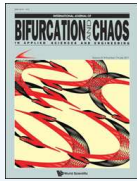


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ITERATION OF QUADRATIC MAPS ON MATRIX ALGEBRAS

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