

1. For each discrete dynamical system do the following.

- Quickly decide if the system represents a linear, exponential, or shifted exponential function.
- Quickly decide if the system has a stable equilibrium value, an unstable equilibrium value, or no equilibrium value.
- Find an explicit formula for the system.
- For each system that has an equilibrium value, determine as a percentage how much closer to or further away from the equilibrium value the function moves each time period.

(a)  $P(t+1) = P(t) - 20$  and  $P(0) = 350$

- LINEAR
- NO EQUILIBRIUM (SINCE SLOPE NONZERO)
- $P(t) = -20t + 350$
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(d)  $h(s) = \frac{3}{2}h(s-1)$  and  $h(0) = 45$

$$h(s) = 1.5h(s-1)$$

- **EXPONENTIAL**
- $h^* = 0$  IS AN ~~STABLE~~ **UNSTABLE** EQUILIBRIUM VALUE SINCE  $1.5 > 1$
- $h(s) = 45(1.5)^s$
- $\lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{h(s) - 0}{h(s-1) - 0} = \lim_{s \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.5h(s-1)}{h(s-1)} = 1.5$

SO THE FUNCTION  $h$  MOVES 50% FURTHER AWAY FROM EQUILIBRIUM EACH TIME PERIOD.

(e)  $Q(t+1) = 1.25Q(t) - 22.5$  and  $Q(0) = 150$

- **SHIFTED EXPONENTIAL**
- $Q^* = 1.25Q^* - 22.5 \Rightarrow Q^* = 90$  WHICH IS AN **UNSTABLE** EQUIL. VALUE SINCE  $1.25 > 1$
- $Q(t) = K(1.25)^t + 90$   
 $Q(0) = 150 \Rightarrow 150 = K(1.25)^0 + 90 \Rightarrow K = 60$   
SO  $Q(t) = 60(1.25)^t + 90$
- $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{Q(t) - 90}{Q(t-1) - 90} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.25Q(t-1) - 22.5 - 90}{Q(t-1) - 90}$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.25(Q(t-1) - 90)}{Q(t-1) - 90} = 1.25$

$Q$  MOVES 25% FURTHER AWAY FROM EQUIL. EACH TIME PERIOD.

(f)  $B(n) = 0.9B(n-1) + 30$  and  $B(0) = 750$

• SHIFTED EXPONENTIAL

•  $B^* = 0.9B^* + 30 \Rightarrow B^* = 300$  WHICH IS A STABLE EQUILIBRIUM VALUE SINCE  $-1 < 0.9 < 1$

•  $B(n) = K(0.9)^n + 300$

$B(0) = 750 \Rightarrow 750 = K(0.9)^0 + 300 \Rightarrow K = 450$

SO  $B(n) = 450(0.9)^n + 300$

•  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{B(n) - 300}{B(n-1) - 300} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.9B(n-1) + 30 - 300}{B(n-1) - 300}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.9(B(n-1) - 300)}{B(n-1) - 300} = 0.9$

B MOVES 10% CLOSER TO EQUIL. EACH TIME PERIOD

(g)  $d(n) = 1.3d(n-1) - 63$  and  $d(0) = 250$

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• SHIFTED EXPONENTIAL

•  $d^* = 1.3d^* - 63 \Rightarrow d^* = 210$  WHICH IS AN UNSTABLE EQUIL. VALUE SINCE  $1.3 > 1$

•  $d(n) = K(1.3)^n + 210$

$d(0) = 250 \Rightarrow 250 = K(1.3)^0 + 210 \Rightarrow K = 40$

SO  $d(n) = 40(1.3)^n + 210$

•  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{d(n) - 210}{d(n-1) - 210} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.3d(n-1) - 63 - 210}{d(n-1) - 210}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1.3(d(n-1) - 210)}{d(n-1) - 210} = 1.3$

d MOVES 30% FURTHER AWAY FROM EQUIL. EACH TIME PERIOD

(h)  $w(t) = 0.85w(t-1) + 90$  and  $w(0) = 200$

• **SHIFTED EXPONENTIAL**

•  $w^* = 0.85w^* + 90 \Rightarrow w^* = 600$  WHICH IS A **STABLE EQUILIBRIUM VALUE** SINCE  $-1 < 0.85 < 1$

