

## Diff Eqs - Gen Properties

Def: Any eq. of form  $u_n = f(u_{n-1}, u_{n-2}, \dots, u_{n-m})$

E.g.  $u_n = 2u_{n-1} + 2$   $\longleftrightarrow u_{n-7} = 2u_{n-8} + 2$

$u_n = u_{n-1} + 1$

$u_n = 2 \cdot u_{n-1}$   $\longleftrightarrow u_{n+1} = 2 \cdot u_n$

$u_n = 3u_{n-1} + 2u_{n-2} + n^2$

$u_n = K u_{n-1} (1 - u_{n-1})$   $\longleftrightarrow u_{n+1} = K u_n (1 - u_n)$

Order (of a diff eq.): diff b/w the largest & smallest indexes

Goal: To find a sequence  $\{u_n\}$  and formula for  $u_n$  which satisfies the diff eq.  
↳ in terms of, say, initial conditions

$$u_{n+1} = 2u_n(1-u_n)$$

eg of "logistic eq."

$$u_{n+1} = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$u_0 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$u_1 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \left(\frac{3}{8}\right)$$

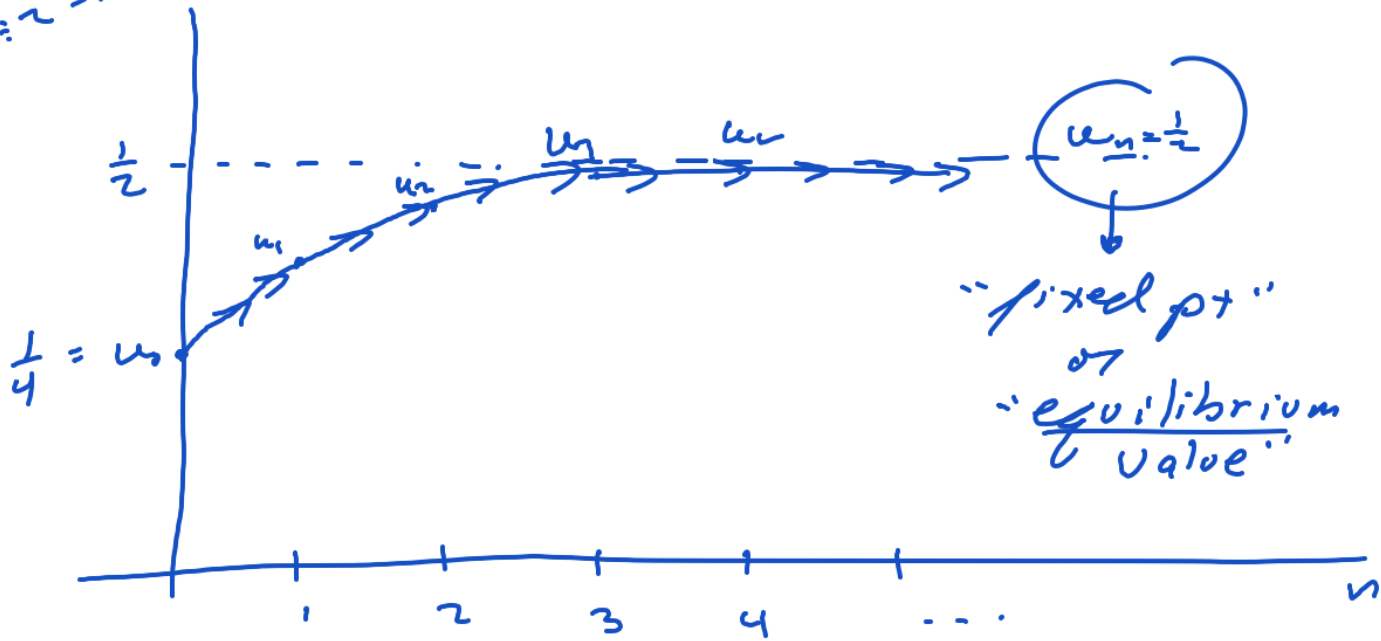
$$u_2 = \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{8} = \left(\frac{15}{32}\right)$$

$$u_3 = \left(\frac{255}{512}\right)$$

$$u_4 = \frac{65535}{131072}$$

⋮

num = den = 2 - 1



mathematical determ. of eq. val.

