

Avoiding extremes in chaotic systems

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- **But we can partially control the system and force the trajectory to stay within a bounded region called Q .**

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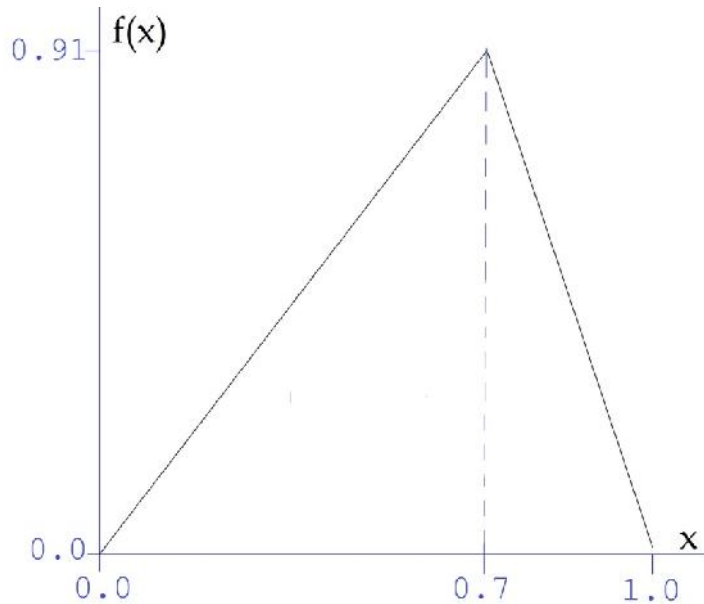
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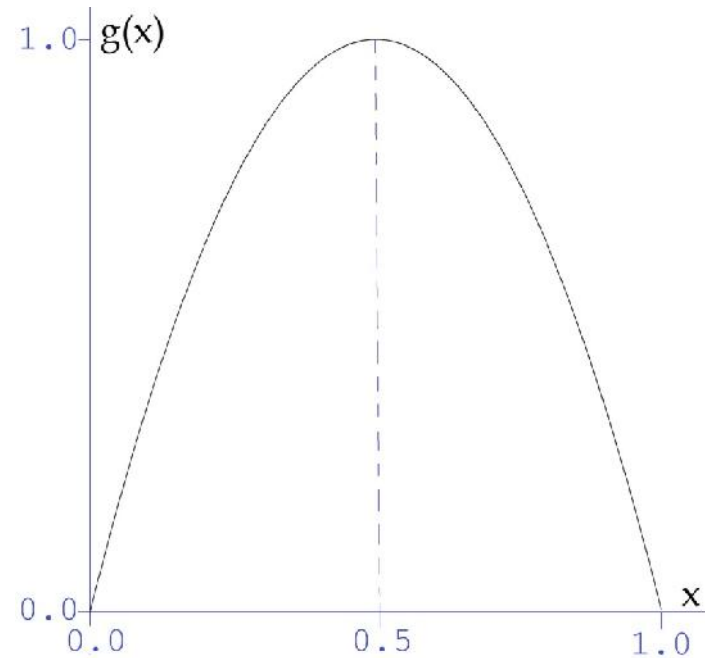
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Control less than perturbation : $u < \epsilon$

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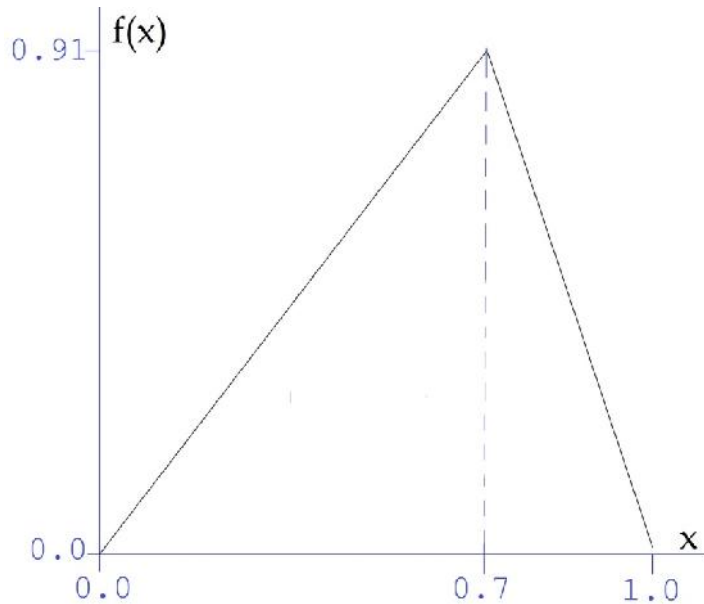
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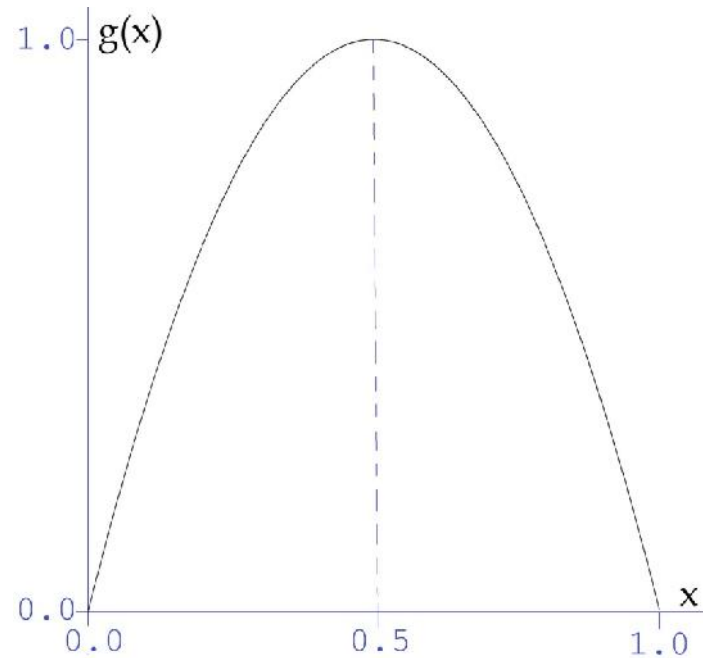
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Two 1D maps (toy economic models)

- x is a measure of economic activity
- How can crashes in the economy be avoided ?

