

- 1) Which of the following dynamical systems have a discrete time? We replace "map" or "differential equation" with "system".

- a) Henon system  
 b) Geodesic system  
 c) Cellular automata system

- 2) What is a semigroup?

- a) A set  $G$  with an operation  $*$ .  
 b) A set  $G$  with an operation  $*$  such that  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$ .  
 c) A set  $G$  with an operation  $*$  such that  $(x * y) * z = x * (y * z)$  with a neutral element  $e$  satisfying  $x * e = x$ .

- 3) Which of the following dynamical systems allow a numerical computation of the square root of 7:

- a)  $T(x) = \sqrt{x} - 7$ .  
 b)  $T(x, y) = ((x + y)/2, 2xy/(x + y))$ .  
 c)  $T(x) = x^2 + 7$ .

- 4) There is a sentence attributed to Steven Smale which appears also in the movie "Jurassic Park". The statement is "The wing of a butterfly in X can produce a tornado in Y a few weeks later":

- a) X=New York, Y = Los Angeles  
 b) X=Rio, Y=Texas  
 c) X=Chicago, Y = New Orleans

- 5) We have seen that for a computer, iterations of the map  $T(x) = 4x(1 - x)$  or the map  $S(x) = 4x - 4x^2$  give different results for  $T^n(x)$  and  $S^n(x)$  if  $n$  is large and this happened for identical initial condition  $x_0$ . For which  $n$ , did we see different results?

- a)  $n = 1$   
 b)  $n = 10$   
 c)  $n = 100$

- 6) Which of the following properties do hold at a **saddle node bifurcation**?

- a)  $f'(x) = 1$   
 b)  $(f^2)'(x) = -1$   
 c) The bifurcation is also called **blue-sky** bifurcation

- 7) The tent map  $g(x) = 1 - 2|x - 1/2|$  is conjugated to the logistic map  $f_c(x) = cx(1 - x)$  for the parameter

- a)  $c = 0$   
 b)  $c = 2$   
 c)  $c = 4$

- 8) Which of the following formulas do give the Lyapunov exponent of an orbit  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$  of a map  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ ?

- a)  $\lambda(f, x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \log |(f^n)'(x_0)|$   
 b)  $\lambda(f, x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \log |(f^n)'(x_0)|$   
 c)  $\lambda(f, x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} |(f^n)'(x_0)|$

- 9) Which properties can change at a bifurcation point?

- a) the number of periodic points  
 b) the stability of periodic points  
 c) the sign of  $\log |f'(x)|$

- 10) Which of the following things are true:

- a)  $1/2$  is an eventually periodic orbit of the Ulam map  $f(x) = 4x(1 - x)$   
 b)  $1/2$  is a periodic orbit of the Ulam map  
 c) The Lyapunov exponent  $\lambda(f, 1/2)$  is equal to  $\log(2)$  if  $f$  is the Ulam map

- 11) One of the following maps is an area preserving Henon map. Which one?

- a)  $T(x, y) = (3(1 - x^2) - y, 2x)$   
 b)  $T(x, y) = (2x - y + \sin(x), x)$   
 c)  $T(x, y) = (3(1 - x^2) - y, x)$

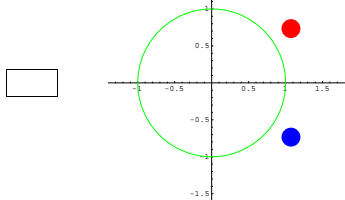
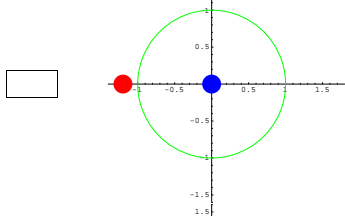
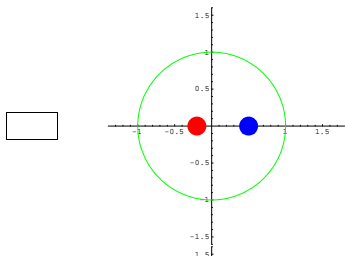
- 12) For a certain parameters  $c$ , the Standard map  $T(x, y) = (2x + c \sin(x) - y, x) \bmod 1$  is integrable. Which integral verifies this fact?

- a)  $F(x, y) = x$   
 b)  $F(x, y) = x - y$   
 c)  $F(x, y) = 1$

- 13) A map in the plane is called an **involution** if  $T^2 = Id$ , that is if every point is periodic with period 2. Which of the following statements are true?

