

Math 339 - Fall 2017  
 Assignment #1 - Solns

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1) Exercise 1.2 p 36

a)  $f(x) = x - x^2$

$\therefore x_{n+1} = x_n - x_n^2$

• fixed pts:  $x_{n+1} = x_n = x^* \Leftrightarrow x^* = x^* - x^{*2}$

$\therefore$  either  $x^* = 0$  or  $1 = -x^{*2}$ , which has no real solution

So  $x^* = 0$  is the only fixed point.

• stability:

$$\left| f'(x) \right|_{x^*} = \left| 1 - 2x^* \right| = \left| 1 \right| = 1$$

This test is inconclusive. So we use cobwebbing.

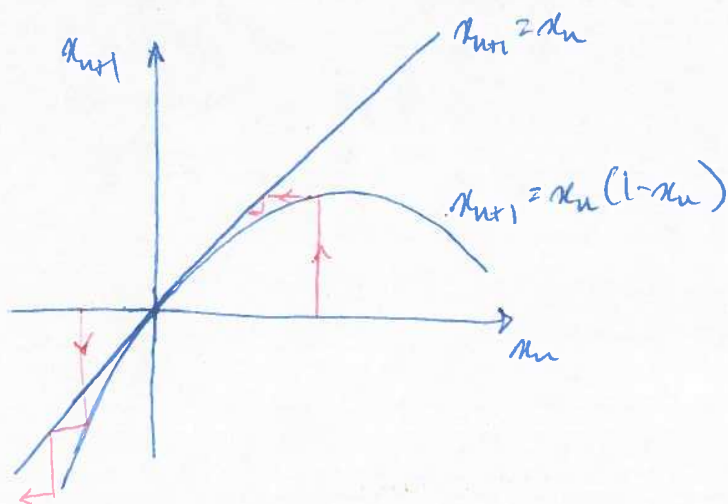


Fig 1.

From Fig 1,  
 We see that  $x_n(1-x_n) < x_n$   
 $\forall x_n > 0$ .  $\therefore$  for  $x_n > 0$ ,  
 the origin is a sink, &  
 for  $x_n < 0$ , the origin is  
 a source.

b) let  $g(x) = \tan x$ ,  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

• fixed points

$x^* = g(x_n^*) \iff x^* = \tan(x^*)$   
 $\iff x^* = 0$

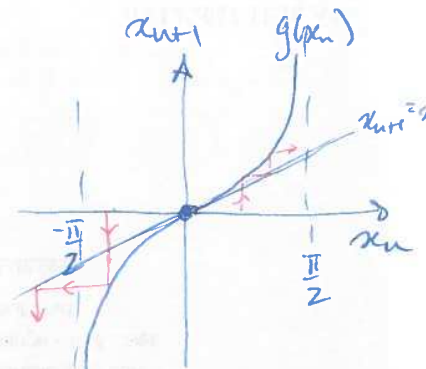


Fig 2.

• Stability:

$|g'(x)|_{x^*} = \left| \frac{1}{\cos^2(x^*)} \right| = |1| = 1$

Again, the test is inconclusive, so we use cobwebbing.  
In this case,  $\begin{cases} g(x_n) > x_n \ \forall x_n > 0, \\ g(x_n) < x_n \ \forall x_n < 0. \end{cases}$

Thus, by Fig 2. we see that the origin is a source.

c)

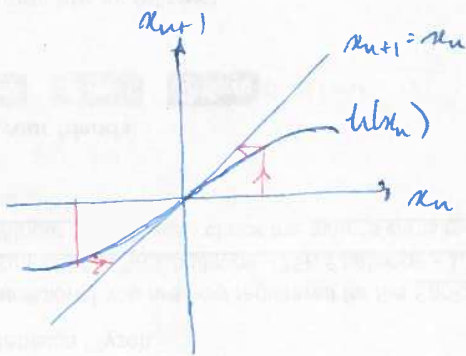


Fig 3.

Any function  $h(x)$  which satisfies  $h'(0) = 1$  and

$\begin{cases} h(x_n) < x_n \ \forall x_n > 0 \\ h(x_n) > x_n \ \forall x_n < 0 \end{cases}$

will have a sink at  $x=0$ .

