

# Renormalization in Lorenz maps - completely invariant sets and periodic orbits

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## Plan

- Introduction
- Main motivation - Two theorems of Yiming Ding
- Examples and results related to Ding's theorems

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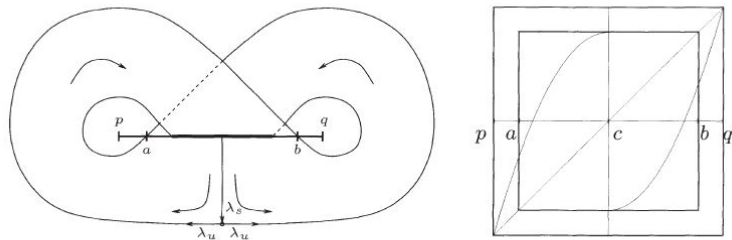
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*The last condition implies that the set  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}_0} f^{-n}(c)$  is dense in  $[0, 1]$ .*





**Fig. 1.** The left hand side shows a phase portrait of the flow on the branched manifold and the right hand side the first return map to the cross section  $\Sigma = [p, q]$ .

- In 1976, Guckenheimer proposed a two-dimensional model for the flow on branched manifold, the so-called **geometric Lorenz attractor**.

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- See more details: P. Raith, *Continuity of the Hausdorff dimension for piecewise monotonic maps*. Israel J. Math. **80** (1992), 97–133.

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is itself a Lorenz map on  $[u, v]$ , then we say that  $f$  is *renormalizable* or that  $g$  is a *renormalization* of  $f$  and write shortly  $g = (f^l, f^r)$ .

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A nonempty set  $E \subset [0, 1]$  is said to be *completely invariant* under  $f$ , if  $f(E) = E = f^{-1}(E)$ .

# Main motivation - Results of Ding

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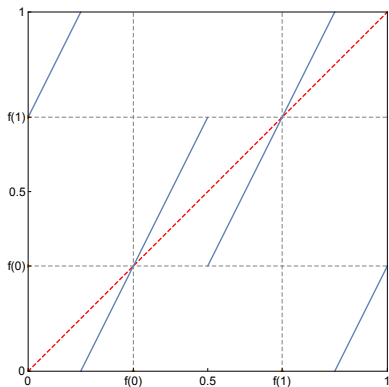
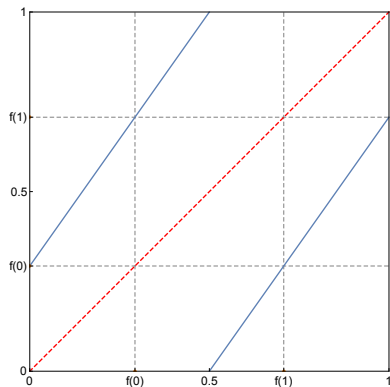
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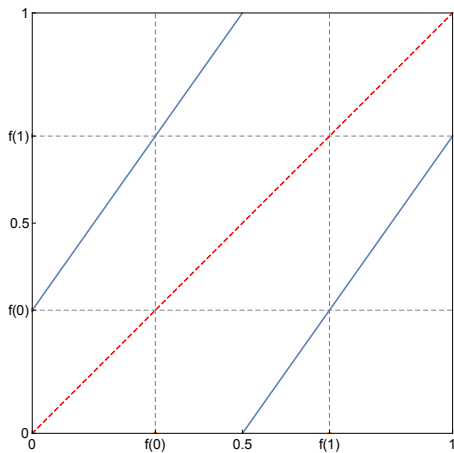


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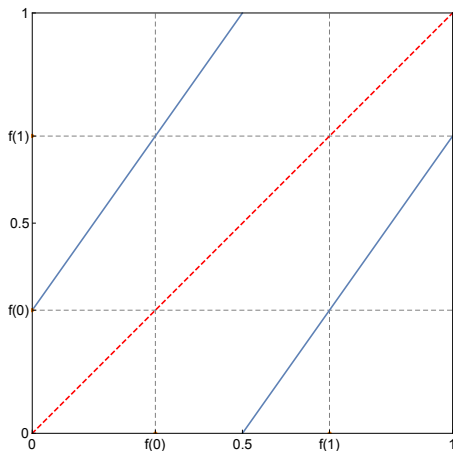
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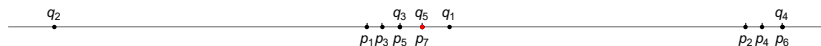
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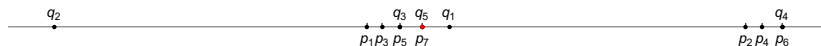
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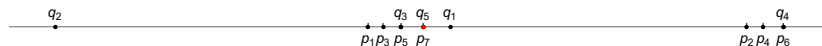
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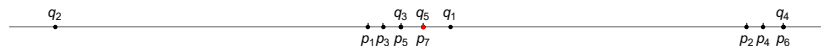


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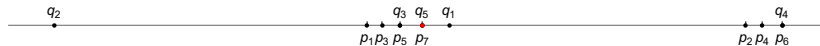


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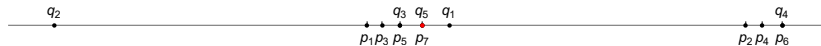
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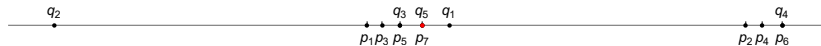


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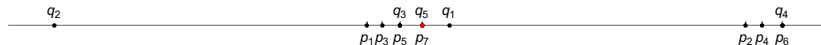
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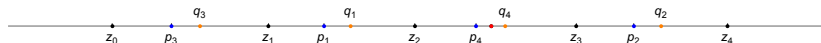
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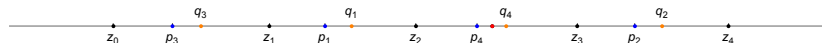
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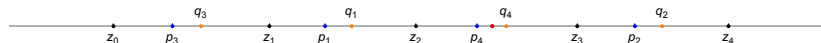
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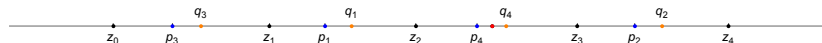
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### Theorem (Ding, 2011)

Let  $f$  be an expanding Lorenz map with minimal period  $\kappa$ ,  $1 < \kappa < \infty$ . Then we have the following statements:

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- The following trichotomy holds: (i)  $D = [0, 1]$ , (ii)  $D = O$ , (iii)  $D$  is a Cantor set.

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