

# Maps

- A class of dynamical system where time is discrete, rather than continuous

Also known as difference equations,  
iterated maps, recursion relations

- Simple example: fix  $x_0$ , let  
 $x_1 = \cos x_0$ ,  $x_2 = \cos x_1$ ,  
 $x_3 = \dots$

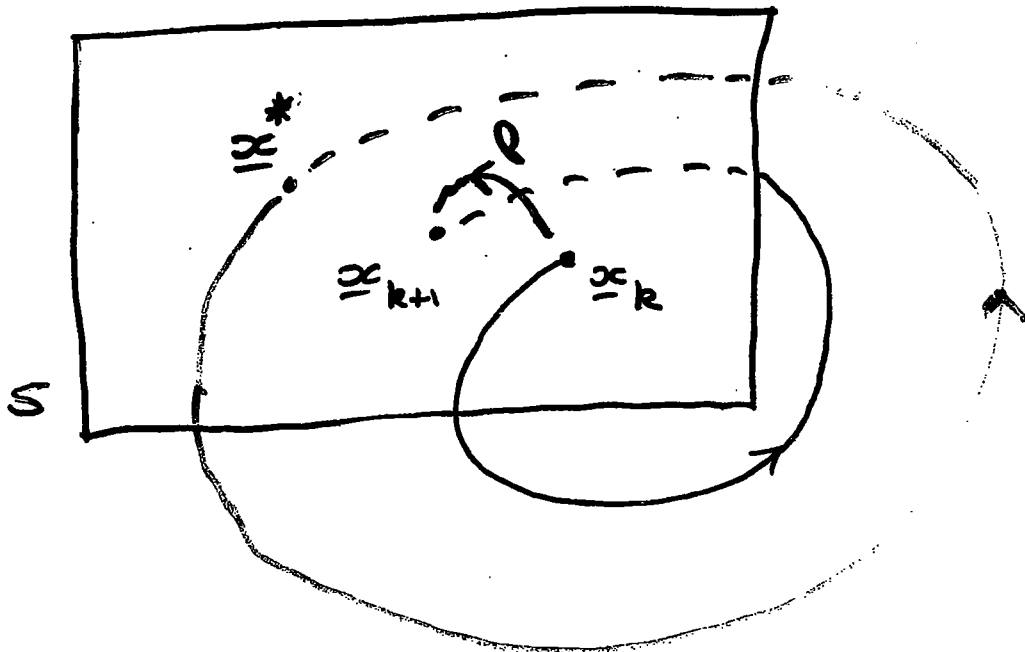
[Try it! What happens to  $x_n$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ?]

The rule  $\boxed{x_{n+1} = \cos x_n}$  is a  
one-dimensional (1D) map.

The sequence  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$   
is the orbit starting from  $x_0$ .

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- Maps arise naturally as tools for analyzing differential equations.



Let  $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x})$  be an  $n$ -dimensional system  
 Let  $S$  be an  $(n-1)$ -dimensional surface of section, which is transversal to all trajectories  
 (no trajectories parallel to  $S$ ).

The Poincaré map  $P: S \rightarrow S$  is such that

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = P(\underline{x}_k)$$

The fixed point  $\underline{x}^*$  satisfies  $\underline{x}^* = P(\underline{x}^*)$   
 corresponds to a closed orbit of  $\dot{\underline{x}} = \underline{f}(\underline{x})$ .

• Poincaré maps can turn difficult problems in differential equations into easier problems

[but it is very difficult to get an explicit expression for  $P$ !]

$$\dot{x} + x = A \sin \omega t \quad (\omega > 0)$$

$$x(0) = x_0$$

Solution  $x(t) = c_1 e^{-t} + c_2 \sin \omega t + c_3 \cos \omega t$

where  $x_0 = c_1 + c_3$

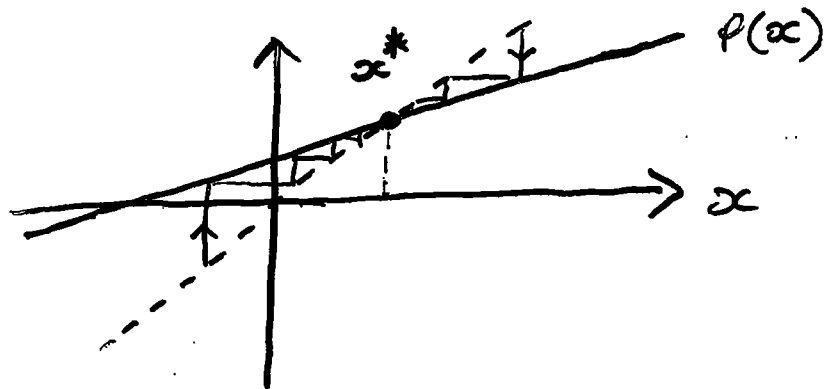
Let  $S$  be  $\{t = 0, \text{ and } 2\pi/\omega\}$

$\Rightarrow P$  is defined as

$$x_1 = P(x_0) = x(2\pi/\omega)$$

$$\Rightarrow P(x_0) = x_0 e^{-2\pi/\omega} + c_3 (1 - e^{-2\pi/\omega})$$

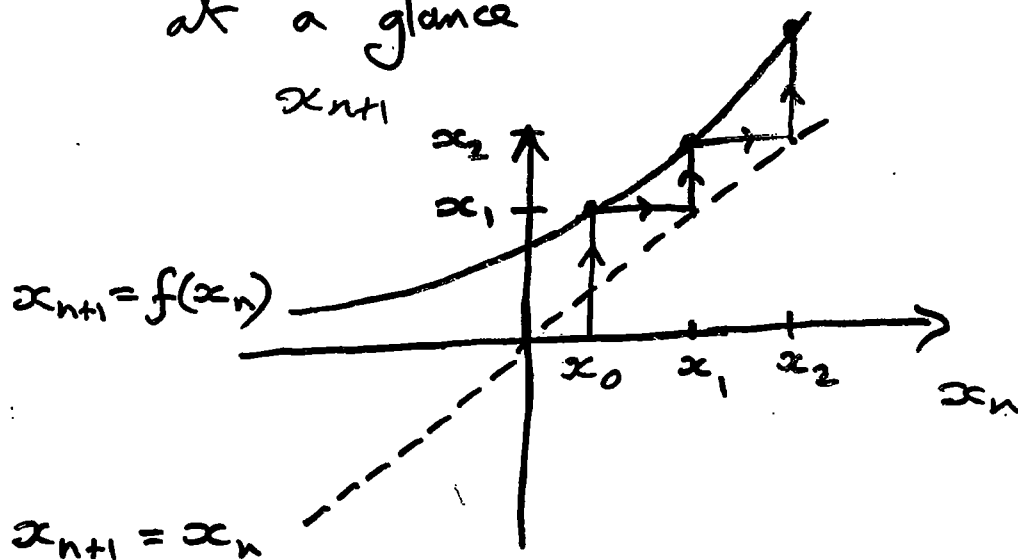
Plot  $P(x)$   
vs.  $x$



No matter what the initial condition,  $x$  always ends up on same forced oscillation, in this case.

