

# Difference Equations

- Part 2 -

## Cobweb diagrams

("Spinnweben"-Diagramme)

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## Generating the basic data list

The following program generates a list subsequently to be processed for graphical representation.

```

AnnuityList[y0_, A_, B_, k_] :=
Module[{i = 0, y = y0, AL = {}},
  AL = Append[AL, {i, y}];
  While[i < k,
    i = i + 1; y = A * y + B; AL = Append[AL, {i, y}]];
  Return[AL] ]

AnnuityList[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15]

{{0, 100000}, {1, 95000.}, {2, 89750.}, {3, 84237.5}, {4, 78449.4}, {5, 72371.8},
{6, 65990.4}, {7, 59290.}, {8, 52254.5}, {9, 44867.2}, {10, 37110.5},
{11, 28966.1}, {12, 20414.4}, {13, 11435.1}, {14, 2006.84}, {15, -7892.82}}
```

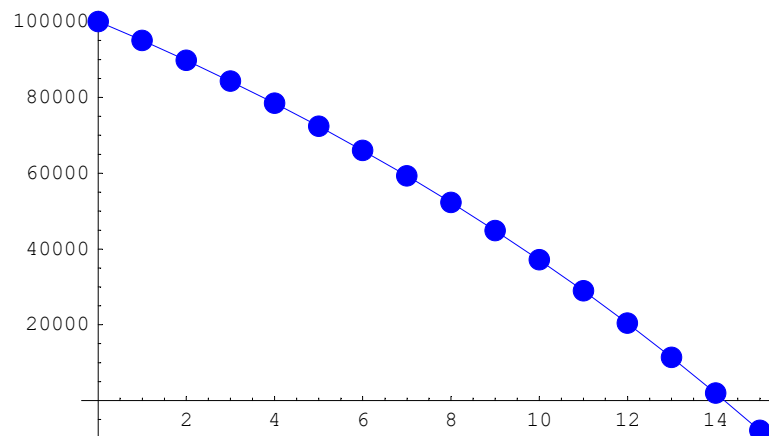
## The standard plot ("timeline plot")

### ■ Implementation of the timeline plot

```
TimelinePlot[y0_, A_, B_, k_] :=
  (TP1 = ListPlot[AnnuityList[y0, A, B, k],
    PlotStyle → {RGBColor[0, 0, 1], PointSize[0.03]}, DisplayFunction → Identity];
   TP2 = ListPlot[AnnuityList[y0, A, B, k], PlotStyle → {RGBColor[0, 0, 1]},
    PlotJoined → True, DisplayFunction → Identity];
   Show[{TP1, TP2}, PlotRange → All, ImageSize → {360, 360},
    DisplayFunction → $DisplayFunction])
```

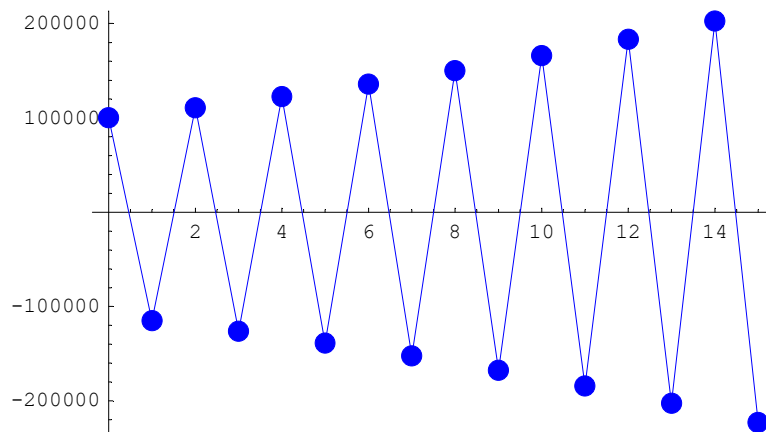
### ■ Experiments and Results

```
TimelinePlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15]
```



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```
TimelinePlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15]
```



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## The "cobweb" plot

The program `AnnuityList` generates a list of pairs, the annuity list. The first component of each pair can be interpreted as "time". The complete list gives the development of the magnitude  $y$  in time (see previous graphic).

### ■ Implementation of the cobweb plot

The following module `CobList` takes the annuity list as its input and transforms it into a list suitable for display in the form of a *cobweb diagram*.

