

Difference Equations

- Part 2 -

Cobweb diagrams

("Spinnweben"-Diagramme)

Prof. Dr. J. Ziegenbalg
Institut für Mathematik und Informatik
Pädagogische Hochschule Karlsruhe

electronic mail: ziegenbalg@ph-karlsruhe.de
homepage: <http://www.ph-karlsruhe.de/wp/ziegenbalg/>

Generating the basic data list

The following program generates a list subsequently to be processed for graphical representation.

```
AnnuityList[y0_, A_, B_, k_] :=  
Module[{i = 0, y = y0, AL = {}},  
  AL = Append[AL, {i, y}];  
  While[i < k,  
    i = i + 1; y = A * y + B; AL = Append[AL, {i, y}];  
  ]  
Return[AL]
```

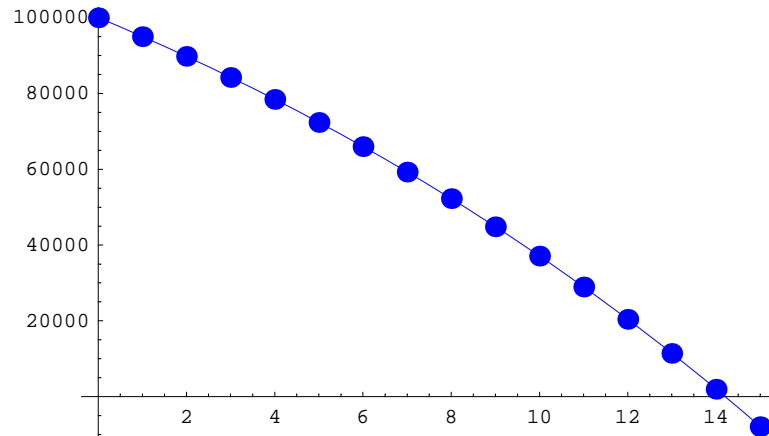
```
AnnuityList[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15]  
  
{0, 100000}, {1, 95000.}, {2, 89750.}, {3, 84237.5}, {4, 78449.4}, {5, 72371.8},  
{6, 65990.4}, {7, 59290.}, {8, 52254.5}, {9, 44867.2}, {10, 37110.5},  
{11, 28966.1}, {12, 20414.4}, {13, 11435.1}, {14, 2006.84}, {15, -7892.82}
```

The standard plot ("timeline plot")

■ Implementation of the timeline plot

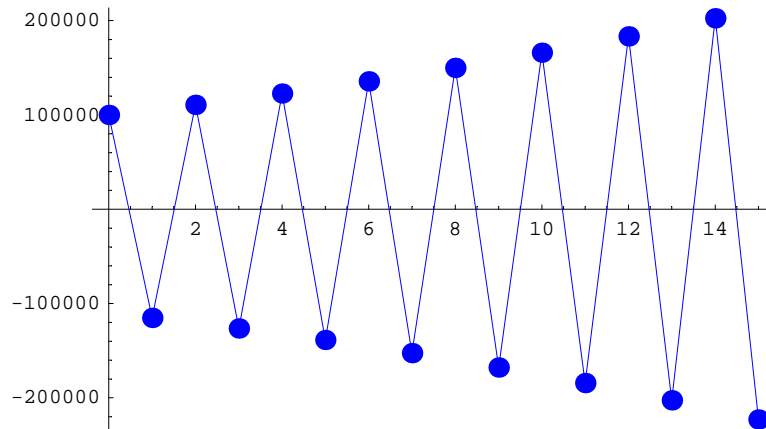
■ Experiments and Results

```
TimelinePlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15]
```



- Graphics -

```
TimelinePlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15]
```



