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Given the logistic equation:

$$\begin{aligned}N_{t+1} &= 41 N_t - 10 N_t^2 \\&= (41 - 10 N_t) N_t\end{aligned}$$

This can be written in the form: $N_{t+1} = (r - k N_t) N_t$.

Therefore, $r = 41$; $k = 10$.

To solve for the fixed/equilibrium points:

$$N^* = (41 - 10 N^*) N^*$$

There are two solutions:

$$N^* = 0, \text{ which is stable for } r < 1$$

$$N^* = (r-1)/k = (41-1)/10 = 4, \text{ which is stable for } 1 < r < 3.$$

Since in this case $r = 41$, neither of these equilibrium points is stable. Additionally, since there is no stable fixed point, there is no value for the population to approach in the long run.

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Given the logistic equation:

$$\begin{aligned} N_{t+1} &= 41 N_t + 2 N_t^2 \\ &= (41 + 2 N_t) N_t \end{aligned}$$

This can be written in the form: $N_{t+1} = (r - k N_t) N_t$.

Therefore, $r = 41$; $k = -2$.

To solve for the fixed/equilibrium points:

$$N^* = (41 + 2 N^*) N^*$$

There are two solutions:

$$N^* = 0, \text{ which is stable for } r < 1$$

$$N^* = (r-1)/k = (41-1)/(-2) = -20, \text{ which is stable for } 1 < r < 3.$$

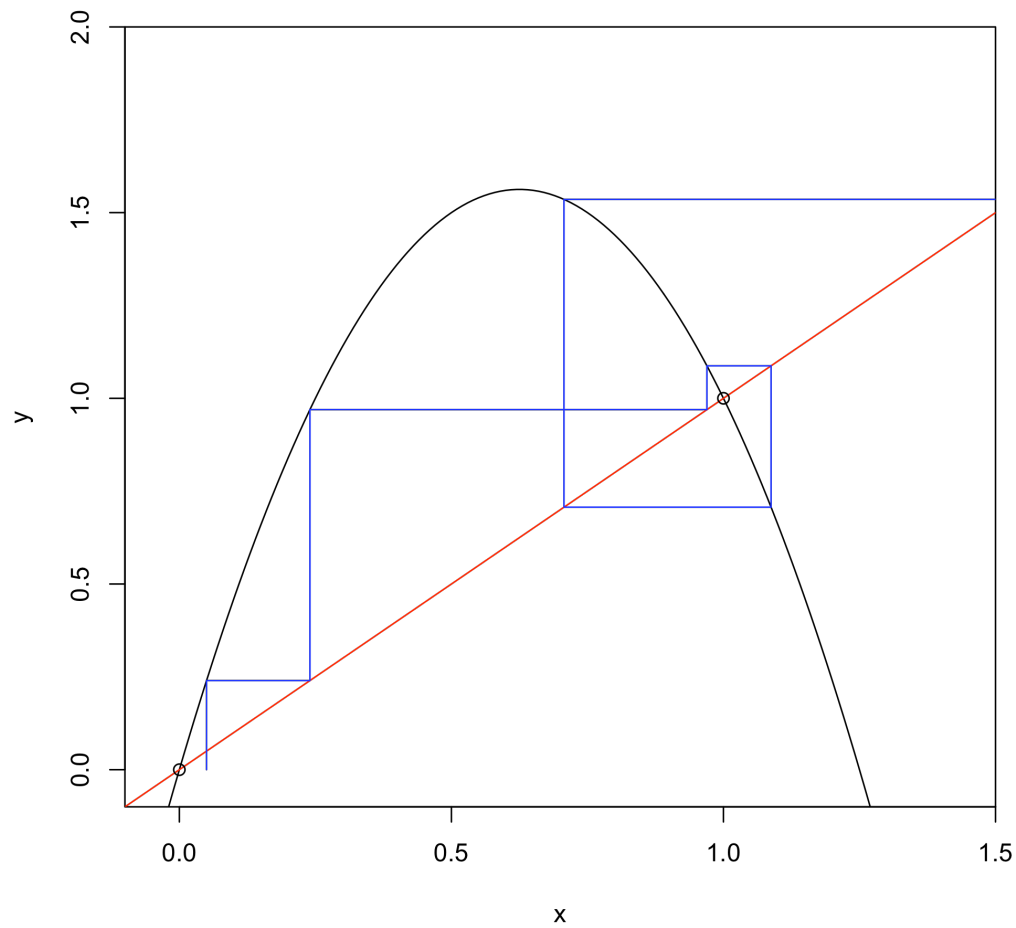
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$$f(x) = x(5 - 4x)$$

The fixed points are 0 and 1. They are both unstable.

