

Logistic Map (Single fixed point)

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) \quad f(x) = \mu x(1-x)$$

where μ is a parameter. Fixed points \bar{x} :

$$\bar{x} = \mu \bar{x} (1 - \bar{x})$$

has two solutions

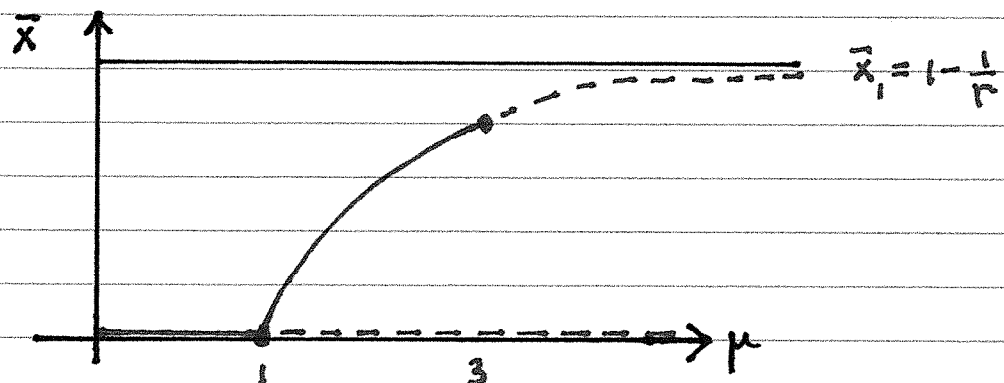
$$\bar{x}_0 = 0 \quad \bar{x}_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{\mu}$$

Determine linear stability of these using $f'(x) = \mu - 2\mu x$

$$f'(\bar{x}_0) = \mu \quad f'(\bar{x}_1) = 2 - \mu$$

Summarize stability of fixed points

	$(0, 1)$	$(1, 3)$	$(3, \infty)$
\bar{x}_0	s	u	u
\bar{x}_1	u	s	u



Periodic Points and Orbits

Defn $x \mapsto f(x)$ has a periodic point \bar{x} of minimal period k if

$$(1) \quad \bar{x} = f^k(\bar{x})$$

and k is the smallest integer such that (1) is true.

Associated with \bar{x} is the periodic orbit $\gamma(\bar{x})$ of f :

$$\gamma(\bar{x}) = \{ \bar{x}, f(\bar{x}), f^2(\bar{x}), \dots, \underbrace{f^k(\bar{x}), f(\bar{x}), \dots}_{\substack{\parallel \\ \bar{x}}} \}$$

repeats after k iterates

EXAMPLE $\gamma(\bar{x}) = \{ \bar{x}, \bar{x}, \dots \}$ is a periodic orbit of minimal period 1 if \bar{x} is a fixed point of $f(x)$

EXAMPLE If

$$\gamma(a) = \{ a, b, a, b, a, b, \dots \}$$

is minimal period 2 then so is

$$\gamma(b) = \{ b, a, b, a, \dots \}$$

Logistic Map - Period two orbits

$$f(x) = \mu x(1-x)$$

The second iterate map is $x \mapsto f^2(x)$

$$f^2(x) = f(f(x))$$

$$(1) \quad f^2(x) = \mu f(x)(1-f(x))$$

From (1) we note that if \bar{x} is a fixed point of $f(x)$ it is also a fixed point of the second iterate map:

$$(2) \quad f^2(\bar{x}) = \mu f(\bar{x})(1-f(\bar{x})) = \bar{x}$$

Such fixed points have minimal periods of 1 and do not correspond to period 2 orbits. Explicitly

$$f^2(x) = \mu x(1-x)(1-\mu x(1-x))$$

we seek roots of the quartic

$$f^2(x) = x$$

given we know two roots from (2) are

$$\bar{x}_0 = 0 \quad \bar{x}_1 = 1 - \frac{1}{\mu}$$

Using long division and knowing roots \bar{x}_0 and \bar{x}_1 of $f^2(x) - x$ we may write

$$f^2(x) - x = rx(x-1+\frac{1}{r})Q(x)$$

where the quadratic $Q(x)$ is

$$Q(x) = -r^2x^2 + (r+1)rx - (r+1)$$

The roots of $Q(x)$ are for $r > 3$

$$a = \frac{1}{2r} \left\{ (r+1) + \sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)} \right\}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2r} \left\{ (r+1) - \sqrt{(r+1)(r-3)} \right\}$$

