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The first part of this talk deals with dynamical systems governed by a function

$$F: [0, 1] \times [0, 1] = Q \rightarrow Q$$

under the hypothesis that $F(x, y) = (f(x, y), x)$ with $f: Q \rightarrow [0, 1]$ continuous and increasing with respect to y . It is shown that if the set $\text{Fix}F$ of fixed points of F is totally disconnected and F does not have any periodic orbits of period 2, then for all $(x, y) \in Q$ the sequence $\{F^n(x, y), n = 0, 1, \dots\}$ converges to a point of $\text{Fix}F$.

The second part of the talk deals with dynamical systems of the form (triangular)

$$F(\mathbf{x}) = (f_1(x_1), f_2(x_1, x_2), \dots, f_q(x_1, \dots, x_q)) + \mathbf{x}_I$$

where $\mathbf{x}_I \in \mathbf{R}^q$, and the functions f_i , $i = 1, \dots, q$ are uniformly continuous. We assume that F has one and only one fixed point \mathbf{x}_s . Conditions are given that imply the global stability of the dynamical system governed by F , i.e. the convergence to \mathbf{x}_s of all sequences of iterates of the function F regardless of their initial state. (Received September 10, 2008)