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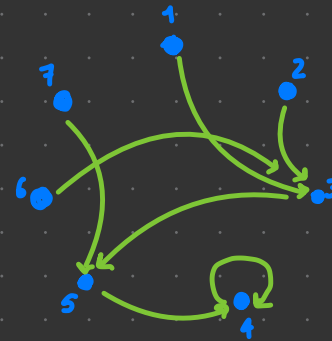
**EXERCISE** Consider an iterated map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ , with states  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . The function  $f(x)$  computes its values by the following algorithm:

1. Take the string of characters that expresses the number  $x$  in English (e.g.,  $5 \rightsquigarrow$  "five").
2. Count the number of letters in the string; this is the value returned by the function (e.g., "five"  $\rightsquigarrow$  4).

Find the fixed points, cycles, transient and recurrent states of this dynamics. How many connected components are there?

$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  TAKE THE LETTERS OF THE NUMBER  
STATES  
 $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

$x_n = 1$	$x_{n+1} = 3$	<u>O-N-E</u>
$x_n = 2$	$x_{n+1} = 3$	<u>T-W-O</u>
$x_n = 3$	$x_{n+1} = 5$	<u>T-H-R-E-E</u>
$x_n = 4$	$x_{n+1} = 4$	<u>F-O-U-R</u>
$x_n = 5$	$x_{n+1} = 4$	<u>F-I-V-E</u>
$x_n = 6$	$x_{n+1} = 3$	<u>S-I-X</u>
$x_n = 7$	$x_{n+1} = 5$	<u>S-E-V-E-N</u>



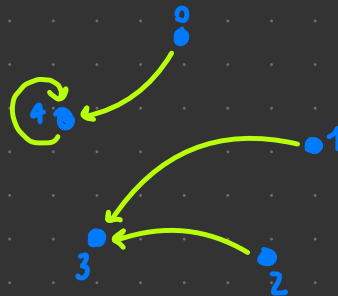
\* **FIXED POINTS:** STATE 4  
\*\* **CYCLE:** THE ONE WITH ONLY 4  
\*\*\* **TRANSIENT STATE:** 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7  
**RECURRENT STATE:** STATE 4  
**CONNECTED COMPONENTS:** \*\*\* THE GRAPH ITSELF

\* CYCLE WITH PERIOD ONE  
\*\* NOT VISITED INFINITELY MANY TIMES  
\*\*\* SUBSET OF THE GRAPH

**EXERCISE** Consider the same function  $f$  as in the previous exercise, but now the set of possible states is  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Does  $f$  represent the update rule of a dynamical system on this set of states?

$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  STATE  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$n = 0$	$x_{n+1} = 4$	Z-E-R-O
$n = 1$	$x_{n+1} = 3$	O-N-E
$n = 2$	$x_{n+1} = 3$	T-W-O
$n = 3$	$x_{n+1} = 5$	T-H-R-E-E
$n = 4$	$x_{n+1} = 4$	F-O-U-R



f DOES NOT REPRESENT THE UPDATE RULE OF A DYNAMICAL SYSTEM ON THIS SET OF STATES BECAUSE  $f(3) = 5$  AND THE STATE 5 IS NOT REPRESENTED

**EXERCISE** Consider the iterated map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ , in the state space  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$ , with

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 5 \\ x - 5 & \text{if } x \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

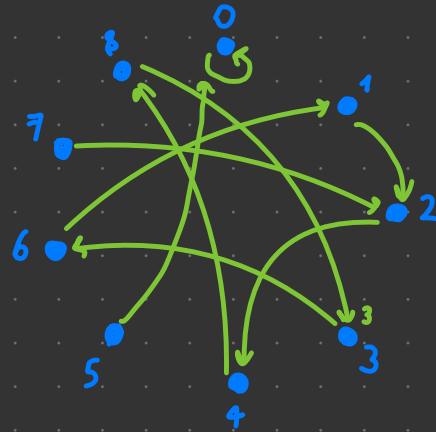
Find the fixed points, cycles, transient and recurrent states. How many connected components are there? Consider the function

$$Q(x) = 5x \mod 5$$

Is this a conserved quantity for the dynamics? Is it a *non-trivial* conserved quantity?

