



Non-wandering Sets in Topological Dynamical Systems

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ABSTRACT

In this research we use the logistic function to demonstrate the existence of a stationary point as a type of a non-wandering set in topological dynamical systems or dynamical systems without any loss of generality.

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1.0 Introduction

A discrete-time dynamical system (X, T) is a continuous map T on a non-empty topological space X [10][8]. This dynamics is obtained by iterating the map T . The discrete logistic function operates within a range by a control parameter. This function changes in state as the parameter is being altered. If we are to take the set of points in the given space X and upon operation by iterating with an initial point, it comes close or exactly back to the points in the set where there is a change which is either, stationary (fixed points), cycles (periodic) or chaos. This state (set) is what we termed as the non-wandering set.

2.0 Preliminaries

Definition 2.1: DISCRETE-TIME DYNAMICAL SYSTEM (See [6],[8]): Let X be a non-empty topological space and T be a continuous map. A discrete-time dynamical system (X, T) is defined as; $T: X \rightarrow X$, where the dynamics are obtained by iterating the map T , hence, a dynamical system (X, T) induces an action on X by $n \rightarrow T^n$, where $T^n(x) = x$ and $T^{n+1}(x) = T(T^n(x))$ for all $x \in X$ and $n \in N$.

Illustration 2.2: (see[1]) Let f be a continuous function on X such that $x \in X$ i.e. $f: X \rightarrow X$, $x \in X$, then ; $\{\dots, f^{(-2)}(x), f^{(-1)}(x), x, f^1(x), f^2(x), \dots\}$ are the orbit sequence of x which are bi infinite sequence and form the discrete-time of the solution [1]. But since we are interested in the set type, we let f be a function from the Z of discrete-time to the state space X , with parameter and initial point x , then the orbit relation is defined as,

$$\vartheta f = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} f^n \quad (1.0)$$

Hence, the following is the set of the relation but not a sequence; $\vartheta f(x) = \{f^1(x), f^2(x), \dots\}$ made up of the states and the initial point x in time [9].

2.3 Non-wandering Set: It is the set of points in the phase space for which all points beginning from a point of this set come arbitrarily close and arbitrarily often to any point of the set. In [3], the following shows the types and the existence of non-wandering set:

1. fixed points (stationary)
2. periodic solutions (limit cycles)
3. quasi-periodic orbits
4. chaotic orbits

2.4 Logistic Function: The logistic function is a difference equation which is non-linear system. It is a function that transform into different state or phenomenon depending on changes of the parameter α .

Definition 2.5: if X_n is a state with discrete-time n , then the function is defined as;

$$X_{n+1} = \alpha x_n(1 - x_n) \quad (1.1)$$

where $n \in N^+$ and for $X_n \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha \in [1, 4]$

2.6 Using the logistic function to illustrate the fixed points and the periodic solutions as the types of the non-wandering set

2.6.1 fixed points (stationary) (see [2], [9])

$$\text{If a point } x \in X, \text{ its orbit or trajectory is; } \vartheta(x) = \bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X^n \quad (1.2)$$

$$\text{Hence, a point } x \text{ is said to be fixed or stationary if } \vartheta(x) = x \quad (1.3)$$

$$\text{That is } f(X_n) = x_n \quad (1.4)$$

Also for the logistic, let $f: X_n \rightarrow X_n$ be defined as;

$f(X_n) = \alpha x_n(1 - x_n)$, where $n \in N$, $X \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha \in [1, 4]$

(1.5)

Theorem 2.7: A non-wandering set is a fixed point (stationary) if a point x in a space X comes arbitrarily back to the starting point after iterating it for a number of times. That is if $n \in N$ and $x \in X$ then $\vartheta f^n(x) = \{x\}$, is a stationary non-wandering set.

Proof: To show that a stationary (fixed point) is a non-wandering set, we take equations (1.4) and (1.5) and Let $n = 0$. Then equations (1.4) and (1.5) become;

$$f(x_0) = x_0 \tag{1.6}$$

$$f(x_0) = \alpha x_0(1 - x_0) \tag{1.7}$$

Equating, Eqn (1.6) to Eqn (1.7)

$$\alpha x_0(1 - x_0) = x_0$$

Algebraically, $x_0 = 0$ and $x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ tends to be the solutions for this logistic function.

Illustration 2.8 : Taking $x_0 = 0$ and $x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$ to show the existence of the stationary non-wandering set.

