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## **Artsy chaos: the secret life of a class of trigonometric sums**

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Classical trigonometric sums (straightforward, with  $\exp(ix) = \cos x + i \sin x$ ):

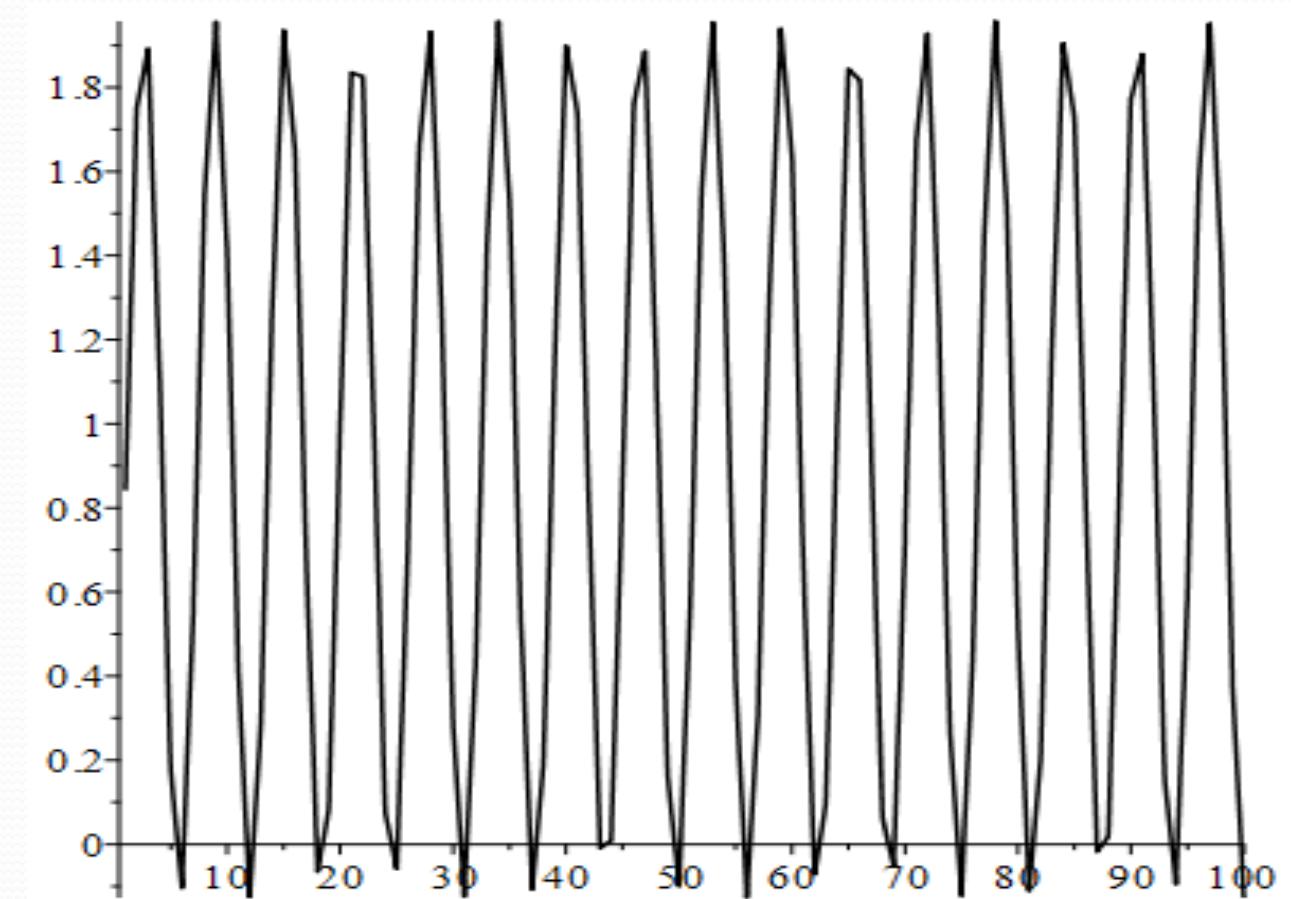
$$C_n := \sum_{k=0}^n \cos k = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \cos\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

$$S_n := \sum_{k=0}^n \sin k = \frac{\sin\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

**ABSTRACT:** Classical trigonometric sums of the form  $\sum_{k=1}^n \cos k$  and  $\sum_{k=1}^n \sin k$  have simple closed form representations.

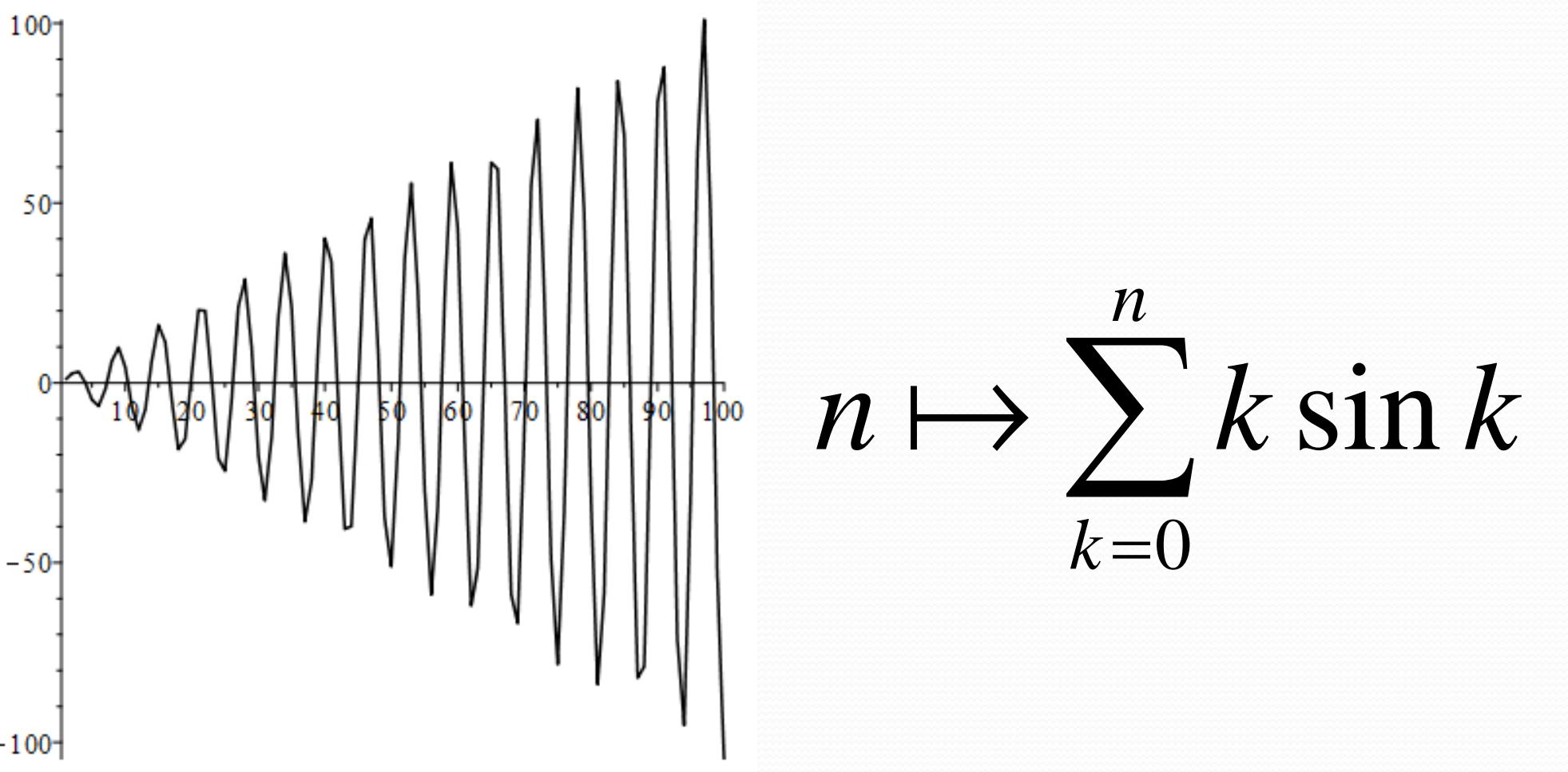
Our work considered changing the arguments of the trigonometric factors from  $\cos k$  (or  $\sin k$ ) to nonlinear analogues  $\cos k^\alpha$  (or  $\sin k^\alpha$ ), modulated with rotational terms of the form  $\omega^k$  for some complex  $\omega$  of modulus 1.

