

Written Assignment 5
Due Monday, November 7th

1. (1.5 # 2, 4) Write the updating function associated with each of the discrete dynamical systems. Which are linear?
 - (a) $m_{t+1} = \frac{m_t}{2}$
 - (b) $Q_{t+1} = \frac{1}{Q_{t+1}}$
2. (1.5 #16, 18) Find and graph the first five steps of the solution to each of the following discrete dynamical systems with the given initial condition.
 - (a) $l_{t+1} = l_t - 1.7$, $l_0 = 13.1$ cm
 - (b) $M_{t+1} = 0.75M_t + 2.0$, $M_0 = 16.0$.
3. (1.5, # 20, 22)
 - (a) Find a formula for the solution l_t for the discrete dynamical system in problem 2a.
 - (b) Find a formula for the solution M_t for the discrete dynamical system in problem 2b.
4. (1.5, # 59 with numbers changed) Suppose the fraction of individuals in a population with a certain gene increases by 10% each generation.
 - (a) Write the discrete dynamical system for the fraction of organisms with the gene. Use the variable f_t for the fraction of the organisms with the gene.
 - (b) What is the experiment for this discrete dynamical system?
 - (c) Write the solution for f_t with $f_0 = 0.0001$.
 - (d) Will the fraction reach 1.0? Based on this, does this model make sense for all time values?
5. (1.6, #1, 2 with fewer steps)
 - (a) Carefully draw a cobweb diagram for the discrete dynamical system $b_{t+1} = 2.0b_t$ with initial condition $b_0 = 1.0$. Include at least four steps.
 - (b) Draw a graph of the solution b_t for the first four steps.
 - (c) Carefully draw a cobweb diagram for the discrete dynamical system $n_{t+1} = 0.5n_t$ with $n_0 = 1.0$. Include at least four steps.
 - (d) Draw a graph of the solution n_t for the first four steps.
6. (1.6, #6) Cobweb the following discrete dynamical system $M_{t+1} = 0.75M_t + 2.0$ starting from the initial condition $M_0 = 16.0$. Graph at least three steps in your diagram.

7. (My brain) Find the equilibrium of the discrete dynamical system from problem 6.
8. (1.6 # 44) Consider a bacteria population that doubles every hour, but one million bacteria are removed before reproduction.
 - (a) Write down the discrete dynamical system modeling the bacteria population. Use b_t for the population variable.
 - (b) Make a cobweb diagram starting from $b_0 = 3$ million bacteria.
 - (c) Find the equilibrium of this system.