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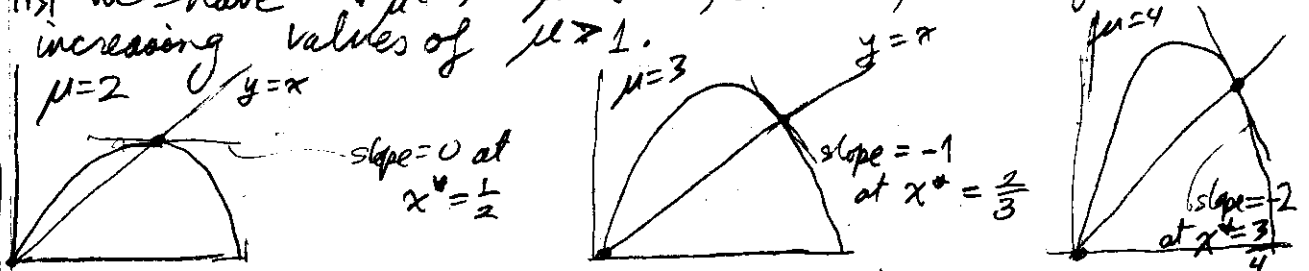
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Period doubling route to chaos.

To understand the bifurcation diagram in (text) figures 1.25 and 1.26 for the logistic family, we first show how figure 1.25 arises.

First we have $F_\mu(x) = \mu x(1-x)$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$, shown for increasing values of $\mu > 1$.

Fixed points
 $F_\mu(x) = x$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or
 $\mu = \mu x + 1$
 $x^*(\mu) = 0$
 $x_+^*(\mu) = \frac{\mu-1}{\mu}$



For $1 < \mu < 3$ the fixed point $x_+^*(\mu) := \frac{\mu-1}{\mu}$ is stable.

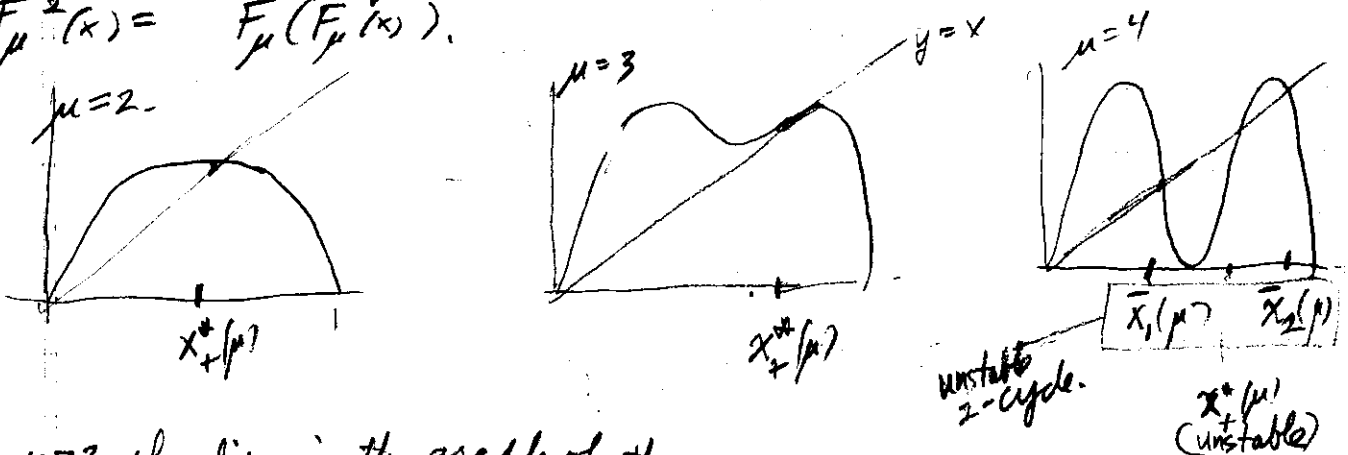
Now $F_\mu'''(x) = 0$, but $F_\mu''(x) = -2\mu \neq 0$

so $SF_\mu(x) = 0 - \frac{3}{2} \left(\frac{-2\mu}{\mu-2\mu x} \right)^2 < 0$. This by Thm 1.5

for $\mu = 3$, $x_+^*(\mu) = 2/3$ is an asymptotically stable fixed point

Next, for $\mu > 3$ $x_+^*(\mu)$ is unstable by Thm 1.3 since $F_\mu'(x_+^*(\mu)) < -1$.

But we now study a sequence of graphs of the 2nd iterate $F_\mu^2(x) = F_\mu(F_\mu(x))$.



For $\mu > 3$ the dip in the graph of the

2nd iterate begins to deepen such that a 2-cycle appears

for $\mu > 3$. The 2-cycle is unstable by $\mu = 4$. To determine for which μ the 2-cycle becomes unstable one can solve $F_\mu'(\bar{x}_1(\mu)) F_\mu'(\bar{x}_2(\mu)) = -1$ for the explicit solution $\bar{x}_1(\mu), \bar{x}_2(\mu)$ given in (1.30).

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Notice that at $\mu=3$ we have $F(x^*) = F_3(x^*) = -1$,
for $x^* = x_+^*(3)$. Next by calculation of F^2 '
as before, $F^2'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} F(F(x)) = F'(F(x))F'(x)$, and,

$$\text{since } F(x^*) = x^* \text{ we have } F^2'(x^*) \\ = F'(F(x^*))F'(x^*) = F'(x^*)^2 = (-1)^2 = 1. \text{ Further}$$

at $\mu=3$ again, using $F^2''(x) = F'(x)^2 F''(F(x)) + F'(F(x))F''(x)$
we have $F^2''(x^*) = (-1)^2 \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot 1 = 0$.