2a. Cobweb Plot

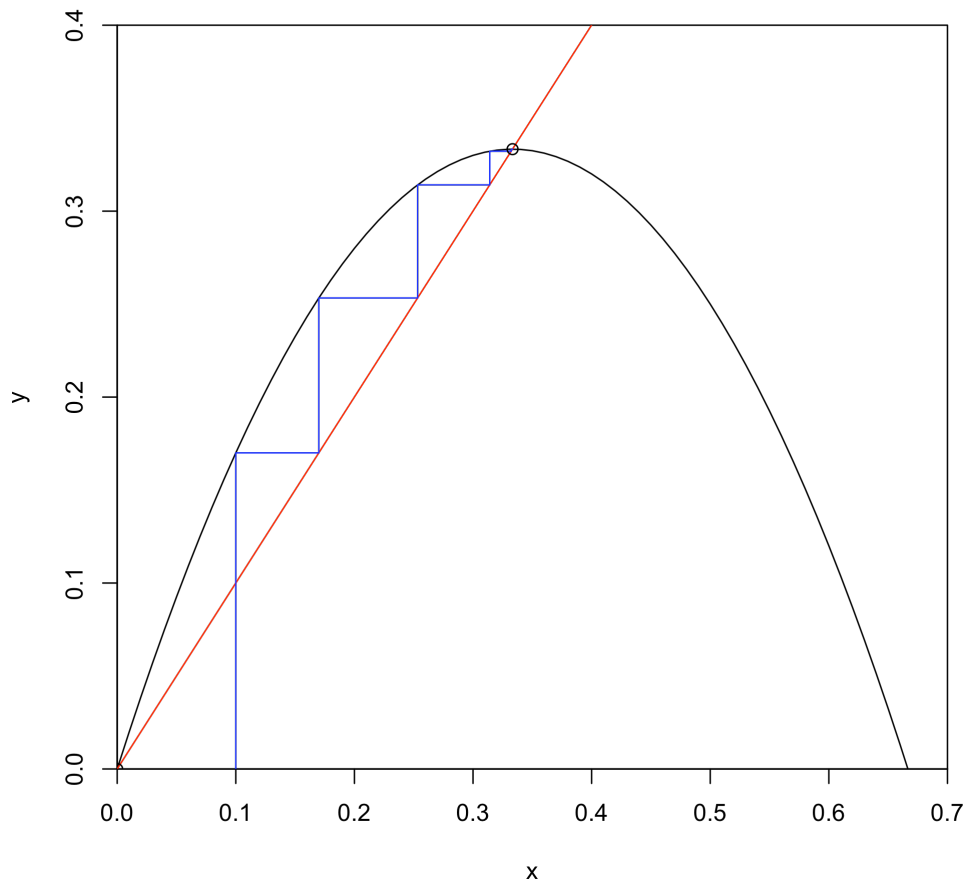


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$$f(x) = 2x(1 - 3x/2) = x(2 - 3x)$$

The fixed points are 0 and $1/3$. The point 0 is unstable and $1/3$ is stable.