At $x_0 = 0$ Trivial

$$\text{At } x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} f(X_0) &= \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} [\alpha x_0(1 - x_0)] \\ &= \alpha \lim_{x_0 \rightarrow \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}} [x_0(1 - x_0)] \\ &= \alpha \left[\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \left(1 - \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right) \right] \\ &= \alpha \left[\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \left(\frac{\alpha-\alpha+1}{\alpha} \right) \right] \\ &= \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, if $x = \{0\} \in X$ and $x = \left\{ \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right\} \in X$, where $X \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha \in [1, 4]$, a discrete value for α gives a point x in the space X , by iterating comes back to that same x in the space X , hence a non-wandering set.

Example 2.9

Given $f(x_0) = \alpha x_0(1 - x_0)$, then at $\alpha = [1, 4]$, and $X \ni \left\{ x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right\}$. Then a non-wandering set is stationary or fixed point

if; $f\left(x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right) = \left\{ x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right\} \in X$

Solution: Let $\alpha = 2$, implies $\left\{ x_0 = \frac{2-1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \right\}$, $n = N$

Then $f(x_0) = 2 x_0(1 - x_0)$, implies that at $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} = f\left(f\left(f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right)\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore f^n\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\} \in X$$

Let $\alpha = 3$, implies $\left\{ x_0 = \frac{3-1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \right\}$

Then $f(x_0) = 3 x_0(1 - x_0)$, implies that at $x_0 = \frac{2}{3}$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = 3 \left(\frac{2}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{2}{3} = f\left(f\left(f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)\right)\right) = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore f^n\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \left\{\frac{2}{3}\right\} \in X$$

Let $\alpha = 4$, implies $\left\{ x_0 = \frac{4-1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \right\}$

Then $f(x_0) = 4 x_0(1 - x_0)$, implies that at $x_0 = \frac{3}{4}$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = 4 \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{4} = f\left(f\left(f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)\right)\right) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore f^n\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \left\{\frac{3}{4}\right\} \in X$$

Let $\alpha = 1$, implies $\left\{ x_0 = \frac{1-1}{1} = 0 \right\}$

Then $f(x_0) = x_0(1 - x_0)$, implies that at $x_0 = 0$

$$\therefore f(0) = \{0\} \in X$$

Thus, for discrete α value within $[1, 4]$ all $X \ni \left\{ x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right\}$ tends to be a fixed point irrespective of the number of iteration, therefore forming their own constant orbit $\vartheta f^n(x) = \{x\}$ where change in this parameter affect the $X \ni \left\{ x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha} \right\}$ and the behavior making it stable or unstable. \square

Theorem 2.10: A non-wandering set can be either stable or unstable. Let $X_n \in [0, 1]$ and α be a parameter of the system. Then a change in α of the system can change the stability of a non-wandering set.

Proof: let $\alpha \in [0, 1]$ and $\alpha = [1, 4]$, and $X \ni \left\{x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right\}$ where α is the parameter and define the logistic, let $f: X_n \rightarrow X_n$ as;
 $f(x_n) = \alpha x(1-x)$.

Then for stable non-wandering set, the fixed point must be stable or attracting that is $|f'(x_0)| < 1$ that is absolute derivative of the function is less than one [6], where $f'(x_0) = \alpha - 2\alpha x_0$

$$|f'(x_0)| = |\alpha - 2\alpha x_0| < 1,$$

$$-1 < \alpha - 2\alpha x_0 < 1$$

$$\text{At } x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$$

$$-1 < \alpha - 2\alpha\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right) < 1$$

$$-1 < \alpha - 2\alpha + 2 < 1$$

$$\therefore \{\alpha: 1 < \alpha < 3\}$$

Thus $\alpha \in (1, 3)$ is where the function is asymptotically stable. That is attracting fixed point where there is convergence and stability of the state. Hence the non-wandering set is stable at $\alpha \in (1, 3)$ and attracting since it is true for the fixed point/stationary point. \square

Also, for unstable non-wandering set, the fixed point/stationary point must be unstable as the control parameter is altered, at a repelling fixed point. And in [6] the way to this is $|f'(x_0)| > 1$. $f'(x_0) = \alpha - 2\alpha x_0$

$$|f'(x_0)| = |\alpha - 2\alpha x_0| > 1,$$

$$\alpha - 2\alpha x_0 > 1 \text{ or } \alpha - 2\alpha x_0 < -1$$

$$\text{At } x_0 = \frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}$$

$$\alpha - 2\alpha\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right) > 1 \text{ or } \alpha - 2\alpha\left(\frac{\alpha-1}{\alpha}\right) < -1$$

$$\therefore \{\alpha < 1\} \text{ or } \{\alpha > 3\}$$

Thus, for unstable non-wandering set $\alpha < 1$ or $\alpha > 3$.

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