• Cobweb diagram (1D maps)

Allows us to see global behaviour  
at a glance



- ① Plot two lines  $x_{n+1} = x_n$  and  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$   
 [If they intersect we get fixed points  
 of the map  $x_{n+1} = x_n = f(x_n) = x^* = f(x^*)$ ]
- ② Choose initial condition  $x_0$  & draw vertical  
 line until it intersects the graph of  $f$ .
- ③ This gives output  $x_1$ . Now draw horizontal  
 line until it intersects line  $x_{n+1} = x_n$  and  
 then move vertically until it intersects the  
 graph of  $f$ .
- ④ This gives output  $x_2$ . Repeat step ③  
 as often as required.
- ⑤ Get orbit  $x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots$

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• Stability of fixed points (1D maps)

The map  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = \cos x_n$

has a fixed point  $x^* = \cos x^* = 0.739$

which is stable ( $x_n \rightarrow x^*$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ).

For other maps, a fixed point can be unstable

$x_{n+1} = x_n^2$  has two fixed points

$x^* = 0$ ,  $x^* = 1$ . Set  $x_0 = 0.1$ , what

happens to  $x_n$  as  $x_n \rightarrow \infty$ ? Now set

$x_0 = 1.1$ , do the same. What happens?

There is a simple criterion for the 'stability' of fixed points of 1D maps. By stability, we mean local stability - that is, give the fixed point a small perturbation, and then ask what happens to that perturbation as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Perturbation  $\uparrow \Rightarrow$  unstable,  
perturbation  $\downarrow 0 \Rightarrow$  stable.

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Suppose  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n)$  has a fixed point

$$x_{n+1} = x_n = x^* \text{ such that } \underline{x^* = f(x^*)}.$$

To determine the stability of  $x^*$ , look at a nearby orbit  $x_n = x^* + \epsilon_n$  where  $|\epsilon_n| \ll 1$  & see how  $\epsilon_n$  behaves as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow x^* + \epsilon_{n+1} = f(x^* + \epsilon_n)$$

$$\underline{x^* + \epsilon_{n+1}} = \underline{f(x^*)} + f'(x^*)\epsilon_n + O(\epsilon_n^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_{n+1} \approx f'(x^*)\epsilon_n \quad \boxed{\text{linearised map}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \epsilon_n = [f'(x^*)]^n \epsilon_0$$

So for  $\epsilon_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$  we need

that  $\lambda \equiv f'(x^*)$ , the eigenvalue, is such

that

$$\boxed{|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| < 1}$$

in which case the fixed point  $x^*$  is linearly stable

If  $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| > 1 \Rightarrow$  unstable

If  $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| = 1 \Rightarrow$  marginal case and need to do more work!

- Note the steps needed:

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

Find fixed point(s)  $\boxed{x^* = f(x^*)}$

Evaluate  $f'(x)$  and then

find when  $\boxed{-1 < f'(x^*) < 1}$

- Usually  $f(\cdot)$  depends on parameters and varying these changes the eigenvalue,  $\lambda = f'(x^*)$ .

• When  $f'(x^*) = 1$ , have transcritical bifurcation.

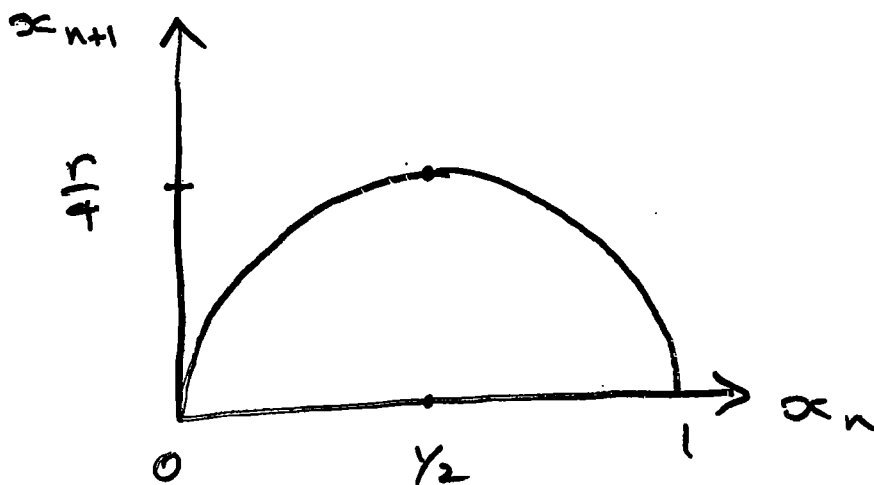
• When  $f'(x^*) = -1$ , have period doubling bifurcation.  
(flip bifurcation)

- Maps are also used as models of natural phenomena in areas such as digital electronics, economics and population dynamics which gave the most famous example of a nonlinear map, the logistic map

$$x_{n+1} = r x_n (1 - x_n)$$

where  $r \in [0, 4]$  so that  $x_n \in [0, 1]$

[The map describes the competition, measured by  $r$ , between birth and death in a simple population]



- Exercises

- Find both fixed points of the logistic map  
 $[x^* = 0, 1 - 1/r]$
- Over what range of  $r$  are they allowed?  
 $[x^* = 0 \forall r, x^* = 1 - 1/r \text{ needs } r \geq 1]$
- What is the eigenvalue of the map?  
 $[f'(x^*) = r - 2rx^*]$
- For what range of  $r$  is  $x^* = 0$  stable?  
 $[r \in [0, 1)]$
- For what range of  $r$  is  $x^* = 1 - 1/r$  stable?  
 $[r \in (1, 3)]$
- What happens to iterates of the map in the range  $r \in (3, 4]$ ?  
 Chaos etc - not discussed here

- The logistic map has m-cycles (or period m solutions). For example a period 2 solution has

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_0 = x_2 = x_4 = \dots &= x^* \\ x_1 = x_3 = x_5 = \dots &= x^{**} \end{aligned} \right\} x^* \neq x^{**}$$

In other words, it has two points  $x^*, x^{**}$  such that

$$f(x^*) = x^{**}, \quad f(x^{**}) = x^*$$

$$\Rightarrow f[f(x^*)] = x^*$$

[Usually, with  $f^2(x^*) = f[f(x^*)]$  we if  $f$  is quadratic,  $f^2$  is quartic.]