•  $w(t) = K(0.85)^t + 600$

$w(0) = 200 \Rightarrow 200 = K(0.85)^0 + 600 \Rightarrow K = -400$

SO  $w(t) = -400(0.85)^t + 600$

•  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{w(t) - 600}{w(t-1) - 600} = \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.85w(t-1) + 90 - 600}{w(t-1) - 600}$   
 $= \lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.85(w(t-1) - 600)}{w(t-1) - 600} = 0.85$

**W MOVES 15% CLOSER TO EQUIL. EACH TIME PERIOD.**

(i)  $p(n) = \frac{p(n-1) - 2500}{5}$  and  $p(0) = 50$

•  $p(n) = 0.2p(n-1) - 500$  **SHIFTED EXPONENTIAL**

•  $p^* = 0.2p^* - 500 \Rightarrow p^* = -625$  WHICH IS

**A STABLE EQUILIBRIUM VALUE** SINCE  $-1 < 0.2 < 1$

•  $p(n) = K(0.2)^n - 625$

$p(0) = 50 \Rightarrow 50 = K(0.2)^0 - 625 \Rightarrow K = 675$

SO  $p(n) = 675(0.2)^n - 625$

•  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{p(n) - (-625)}{p(n-1) - (-625)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.2p(n-1) - 500 + 625}{p(n-1) + 625}$   
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{0.2(p(n-1) + 625)}{p(n-1) + 625} = 0.2$

**P MOVES 80% CLOSER TO EQUIL. EACH TIME PERIOD**

2. The dynamical system shown has a stable equilibrium point at  $(p^*, q^*) = (280, 300)$ . Given that  $p(0) = 50$  and  $q(0) = 23$ , determine the eventual rate at which  $q$  approaches equilibrium. Show all calculations you made to find the rate.

$$p(t) = 0.5p(t-1) + 0.3q(t-1) + 50$$

$$q(t) = 0.4p(t-1) + 0.55q(t-1) + 23$$

$$\frac{q(1) - 300}{q(0) - 300} \approx 0.88213$$

$$\frac{q(2) - 300}{q(1) - 300} \approx 0.87479$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{q(10) - 300}{q(9) - 300} \approx 0.87231$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{q(20) - 300}{q(19) - 300} \approx 0.87231$$

$$\vdots$$

$$\frac{q(30) - 300}{q(29) - 300} \approx 0.87231$$

$$\vdots$$

IT APPEARS THAT

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} \frac{q(t) - 300}{q(t-1) - 300} \approx 0.872$$

$$\text{SINCE } 1 - 0.872 = 0.128,$$

$q$  WILL EVENTUALLY MOVE ABOUT 12.8% CLOSER TO EQUILIBRIUM EACH TIME PERIOD

3. The dynamical system shown has a stable equilibrium point at  $(u^*, v^*) = (20, 32)$ . Given that  $u(0) = 10$  and  $v(0) = 20$ , determine the eventual rate at which  $u$  approaches equilibrium and the rate at which  $v$  approaches equilibrium. Show all calculations you made to find the rate.

$$u(n) = 0.3u(n-1) - 0.5v(n-1) + 30$$

$$v(n) = 0.2u(n-1) + v(n-1) - 4$$

$$\frac{u(1)-20}{u(0)-20} \approx -0.3$$

$$\frac{u(11)-20}{u(10)-20} \approx 0.803799$$

$$\frac{u(21)-20}{u(20)-20} \approx 0.800034$$

$$\frac{u(31)-20}{u(30)-20} \approx 0.800000$$

IT APPEARS THAT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{u(n)-20}{u(n-1)-20} = 0.8$$

