

This talk
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3-cycle problem in
the logistic map and
Shankovskii's theorem

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What is 3-cycle?

of $f(x)$, $0 < x < 1$

$$f(x_1) = x_1 \quad \underline{1\text{-cycle}}$$

x_1 fixed pt.

$$f(x_1) = x_2$$

$$f(x_2) = x_1$$

2-cycle

or $f(f(x_1)) = f^2(x_1) = x_1$

$$f^2(x_2) = x_2$$

$$f^3(x_1) = x_1$$

$(x_1 x_2 x_3)$

3-cycle

Why 3-cycle?

2^k f(x), 0 < x < 1

2^k sequence of cycles:

1, 2, 4, 8, ..., 2^k, ...

... .. 14, 10, 6
.. 11, 9, 7, 5, 3
↑

Existence of 3-cycle in f

→ all cycles : chaos

A. Sharkovskii (1964)

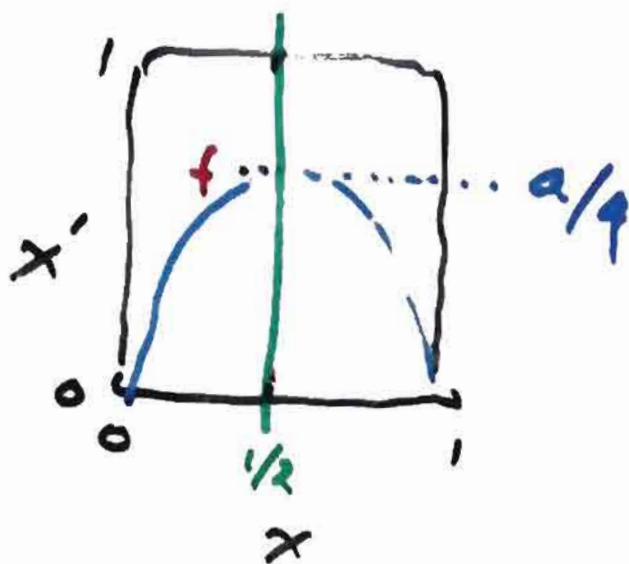
3-cycle fundamental

f: logistic map

$$x' = f(x) \\ = a x (1-x)$$

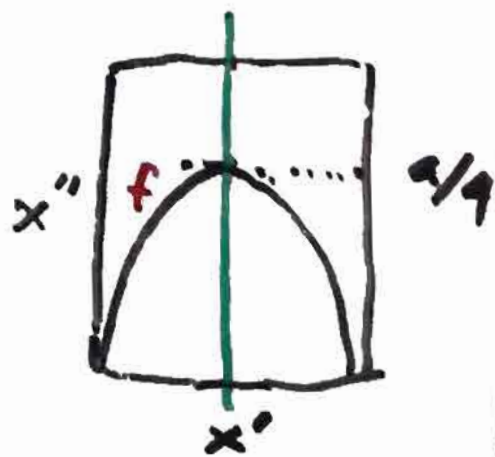
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 $a = (0, 4)$

$$x, x' \in (0, 1)$$

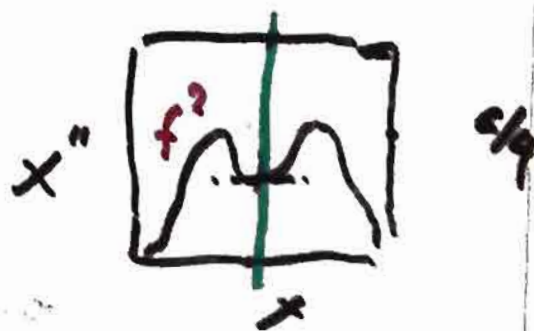


self-similar

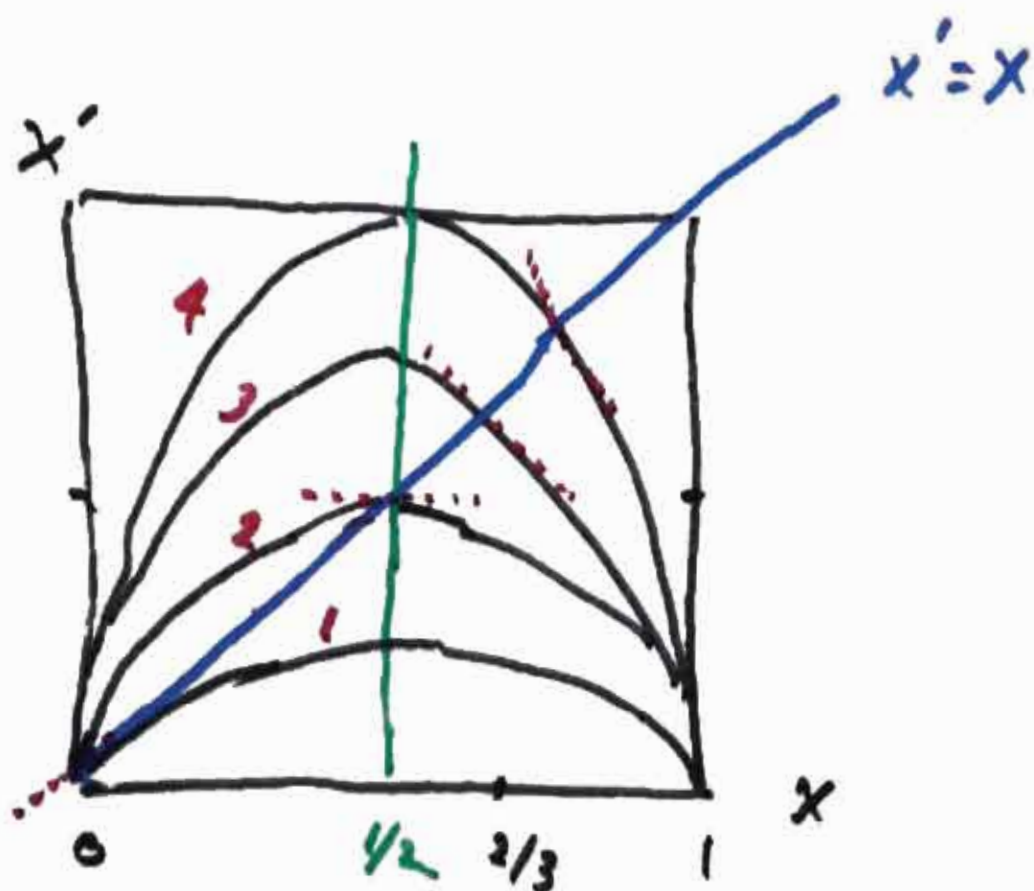
$$x'' = f(x') \\ = f(f(x)) \equiv f^2(x)$$