$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{if } x < 5 \\ x - 5 & \text{if } x \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

STATE  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$



$N=0$   $x_{n+1}=2x$ ;  $x_{n+1}=0$

$N=1$   $x_{n+1}=2x$ ;  $x_{n+1}=2$

$N=2$   $x_{n+1}=2x$ ;  $x_{n+1}=4$

$N=3$   $x_{n+1}=2x$ ;  $x_{n+1}=6$

$N=4$   $x_{n+1}=2x$ ;  $x_{n+1}=8$

$N=5$   $x_{n+1}=x-5$ ;  $x_{n+1}=0$

$N=6$   $x_{n+1}=x-5$ ;  $x_{n+1}=1$

$N=7$   $x_{n+1}=x-5$ ;  $x_{n+1}=2$

$N=8$   $x_{n+1}=x-5$ ;  $x_{n+1}=3$

FIXED POINTS:  $\{0\}$

CYCLES:  $\{0\}$

TRANSIENT STATE:  $\{5, 6, 7, 8\}$

RECURRENT STATE:  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8\}$

CONNECTED COMPONENTS:  $\{5, 0\}$   $\{7, 2, 4, 6, 3, 6, 1, 2\}$

$Q(x) = 5x \mod 5$  STATE  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$

$x_{n+1} = 5x \mod 5$

$N=1$   $x_{n+1} = 5 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=2$   $x_{n+1} = 10 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=3$   $x_{n+1} = 15 \mod 5 = 0$

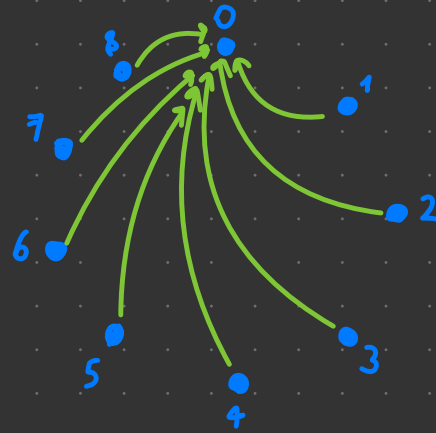
$N=4$   $x_{n+1} = 20 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=5$   $x_{n+1} = 25 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=6$   $x_{n+1} = 30 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=7$   $x_{n+1} = 35 \mod 5 = 0$

$N=8$   $x_{n+1} = 40 \mod 5 = 0$



**YES:**  $Q(x)$  IS A CONSERVED QUANTITY BECAUSE  $Q_x = 0 \forall x$ . IT IS ALSO

A TRIVIAL CONSERVED QUANTITY BECAUSE SINCE IT TAKES THE SAME

VALUE ON BOTH CONNECTED COMPONENTS

**EXERCISE** Consider the iterated map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$ , with

$$f(x) = x^2 \mod 7,$$

where  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . How many connected components are there? Can you write down a non-trivial conserved charge?

$$x_{n+1} = x_n^2 \mod 7 \quad x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$n=0 \quad x_{n+1} = 0 \mod 7 = 0$$

