = \mu_1^*$   $H$  is on  $W = W_2 = 1 + \rho + \rho^2$ . At this value of  $\mu$  two lobes of  $\mathcal{B}(\infty)$ , bounded by  $\omega_{-3}$ , reach the line of initial conditions and two new holes are created



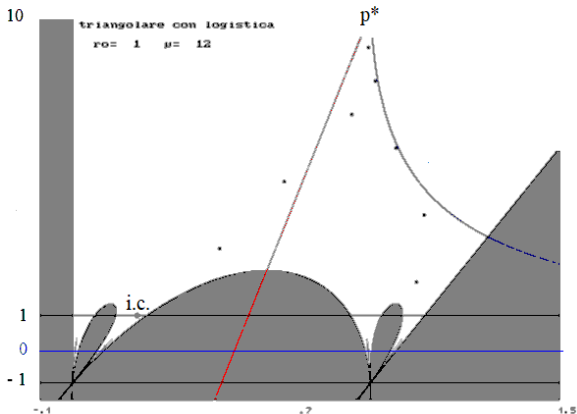
When  $\mu = \mu_\infty^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \mu_n^* = \frac{4-\rho}{1-\rho}$  the vertex  $H$ , together with all of its infinite preimages on the top of the lobes, reach the line of the  $\omega$ -limit sets  $W = W^*$ . The basin along  $W = 1$  is a Cantor set.





Bray, M. (1983) "Convergence to rational expectations equilibrium" in Friedman and Phelps (eds), *Individual forecasting and aggregate outcomes*, Cambridge University Press.

Uniform average, limiting case  $\rho = 1$ ,  $W^* = \frac{1}{1-\rho} \rightarrow \infty$



# Classical Cournot Oligopoly Model with rational players

Market with  $N$  firms  $i = 1, \dots, N$

Inverse demand  $p = f(Q)$ , with  $Q = \sum_{i=1}^N q_i$

Cost functions  $C_i(q_i)$ ,  $i = 1, \dots, N$

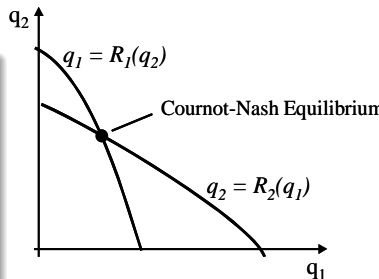
Max. expected profit  $\pi_i = pq_i - C_i(q_i)$ :

$$q_i(t+1) = \arg \max_{q_i} [f_i^e(q_i + q_{-i}^e(t+1)) q_i - C_i(q_i)].$$

Intersection  $q_i = R_i(q_{-i})$   
(Cournot-Nash equilibrium)  
computed and reached in one shot

## Rationality, info set, computational ability

- Demand function  $f_i^e = f(Q)$ ,  $\forall i$ ;
- Its own cost function  $C_i(q_i)$
- Able to solve the max. problem
- Perfect Foresight  
 $q_{-i}^e(t+1) = q_{-i}(t+1)$ ;



# Dynamic Cournot linear model (1838)

BR: Best Reply dynamics (with naive expectations)

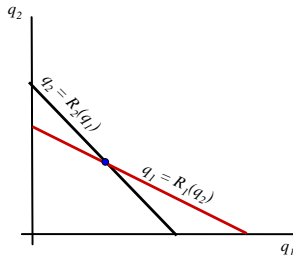
$$q_i(t+1) = R_i(q_{-i}^e(t+1)) \quad \text{with } q_{-i}^e(t+1) = q_{-i}(t)$$

discrete dynamical system:  $q_i(t+1) = R_i(q_{-i}(t))$

Linear demand  $p(t)=a-bQ$ , linear costs

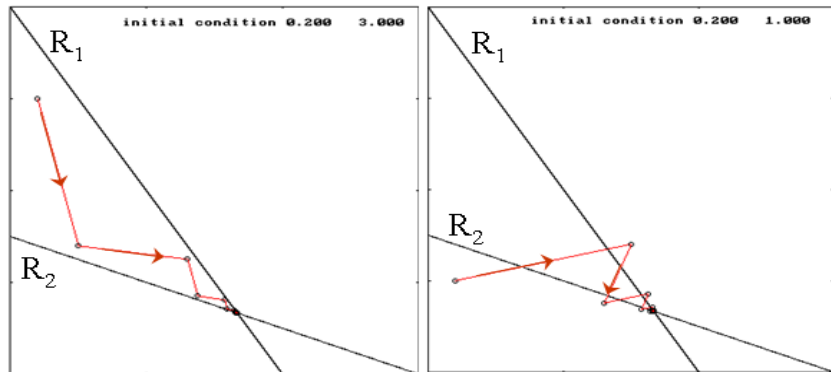
- $\pi_i(t) = (a - b(q_1 + q_2))q_i(t) - c_i q_i$
- FOC:  $a - 2bq_i - bq_j - c_i = 0$
- reaction functions with naive expectations:

$$q_1(t+1) = R_1(q_2(t)) = -\frac{1}{2}q_2(t) + \frac{a-c_1}{2b}$$
$$q_2(t+1) = R_2(q_1(t)) = -\frac{1}{2}q_1(t) + \frac{a-c_2}{2b}$$



Unique NE, always stable

# Cournot tâtonnement towards Cournot-Nash Equilibrium



"Models of duopoly have always held a fascination for mathematically inclined economists"

Shubik, 1981, in *Handbook of Mathematical Economics*

"... and also for economically inclined mathematicians"

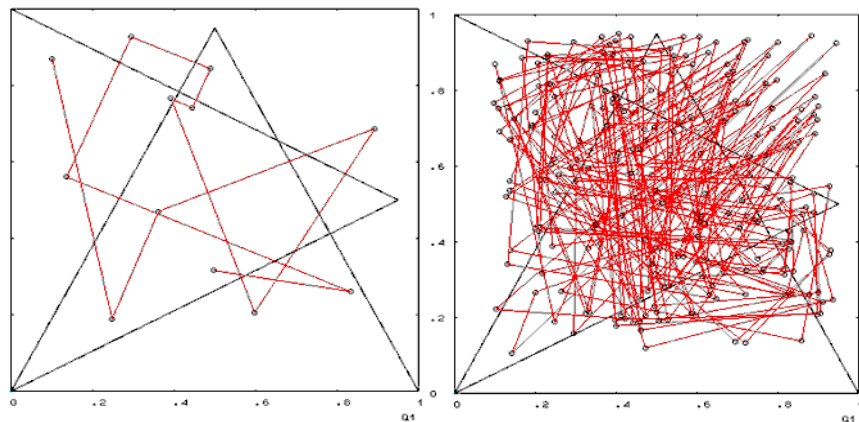
see e.g. Bischi, Chiarella, Kopel, Szidarovszky *Nonlinear oligopolies: Stability and Bifurcations*, Springer 2010



# Unimodal reaction functions

 Rand, D. (1978) "Exotic Phenomena in games and duopoly models", *Journal of Mathematical Economics*.