- The logistic map has a period 2 solutions 'born' at  $r = 3$ , period 4 at  $r = 3.449$ , period 8 at  $r = 3.54409$ , ... and is chaotic in the range  $r \in [3.569946, 4]$

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- Local stability of fixed point of  $n$ -dimensional map

$$\underline{x}_{k+1} = P(\underline{x}_k)$$

where  $\underline{x}$  is  $n$ -dimensional vector, with

$$\text{fixed point } \underline{x}^* = P(\underline{x}^*)$$

Perturb - let  $\underline{x}_k = \underline{x}^* + \underline{\epsilon}_k \Rightarrow$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{x}^* + \underline{\epsilon}_{k+1} &= P(\underline{x}^* + \underline{\epsilon}_k) \\ &= P(\underline{x}^*) + [DP(\underline{x}^*)] \underline{\epsilon}_k + O(\|\underline{\epsilon}_k\|^2) \end{aligned}$$

where  $DP$  is Jacobian of  $P$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\epsilon}_{k+1} = [DP(\underline{x}^*)] \underline{\epsilon}_k$$

$\Rightarrow$  local stability of fixed point  $\underline{x}^*$  of

map  $\underline{x}_{k+1} = P(\underline{x}_k)$  guaranteed

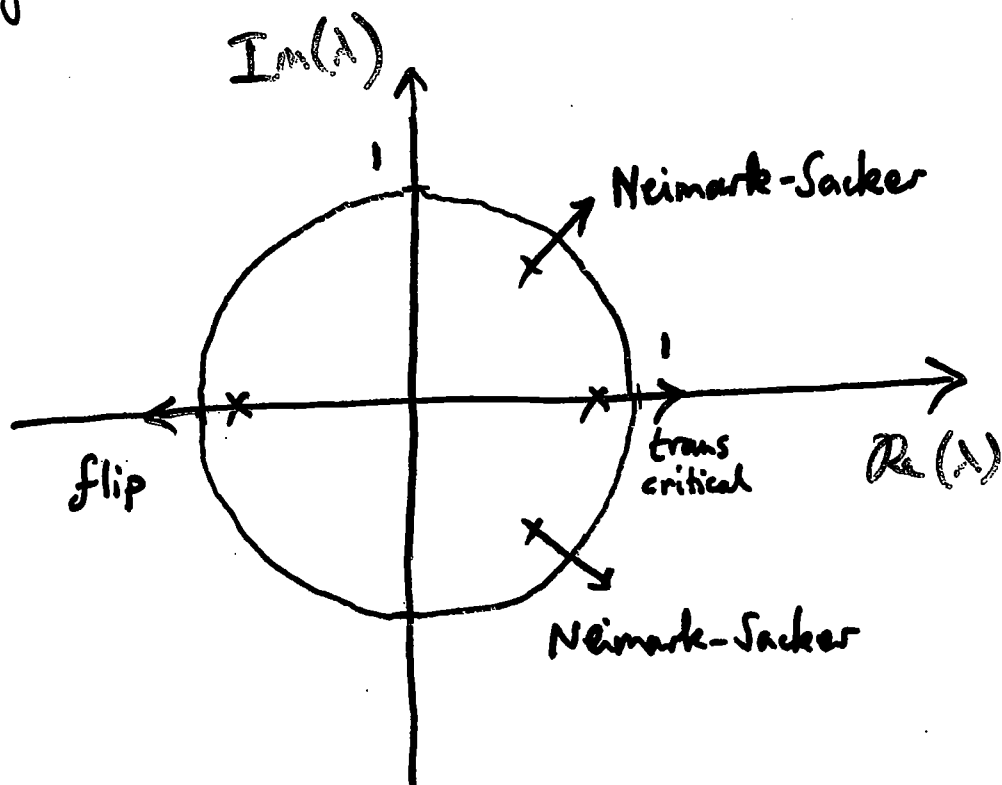
$\Leftrightarrow |\lambda_j| < 1 \quad \forall j \in [1, n-1]$  where

$\lambda_j$  are eigenvalues of  $(n-1) \times (n-1)$  Jacobian matrix  $DP$  of  $P$

- For the  $n \geq 2$  case, fixed points of maps can lose stability in a way impossible in  $n = 1$ .

When  $n = 1$ ,  $|\lambda| = |f'(x^*)| = 1$  either when  $\lambda = 1$  (transcritical bifurcation) or  $\lambda = -1$  (flip bifurcation).

When  $n \geq 2$ , eigenvalues can be complex & when a complex conjugate pair cross the unit circle  $|\lambda| = 1$ , we have a Neimark-Sacker bifurcation.



• So far we have met smooth maps

[Smooth means infinitely differentiable,  
no the map has derivatives of all orders].

$$f(x_n) = x_n e^{-2\pi/w} + c_3(1 - e^{-2\pi/w})$$

linear, not interesting

$$f(x_n) = x_n^2$$

$$= \cos x_n$$

} nonlinear but  
not interesting

$$f(x_n) = r x_n(1 - x_n)$$

nonlinear and very interesting

• In contrast, non-smooth maps are  
always interesting

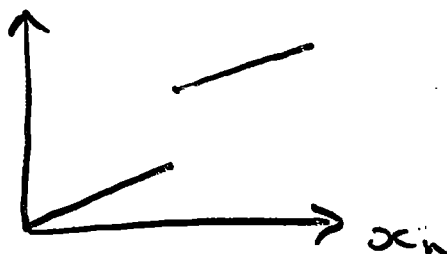
(nonsmooth, piecewise smooth)