$$x'' = f(x''-1) = f''(x)$$



fixed pt: $f(x^*) = x^*$

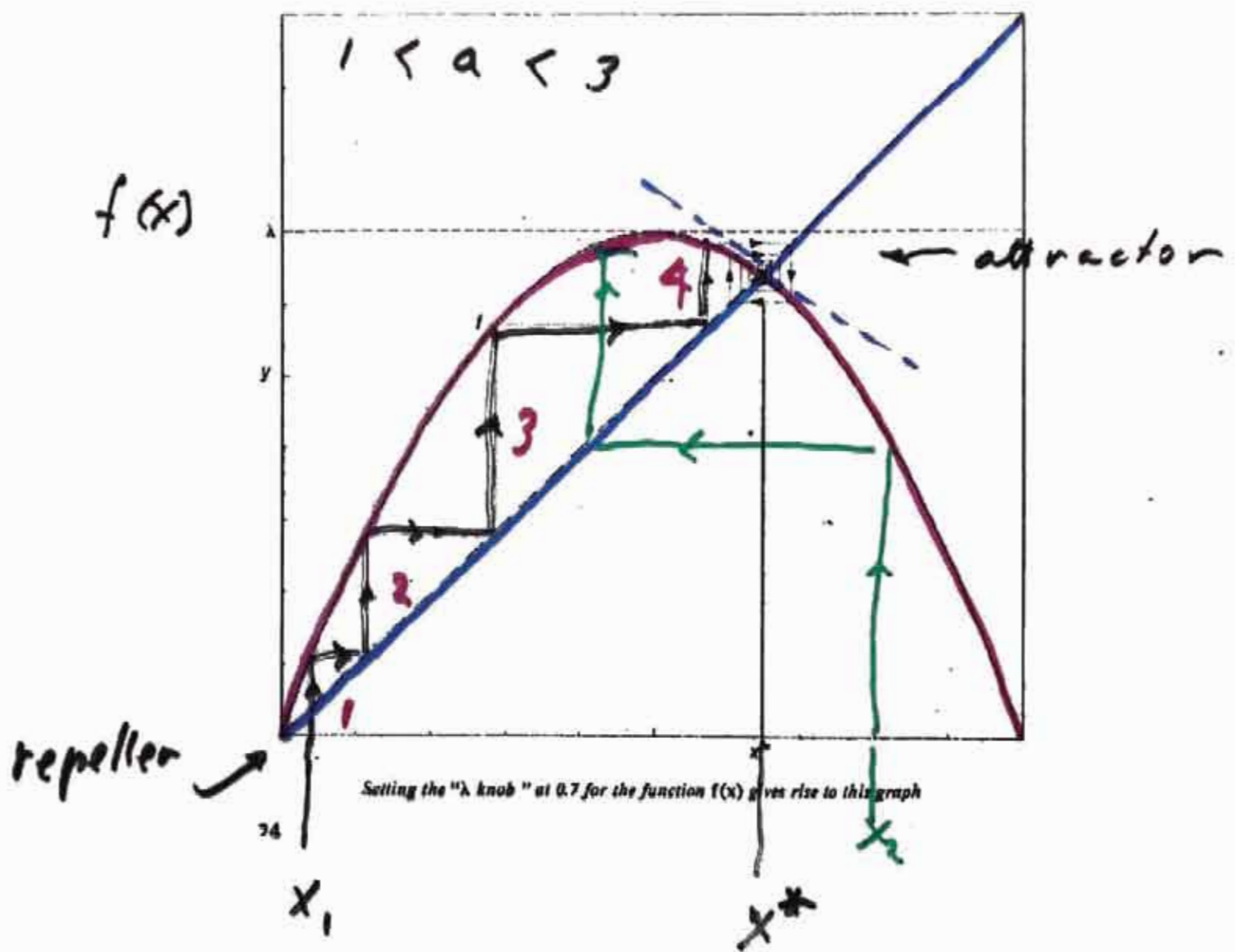


$|df/dx| < 1$: stable f.p.'s
($1 < a < 3$)

$= 0$: super-stable
($x = 1/2$)

$\lambda = \log |df/dx|$ Lyapunov

Iteration if $|df(x^*)/dx| < 1$



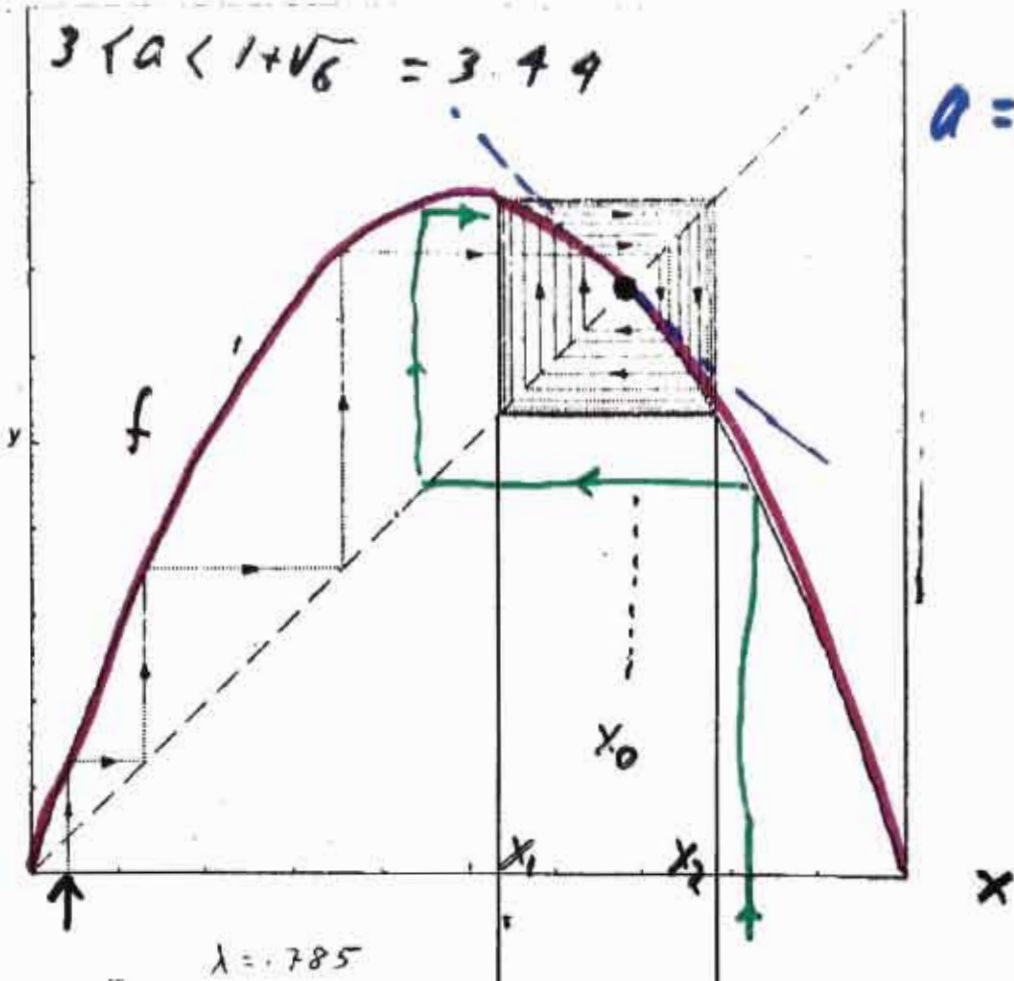
$$x^* = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n$$

(Asymptotic Value)