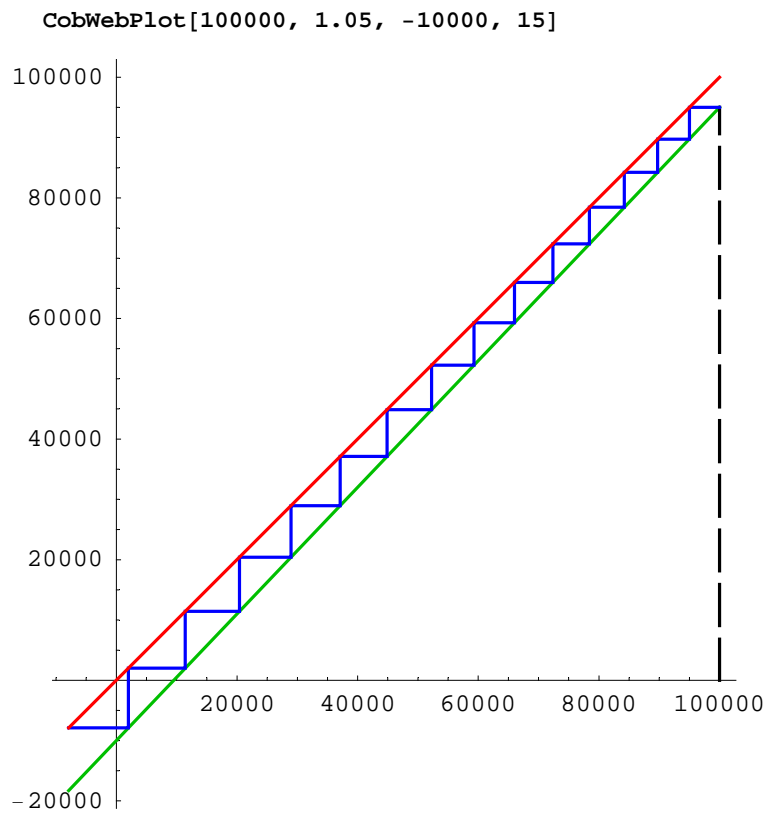
- Graphics -

The "cobweb" plot

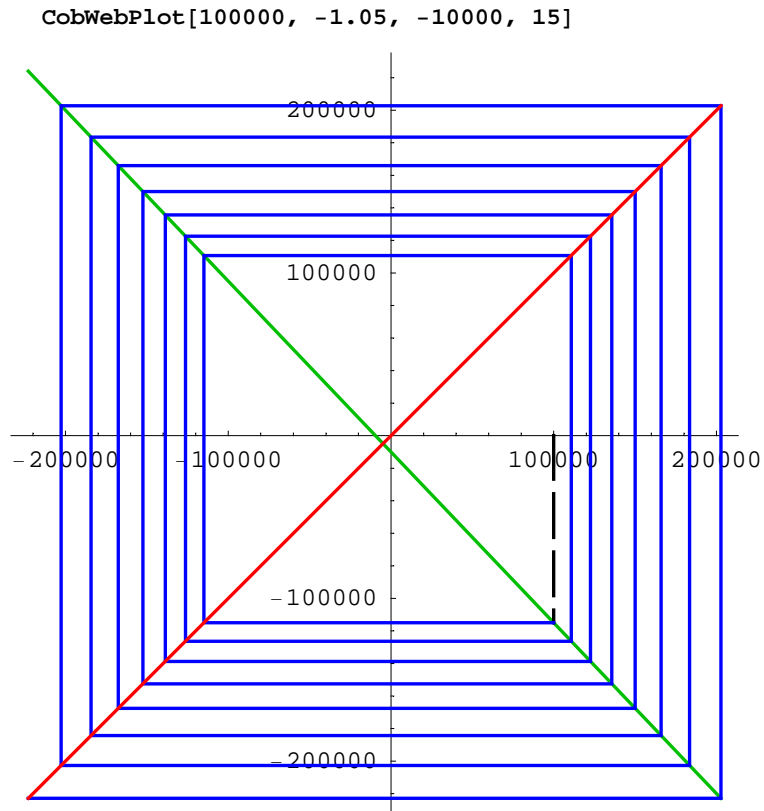
The program AnnuityList generates a list of pairs, the annuity list. The first component of each pair can be interpreted as "time". The complete list gives the development of the magnitude y in time (see previous graphic).