Example:  $h(x) = \sin(x)$

## 2) Exercise 1.5 p36

$$\text{let } f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x = x(2x - 5).$$

$$\text{so } x_{n+1} = x_n(2x_n - 5)$$

$$x_{n+2} = x_{n+1}(2x_{n+1} - 5) = x_n(2x_n - 5)(2x_n(2x_n - 5) - 5).$$

• fixed pts:

• of  $f(x)$  are

$$x = x(2x - 5) \text{ gives } x^* = 0 \text{ or } 1 = 2x - 5 \text{ gives } x^* = 3$$

• of  $f^2(x)$  are  $x^* = 0$ ,  $x^* = 3$ , and

$$x = x(2x - 5)(2x(2x - 5) - 5) \text{ gives } 1,$$

$$1 \text{ gives } 1 = (2x - 5)(4x^2 - 10x - 5)$$

$$\text{gives } 1 = 8x^3 - 20x^2 - 10x - 20x^2 + 50x + 25$$

$$\text{gives } 8x^3 - 40x^2 + 40x + 24 = 0$$

$$\text{gives } 2x^3 - 10x^2 + 10x + 6 = 0$$

$$\text{gives } x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x + 3 = 0 \quad \dots \quad (1)$$

We know that  $x = 3$  must be a root, so we divide:

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x - 1 \\ x-3 \overline{) x^3 - 5x^2 + 5x + 3} \\ \underline{x^3 - 3x^2} \phantom{+ 3} \\ -2x^2 + 5x \phantom{+ 3} \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 6x} \phantom{+ 3} \\ -x + 3 \\ \underline{-x + 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$\therefore$  (1) becomes

$$(x-3)(x^2-2x-1)=0$$

So we have  $x=3$  or

$$x^2-2x-1=0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \pm \sqrt{1+1} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$\therefore$  the period-2 orbit is

$$\begin{cases} x_n^* = 1 + \sqrt{2} \\ x_{n+1}^* = 1 - \sqrt{2} \end{cases}$$

### • Stability

To determine if this orbit is a sink or a source we look at

$$\left| f'(x_n^*) f'(x_{n+1}^*) \right| = \mathbb{I}$$

We find

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x$$

$$f'(x) = 4x - 5$$

and so

$$\left| f'(1+\sqrt{2}) f'(1-\sqrt{2}) \right| = \left| (4(1+\sqrt{2})-5)(4(1-\sqrt{2})-5) \right| = \mathbb{I}$$

$$I = \left| 16(1-2) - 20(1+\sqrt{2}) - 20(1-\sqrt{2}) + 25 \right|$$

$$= \left| -16 - 40 + 25 \right| = \left| -56 + 25 \right| = \left| -31 \right| = 31 > 1$$

∴ the period-2 orbit is a source.

\* period-doubling \*

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$$3. f(x) = r x^2 e^{-5x}$$

a) steady state:

$$x^* = r x^{*2} e^{-5x^*} \Leftrightarrow x^* = 0 \text{ OR } 1 = r x^* e^{-5x^*} \dots (1)$$

the bifurcation occurs when

$$|f'(x^*)| = 1$$

From graphical exploration, we deduce, furthermore, that

$$f'(x^*) = -1 \Leftrightarrow 2r_c x^* e^{-5x^*} - 5r_c x^{*2} e^{-5x^*} = -1 \dots (2)$$

b) using (1), (2) becomes (with  $r = r_c$ )

$$2 - 5x^* = -1 \Leftrightarrow x^* = \frac{3}{5} \dots (3)$$

plugging (3) into (2) we obtain

$$r_c (2 x^* e^{-5x^*} - 5 x^{*2} e^{-5x^*}) = -1 \Leftrightarrow 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{r_c} \Leftrightarrow r_c = \frac{e^{5x^*}}{2x^* - 5x^{*2}}$$

$$= \frac{e^3}{(2-3) \frac{3}{5}} = -\frac{5}{3} e^3$$

$$\approx 33.5$$

c) see Maple output on following pages

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> restart:
> with(plots);
[animate, animate3d, animatecurve, arrow, changecoords, complexplot,
complexplot3d, conformal, conformal3d, contourplot, contourplot3d,
coordplot, coordplot3d, densityplot, display, dualaxisplot, fieldplot,
fieldplot3d, gradplot, gradplot3d, implicitplot, implicitplot3d, inequal,
interactive, interactiveparams, intersectplot, listcontplot, listcontplot3d,
listdensityplot, listplot, listplot3d, loglogplot, logplot, matrixplot, multiple,
odeplot, pareto, plotcompare, pointplot, pointplot3d, polarplot, polygonplot,
polygonplot3d, polyhedra_supported, polyhedraplot, rootlocus, semilogplot,
setcolors, setoptions, setoptions3d, shadebetween, spacecurve,
sparsematrixplot, surfdata, textplot, textplot3d, tubeplot]