$3 < a < 1 + \sqrt{6} = 3.49$

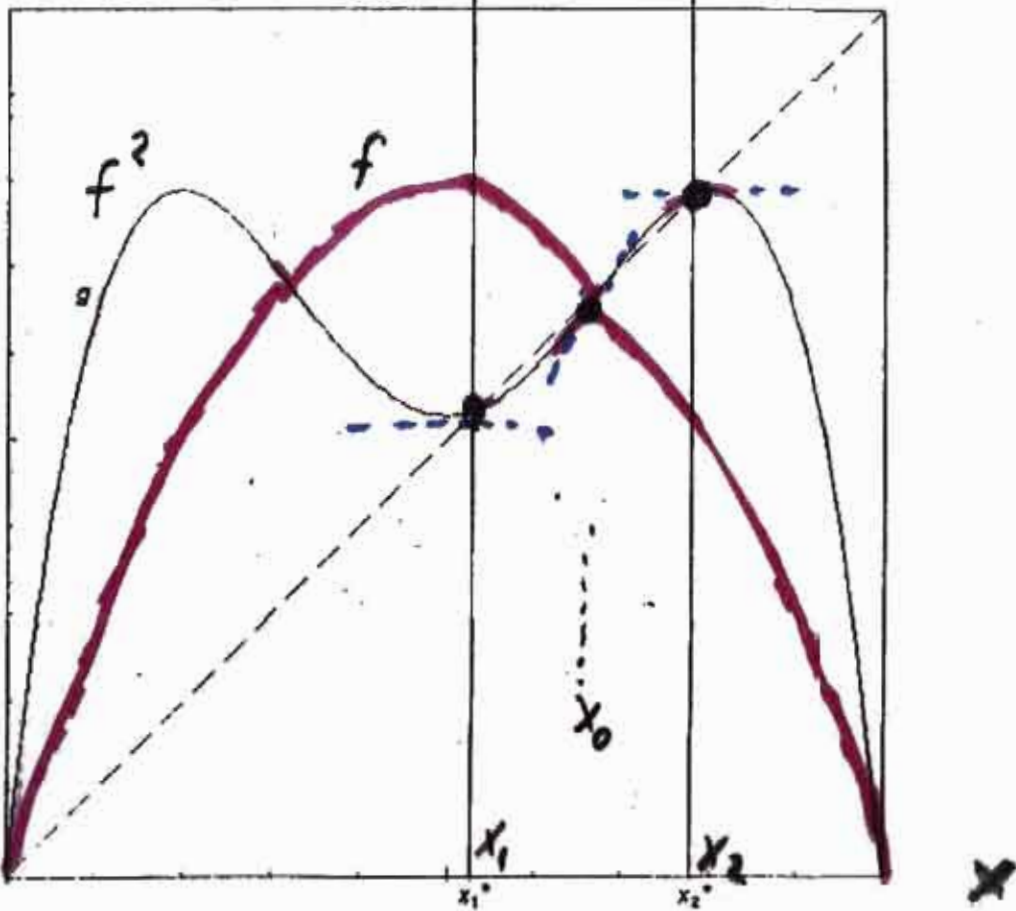
$a = 3.19$

x'



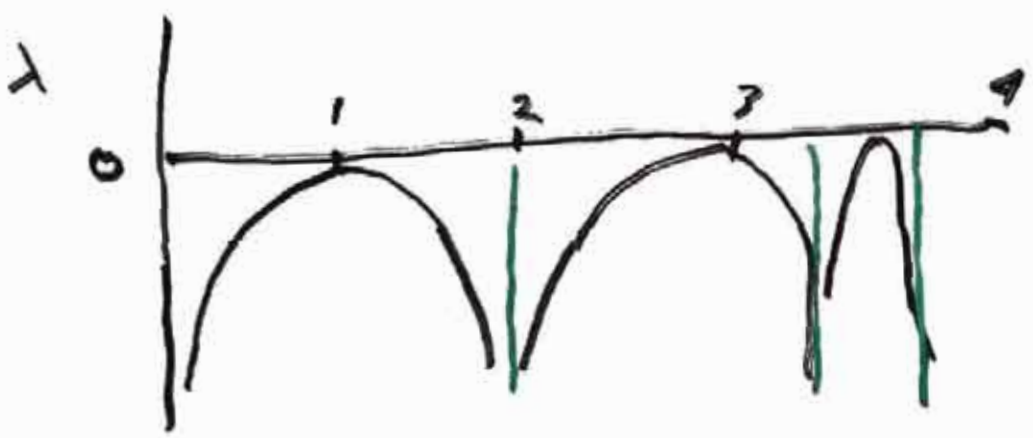
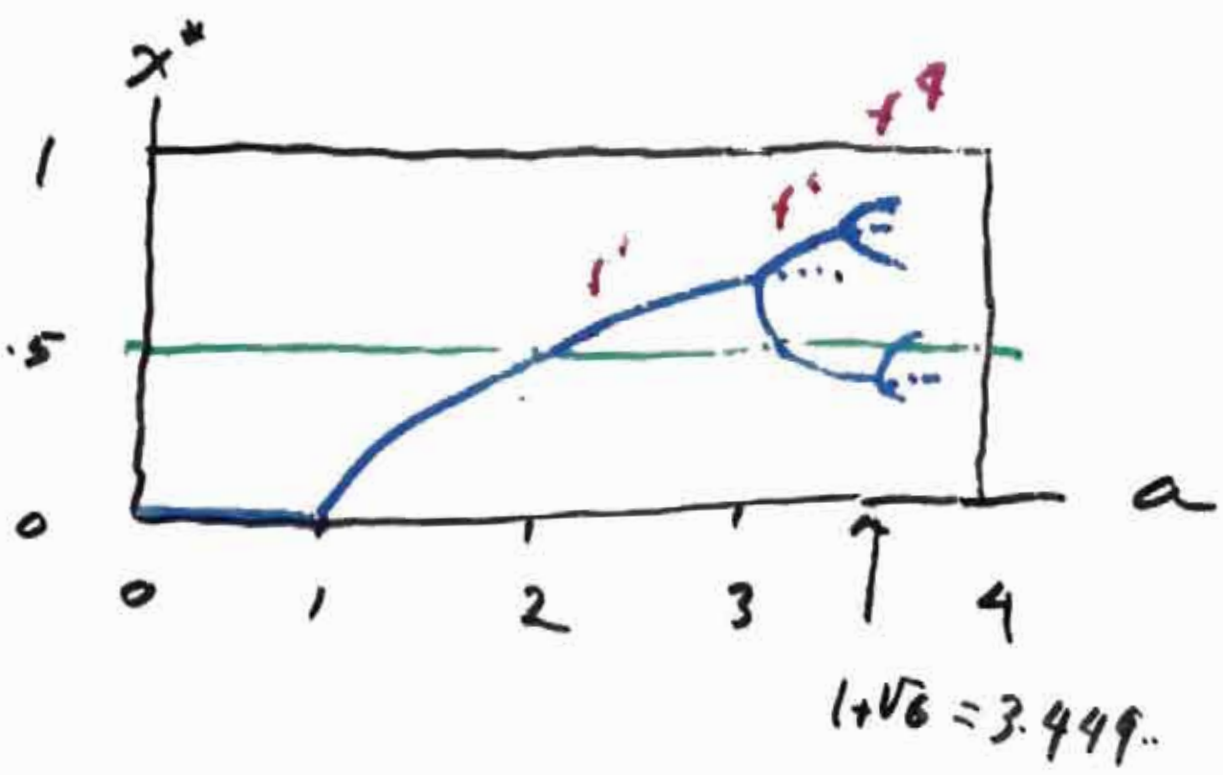
$\lambda = .785$

x''



