

SOLUTIONS

Math 53: Chaos! 2009: Midterm 1

2 hours, 54 points total, 6 questions worth various points (proportional to blank space)

1. [9 points] Consider the two-dimensional map $x \rightarrow Ax$. *it's a linear map*
- 3 (a) If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, describe the object formed by applying the map to the unit disc $\{x \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| < 1\}$. Include all relevant lengths and directions (unnormalized direction vectors are fine).

$$AA^T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1/2 \\ -1/2 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3/4 & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & 1/4 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{find eigenvalues } \lambda:$$

$$\lambda^2 - 3/2\lambda + 5/16 = 0$$

quadratic eqn $\lambda = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} - \frac{1}{4}} \right) = \frac{3}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

$$\lambda_1 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} : \begin{bmatrix} 3/4 - 3/4 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} & 1/2 \\ 1/2 & -1/2 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \text{so } \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{2} v_1 + \frac{v_2}{2} = 0$$

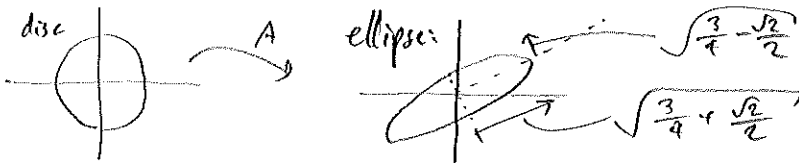
a bit annoying.

$$v_2 = (\sqrt{2}-1)v_1$$

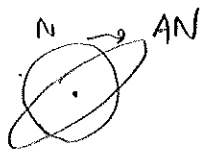
$$v = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \sqrt{2}-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

(I didn't make any eigenvectors)

direction of semimajor axis.



- (b) For this A , do any points in the unit disc get mapped outside the unit disc?



yes, since one eigenvalue $\lambda_1 = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \approx 0.75 + 0.71 > 1$

- 3 (c) For this A , find the fixed point(s) of the map and classify them.

eigenvals. of A itself are via $\begin{vmatrix} 1-\lambda & -1/2 \\ 1/2 & -\lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0 = \lambda^2 - \lambda + 1/4$

so $\lambda = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1-1}}{2} = 1/2$ (twice)

Both λ 's are < 1 in magnitude $\Rightarrow \vec{0}$ is a sink
(the only fixed point).

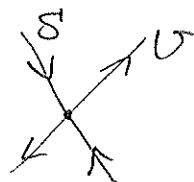
[surprising since the ellipse looks like it's starting to stretch ... eventually it collapses back inside N].

2. (d) Now if $A = \begin{bmatrix} 9/2 & -4 \\ 2 & -3/2 \end{bmatrix}$, does the map have any points with *sensitive dependence*? If so, give a proof for one such point. If not, explain why and categorize any fixed point(s). [Partial credit given for correct definition of sensitive dependence].

eigen of A : $\lambda^2 - \left(\frac{9}{2} - \frac{3}{2}\right)\lambda + \frac{-9(3)}{4} + 8 = 0$ $\lambda^2 - 3\lambda + 5/4 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9-5}}{2} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{5}{2}$$

\nwarrow in size \nearrow in size \rightarrow saddle



Since $\vec{0}$ is a saddle fixed point, we may choose \Rightarrow yes.
 points $\vec{x} = \varepsilon \vec{v}$, where \vec{v} is the eigenvector with $\lambda_2 = 5/2$,
 and, no matter how small $\varepsilon > 0$ is, $A^k \vec{x} = \lambda_2^k \varepsilon \vec{v}$ will
 eventually leave any fixed neighborhood of the point $\vec{0}$. \square
 [in fact since map is linear, all points have sens. dep.]

2. [10 points] Consider the two-dimensional map $f\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} 2x+y \\ a-y^2 \end{pmatrix}$

3. (a) Solve for all fixed points of f . For what range of a do (real) fixed points exist?

fixed: $\vec{f}(\vec{x}) = \vec{x}$ i.e. $\begin{matrix} 2x+y = x \\ a-y^2 = y \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} x+y = 0 \text{ or } y=-x \\ y^2+y-a = 0 \end{matrix}$ \nearrow solve

$$y = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1+4a}}{2}$$

so for $a > -1/4$, square root is real, and $\left(\frac{+1+\sqrt{1+4a}}{2}, \frac{-1-\sqrt{1+4a}}{2}\right)$
 and $\left(\frac{+1-\sqrt{1+4a}}{2}, \frac{-1+\sqrt{1+4a}}{2}\right)$
 are the two fixed points.

