

Modeling using Dynamical Systems

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The program (see Moodle)

MASTER IEAP, SAMID1MU: **MODELING USING DYNAMICAL SYSTEMS**
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PROGRAM OF THE COURSE

Dynamical systems: The mathematics of change / Discrete systems

[week 1]

- *Input/Output* relationships, *dynamical system*
- *State, State variable, State space*
- How to deal with time? *Discrete* vs. *continuous*
- Systems: *Linear* vs. *nonlinear*
- *Cobwebs* (discrete time) & *Euler's* method (discretized time)
- **Examples:** basic maps (traffic light, walking/running, logistic, ...)
- **Homework:** TBA

1D differential equations

[week 2]

- What is a stationary solution or *equilibrium* point?
- What does it mean for this equilibrium to be *stable* / *unstable*?
- *Phase lines*
- **Examples:** population growth, RC electrical circuits, chemical reactions (autocatalysis), ...
- **Homework:** TBA

2D differential equations

[weeks 3]

- 1D systems cannot oscillate! Intermediate: *phase oscillator* (example: overdamped pendulum, Kuramoto model, quadratic-integrate-and-fire model)
- Notion of *nullclines* and *phase-plane analysis*
- Equilibria with complex eigenvalues: *damped* oscillations; linear systems classification with *tr.* and *det.*
- *Robust* oscillations without friction: harmonic oscillator, pendulum
- *Linearization* of a 2D linear system: *Jacobian* matrix, stability (*eigenvalues, eigenvectors*)
- Robust oscillations: *limit cycles*
- **Examples:** van der Pol / FitzHugh-Nagumo (from electrical circuit to neural membrane), population models (e.g., Lotka-Volterra), ...
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Mechanisms of oscillations

[weeks 4]

- *Feedback* loops
- Restorative vs regenerative forces
- Destabilization of equilibria or *bifurcations*
- Oscillations in *nature*
- **Examples:** genes/hormone regulation, neuronal spikes, muscle tremor, HKB model of human coordination
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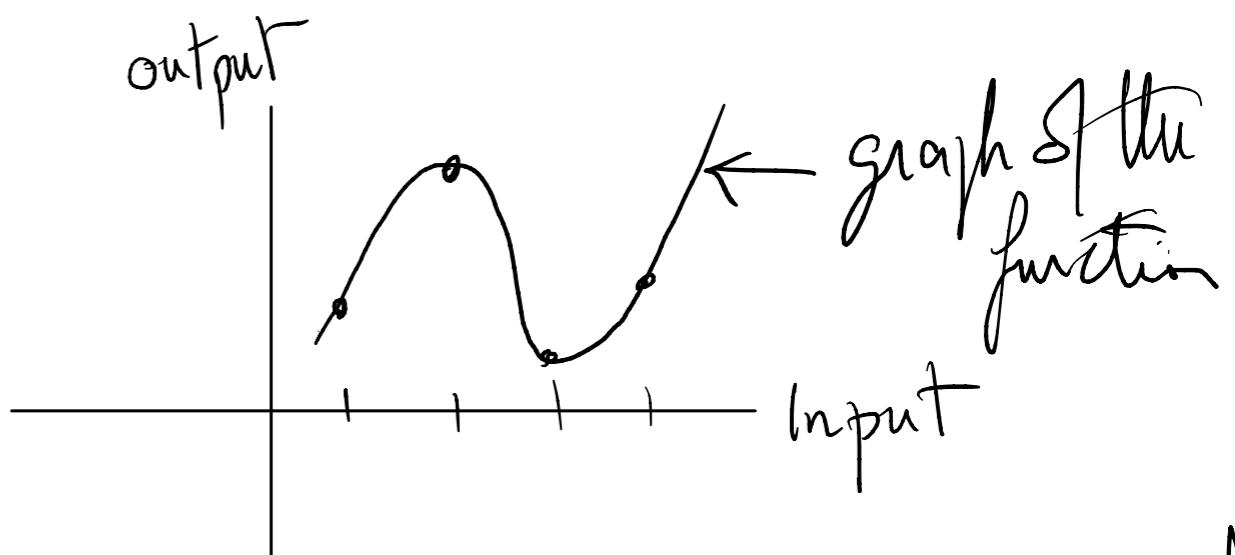
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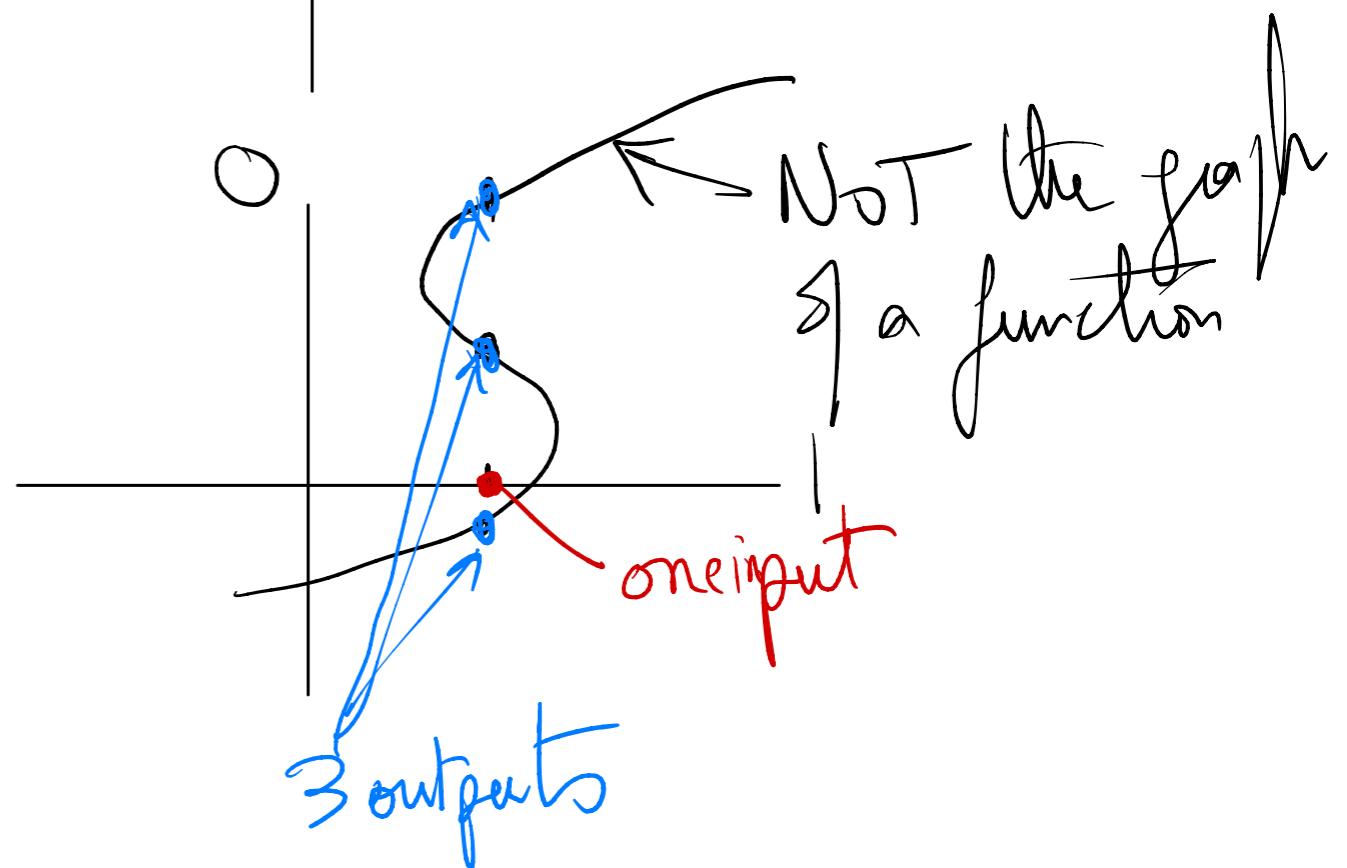
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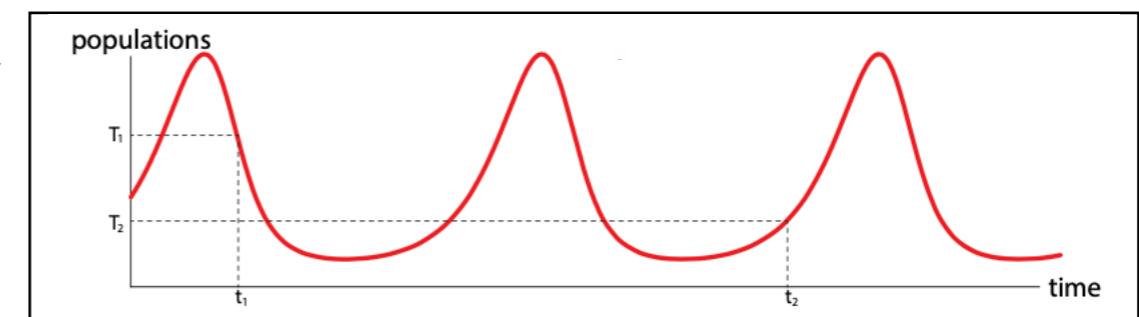