Four orbits

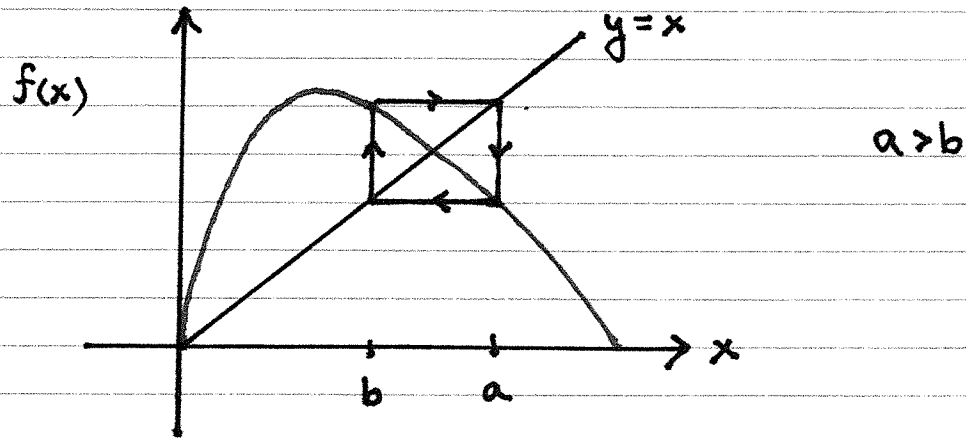
$$\gamma(\bar{x}_0) = \{ 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, \dots \}$$

$$\gamma(\bar{x}_1) = \{ \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_1, \dots \}$$

$$\gamma(a) = \{ a, b, a, b, \dots \} \quad \text{period 2}$$

$$\gamma(b) = \{ b, a, b, a, \dots \} \quad \text{period 2}$$

Period 2 orbit cobweb



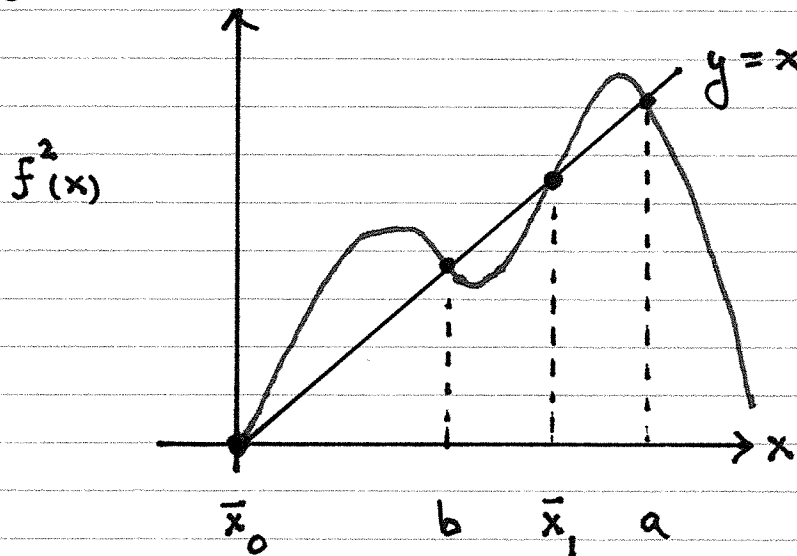
Shows a period 2 orbit

Second iterate map $x \mapsto f^2(x)$

Given x_n this map determines x_{n+2} for all n .

$$x_{n+2} = f^2(x_n)$$

The second iterate map also has fixed points. Some are fixed points of $f(x)$ and others correspond to the values of a, b in the figure above. Qualitatively the quartic $f^2(x)$ is



Defn: Let $\gamma = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k, a_1, a_2, \dots\}$ be a periodic orbit with minimal period k . We say γ is stable (asymptotically stable) if a_j is a stable (asymptotically stable) fixed point of $x \mapsto f^k(x)$.

