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## Relationship between lower and interior cycles of the Lotka-Volterra map

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We consider the plane triangle  $\Delta = \{[x, y] : 0 \leq x, 0 \leq y, x + y \leq 4\}$  and the transformation  $F : \Delta \rightarrow \Delta$ ,  $[x, y] \mapsto [x(4 - x - y), xy]$ . A point  $P = [x, y] \in \Delta$  is said to be lower if  $y = 0$ . Any lower periodic point  $P$  is of the form  $P = [4 \sin^2 \frac{k\pi}{2^n \pm 1}, 0]$ , where  $n$  and  $k$  are integers such that  $0 < n$  and  $0 \leq 2k < 2^n \pm 1$ . We give a condition for a lower periodic point under which there is an interior periodic point with the same itinerary with respect to sets  $A = \{[x, y] \in \Delta : x < 2\}$  and  $B = \{[x, y] \in \Delta : x > 2\}$ . From this we deduce a lower estimate of the number of interior periodic points with period  $n$ . Moreover, we present a condition for the itinerary under which the corresponding interior periodic point does not exist.