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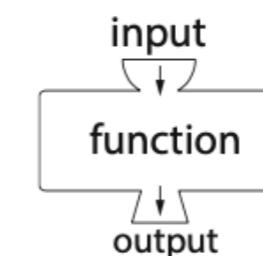
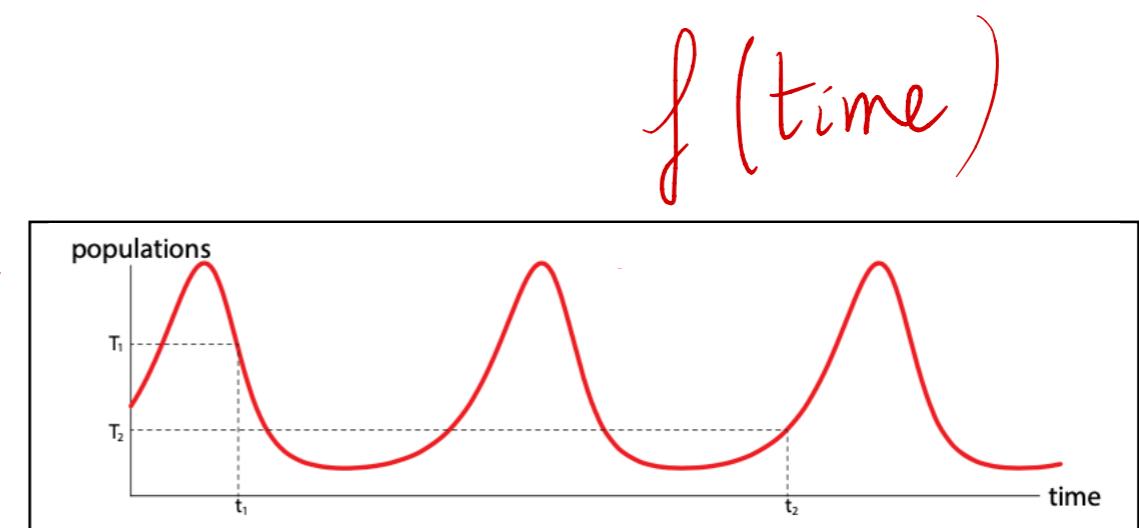
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- *system vs. model*
 - **system**: often refers to the mathematical equations
 - **model**: can be broader (e.g., an “animal model” in biology)

x : real number
function : $f(x) = x + 2$

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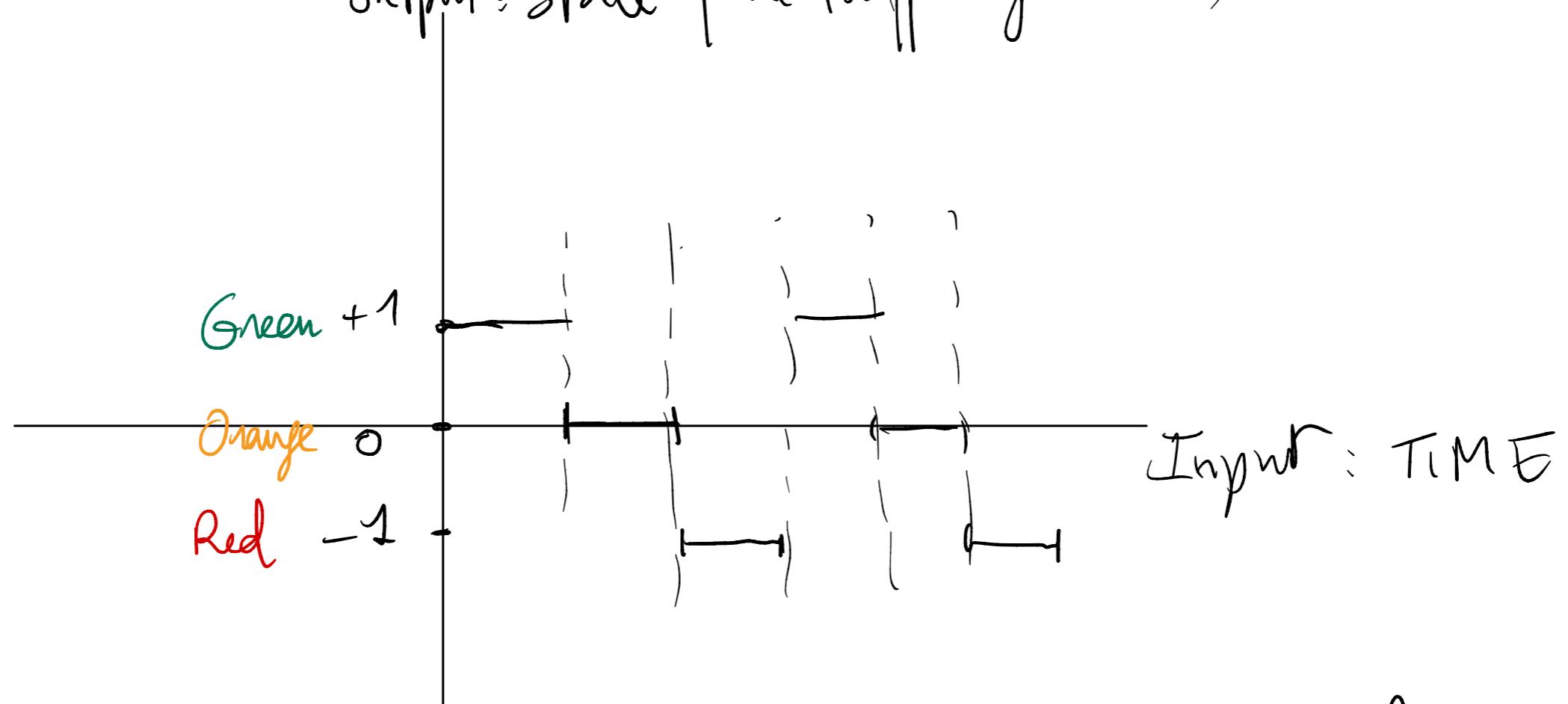
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we will be *rarely* interested in the state of a system at a particular time, but rather we want to understand the system's *behavior*, that is, its changes from state to state, and why it exhibits one pattern of behavior (one can call it *activity* too) rather than another.

