

Proof. If $\langle f \rangle X \notin \mu$ then $X \subseteq \langle f^{-1} \rangle \langle f \rangle X \notin \mu$ and so $X \notin \mu$. Thus $X \in \mu \wedge \langle f \rangle X \in \mu$ and consequently $X \cap \langle f \rangle X \in \mu$. \square

We will say that x is *periodic* when $f^n(x) = x$ for some positive integer x . The least such n is called *the period* of x .

Let's define $x \sim y$ iff there exist $i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^i(x) = f^j(y)$. Trivially it is an equivalence relation. If x and y are periodic, then $x \sim y$ iff exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^n(y) = x$.

Let $A = \{x \in I \mid x \text{ is periodic with period} > 1\}$.

We will show that $A \notin \mu$. Let's assume $A \in \mu$.

Let a set $D \subseteq A$ contains (by the axiom of choice) exactly one element from each equivalence class of A defined by the relation \sim .

Let α be a function $A \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ defined as follows. Let $x \in A$. Let y be the unique element of D such that $x \sim y$. Let $\alpha(x)$ be the least $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^n(y) = x$.

Let $B_0 = \{x \in A \mid \alpha(x) \text{ is even}\}$ and $B_1 = \{x \in A \mid \alpha(x) \text{ is odd}\}$.

Let $B_2 = \{x \in A \mid \alpha(x) = 0\}$.

Lemma 13.50. $B_0 \cap \langle f \rangle B_0 \subseteq B_2$.

Proof. If $x \in B_0 \cap \langle f \rangle B_0$ then $f^n(y) = x$ for a minimal even n and $x = f(x')$ where $f^m(y') = x'$ for a minimal even m . Thus $f^n(y) = f(x')$ thus y and x' laying in the same equivalence class and thus $y = y'$. So we have $f^n(y) = f^{m+1}(y)$. Thus $n \leq m + 1$ by minimality.

x' lies on an orbit and thus $x' = f^{-1}(x)$ where by f^{-1} I mean step backward on our orbit; $f^m(y) = f^{-1}(x)$ and thus $x' = f^{n-1}(y)$ thus $n - 1 \geq m$ by minimality or $n = 0$.

Thus $n = m + 1$ what is impossible for even n and m . We have a contradiction what proves $B_0 \cap \langle f \rangle B_0 \subseteq B_2$.

Remained the case $n = 0$, then $x = f^0(y)$ and thus $\alpha(x) = 0$. \square

Lemma 13.51. $B_1 \cap \langle f \rangle B_1 = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $x \in B_1 \cap \langle f \rangle B_1$. Then $f^n(y) = x$ for an odd n and $x = f(x')$ where $f^m(y') = x'$ for an odd m . Thus $f^n(y) = f(x')$ thus y and x' laying in the same equivalence class and thus $y = y'$. So we have $f^n(y) = f^{m+1}(y)$. Thus $n \leq m + 1$ by minimality.

x' lies on an orbit and thus $x' = f^{-1}(x)$ where by f^{-1} I mean step backward on our orbit;

$f^m(y) = f^{-1}(x)$ and thus $x' = f^{n-1}(y)$ thus $n - 1 \geq m$ by minimality ($n = 0$ is impossible because n is odd).

Thus $n = m + 1$ what is impossible for odd n and m . We have a contradiction what proves $B_1 \cap \langle f \rangle B_1 = \emptyset$. \square

Lemma 13.52. $B_2 \cap \langle f \rangle B_2 = \emptyset$.

Proof. Let $x \in B_2 \cap \langle f \rangle B_2$. Then $x = y$ and $x' = y$ where $x = f(x')$. Thus $x = f(x)$ and so $x \notin A$ what is impossible. \square

Lemma 13.53. $A \notin \mu$.

Proof. Suppose $A \in \mu$.

Since $A \in \mu$ we have $B_0 \in \mu$ or $B_1 \in \mu$.

So either $B_0 \cap \langle f \rangle B_0 \subseteq B_2$ or $B_1 \cap \langle f \rangle B_1 \subseteq B_2$. As such by the lemma 13.49 we have $B_2 \in \mu$. This is incompatible with $B_2 \cap \langle f \rangle B_2 = \emptyset$. So we got a contradiction. \square

Let C be the set of points x which are not periodic but $f^n(x)$ is periodic for some positive n .

Lemma 13.54. $C \notin \mu$.

Proof. Let β be a function $C \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ such that $\beta(x)$ is the least $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $f^n(x)$ is periodic.

Let $C_0 = \{x \in C \mid \beta(x) \text{ is even}\}$ and $C_1 = \{x \in C \mid \beta(x) \text{ is odd}\}$.

Obviously $C_j \cap \langle f \rangle C_j = \emptyset$ for $j = 0, 1$. Hence by lemma 13.49 we have $C_0, C_1 \notin \mu$ and thus $C = C_0 \cup C_1 \notin \mu$. \square