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(1)

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> F := n → r · (n2) · exp(-5 · n);

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$$F := n \rightarrow r n^2 e^{-5n}$$

(2)

First, we let r take on a value less than r\_c.

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> n[0] := 0.2; r := 25; iterations := 10;

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$$n_0 := 0.2$$

$$r := 25$$

$$iterations := 10$$

(3)

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> plotlist := NULL:
> x := n[0];

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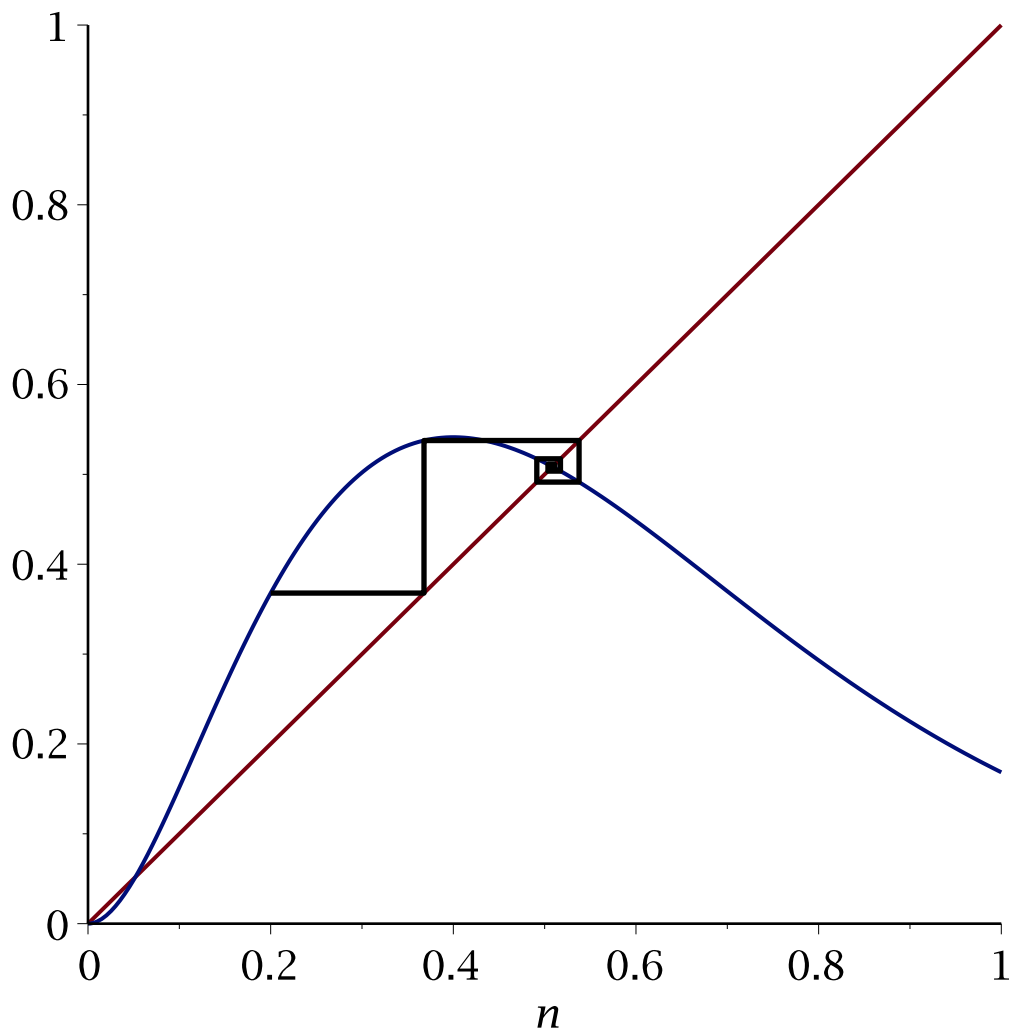
$$x := 0.2$$

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> for j from 1 to iterations do
  y := evalf(F(x)):
  plotlist := plotlist, [x, y], [y, y]:
  x := y,
od:
> P := plot([plotlist], colour = black, thickness = 2):
> C := plot({F(n), n}, n = 0..1.0):
> display({P, C});

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We see that in this case, the positive steady state is stable.