Chaotic dynamics, i.e. bounded oscillations with sensitive dependence on initial conditions

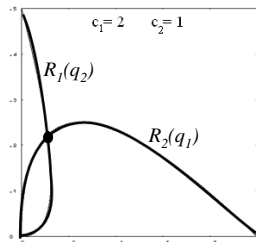


# Economically funded unimodal reaction functions

Isoelastic demand  $p = \frac{1}{Q}$  (Puu, CS&F 1991)

- $\pi_i(t) = \frac{q_i}{q_1 + q_2} - c_i q_i$
- FOC:  $\frac{q_j}{(q_1 + q_2)^2} - c_i = 0$
- Reaction functions

$$q_1 = R_1(q_2) = \sqrt{q_2 / c_1} - q_2$$
$$q_2 = R_2(q_1) = \sqrt{q_1 / c_2} - q_1$$

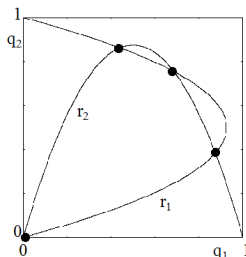


Nonlinear cost (Kopel, CS&F 1996)

- Linear demand:  $p = a - b(q_1 + q_2)$
- Cost functions with externalities

$$C_i = d + a q_i - b(1 + 2\mu) q_i q_j + 2b\mu q_i q_j^2$$

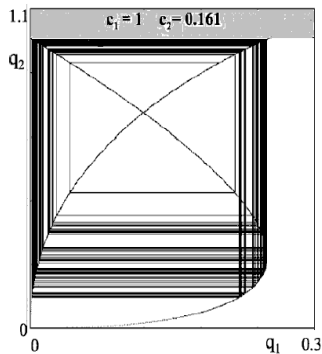
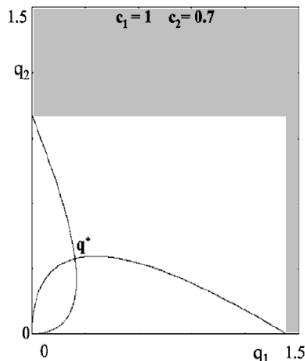
Reaction functions:  $q_i = R_i(q_j) = \mu_i q_j (1 - q_j)$



# Best reply with naive expectations

 Puu, T. 1991. "Chaos in Duopoly pricing", *Chaos, Solitons & Fractals*

$$\begin{cases} q_1(t+1) = R_1(q_2(t)) = \sqrt{q_2(t)/c_1} - q_2(t) \\ q_2(t+1) = R_2(q_1(t)) = \sqrt{q_1(t)/c_2} - q_1(t) \end{cases}$$

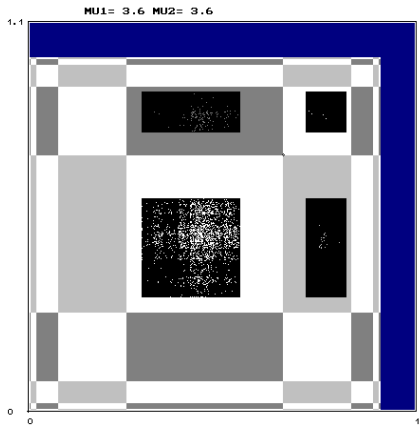
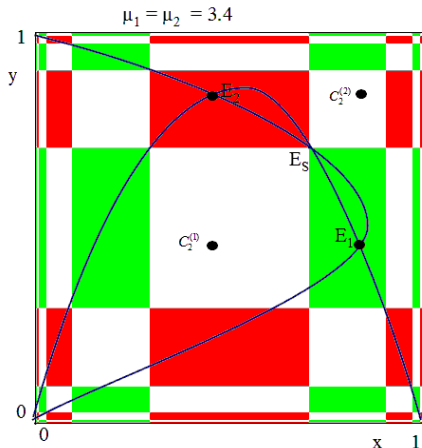




Bischi, Mammana, Gardini (2000). "Multistability and cyclic attractors in duopoly games". *Chaos, Solitons and Fractals*.

"Kopel map"  $T : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  given by

$$T : \begin{cases} x' = r_1(y) = \mu_1 y(1-y) \\ y' = r_2(x) = \mu_2 x(1-x) \end{cases}$$



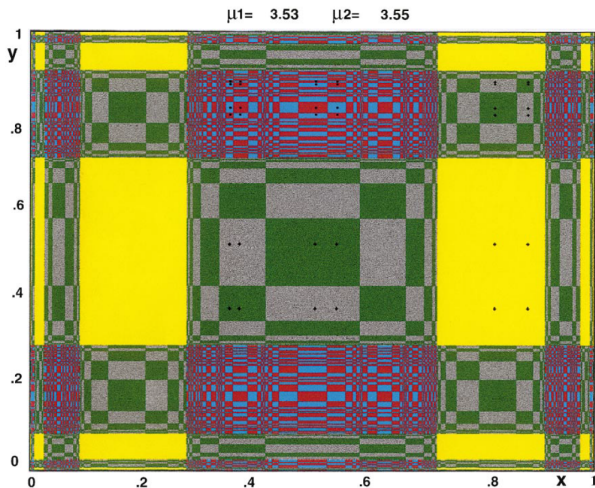


Fig. 2. The black points represent the periodic points of the five coexisting attracting cycles of the map (5) with  $\mu_1 = 3.53$  and  $\mu_2 = 3.55$ . Each basin of attraction, represented by a different color, is formed by disjoint rectangles, given by the immediate basin (containing the periodic points) and all its preimages.

$$q_i(t+1) = \arg \max_{q_i(t+1)} \pi_i^e(t+1)$$

expected profit at time  $t+1$  on the basis of information available at time  $t$

- 1 Expectations on competitor's choices:

$$q_i(t+1) = \arg \max_{q_i} f(q_i + Q_i^e(t+1)) q_i - C_i(q_i, q_{-i}^e(t+1))$$

- 2 Subjective expected demand function

$$q_i(t+1) = \arg \max_{q_i} f^e(q_i + Q_i^e(t+1)) q_i - C_i(q_i, q_{-i}^e(t+1))$$



Bischi, Chiarella, Kopel, Szidarovszky, (2010) *Nonlinear Oligopolies: Stability and Bifurcations*, Springer.

## Adaptive adjustment towards Best Reply

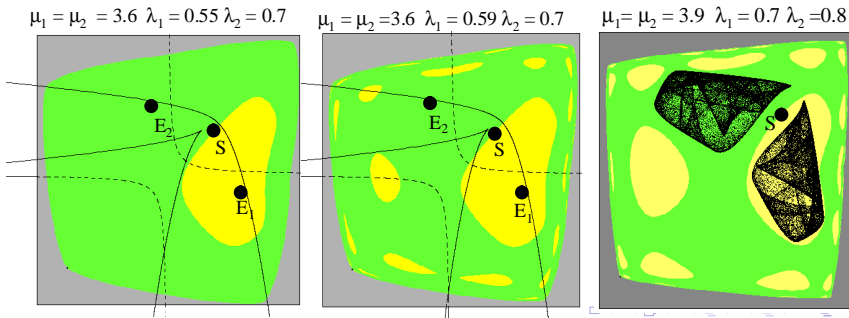
Inertia in adopting the computed output (anchoring attitude)

$$q_i(t+1) = (1 - \lambda_i) q_i(t) + \lambda_i R_i(q_{-i}(t)), \quad 0 \leq \lambda_i \leq 1$$

$\lambda_i \in [0, 1]$  represents the attitude of firm  $i$  to adopt the best reply  
 $(1 - \lambda_i)$  is the anchoring, a measure of inertia.