Examples of (discrete) state space

- Traffic Light

- state space = {● Green, ● Orange, ● Red}
output: state of the traffic light (color)



Describe:

- 1) it's periodic (cycle)
- 2) it oscillates

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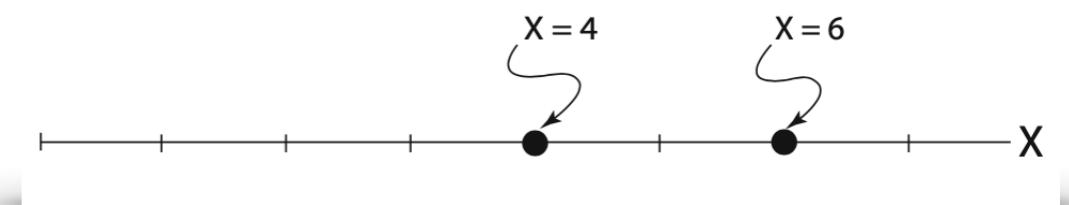
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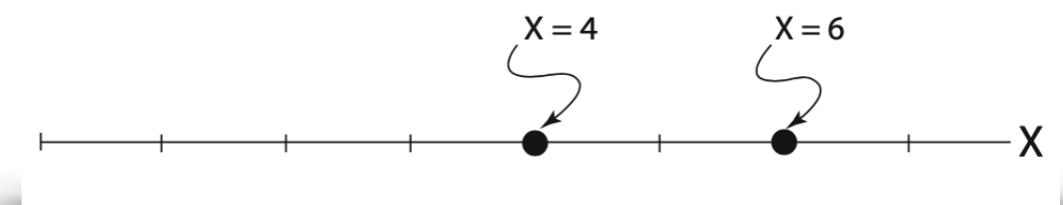
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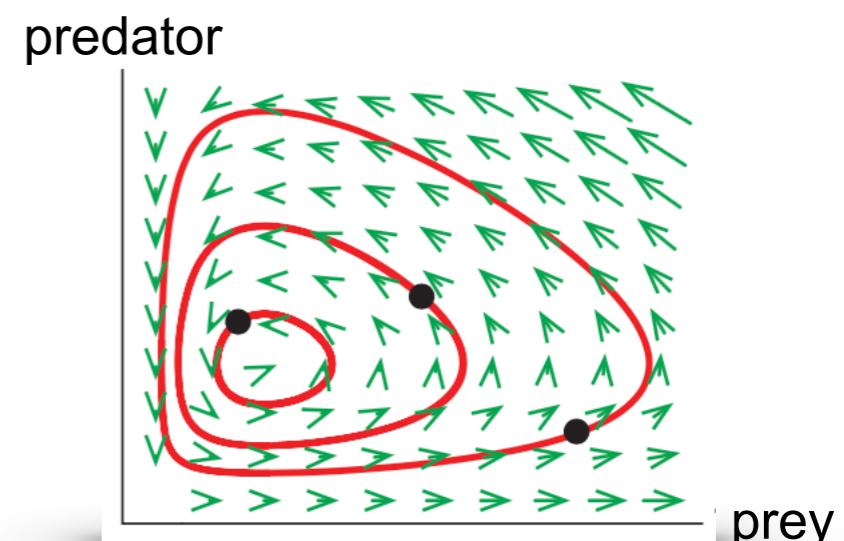
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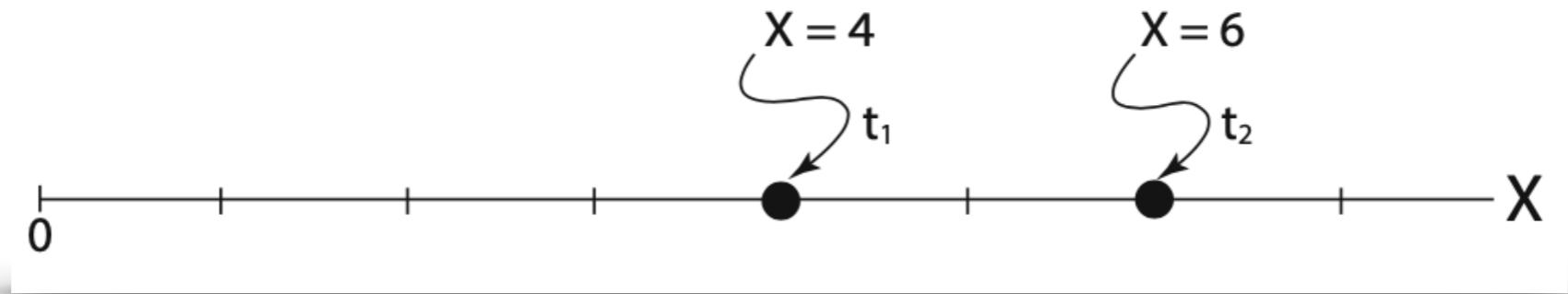


- **2-variable system**

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Change is movement in state space



- when a system changes, its state changes
- (fig. above) the system has changed from $X=4$ at time t_1 to $X=6$ at time t_2
- **Modeling change:** going beyond description to hypothesise the **causes** of this movement
- we study behaviour, not just states at fixed times

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- dynamics is governed by **differential equations**