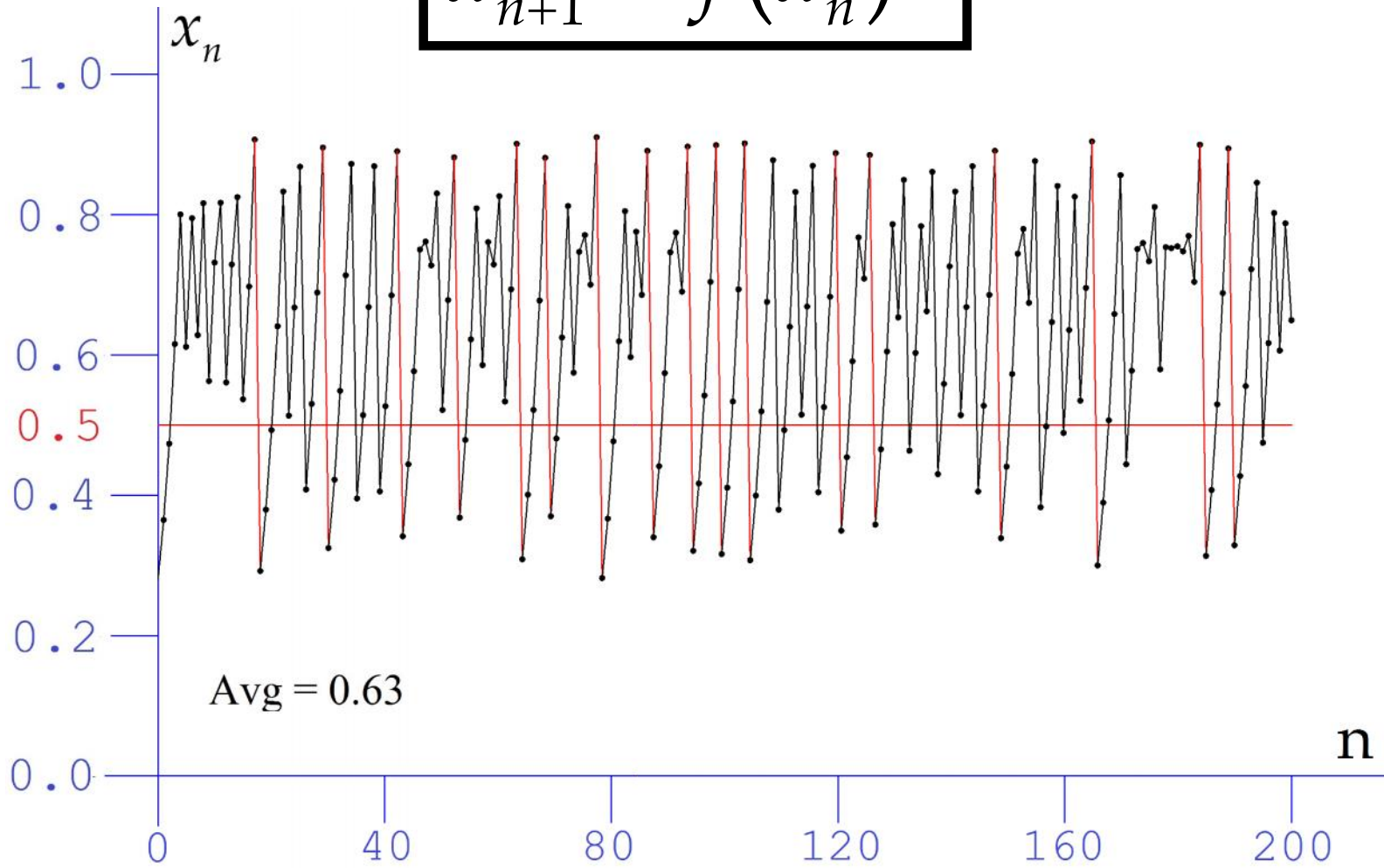


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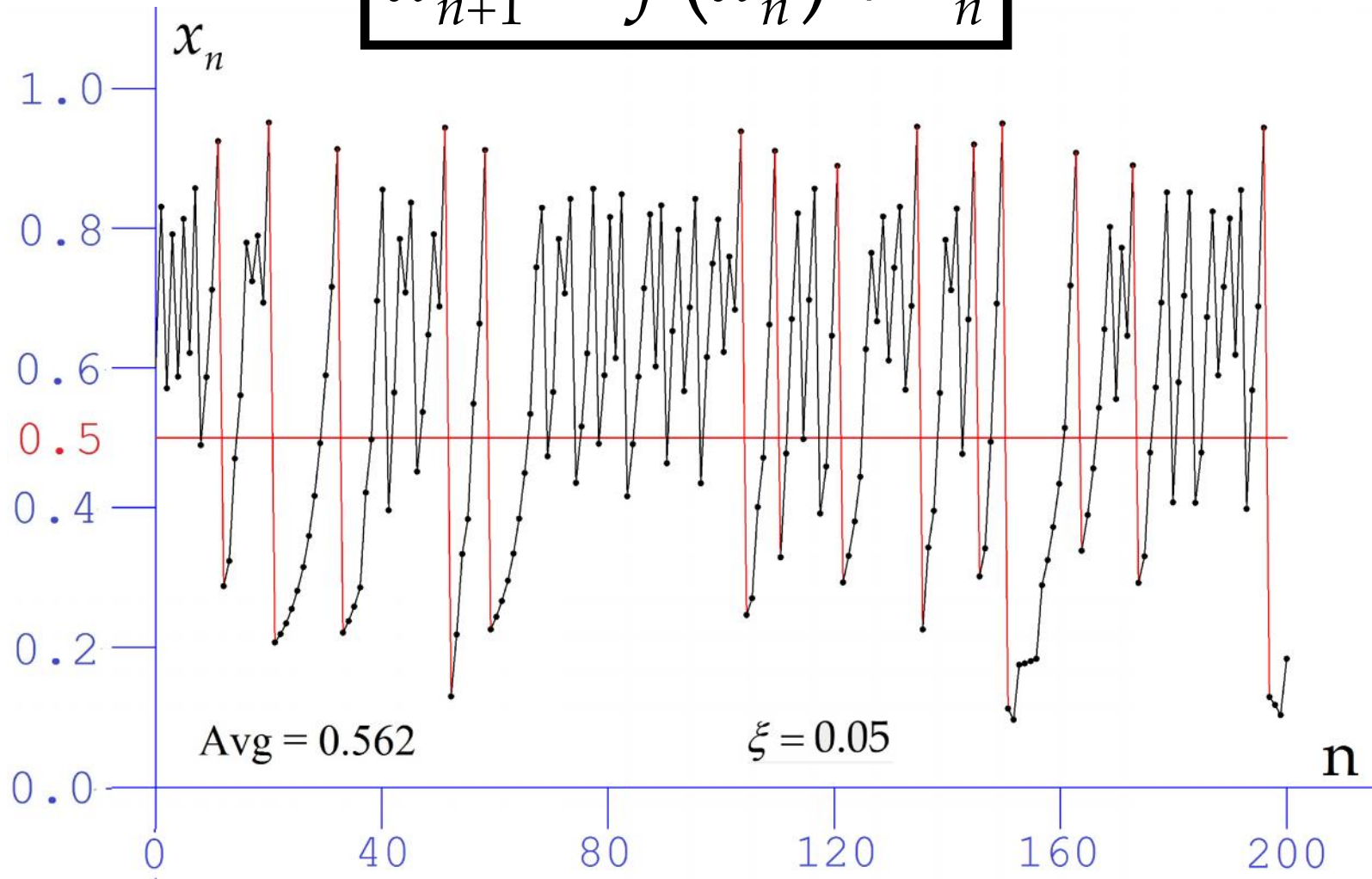