```
CobList[AnnuityList_] :=
Module[{L = Map[Last, AnnuityList], CobL = {}},
  (If[Length[L] > 0, CobL = {{First[L], 0}}];
  While[
    Length[L] > 1,
    CobL = Append[CobL, {L[[1]], L[[2]]}];
    CobL = Append[CobL, {L[[2]], L[[2]]}];
    L = Delete[L, 1];
  ];
  Return[CobL]
```

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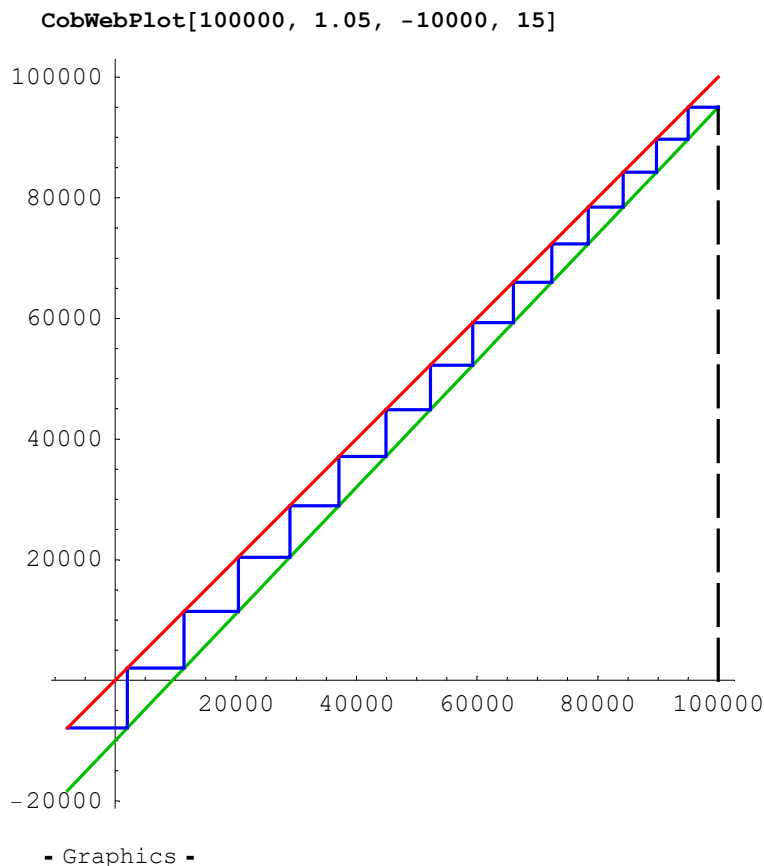
CobList[AnnuityList[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15]]

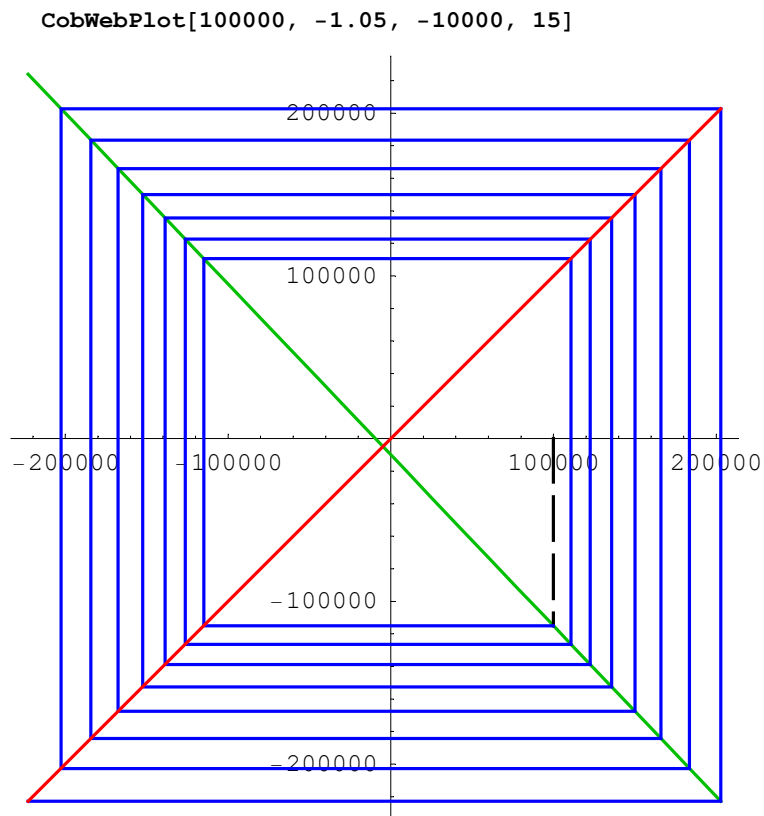
{{100000, 0}, {100000, 95000.}, {95000., 95000.}, {95000., 89750.},
 {89750., 89750.}, {89750., 84237.5}, {84237.5, 84237.5}, {84237.5, 78449.4},
 {78449.4, 78449.4}, {78449.4, 72371.8}, {72371.8, 72371.8}, {72371.8, 65990.4},
 {65990.4, 65990.4}, {65990.4, 59290.}, {59290., 59290.}, {59290., 52254.5},
 {52254.5, 52254.5}, {52254.5, 44867.2}, {44867.2, 44867.2}, {44867.2, 37110.5},
 {37110.5, 37110.5}, {37110.5, 28966.1}, {28966.1, 28966.1}, {28966.1, 20414.4},
