

Lec 35 part 2

Sequences

Iterated maps. discrete time
- stability of fixed points dynamical systems

The dynamical behavior of
logistic map,

$$x_{t+1} = g(x_t), \quad g(x) = \alpha x(1-x), \quad x \geq 0.$$

heavily depends on the value of $\alpha > 0$.

● Fixed points

Solve $x = g(x)$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } 1 = \alpha(1-x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 = \alpha - \alpha x \\ \alpha x = \alpha - 1$$

fixed points
are
where $y = g(x)$
intersects
with $y = x$.

Fixed
points
(equilibrium)

$$\therefore \underline{x = 0} \text{ or } \underline{x = \frac{\alpha - 1}{\alpha} = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}}$$

$$\text{Carrying capacity } x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$$

For the population model given by
the logistic map.

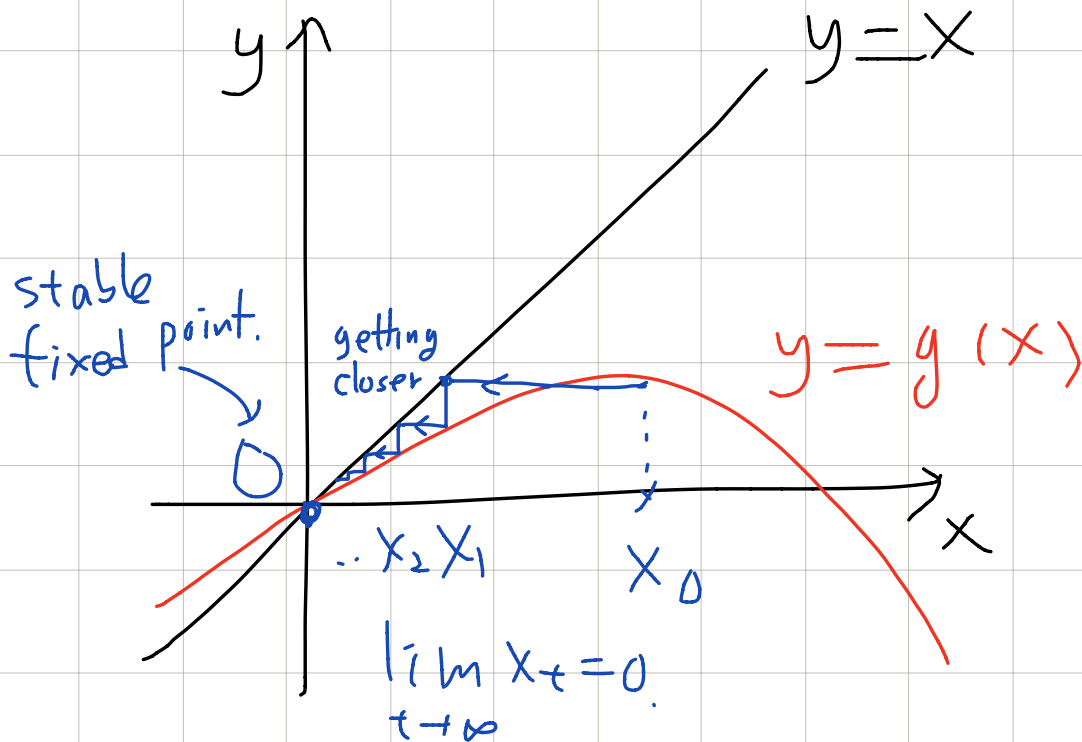
Note in a population model $x \geq 0$.

But, if $0 < \alpha < 1$, then $x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha} < 0$. $x^* < 0$ is not meaningful.

So, if $0 < \alpha < 1$, then only one ^{meaningful} fixed point $x=0$ in $x \geq 0$.

Case $0 < \alpha < 1$ only one Fixed point. in $x \geq 0$.