As an interesting outcome, for some exponents  $\alpha$  (such as  $\alpha \approx 1.29$ , a case that we studied in more detail) we discover surprisingly esthetic/"artsy" chaotic complex plots/regimes (courtesy of MAPLE)

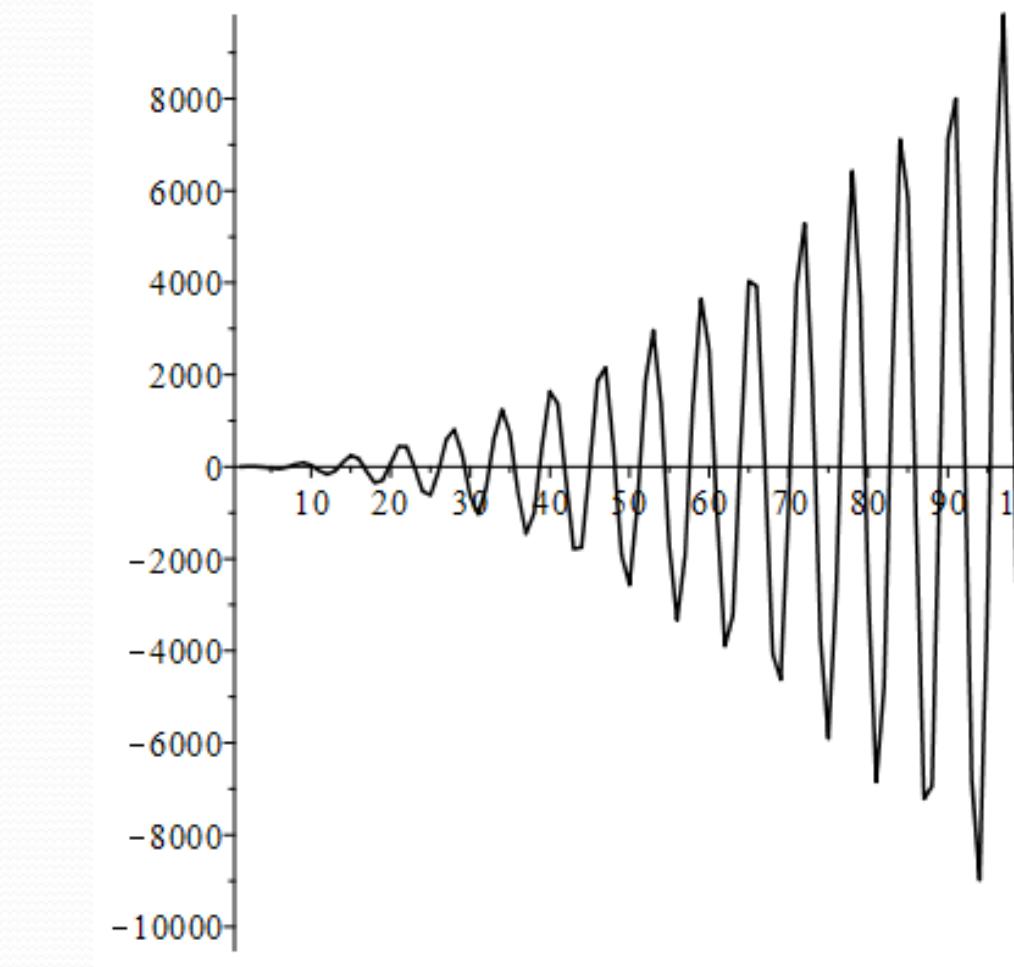


$$\text{Ex. } S_n = \frac{1}{2} \cot\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) - \frac{\cos\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}$$