Discrete Systems

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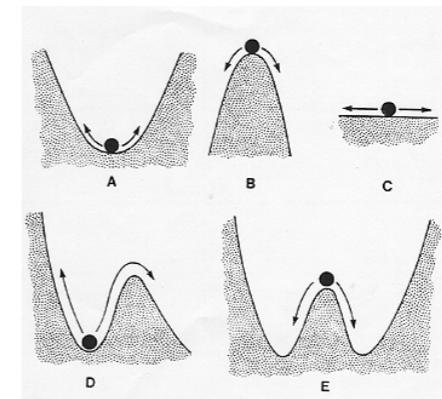
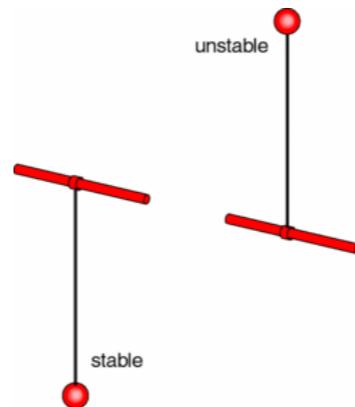
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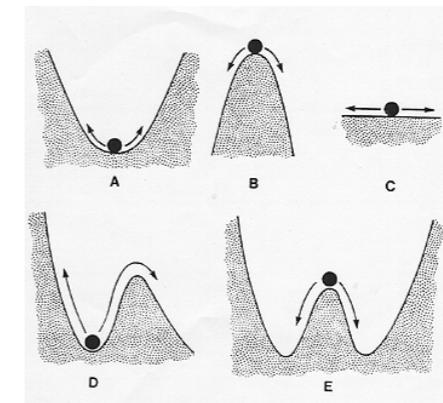
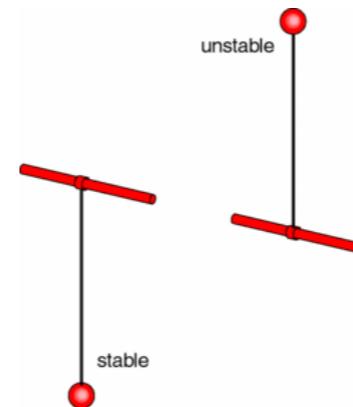
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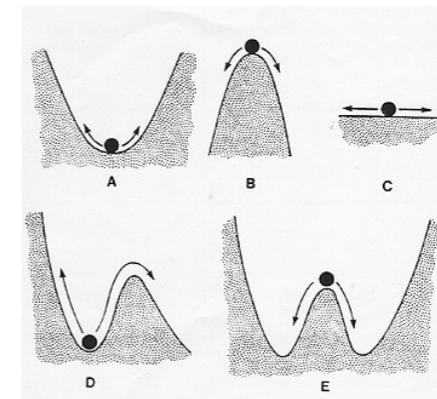
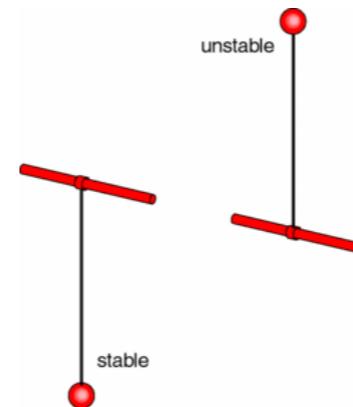
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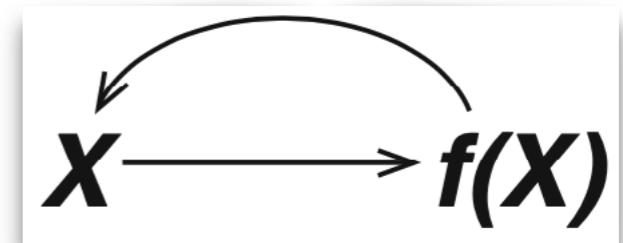
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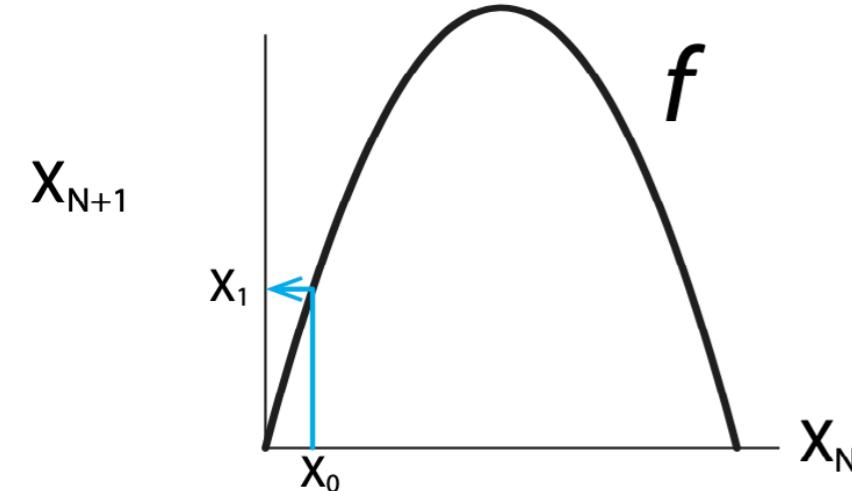
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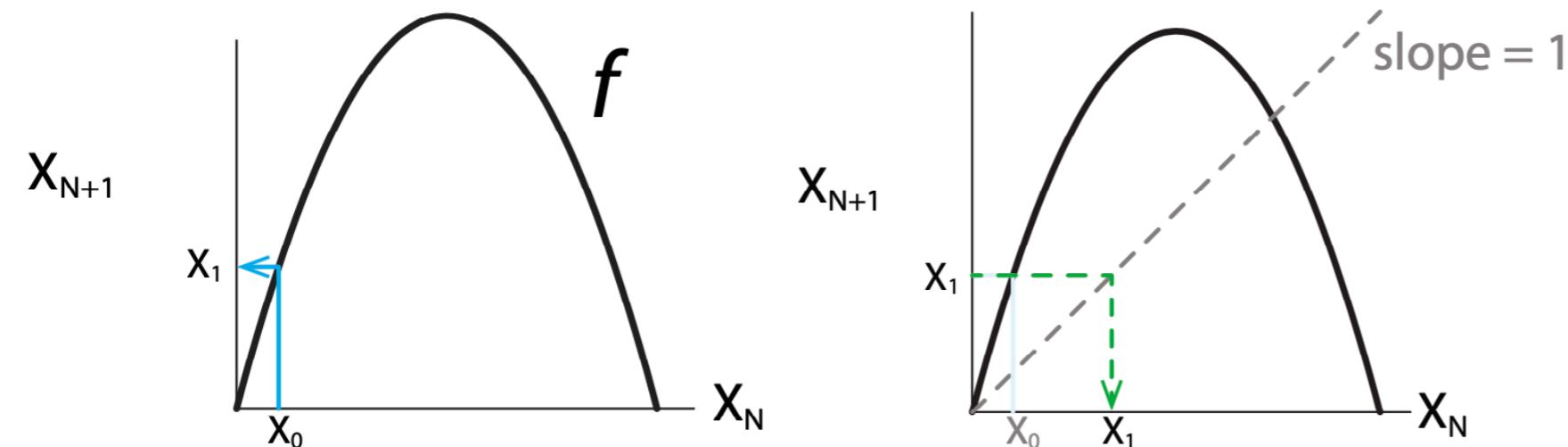
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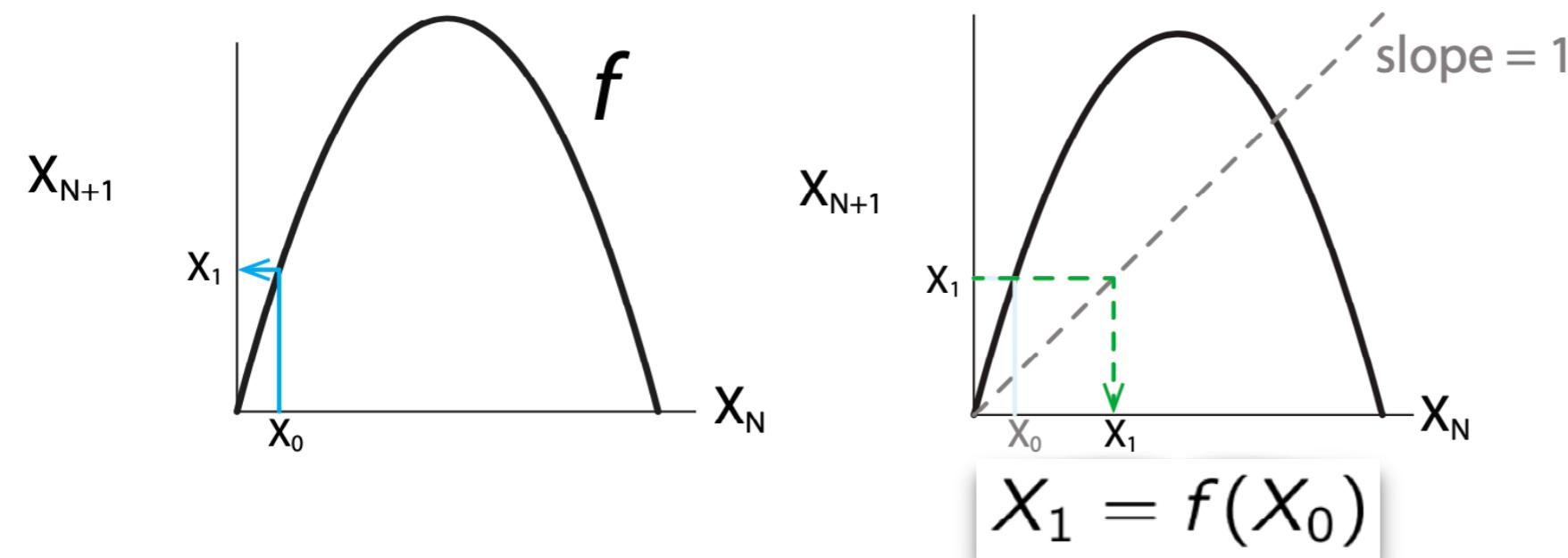
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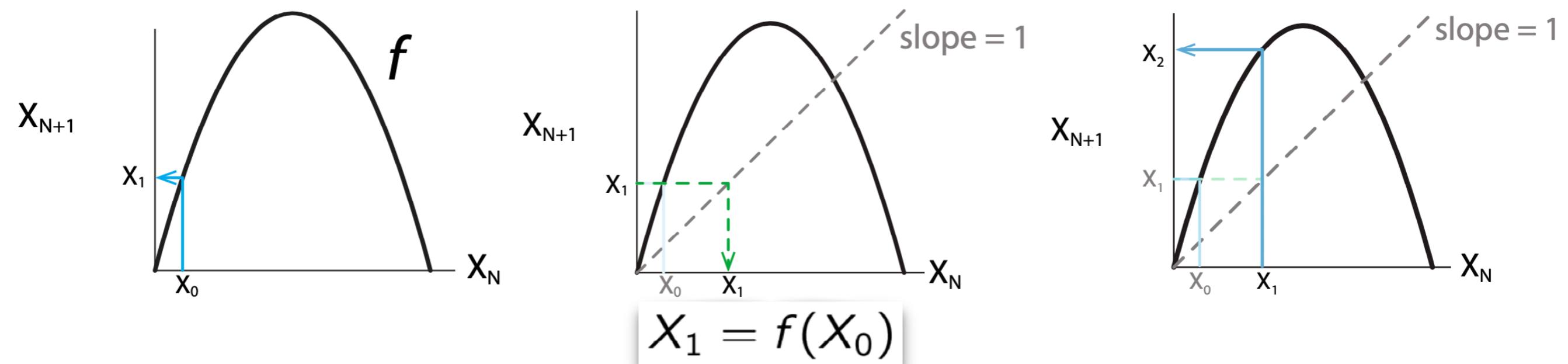
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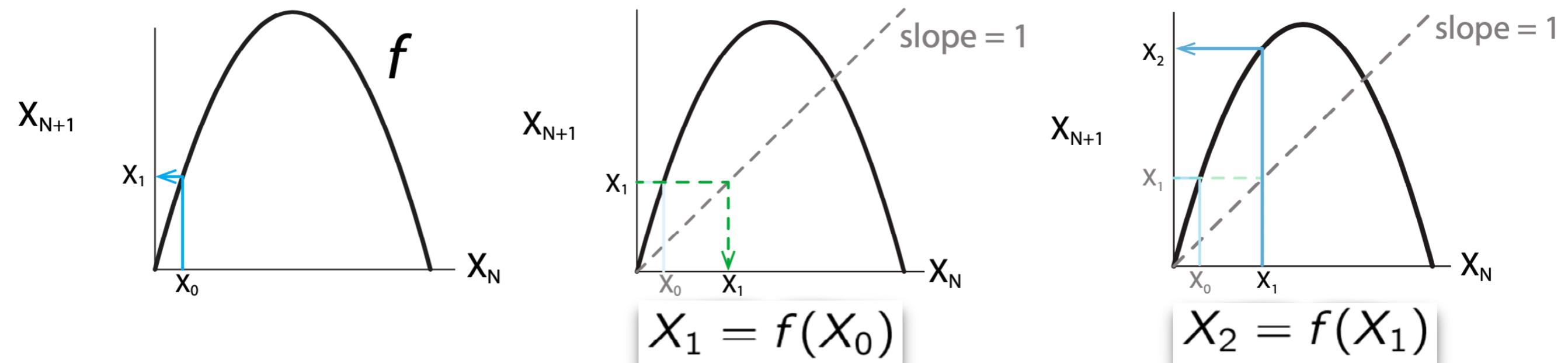
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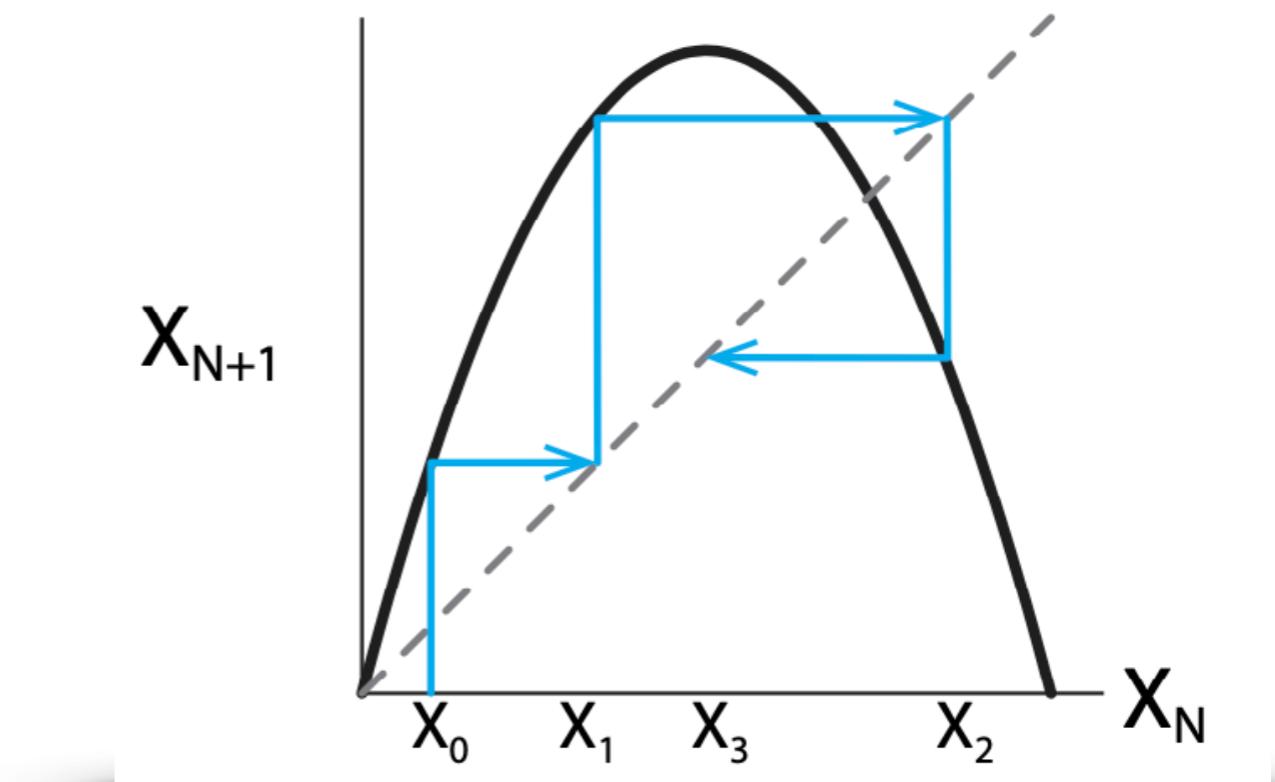