# • Nonsmooth maps

- Impacts
- Friction
- Diodes
- Neurons
- Control

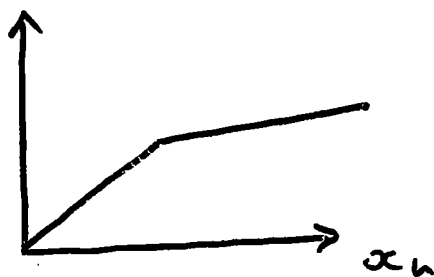
## • Examples

$x_{n+1}$



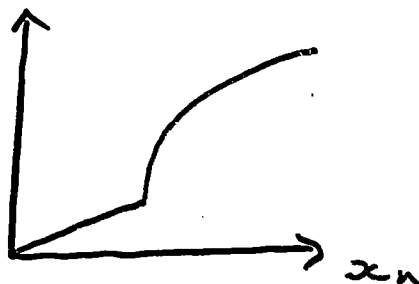
position  
discontinuous

$x_{n+1}$



derivative  
discontinuous

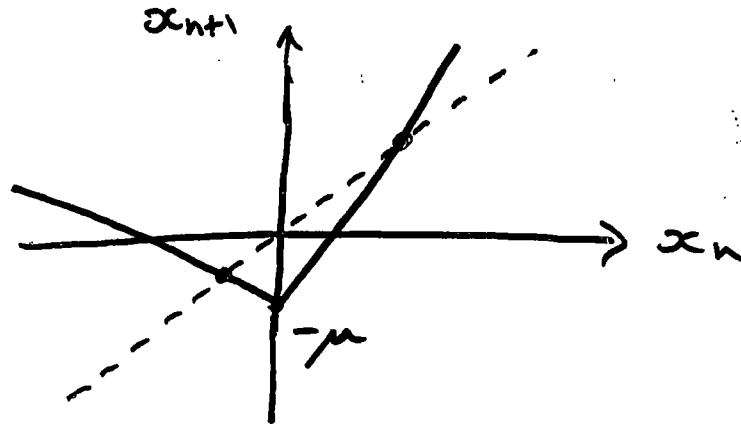
$x_{n+1}$



derivative  
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- Simple case (piecewise linear - PWL)

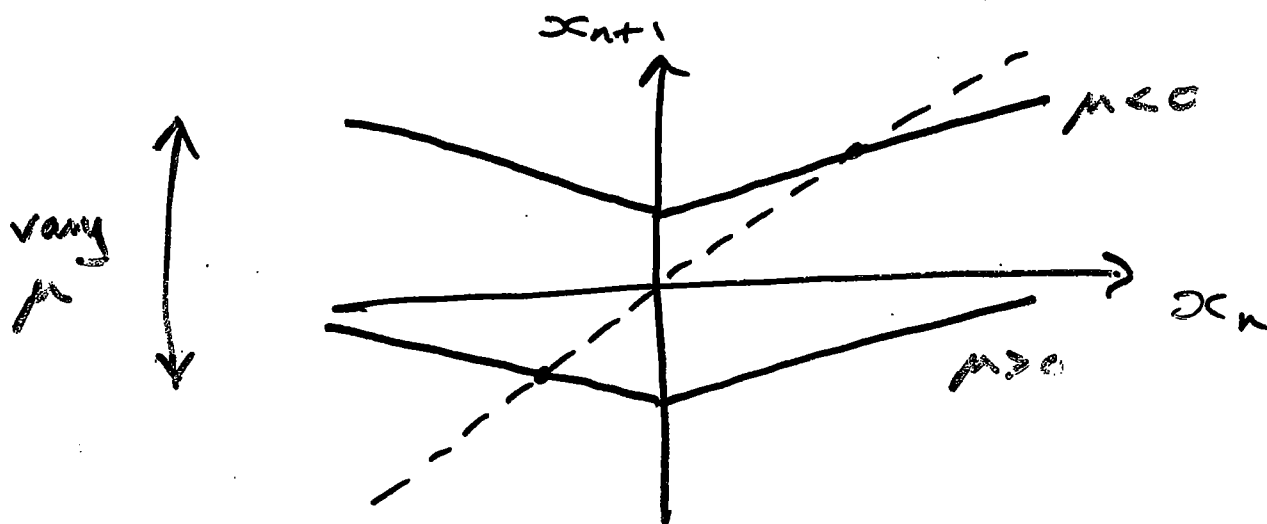
$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \alpha x_n - \mu & ; x_n \geq 0 \\ \beta x_n - \mu & ; x_n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$



For fixed  $\alpha, \beta$  what happens as the bifurcation parameter  $\mu$  is varied?

- Since linear, might expect that very little happens. In fact, get more behavior here than in most nonlinear maps!
- In what follows, we take  $\alpha > 0, \beta < 0$ .  
[This is the general case, why?]

• Notation:



If we have solution here ( $x_n < 0$ )  
 unsta

$B/b$   
 ↗ ↖  
 stable unstable

If we have solution here ( $x_n > 0$ )  
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$A/a$   
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 stable unstable

So "B" means " $\exists$  stable solution for  $x_n < 0$ "

etc.

•  $x_n \geq 0$

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n - \mu \quad (\alpha > 0)$$

Fixed point  $x^* = \frac{\mu}{\alpha - 1} \geq 0$

$x^* \geq 0$  exists for  $\mu \geq 0$   
provided  $\alpha > 1$  — but is then unstable (why?)

$x^* \geq 0$  exists for  $\mu \leq 0$   
provided  $0 < \alpha < 1$ , and this is stable (why?)

•  $x_n \leq 0$

$$x_{n+1} = \beta x_n - \mu \quad (\beta < 0)$$

Fixed point  $x^{**} = \frac{\mu}{\beta - 1} \leq 0$

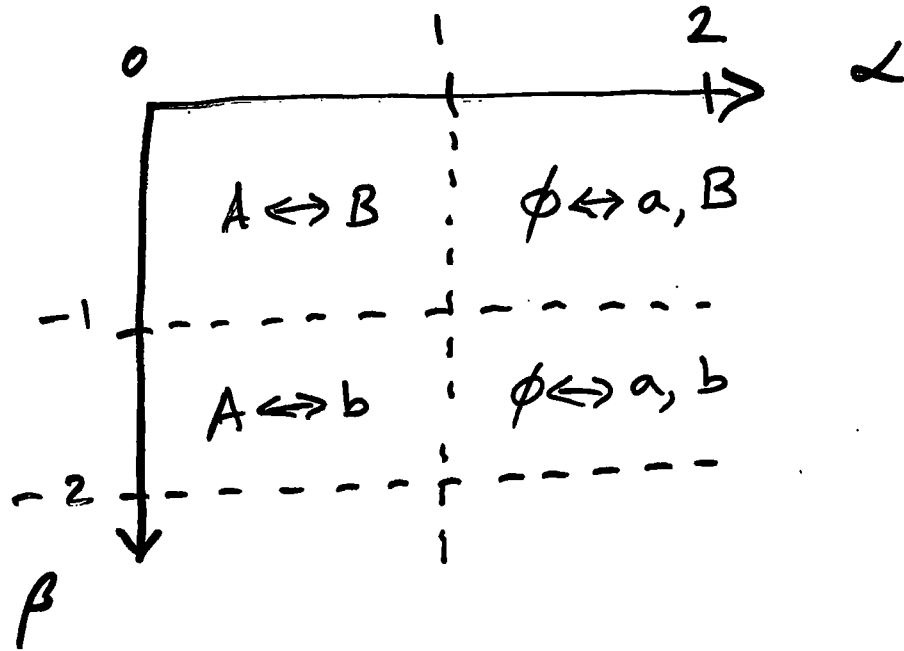
$x^{**} \leq 0$  exists provided  $\mu \geq 0$