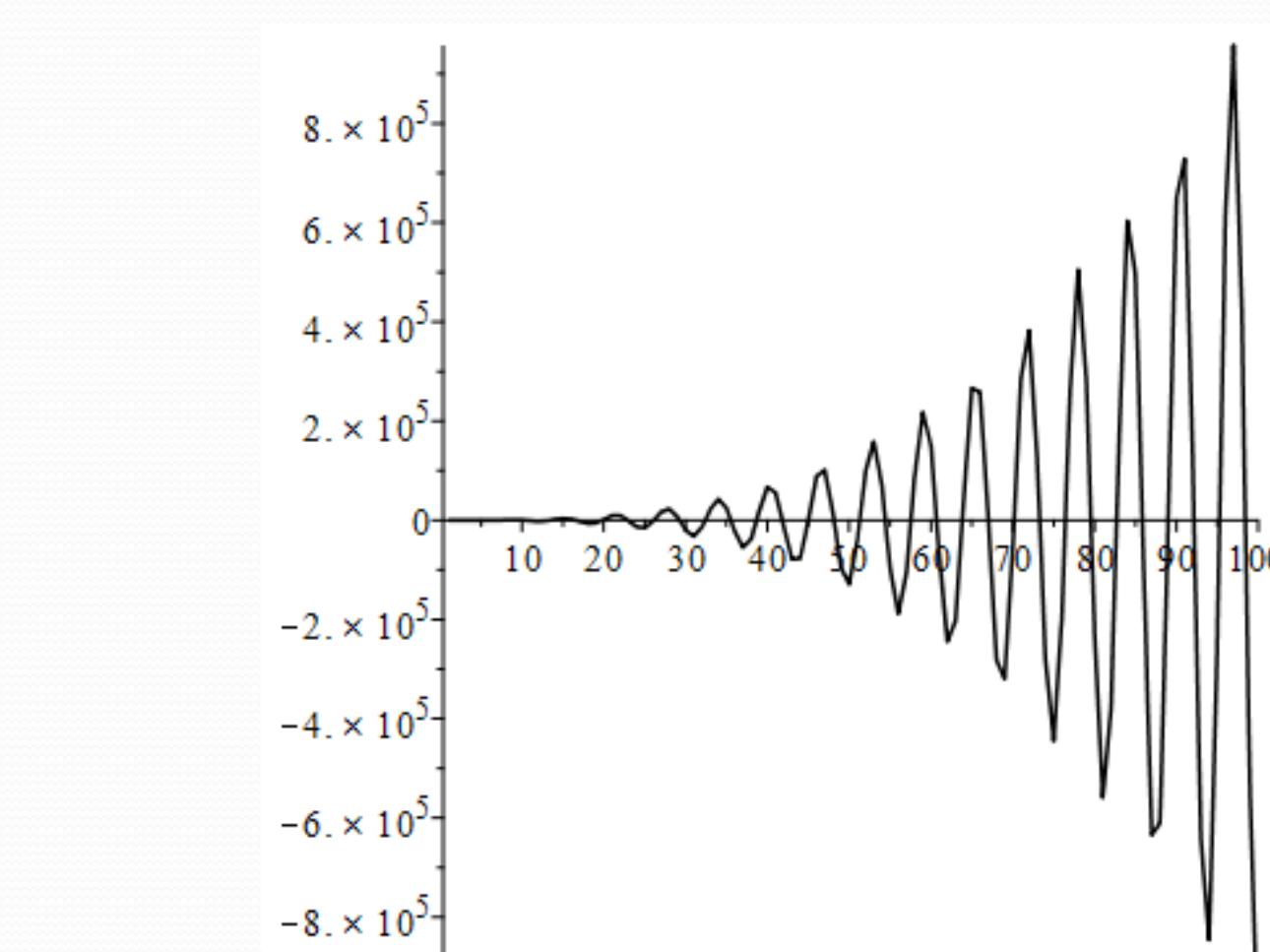
clear, controlled oscillatory range



$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n k \sin k$$

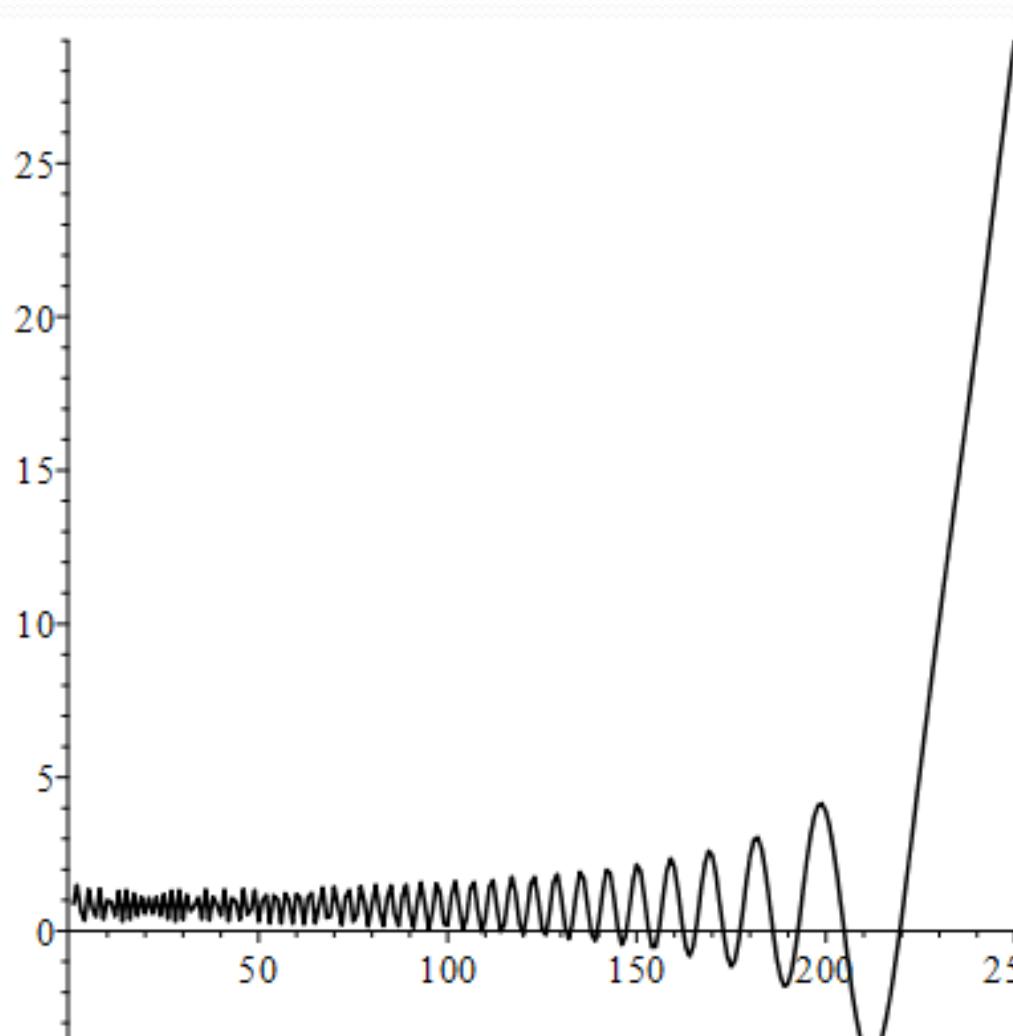