Now we look at  $r > r_c$ .

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> n[0] := 0.2; r := 40; iterations := 10;
      n0 := 0.2
      r := 40
      iterations := 10
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> plotlist := NULL:
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> x := n[0];
      x := 0.2
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(6)

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> for j from 1 to iterations do
  y := evalf(F(x)) :
  plotlist := plotlist, [x, y], [y, y]:
  x := y,
od:
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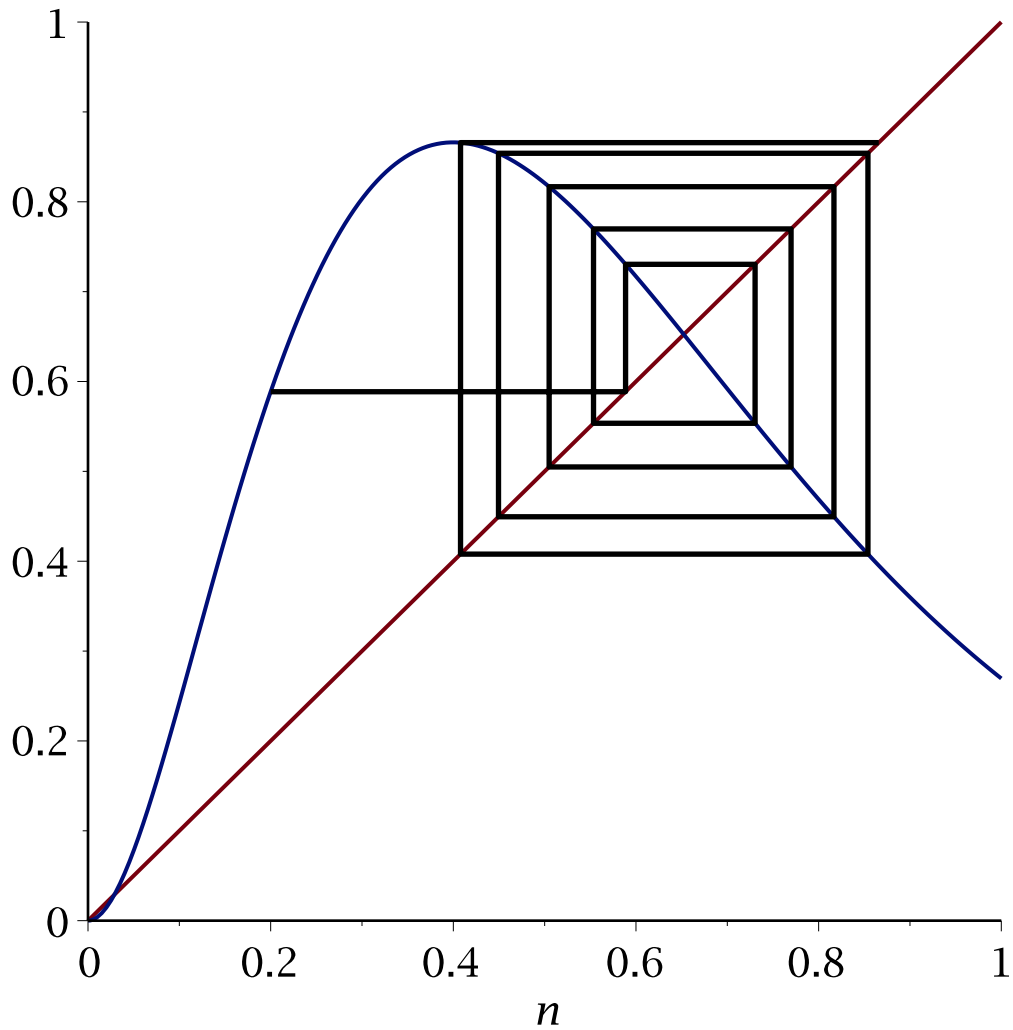
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> P := plot([plotlist], colour = black, thickness = 2) :
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> C := plot( {F(n), n}, n = 0..1.0) :
> display( {P, C});