- (b) Fix $a = 0$, and for each of the two fixed points, answer: is it hyperbolic? Can you deduce if it is a sink, source, or saddle? [Hint: first find the y values].

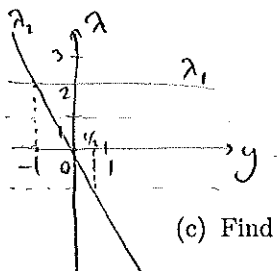
1. FIXED POINT 1: say $(0, 0)$ (by sub. $a=0$ in above).

$\vec{Df}\left(\begin{smallmatrix} x \\ y \end{smallmatrix}\right) = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_1}{\partial y} \\ \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial x} & \frac{\partial f_2}{\partial y} \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2y \end{pmatrix}$ so $y=0$ gives $\vec{Df}(\vec{0}) = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

eigen. (since upper-triangular) are $\lambda = 0, 2 \Rightarrow$ saddle, hyperbolic
 (since $|\lambda| \neq 1$)

2. FIXED POINT 2: $(+1, -1)$ $y = -1$ so $D\vec{f}\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 0 & -2 \end{pmatrix}$

eigen are $\lambda = 2$ (twice), both $|\lambda_j| > 1 \forall j$ so source.
again hyperbolic ($|\lambda_j| \neq 1, \forall j$)



(c) Find the critical value of a above which both fixed points are of the same type.

For general y of fixed point, $D\vec{f}$ has eigenvalues $\lambda = 2, -2y$

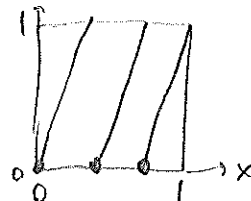
so any fixed pts. are sources or saddles. When $|\lambda_2| > 1$ then a fixed point is a source. Looking at plot, this is the large- y (hence, large- a) case. $|\lambda_2| = 1$ when $y = \pm 1/2$, ie $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{1+4a}}{2}$ ie $2^2 = 1+4a$ ie $a = 3/4$. So, for $a > 3/4$, both are sources [Tricky].

3. [10 points] Consider the $f(x) = 3x \pmod{1}$ which maps the interval $[0, 1)$ to itself.

2. (a) $x_0 = \frac{3}{26}$ is a fixed point of period k . Find k

$$\frac{3}{26} \xrightarrow{f} \frac{9}{26} \xrightarrow{f} \frac{27}{26} \equiv \frac{1}{26} \xrightarrow{f} \frac{3}{26}$$

(mod 1)



so the smallest k for which $f^k(x_0) = x_0$ is $k=3$.

\Rightarrow this is the period

2. (b) Is this a periodic sink, periodic source, or neither? (show your calculation)

Stability of periodic orbit given by $|f'(p_1)f'(p_2)f'(p_3)| = |(f^3)'(p_1)|$

but $f'(x) = 3 \quad \forall x \neq \frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}$

so $|(f^3)'(p_1)| = 3^3 = 27 > 1$ so a periodic source

- 2 (c) How many fixed points of f^2 are there in $[0, 1]$?

$$f^2(x) = 3(3x \pmod{1}) \pmod{1} = 9x \pmod{1}$$

$$\text{fixed pts of } f^2: \quad 9x \pmod{1} = x$$

$$\text{so } 9x = x + n$$

$$8x = n$$

$$n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$$

gives 8 solutions in $[0, 1] \Rightarrow 8$ fixed pts.

2. (d) Prove that if an orbit $\{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$ is eventually periodic, then x_0 is rational.

I cut the word 'eventually' in exam, so periodic x_0

\Rightarrow [Then the orbit $\{x_n, x_{n+1}, \dots, x_{n+k-1}\}$ is periodic for some n]

$$\Rightarrow f^k(x_0) = x_0$$

$$\text{ie } 3^k x_0 \pmod{1} = x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^k x_0 = x_0 + m \quad \text{for some } m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 = \frac{m}{3^k - 1} = \frac{\text{integer}}{\text{integer}} = \text{rational.}$$

2. (e) Compute the Lyapunov exponent (not number) of such an [eventually] periodic orbit, and use this to estimate how many iterations will it take for an initial computer rounding error of 10^{-16} to reach size 1?

Lyapunov exponent of eventually periodic, asymptotically periodic, or merely periodic points is given by average over orbit points x_n of $\ln |f'(x_n)|$

Assuming $x = 1/3$ or $2/3$ is never hit, $f'(x) = 3$ always.

