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Let  $K$  be a number field, and let  $\phi$  be a morphism from the projective line to itself, defined over  $K$  and of degree at least two. The 1994 Uniform Boundedness Conjecture of Morton and Silverman claims, in dimension one, that the number of  $K$ -rational preperiodic points of  $\phi$  is bounded by a constant depending only on the degrees of  $\phi$  and  $K$ . In recent years, some progress has been made towards the conjecture in the case that  $\phi$  is a polynomial. In this talk, we will consider the case that  $\phi$  is a non-polynomial morphism. (Received September 15, 2009)