say D.Eg:  $u_{n+1} = 2u_n(1-u_n)$

suppose  $u$  is a equil val.

then

$$u = 2u(1-u)$$

$$u = 2u - 2u^2$$

$$2u^2 - u = 0$$

$$u(2u-1) = 0$$

$$u=0 \text{ or } u=\frac{1}{2}$$

let  $u_0 = 0$

$$u_1 = 2 \cdot 0(1-0) = 0$$

$$u_2 = 0 \quad u_3 = 0 \quad \dots$$

let  $u_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$u_1 = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

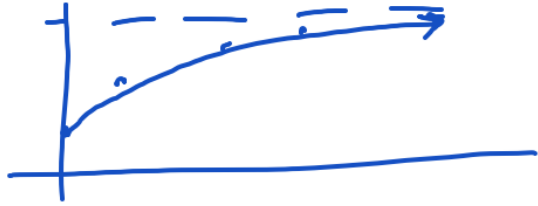
$$u_2 = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots$$

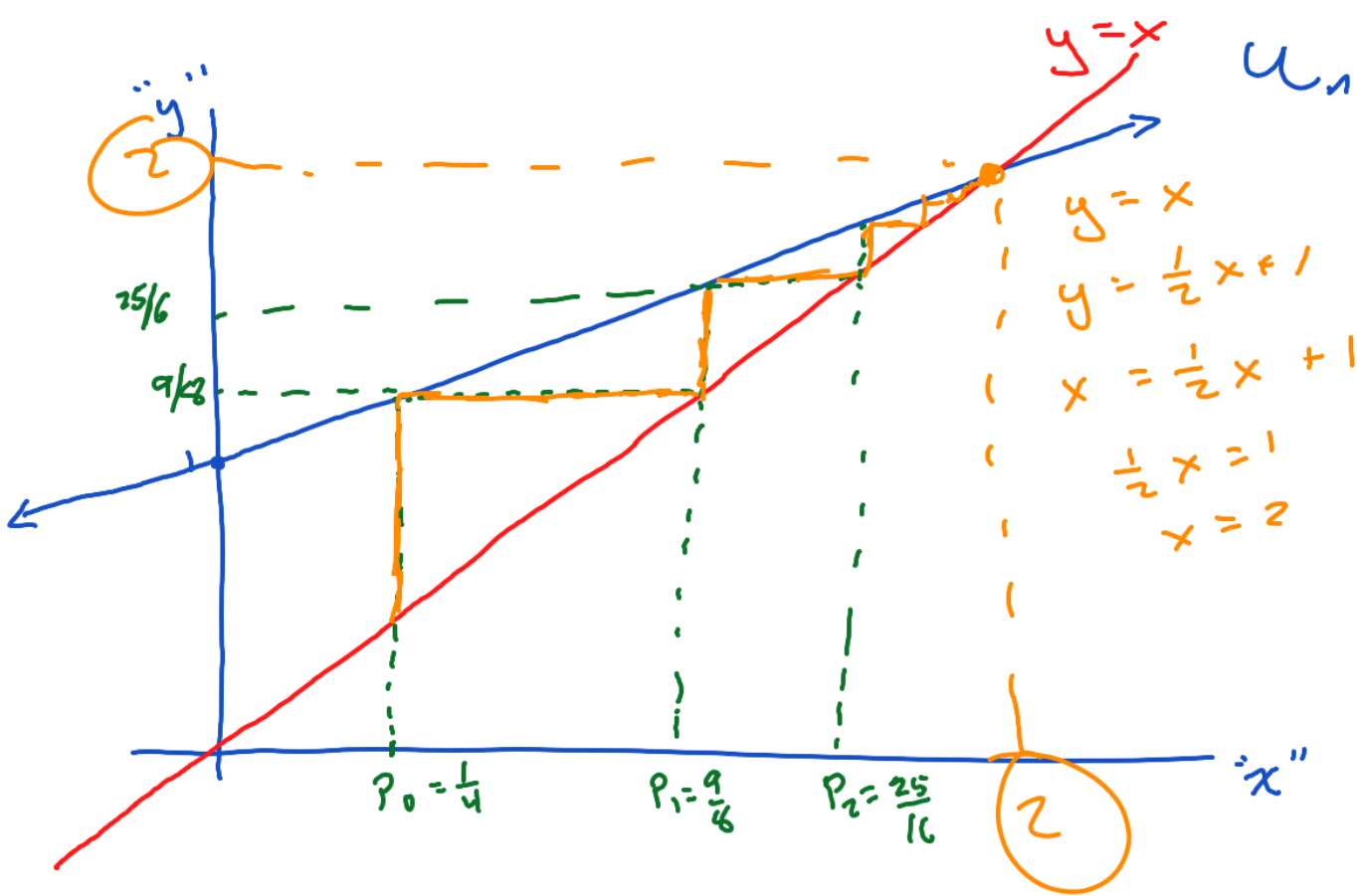
Graphical Visualization of Diff. Eq.

