

Logistic map

Exponential growth

$$X(0) = 1$$

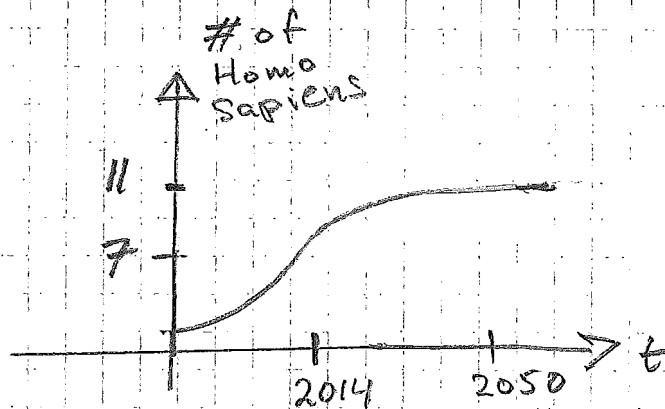
$$X'(t) = r \cdot X(t)$$

$$X(t) = e^{rt}$$

But not realistic for a large population. Better is

$$X'(t) = rX(t) - bX(t)^2$$

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will slow down the growth.



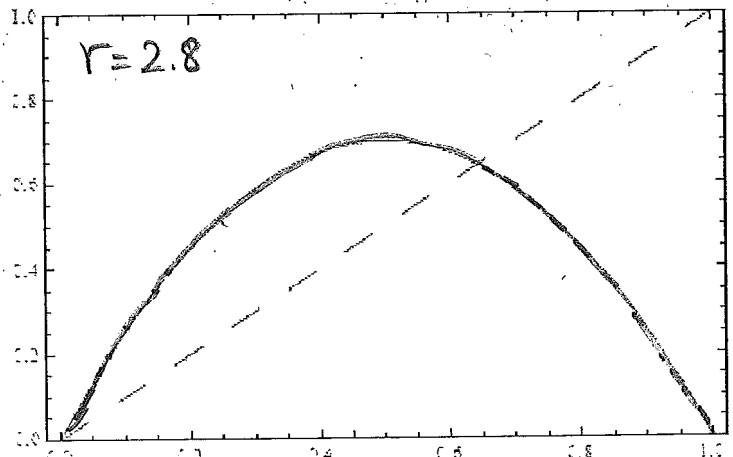
Here $b = r$ and $X_0 \in [0, 1]$

$$X_{n+1} = r X_n \cdot (1 - X_n)$$

A non-linear
First order
and
homogeneous.

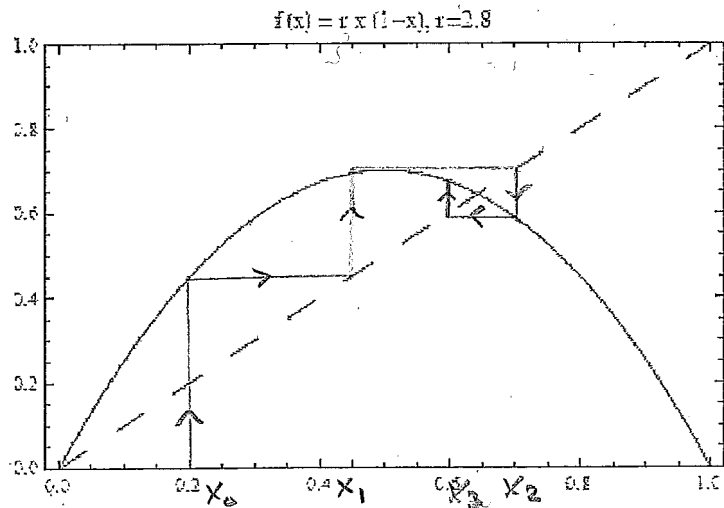
RR,

$$f(x) = r x (1 - x), r = 2.8$$



Graphical illustration for $x_0 = 0.2$

$r = 2.8$



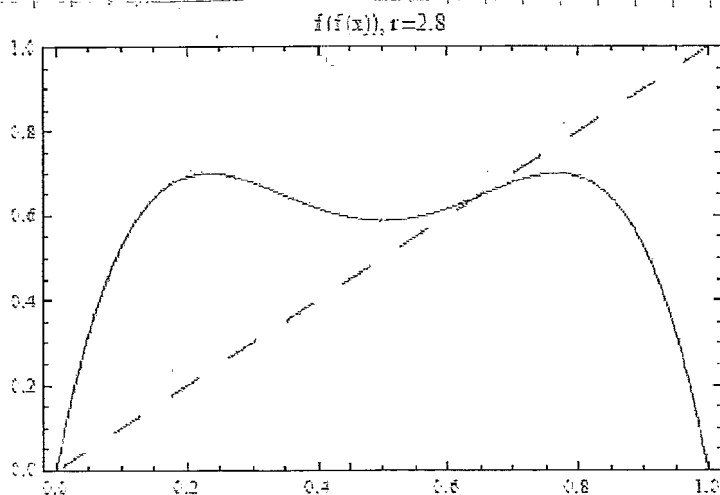
There is a fix point near $x = 0.65$. For fixed point x^*