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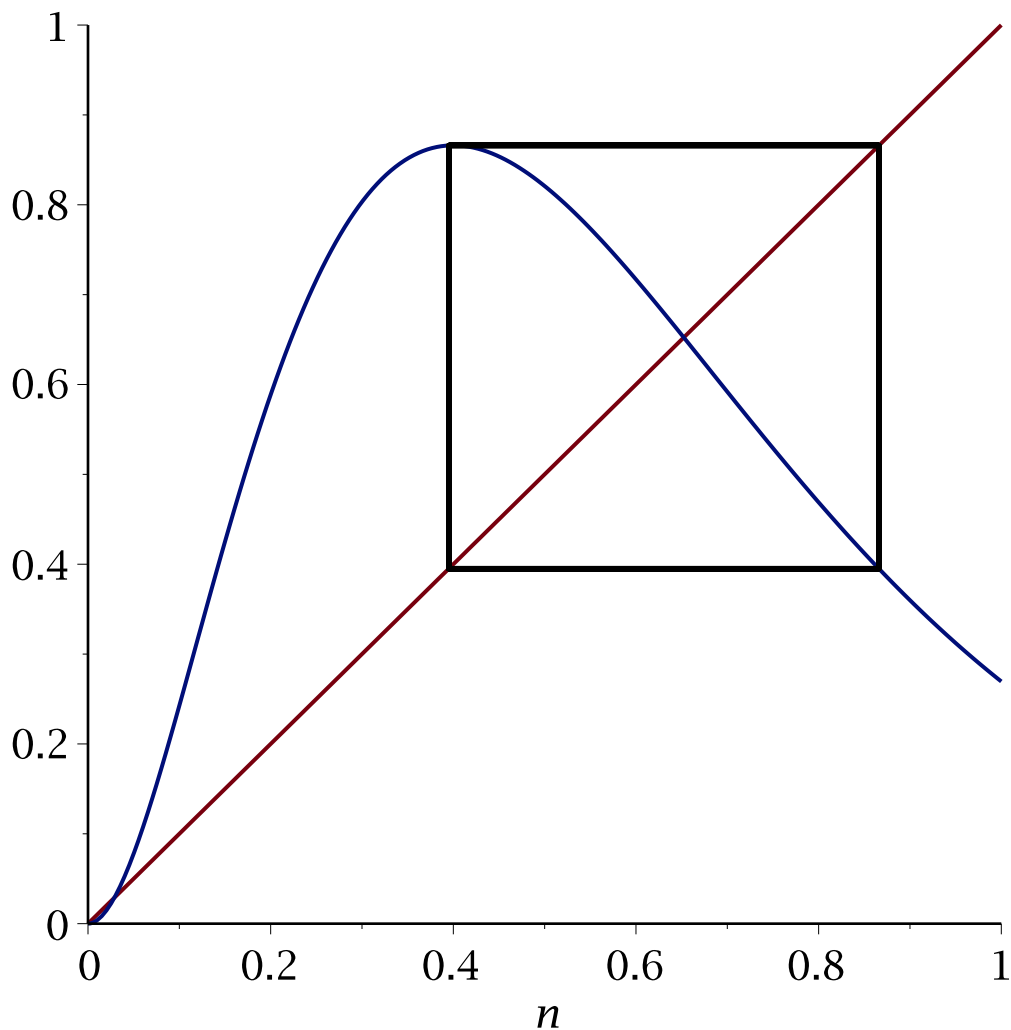


Here we see that the system is not attracted to the positive steady state. To see what the final behaviour is, we omit the transients from the plot.

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> plotlist := NULL:
> for j from 1 to iterations do
  y := evalf(F(x)) :
  plotlist := plotlist, [x, y], [y, y]:
  x := y,
od:
> P := plot([plotlist], colour = black, thickness = 2) :
> C := plot( {F(n), n}, n = 0..1.0) :
> display( {P, C});

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We see that the system has a stable two-cycle. So the bifurcation at  $r=r_c$  is a period-doubling bifurcation.