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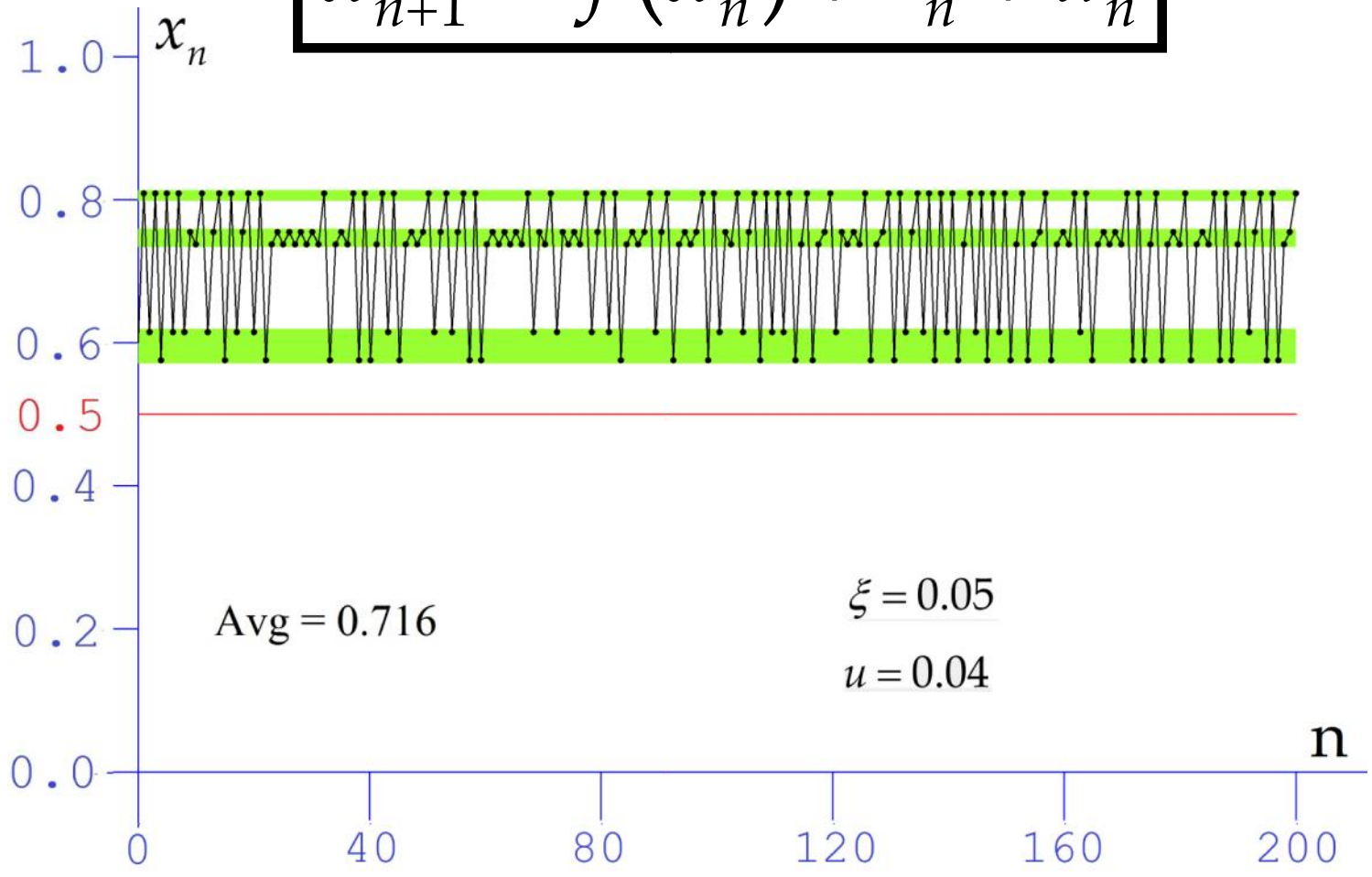
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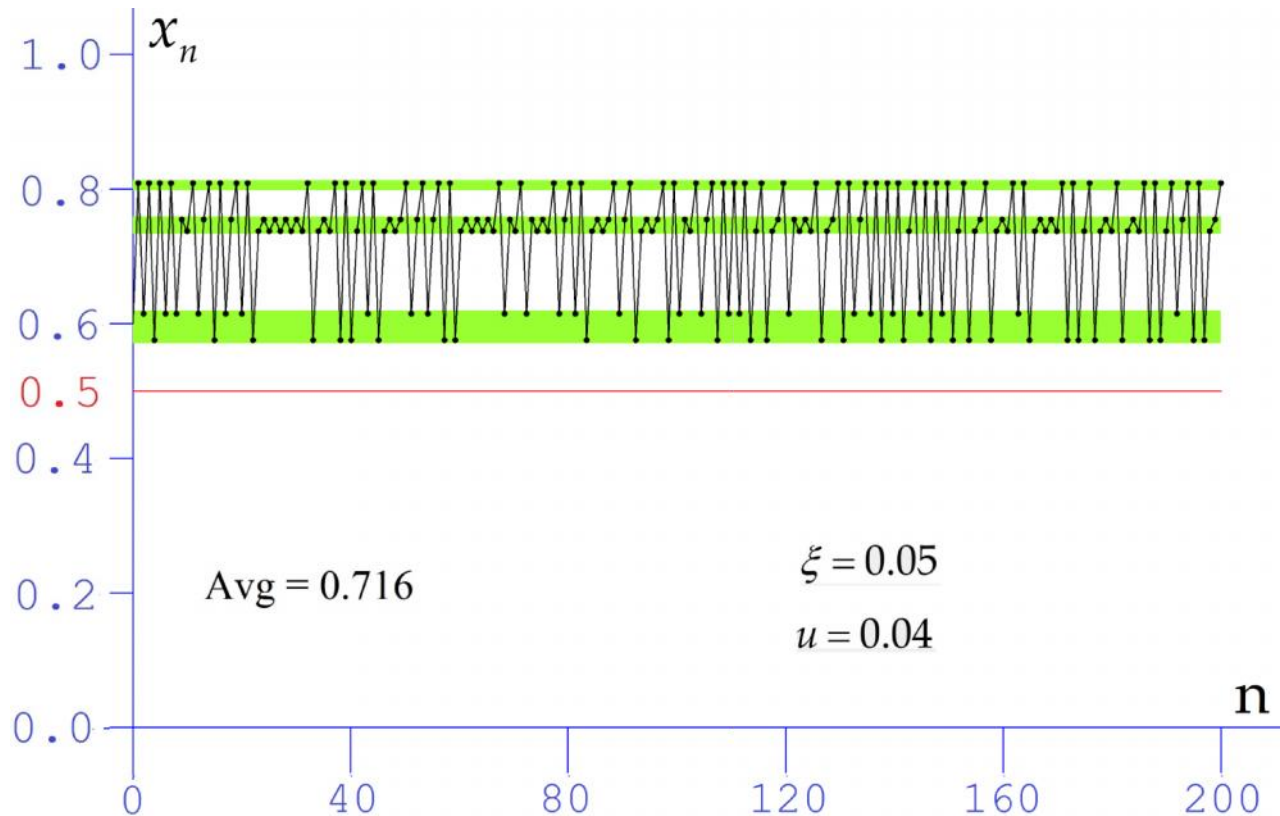


$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) + \epsilon_n$$