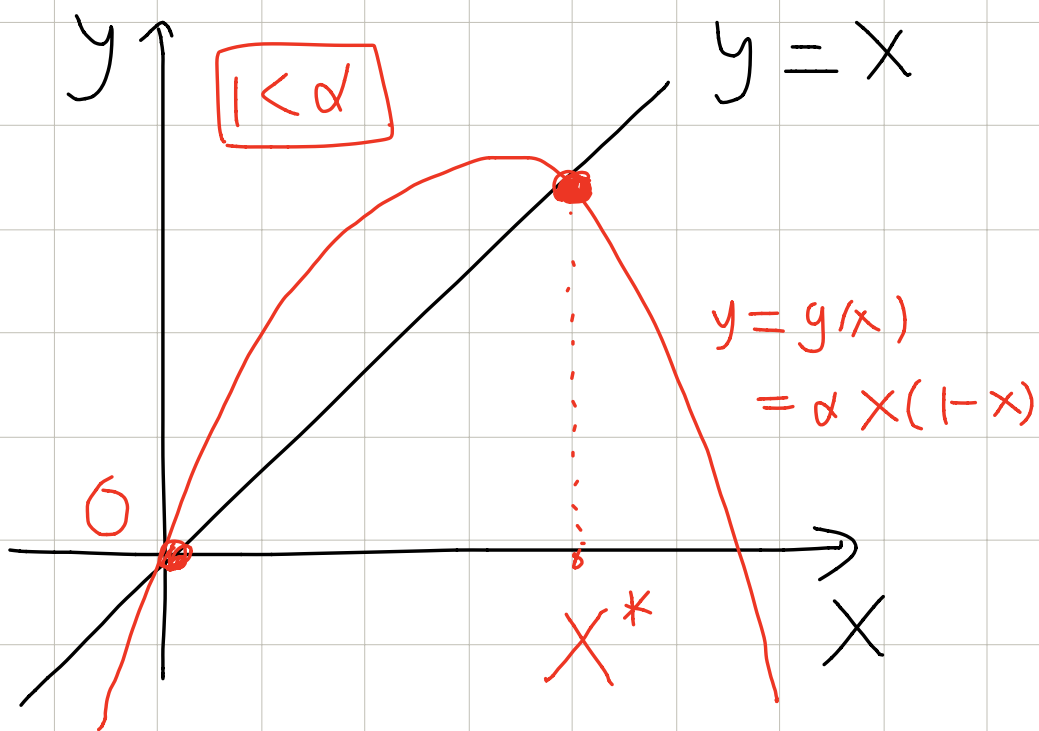
$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} x_t = 0$ The species will eventually be extinct



• Case $1 < \alpha$

two fixed points

$x=0$, $x=x^*=1-\frac{1}{\alpha}$



- Stability of fixed points.

• A test to check stability

\bar{v} a fixed point, $g(\bar{v}) = \bar{v}$

• stable if $|g'(\bar{v})| < 1$.

Strict inequalities

• unstable if $|g'(\bar{v})| > 1$

- Stability at fixed points : check $g'(x)$.

$$g(x) = \alpha x(1-x) = \alpha x - \alpha x^2$$

$$g'(x) = \alpha - 2\alpha x$$

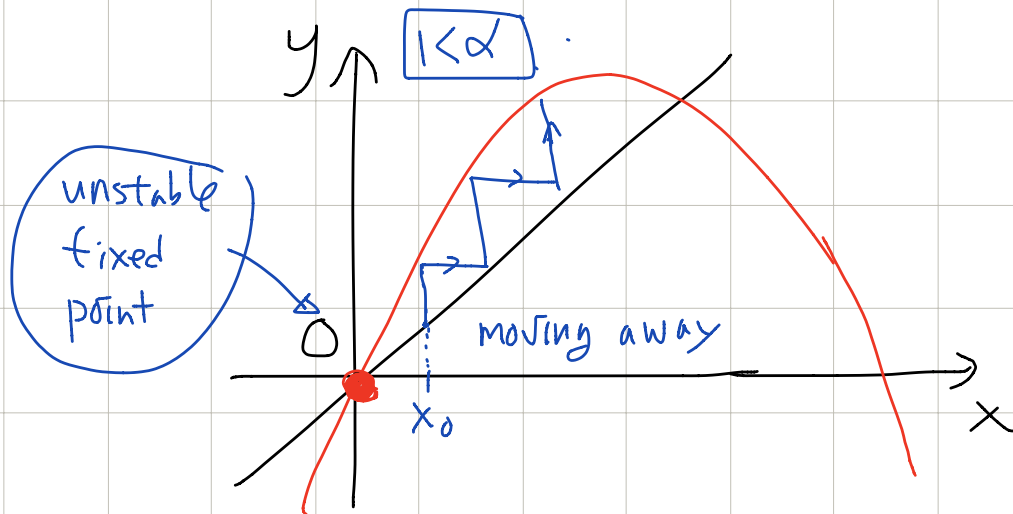
Check stability in the case $\alpha > 1$

Two fixed points $x=0$, $x=x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$.