A spiral to a stable 2-cycle is at the top; the elements of the cycle, x_1^* and x_2^* , are at the bottom

x^* vs a : Bifurcation



periodic

Stable Bifurcation.

$$1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8 \rightarrow \dots \rightarrow 2^n$$

$$a_1 \quad a_2 \quad a_3 \quad \dots \quad a_n$$

$$1 \quad 3 \quad 1+\sqrt{8} = 3.4444 \quad \dots \quad ?$$

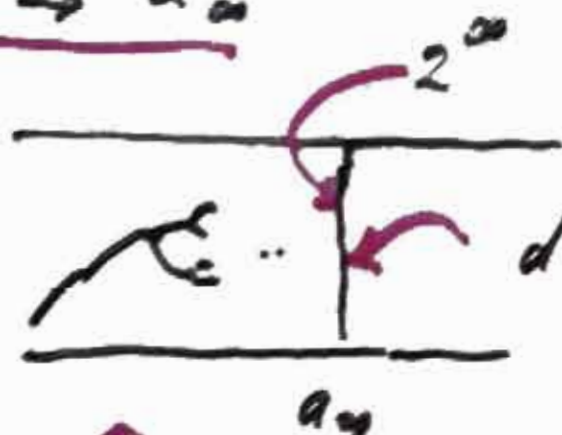
$$a_n$$

$$?$$

$$\underline{a_\infty = 3.5699}$$

Feigenbaum (1979)

$$\underline{a \rightarrow a_\infty}$$



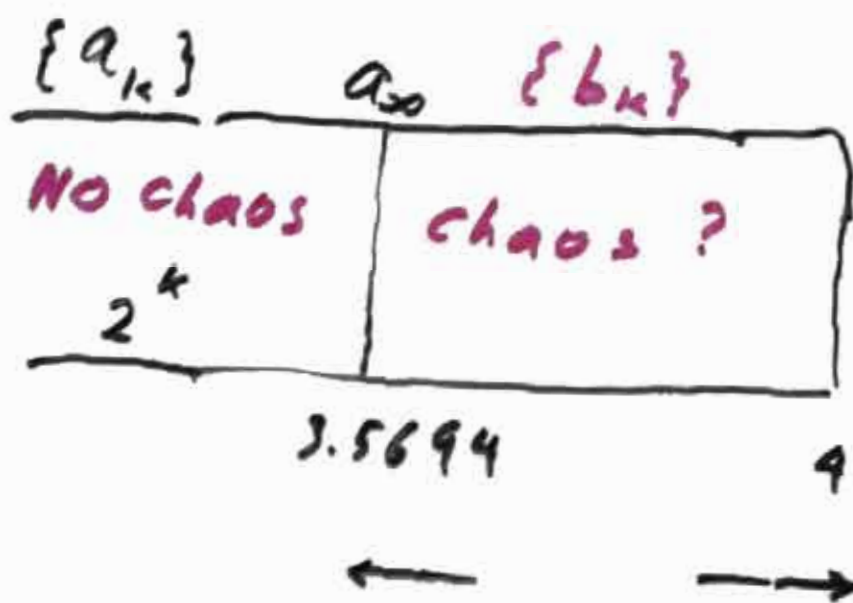
dense?

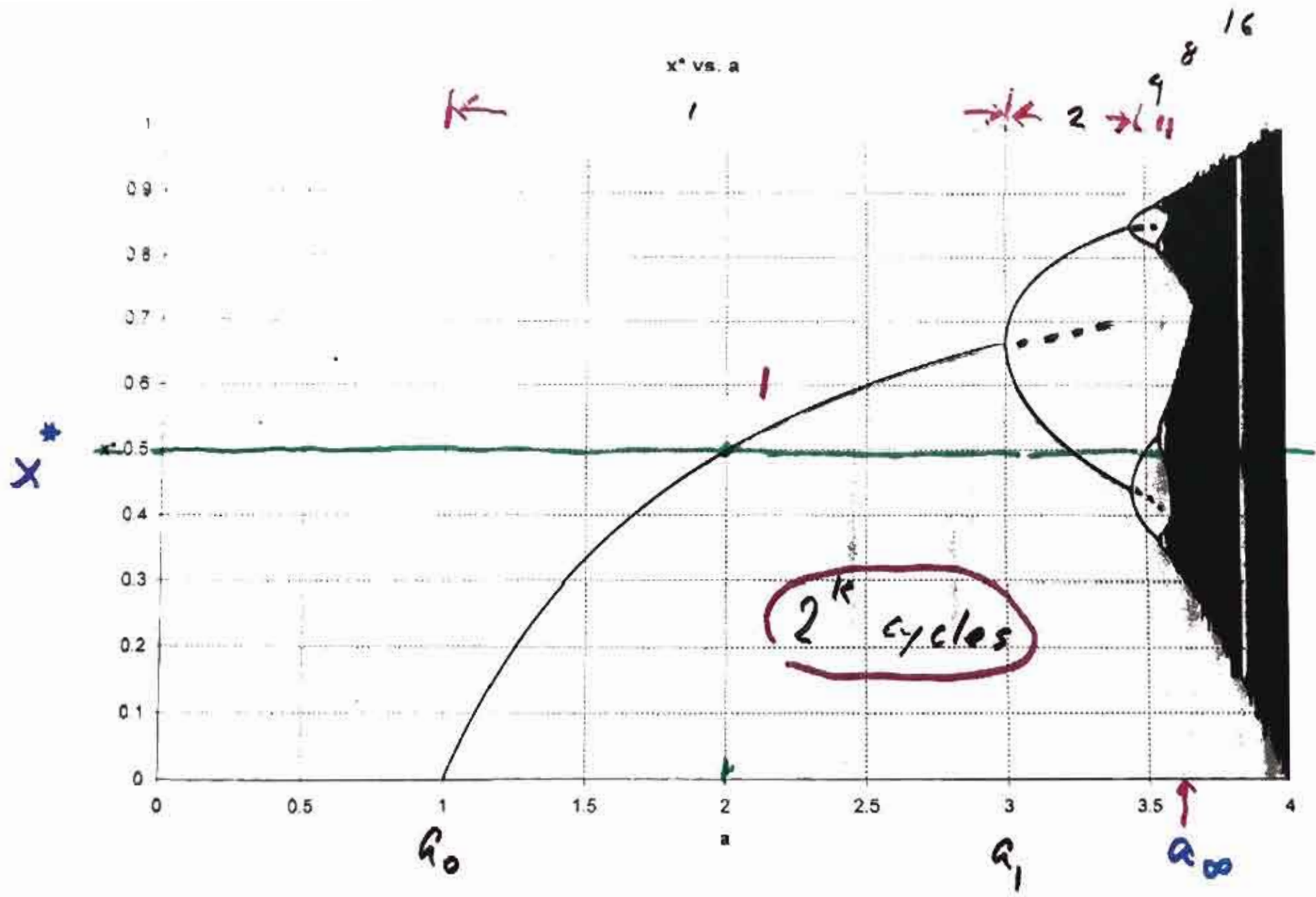
$$2^{N \rightarrow \infty}$$

periodic

$\mu = 0$
(rat. #'s)