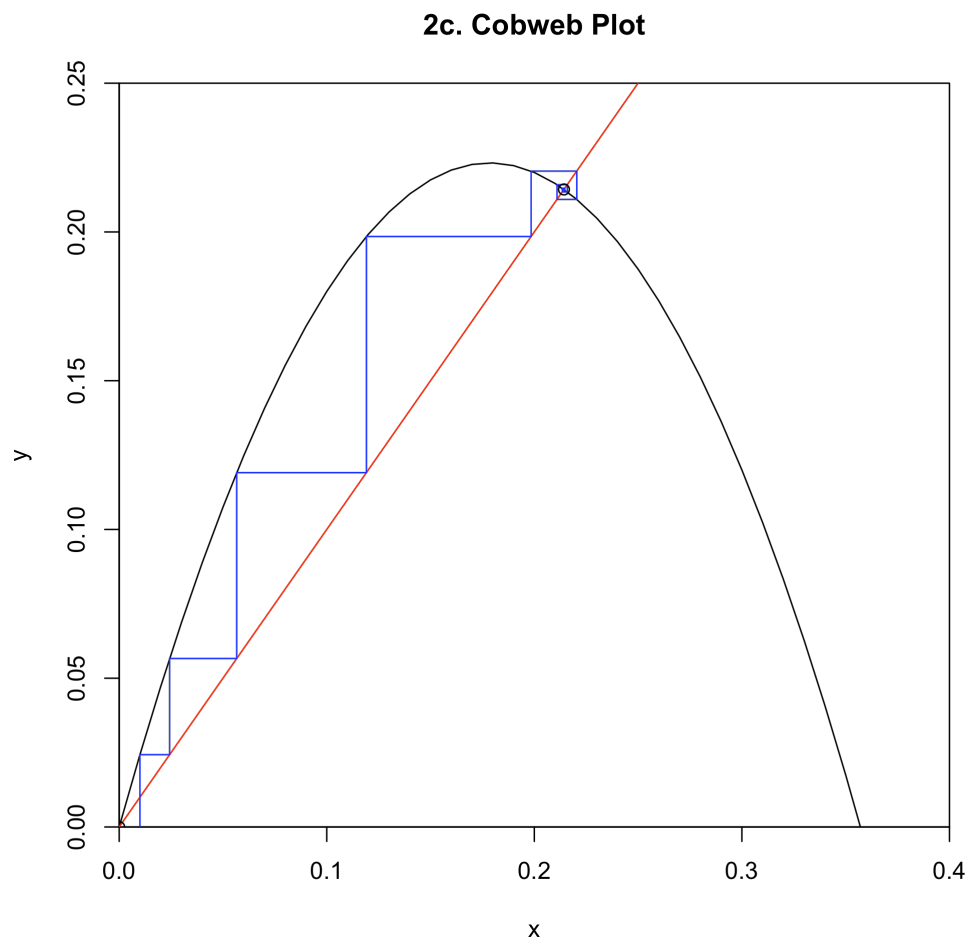
2b. Cobweb Plot



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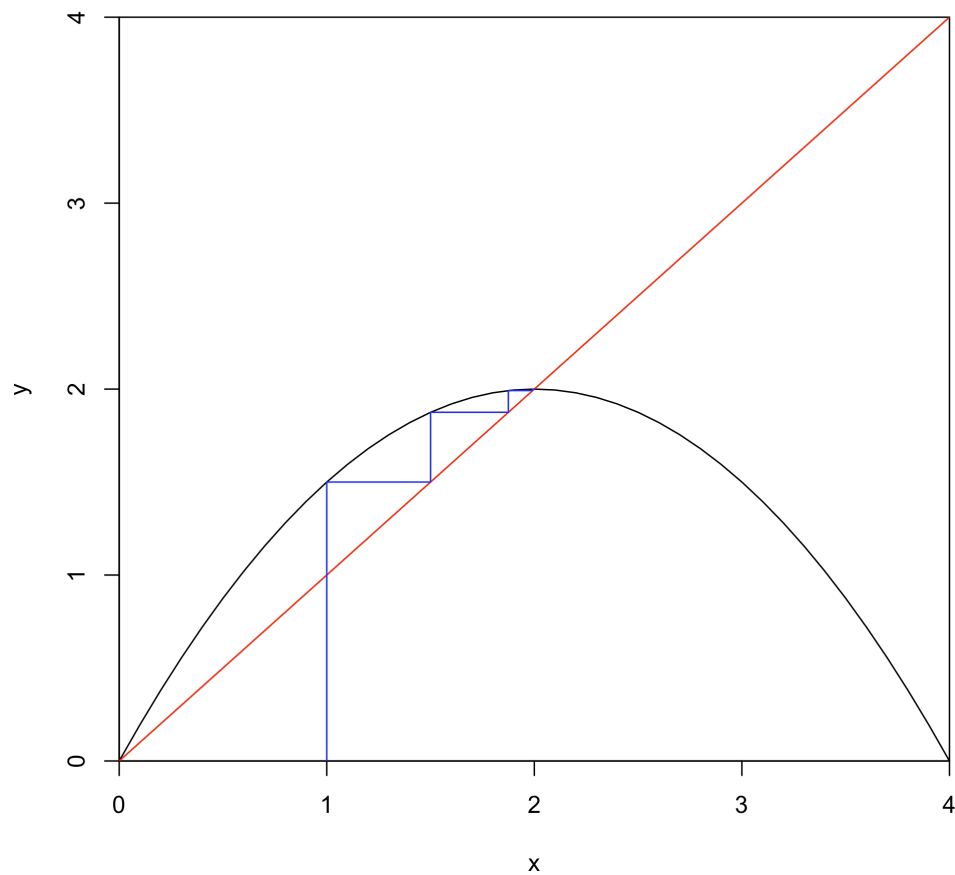
$$f(x) = x(5/2 - 7x)$$

