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SRB Measures for Time-Dependent and Random Attractors

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SRB measures for deterministic, autonomous systems

(no randomness, no drive)

M = finite dim manifold, f = map or f_t = flow

Assume * dissipative, orbits tend to attractors

* chaotic e.g. positive Lyapunov exponents

Conceptually, an SRB measure μ is a prob distribution on M s.t.

(1) (time avg = space avg)

$$\frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} \varphi(f^i x) \rightarrow \int \varphi d\mu \quad \text{Leb-a.e. } x \quad \text{for all cts observables}$$

(2) (characteristic W^u geometry) μ has conditional densities on unstable manifolds

(3) (entropy formula)

$$h_\mu(f) = \int \sum_{\lambda_i > 0} \lambda_i m_i d\mu$$

where λ_i = Lyapunov exponents, m_i = multiplicities

(In general, $h \leq \int \sum \lambda_i^+ m_i d\mu$)

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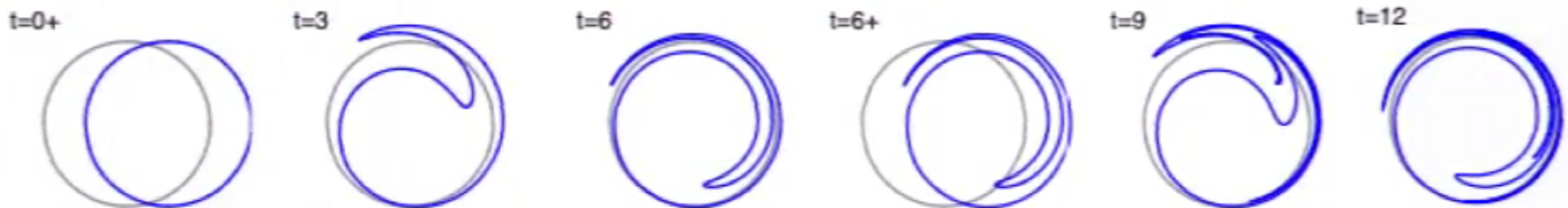
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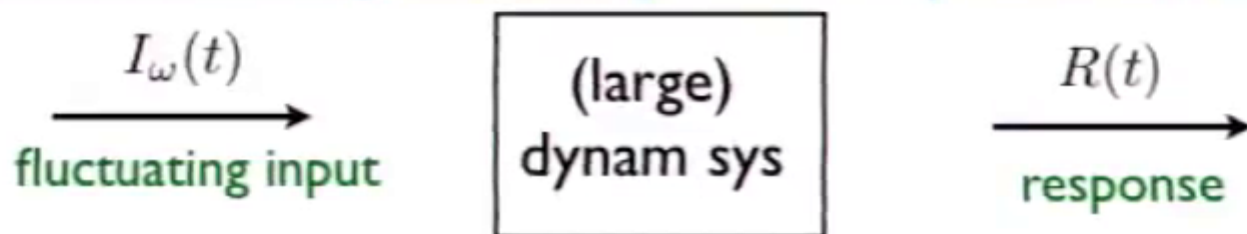
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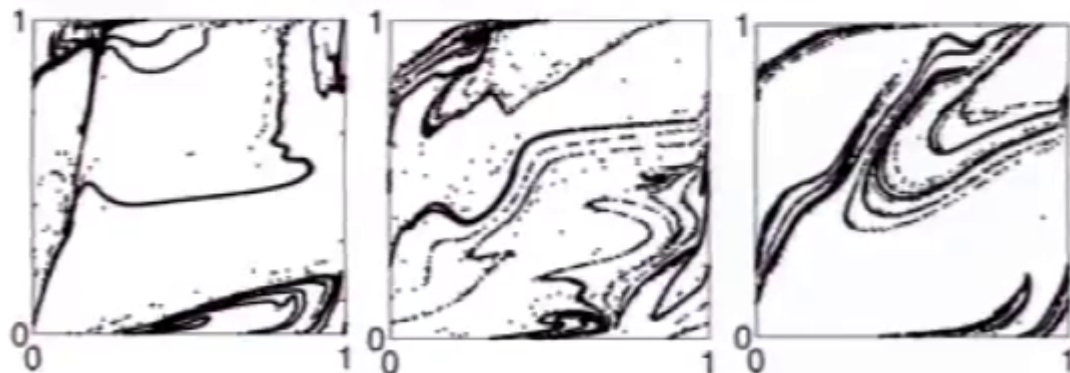
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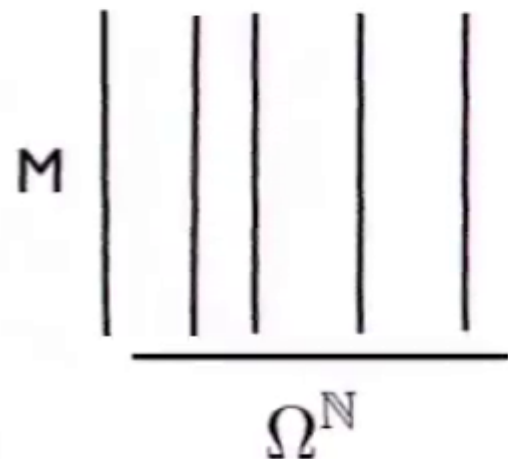
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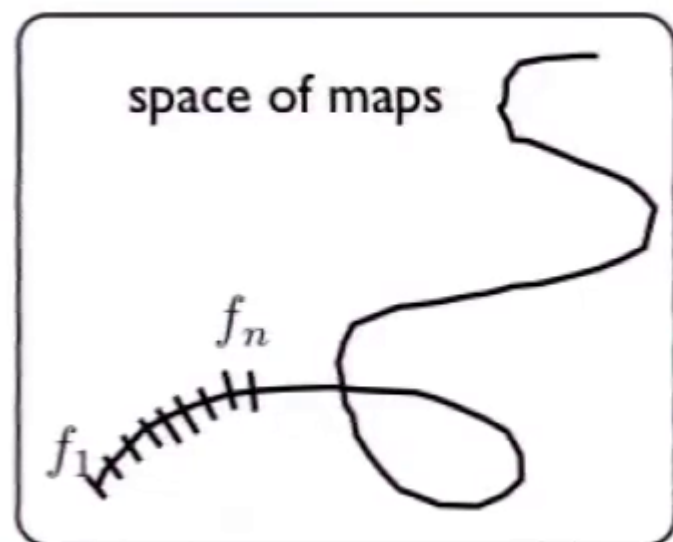
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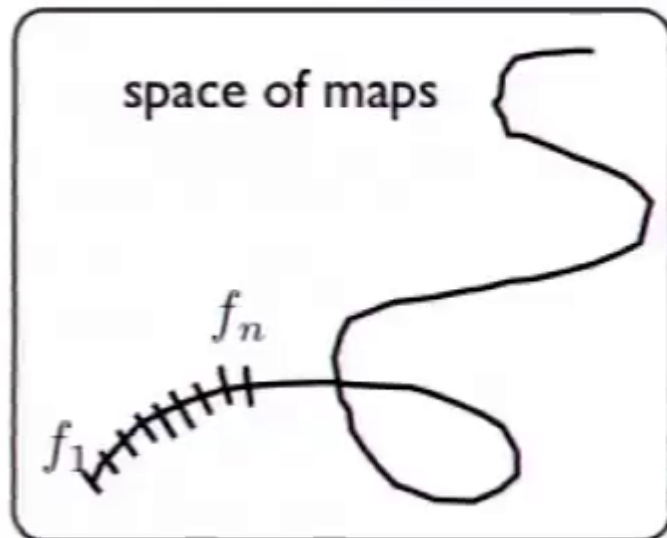
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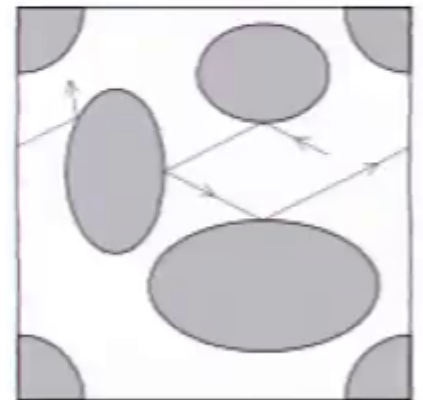
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