- It reduces to best reply for  $\lambda_i = 1$ , complete inertia as  $\lambda_i \rightarrow 0$ .
- It has the same (Nash) equilibria as the best reply model

Example: Kopel model  $R_i(q_j) = \mu_i q_j (1 - q_j)$





Bischi, Kopel (2001). "Equilibrium Selection in a Nonlinear Duopoly Game with Adaptive Expectations", *Journal of Economic Behavior and Organization*.

$$q_1(t+1) = R_1(q_2^e(t+1))$$

$$q_2(t+1) = R_2(q_1^e(t+1))$$

with adaptive expectations

$$q_1^e(t+1) = q_1^e(t) + \alpha_1(q_1(t) - q_1^e(t)) = (1 - \alpha_1)q_1^e(t) + \alpha_1 R_1(q_2^e(t))$$

$$q_2^e(t+1) = q_2^e(t) + \alpha_2(q_2(t) - q_2^e(t)) = (1 - \alpha_2)q_2^e(t) + \alpha_2 R_2(q_1^e(t))$$

$\alpha_i \in [0, 1]$ , adaptive adjustment in the beliefs space.

The real outputs at each step: mapping from beliefs to realizations

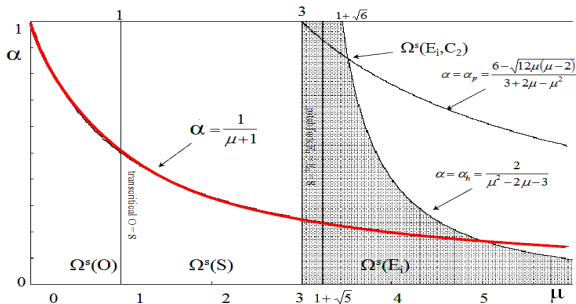
$$\begin{cases} q_1(t) = R_1(q_2^e(t)) \\ q_2(t) = R_2(q_1^e(t)) \end{cases}$$



$$\text{iterated map } T : \begin{cases} x' = (1 - \alpha_1)x + \alpha_1\mu_1y(1 - y) \\ y' = (1 - \alpha_2)y + \alpha_2\mu_2x(1 - x) \end{cases}$$

## Theorem

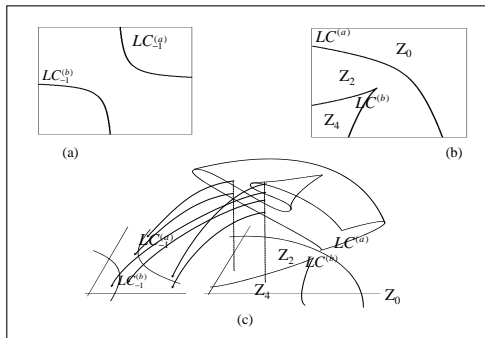
**(Global bifurcation of the basins with homogeneous players).** Let  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2 = \alpha$  and  $\mu_1 = \mu_2 = \mu$ . If  $\alpha(\mu + 1) < 1$  then the two basins are simply connected sets; if  $\alpha(\mu + 1) > 1$  they are formed by infinitely many disjoint components.



Jacobian matrix:  $DT(x, y) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - \alpha_1 & \alpha_1 \mu_1 (1 - 2y) \\ \alpha_2 \mu_2 (1 - 2x) & 1 - \alpha_2 \end{bmatrix}$

$LC_{-1} : \det DT = 0$ , i.e.  $(x - \frac{1}{2})(y - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{(1 - \alpha_1)(1 - \alpha_2)}{4\alpha_1\alpha_2\mu_1\mu_2}$

Equilateral hyperbola, union of two branches  $LC_{-1} = LC_{-1}^{(a)} \cup LC_{-1}^{(b)}$ ,  
Hence also  $LC = T(LC_{-1})$  is formed by two disjoint branches



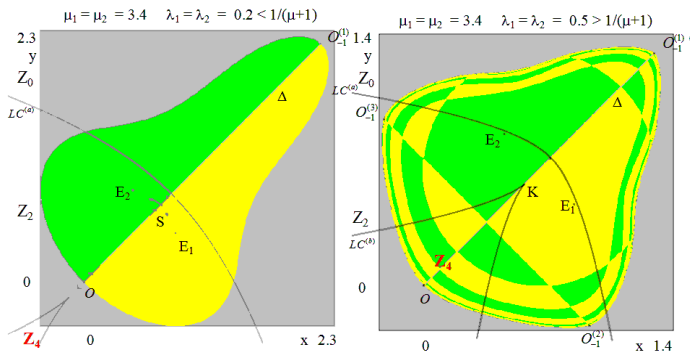
# Symmetric case

$K_{-1} = LC_{-1}^{(b)} \cap \Delta = (k_{-1}, k_{-1})$  with  $k_{-1} = \frac{\alpha(\mu-1)-1}{2\alpha\mu}$  the eigenvalue  $z_{\perp}$

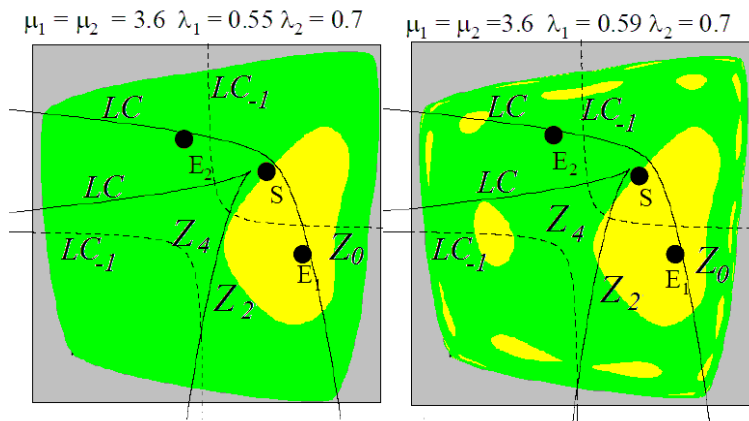
vanishes and the curve  $LC^{(b)} = T(LC_{-1}^{(b)})$  has a *cusplike point*

$K = LC^{(b)} \cap \Delta = (k, k)$  with  $k = f(k_{-1}) = \frac{(\alpha(\mu+1)-1)(\alpha\mu+3(1-\alpha))}{4\alpha\mu}$  at

$\alpha(\mu+1) = 1$   $K \equiv O$  and the cusplike point  $K$ .



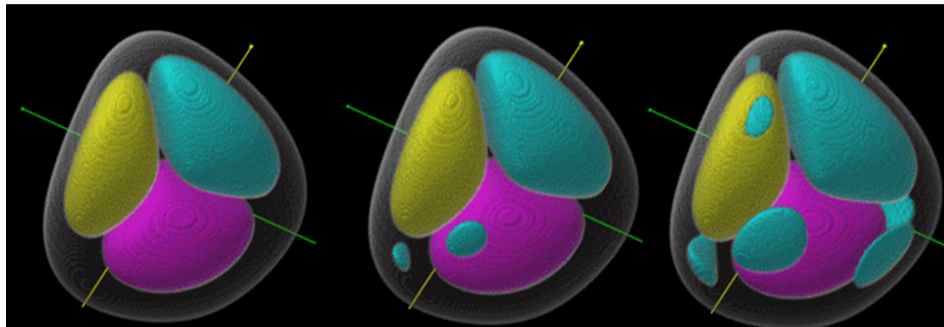
# Heterogeneous behaviour: computer aided proof?