$$n=1 \quad x_{n+1} = 1 \mod 7 = 1$$

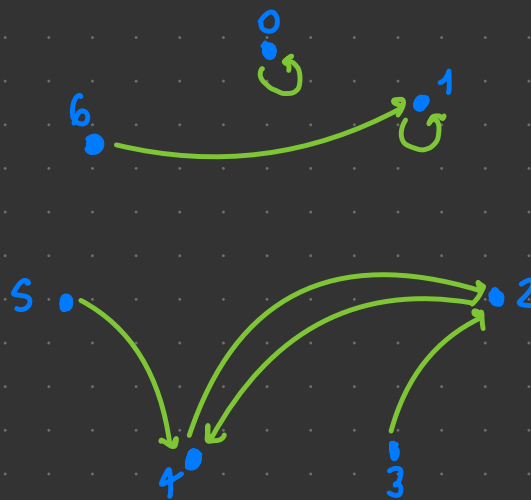
$$n=2 \quad x_{n+1} = 4 \mod 7 = 4$$

$$n=3 \quad x_{n+1} = 9 \mod 7 = 2$$

$$n=4 \quad x_{n+1} = 16 \mod 7 = 2$$

$$n=5 \quad x_{n+1} = 25 \mod 7 = 4$$

$$n=6 \quad x_{n+1} = 36 \mod 7 = 1$$



THERE ARE 3 CONNECTED COMPONENTS

$$\cdot \{0\}$$

$$\cdot \{6, 1\}$$

$$\cdot \{2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

NON-TRIVIAL CONSERVED CHARGE

$$Q_x = \begin{cases} 1 & x < 3 \\ 0 & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

**EXERCISE** Consider the iterated map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  in the (infinite) set  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  with

$$f(x) = x + k$$

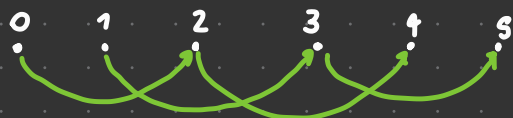
where the parameter  $k \geq 2$  is an integer. Describe the dynamics (cycles, etc.) Can you construct a non-trivial conserved quantity?

HINT: If the exercise seems too difficult, try considering the special case  $k = 2$  first; then see if and how the picture changes when  $k > 2$ .

$$x_{n+1} = x + k \quad \text{INFINITE SET } \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

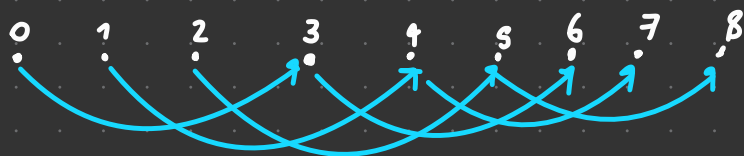
$$k \geq 2$$

TEST:  $k=2$



- THERE ARE TWO CONNECTED COMPONENTS, ONE FOR THE EVEN NUMBERS AND ONE FOR THE ODDS
- ALL THE STATES ARE TRANSIENT STATES
- THERE ARE NO CYCLE
- NO FIXED POINTS
- ALL TRANSIENT STATE, NO RECURRENT STATE

TEST  $k > 2$



$$\begin{aligned} 0 &- 3 - 6 - 9 - \dots \\ 1 &- 4 - 7 - 10 - \dots \\ 2 &- 5 - 8 - 11 - \dots \end{aligned}$$

- THERE ARE  $k$  CONNECTED COMPONENTS
- ALL THE STATE ARE TRANSIENT STATES
- THERE ARE NO CYCLE
- NO FIXED POINTS
- ALL TRANSIENT STATE, NO RECURRENT STATE

GENERAL RULES ( $k \geq 2$ )

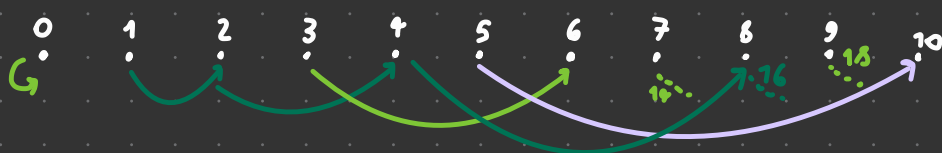
**EXERCISE** [difficult] Consider the iterated map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  in the (infinite) set  $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$  with

$$f(x) = kx,$$

where the parameter  $k \geq 2$  is an integer. Describe the dynamics (cycles, etc.)

$$x_{n+1} = kx \quad k \geq 2 \quad \mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

$k=2$



GENERALIZE  
• THERE ARE  $\frac{N}{2} + 1$  CYCLES

•  $\frac{N}{2} + 1$  CONNECTED COMPONENTS

• ALL STATES (EXCEPT THE 0) ARE TRANSIENT STATE

• 1 CYCLE (THE 0)

• 1 FIXED POINT (THE 0)

$k=3$

