

Dynamical Systems

Homework Four

Due January 24, 2013

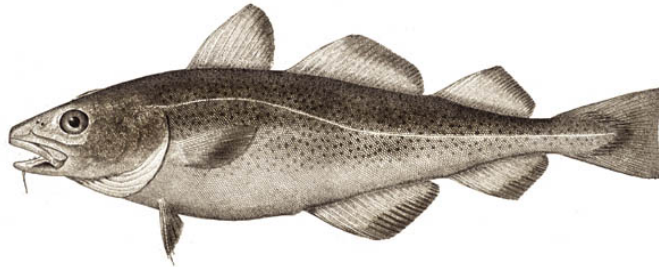


Figure 1: Atlantic cod. Figure source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Atlantic_cod.jpg

1. Consider the function $f(x) = \sin(\pi x)$. Modify your bifurcation diagram program to plot the bifurcation diagram to iterates of this function. Note that you will need to import `sin` from `math`.
2. Back to ordinary differential equations. We will carry out a qualitative analysis of the logistic differential equation with harvesting:

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{1}{20}P\left(1 - \frac{P}{500}\right) - h. \quad (1)$$

In the above equation, h is the rate at which the population is harvested, and we are only interested in positive populations. We will see what happens as we vary h .

- (a) For each of following values of h , sketch the right-hand side of Eq. (1), draw the phase line, and sketch solutions to the differential equation for a few different initial populations.
 - i. $h = 0$
 - ii. $h = 3$
 - iii. $h = 6$
 - iv. $h = 9$
- (b) Use your phase line sketches to produce a bifurcation diagram for Eq. (1). (We haven't done this yet for an ODE. So if it's not clear what I'm asking, ponder it for a moment but don't worry. We'll go over this in class.)