## Beyond 2D. Case of a triopoly game



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# Local Monopolistic Approximation (LMA)



Bischi, Naimzada, Sbragia (2007) "Oligopoly Games with Local Monopolistic Approximation" *Journal of Economic Behavior & Organization*

Firms do not know the demand, at any time get a correct (local) estimate of demand slope by marketing experiments of small quantity variations

$$\frac{\partial f(Q)}{\partial q_i} = \frac{df(Q)}{dQ} \simeq \frac{f(q_i(t) + \Delta q_i + q_{-i}(t)) - f(q_i(t) + q_{-i}(t))}{\Delta q_i}$$

or small price variations:  $\frac{\partial f(Q)}{\partial q_i} = \frac{df(Q)}{dQ} = \left[ \frac{dQ(p)}{dp} \right]^{-1}$  where  $Q = f^{-1}(p)$

Conjectured demand function: Linear and monopolistic approximation

$$p^e(t+1) = p(t) + f'(Q)(q_i(t+1) - q_i(t)), \quad \text{where } p(t) = f(Q(t))$$

$$\text{FOC becomes } p(t) + 2f'(Q)q_i(t+1) - f'(Q)q_i(t) - C'_i(q_i(t+1)) = 0$$

From  $f(Q) + 2f'(Q)q_i(t+1) - f'(Q)q_i(t) - C'_i(q_i(t+1)) = 0$   
A linear equation, hence an *explicit* dynamical system, is get with:

LMA with linear cost  $C_i = c_i q_i$

$$q_i(t+1) = \frac{1}{2}q_i(t) - \frac{f(Q(t)) - c_i}{2f'(Q(t))} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

LMA with quadratic cost  $C_i = (c_{i0} + c_i q_i)q_i$

$$q_i(t+1) = \frac{q_i(t)f_i(t) - p(t)}{2[f_i(t) - c_i]} \quad i = 1, \dots, n$$

*The steady states are the Cournot-Nash equilibria*

Reduced Information set for a firm using LMA approach

- (i1) No knowledge of demand function, only local estimate of slope;
- (i2) No expectations on other firms' future production;
- (i3) Solve a quadratic optimization problem, i.e. a linear equation;

# No optimization at all: Just following the Profit Gradient



Bischi, Naimzada (2000) "Global Analysis of a Duopoly game with Bounded Rationality", in *Advances in Dyn. Games and applications*

Each firm infers how the market will respond to its production changes by a (correct) estimate of the marginal profit  $\frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial q_i}$ .

## Gradient (or myopic) adjustment

With this local information a firm increases (decreases) its output if it perceives a positive (negative) marginal profit

$$q_i(t+1) = q_i(t) + v_i q_i(t) \frac{\partial \pi_i(t)}{\partial q_i}; \quad i = 1, 2$$

where  $v_i$  is a relative speed of adjustment, being  $\frac{q_i(t+1) - q_i(t)}{q_i(t)} = v_i \frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial q_i}$ .



Example: linear demand  $p = a - bQ$ , linear costs  $C_i = c_i q_i$

Profit:  $\Pi_i(q_1, q_2) = q_i [a - b(q_1 + q_2) - c_i]$

Marginal profit  $\frac{\partial \Pi_i}{\partial q_i} = a - c_i - 2bq_i - bq_j$ ,  $i, j = 1, 2, j \neq i$ .

Model with profit gradient relative adjustment

$$\begin{cases} q_1(t+1) = (1 + v_1(a - c_1))q_1(t) - 2bv_1q_1^2(t) - bv_1q_1(t)q_2(t) \\ q_2(t+1) = (1 + v_2(a - c_2))q_2(t) - 2bv_2q_2^2(t) - bv_2q_1q_2(t) \end{cases}$$

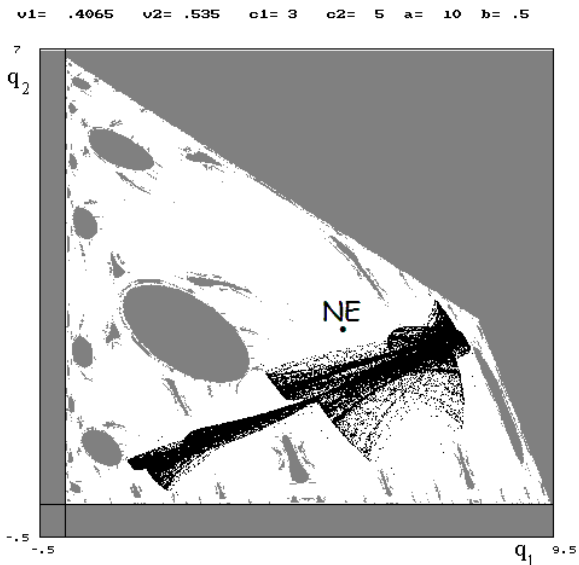
Invariant axes with boundary equilibria

$$E_0 = (0, 0), E_1 = \left(\frac{a-c_1}{2b}, 0\right), E_2 = \left(0, \frac{a-c_2}{2b}\right)$$

Interior (Nash) equilibrium

$$E_* = \left(\frac{a+c_2-2c_1}{3b}, \frac{a+c_1-2c_2}{3b}\right)$$

# Complex attractors and basins



# Case of identical players

The dynamical system is the same if the variables are swapped:

$T \circ P = P \circ T$ ,  $P : (x_1, x_2) \rightarrow (x_2, x_1)$  reflection through the diagonal  $\Delta$ .

This implies that the diagonal is mapped into itself, i.e.,  $T(\Delta) \subseteq \Delta$ :

Identical players starting from identical initial conditions behave identically for each time (*synchronized trajectories*) governed by the map

$$\mathbf{x}(t+1) = f(\mathbf{x}(t)) \quad \text{with} \quad f = T|_{\Delta} : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta.$$

"representative agent" whose dynamics summarize the common behavior of the synchronized competitors.



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Bischi, Stefanini, Gardini (1998) "Synchronization, intermittency and critical curves in duopoly games", *Mathematics and Computers in Simulations*.

A trajectory starting out of  $\Delta$ , i.e. with  $x_0 \neq y_0$ , is said to synchronize if  $|x_1(t) - x_2(t)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $t \rightarrow +\infty$ .

## Problem

Let  $A_s$  be an attractor of the one-dimensional restriction. Is it also an attractor for the two-dimensional map  $T$ ?

A question of *transverse stability*: stability of  $A_s$  with respect to perturbations transverse to  $\Delta$

Interesting when dynamics on  $\Delta$  are chaotic (*chaos synchronization*)

The key property is that a chaotic set  $A_s$  includes infinitely many periodic points which are unstable in the direction along  $\Delta$ .

$DT(x, x) = \{T_{ij}(x)\} : T_{11} = T_{22}$  and  $T_{12} = T_{21}$ .

Eigenvalues  $\lambda_{\parallel}(x) = T_{11}(x) + T_{12}(x)$

and  $\lambda_{\perp}(x) = T_{11}(x) - T_{12}(x)$

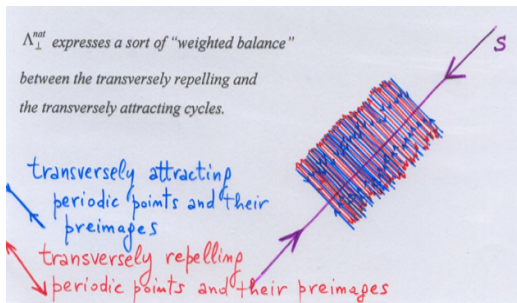
with related eigenvectors  $\mathbf{v}_{\parallel} = (1, 1)$ ,  $\mathbf{v}_{\perp} = (1, -1)$

Transverse Lyapunov exponents  $\Lambda_{\perp} = \lim_{N \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=0}^N \ln |\lambda_{\perp}(s_i)|$  where  $\{s_i = f^i(s_0), i \geq 0\}$  is a trajectory embedded in  $A_s$ .