$$x^* = 2.8 x^* \cdot (1 - x^*)$$

$$x^* = \frac{1}{2.8}$$

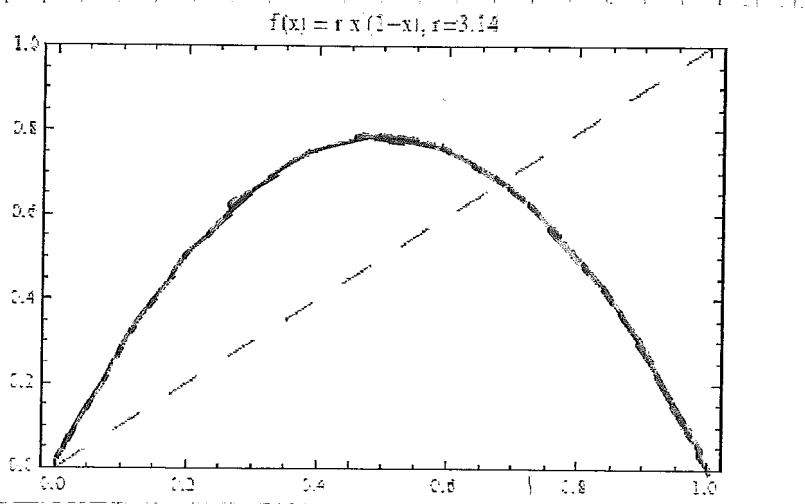
Also interesting to plot is $f(f(x))$.
 A polynomial of degree 4.
 It tells us what happens after 2 iterations.

$f(f(x))$
 $r = 2.8$



Let us now increase r to 3.14.

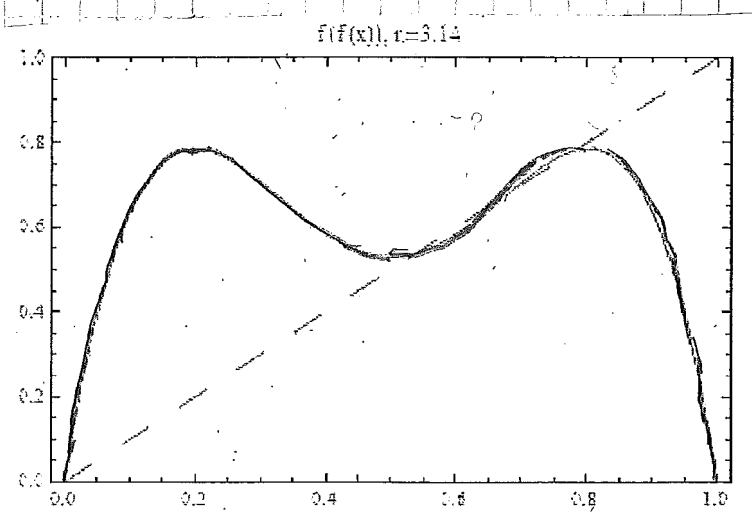
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The fix point is not attracting any longer. It is unstable.

The difference is seen when we plot $f(f(x))$

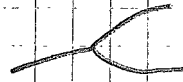
$f(f(x))$
 $r = 3.14$



There are now 3 fix points, the fix point for $f(x)$ and two new. They are part of a 2-cycle.

On the last page you see what happens when r is increased even more.

Around 3.45 the 2-cycle loses its stability and a stable 4-cycle is born. This is called a bifurcation.



Then $4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow 16 \rightarrow 32 \rightarrow \dots$
a process that ends around $r = 3.57$.

A cascade of period doublings. *

For higher values of r we see chaos with some windows of stability.

The Feigenbaum constant appears for many different maps!

$$*) \quad r_k \approx 3.57 - \frac{2.63}{4.67^k} \quad k=1, 2, 3, \dots$$

Feigenbaum's $F=4.669202$,

$$r(k) = 3.57 - 2.63/F^{**k}$$

