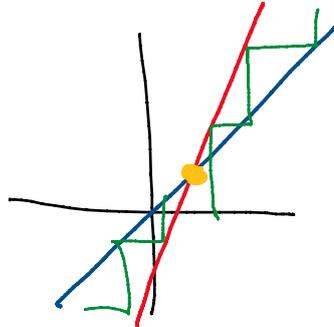


Ex 3.2  $x_{n+1} = ax_n + b$

Do work...

$x_n = a^n \left( x_0 - \frac{b}{1-a} \right) + \frac{b}{1-a}$



We discuss Sharkovsky's Theorem. This was proved in the 1960's.

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$   
 $1 < 2 < 3 < \dots$

This is a total order: every pair of elements can be compared.

We will develop the Sharkovsky order, which is a diff total order on  $\mathbb{N}$ .

$3 < 5 < 7 < 9 < 11 < \dots$   
 $\rightarrow \dots < 2 \cdot 3 < 2 \cdot 5 < 2 \cdot 7 < 2 \cdot 9 < 2 \cdot 11 < \dots$   
 $\dots < 2^2 \cdot 3 < 2^2 \cdot 5 < 2^2 \cdot 7 < 2^2 \cdot 9 < 2^2 \cdot 11 < \dots$   
 $\dots < 2^n \cdot 3 < 2^n \cdot 5 < 2^n \cdot 7 < \dots$   
 $\dots < 2^5 < 2^4 < 2^3 < 2^2 < 2 < 1$

odd  
 2 · odd  
 2<sup>2</sup> · odd  
 ⋮  
 2<sup>n</sup> · odd  
 ⋮

Ex:  $3 < n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

51  $\not<$  64 compare?  $51 < 64$

10  $\not<$  8?  $10 = 2 \cdot 5$ ,  $8 = 2^3$

$10 < 8$

For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n < 1$ .

$2 < n < 1$

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$3 < n < 1$ .

Theorem (Sharkovsky 1964).

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous. If  $f$  has a periodic point of min. period  $p$  and  $p < q$  (Sharkovsky order), then  $f$  has a periodic point of min. period  $q$ .

Cor. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be cont. If  $f$  has a periodic point of min. period 3, then  $f$  has a periodic point of min. per.  $k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

This is an existence proof not a construction.

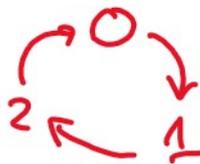
Ex: 3.14. We create an example with a periodic point with min per. 3.

Let  $f$  be a poly of degree 2 such that

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(2) = 0.$$



$f(x) = \underline{(x-2)(ax+b)}$ , for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$1 = f(0) = -2b \Rightarrow b = -1/2.$$

$$2 = f(1) = -(a - 1/2) \Rightarrow a = -3/2.$$

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x-2)(3x+1).$$

We know there are periodic points of min. period 3. By Sharkovsky's theorem, there are periodic points of min. period  $k$ , for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$f^k(x) = \underbrace{f(\dots f(x))}_{k \text{ times}} \quad \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Look at} \\ \text{pictures in} \\ \text{lecture notes.} \end{array} \right)$$

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We prove some special cases of Sharkovsky thm.

Prop 3.15: Let  $f: I \rightarrow I$  be continuous.

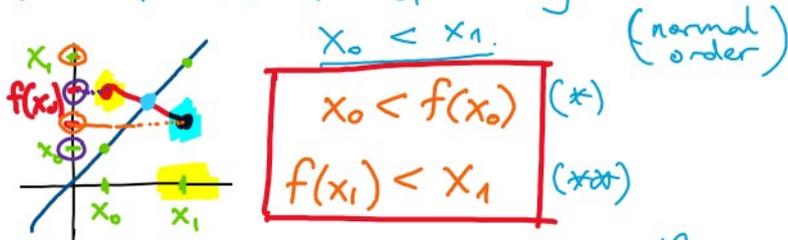
If  $f$  has a periodic point of min. per. 2, then  $f$  has a fixed point.

proof: Let  $x_0$  be a periodic pt of m.p.

