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Resumo sobre "The dynamics of a Family of One-Dimensional Maps"

For given a and b $(0 < a < 1, 0 \le b \le 1)$. Let f be a function from [0,1] to [0,1], algebrically defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} b + \frac{(1-b)}{a}x & \text{if } 0 \le x < a \\ \frac{(1-x)}{(1-a)} & \text{if } a \le x \le 1 \end{cases}$$

1. Fixed Points

Definition: A fixed point x is a point for which f(x) = x.

From this definition it is easy to see that if b = 0, it follows that f(x) = 0 for each x such that $0 \le x < a$, therefore that f(0) = 0, which means that 0 is a fixed point.

And as for the second part of f (attention: b does not pay any influence on this part). Let x be such that $a \le x < 1$ and f(x) = x:

$$f(x)=x \Rightarrow \frac{(1-x)}{(1-a)}=x \Rightarrow 1-x=x-ax \Rightarrow 2x-ax=1 \Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{(2-a)}$$

Therefore it is possible that f contains one or two fixed points.

From now on we shall ignore the first fixed point presented although it really exists, the second fixed point (which is in [a,1]) shall be called c, therefore:

$$c \in [a,1], c = \frac{1}{(2-a)} \Rightarrow f(c) = c$$

2. Slope on point c.

We are interested on the slope at the point c:

$$|slope(c)| = \frac{1}{(1-a)} > 1$$

Therefore, for any interval I such tha $(I \subset [a,1]) \Rightarrow |f|(I) > |I|$.