- a) In general, an involution is integrable  
 b) The map  $T(x, y) = (-x, y + c \sin(x))$  is an involution  
 c) All linear involutions are area-preserving

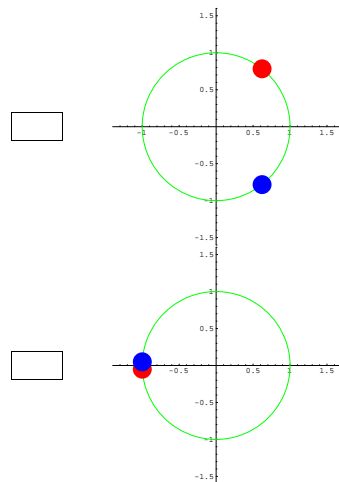
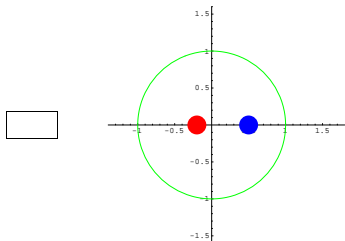
14) Which of the following 3 pictures shows the eigenvalues of a Jacobean at a repelling fixed point of a map  $T$  in the plane?



15) If the stable and unstable manifolds of a hyperbolic fixed point  $(x_0, y_0)$  of intersect transversely, then this intersection point is called

- a) a horse shoe
- b) an integral
- c) a homoclinic point

16) Which of the following 3 pictures show the eigenvalues of an asymptotically stable equilibrium point  $(x_0, y_0)$  (sink) of the differential equation  $\dot{x} = F(x)$ .



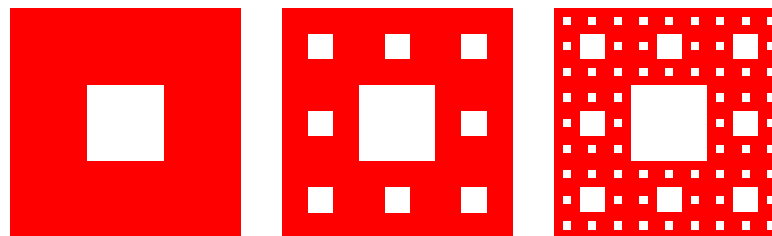
17) Which of the following formulations is the correct version of the Poincaré Bendixson theorem?

- a) An orbit in the plane which stays in a bounded region is either asymptotic to an equilibrium point or to a limit cycle
- b) An orbit in the plane which is not asymptotic to a limit cycle is attracted to an equilibrium point
- c) Every orbit of a differential equation in the plane is either asymptotic to a limit cycle or to an equilibrium point

18) A differential equation of the form  $\frac{d}{dt}x(t) = H_y(x, y), \frac{d}{dt}y(t) = -H_x(x, y)$ , where  $H(x, y)$  is a function of two variables.

- a) produces an area-preserving flow
- b) is integrable
- c) has an attractive limit cycle

19) We define an object in the plane by cutting away 1 square of length 1/3 from a square of length 1, then repeating this construction with remaining squares of length 1/3 etc. The first three steps are shown here:



What is the dimension of this object?

- a)  $\log(8)/\log(3)$
- b)  $\log(14)/\log(4)$
- c)  $\log(20)/\log(3)$

20) The billiard in an ellipse is known to be integrable. What is the integral  $F$ ?

- a) The sum of the shortest distances of the trajectory line to the focal points
- b) The product of the shortest distances of the trajectory line to the focal points
- c) The impact angle  $\theta$

21) Which of the following formulations is the full content of the Hedlund-Lyndon-Curtis theorem? (only one answer is correct).

- a) Any map  $T$  on  $X = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  which is continuous and commutes with the shift is of the form  $T(x)_n = \phi(x_{n-1}, x_n, x_{n+1})$
- b) A cellular automaton is a continuous map on  $X = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$
- c) A shift commuting, continuous map on  $X = \{0, 1\}^{\mathbb{Z}}$  is a cellular automaton

22) We have  $T(x)_n = x_{n+1} + x_{n-1} + x_n \pmod{2}$ . What is the image of the sequence  $x = (\dots, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots)$ ?

- a)  $(\dots, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots)$
- b)  $(\dots, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots)$
- c)  $(\dots, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, \dots)$

23) What is a "glider" in the game of life  $(X, T)$ ?

- a) A configuration  $x$  which satisfies  $T^n(x) = \sigma^m(x)$  for  $n, m > 0$
- b) A configuration with finitely many living cells which satisfies  $T^n(x) = \sigma^m(x)$  for  $n, m > 0$
- c) A configuration which satisfies  $T^n(x) = x$  for  $n > 0$

24) Who is believed to have first come up with the notion of cellular automata?

- a) Hedlund at Harvard
- b) Wolfram at Caltech
- c) Ulam and von Neuman at Los Alamos

25) With  $f_c(z) = z^2 + c$ , which of the following statements are true?

- a) The Mandelbrot set is the set of complex numbers such that  $f_c^n(c) \rightarrow \infty$
- b) The Mandelbrot set is the set of complex numbers such that  $|f_c^n(c)| \leq 2$  for all  $n$ .

- c) The Mandelbrot set is the set of complex numbers such that  $f_c^n(c)$  stays bounded.

26) Which of the following statements are true?

- a) Every quadratic polynomial is conjugated to the polynomial  $f_c(z) = z^2 + c$
- b) Every cubic polynomial is conjugated to a polynomial  $g_{a,b}(z) = z^3 - 3a^2z + b$
- c) Every cubic polynomial is conjugated to a polynomial  $g_c(z) = z^3 + c$

27) Which of the following statements are true?

