Homework for Lecture 11 of Dr. Z.'s Dynamical Models in Biology class

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Subject: hw11

with an attachment hw11FirstLast.pdf

1. Read and understand, and be able to reproduce in an exam, the first part of

`http://sites.math.rutgers.edu/~zeilberg/Bio25/L11.pdf`

about period-doubling and advancement to chaos.

2. Find the potential steady-states of the third-order recurrence

$$a(n+3) = \frac{1+2a(n+2)+3a(n+1)+4a(n)}{2+3a(n+2)+4a(n+1)+5a(n)} \quad .$$

3. Convert the third-order recurrence

$$a(n+3) = \frac{1+2a(n+2)+3a(n+1)+4a(n)}{2+3a(n+2)+4a(n+1)+5a(n)} \quad .$$

to a first-order vector recurrence for an appropriate $\mathbf{x}(n)$ (you first have to define it).

4. By using `SS` in the Maple file

`http://sites.math.rutgers.edu/~zeilberg/Bio25/DMB8.pdf`

find the two steady-states, in terms of the parameter r of the non-linear recurrence

$$a(n+1) = \frac{(1 - 2\,a(n))(1 - 3\,a(n))}{r} \quad .$$

By using `SSS` and experimenting with different r (playing *high-low*), estimate the cut-off r_0 such for $r < r_0$ there is no stable steady-state, but for $r > r_0$ one them is a stable steady-state.

4'. Optional challenge (5 dollars): Find the **exact** value of this cut-off r_0.

5. (i) By playing 'high-low' estimate the number r_1 such that for $r < r_1$ the orbit tends to period 2 ultimate orbit until it starts having period 4.

(ii) By playing 'high-low' estimate the number r_2 such that for $r < r_2$ the orbit tends to period 4 ultimate orbit until it starts having period 8.

(iii) By playing 'high-low' estimate the number r_3 such that for $r < r_3$ the orbit tends to period 8 ultimate orbit until it starts having period 16.