 {20414.4, 20414.4}, {20414.4, 11435.1}, {11435.1, 11435.1}, {11435.1, 2006.84},
 {2006.84, 2006.84}, {2006.84, -7892.82}, {-7892.82, -7892.82}}

CobWebPlot[y0_, A_, B_, k_] :=
Module[
  {CL = CobList[AnnuityList[y0, A, B, k]],
   xmin, xmax, g0, g1, g2, g3, g4, g5},
  xmin = Min[CL];
  xmax = Max[CL]; g0 = {Dashing[{0.06, 0.02}]},
  {Thickness[0.005], {RGBColor[0, 0, 0], Line[{CL[[1]], CL[[2]]}]}}};
  g1 = {Thickness[0.005], {RGBColor[0, 0, 1], Line[Drop[CL, 1]]}}};
  g2 = {Thickness[0.005], {RGBColor[1, 0, 0], Line[{xmin, xmin}, {xmax, xmax}]}}};
  g3 = Plot[Function[x, A * x + B][t], {t, xmin, xmax}, AspectRatio → Automatic,
    PlotRange → All, TextStyle → {FontSize → 12}, PlotStyle →
    {Thickness[0.005], RGBColor[0, 0.75, 0]}, DisplayFunction → Identity];
  Show[g3, Graphics[g0], Graphics[g1], Graphics[g2], AspectRatio → Automatic,
    PlotRange → All, ImageSize → {360, 360}, DisplayFunction → $DisplayFunction]