Spectrum of transverse Lyapunov exponents computed at the infinitely many periodic cycles

$$\Lambda_{\perp}^{\min} \leq \dots \leq \Lambda_{\perp}^{\text{nat}} \leq \dots \leq \Lambda_{\perp}^{\max}$$

$\Lambda_{\perp}^{\text{nat}}$  computed along a generic aperiodic trajectory, is a “weighted balance” between the transversely repelling and attracting cycles.

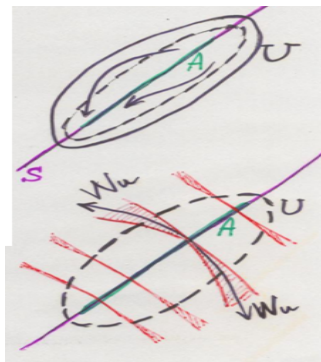


If  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\max} < 0$  (all cycles embedded in  $A_s$  are transversely stable)  $A_s$  is asymptotically stable.

If  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\max} > 0$ , while  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\text{nat}} < 0$ ,  $A_s$  is not Lyapunov stable, but is a *Milnor attractor*

**Definition.** A closed invariant set  $A$  is said to be a weak attractor in Milnor sense (or simply Milnor attractor) if its stable set  $B(A)$  has positive Lebesgue measure.

Note that a topological attractor is also a Milnor attractor, whereas the converse is not true.



If  $\mathcal{A} \subset \Delta$  is a chaotic attractor of  $T|_{\Delta}$  then it is a non-topological Milnor attractor if

- (a)  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\max} > 0$
- (b)  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\text{nat}} < 0$ .

$\Delta_{\perp}^{\max}$  from negative to positive marks a *riddling (or bubbling) bifurcation*.  
Two possible scenarios according to the fate of locally repelled trajectories:  
(**L**) they can be reinjected towards  $\Delta$  (after some bursts far from  $\Delta$  before synchronizing, *on-off intermittency*);  
(**G**) they may belong to the basin of another attractor (*riddled basins*)

## A bridge between critical sets and chaos synchronization

Locally repelled trajectories folded back toward  $A_s$  by the action of the non linearities acting far from  $\Delta$ , described by using the *critical curves* as the reinjection is due to their folding action.



Bischi, Gardini (1998) "Role of invariant and minimal absorbing areas in chaos synchronization", *Physical Review E*





Bischi, Gardini (2000) Global Properties of Symmetric Competition Models with Riddling and Blowout Phenomena", *Discrete Dynamics in Nature and Society*



Bischi, Cerboni Baiardi (2017) "Bubbling, Riddling, Blowout and Critical Curves", *Journal of Difference Equations and Applications*

# An example: Dynamic marketing model

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$$\begin{aligned}x_i(t+1) &= x_i(t) + \lambda_i x_i(t) \Pi_i(t) = \\ &= x_i(t) + \lambda_i x_i(t) \left( B \frac{a_i x_i^{\beta_i}(t)}{\sum_{j=i}^n a_j x_j^{\beta_j}(t)} - x_i(t) \right) \quad i = 1, \dots, N\end{aligned}$$



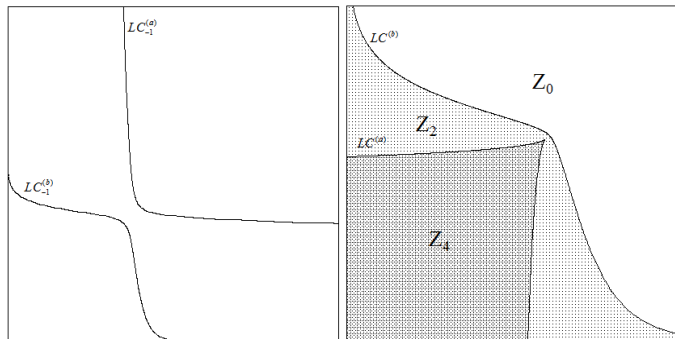
$N=2$ : Symmetric case  $\lambda_1 = \lambda_2 = \lambda$ ,  $a_1 = a_2 = a$ ,  $\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta$

Restriction of the symmetric map to  $\Delta$

$$f(x) = (1 + \frac{1}{2}\lambda B)x - \lambda x^2$$

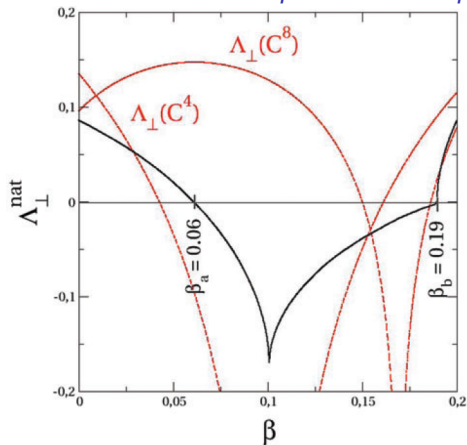
Jacobian matrix on the diagonal:

$$DT(x, x; \lambda, B, \beta, ) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 - 2\lambda x + \frac{\lambda B(\beta+2)}{4} & -\frac{\lambda B\beta}{4} \\ -\frac{\lambda B\beta}{4} & 1 - 2\lambda x + \frac{\lambda B(\beta+2)}{4} \end{bmatrix}.$$

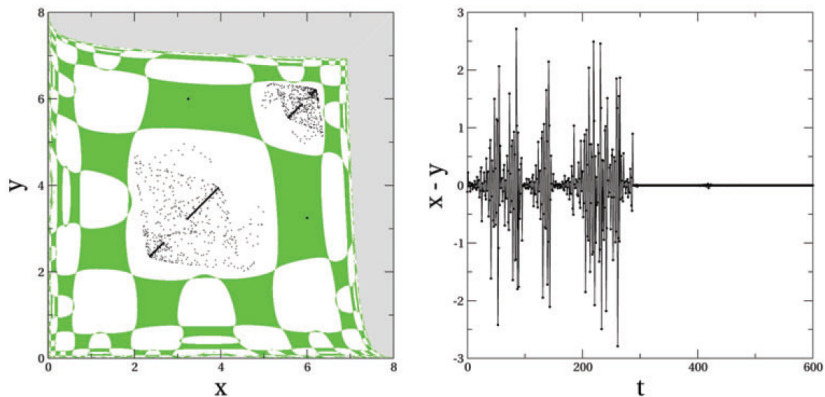




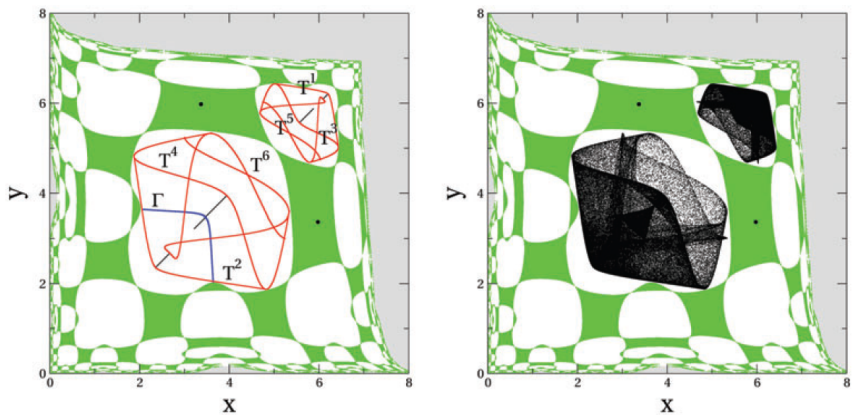
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**Figure 8.** For  $B = 10$  and  $\lambda = 2(a_1 - 1)/B$ , the natural transverse Lyapunov exponent (black line) of the four-band chaotic attractor  $\mathcal{A}_S \subset \Delta$  is represented as the normal parameter  $\beta$  varies, as well as the transverse Lyapunov exponents of the cycles of period 4 and 8 embedded in  $\mathcal{A}_S$  (red lines).

