

Chapter 10: Iterated Maps.

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f: [0,1] \rightarrow [0,1], f: S' \rightarrow S'$$

Discrete dynamical system:

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

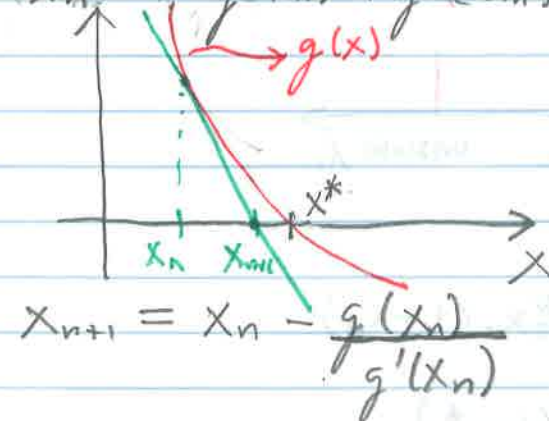
Newton's Method

Find root x^* of $g(x)$:

Given x_n find a better approximation of x^*

Taylor expand:

$$g(x) \approx g(x_n) + g'(x_n)(x - x_n)$$



Definitions:

1. Orbit of x_0 : $\gamma(x_0) = \{x_n : x_n = f(x_{n-1})\}$.

2. Fixed points: x is a fixed point if $x = f(x) \Rightarrow \gamma(x) = \{x\}$.

3. Period k orbits: $\gamma(x_0) = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{k-1}\}$. A period- k orbit is

Stability:

Let x^* be a fixed point of f and assume that f is differentiable near x^* . Then,

$$x^* \text{ is } \begin{cases} \text{stable} & \text{if } |f'(x^*)| < 1 \\ \text{unstable} & \text{if } |f'(x^*)| > 1. \end{cases}$$

proof:

Let δ_n be the sequence satisfying $\delta_n = x_n - x_{n-1}$, for $x_0 = x^* + \delta_0$. Then,

$$x_1 = f(x^* + \delta_0) = f(x^*) + f'(x^*)\delta_0 + O(\delta_0^2)$$

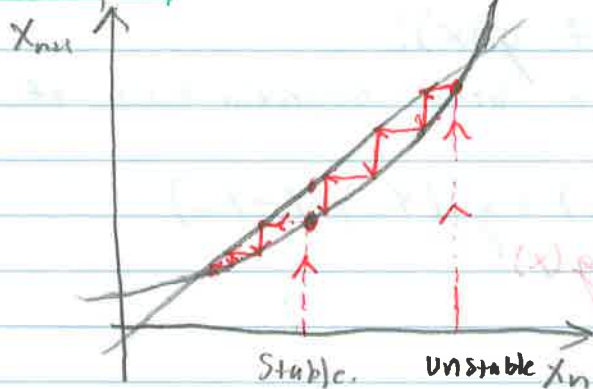
$$\Rightarrow \delta_1 = f'(x^*)\delta_0 + O(\delta_0^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_2 \approx f'(x^*) \delta_1 \approx f'(x^*)^2 \delta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_n \approx f'(x^*)^n \delta_0$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_n \rightarrow \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } |f'(x^*)| < 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } |f'(x^*)| > 1 \end{cases}$$

Examples



Example:

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = \frac{3}{2}x_n(1-x_n)$$

Fixed points:

$$x^* = \frac{3}{2}x^*(1-x^*)$$

$$2x^* = 3x^* - 3x^{*2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^*(3x^* - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = 0, x^* = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{2} - 3x$$

$$f'(0) = \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow 0 \text{ is } \underline{\text{unstable}}$$

$$f'(\frac{1}{3}) = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \text{ is } \underline{\text{stable}}$$

Period 2-orbits.

$$f(x) = -x^3, \quad x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$$

Fixed points:

$$x^* + x^{*3} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = 0$$

Stability: $f'(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$ stable.

Period 2-orbits:

$$f^2(x^*) = (f \circ f)(x^*) = x^* \quad (\text{fixed point for two iterations})$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{*9} = x^*$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = 0, \quad x^{*8} - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = 0, \quad x_{1,2}^* = \pm 1$$

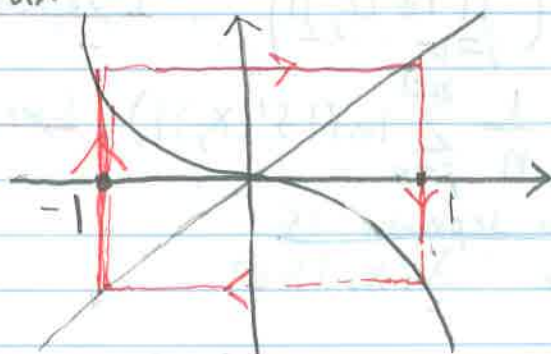
Not really 2-orbit

This is the real 2-orbit.

Stability of 2-orbit:

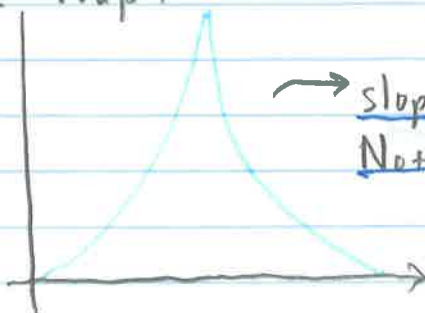
$$\frac{d}{dx} f^2(x_1^*) = f'(f(x_1^*)) f'(x_1^*) = \underbrace{f'(x_2^*) f'(x_1^*)}_{\text{nice trick.}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} f^2(x_1^*) = (-3)(-3) = 9 \Rightarrow \text{unstable.} \Rightarrow \text{product of slopes along periodic orbit.}$$



Example:

Lorenz Map:



$\rightarrow$ slope ≥ 1 everywhere.