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Choose u_n so that $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) + \xi_n + u_n$ is in the green. set

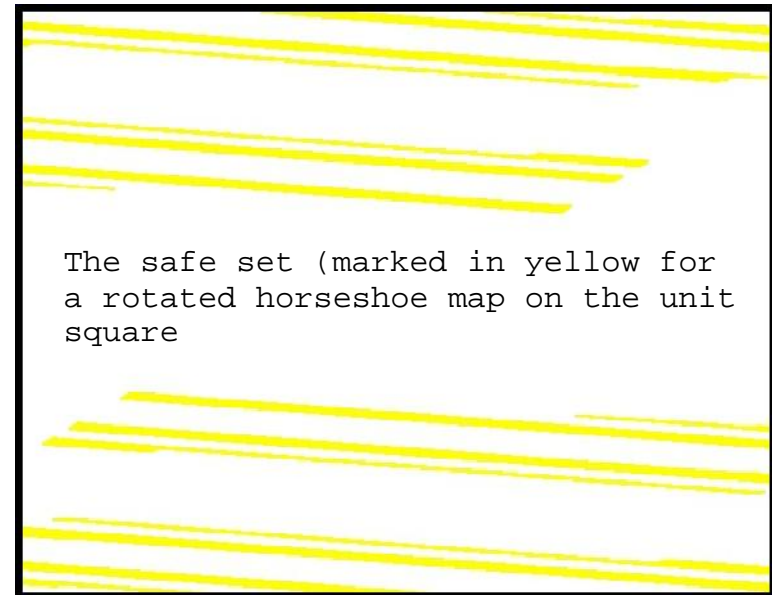
As long as $\xi_n \leq 0.05$, it is always possible to stay within the green set. This avoids crashes.