(since  $\beta < 0$ ) no if

$\beta > -1 \Rightarrow x^{**}$  stable

$\beta < -1 \Rightarrow x^{**}$  unstable

• Summary



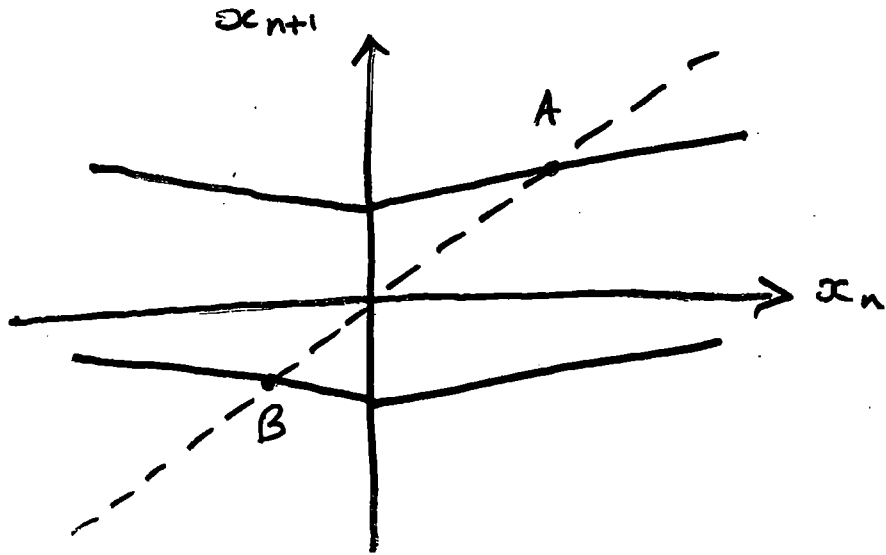
$\phi$  is empty set,  $\leftrightarrow$  means 'as  $\mu$  varies from positive to negative or viceversa'.

Example 'A  $\leftrightarrow$  B' means that for  $\alpha < 1$ ,  $\beta > -1$ , as  $\mu$  varies from positive to negative or vice versa, a stable solution with  $\alpha > 0$  (A) becomes a stable solution with  $\alpha < 0$  (B)

$$\begin{array}{l} A \leftrightarrow B \\ A \leftrightarrow b \end{array} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{array}{l} \phi \leftrightarrow a, B \\ \phi \leftrightarrow a, b \end{array}$$

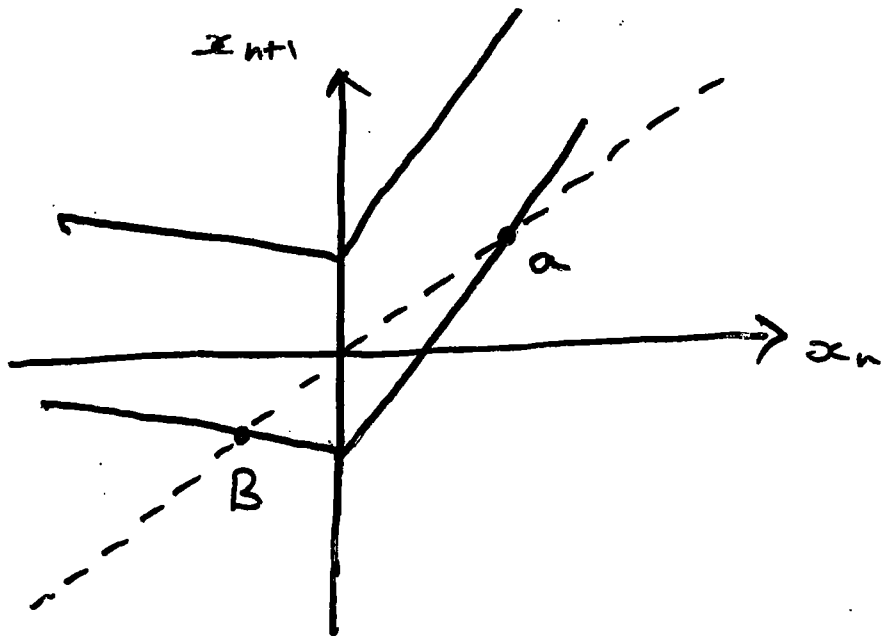
an an first eye view of non-smooth  
bif. entire

• Another summary:



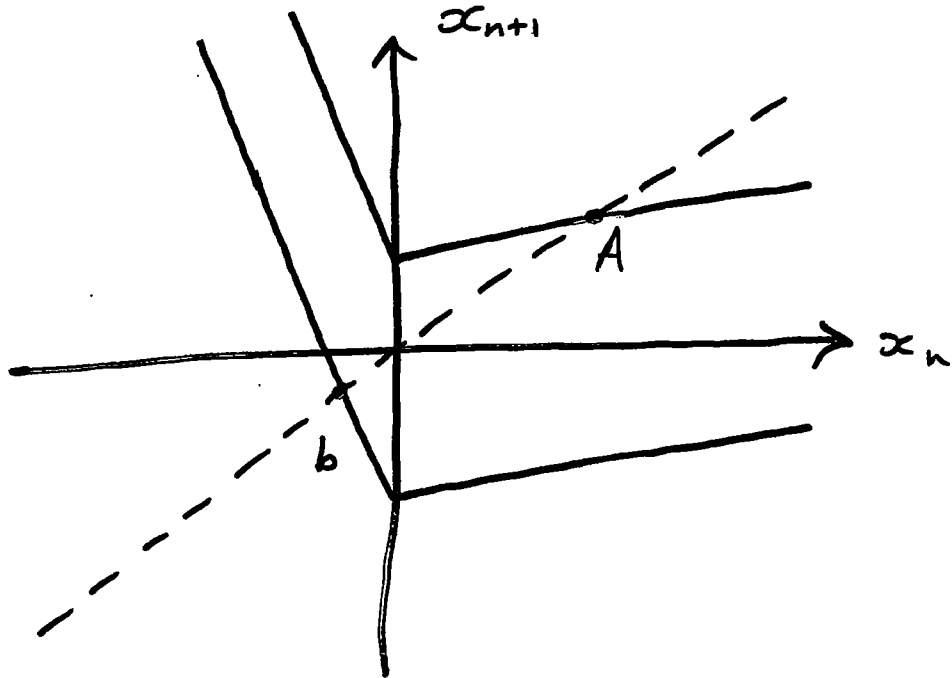
$\alpha < 1, \beta > -1$ ;  $A \leftrightarrow B$