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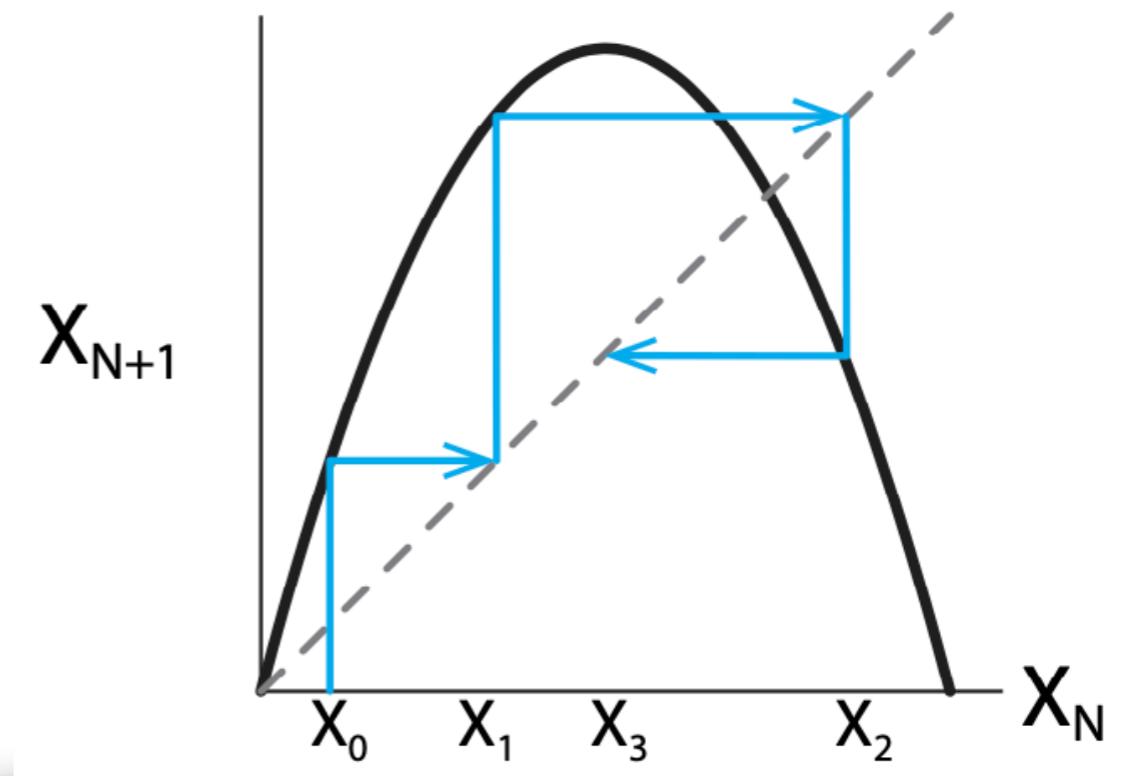