$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \sin k$$

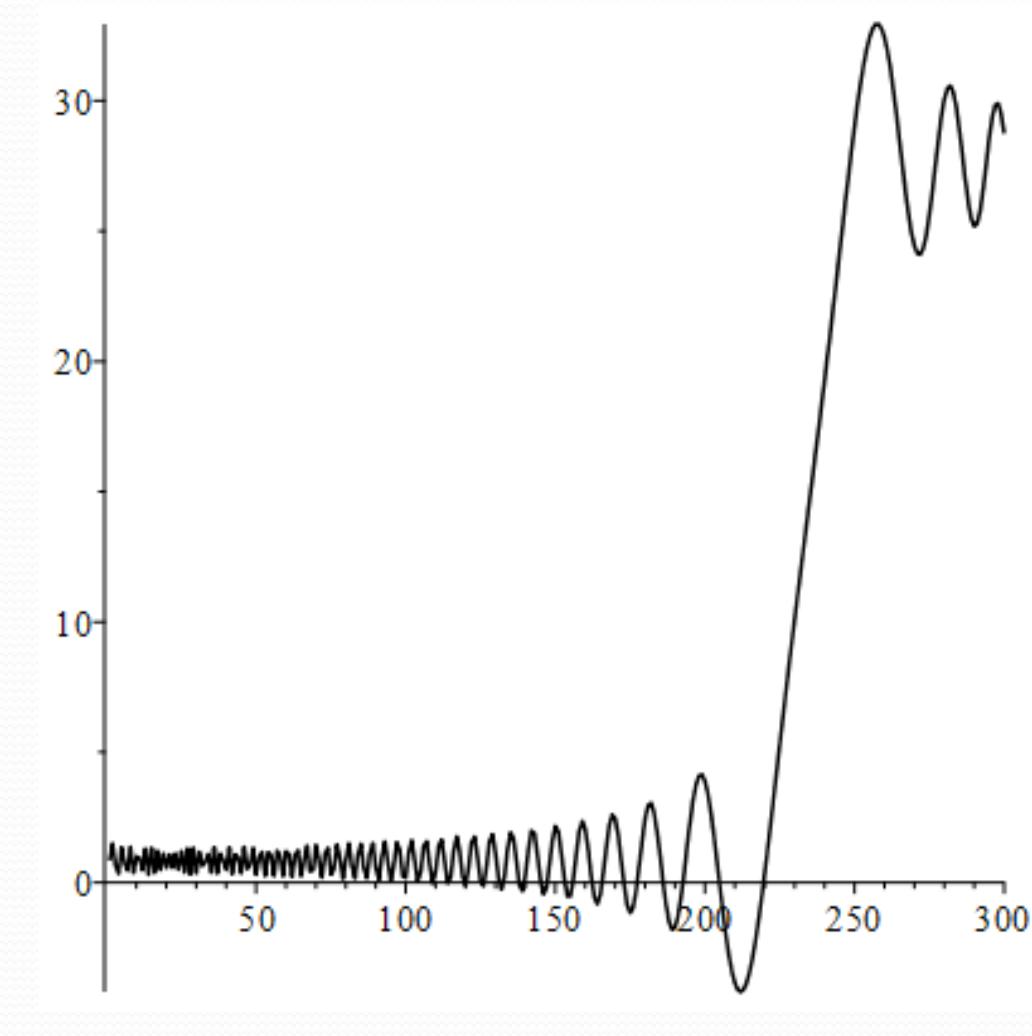


$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n k^3 \sin k$$

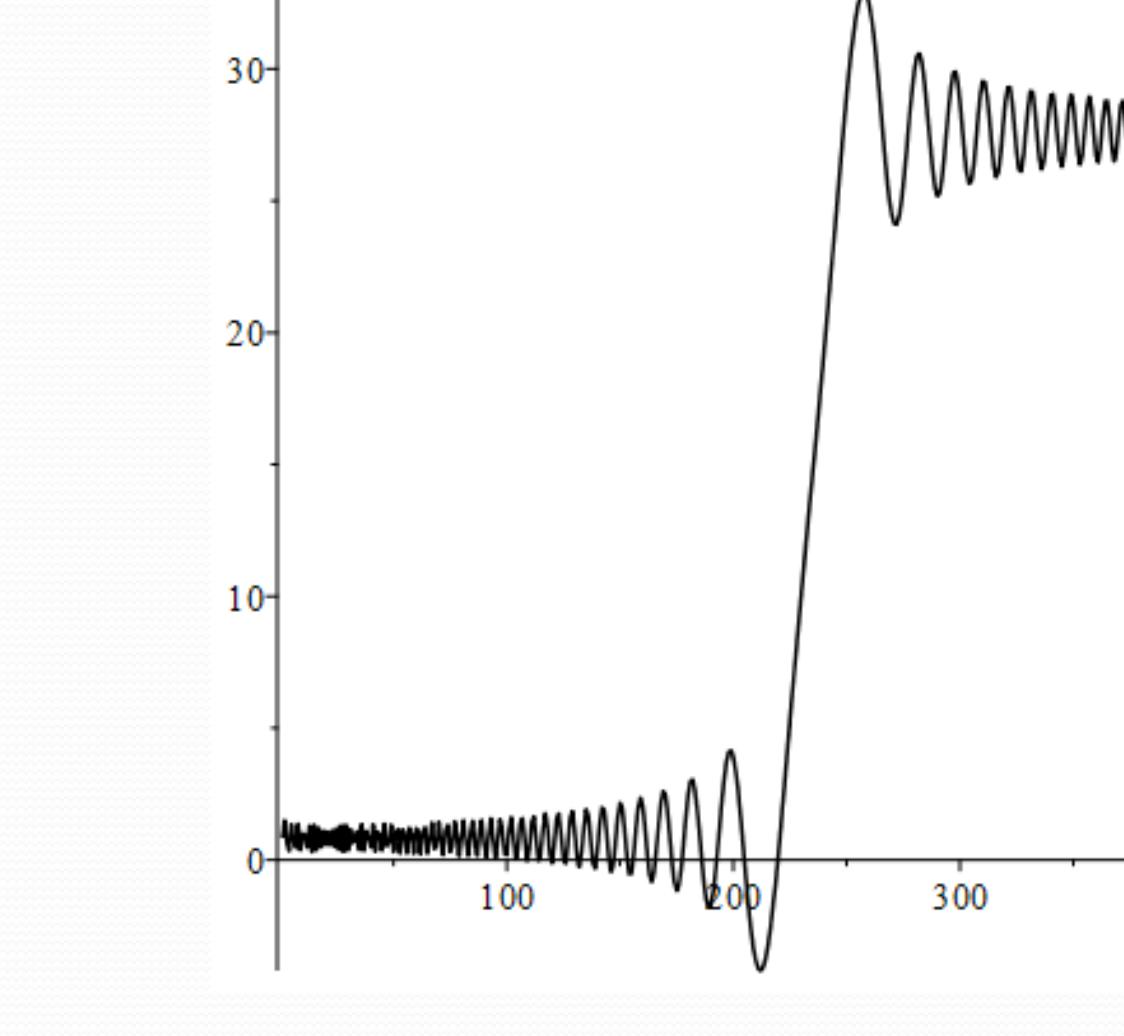