```

## ■ Experiments and Results

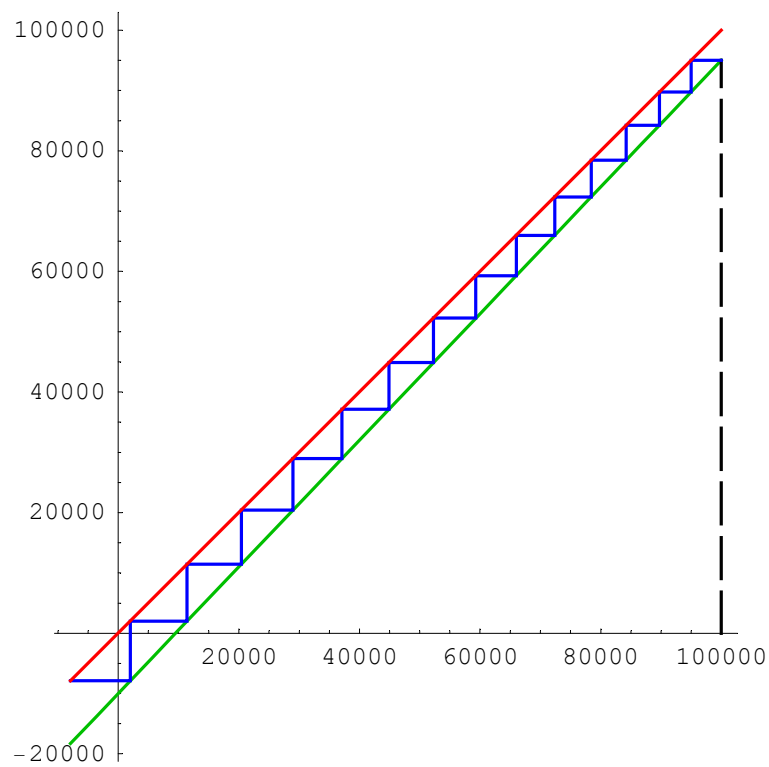
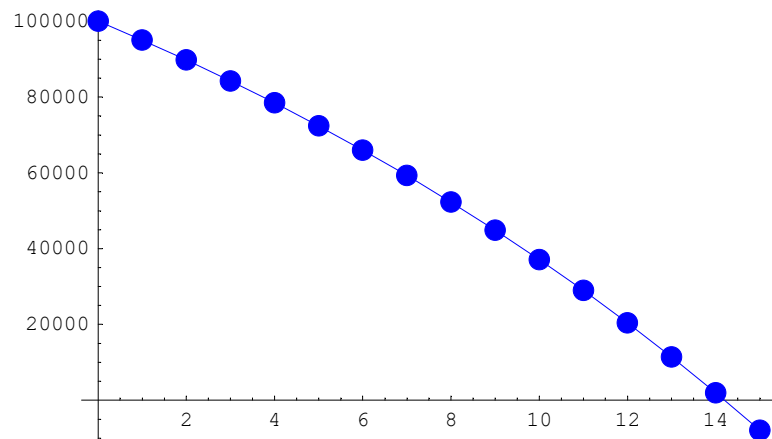


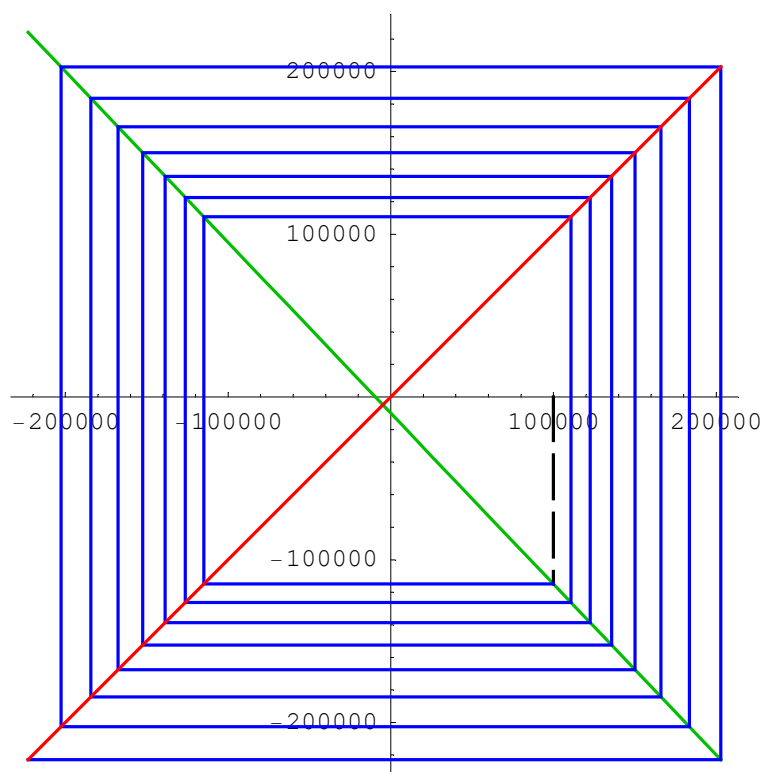
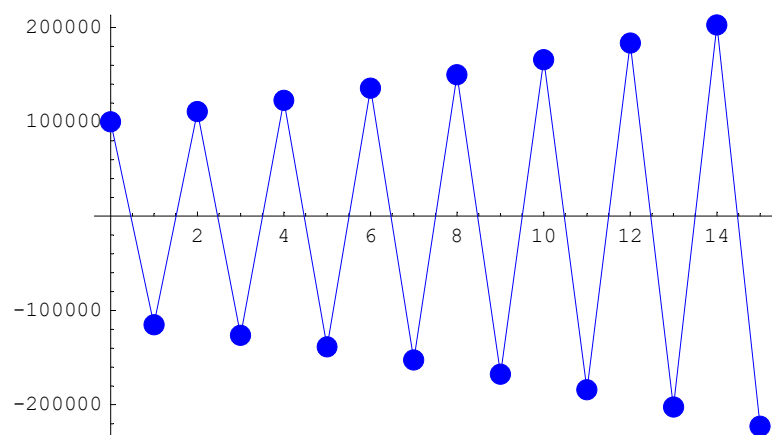