① plot  $n$  vs.  $u_n$

②

cobwebs!





$$u_{n+1} = f(u_n) = \frac{1}{2}u_n + 1$$

linear func.  
 $y = mx + b$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} + 1$$

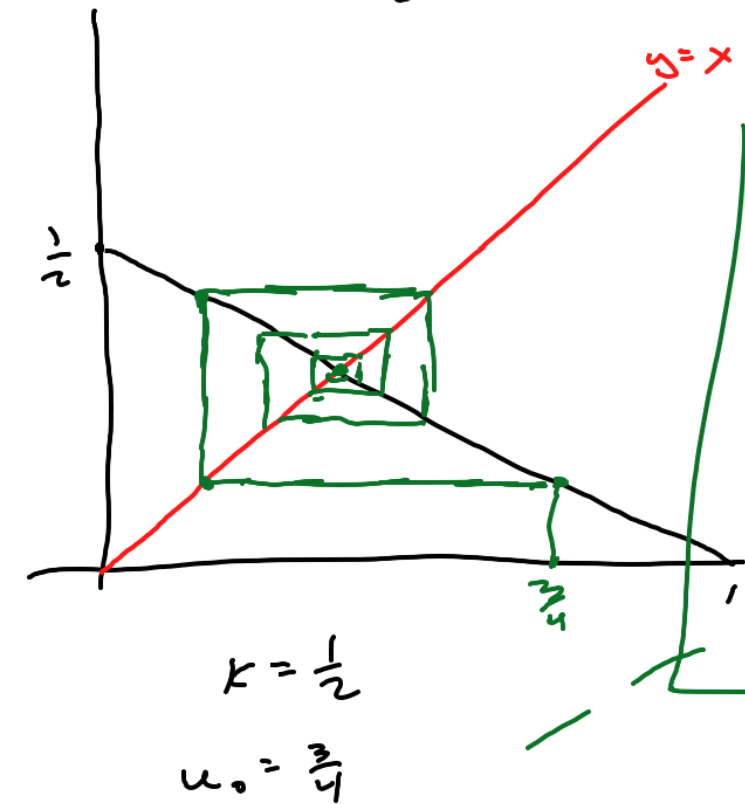
$$= \frac{9}{8}$$

$$f\left(\frac{9}{8}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(\frac{9}{8}\right) + 1$$

