

1. (a) (i)  $u(0) = 1, u(1) = 2, u(2) = -3, u(3) = 1, u(4) = 2, u(5) = -3$ .  
(ii)  $u(0) = 0, u(1) = 2, u(2) = -2, u(3) = 0, u(4) = 2, u(5) = -2$ .  
(b) Seek a solution of the form  $u(n) = A\lambda^n$ , so  $\lambda^2 + \lambda + 1 = 0$ . Thus  $\lambda = (-1 \pm i\sqrt{3})/2 = \exp(\pm i2\pi/3)$  and so

$$u(n) = A\exp(in2\pi/3) + B\exp(-in2\pi/3).$$

Then

$$u(n+3) = A\exp(i(n+3)2\pi/3) + B\exp(-i(n+3)2\pi/3) = u(n),$$

which implies that the series is periodic with period 3.

- (c) Seek a solution of the form  $u(n) = A\lambda^n$ , so  $\lambda^2 - \lambda + 1 = 0$ . Thus  $\lambda = (1 \pm i\sqrt{3})/2 = \exp(\pm i\pi/3)$  and so

$$u(n) = A\exp(in\pi/3) + B\exp(-in\pi/3).$$

From this expression, we deduce that  $u(n+6) = u(n)$  and so the series is periodic with period 6.

2. We construct the solution by finding the complimentary function and a particular integral. The complimentary function: if  $u(n+1) = \frac{1}{2}u(n)$  then

$$u(n) = A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n, \quad \text{with } A \text{ an arbitrary constant.}$$

For the particular integral, try  $u(n) = an + b$ , so  $a(n+1) + b = \frac{1}{2}(an + b) + n$ . This implies that  $n(a/2 - 1) + a + b/2 = 0$  and thus  $a = 2$  and  $b = -4$ . The general solution is given by

$$u(n) = A\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + 2n - 4.$$

If  $u(0) = 0$ , then  $A = 4$  and

$$u(n) = 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + 2n - 4.$$

3. (a) Sketch for web-plots:

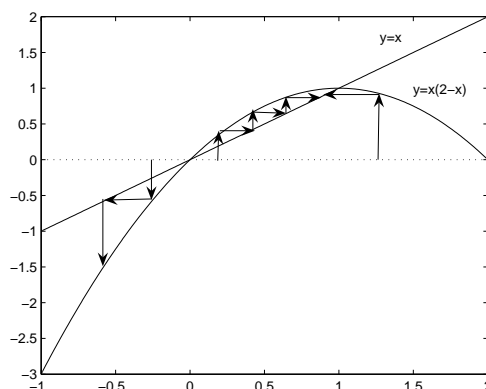


Figure 1: Web plots for the map  $u(n+1) = u(n)(2 - u(n))$ .

- (b) The equilibrium points satisfy  $E = E(2 - E)$  and so  $E = 0$  or  $E = 1$ .  
First we examine  $E = 0$  and substitute  $u(n) = \delta_n$ . Thus

$$\delta_{n+1} = \delta_n(2 - \delta_n) = 2\delta_n + \dots$$

So  $\delta_n = A2^n$  and the equilibrium point  $u(n) = 0$  is unstable.

Next we examine  $E = 1$  and substitute  $u(n) = 1 + \delta_n$ . Thus

$$1 + \delta_{n+1} = (1 + \delta_n)(2 - 1 - \delta_n) = 1 - \delta_n^2$$

So if  $|\delta_n| < 1$  then  $|\delta_{n+1}| < |\delta_n|$  and the equilibrium point  $u(n) = 1$  is stable.

Hence we deduce that for initial points in range (i) if  $u(0) < 0$  then  $u(n) \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ; and for initial points in ranges (ii) and (iii) if  $0 < u(0) < 2$  then  $u(n) \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

4. (a) If  $u(n) = E$  then  $E = \frac{7}{2}E(1 - E)$  and so the fixed points of order one are  $E = 0$  and  $E = 5/7$ .  
(b) If  $u(2n) = E_1$  and  $u(2n+1) = E_2$  then

$$E_2 = \frac{7}{2}E_1(1 - E_1) \quad \text{and} \quad E_1 = \frac{7}{2}E_2(1 - E_2).$$

Eliminating  $E_2$ , we find that

$$E_1 - \frac{49}{4}E_1(1 - E_1) \left(1 - \frac{7}{2}E_1(1 - E_1)\right) = 0.$$

This may be factorised to give

$$\frac{1}{8}E_1(7E_1 - 5)(7E_1 - 6)(7E_1 - 3) = 0,$$

with solutions (i)  $E_1 = E_2 = 0$ ; (ii)  $E_1 = E_2 = 5/7$ ; (iii)  $E_1 = 6/7$ ,  $E_2 = 3/7$ ; and (iv)  $E_1 = 3/7$ ,  $E_2 = 6/7$ .

(c) Examining the stability:

(i)  $u(0) = \delta$  and so  $u(1) = \frac{7}{2}\delta(1 - \delta) = \frac{7}{2}\delta + \dots$ . Thus this fixed point is unstable.

(ii)  $u(0) = \frac{5}{7} + \delta$  and so  $u(1) = \frac{7}{2}(\frac{5}{7} + \delta)(1 - \frac{5}{7} - \delta) = \frac{5}{7} - \frac{3}{2}\delta + \dots$ . Thus this fixed point is unstable.