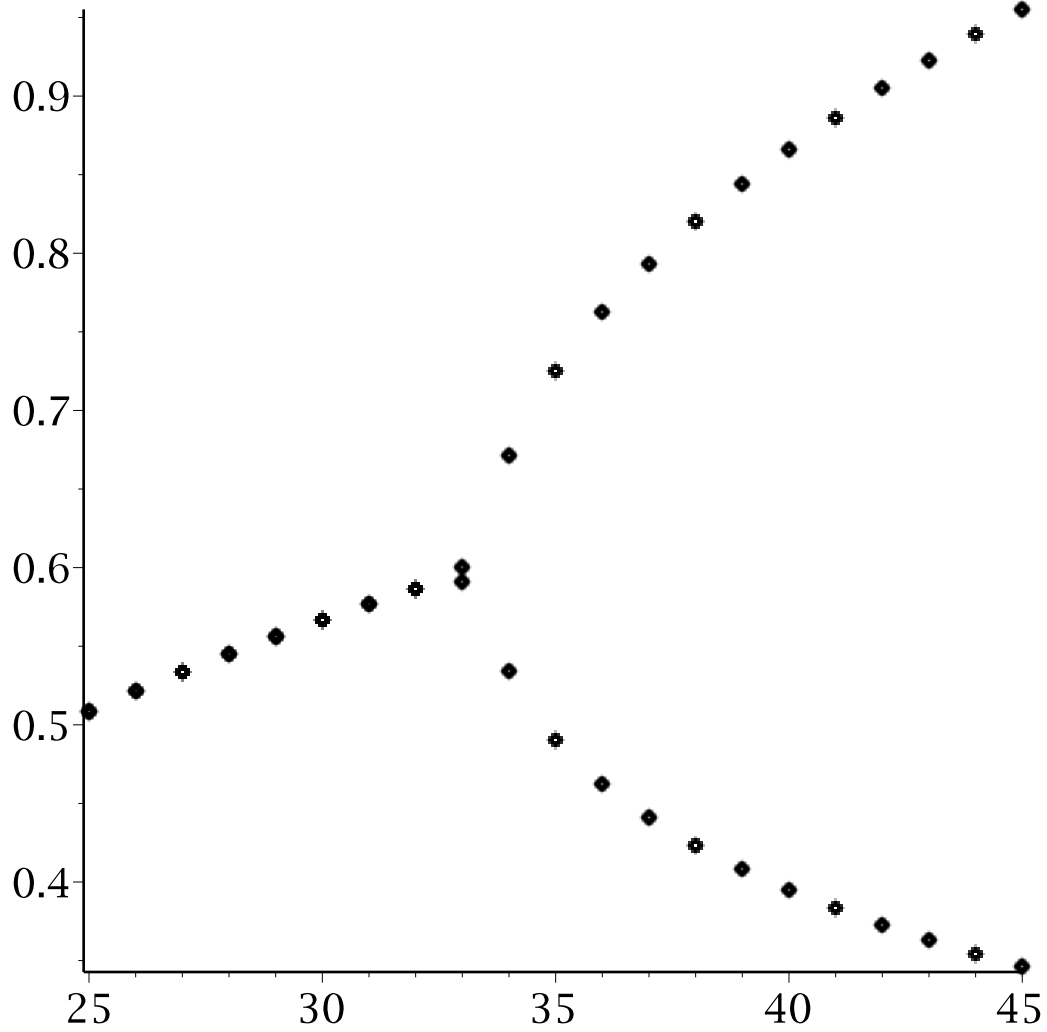
We now plot the bifurcation diagram.

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> plotlist := NULL: n[0] := 1; transiterations := 100;
      n_0 := 1
      transiterations := 100
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(7)

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> for r from 25 by 1 to 45 do
  x := n[0]:
  for j from 1 to transiterations do
    y := evalf(F(x)):
    x := y,
  od:
  for j from 1 to iterations do
    y := evalf(F(x)):
    plotlist := plotlist, [r, x]:
    x := y,
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od:  
od:  
> P := pointplot([plotlist], colour = black, thickness = 2) :  
> display({P});
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Here we see the bifurcation plot, showing a period-doubling bifurcation near the critical value  $r=r_c$ .