At $x=0$: $g'(0) = \alpha$ & In our case $\alpha > 1$.

$$\therefore g'(0) > 1.$$

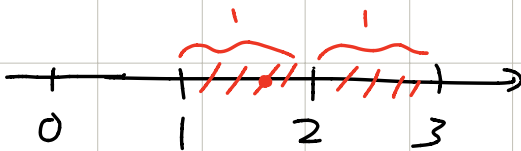
So, $x=0$ is unstable.



• At $x = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$: $g'(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}) = \alpha - 2\alpha(1 - \frac{1}{\alpha})$
 $= \alpha - 2\alpha + 2$

$$\therefore \underline{g'(\alpha) = 2 - \alpha}$$

$$|g'(\alpha)| < 1 \iff -1 < 2 - \alpha < 1 \iff 1 < \alpha < 3.$$



∴ Stable if $1 < \alpha < 3$

unstable if $\alpha > 3$.

• $x = x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$

is a stable fixed point for $1 < \alpha < 3$

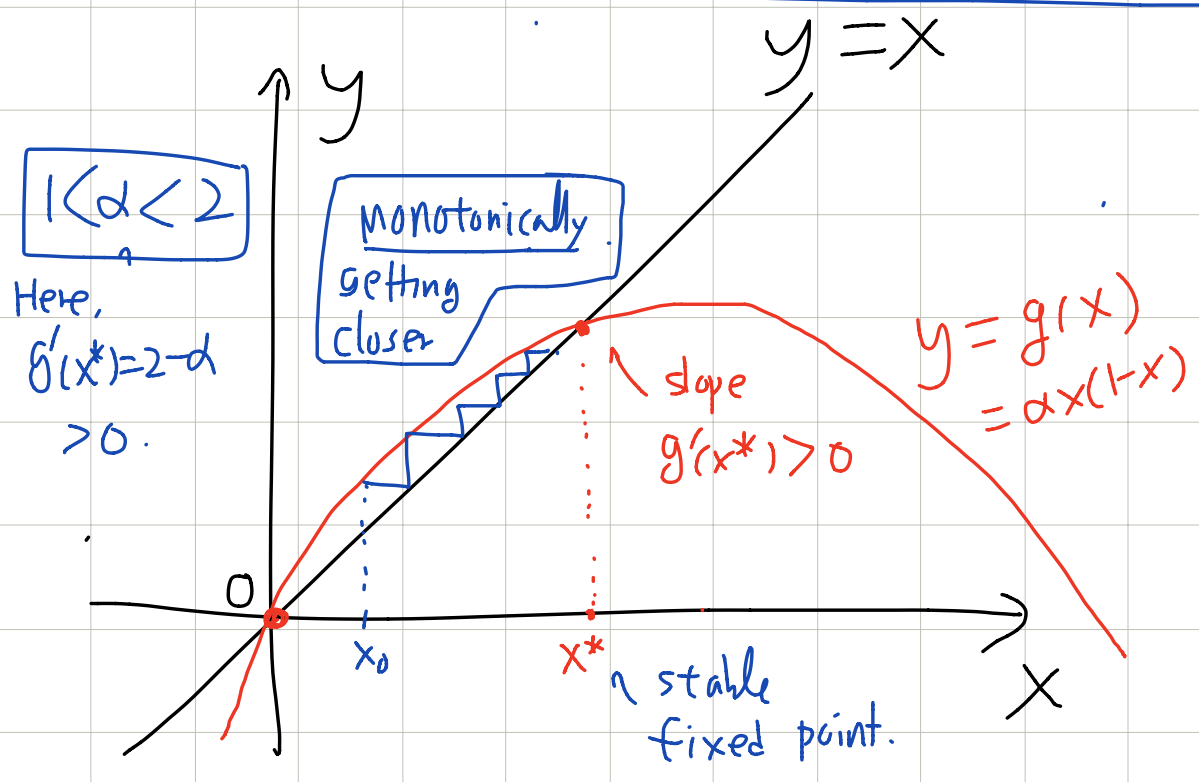
sign of $g'(x^*)$ further determines

how sequences converge to x^* .