→ again, deterministic, expected



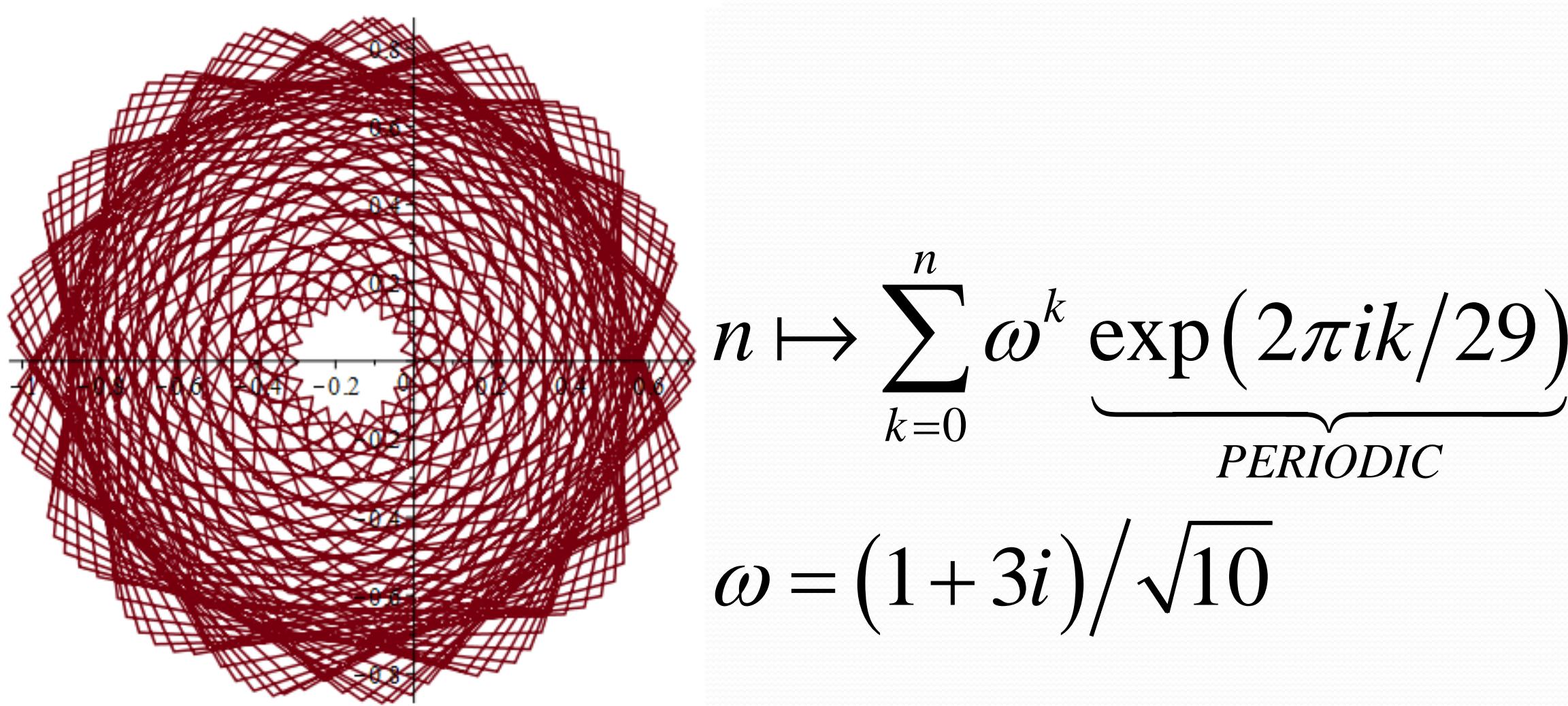
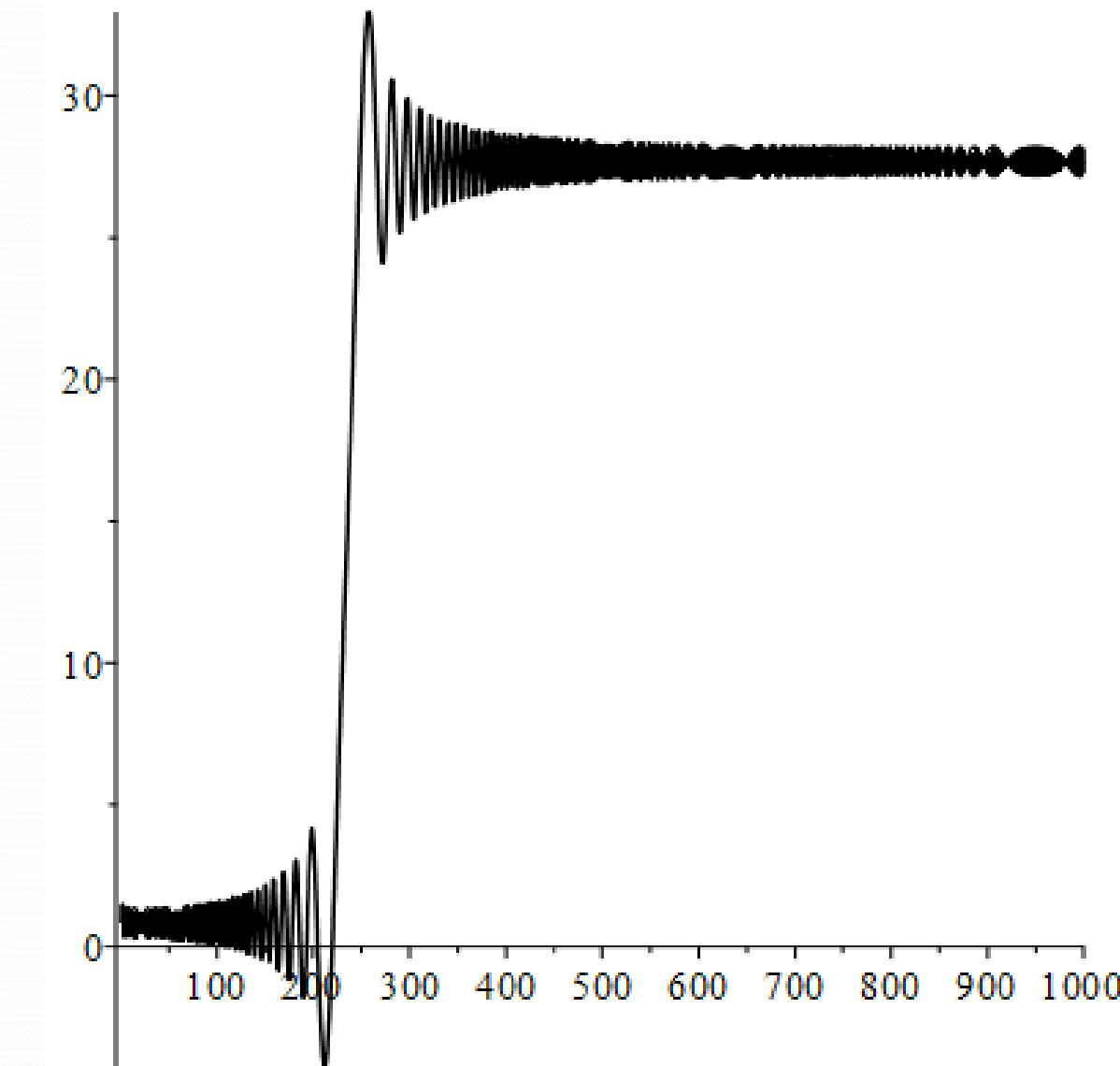
$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k^{1.29}) \\ 1 \leq n \leq 250$$