■ Implementation of the cobweb plot

■ Experiments and Results



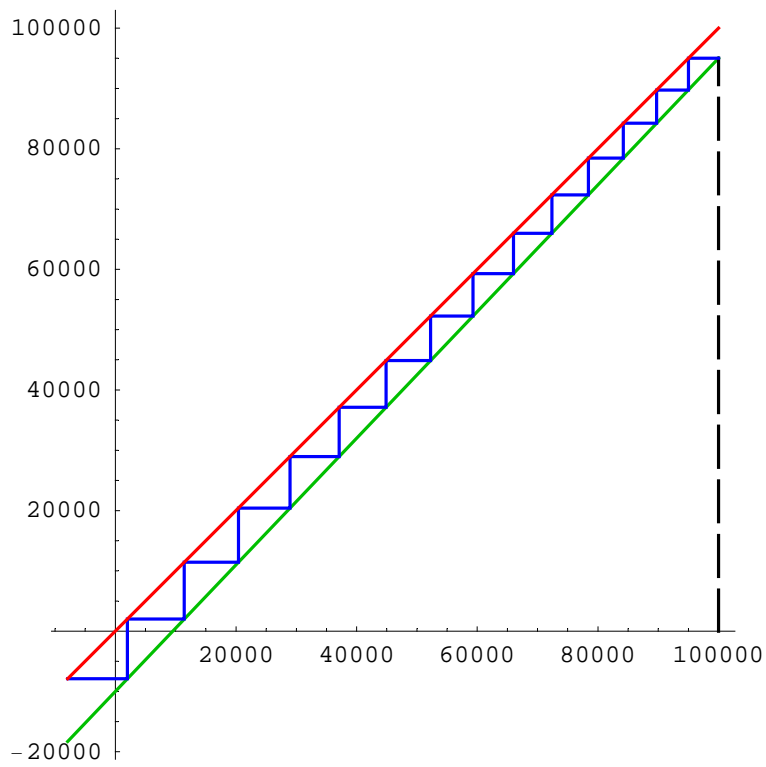
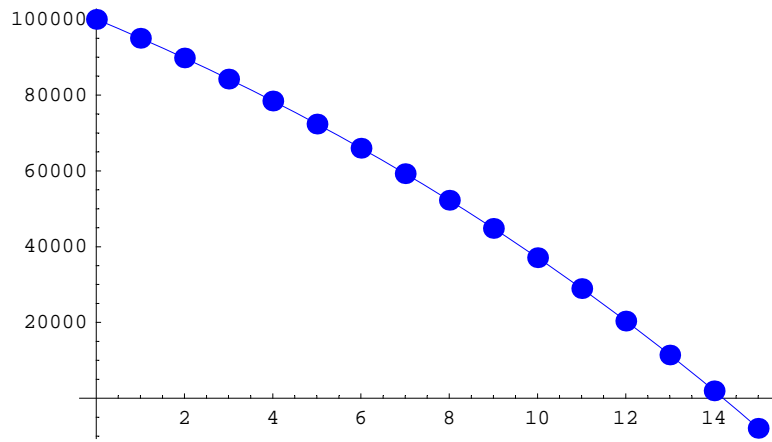
- Graphics -

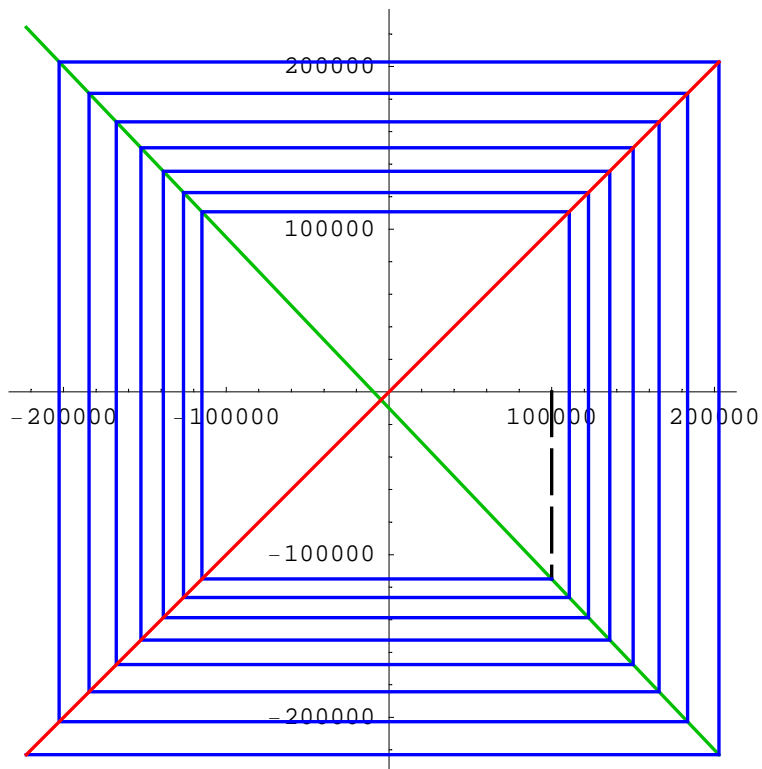
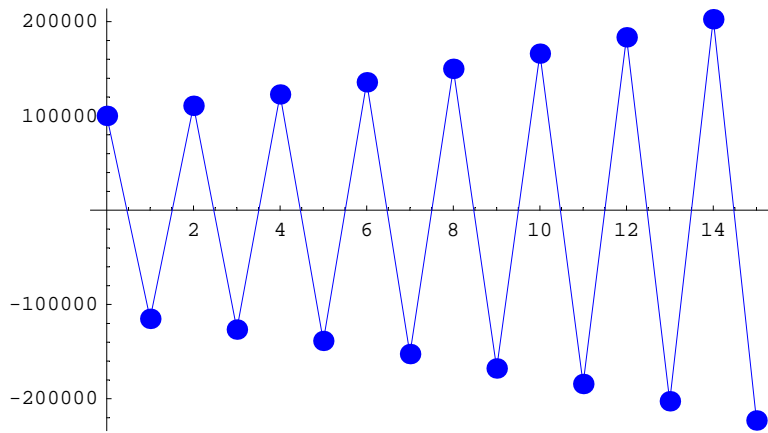