$\Rightarrow h = \ln 3$ is Lyapunov exponent.

iterations, say k is this number. Then $3^k \cdot 10^{-16} \approx 1$

$$\ln \hookrightarrow k \ln 3 \approx 16 \ln 10$$

$$k = \frac{16 \ln 10}{\ln 3} \approx 32$$

(e) BONUS: Derive a formula for the number of subintervals at level k .

[This is same as 2007 midterm 1]

You can split sequence $1 \ 2 \ 3 \ 5 \ 8 \dots$ Fibonacci.
($k=0$)

why?

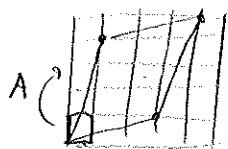
At level k , i), # subintervals on left side = # subint on Right at $k-1$ which by ii) is total at $k-2$
ii) # " " right = # total sub.int. on L or R at $k-1$.

i.e. $F_k = F_{k-1} + F_{k-2}$, gives Fibonacci.

5. [6 points] Consider $T(x) = Ax \pmod{1}$, where $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$, acting on the torus $x \in T^2 = [0, 1)^2$.

2 (a) Does the map T have an inverse? (explain using properties of the map)

No, since T is not one-to-one. Why not?



A maps unit square to something of area $|\det A| = |12 - 1| = 11$,

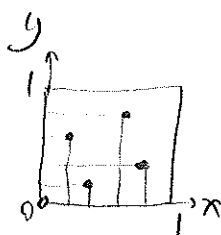
So there are many solutions to $T(\vec{x}) = \vec{c}$

3 (b) Find all fixed points of T in the torus.

$$\begin{aligned} 3x + y &= x \pmod{1} = x + n \\ x + 4y &= y \pmod{1} = y + n \end{aligned} \quad \text{for some } n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ie } 2x + y &= n \\ x + 3y &= n \end{aligned} \Rightarrow 2x + 6y = 2n \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \text{subtract} \\ \end{array} \right\} \begin{aligned} 5y &= 2n - m \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{K } x &= n - 3y = n - \frac{6}{5}n + \frac{3}{5}m \\ &= -\frac{1}{5}n + \frac{3}{5}m \end{aligned}$$

n	m	y	x
0	0	0	0
0	1	$-\frac{1}{5} = \frac{4}{5} \pmod{1}$	$\frac{3}{5}$
0	2	$-\frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$	$\frac{6}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$
0	3	$-\frac{3}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$	$\frac{9}{5} = \frac{4}{5}$
0	4	$-\frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5}$	$\frac{12}{5} = \frac{2}{5}$



How many expect?

$$|\det(A - I)| = |6 - 1| = 5.$$

then it repeats...

1 (c) Answer (b) for the case of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ← diagonal so $x \rightarrow x \pmod{1}$
 $y \rightarrow 2y \pmod{1}$

we know $y = 0$ is only fixed pt obeying this. from 1d maps.

But all $x \in [0, 1)$ is a fixed pt.

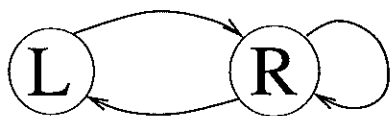
$\Rightarrow \{(x, y) : x \in [0, 1), y = 0\}$ — this line.

[harder].

4. [11 points]

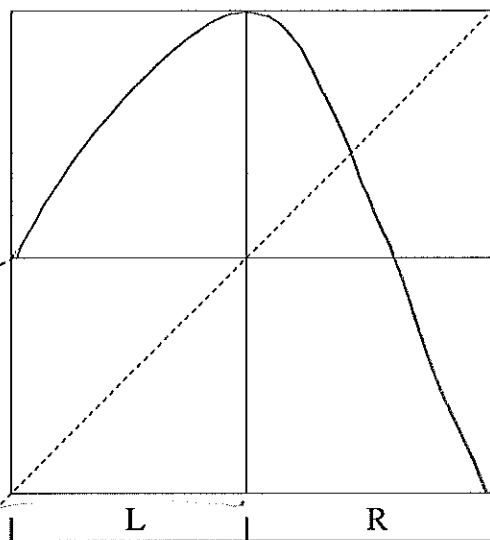
2. (a) Draw a possible graph of a smooth continuous function f mapping $L \cup R$ to itself, with only one turning point, whose transition graph is that shown below. Use the axes and intervals shown to the right. (Be sure to check your f has the correct transition graph).

at $L \cap R$,
I should
have said!



no $L \rightarrow L$ allowed
so f can't touch this square

2. (b) Prove that f has no fixed points in L .