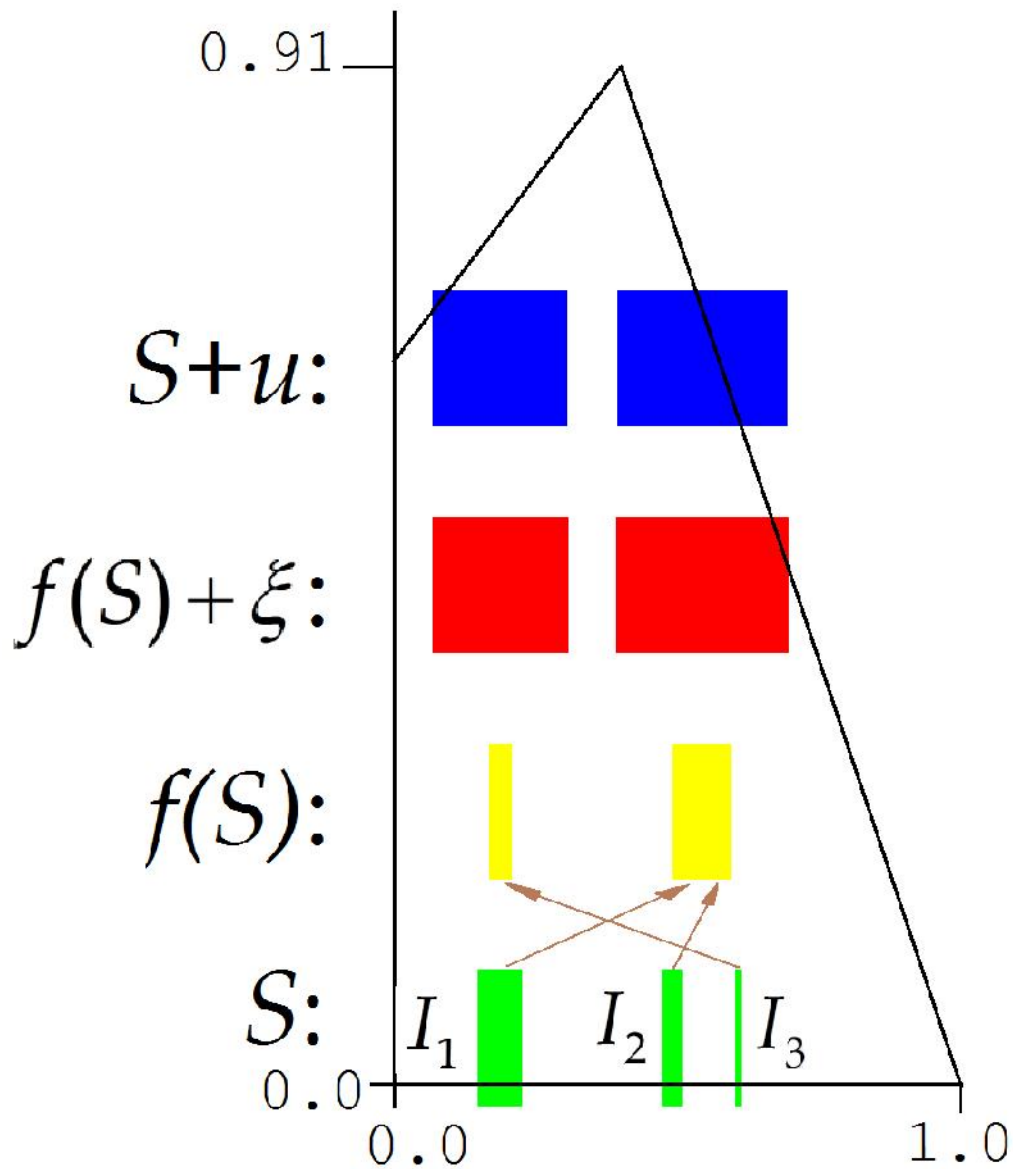
This green set is called the **safe set**.

Safe Sets

DEFINITION : A safe set S is a subset of Q such that :
for $\forall x_n \in S, \forall \langle_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that $|\langle_n| < \epsilon, \exists u_n \in \mathbb{R}^n$ such that
 $|u_n| \leq u$ and $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) + \langle_n + u_n \in Q$.

In other words, the safe set is that portion of the domain Q from which it is always possible to return to itself after an addition of perturbation to an iteration.