• If x^* is stable fixed point of $g(x)$.

and $g'(x^*) > 0$

then NEAR x^* , sequences converges to x^*
MONOTONICALLY.



Thus, for $1 < \alpha < 2$ (this is the condition ΔS is small in the previous discussion.)
the logistic map
shows a similar behavior
as the logistic differential eqn.

"Population converges monotonically to
the carrying capacity".

HOWEVER, as we see below

If $2 < \alpha$, then

the logistic map demonstrate

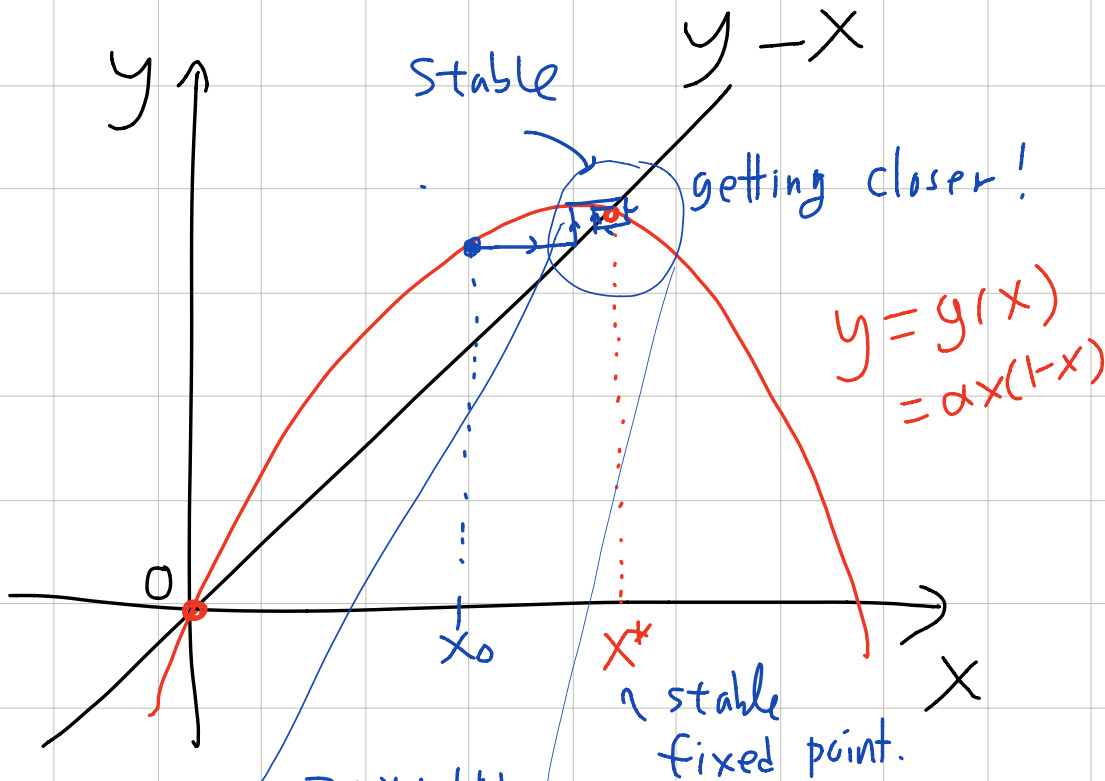
a different (& more interesting)

behavior from the logistic differential eqn.

● If x^* is stable fixed point of $g(x)$.

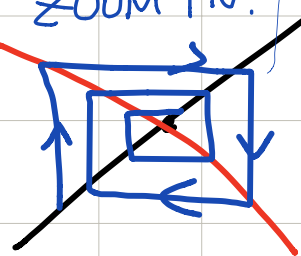
and $g'(x^*) < 0$

then NEAR x^* , convergence to x^*
is oscillatory.