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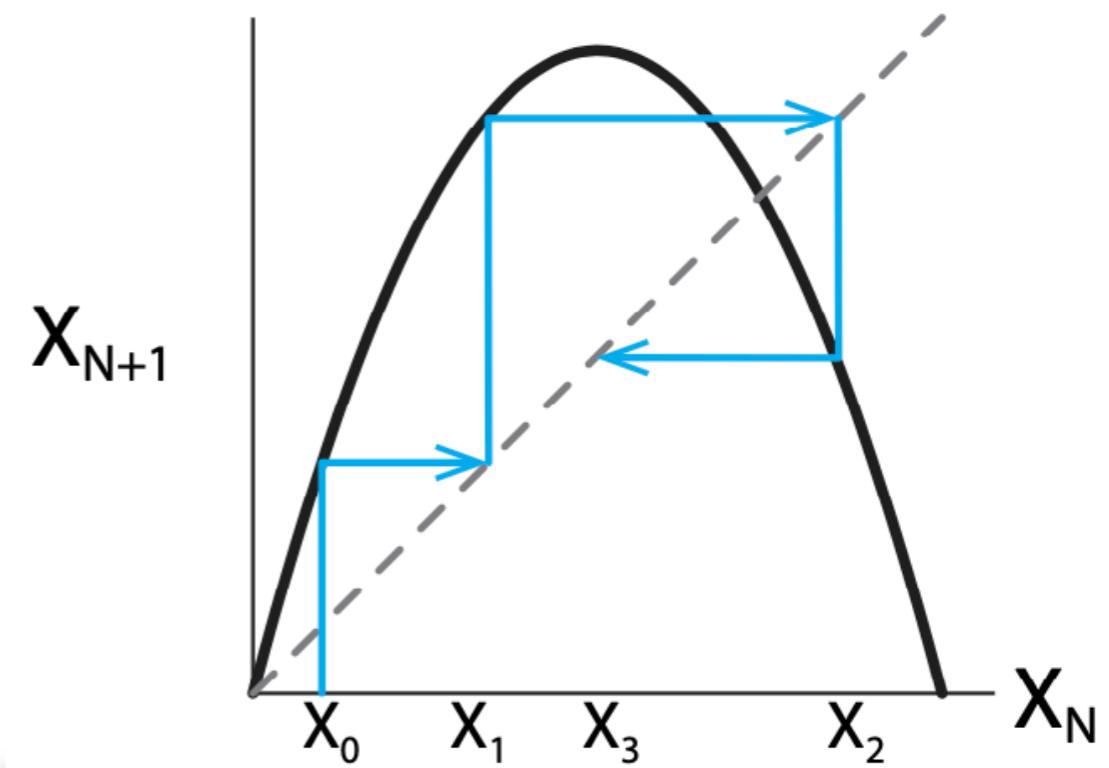