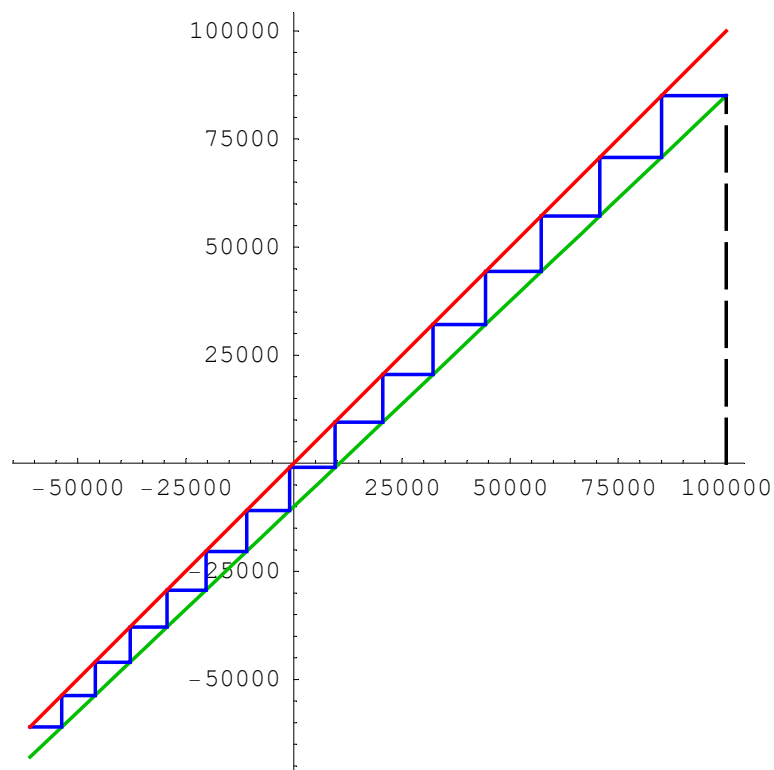
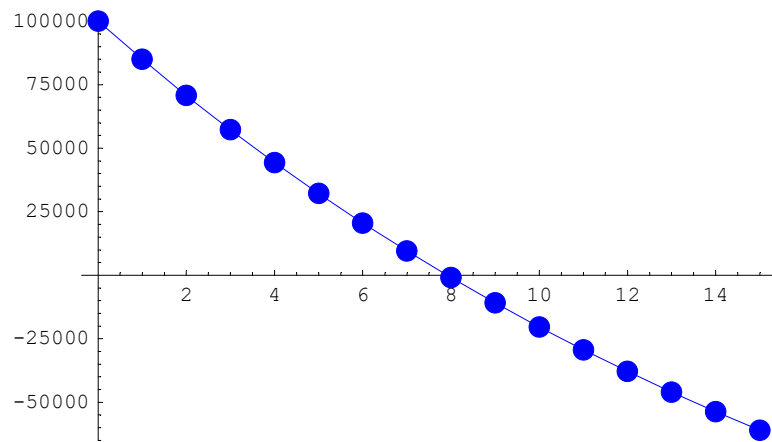
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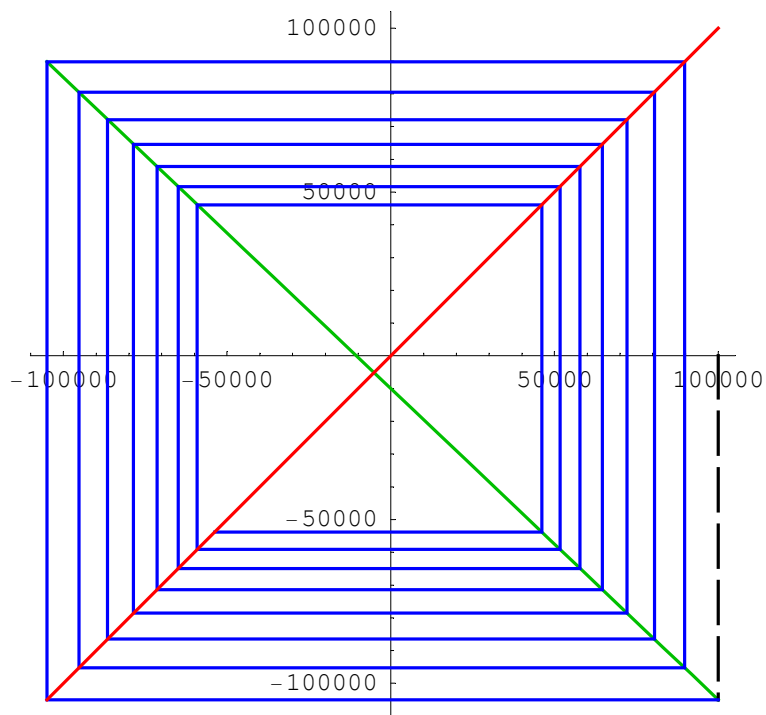
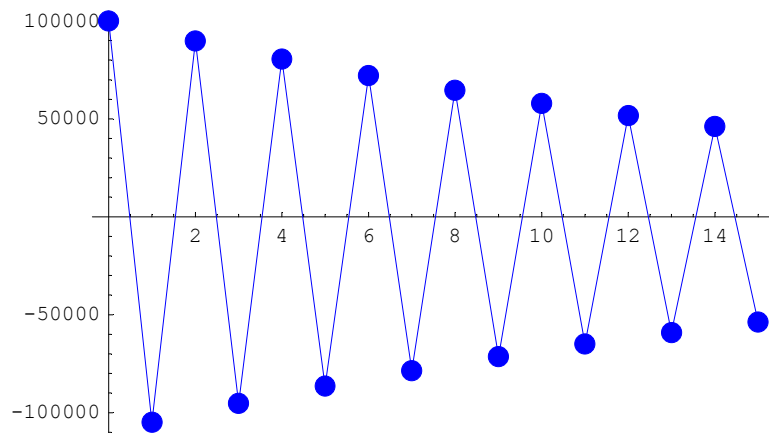
```
(TimelinePlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15];
TimelinePlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15];
TimelinePlot[100000, 0.95, -10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[100000, 0.95, -10000, 15];
TimelinePlot[100000, -0.95, -10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[100000, -0.95, -10000, 15])
```