For stable point x^*
with $g'(x^*) < 0$

ZOOM IN.

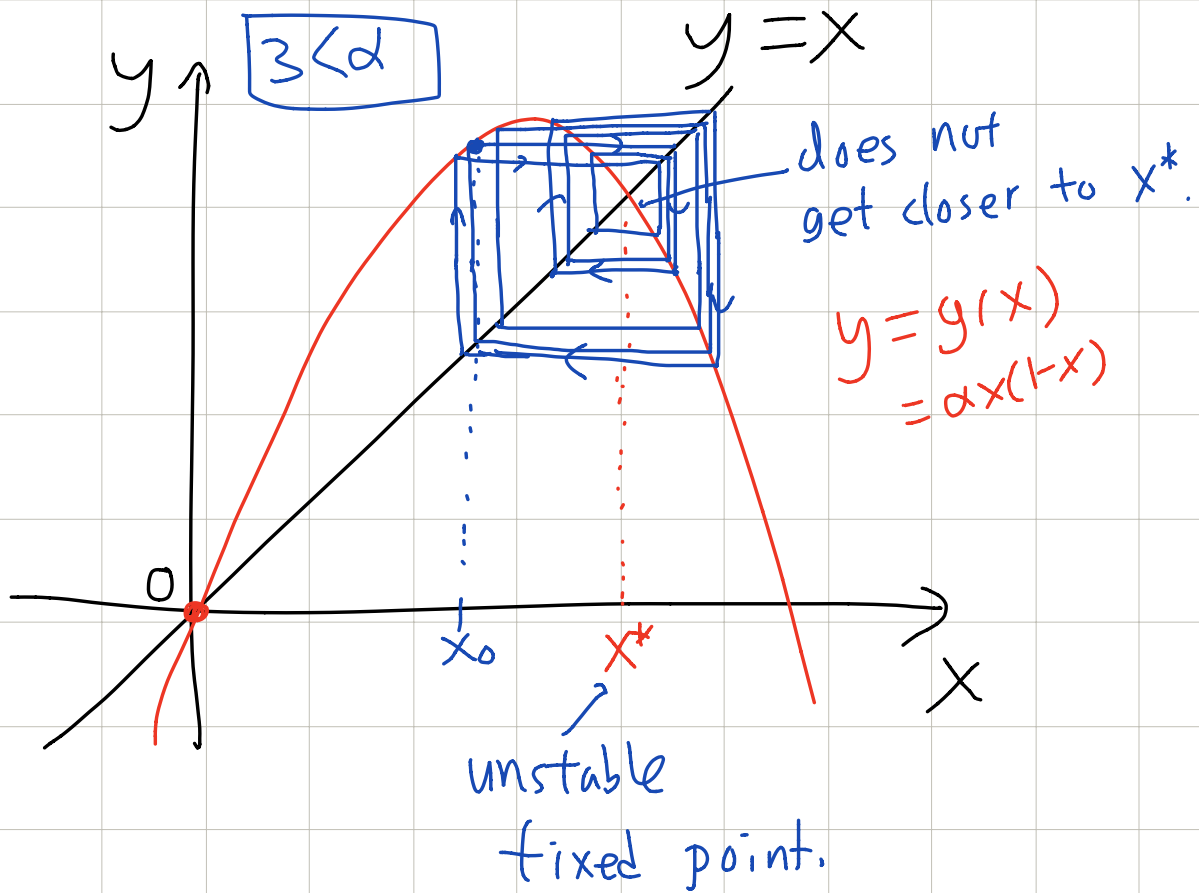


getting closer
but oscillatory

← the slope < 0 .

UNSTABLE CASE.