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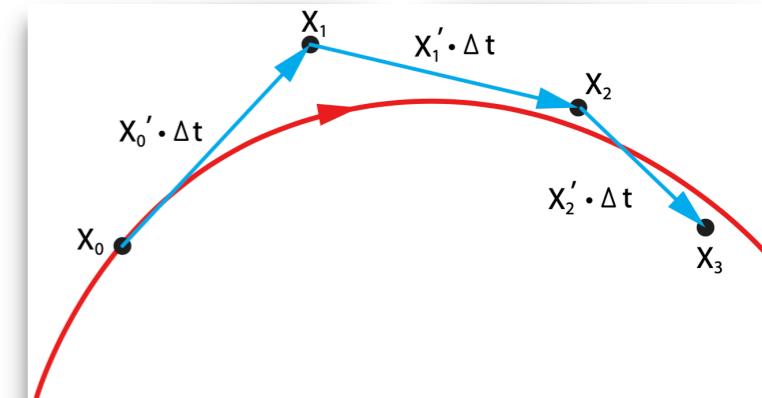
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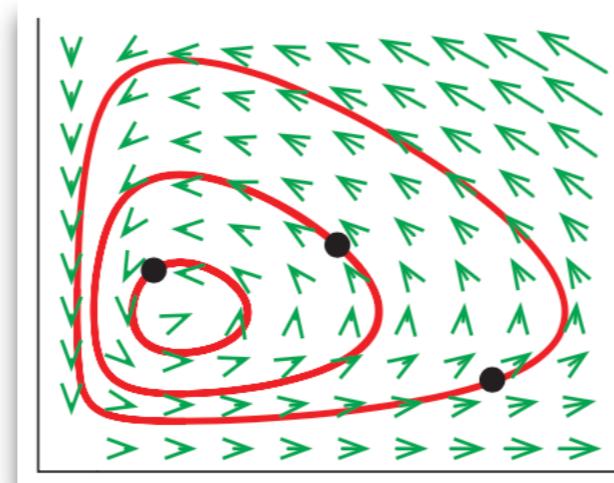
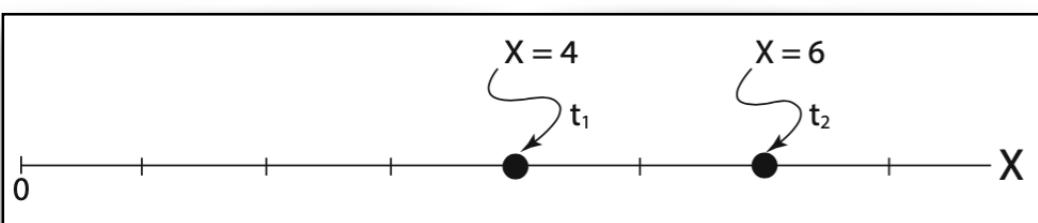
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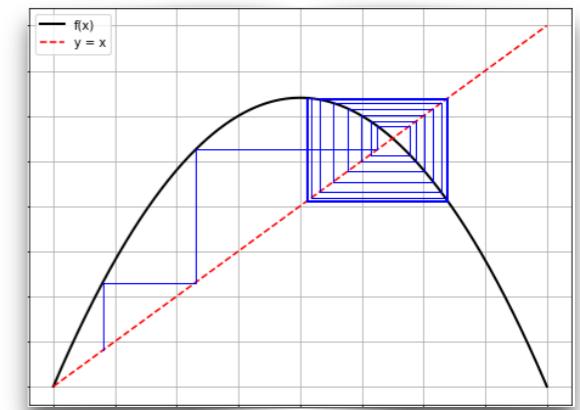
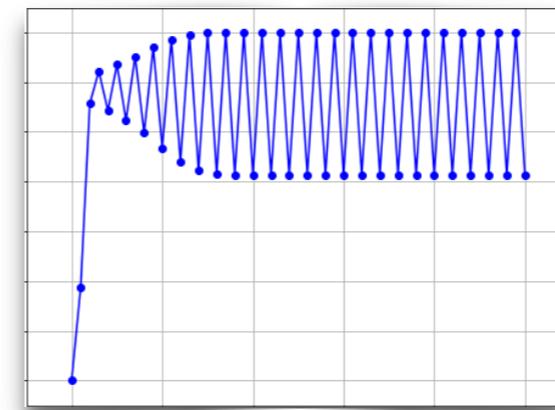
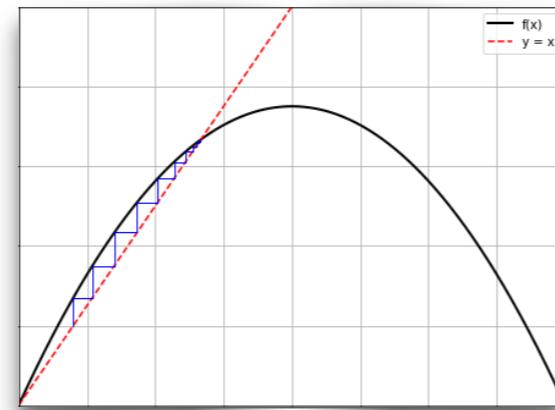
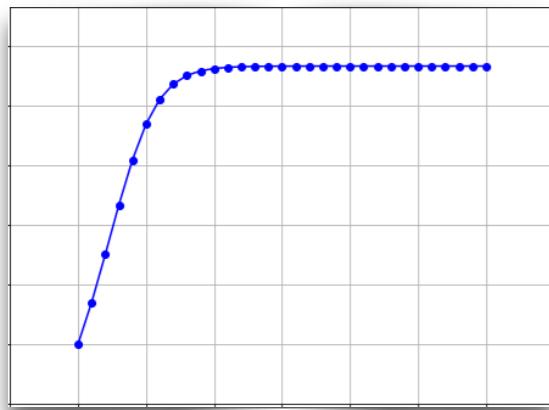
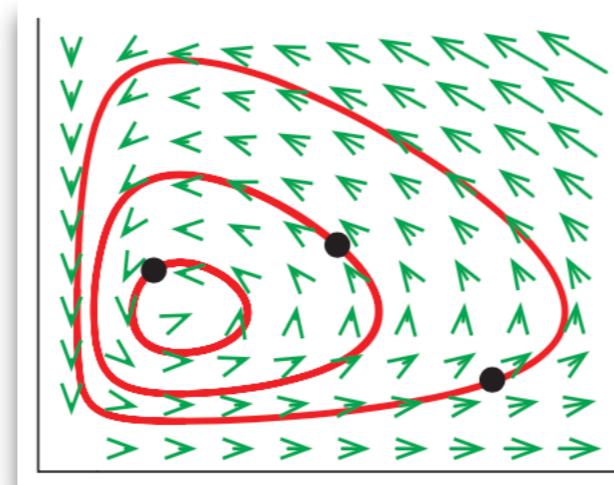
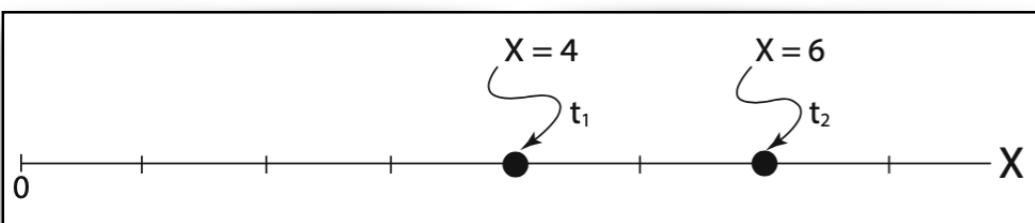
- **Discretisation**
 - discrete systems can also arise as approximation (**Euler scheme**) of continuous-time systems [w2]



