



## Section 1.3

# Solution to Dynamical Systems

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# Difference Equation 1: Solution

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Difference Equation

$$a(n+1) - a(n) = ka(n)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(n+1) = ra(n); r = k + 1$$

With  $a(0) = a_0$

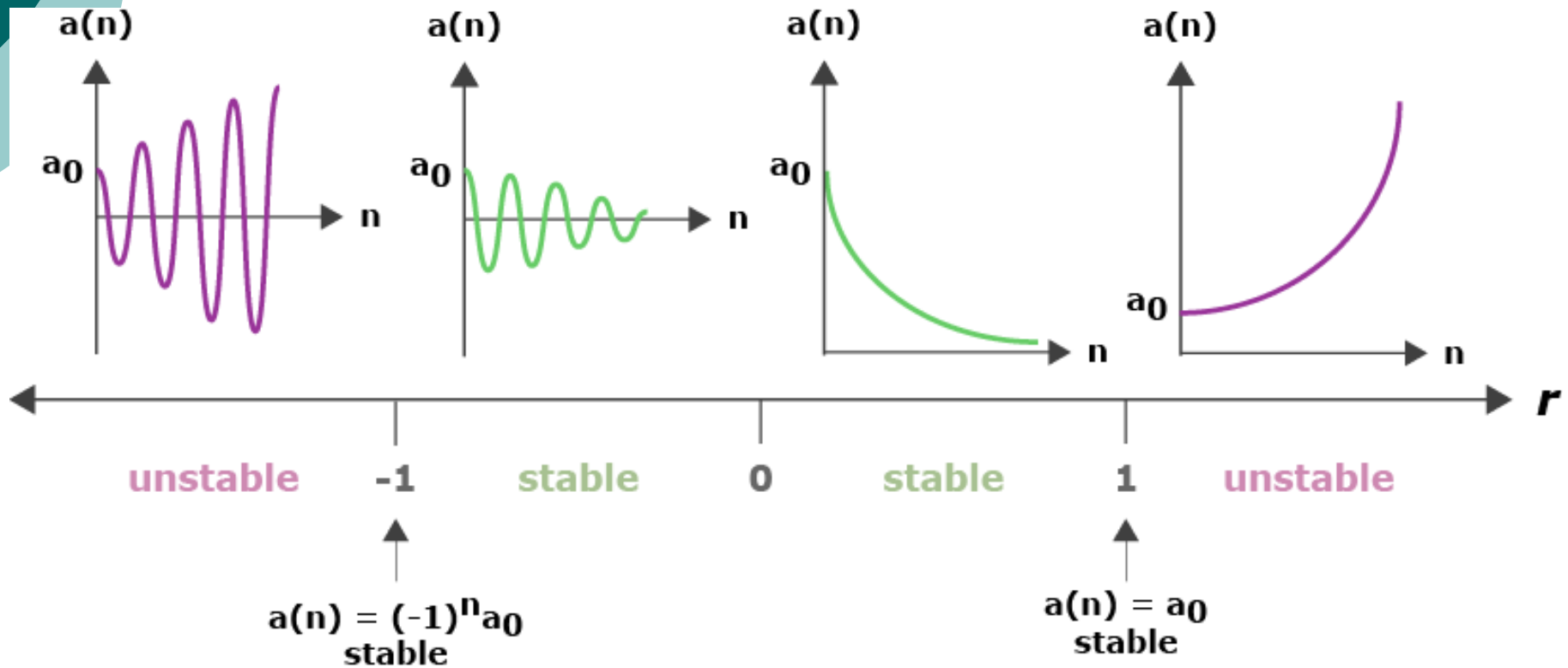
$$a(n+1) = ra(n)$$

$$= r(ra(n-1)) = r^2(ra(n-2)) = \dots$$

$$= r^{n+1}(a(0))$$

$$= \boxed{r^{n+1}a_0}$$

# Difference Equation 1: Behaviors



# Difference Equation 2: Solution

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Difference Equation

$$a(n+1) - a(n) = ka(n) + b$$

$$\Rightarrow a(n+1) = ra(n) + b; r = k + 1$$

With  $a(0) = a_0$

$$a(n+1) = r(a(n)) + b$$

$$= r(ra(n-1) + b) + b = r^2 a(n-1) + b(1+r)$$

$$= r^2 (ra(n-2) + b) + b(1+r) = r^3 a(n-2) + b(1+r+r^2)$$

$$= \boxed{r^{n+1} a_0 + b(1+r+\dots+r^n)}$$

# Difference Equation 2: Continued

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Note:

$$(1 - r)(1 + r + \dots + r^n) = 1 - r^{n+1} \leftarrow \text{telescopic series, } r \neq 1$$

So:

$$a(n + 1) = r^{n+1}a_0 + b \left[ \frac{(1 - r^{n+1})}{1 - r} \right]$$

$$= r^{n+1} \left( a_0 - \frac{b}{1 - r} \right) + \frac{b}{1 - r} \quad \text{when } r \neq 1$$

$$= a_0 + (n)b \quad \text{when } r = 1$$

## Difference Equation 2: Behaviors

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The behaviors of the solutions to DE2 are almost identical to those of DE1, except when  $r=1$ , which grows linearly.

In the event  $|r|<1$ , where does  $a(n)$  converge?

$$a(n+1) = r^{n+1} \left( a_0 - \frac{b}{1-r} \right) + \frac{b}{1-r} \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty$$

$$a(n) \rightarrow \frac{b}{1-r}$$

This is called a limit point.

## Difference Equation 2: Remarks

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$a^*$  is an equilibrium point of DE2 when

$$a^* = ra^* + b \Rightarrow a^* = \frac{b}{1-r}$$

i.e. once  $a(n) = a^*$  it is there forever

# Applications: Loan Model Revisited

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$B(n)$   $\sim$  balance of loan at  $n$ th month

$r$   $\sim$  monthly interest rate ( $r = \text{APR}/12$ )

$M$   $\sim$  monthly payment

Recall:

$$B(n+1) = (1+r)^{n+1} \left( B_0 - \frac{M}{1-(1+r)} \right) + \frac{M}{1-(1+r)}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$B(n+1) = (1+r)^{n+1} \left( B_0 + \frac{M}{r} \right) - \frac{M}{r}$$



# Loan Model: How long to pay off?

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When the loan is paid off,  $B(n+1) = 0$

$$(1 + r)^{n+1} \left( B_0 + \frac{M}{r} \right) = \frac{M}{r}$$

$$(n + 1) \log(1 + r) = \log \left( \frac{\frac{M}{r}}{B_0 + \frac{M}{r}} \right)$$

$$(n + 1) = \frac{1}{\log(1 + r)} \log \left( \frac{\frac{M}{r}}{B_0 + \frac{M}{r}} \right)$$

How long it will  
take to pay off  
the loan

## Loan Model: What is monthly payment?

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$$\frac{M}{r} (1 - (1 + r)^{n+1}) = B_0 (1 + r)^{n+1}$$

$$M = r \left( \frac{B_0 (1 + r)^{n+1}}{1 - (1 + r)^{n+1}} \right)$$

$$M = \left( \frac{r B_0}{(1 + r)^{-(n+1)} - 1} \right)$$

Monthly  
payment for the  
loan

# Loan Model: How much Principle?

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Suppose we have the rate ( $r = \text{rate}/12$ ) and the monthly payment ( $M$ ), how much can we afford to borrow?

$$B_0(1 + r)^{n+1} = \frac{M}{r} (1 - (1 + r)^{n+1})$$

$$B_0 = \frac{M}{r} \bullet \frac{1 - (1 + r)^{n+1}}{(1 + r)^{n+1}}$$

$$B_0 = \frac{M}{r} \bullet \left( (1 + r)^{-(n+1)} - 1 \right)$$

Principle that  
can be borrowed



# Homework –Section 1.3

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- # (1-4)C, 5, 8, 9, 14