A closer
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safe set

Existence of safe sets

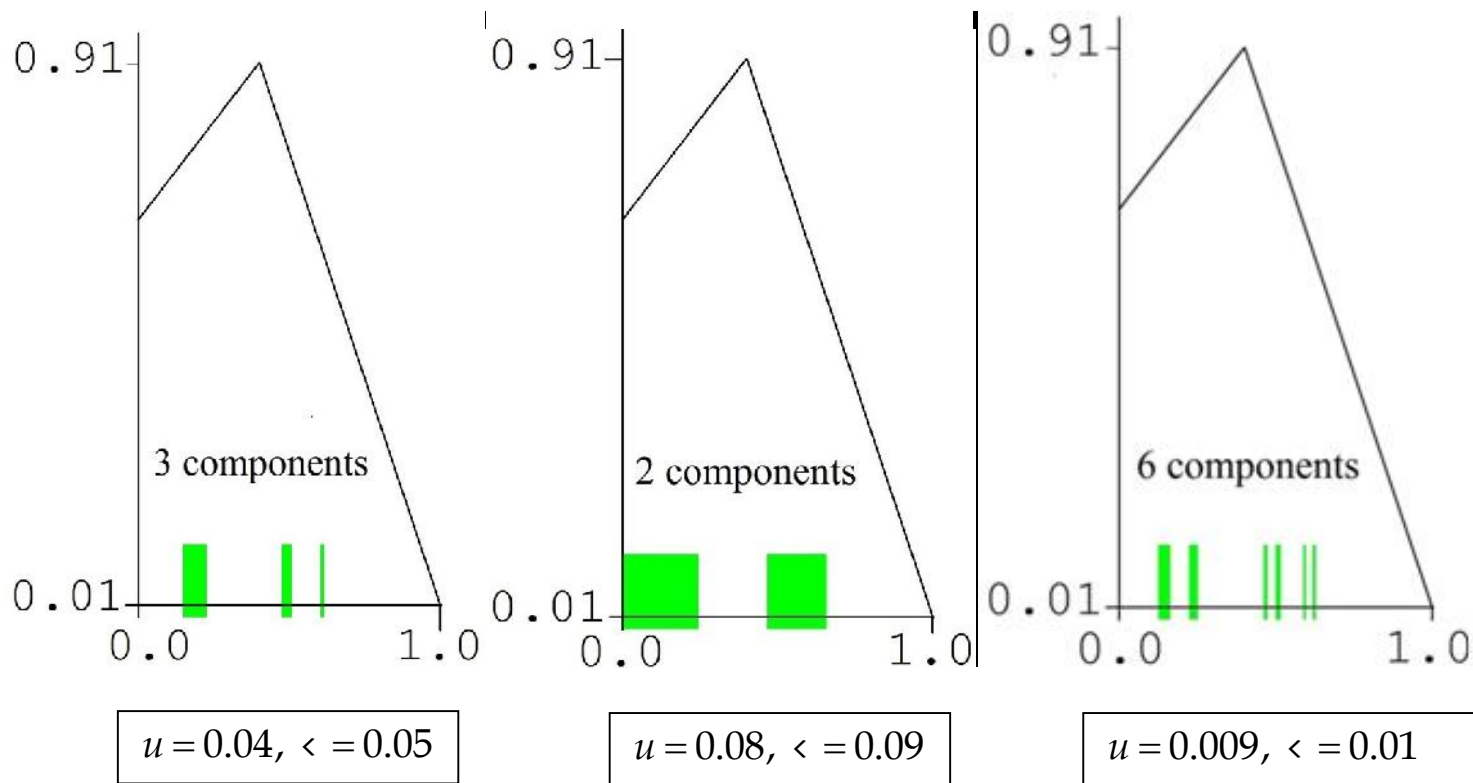
We are looking for a safe set in the region $Q \subseteq \mathbb{R}^n$ for a map $f : Q \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$, for control bound u and perturbation bound ϵ .

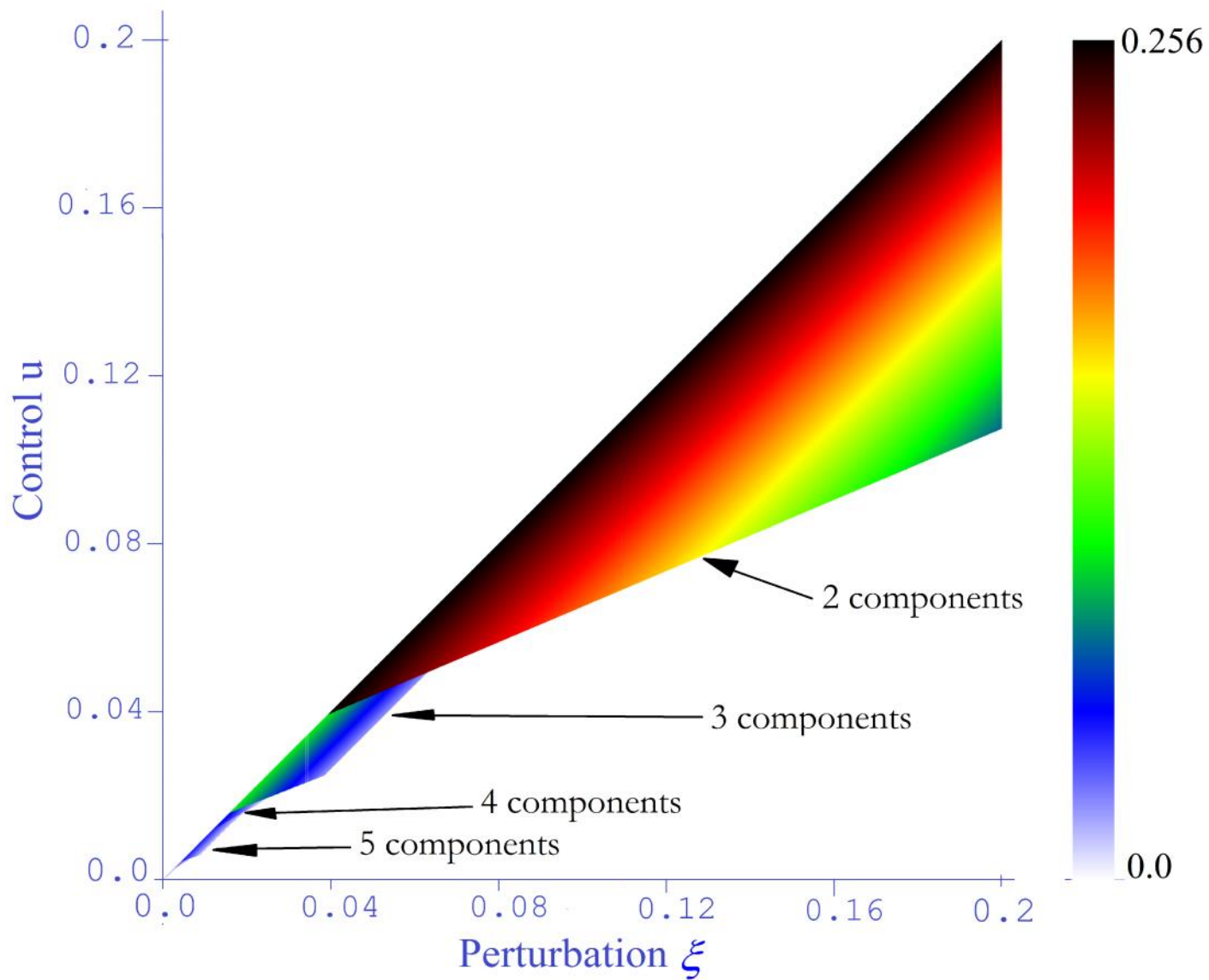
Theorem : A set $S \subseteq Q$ is a safe set if it satisfies $f(S) \subseteq S + u - \epsilon$. [Sabuco, Zambrano, Sanjuan, Yorke, 2012]

$S + u$: is the set of all points in \mathbb{R}^n within distance u from S .