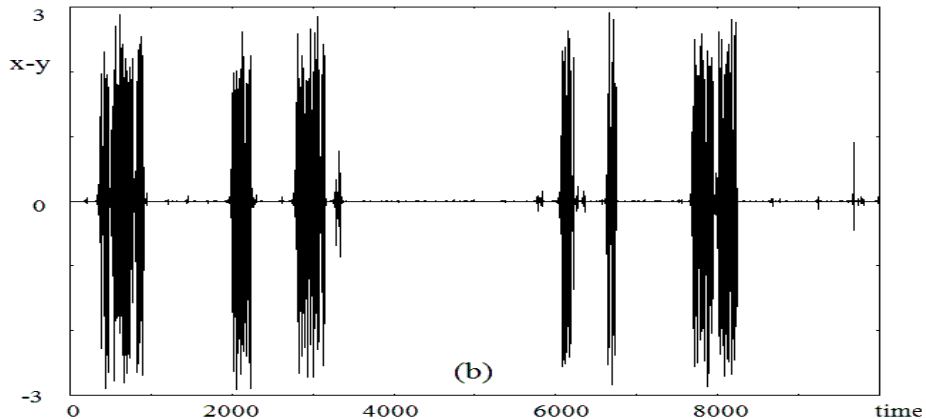


**Figure 9.** A numerical simulation of the system (14) obtained for  $B = 10$ ,  $\lambda = 2(\bar{\mu}_2 - 1)/B$  and  $\beta = 0.09$  at which  $\Lambda_{\perp}^{\text{nat}} < 0$  while  $\Lambda_{\perp}(C^8) > 0$ ). Left. A trajectory in the phase space  $(x_t, y_t)$  whose transient part is out of  $\Delta$  that synchronizes along the Milnor attractor  $\mathcal{A}_5$  in the long run. The white region is the basin of attraction of  $\mathcal{A}_5$  whereas the points in the grey region generate interrupted trajectories, involving negative values of the state variables. The further green region is the basin of attraction of a stable period-two cycle. Right. The displacement  $x_t - y_t$  vs. time.



**Figure 10.** Left. Minimal invariant absorbing area  $\mathcal{A}$  obtained by six iteration of the generating arc  $\Gamma$  (blue line) where  $T^k = T^k(\Gamma)$ ,  $k = 1, \dots, 6$  (red lines). Right. The effect of the parameters' mismatch  $a_x = 0.514961$  and  $a_y = 0.51496$ . Other parameters are as in Figure 9.

# With parameters' mismatch bursts never stop



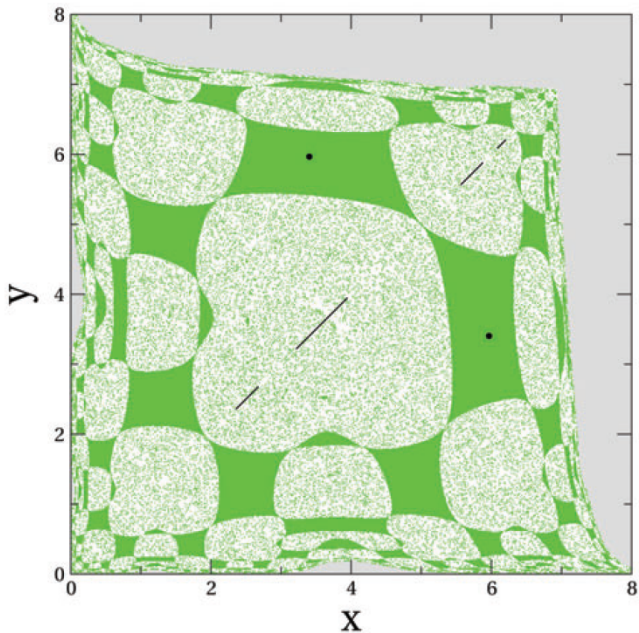
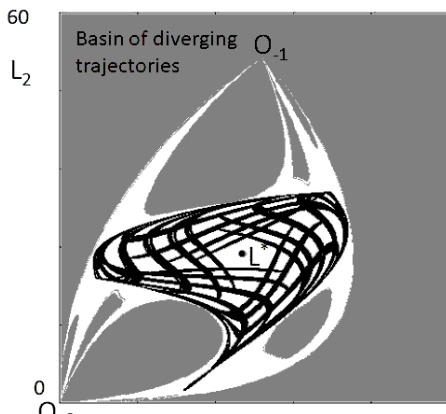
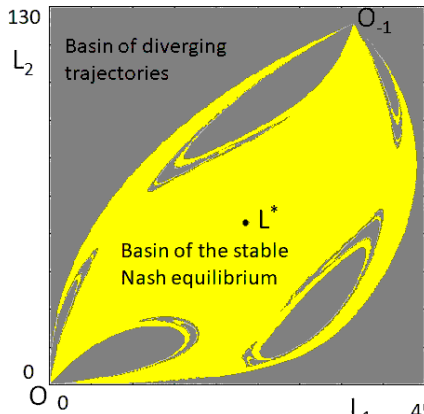


Figure 11. Global riddling at  $\beta = 0.0945$ .

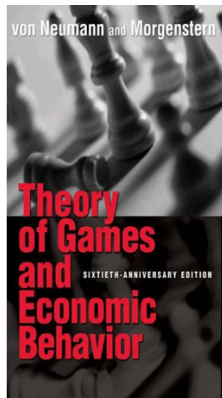
# Games and lobes: isoelastic demand $p = 1/Q$

$$\pi_i(q_1, q_2) = \frac{q_i}{q_1 + q_2} - c_i q_i \quad \text{hence} \quad \frac{\partial \pi_i}{\partial q_1} = \frac{q_j}{(q_1 + q_2)^2} - c_i$$

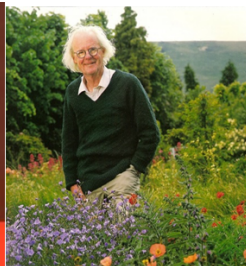
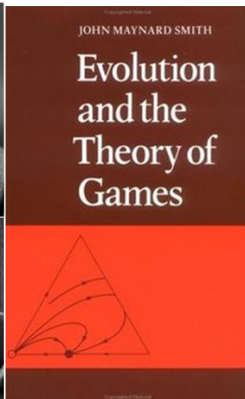
$$\text{gradient dynamics} \begin{cases} q_1(t+1) = q_1(t) \left( 1 - c_1 v_1 + v_1 \frac{q_2(t)}{(q_1(t) + q_2(t))^2} \right) \\ q_2(t+1) = q_2(t) \left( 1 - c_2 v_2 + v_2 \frac{q_1(t)}{(q_1(t) + q_2(t))^2} \right) \end{cases}$$



# Heterogenous players and evolution of different behaviors



**John von Neumann  
Oskar Morgenstern  
Princeton, 1947**



**John Maynard Smith  
Cambridge, 1982**



# Competitions of behavioural rules: replicator dynamics

- Population of  $N$  agents, partitioned into  $k$  groups according to the strategy (or behavior) adopted  $S = \{S_1, \dots, S_k\}$ .
- $N_i(t)$  agents follow behavior  $S_i$  at time  $t$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k N_i(t) = N$
- $r_i(t) = \frac{N_i(t)}{N(t)}$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k r_i(t) = 1$

Selection mechanism: The growth of  $r_i$  is proportional to payoff obtained  $\pi_i$  compared with average payoff  $\bar{\pi} = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i \pi_i$ .