$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k^{1.29}) \\ 1 \leq n \leq 300 \\ \text{shifts oscillatory} \\ \text{regime!} \\ \text{sort of unexpected}$$

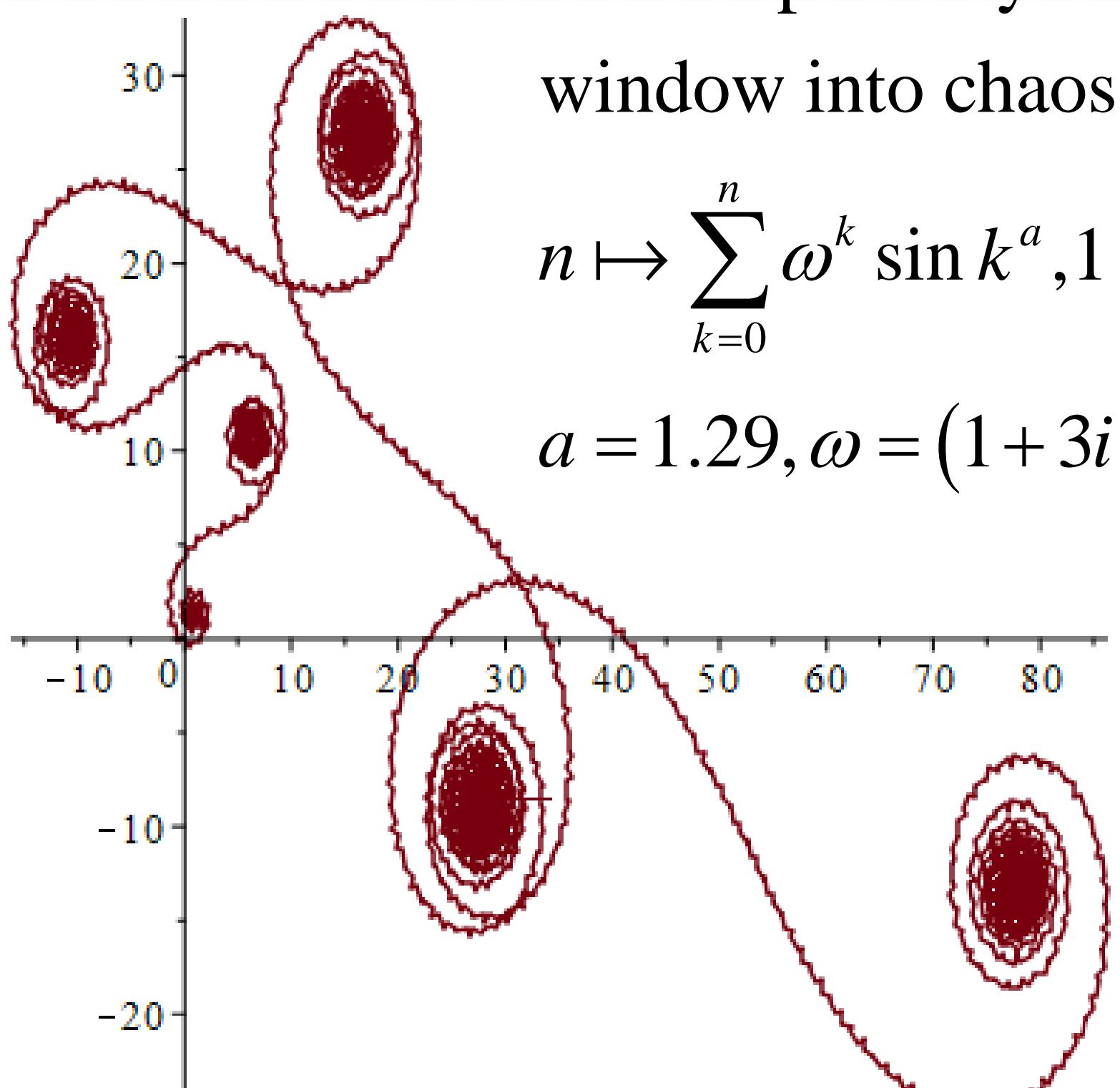


$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(k^{1.29}) \\ 1 \leq n \leq 400 \\ \text{locally stable shift!}$$