Not possible to have stable periodic orbits.

Lyapunov Exponents

How to measure sensitivity to initial data?

1. Pick x_0 and compute orbit $\delta(x_0) = \{x_0, x_1, \dots\}$
2. Pick y_0 close to x_0 and compute orbit $\delta(y_0) = \{y_0, y_1, \dots\}$
3. Let $\delta_n = y_n - x_n$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \delta_n &= f(y_{n-1}) - f(x_{n-1}) \\ &= f(x_{n-1} + \delta_{n-1}) - f(x_{n-1}) \\ &\approx f'(x_{n-1}) \delta_{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow \delta_n &= f'(x_{n-1}) \cdots f'(x_0) \delta_0 \\ &= \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} f'(x_j) \right) \delta_0\end{aligned}$$

measure of separation
of nearby trajectories

We expect

$$\begin{aligned}|\delta_n| &= |\delta_0| e^{n\lambda(x_0)} \\ \Rightarrow e^{\lambda(x_0)} &= \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} |f'(x_j)| \right)^{1/n}\end{aligned}$$

We define,

$$L(x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\prod_{j=0}^{n-1} |f'(x_j)| \right)^{1/n}, \text{ Lyapunov multiplier}$$

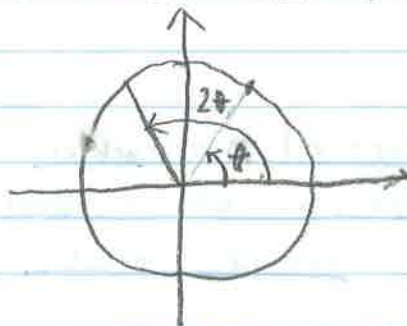
$$\lambda(x_0) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} \ln(|f'(x_j)|), \text{ Lyapunov exponent}$$

Solutions exponentially separate if

$$L(x_0) > 1 \text{ or } \lambda(x_0) > 0.$$

Example:

$f: S^1 \rightarrow S^1$ defined by $\theta \mapsto 2\theta$



1. Since $f'(\theta) = 2$ for all θ we have that

$$\lambda(\theta_0) = L(2) > 0$$

i.e. we have sensitive dependence on initial data.

2. Let $P_k = \{\theta \in S^1 : f^k(\theta) = \theta\}$, i.e. set of not necessarily
smallest periodic orbits.

Let $P = \bigcup_{k=1}^{\infty} P_k \rightarrow$ all periodic orbits.

Now, $\theta \in P$ if $2^k \theta = \theta + 2\pi n$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

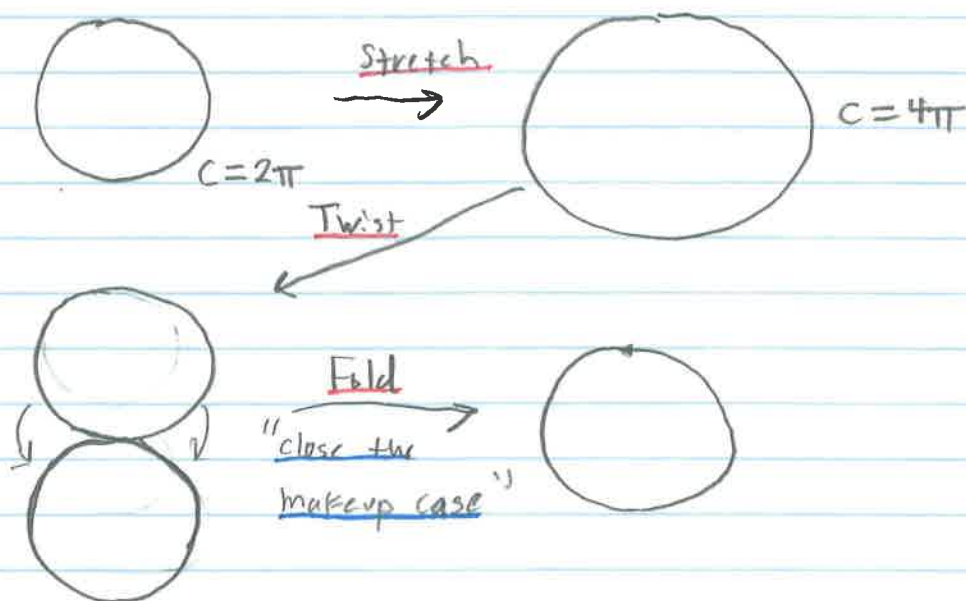
$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{2\pi n}{2^k - 1} \quad \text{with } 0 \leq n \leq 2^{k-1}$$



* P is dense in S , meaning $\forall \phi \in S$ and $\forall \varepsilon > 0$
 $\exists \theta \in P$ such that $|\theta - \phi| < \varepsilon$.

3. Topologically transitive. - The attractor is "indecomposable".
[For any two open arcs $O_1, O_2 \subset S^1$, $\exists n > 0$ with
 $f^n(O_1) \cap O_2 \neq \emptyset$.]

Stretching, twisting and folding:



We say that f is chaotic if

- it has sensitive dependence on initial conditions.
- the set of periodic orbits is dense.
- it is topologically transitive.