$f(R) = L \cup R$
 $f(L) = R$
✓

is also possible, messier!

Two ways:

- i) graph of f cannot enter the square in lower left.
or ii) a fixed pt in L would have itinerary L , but L cannot follow L in transition graph.

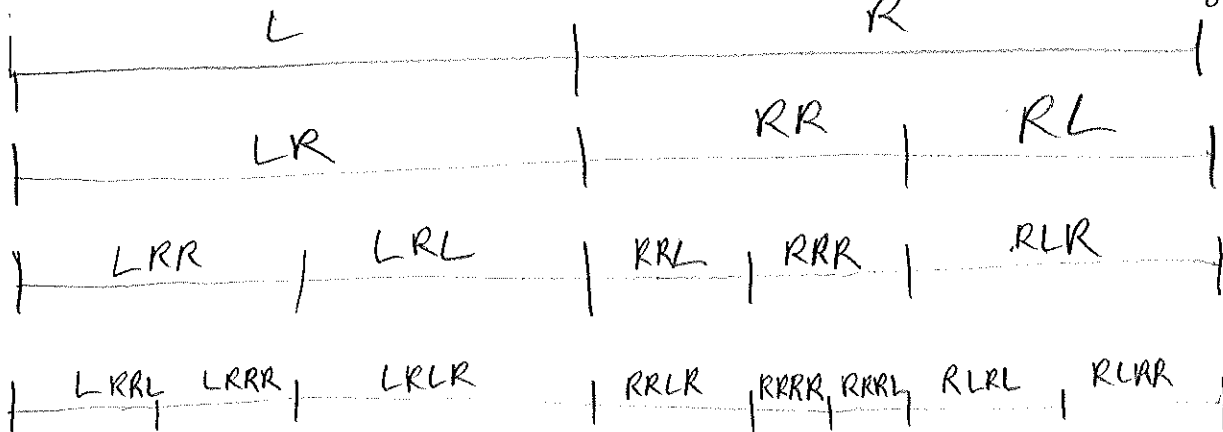
3. (c) Prove that there exist orbits which are not fixed, periodic, or eventually periodic.

By construction, write allowed orbits via transition graph, and they (as # letters $\rightarrow \infty$) approach a point.

Eg $LRLRRRLRRRLRRRL \dots$ etc cannot be eventually periodic since otherwise its final letters would be a repeating string.

4. (d) Show the subdivision down to level 4 (that is, the correct ordering of all 4-symbol itinerary subintervals on $L \cup R$). Take plenty of horizontal space. How many subintervals are there? [Hint: you can answer the latter without the former]

↳ 8 since that's how many length 4 strings are allowed in graph.

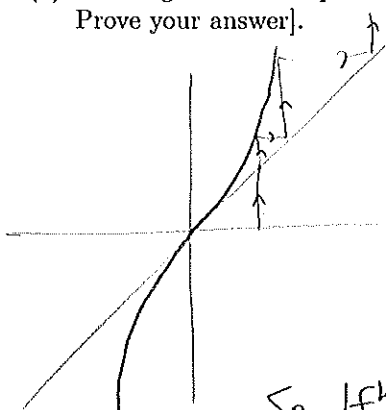


See worksheet:

best way is by acting via f on whole groups of subintervals at once.

6. [8 points] Random short questions.

- (a) The origin is a fixed point of $f(x) = \tan x$. Categorize it as a source, sink, or neither. [BONUS: Prove your answer].



since $\frac{d}{dx} \tan x = \sec^2 x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$
 $f'(0) = 1$ so theorem is not useful here.

However, cobweb plot shows it's a source.

Proof: $|\tan x| > |x| \quad \forall |x| < \pi/2$
 (follows by geometry, eg. $\tan x$ arc length vs height).

So $|f^k(x)| > |f^{k-1}(x)| > \dots > |x|$, so $\exists k$ st $|f^k(x)| > \pi/2$ no matter how small $|x|$ is.

- (b) A map $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ has $f^6(x) = x$. What are the possible periods of x as a periodic fixed point, if any?

x may have periods 1, 2, 3, or 6.
 (the divisors of 6)

- (c) Give a precise mathematical definition of the basin of a fixed point p .

$$\text{Basin of } p = \{ x : \lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} f^k(x) = p \}$$

Note: no ε , no $N_\varepsilon(x)$, no maximal such set, etc...
 It does require concept of limit.

- (d) Explain in a sentence what a period-doubling bifurcation is (include a sketch of a bifurcation diagram with axes).

a transition of a period- k fixed point sink to a period- $2k$ sink, as a function of some parameter.