Remark: This means our previous period two orbit is stable only if a, b are stable fixed points of the second iterate map

Logistic Map: Stability of period 2 orbits

Consider the stability of the fixed points a, b of second iterate map.

$$\lambda = \left. \frac{d}{dx} f(f(x)) \right|_{x=a, b} \quad \text{multiplier}$$

$$\lambda = f'(f(a))f'(a)$$

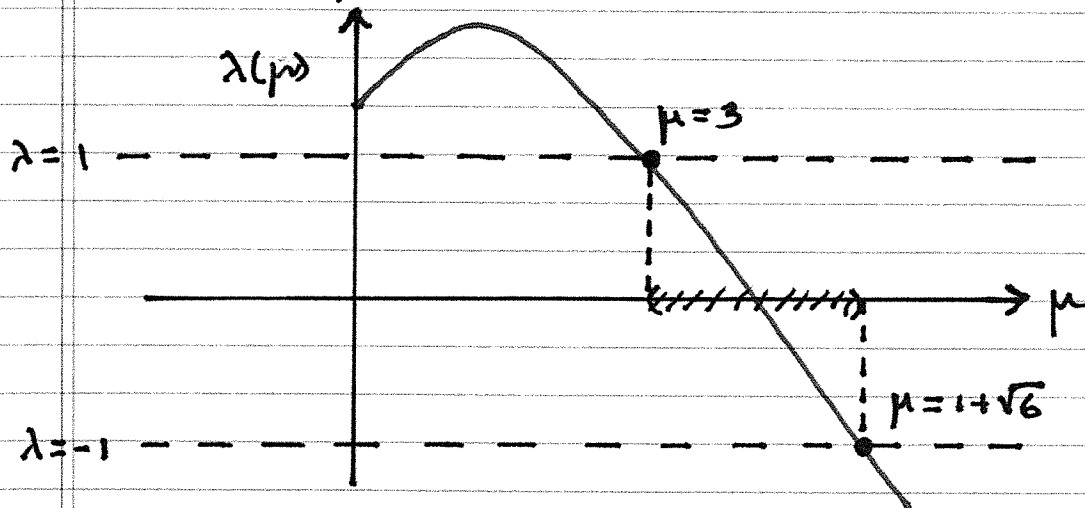
$$\lambda = f'(a)f'(b)$$

Need $|\lambda| < 1$ for asymptotic stability. Calculations

$$\lambda = r^2(1-2a)(1-2b)$$

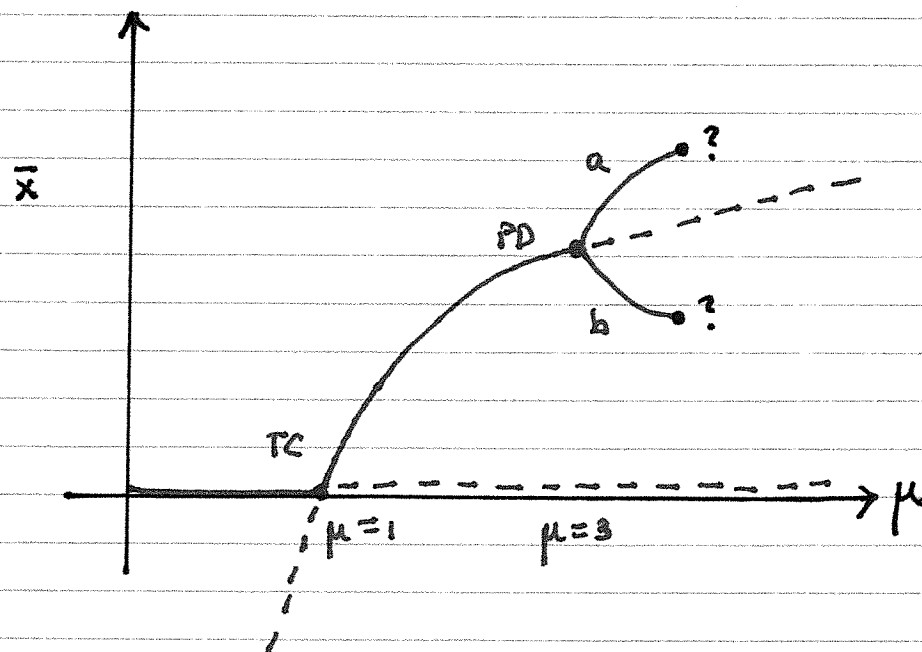
$$\lambda = 4 + 2r - r^2$$

Requirement that $|\lambda| < 1$ can be determined graphically:



For $\mu \in (3, 1+\sqrt{6})$ the sole periodic (period 2) orbit exists and is stable. For $\mu > 1+\sqrt{6}$ the period 2 orbit is unstable.

Bifurcation diagram for $f(x) = \mu x(1-x)$



TC = transcritical

PD = period doubling