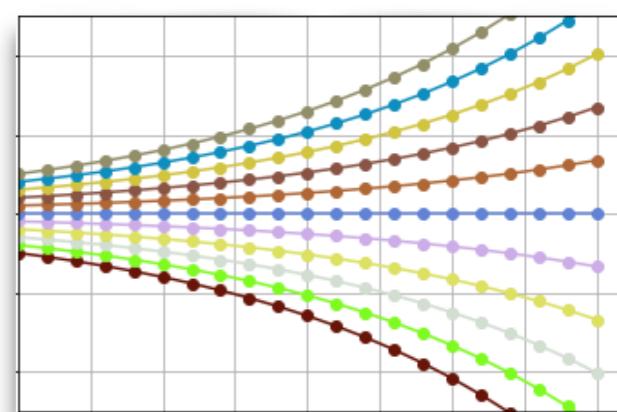
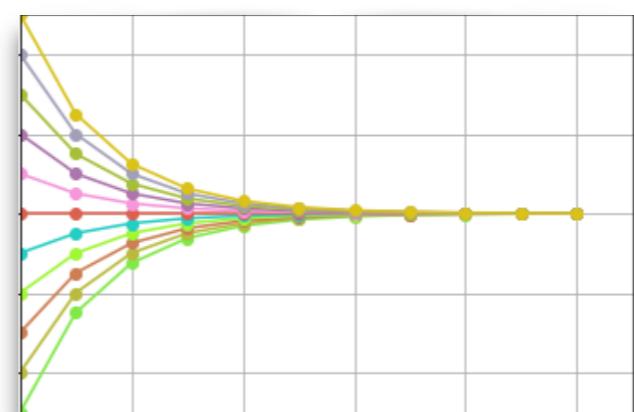
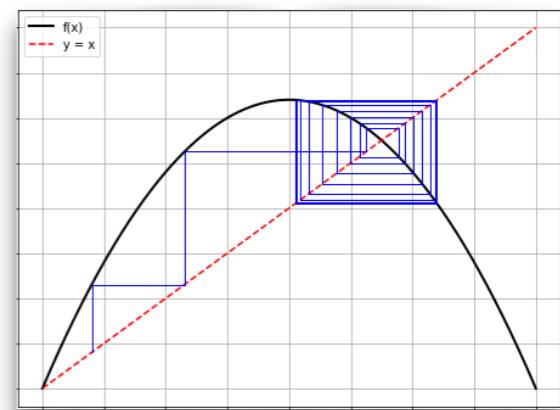
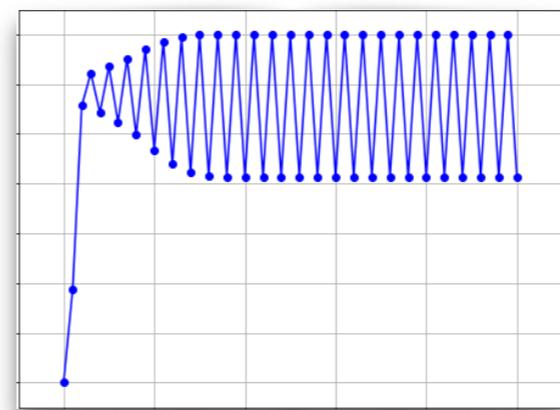
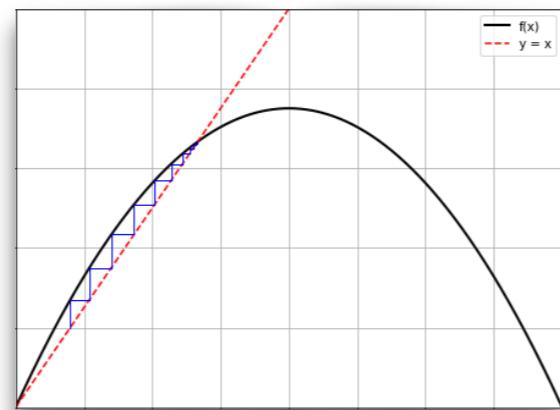
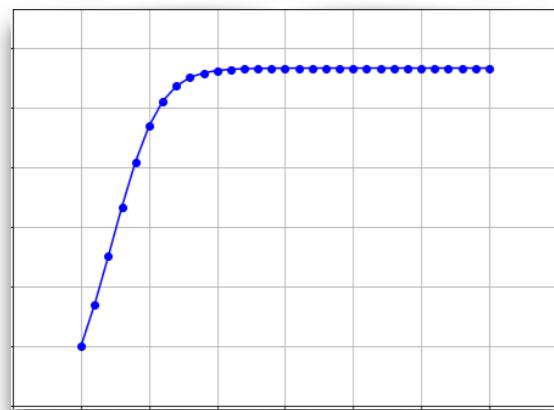
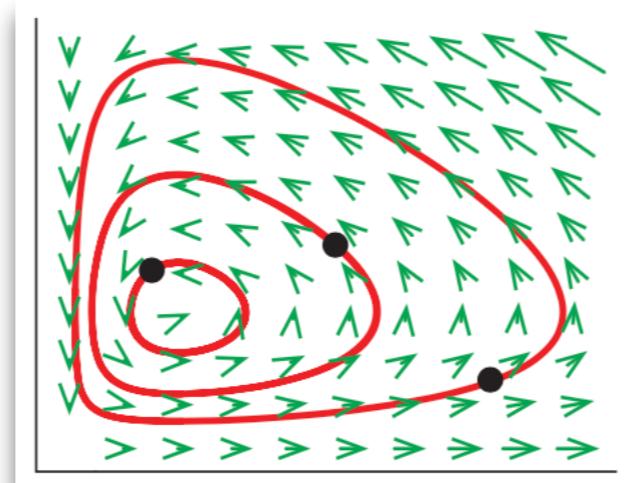
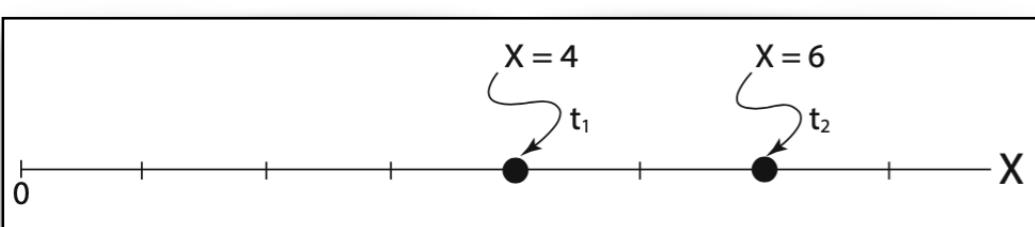
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Homework for **next** week
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Homework #1: Daylight along the year across the globe

Four .csv files are available on Moodle, namely: `quito_sun_2023.csv`, `rome_sun_2023.csv`, `copenhagen_sun_2023.csv` and `tromso_sun_2023.csv`. They give all relevant pieces of information about daylight in these 4 cities for the year 2023.

1. Describe the content of these .csv files, that is, what each column represents.
2. Load the first 3 of these files (corresponding to Quito, Rome and Copenhagen) onto a python notebook, for instance, using the package `pandas` (loaded at `pd`) and the associated command `pd.read_csv('city_sun_2023.csv')`. Now plot the column `daylight_h` for each of the three cities.
 - 2.a Justify why you are effectively plotting the daylight in each city against time.
 - 2.b What do you observe in terms of *dynamics*? In other words, how to characterise the evolution of daylight along the year in Quito, Rome and Copenhagen?
3. Use an example of discrete dynamical system seen in class in order to propose an elementary model reproducing these datasets of daylight records in 3 cities for 2023. What can you say about the influence of latitude on the dynamics of real system and of the model?
4. Now load the fourth .csv file, corresponding to the city of Tromsø, in Norway, and plot its `daylight_h` column.
 - 4.a What do you observe compared to the other three cities? How
 - 4.b How do you interpret it from the viewpoint of the underlying physical phenomenon?
5. Is the model you proposed to answer question 3. capable of reproducing the behaviour corresponding to the city of Tromsø? Can you modify the model so as to capture this behaviour?

Map



Globe