Smooth transition



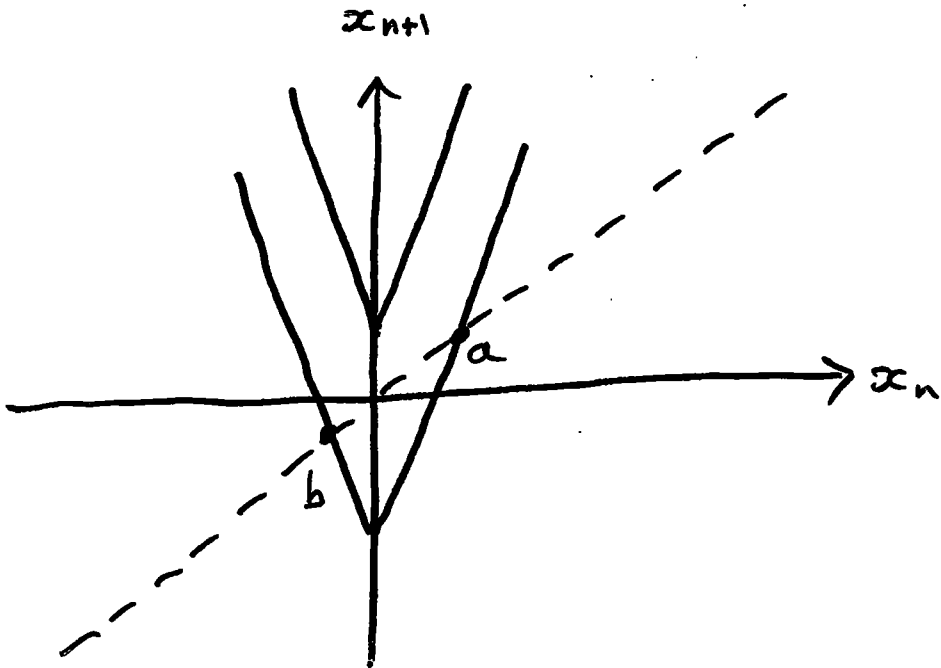
$\alpha > 1, \beta > -1$ ;  $\phi \leftrightarrow a, B$

ambiguity creation



$\alpha < 1, \beta < -1 ; A \leftrightarrow b$

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$\alpha > 1, \beta < -1 ; \phi \leftrightarrow a, b$

- Period doubling can also occur

A linear map is either stable or unstable; period doubling can not occur. So in this case, a period doubling (period 2) solution has to have  $x^* < 0$ ,  $x^{**} > 0$  with  $x^{**}$  mapped to  $x^*$ ,  $x^*$  mapped back to  $x^{**}$ .

$$x^* = \alpha x^{**} - \mu \quad (x^{**} > 0)$$

$$x^{**} = \beta x^* - \mu \quad (x^* < 0)$$

Solve to find

$$x^* = \frac{\mu(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha\beta-1)} < 0$$

$$x^{**} = \frac{\mu(\beta+1)}{(\alpha\beta-1)} > 0$$

Note this is an solution which is divided as AP (if stable) or ab (if unstable).

• In terms of the map we have:

$$x_{n+1} = \alpha x_n - \mu$$

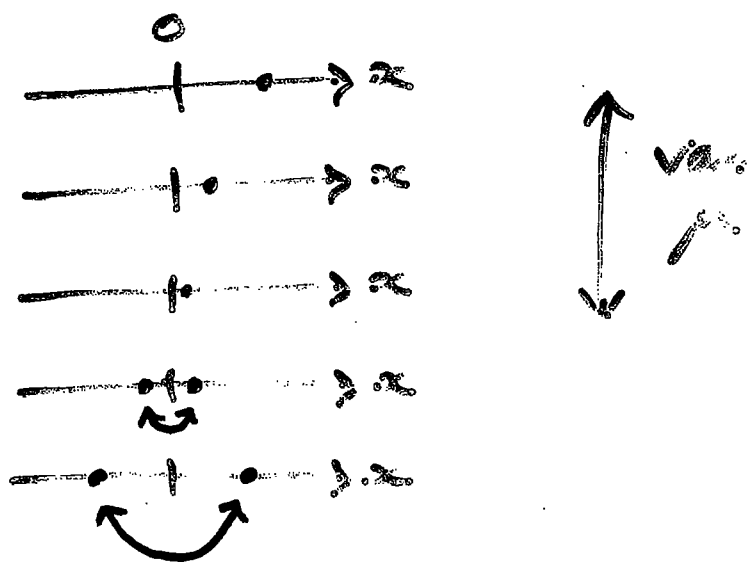
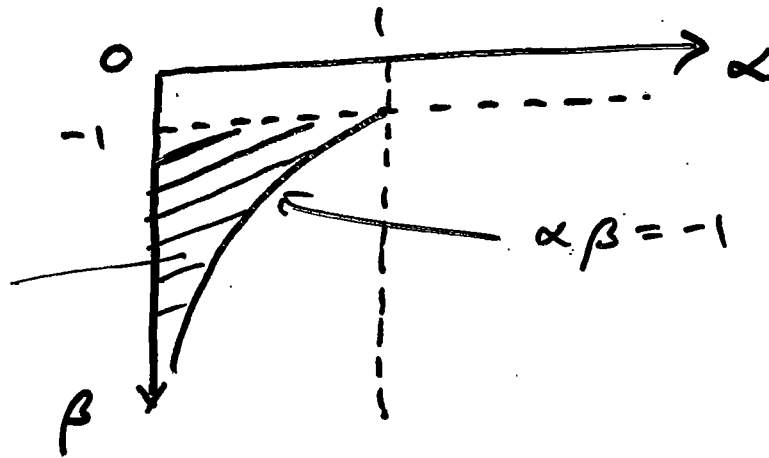
$$x_{n+2} = \beta x_{n+1} - \mu$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_{n+2} = \alpha\beta x_n - \mu(\beta+1)}$$