- a) The union of the filled in Julia set and the Fatou set is the entire complex plane
- b) The Fatou set is the complement of the Mandelbrot set.
- c) The Julia set always connected.

28) Which of the following dynamical systems is called the **Newton iteration** to find the root  $f(z) = 0$ :

- a)  $T(z) = 1 - f(z)/f'(z)$
- b)  $T(z) = z - f'(z)/f(z)$
- c)  $T(z) = 1 - f'(z)/f(z)$

29) In order to find a fixed point of a map  $S$ , we can try to apply the Newton method to one of the following:

- a)  $T(z) = S(z) - z$
- b)  $T(z) = S'(z) - z$
- c)  $T(z) = z - S(z)/S'(z)$

30) Which of the following properties apply to the Baker transformation  $T$  on the square  $[0, 1] \times [0, 1]$ .

- a) The map is continuous
- c) The map is area-preserving
- c) The map has many periodic points

31) What can you say about the subshift  $X$  of finite type over the alphabet  $\{a, b, c\}$  defined by the forbidden words  $\{aa, bb, cc, ac, ba, cb\}$ ?

- a)  $X$  does not contain any point
- b)  $X$  contains only finitely many points
- c)  $X$  contains infinitely many points

32) Which of the following subshifts is the shift over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  for which all words  $bab, baaab, baaaaab, baaaaaaaaab, baaaaaaaaaaaab, \dots$  etc. are forbidden?

- a) The Fibonacci shift  
 b) The even shift  
 c) The full shift

33) What is special about the **golden ratio**  $\theta = (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2$ ? Check everything which applies:

- a) It has the smallest possible continued fraction expansion  $\theta = [a_0; a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots]$   
 b) The partial fractions  $p_n/q_n$  have the property that  $q_n$  and  $p_n$  grow like Fibonacci numbers  
 c)  $\theta$  is a solution of  $x = 2/(2 + x)$

34) Which of the following statements is called Dirichlets theorem for an irrational number  $\alpha$ .

- a) For every  $n$ , there exists  $q \leq n$  such that  

$$|\alpha - p/q| \leq 1/q^2 .$$
  
 b) For every  $n$ , there exists  $q \leq n$  such that  

$$|\alpha - p/q| \leq 1/q .$$
  
 c) For every  $q$ , there exists  $p$  such that  

$$|\alpha - p/q| \leq 1/q^2 .$$

35) Which of the following three formulas give the correct recursion for the partial fractions  $p_n/q_n$ :

- a)  $p_{n+1} = a_n p_n + p_{n-1}, q_{n+1} = a_n q_n + q_{n-1}$   
 b)  $p_{n+1} = p_n + a_n p_{n-1}, q_{n+1} = q_n + a_n q_{n-1}$   
 c)  $p_{n+1} = a_n p_n + a_{n-1} q_{n-1}, q_{n+1} = a_n p_n + a_{n-1} q_{n-1}$

36) Which dynamical system is involved when making a decimal expansion of a real number.

- a)  $T(x) = 10x$   
 b)  $T(x) = 10x \bmod 1$   
 c)  $T(x) = 10/x \bmod 1$

37) The quadratic map  $T(x) = x^2 + c$  is also useful in number theory. Where?

- a) to compute the eclipse times in calendars  
 b) to factor large integers  
 c) to understand why our tonal system has 12 scales between an octave and 19 scales for a perfect fifth

38) When finding lattice points close to graphs of quadratic polynomials, we were led to a dynamical system on the two dimensional torus. This system is

- a)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (2x + y, x + y) \bmod 1$   
 b)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + 2a, x + y) \bmod 1$   
 c)  $(x, y) \rightarrow (x + y, x - y) \bmod 1$

39) Check for whatever continued fractions are useful:

- a) To compute eclipse cycles  
 b) To find lattice points close to lines in the plane  
 c) To justify why we use a 12 scale system in music

40) Which of the following statements are true?

- a) there are always equilibrium solutions to the Newtonian n-body problem  
 b) the Sitnikov problem is a restricted three body problem  
 c) the Lagrange solution is a periodic solution of the three body problem which has been observed in our solar system

41) If for all  $t$ , we have a skew-symmetric matrix  $B(t)$  and  $S(t)$  satisfies the matrix differential equation  $\dot{S} = BS$  with the initial condition  $S(0) = I$ , then  $S$  is

- a) orthogonal  
 b) skew symmetric  
 c) symmetric

42) Which of the following statements is called the third Kepler law:

- a) The radius vector covers equal area in equal time  
 b) Each of the bodies moves on an ellipse  
 c)  $T^2/a^3$  is constant

43) Which of the following forces occur in a rotating coordinate system and depend on the angular speed of the rotation?

- a) Centrifugal force  
 b) Coriolis force  
 c) Gravitational force

44) On which of the following surfaces is every geodesic periodic?

- a) The sphere  
 b) The flat torus  
 c) The torus embedded in space (the doughnut)