(iii)  $u(0) = \frac{3}{7} + \delta$ , so  $u(1) = \frac{7}{2}(\frac{5}{7} + \delta)(1 - \frac{5}{7} - \delta) = \frac{6}{7} + \frac{1}{2}\delta + \dots$  and then  $u(2) = \frac{7}{2}(\frac{6}{7} + \frac{1}{2}\delta)(\frac{1}{7} - \frac{1}{2}\delta) = \frac{3}{7} - \frac{5}{4}\delta + \dots$ . Thus this fixed point of period 2 is unstable.

5. The figures of the numerical output:

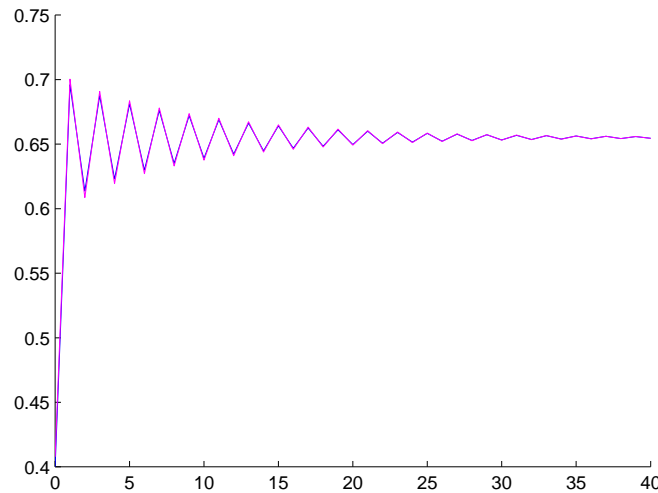


Figure 2: The logistic map with  $a = 2.9$ . There is a stable fixed point of period 1 ( $u(n) = 0.655$ ).

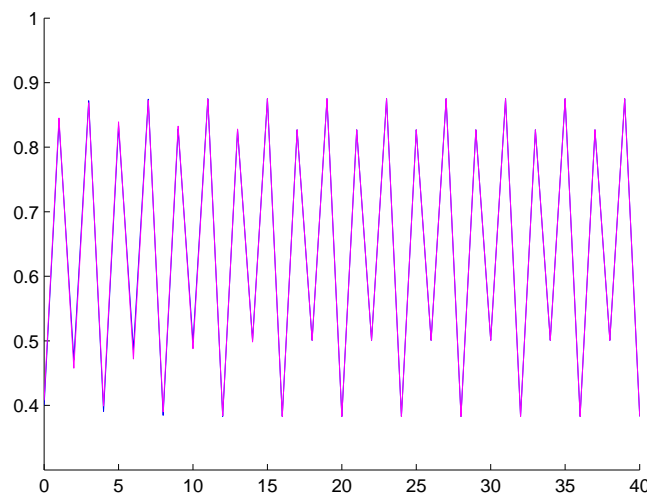


Figure 3: The logistic map with  $a = 3.5$ . There is a stable fixed point of period 4 ( $u(4n) = 0.383$ ,  $u(4n + 1) = 0.827$ ,  $u(4n + 2) = 0.501$ ,  $u(4n + 3) = 0.875$ ).

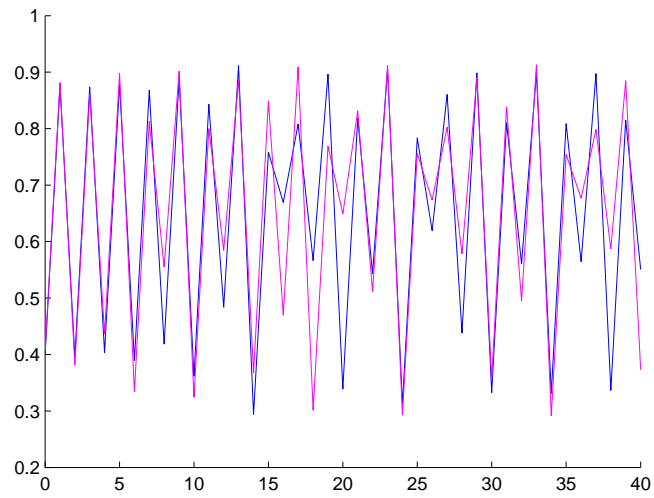


Figure 4: The logistic map with  $a = 3.65$ .

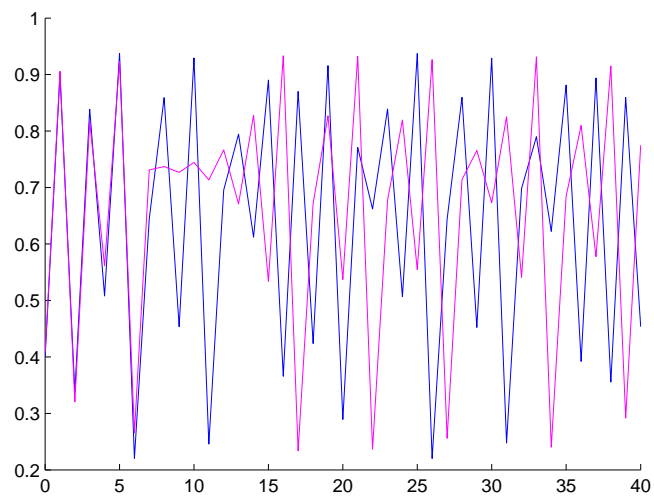


Figure 5: The logistic map with  $a = 3.75$ .