$S + u - \epsilon$: is the set of all points in the interior of $S + u$ at distance $\geq \epsilon$ from its boundary.

Some examples of safe sets





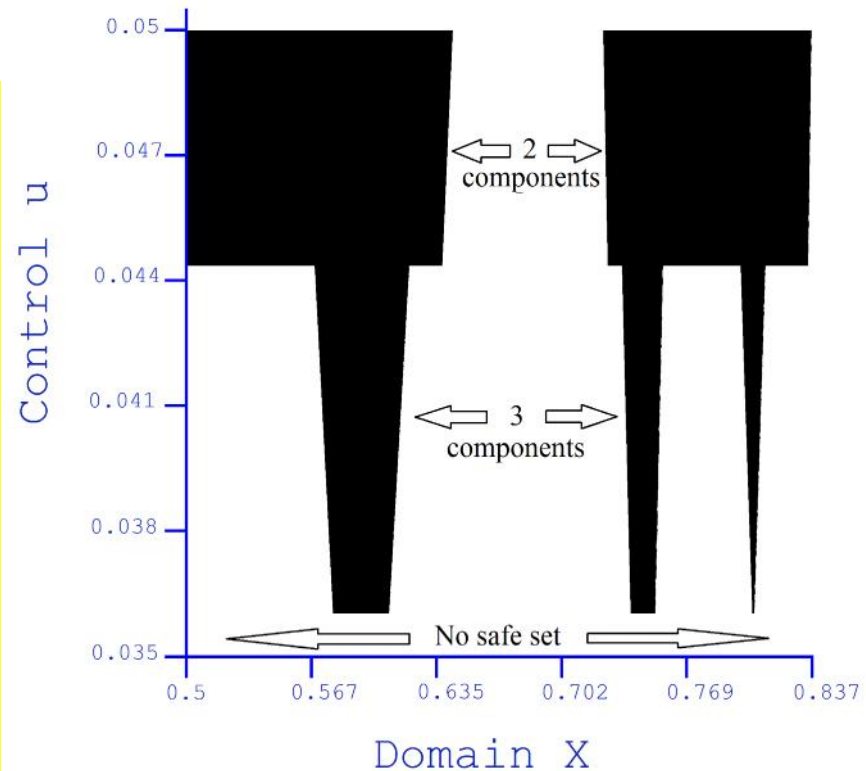
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Change of the safe set with u

Fix $\epsilon = 0.05$

- ❖ Bifurcation type I: a component in the safe set **splits**.
- ❖ Bifurcation type II: a **component shrinks to 0** measure and the safe set vanishes !

