

- (1) (30 Points) Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + 2x$.
- Find the fixed points and classify them as attracting, repelling, or neither.
 - Use the cobweb plot analysis to determine the dynamical behavior of all real initial conditions. Describe the orbits using words as well as by the plot.

- (2) (30 Points) Let $f(x, y) = (1 - 4x^2 + 4y, x)$. Find the fixed points and classify them as sink, source, saddle, or other type.

- (3) (25 Points) Consider the linear map

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{3}{4} & \frac{5}{4} \\ \frac{1}{4} & \frac{7}{4} \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}.$$

The eigenvalues of the matrix are 2 and $1/2$. Describe the dynamics of this linear map. Identify the stable and unstable manifolds.

- (4) (30 Points) Let

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} 4x & x \leq 0.5 \\ 4(1-x) & x \geq 0.5. \end{cases}$$

- Sketch the graph of T .
- Describe the set of points x such that $x, T(x), T^2(x) \in [0, 1]$,

$$\{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq 2\}.$$

It is made up of how many intervals of what length? What is its total length?

- How many intervals make up $\{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq n\}$; what is the length of each interval; what is the total length of the set?
- What is the total “length” of the set $\{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for } 0 \leq j < \infty\}$? Alternatively, what is the total length of the intervals outside the set, i.e., in the intervals

$$[0, 1] \setminus \{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for } 0 \leq j < \infty\}?$$

- (5) (30 Points) Let f be a continuous function defined on the interval $[1, 9]$ such that $f(1) = 5$, $f(2) = 9$, $f(3) = 8$, $f(4) = 7$, $f(5) = 6$, $f(6) = 4$, $f(7) = 3$, $f(8) = 2$, and $f(9) = 1$. Assume the the function is linear between these integers.

- Label the intervals between the integers and give the transition graph.
- For which n is there a period- n orbit? Give the Symbol sequence in terms of the intervals which will give each period that exists.

- (6) (30 Points) Let $f(x) = rx(1-x)$ for $r = 0.5 + \sqrt{17}/2 \approx 3.06$. This map has a period-2 orbit which is approximately $x_1 = 0.581$ and $x_2 = 0.745$.

- Determine the stability of the period-2 orbit using the values above.
- What is the Lyapunov exponent of x_1 ?
- Let $x_0 = f(0.5) \approx 0.765$. What is the Lyapunov exponent of x_0 ? Notice that 0.5 is the critical point.

- (7) (25 Points) Give an example of a function with a chaotic orbit. Explain why the orbit is chaotic.