The fixed points are 0 and $3/14$. The point 0 is unstable and $3/14$ is stable.



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3. Functor Cobweb Plot



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$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -k G(t)$$

This is first order, linear, homogeneous and autonomous.

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$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -k G(t)$$

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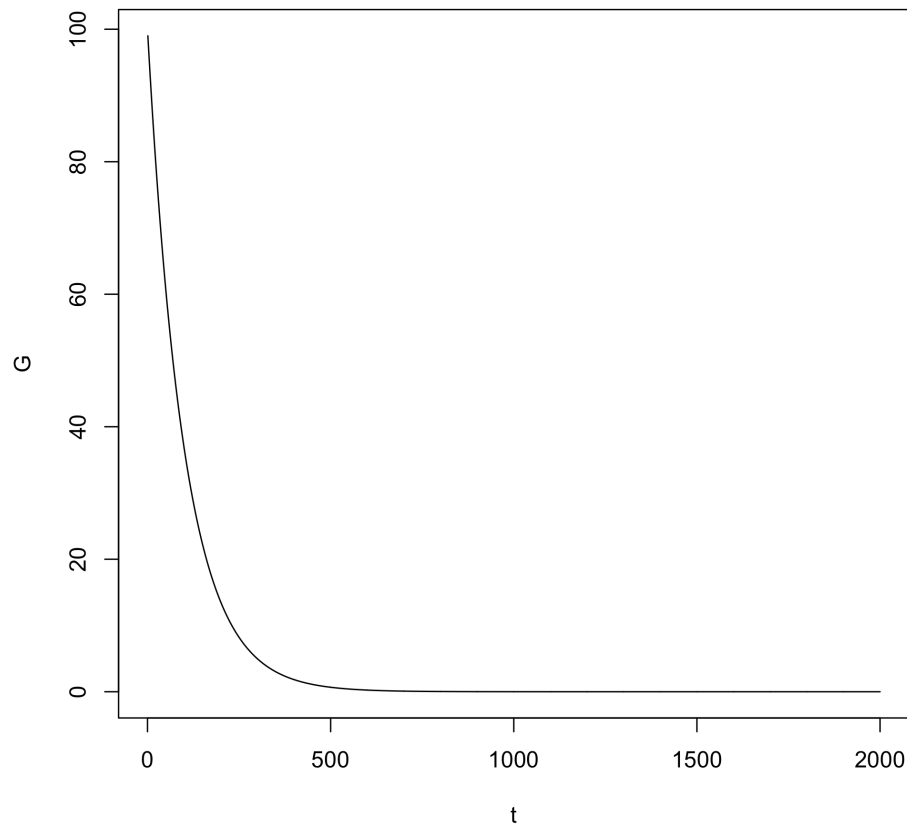
$$\ln(G(t)) = -k t + C$$

$$G(t) = e^{-k t + C} = A e^{-k t}$$

Plugging in the initial condition: $G(0) = G_0 = A e^{-k \cdot 0} = A$

Thus, the solution is: $G(t) = G_0 e^{-k t}$

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The equilibrium of blood sugar in this model is 0 mg/dl, and it is stable.