So Jacobian (eigenvalue) is  $\alpha\beta$

$\Rightarrow (x^*, x^{**})$  is stable when  $\alpha\beta > -1$

$A \leftrightarrow AB$



• Example of period doubling:

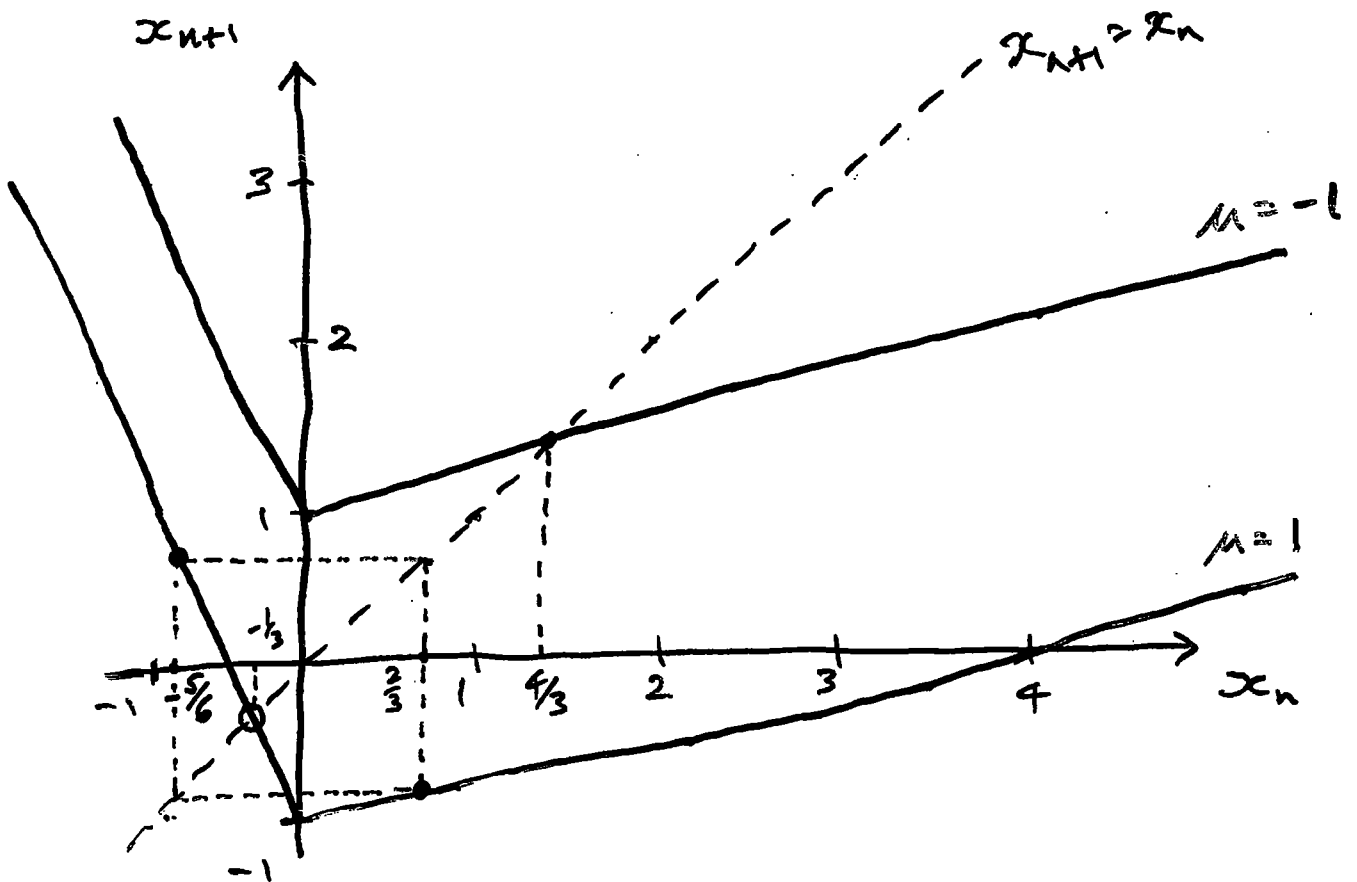
$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \alpha x_n - \mu & ; x_n \geq 0 \\ \beta x_n - \mu & ; x_n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{4}, \beta = -2$$

$$x^* = \frac{\mu(\alpha+1)}{(\alpha\beta-1)}, \quad x^{**} = \frac{\mu(\beta+1)}{(\alpha\beta-1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^* = -\frac{5}{6}, \quad x^{**} = \frac{2}{3} \quad \text{when } \mu = 1$$

can show (see later) that this solution does not exist for  $\mu < 0$  when there is only one fixed point ( $x^* = \frac{4}{3}$  when  $\mu = -1$ )



This is  $A \leftrightarrow b, AB$

$$\frac{4}{3} \leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{3}, \left\{ \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{5}{6} \right\}$$

Example of period adding (1 → 3)

$$x_{n+1} = \begin{cases} \alpha x_n - \mu & ; x_n \geq 0 \\ \beta x_n - \mu & ; x_n \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Illustrate  $A \rightarrow A^2B$