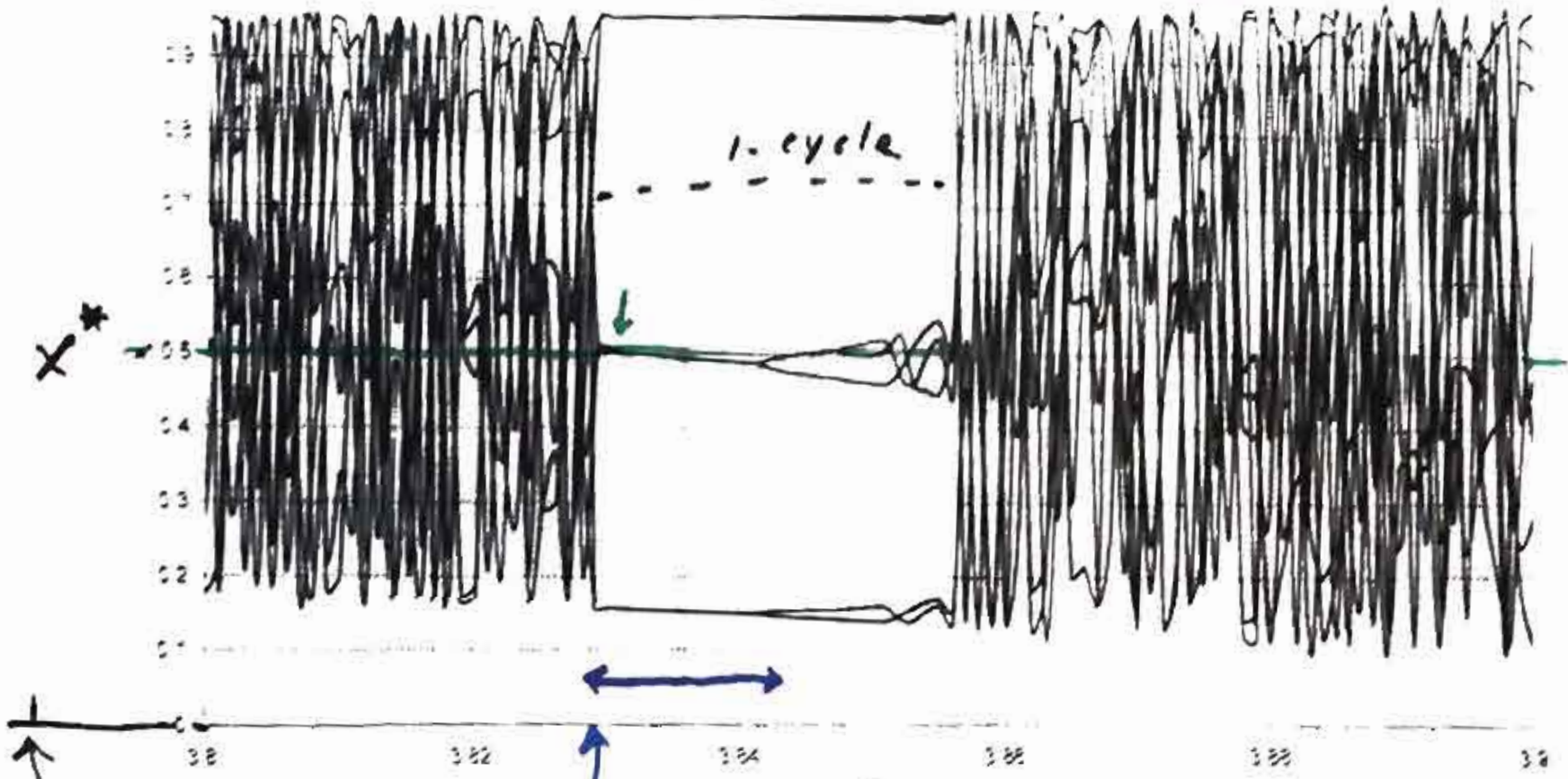
What lies betw a_{∞} and 4?





r = 10.2

3-cycle (not chaotic?)



$a_{20} = 3.5694$

$1 + \sqrt{8} = 3.8284$

a

3-cycle and Chaos in
logistic map and
Sharkovskii theorem.

Can one prove a 3-cycle
exists analytically?

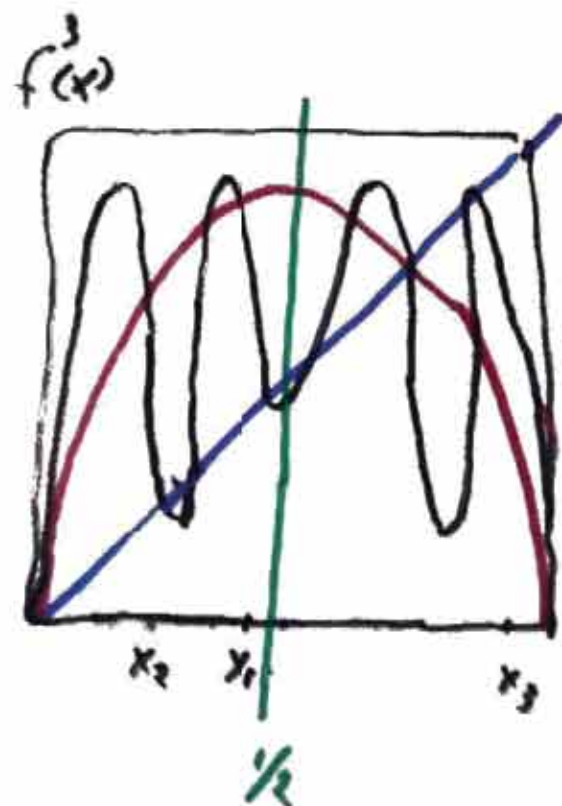
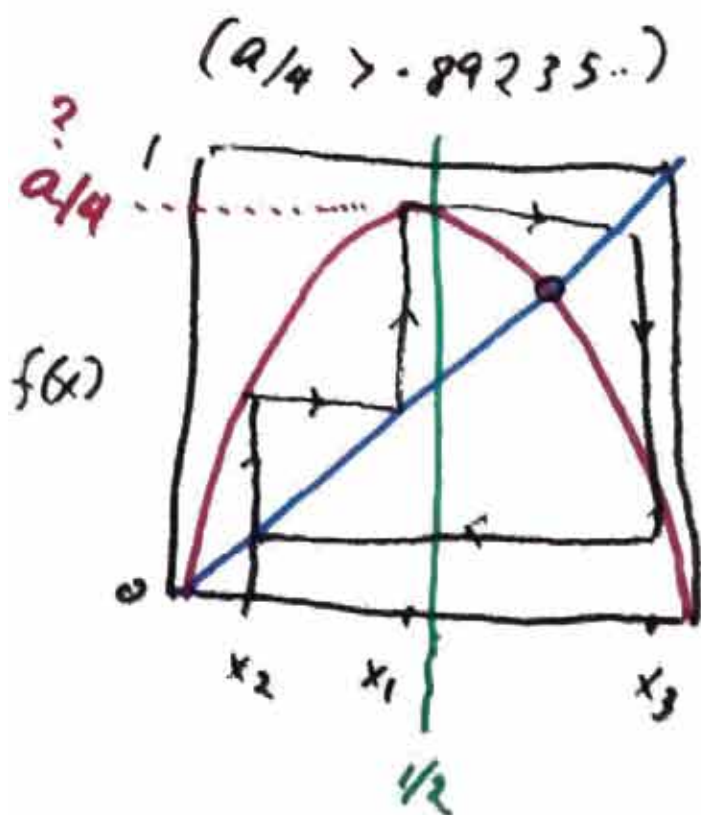
If $a > a_{\infty} = 3.5694\dots$