2. Let  $x_1 = f(x_0)$ , so  $f(x_1) = f^2(x_0) = x_0$ .



These are diff. points so one is larger than the other. Let's say



From (\*)  $f$  must lie above the id function at  $x_0$ . From (\*\*),  $f$  must lie below the id function at  $x_1$ . By the Intermediate Value Theorem,  $\exists \bar{x}$  in between  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  s.t.  $\bar{x} = f(\bar{x})$ .  $\square$

Cor. 3.16: Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be cont. If  $f$  has a per. pt of m.p.  $2^n$ , then  $f$  has a per pt of m.p.  $2^k$ , for all  $0 \leq k < n$ .

proof: Consider the function

$$h_{n-1} := f^{2^{n-1}}$$

Since  $f$  is cont.,  $h_{n-1}$  is also cont.

Since  $f$  has a per. pt. of min. per.  $2^n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} h_{n-1}^2(x) &= (f^{2^{n-1}})^2(x) \\ &= f^{2^{n-1}}(f^{2^{n-1}}(x)) \\ &= f^{2^n}(x) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

— — — — —  $x$  — — — — —  $n$  under

$$= f(x)$$

This shows that  $x$  has per. 2 under  $h_{n-1}$ . By Prop. 3.15,  $h_{n-1}$  has a fixed point, call it  $y$ :

$$\underline{f^{2^{n-1}}(y) = h_{n-1}(y) = y}$$

This implies that  $y$  is a periodic point of period  $2^{n-1}$ . Applying downward induction proves the statement.  $\square$

## Chapter 4: Bifurcations in 1-dim. systems.

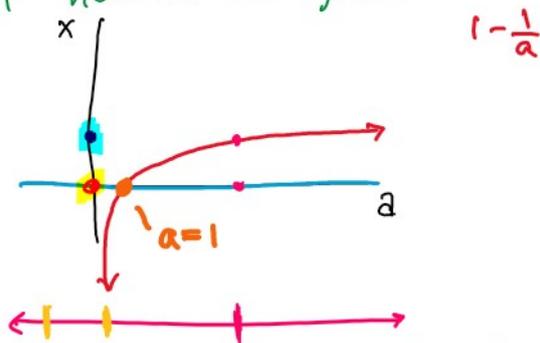
Start with a family of examples.

$$f_a: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad f_a(x) = ax(1-x).$$

The value  $a$  is a parameter that can be adjusted. This gives us a family of logistic maps. We saw the fixed pts are

$$\boxed{x=0} \longleftrightarrow \boxed{x = \frac{a-1}{a}} \quad (0 < a)$$

How do the fixed points **change** in terms of how  $a$  changes?



Not only do we care about # of fixed points (and where they occur), but we care about their properties.

What can happen is that as we "smoothly" change the values for  $a$ , we might witness a qualitative change in behavior of the fixed pts. This is what is known as a **bifurcation**.

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Ex 4.1:  $f_b(x) = -x^2 + x + b$ . The fixed pts are:  
 $x = \pm \sqrt{b}$ .  $f(x) = x$   $-x^2 + b = 0$

Case 1:  $b < 0$ . No fixed pts.

Case 2:  $b = 0$ . Exactly 1 fixed pt.

$$f'_b(x) = -2x + 1, \quad f'_b(0) = 1.$$

$$f_b(x) = x - x^2 = x(1-x)$$

This is the logistic for  $a=1$ .  
This fixed is unstable.

Case 3:  $b > 0$ . There is exactly 2 pts.

$$f'_b(x) = -2x + 1$$

Applying Thm 3.5:

$$|f'_b(\sqrt{b})| = |-2\sqrt{b} + 1|.$$

When  $0 < b < 1$ , then  $|f'_b(\sqrt{b})| < 1$ , so this is an **attracting, stable** fixed pt.

When  $b > 1$ , then  $|f'_b(\sqrt{b})| > 1$ , so this is a **repelling unstable** f.p.

For  $x = -\sqrt{b}$ , this is always unstable (check!).