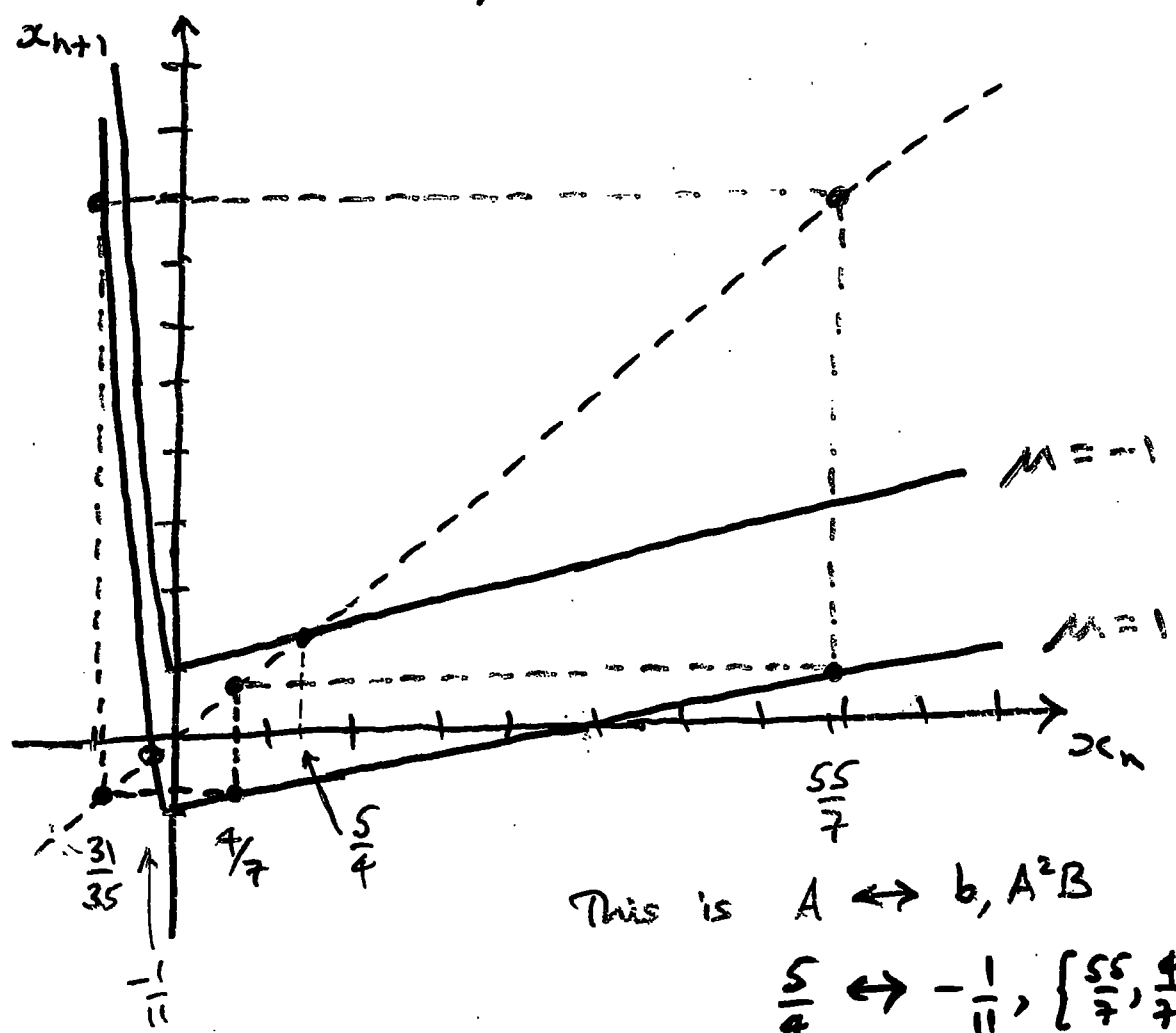
$$\begin{aligned} x_2 &= \beta x_1 - \mu & ; x_1 < 0 \\ x_3 &= \alpha x_2 - \mu & ; x_2 > 0 \\ x_1 &= \alpha x_3 - \mu & ; x_3 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{\mu(1+\alpha+\alpha^2)}{(\alpha^2\beta-1)}, \quad x_2 = \frac{\mu(1+\beta+\alpha\beta)}{(\alpha^2\beta-1)}, \quad x_3 = \frac{\mu(1+\alpha+\alpha\beta)}{(\alpha^2\beta-1)}$$

Need  $\mu > 0$ .  $\alpha = 1/5, \beta = -10, \mu = 1$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = -31/35, \quad x_2 = 55/7, \quad x_3 = 4/7$$

when  $\mu = -1, x = 5/4$  only.



This is  $A \leftrightarrow b, A^2B$

$$\frac{5}{4} \leftrightarrow -\frac{1}{11}, \left\{ \frac{55}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, -\frac{31}{35} \right\}$$

- Nonsmooth bifurcations in  $n$ -dimensional piecewise linear maps.

We are going to obtain general conditions for nonsmooth bifurcations. Let  $\underline{x} = (x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)^T$  be an  $n$ -dimensional vector, let  $\underline{x}^{(k)}$  be the  $k^{\text{th}}$  iterate of this vector.

The map is

$$\underline{x}^{(k+1)} = \begin{cases} \underline{A}_1 \underline{x}^{(k)} + \underline{c} \mu & ; x_n^{(k)} \geq 0 \\ \underline{A}_2 \underline{x}^{(k)} + \underline{c} \mu & ; x_n^{(k)} \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

where

$\underline{A}_1, \underline{A}_2$  are (real)  $n \times n$  matrices  
 $\underline{c}$  is a (real)  $n \times 1$  vector  
 $\mu$  is a (real) parameter

Note: mapping is continuous when  $x_n^{(k)} = 0 \quad \forall k$   
 and smooth for  $x_n^{(k)} = 0, \mu = 0; k = 1, \dots, n-1$

$\Rightarrow \underline{A}_1 \equiv [a_{ij}^{(1)}], \underline{A}_2 \equiv [a_{ij}^{(2)}]$  are identical  
 except for the last column  $\Rightarrow a_{ij}^{(1)} = a_{ij}^{(2)}; j \neq n$

Let  $M^*$ ,  $M^{**}$  be fixed points of the map such that

$$M^* = A_1 M^* + c\mu \quad ; \quad m_n^* > 0$$

$$M^{**} = A_2 M^{**} + c\mu \quad ; \quad m_n^{**} < 0$$

where  $m_k^* = [M^*]_k$ ,  $m_k^{**} = [M^{**}]_k$ .

Assuming  $(A_1 - I)$ ,  $(A_2 - I)$  to be invertible  $\Rightarrow$

$$M^* = - \frac{\text{adj}(A_1 - I)}{p^*(1)} c\mu, \quad M^{**} = - \frac{\text{adj}(A_2 - I)}{p^{**}(1)} c\mu$$

where  $p^*(1)$  is characteristic polynomial of  $A_1$ , evaluated at 1,  $p^{**}(1)$  is characteristic polynomial of  $A_2$ , evaluated at 1.<sup>†</sup>

In scalar form, this becomes

$$m_k^* = \frac{b_k^*}{p^*(1)} \mu, \quad m_k^{**} = \frac{b_k^{**}}{p^{**}(1)} \mu$$

where

$$b_k^* = [-\text{adj}(A_1 - I)e]_k$$

$$b_k^{**} = [-\text{adj}(A_2 - I)e]_k$$

<sup>†</sup> Alternatively  $p^*(\lambda) = \det(A_1 - \lambda I)$   
 $p^{**}(\lambda) = \det(A_2 - \lambda I)$

