

Some details for Lec. 7, slides #11, 12 :

Factoring: $\left[1 - r^2(1-x)(1-rx+rx^2) \right]$

$$= \left(x - \frac{r-1}{r} \right) \left(ax^2 + bx + c \right) \quad \dots (*)$$

to be determined

Expanding the left hand side of (*):

$$r^3 x^3 - 2r^3 x^2 + r^2(1+r)x + (1-r^2) \quad \dots (i)$$

Expanding the right hand side of (*):

$$ax^3 + \left(b - a \cdot \frac{r-1}{r} \right) x^2 + \left(c - b \cdot \frac{r-1}{r} \right) x - \frac{c(r-1)}{r} = 0 \quad \dots (ii)$$

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Equate the coefficients of like powers of x from (i) and (ii), to obtain:

$$a = r^3$$

$$b - a \cdot \frac{r-1}{r} = -2r^3$$

$$c - b \cdot \frac{r-1}{r} = r^2(1+r)$$

$$- \frac{c(r-1)}{r} = 1 - r^2$$

$$b = -r^2(1+r)$$

$$c = r(1+r)$$

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∴ The quadratic expression in Lec. #7, p. 12 is :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = r^3 x^2 - r^2(1+r)x + r(1+r)$$

∴ Period 2 points are solutions of :

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow r^3 x^2 - r^2(1+r)x + r(1+r) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{r^2(1+r) \pm \sqrt{r^4(1+r)^2 - 4 \cdot r^3 \cdot r(1+r)}}{2r^3}$$

$$= \frac{r+1 \pm \sqrt{(r-3)(r+1)}}{2r}$$

← This is what we wrote in Lec. 7, p. 11