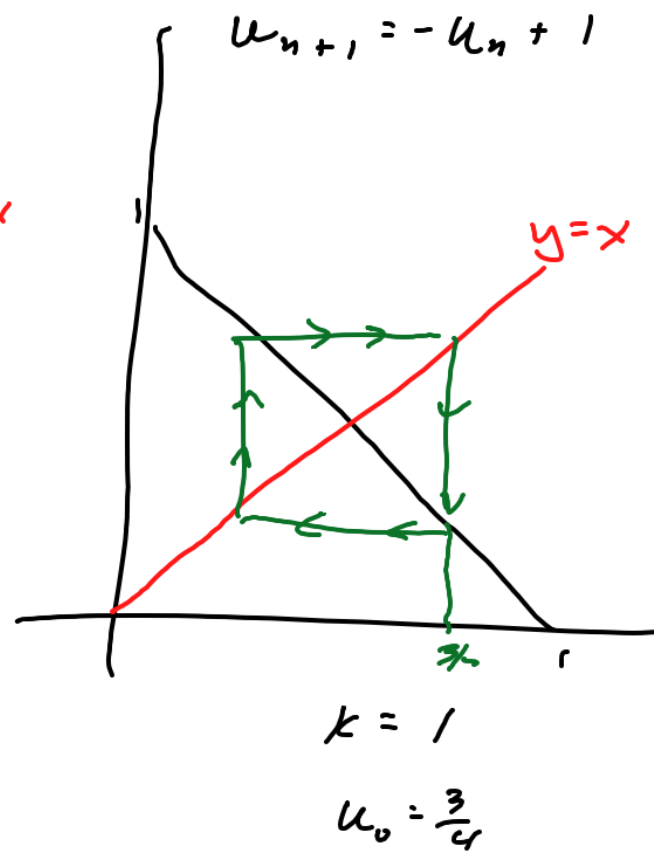
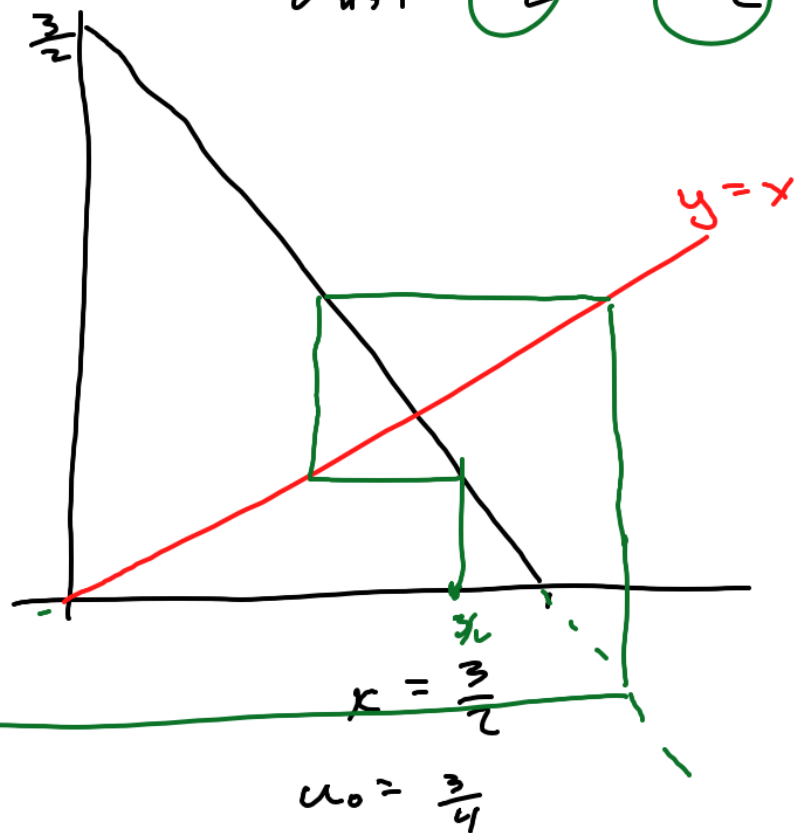
$$= \frac{9}{16} + \frac{16}{16} = \frac{25}{16}$$

$$u_{n+1} = -k u_n + k$$

$$u_{n+1} = -\frac{1}{2} u_n + \frac{1}{2}$$

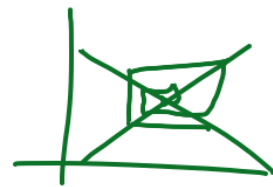


$$u_{n+1} = -\frac{3}{2} u_n + \frac{3}{2}$$



First-order Diff Eq  $u_{n+1} = -k u_n + a$  has

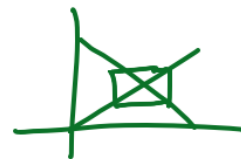
(a) a stable fixed pt if  $-1 < k < 1$



(b) a fixed pt that is not stable if  $|k| > 1$



(c) a periodic fixed pt if  $k = 1$



Challenge: write a C++ (SDL) app  
that draws cobweb for 1<sup>st</sup> ord Diff Eq  
 $u_{n+1} = -ku_n + a$