# Chaos Theory (Math 145)

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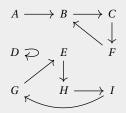
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### Problem 1

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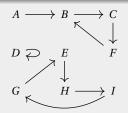


#### Exercise

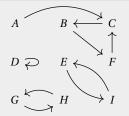
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- (b) Describe the orbit  $\mathcal{O}^+(x)$  for each  $x \in S$ .
- (c) Describe  $Per_k(f)$  for k = 1, 2, 3, 4.
- (d) Identify any cycles and their periods.
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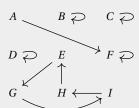
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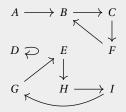
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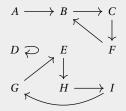
e.g. 
$$\mathcal{O}^{+}(A) = A, B, C, F, B, C, F, ...$$

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$$Per_3(f) = \{B, C, F\}.$$

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e.g. the cycle E, G, I, H has period four.

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e.g.  $\it A$  is eventually periodic; we exclude periodic points from our definition of "eventually periodic."

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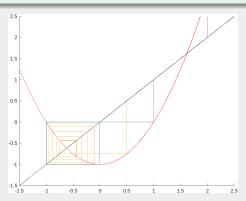
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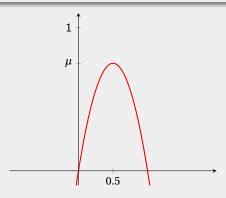
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- (b) For  $\mu=1/2$ , discuss the fixed points of f and their stable set. Can you predict all orbit behaviors from the initial conditions in [0,1] by cobwebbing?
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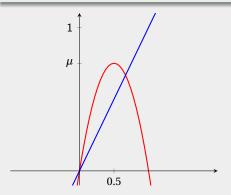
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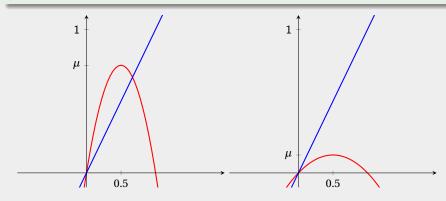
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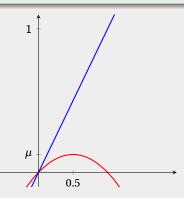
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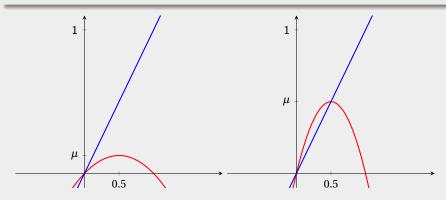
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Recall that the map  $f(x)=x^2-1$  has two repelling fixed points  $x_\pm=\frac{1}{2}\pm\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$ , and a 2-cycle (0,-1) to which many points of the interval  $(-x_+,x_+)$  are asymptotic. Some which are not occur for those points that eventually land into  $x_-$  (namely, the stable set of  $x_-$ , denoted  $W^s(x_-)$ ). In this context, this set is constructed running dynamics backwards on  $x_-$ , specifically

$$W^{s}(x_{-}) = \bigcup_{n \ge 0} f^{-n}(x_{-}), \text{ where } f^{-n}(x_{-}) := \{ y : f^{n}(y) = x_{-} \}.$$

Note that since f is not one-to-one (often 2-to-1 here), or invertible,  $f^{-n}(x_-)$  is a set which contains potentially in the order of  $2^n$  points! \*luckily, it does not grow that fast!)

Discuss how to construct this set by "reverse"-cobwebbing, describing some qualitative features of it and thinking about an algorithmic way to construct it, as this will help you with a Matlab problem.

#### Attendance