3-cycle possible

$$x_1 = f(x_2)$$

$$x_2 = f(x_3)$$

$$x_3 = f(x_1)$$



3-cycle problem: $f^3(x) - x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= x^6 - a^{-1}(3a+1)x^5 \\ &+ a^{-2}(3a^2 + 4a + 1)x^4 \\ &- a^{-3}(a^3 + 5a^2 + 3a + 1)x^3 \\ &+ a^{-4}(2a^3 + 3a^2 + 3a + 1)x^2 \\ &- a^{-5}(a^3 + 2a^2 + 2a + 1)x \\ &+ a^{-6}(a^2 + a + 1) = 0 \end{aligned} \quad [1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} Q &= (x-x_1)(x-x_2)(x-x_3) \cdot (x-x_1')(x-x_2')(x-x_3') \\ &= Q^+ \cdot Q^- \end{aligned}$$

sextic Eq. (polyn. 6th)

solvable?

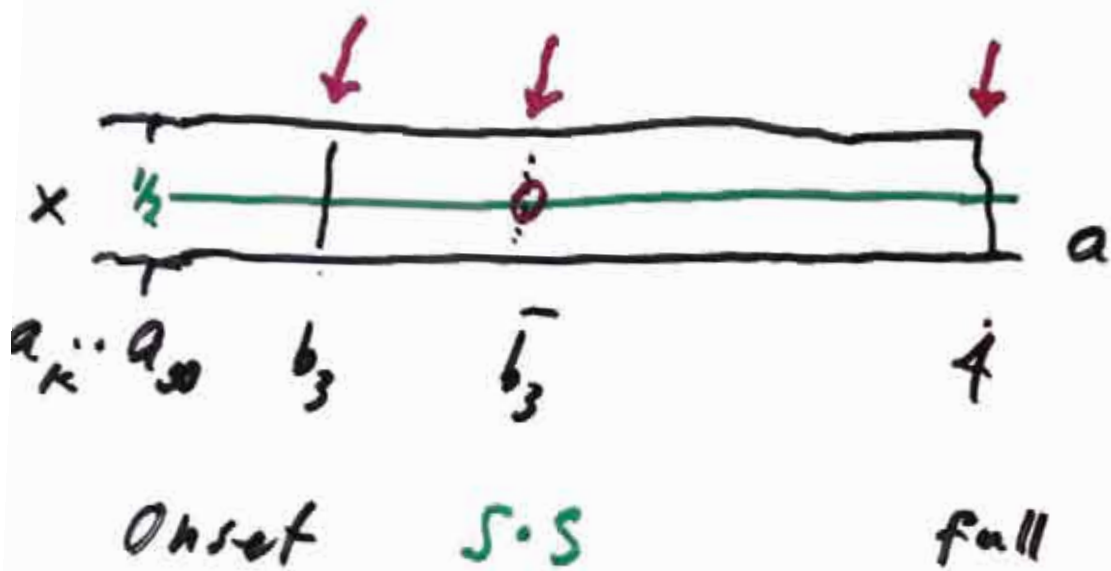
If 6th \rightarrow {3rd},

by

Cardano - Tartaglia

(cubic Eq)

Special solns of $\Phi(x, a)$



$$a = \bar{b}_3$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} : \Phi(a)$$