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## ■ The cobweb plot - some special cases

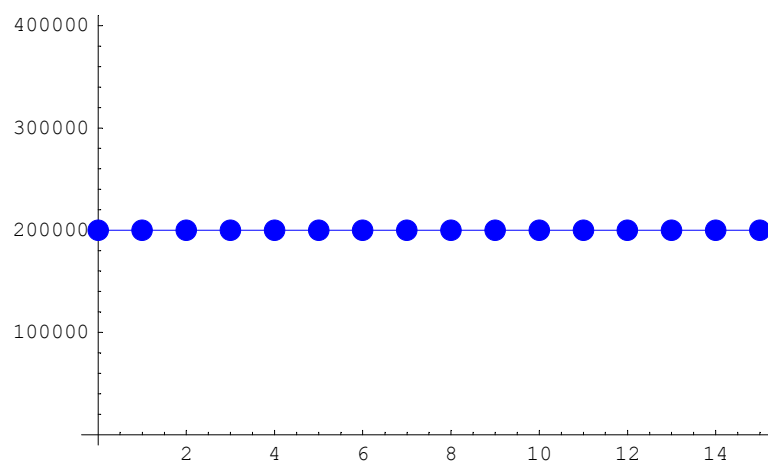
Case:  $y_0 = \frac{B}{1-A}$

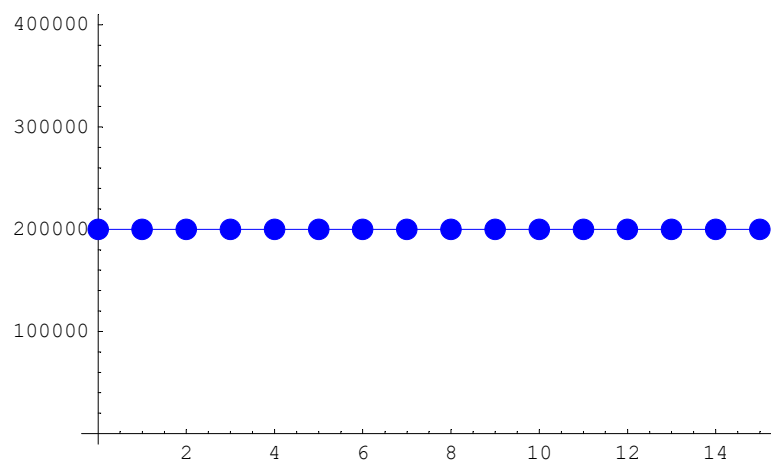
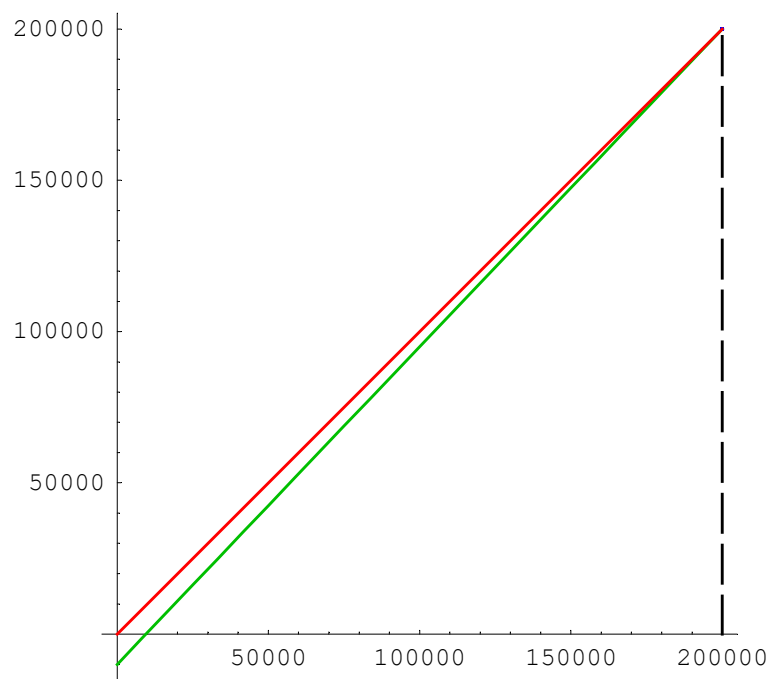
hence:  $y_1 = A \cdot y_0 + B = A \cdot \frac{B}{1-A} + B = \frac{A \cdot B + B \cdot (1-A)}{1-A} = \frac{B}{1-A} = y_0$

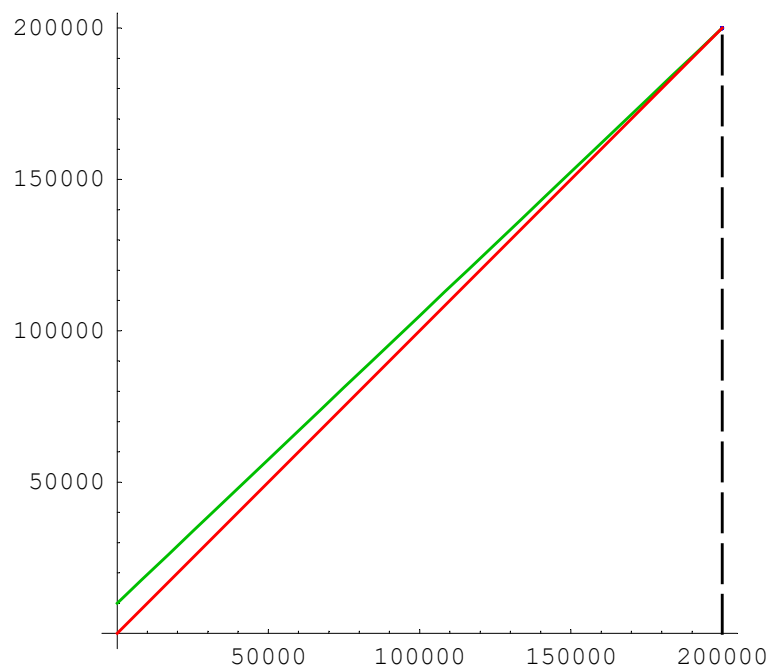
hence:  $y_0 = y_1 = y_2 = y_3 = y_4 = \dots$