So we have a point of inflection on the graph of F_3^2
at x^* . Now the "well" in the graph of F_μ^2 becomes
deeper as μ increases past $\mu=3$ while there

remains a fixed point $x^* = \frac{\mu-1}{\mu}$ at which $F_\mu'(x^*) > 0$,
we must have that two additional fixed points \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2
relative to F_μ^2 appear for $\mu > 3$. See for example

(p.5) of Notes 2 where the graph of F^2 is shown for
 $\mu = 3.25$. It follows that since F has no

other fixed points that \bar{x}_1, \bar{x}_2 is a 2-cycle
for F . Indeed $F^2(\bar{x}_1) = \bar{x}_1$ and $F^2(\bar{x}_2) = \bar{x}_2$

while $F(\bar{x}_1) \neq \bar{x}_1$ and $F(\bar{x}_2) \neq \bar{x}_2$,
so $\{F(\bar{x}_1), \bar{x}_1\}$ is a two cycle because

$F(F(\bar{x}_1)) = \bar{x}_1$, by the same reasoning $\{\bar{x}_2, F(\bar{x}_2)\}$
is also a 2-cycle. If these are not the same 2-cycles
then we would have even more fixed points on the
graph of F^2 , an impossibility by counting the degree of F^2 .

(F^2 is of degree 4 and there are already 4 fixed points,
the maximum number possible.) So we have an

emergent two cycle. The common slope $F^2'(\bar{x}_1) = F^2'(\bar{x}_2)$
for μ very near $\mu=3$ but $\mu > 3$ is very near 1 but less than 1. (over)

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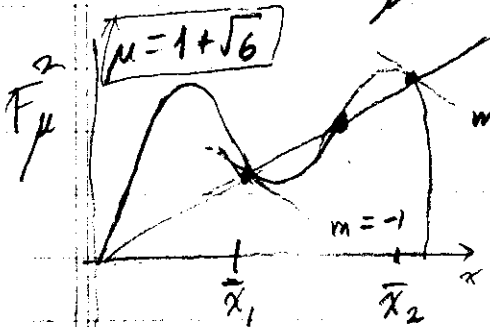
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Hence the emergent 2-cycle $\bar{x}_1(\mu), \bar{x}_2(\mu)$ (shown by algebraic calculations in (1.30)) is just stable near $\mu=3$, becomes nearly super-stable as μ increases to near 3.25 until finally, as μ continues to increase, using that,

$$F_{\mu}^{-2}(\bar{x}_1) = F_{\mu}^{-2}(\bar{x}_2) = F_{\mu}'(\bar{x}_1) F_{\mu}'(\bar{x}_2) = -\mu^2 + 2\mu + 4 \quad (\text{see page 39 of text}),$$

we have that

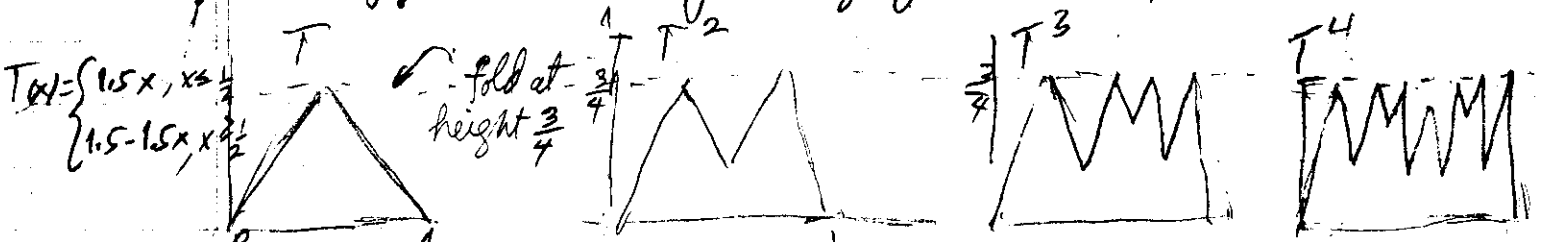
$$F_{\mu}^{-2}(\bar{x}_1) = -1 \quad \text{at} \quad \mu = 1 + \sqrt{6} \approx 3.449$$



As μ continues to increase, the well gets deeper and the hills get steeper so the slope of F^2 at \bar{x}_1 and \bar{x}_2 dips

below -1 for $\mu > 1 + \sqrt{6}$. Exactly at $\mu = 1 + \sqrt{6}$ one can apply the Schwarzian derivative to F^2 (see 1.8 # 1) to show stability of the 2-cycle at the crossover value of the parameter.

By analogy with the family of tent maps we have



However, if we graph $F_{1+\sqrt{6}}^3$ then there are only two fixed points, the ones we already have for $F_{1+\sqrt{6}}$.

Yet by the analysis we have made for the way the graph of F_{μ}^2 changes and by the same calculations made for F_{μ} and F_{μ}^2 at $\mu=3$ and $x = x_{\mu}^*(\mu)$ we can replace F_3 by $F_{1+\sqrt{6}}^2$ and F_3^2 by $F_{1+\sqrt{6}}^4$ and $x^*(3)$ by $\bar{x}_1(1+\sqrt{6})$