

Noise and Multistability in the Square Root Map

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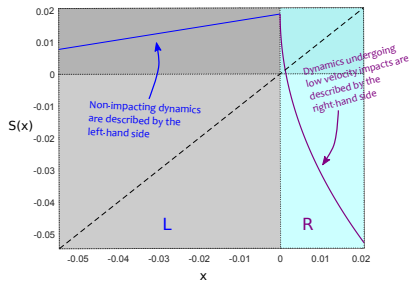
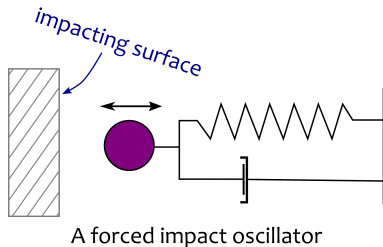
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The Square Root Map

Many impacting systems are described by a 1-D map known as the square root map near *grazing* impacts.

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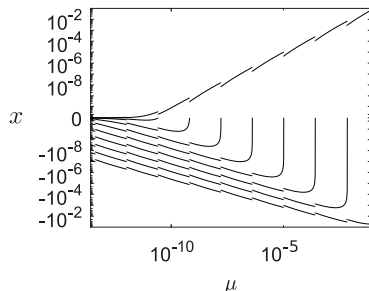
where $a > 0$ and $b > 0$.



Symbolically, if $x_n < 0$ it is represented by an L and if $x_n > 0$ it is represented by an R .

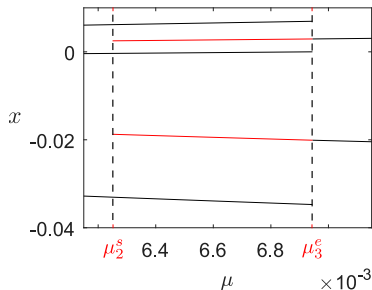
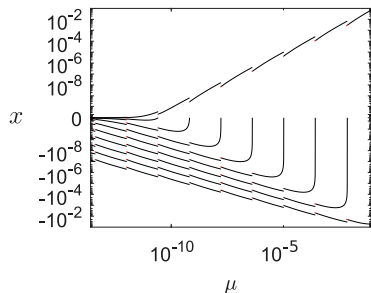
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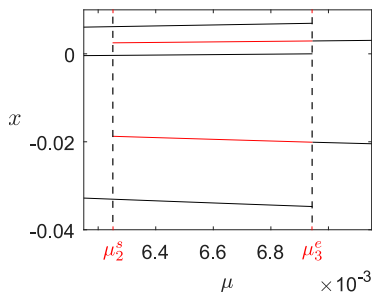
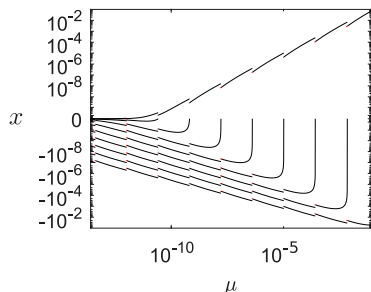
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These periodic orbits take the form $(RL^m)^1$ for $m = 1; 2; 3; \dots$. This means they consist of one iterate on the right (> 0) followed by m iterates on the left (< 0).

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The square root map with additive Gaussian white noise is given by

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where η_n are identically distributed independent normal random variables with mean 0 and standard deviation σ , $\eta_n \sim N(0; \sigma^2)$.

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Threshold Noise Amplitudes

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We consider threshold values of $\delta = D^{-1}$. δ gives us some measure of how likely it is for noise to push the dynamics out of the basin of attraction.

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We find that choosing the noise amplitude to be $\rho = b^2$ on the interval of multistability $(s_{m+1}; e_{m+2})$ will result in a similar effect of noise on the dynamics of the map as choosing the noise amplitude to be ρ on the interval $(s_m; e_{m+1})$ for large m .

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The significant feature of the symbolic representation of the transition above is the repeated R , corresponding to repeated iteration on the right-hand side of the square root map.

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Therefore, it is not hard to see that noise has the potential to push the last left iterate of a period-3 orbit into A_{RR} , inducing repeated R's or repeated low-velocity impacts.

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Generalising to Higher Periodicities

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Conclusions

- Additive noise has a complex nonmonotonic effect on the proportion of iterates spent in coexisting periodic behaviours on intervals of multistability.
- The relationship observed is highly dependent on the value of the bifurcation parameter μ .
- We can explain these relationships by examining how the steady-state distributions associated with periodic orbits interact with their basins of attraction.
- The effect of the addition of noise on intervals of multistability of increasing minimal periodic orbit obeys a scaling law.
- Additive noise has the potential to induce multistability outside such intervals.

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