

Lecture 3

§3.4 Other Types of Orbits

Example: consider $F(x) = x^2 - 2$

The point $x_0 = 0$ is eventually fixed.
 $0, -2, 2, 2, \dots$

But if we compute the orbit slightly off 0, say $x_0 = 0.01$.

(Then we get a chaos)

We obtained what we call chaotic behaviour.

If take $x_0 = 0.001$, get another totally different plot. (You cannot really "predict" the plot)



Tiny deviations make great changes.

§3.5 Doubling Function

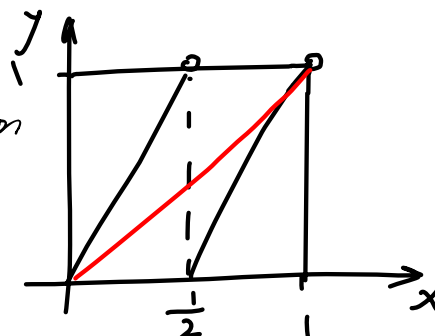
We define the doubling function as $D: [0, 1) \rightarrow [0, 1)$

$$D(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 2x - 1 & \text{if } \frac{1}{2} \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$$

First we can express the doubling function in different ways:

$$D(x) = 2x \bmod 1 = 2x - \lfloor 2x \rfloor$$

where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ = integer part of x .



Properties

① There is only one fixed point $x_0 = 0$.

Graph of doubling function

② There are lots of cycles:

$0.2, 0.4, 0.8, 0.6, 0.2, \dots$ 4 cycles

$\frac{1}{4}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{5}{4}, \frac{7}{4}, \frac{9}{4}, \frac{11}{4}, \dots$

6 cycles $F^6(\frac{1}{9}) = \frac{1}{9}$

*But due to the error of computer, $\frac{1}{9}$ is "fixed". Why? b/c the computer approximates $\frac{1}{9}$ as 0.111111, which is not correct.

CHAPTER 4 GRAPHICAL ANALYSIS

To sketch a cobweb graph of an orbit of x_0 under F , follow the procedure

① Graph $y = f(x)$ and $y = x$

② Start with the point (x_0, x_0) on the line $y = x$.

③ Go vertically (up or down) to the graph $y = f(x)$ to the point $(x_0, F(x_0)) = (x_0, x_1)$

④ Go horizontally (left or right) to the graph $y = x$ to the point (x_1, x_1)

⑤ repeat the process for the next iteration.

§4.1 Orbits Analysis

Orbit analysis is a complete description of each orbit under F for every possible seed x_0 .

Example: Let $F(x) = x^3$

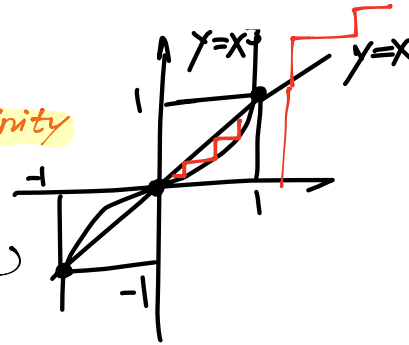
• There are 3 fixed points, $-1, 0, 1$.

• If $x_0 > 1$, then the orbit will escape to infinity

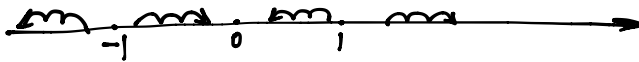
• If $x_0 < -1$, then \dots negative infinity

• If $0 < x_0 < 1$ or $-1 < x_0 < 0$, then the orbit will converge to 0^+ (but never touches 0)

• If $-1 < x_0 < 0$, \dots 0^- .



• We can summarize this information



Example: $F(x) = x^2$

The fixed pts are 0 & 1.

The point -1 is eventually fixed.