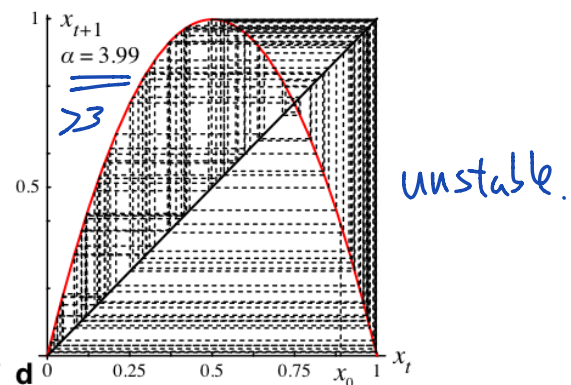
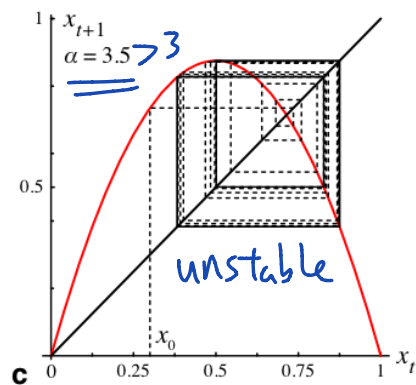
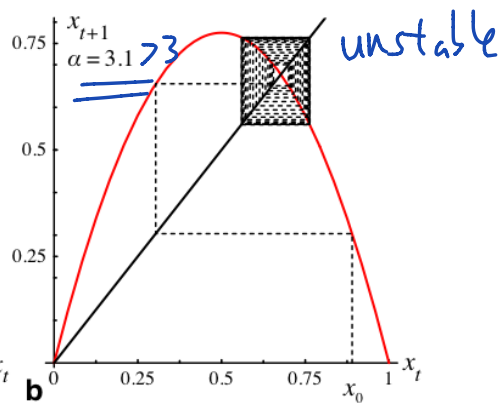
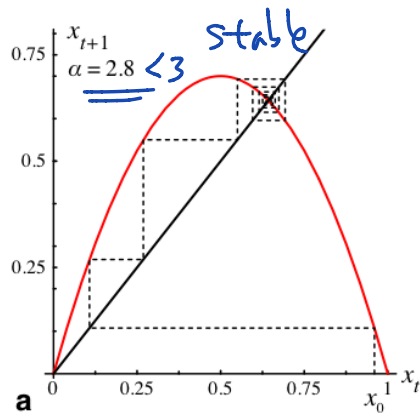
- $x^* = 1 - \frac{1}{\alpha}$ is NOT stable for $\alpha > 3$.



As in this picture,

unstable fixed points

MAY have periodic orbits around it.



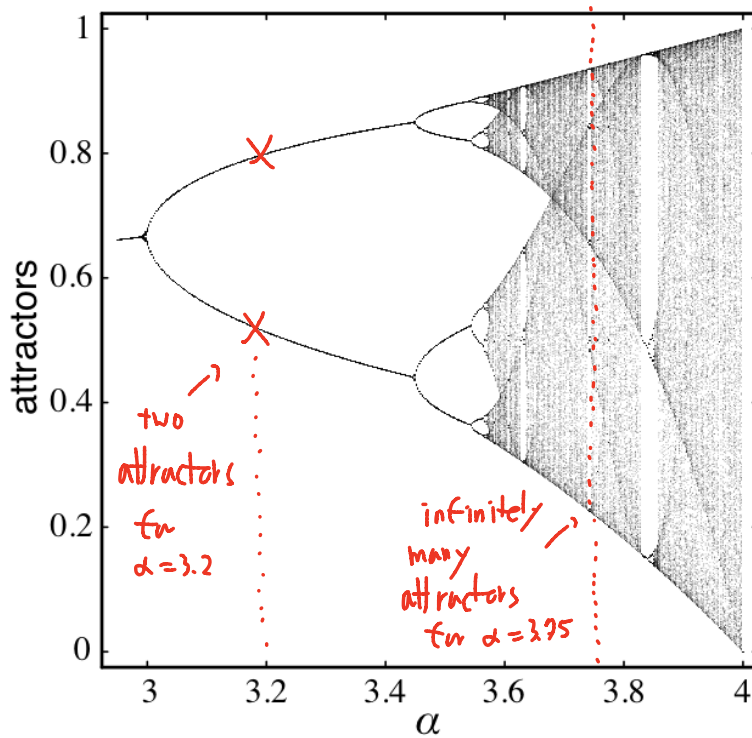
For $\alpha > 3$ gets larger

more complicated behavior (e.g. very long periodic orbits)

appears.

- MANY periodic orbits
- unpredictable sequences, etc.

- Chaotic behavior to change of α .



Next lecture:

Series. § 9.2.

