

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [a, b]$ be a continuous function and let $p \in [a, b]$. Define $p_0 = p$ and $p_{n+1} = f(p_n)$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$. Suppose that the set $T_p = \{p_n : n = 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ is closed, i.e., if $x \notin T_p$ then there is a $\delta > 0$ such that for all $x' \in T_p$ we have $|x' - x| \geq \delta$. Show that T_p has finitely many elements.