$$a = 1$$

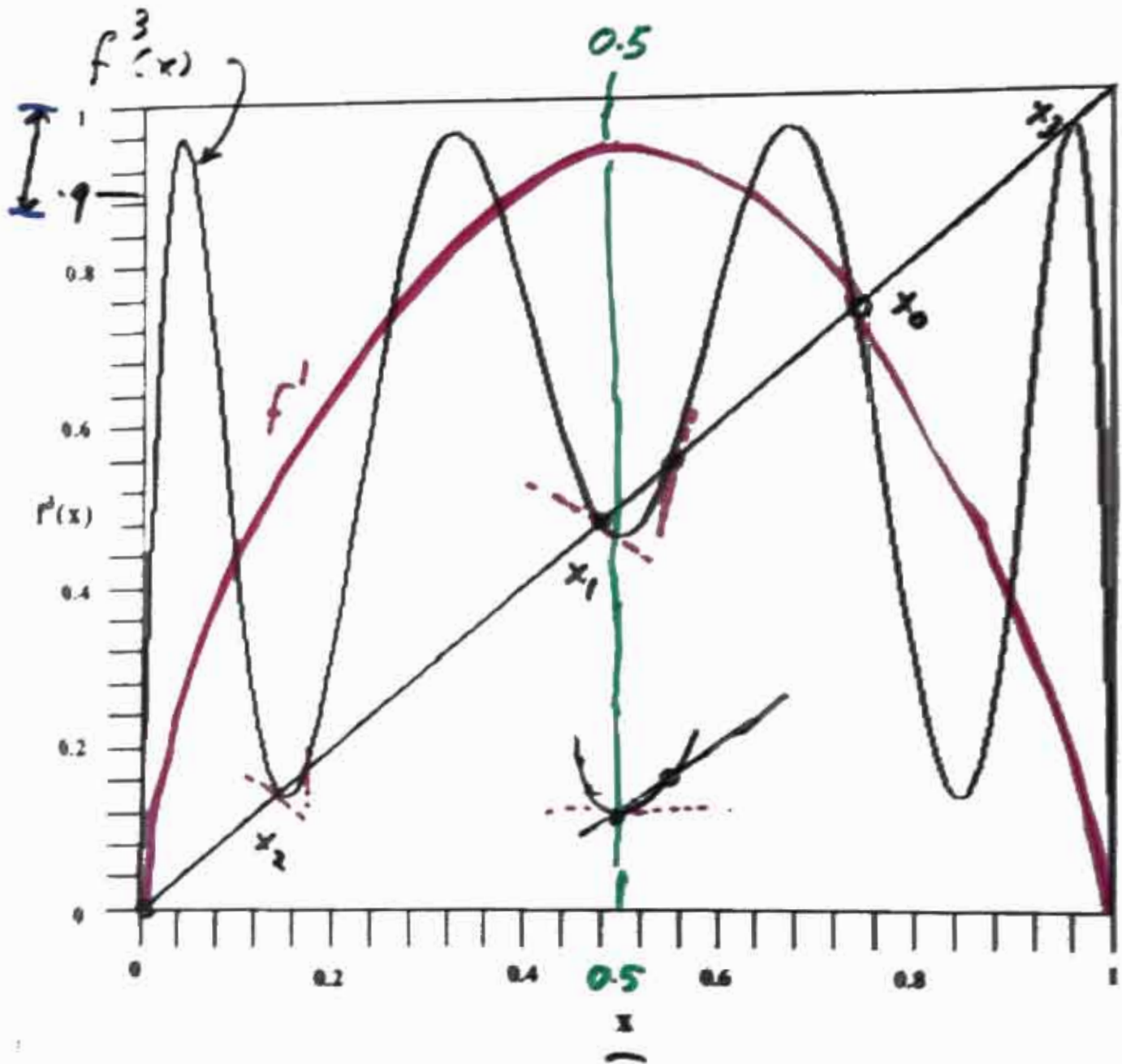
$$\Phi(x)$$

$$a = b_3$$

$$\Phi = \Phi_+ \cdot \Phi_- = \Phi_+^2$$

$$\Phi = \Phi(x, a) \quad \text{general soln}$$

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$f'(x)$ versus x $a=3.85$

$$\left(\frac{a}{4} = .9625\right)$$

$$\underline{x = 1/2}$$

$$Q(a) = a^6 - 6a^5 + 4a^4 + 24a^3 - 16a^2 - 32a - 64 = 0$$

$$Q(-a) \neq 0$$

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$$a \rightarrow a'$$

$$Q(a') = Q(-a') = 0$$

$$a = a' + 1,$$

$$Q(a') = a'^6 - 11a'^4 + 35a'^2 - 89$$

cubic Eq in a'^2

solvable by radicals

$$a \equiv \bar{b}_3$$

$$\text{zf } \underline{a=7}, \quad x = t/4$$

$$Q(x) \rightarrow Q(t)$$

$$= t^6 - 13t^5 + 65t^4 - 157t^3 + 189t^2 - 105t + 21$$

$$= \underline{(t^3 - 7t^2 + 14t - 7)}$$

$$\times (t^3 - 6t^2 + 9t - 3)$$

$$\equiv Q_+ \cdot Q_-$$

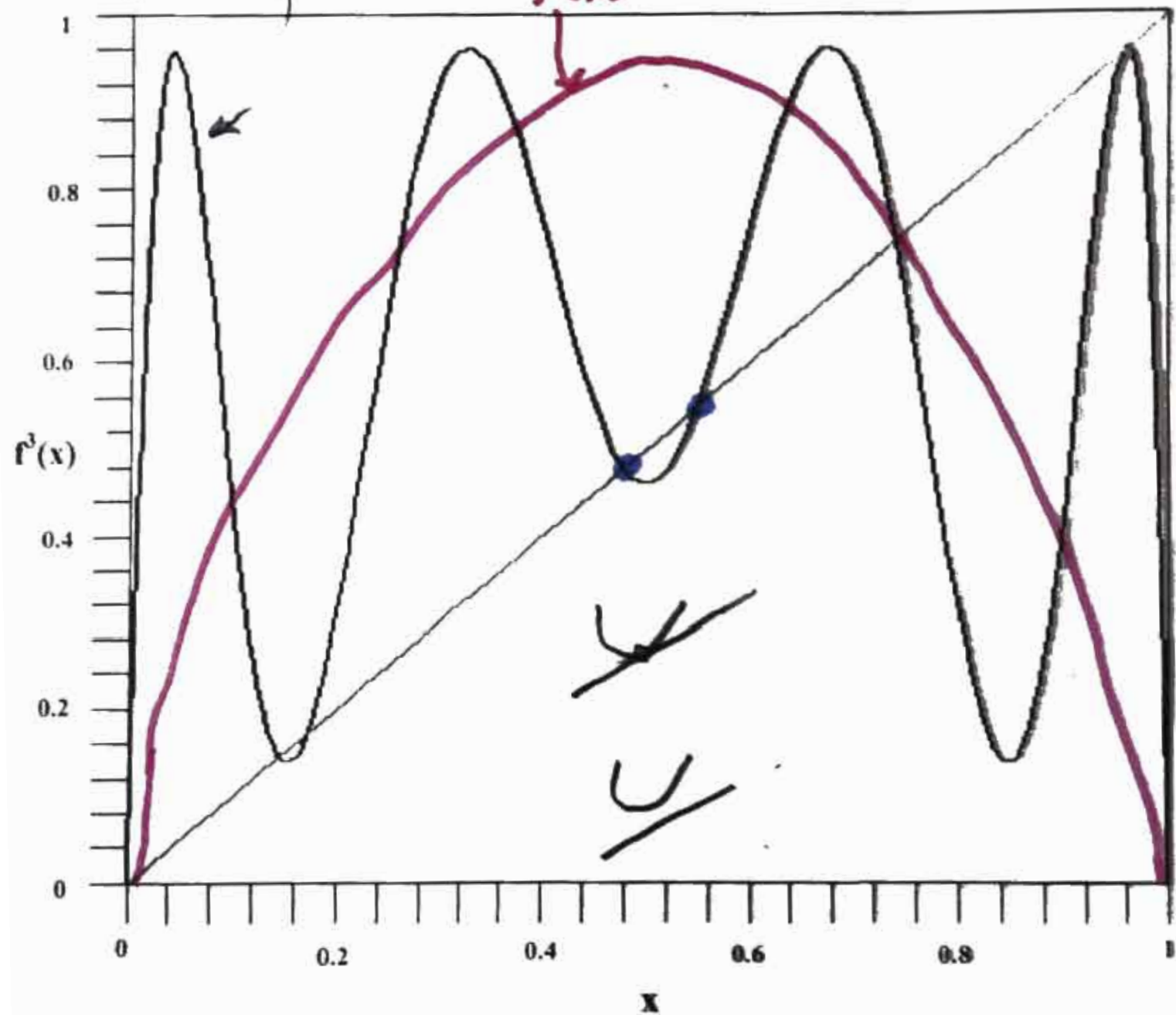
$$Q_+ : \sin^2 \underline{\pi/7}, \quad \sin^2 \underline{2\pi/7}, \quad \sin^2 \underline{3\pi/7}$$

$$Q_- : \sin^2 \underline{\pi/9}, \quad \sin^2 \underline{2\pi/9}, \quad \sin^2 \underline{4\pi/9}$$