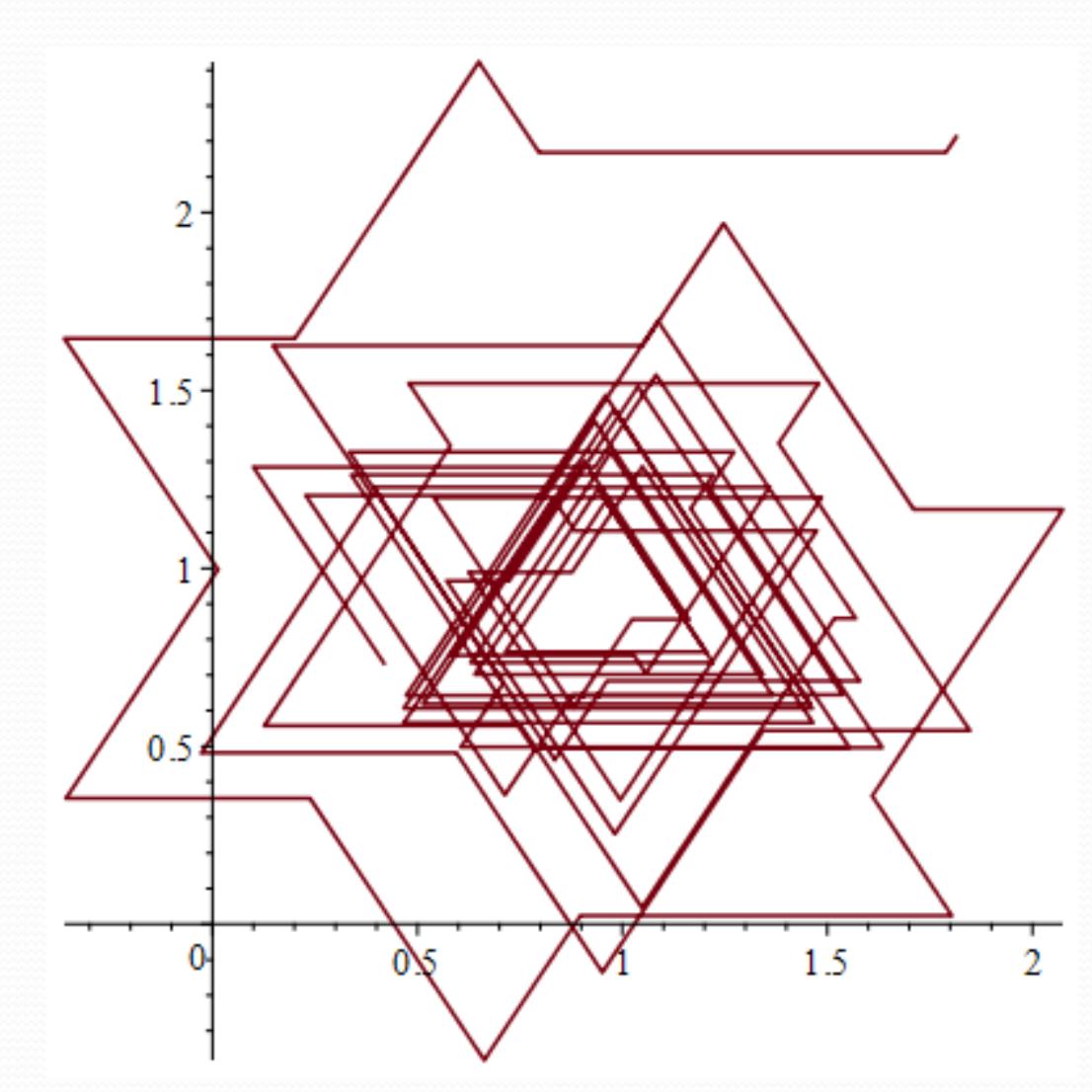


$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \omega^k \exp(2\pi i k/29) \\ \text{PERIODIC} \\ \omega = (1+3i)/\sqrt{10}$$

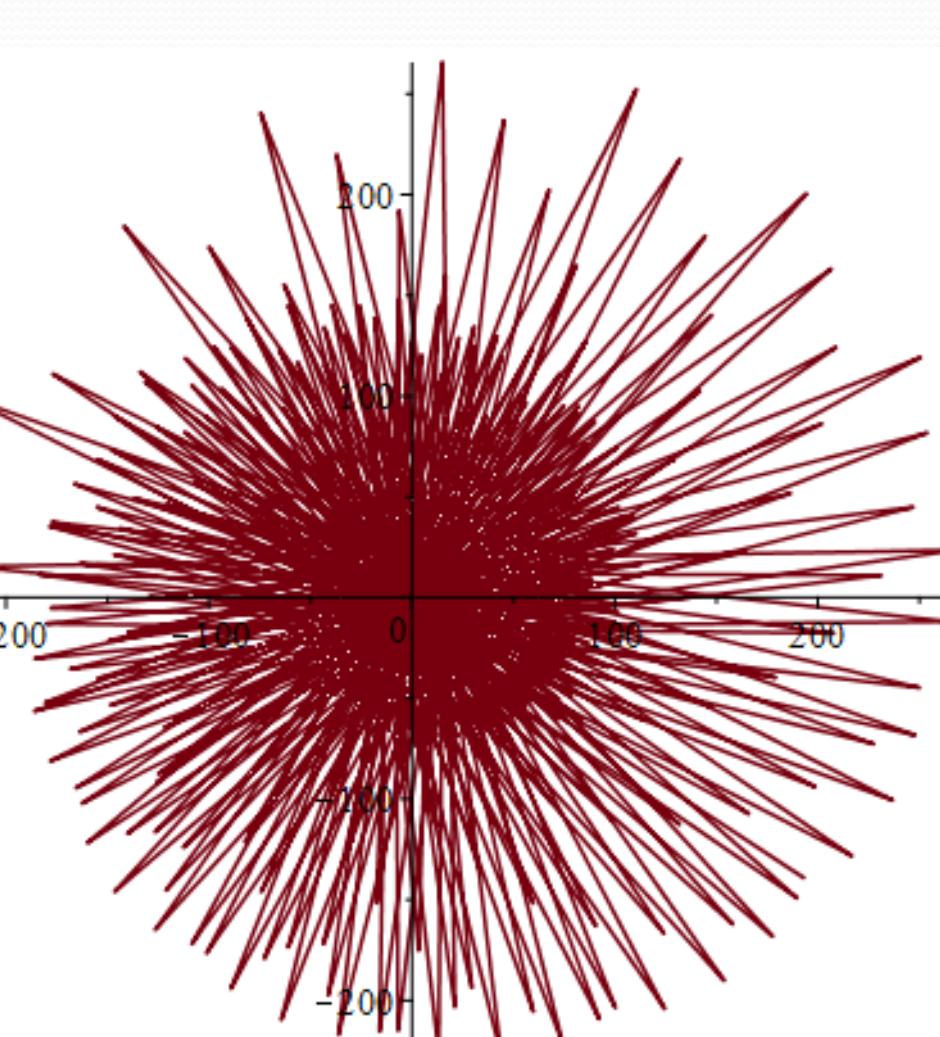
→ unexpectedly artsy  
window into chaos!