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$$\frac{dG}{dt} = a - k G(t)$$

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$$\frac{dG}{dt} = -k G(t)$$

Use the integration factor: $e^{\int k dt} = e^{kt}$ (ignoring the constant, which would just be factored out later).

$$\frac{dG}{dt} e^{kt} + k G(t) e^{kt} = a e^{kt}$$

Then, by the product rule: $\frac{d}{dt}(G(t) e^{kt}) = a e^{kt}$

Integrate both sides to get:

$$G(t) e^{kt} = \frac{a}{k} e^{kt} + C \quad ; \quad G(t) = \frac{a}{k} + C e^{-kt}$$

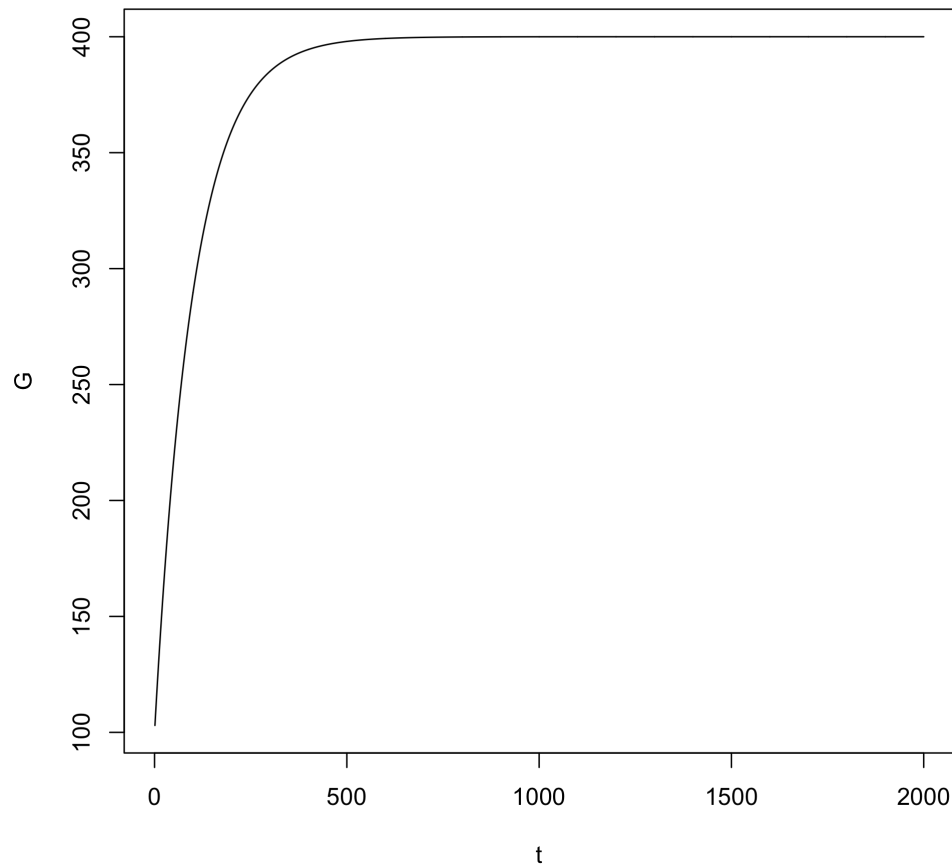
Then, using the initial condition:

$$G(0) = \frac{a}{k} + C e^{-k \cdot 0} = \frac{a}{k} + C = G_0 \quad ; \quad C = G_0 - \frac{a}{k}$$

Therefore, the solution is:

$$G(t) = \frac{a}{k} + \left(G_0 - \frac{a}{k} \right) e^{-kt}$$

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The equilibrium concentration is stable and it is a/k .