$$a > b_3$$

$f^3(x)$

$f(x)$



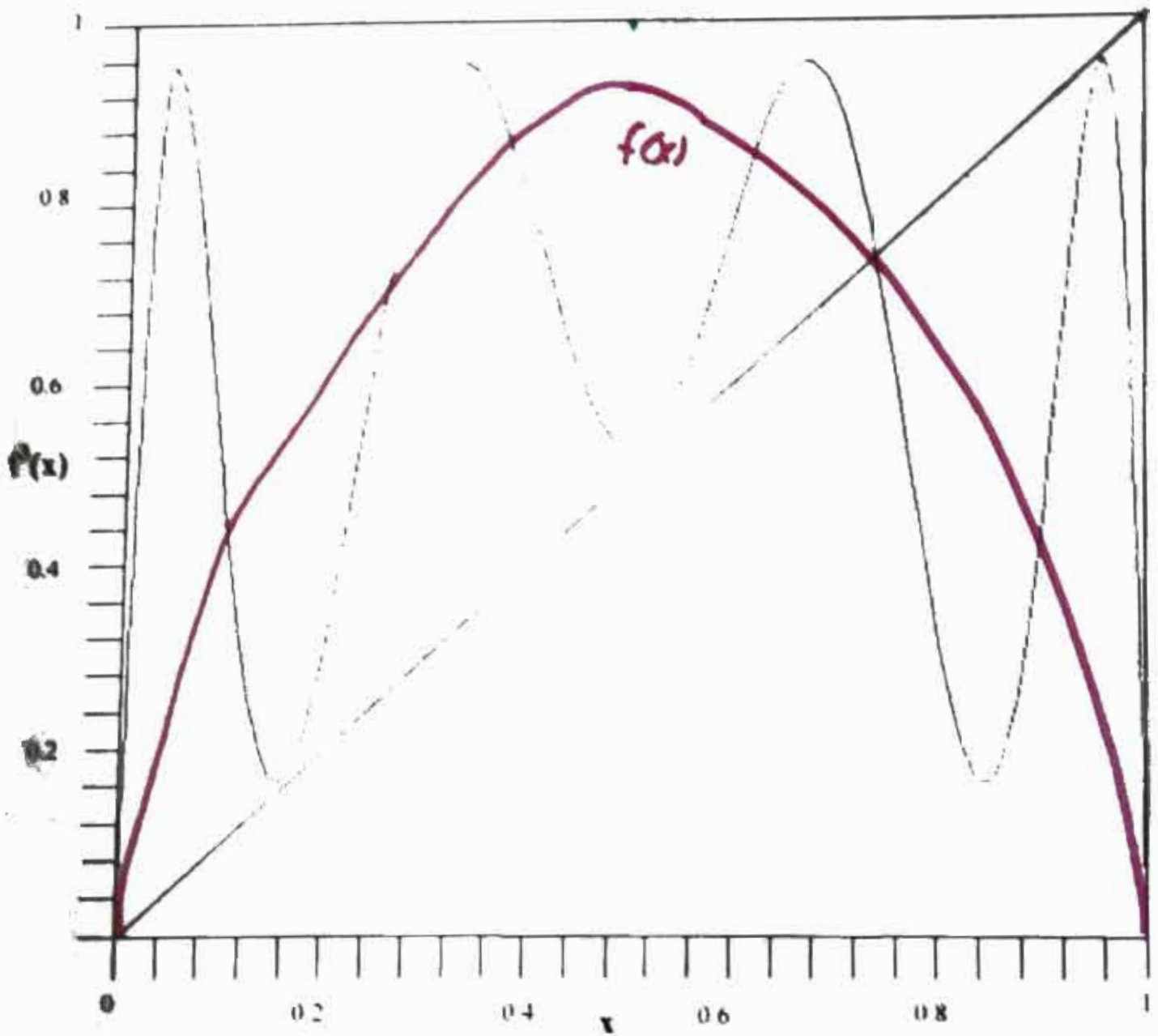
$f^3(x)$ versus x $a=3.85$

$> 1 + \sqrt{3} = 3.82$

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$f^3(x)$

$a < b_3$



$$f^3(x) \text{ versus } x \quad a=1+(8)^{(1/2)}-0.008 = 3.820$$

$$b_3 = 1 + \sqrt{8} = 3.828$$

$$\text{if } \underline{a < b_3},$$

x_i, x_i' complex

$$\text{if } \underline{a = b_3}, \quad x_i = x_i' \quad \text{real}$$

$$Q = Q_+ \cdot Q_- = Q_+^2$$

$$Q_+ = (x - x_1)(x - x_2)(x - x_3)$$

$$= x^3 - \alpha x^2 + \beta x - \gamma$$

$$\alpha = x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \quad (\text{Tr } X)$$

$$\beta = x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1$$

$$\gamma = x_1 x_2 x_3 \quad (\det X)$$

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 & & \\ & x_2 & \\ & & x_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= Q_+^2 = (x^3 - \alpha x^2 + \beta x - \gamma)^2 \\
 &= x^6 - \underline{2\alpha} x^5 + \underline{(2\beta + \alpha^2)} x^4 \\
 &\quad - \underline{2(\gamma + \alpha\beta)} x^3 + \underline{(2\alpha\gamma + \beta^2)} x^2 \\
 &\quad - 2\beta\gamma x + \gamma^2 \quad [2]
 \end{aligned}$$

Compare [1] and [2] term by term

$$\begin{aligned}
 Q &= x^6 - \underline{a^{-1}(3a+1)} x^5 + \underline{a^{-2}(3a^2} \\
 &\quad \underline{+ 4a+1)} x^4 - \underline{a^{-3}(a^3+5a^2+3a+1)} x^3 \\
 &\quad + a^{-4}(2a^3+3a^2+3a+1) x^2 - a^{-5}(a^3 \\
 &\quad + 2a^2+2a+1) x + a^{-6}(a^2+a+1) \quad [1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x^5: \quad \underline{2\alpha} = 3 + a^{-1}$$

$$x^4: \quad \underline{2\beta} = 3/4 + 5/2 a^{-1} + 3/4 a^{-2}$$

$$x^3: \quad \underline{2\gamma} = -1/8 + 7/8 a^{-1} + 5/8 a^{-2} \\ + 5/8 a^{-3}$$

x^2, x^1, x^0 :

$$S_2 = 3a^4 - 12a^3 - 141a^2 + 52a \\ + 35 = 0$$

$$S_1 = 3a^5 - 11a^4 - 18a^3 + 42a^2 \\ + 63a + 49 = 0$$

$$S_0 = a^6 - 14a^5 + 39a^4 + 60a^3 \\ - 161a^2 - 206a - 231 = 0$$

$$S_2 = B_2 \cdot A$$

$$S_1 = B_1 \cdot A$$

$$S_0 = B_0 \cdot A$$

if $A = 0$, $S_2 = S_1 = S_0 = 0$

$$A = a^2 - 2a - 7$$

$$a \equiv b_3 = 1 + \sqrt{8} \quad (!)$$

(conjectured)

$$B_2 = 3a^2 - 6a - 5$$

$$B_1 = 3a^3 - 5a^2 - 7a - 7$$

$$B_0 = a^4 - 12a^3 + 22a^2 + 20a + 33$$

2. 6329... ; 2. 7989... ; 3. 5822...

$$\bar{b}_3 = \underline{1} + \left\{ \frac{11}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \left[(100 + \sqrt{9936})^{1/3} + (100 - \sqrt{9936})^{1/3} \right] \right\}^{1/2}$$

$$= 3.83187402552$$

$$83155684103627\dots$$



Galois

$$x_3 = \frac{1}{4} \bar{b}_3 = .95797\dots$$

$$x_2 = \frac{1}{4} \bar{b}_3^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{4} \bar{b}_3 \right) = .15429\dots$$

$$x_1 = .5 \quad (\text{given})$$

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