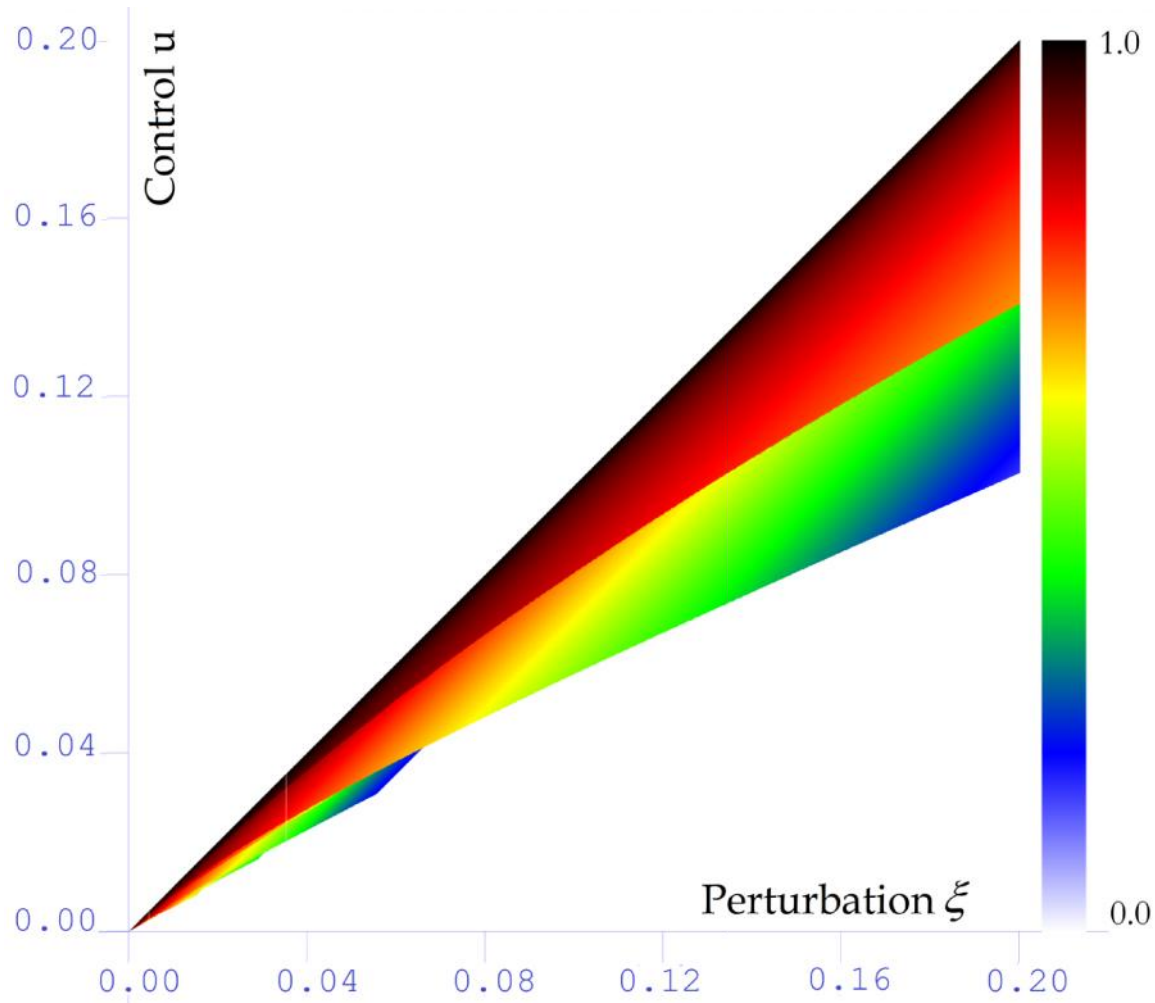


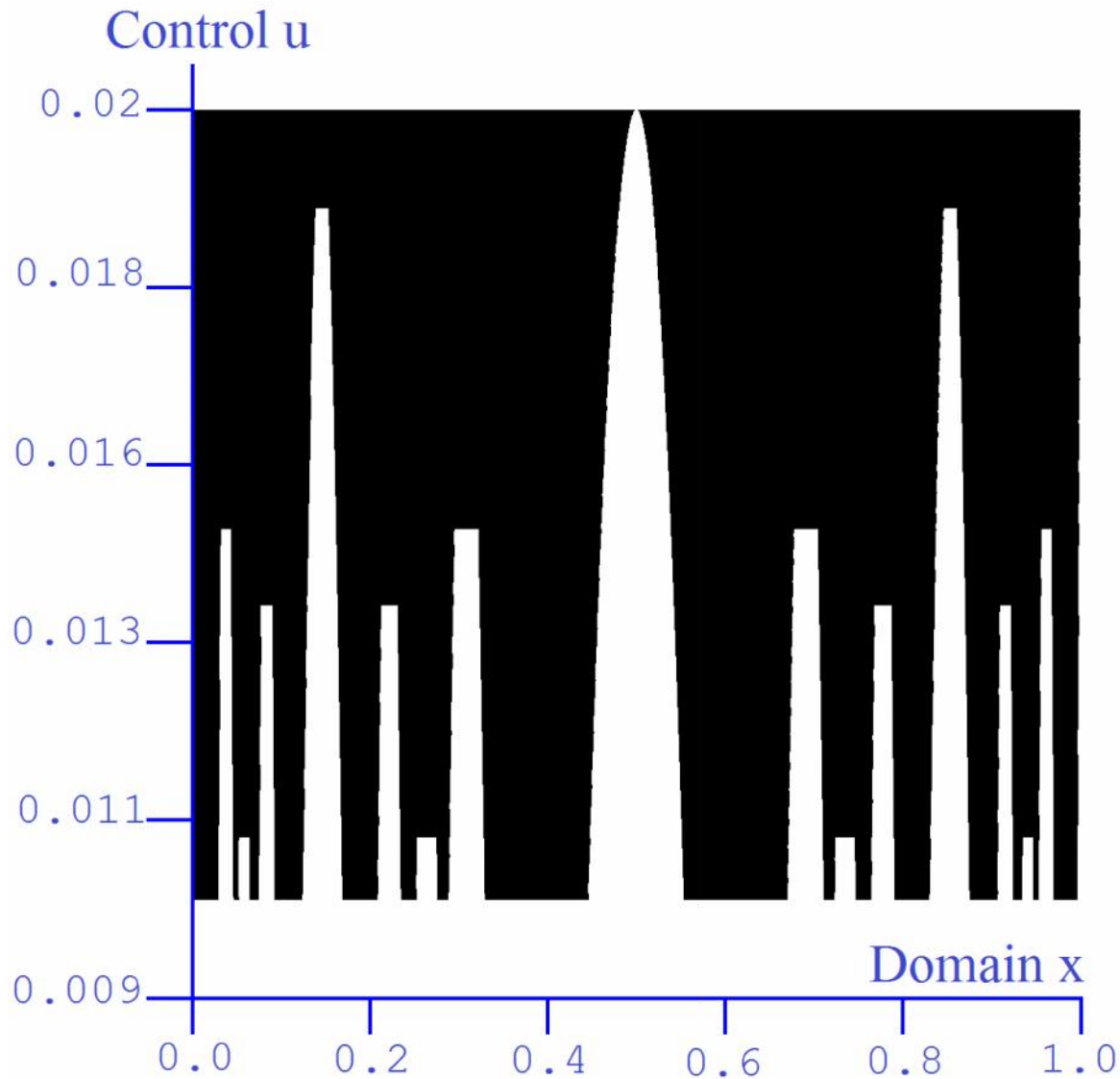
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- (i) One of the components of $S_{u, \langle}$ is a point.
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Safe set measure - quadratic map





Quadratic map

A profile of the
safe set
at $\epsilon = 0.02$

A continuity theorem

Theorem : Let f be a C^0 , piecewise C^1 , piecewise strictly monotonic map. Then a bifurcation of the safe set $S_{u,\langle}$ occurs at some value of (u,\langle) iff either of these conditions hold :

- (i) One of the components of $S_{u,\langle}$ is a point.
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- (iii) The function $\mathbb{E} \circ f$ has a neutrally stable periodic point on $\partial(S_{u,\langle})$, where \mathbb{E} is the map on $\partial(S_{u,\langle})$ shifting a left edge of a component of $f(S_{u,\langle})$ by $u - \langle$ and a right edge by $\langle - u$.
- (iv) A local maxima/minima of f lies on $\partial(f(S_{u,\langle})) - \partial(f(Q))$

THANK YOU