SO  $u$  WILL EVENTUALLY  
MOVE ABOUT 20%  
CLOSER TO EQUILIBRIUM  
EACH TIME PERIOD

$$\frac{v(1)-32}{v(0)-32} \approx 1.166$$

$$\frac{v(11)-32}{v(10)-32} \approx 0.801508$$

$$\frac{v(21)-32}{v(20)-32} \approx 0.800014$$

$$\frac{v(31)-32}{v(30)-32} \approx 0.800000$$

IT APPEARS THAT

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{v(n)-32}{v(n-1)-32} = 0.8$$

SO  $v$  WILL EVENTUALLY  
MOVE ABOUT 20%  
CLOSER TO EQUILIBRIUM  
EACH TIME PERIOD

4. For the following dynamical system, there is no equilibrium point, but the values for  $u(n)$  eventually change by approximately the same amount.

$$u(n) = 0.9u(n-1) + 0.2v(n-1) + 600$$

$$v(n) = 0.1u(n-1) + 0.8v(n-1) + 400$$

- (a) What is that approximate amount by which  $u(n)$  eventually changes?

$$\begin{aligned} u(1) - u(0) &\approx 600 \\ u(2) - u(1) &\approx 620 \\ &\vdots \\ u(10) - u(9) &\approx 663.976 \\ &\vdots \\ u(20) - u(19) &\approx 666.591 \\ &\vdots \\ u(30) - u(29) &\approx 666.665 \\ &\vdots \\ u(40) - u(39) &\approx 666.666606 \\ &\vdots \end{aligned}$$

SINCE NO INITIAL VALUES WERE GIVEN, I ARBITRARILY CHOSE  $u(0) = 0$  AND  $v(0) = 0$ .

ANY OTHER STARTING VALUES WILL RESULT IN THE SAME LIMIT BELOW.

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IT APPEARS THAT  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (u(n) - u(n-1)) = 666.\bar{6}$

SO FOR LARGE VALUES OF  $n$ ,

$$u(n) \approx u(n-1) + 666.\bar{6}$$

- (b) Does  $u(n)$  appear to be more linear or exponential for large  $n$ ?

$u(n)$  APPEARS LINEAR WITH SLOPE EQUAL TO  $666.\bar{6}$  FOR LARGE  $n$

5. For the following dynamical system, there is no equilibrium point, but the values for  $p(t)$  eventually change by approximately the same amount.

$$p(t) = 1.2p(t-1) + 0.6q(t-1) + 10$$

$$q(t) = -0.2p(t-1) + 0.4q(t-1) + 20$$

- (a) What is that approximate amount by which  $p(t)$  eventually changes?

ARBITRARILY LETTING  $p(0) = 0$  AND  $q(0) = 0$ ,  
 WE FIND:

|                                  |                   |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| $p(1) - p(0) \approx 10$         | } IT APPEARS THAT |
| $p(11) - p(10) \approx 44.78837$ |                   |
| $p(21) - p(20) \approx 44.99872$ |                   |
| $p(31) - p(30) \approx 44.99999$ |                   |

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (p(t) - p(t-1)) = 45$

SO  $p(t)$  EVENTUALLY CHANGES  
 BY 45 EACH TIME PERIOD.

- (b) Does  $p(t)$  appear to be more linear or exponential for large  $t$ ?

$p(t)$  APPEARS LINEAR WITH  
 SLOPE 45 FOR LARGE  $t$ .

- (c) Answer questions (a) and (b) for the function  $q(t)$ .

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|-----------------------------------|-------------------|
| $q(1) - q(0) \approx 20$          | } IT APPEARS THAT |
| $q(11) - q(10) \approx -14.78837$ |                   |
| $q(21) - q(20) \approx -14.99872$ |                   |
| $q(31) - q(30) \approx -14.99999$ |                   |

$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} (q(t) - q(t-1)) = -15$

SO  $q(t)$  EVENTUALLY APPEARS  
 LINEAR WITH SLOPE -15