Monotone transformation of payoffs  $u(\pi_i) = \exp(\beta \pi_i)$ ,  $\beta > 0$ , and consequently  $\bar{u} = \sum_{i=1}^k r_i \exp(\beta \pi_i)$ .

## Exponential replicator dynamics

$$q_i(t+1) = H_i(q_1(t), \dots, q_n(t), r_1(t), \dots, r_n(t)) \quad i = 1, \dots, N$$
$$r_i(t+1) = r_i(t) \frac{e^{\beta \pi_i(t)}}{\sum_{j=1}^n r_j(t) e^{\beta \pi_j(t)}}$$

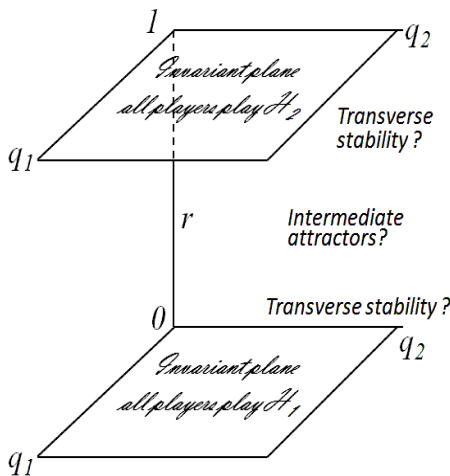
## Compare two decision strategies

$N$  firms partitioned into 2 groups according to behavior adopted

$$\begin{cases} q_1(t+1) = H_1(q_1(t), q_2(t), r(t)) \\ q_2(t+1) = H_2(q_1(t), q_2(t), r(t)) \\ r(t+1) = r(t) \frac{e^{\beta\pi_1(t)}}{r(t)e^{\beta\pi_1(t)} + (1-r(t))e^{\beta\pi_2(t)}} \end{cases}$$

$$Q(t) = N[r(t)q_1(t) + (1-r(t))q_2(t)]$$

with  $r(t) = \frac{n_1(t)}{N}$  evolving according to exponential replicator



## Example: Best Reply versus LMA



Bischi, Lamantia, Radi (2015). "An evolutionary Cournot model with limited market knowledge". *J. Econ. Behavior & Organization*.

BR with isoelastic demand  $p=1/Q$ , linear cost, naive expectations

$$q_1(t+1) = R_1(q_2(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{q_2(t)}{c_1}} - q_2(t)$$

$$q_2(t+1) = R_2(q_1(t)) = \sqrt{\frac{q_1(t)}{c_2}} - q_1(t)$$

LMA with isoelastic demand  $p=f(Q)=1/Q$  and linear costs

$$\text{from } q_i(t+1) = \frac{1}{2}q_i(t) - \frac{f(Q(t))-c_i}{2f'(Q(t))} \quad i = 1, 2$$

with  $p = f(Q) = \frac{1}{Q}$ ,  $Q = q_1 + q_2$ , we get:

$$q_1(t+1) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ 2q_1(t) + q_2(t) - c_1 (q_1(t) + q_2(t))^2 \right]$$

$$q_2(t+1) = \frac{1}{2} \left[ q_1(t) + 2q_2(t) - c_2 (q_1(t) + q_2(t))^2 \right]$$

# Evolutionary pressure based on observed profits

$$\pi_{BR} = px - (c_x x + K_x) = \left( \frac{1}{Q} - c_x \right) x - K_x$$

$$\pi_{LMA} = py - (c_y y + K_y) = \left( \frac{1}{Q} - c_y \right) y - K_y$$

$K_x \geq K_y$  information costs of *BR* and *LMA* behaviors..

The fraction  $r(t)$  updated according to *exp. replicator dynamics*

$$r(t+1) = r(t) \frac{e^{\beta \pi_{BR}(t)}}{r(t)e^{\beta \pi_{BR}(t)} + (1-r(t))e^{\beta \pi_{LMA}(t)}}$$

$\beta > 0$  intensity of choice:

$\beta = 0$  agents do not switch;

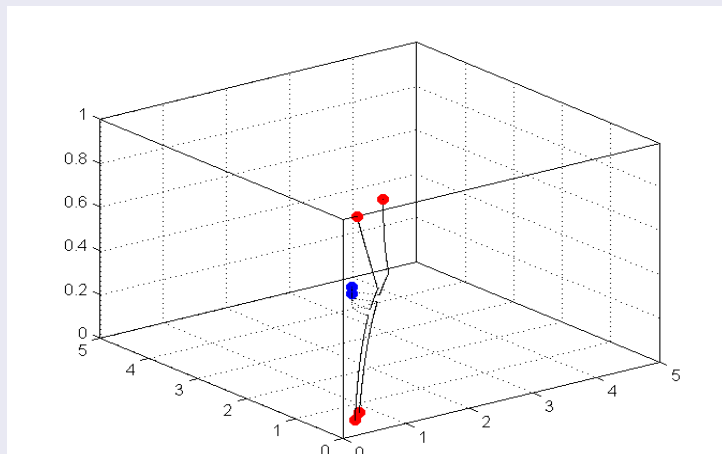
$\beta = \infty$  implies  $r(t) \rightarrow 1$  if  $\pi_{BR}(t) > \pi_{LMA}(t)$  and  $r(t) \rightarrow 0$  if  $\pi_{BR}(t) < \pi_{LMA}(t)$ .

- Steady states:  $r = 0$ ;  $r = 1$ ; any  $r^* \in (0, 1)$  such that  $\pi_{BR} = \pi_{LMA}$ .

# Coexistence of cyclic attractors and path dependence

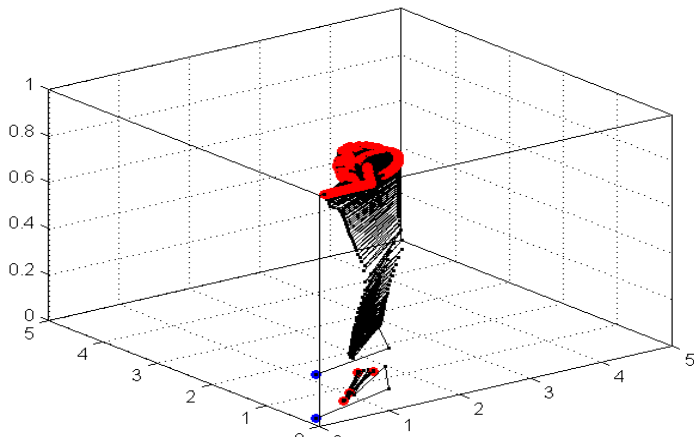
$\lambda = \alpha = 0.3$ ,  $c = 0.1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $K_x = 0.01$ ,  $K_y = 0$ ,  $N = 15$ ,  
two different i.c.

