

# Chapter 26: The Hénon Map

Worksheet to accompany

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The Hénon Map is given by:

$$\begin{aligned}x_{n+1} &= y_n + 1 - ax_n^2 \\ y_{n+1} &= bx_n .\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

We will use the parameters  $a$  and  $b$ :

$$a = 0.155 \quad \text{and} \quad b = 0.6 .\tag{2}$$

1. Calculate the first two orbits of the seed  $x_0 = 0.8, y_0 = 1$ .
  - (a) Sketch a time-series plot for the  $x$  orbit.
  - (b) Sketch a time-series plot for the  $y$  orbit.
  - (c) Plot the orbits in the  $x$ - $y$ -plane.

2. Repeat the above question, but use the seed  $x_0 = 0, y_0 = 0$ .