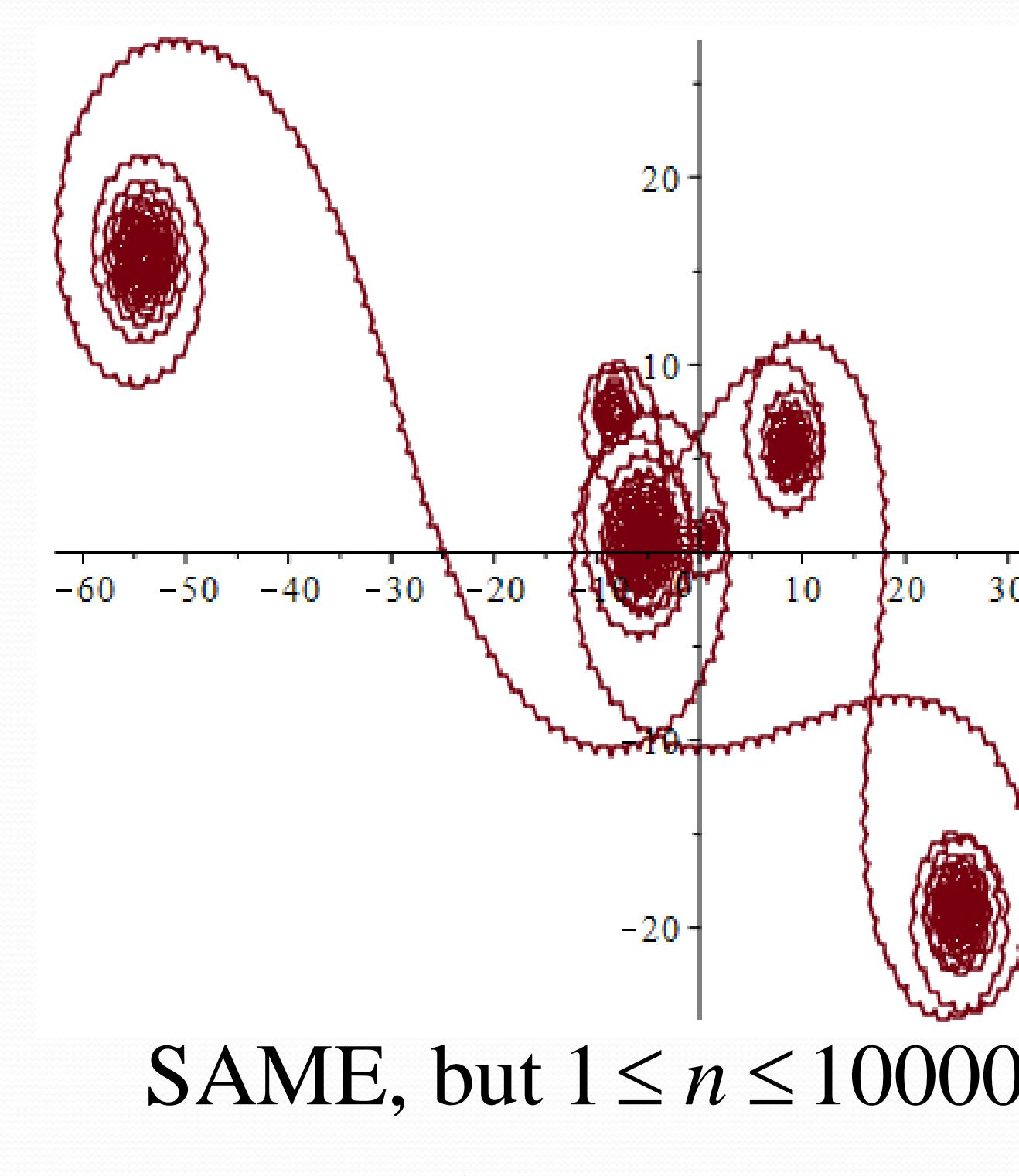
$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \omega^k \sin(k^a), 1 \leq n \leq 10000 \\ a = 1.29, \omega = (1+3i)/\sqrt{10}$$



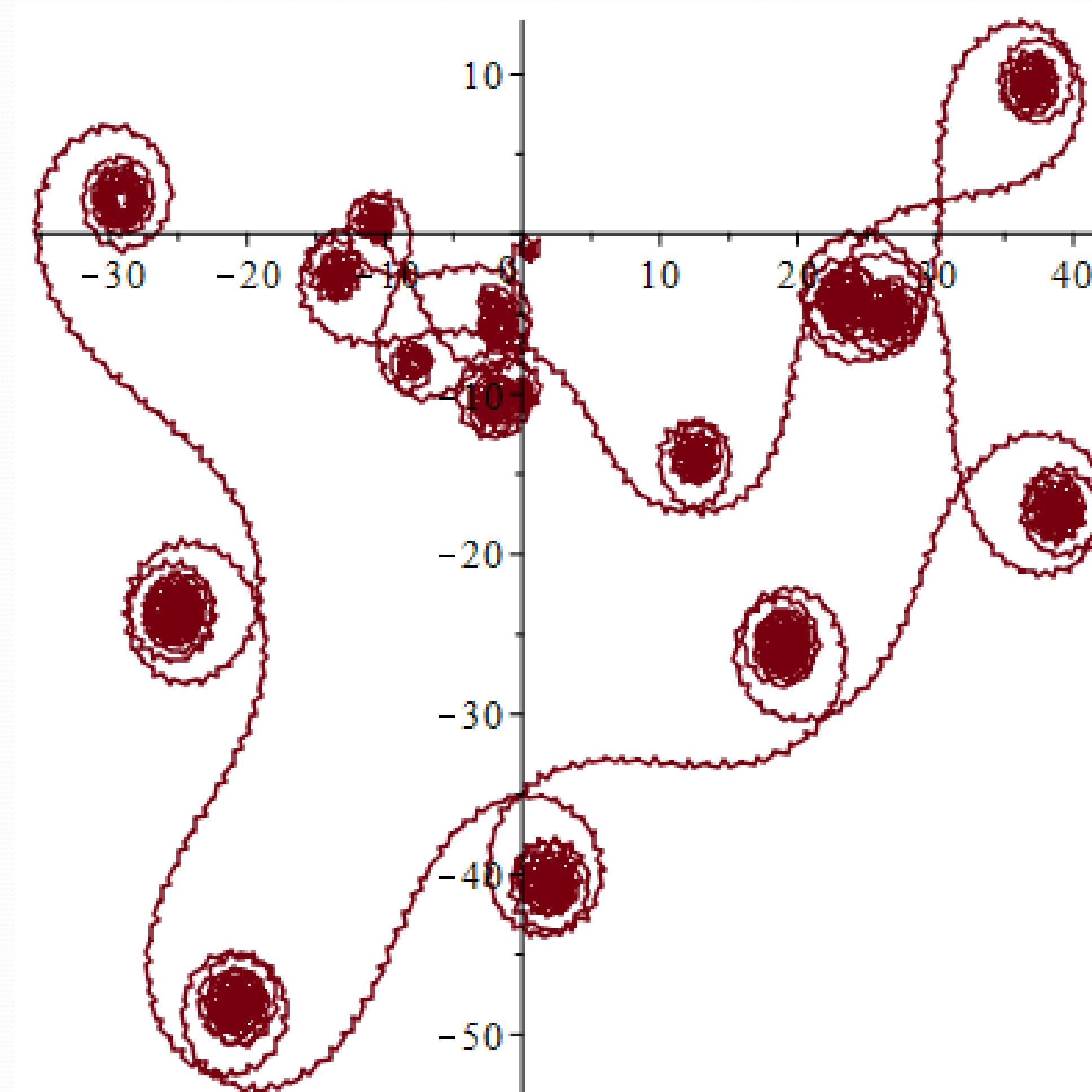
$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \omega^k \sin(k^a), 1 \leq n \leq 100 \\ a = 1.29, \omega = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} (\omega^6 = 1) \\ \text{small range hexagonal SYM}$$



$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \omega^k \sin(k^a) \\ \text{RAND } \omega \approx -0.99 + 0.12i \\ \text{RAND } a \approx 1.856 \\ \text{not unexpected!}$$



SAME, but  $1 \leq n \leq 10000$   
LOCAL hex symmetry



→ chaos emerges for other exponents!

$$n \mapsto \sum_{k=0}^n \omega^k \sin(k^a) \\ \text{RANDOM } a = 1.4005 \\ \text{RANDOM } \omega = 0.2975 - 0.9547i$$