Two periodic attractors in pure strategies (red)



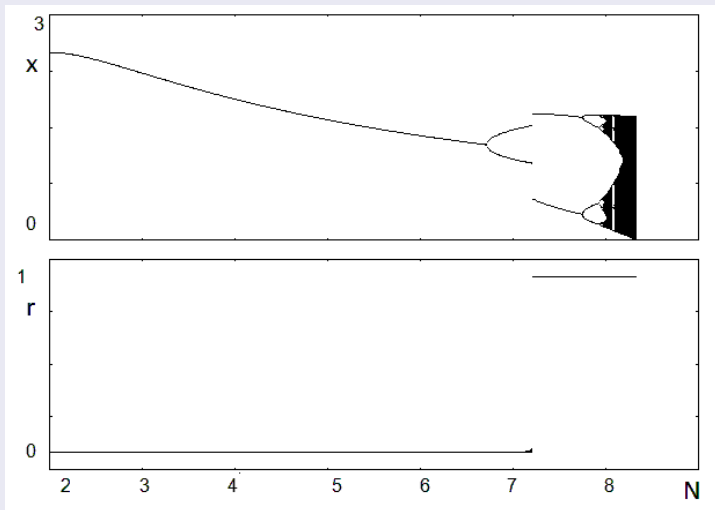
# Path dependence: coexistence of chaotic (BR) and periodic (LMA) attractors

$\lambda = 0.6$ ,  $\alpha = 0.7$ ,  $c = 0.1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $K_x = 0.01$ ,  $K_y = 0$ ,  
 $N = 8$ , two different i.c.



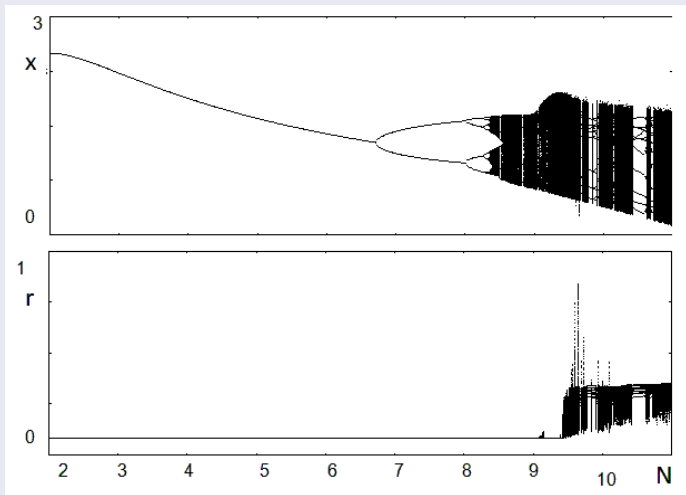
# Transverse stability switch

$$\lambda = 0.6, \alpha = 0.7, c = 0.1, \delta = 0, \beta = 1, K_x = 0.01, K_y = 0$$



# Attractors with intermediate r values

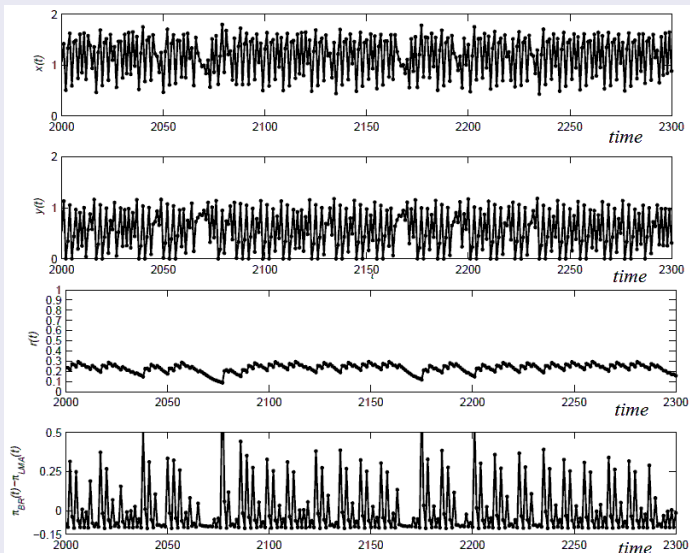
$\lambda = 0.5$ ,  $\alpha = 0.7$ ,  $c = 0.1$ ,  $\delta = 0$ ,  $\beta = 1$ ,  $K_x = 0.1$ ,  $K_y = 0$   
i.C.  $(x(0), y(0), r(0)) = (0.1, 0.2, 0.5)$





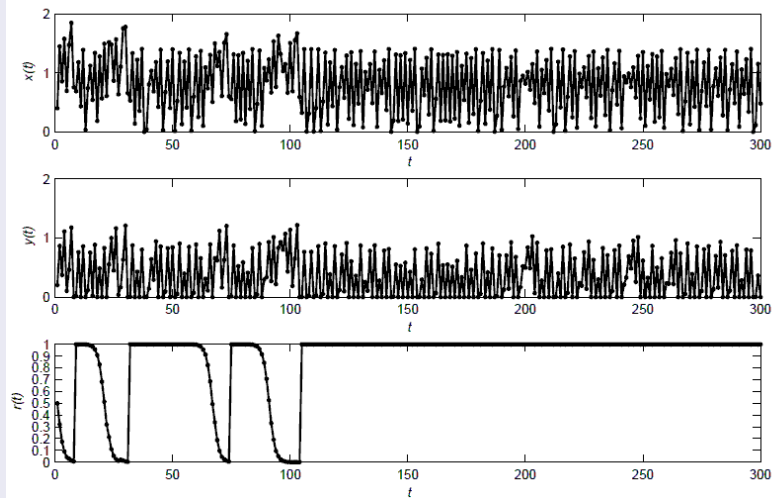
# Coexistence chaotic dynamics

Same parameters and  $N = 10$



# Intermittent dynamics

Same parameters but info cost increased at  $K_x = 0.8$



## Further extensions



Bischi, Lamantia, Scardamaglia (2020) “On the influence of memory on complex dynamics of evolutionary oligopoly models”, *Nonlinear Dynamics*

Fitness measured as *accumulated payoff* instead of current payoff

$$U_i(t) = (1 - \omega) \pi_i(t) + \omega U_i(t - 1)$$

$\omega \in [0, 1]$  *memory parameter* :

for  $\omega = 0$ ,  $U_i(t) = \pi_i(t)$

for  $\omega = 1$ , uniform mean of all the payoffs of the past.

Recursive formula (accumulated payoff)

$$U_i(t) = (1 - \omega) \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} \omega^k \pi_i(t - k) + \omega^t U_i(0), \quad i = 1, 2$$


## Model with memory

$$T : \begin{cases} x_1(t+1) = H_1(x_1(t), x_2(t), r(t)) \\ x_2(t+1) = H_2(x_1(t), x_2(t), r(t)) \\ r(t+1) = R(r(t), m(t)) = \frac{r(t)}{r(t) + (1-r(t))e^{-\beta m(t)}} \\ m(t+1) = (1-\omega)(\pi_1(t+1) - \pi_2(t+1)) + \omega m(t) \end{cases}$$

$$m(t) = U_1(t) - U_2(t)$$

- Often memory has a stabilizing effect, but not always.


# Other "competitions" between different behaviors

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