In the following diagram this fact is visualized with various slopes.

```
TimelinePlot[200000, 1.05, -10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[200000, 1.05, -10000, 15];
TimelinePlot[200000, 0.95, 10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[200000, 0.95, 10000, 15];
```







Case:  $A = -1$

hence:  $y_1 = -y_0 + B$

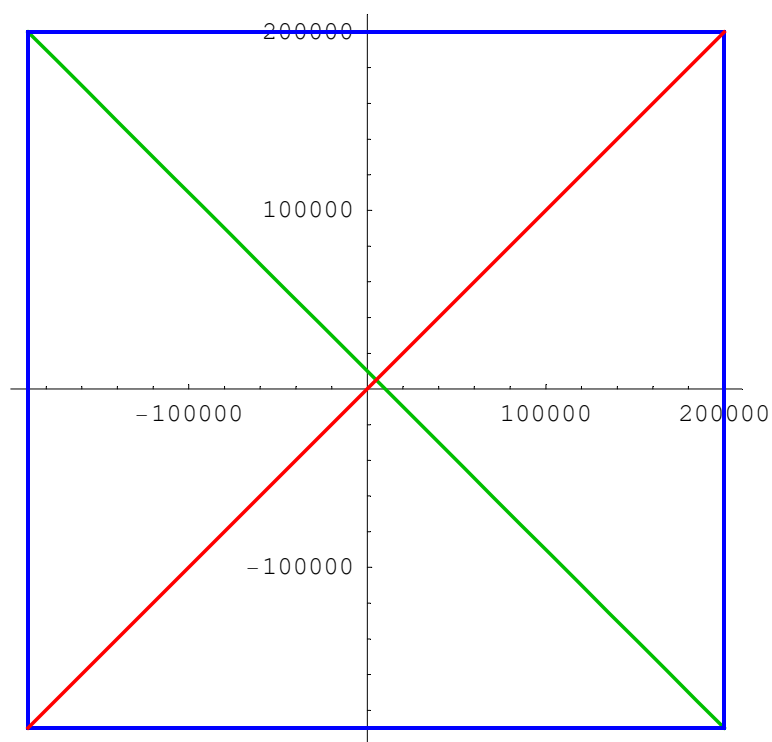
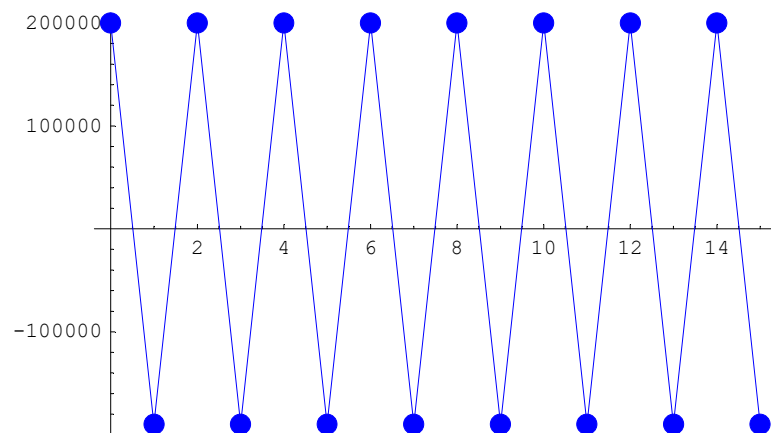
$$y_2 = -y_1 + B = (y_0 - B) + B = y_0$$

$$y_3 = -y_2 + B = -y_0 + B = y_1$$

$$y_4 = -y_3 + B = -y_1 + B = y_2 = y_0$$

Visualisation:

```
TimelinePlot[200000, -1, 10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[200000, -1, 10000, 15];
```



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**Auxiliary stuff**