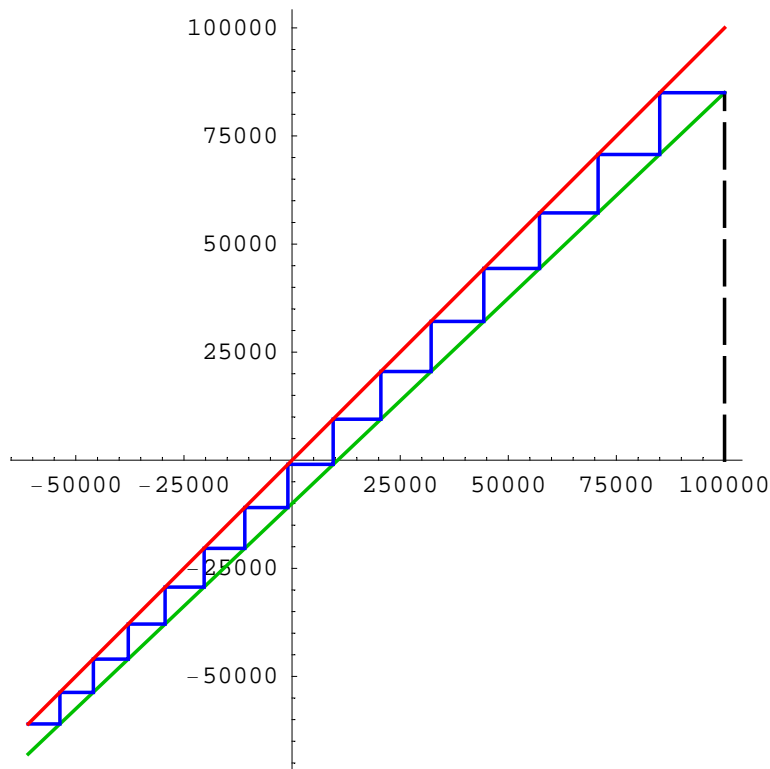
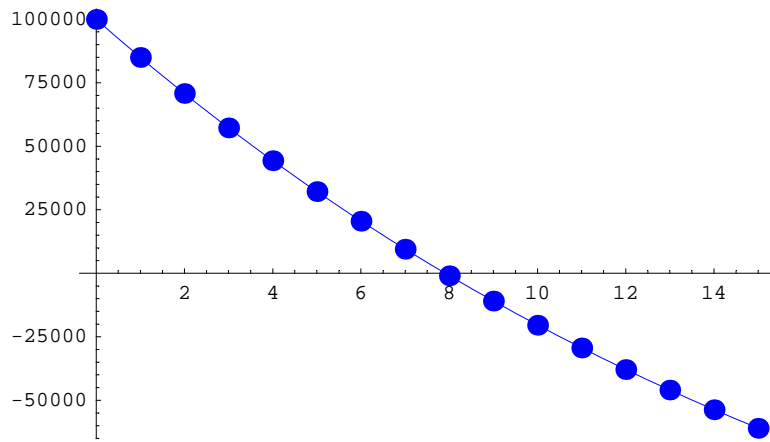
- Graphics -

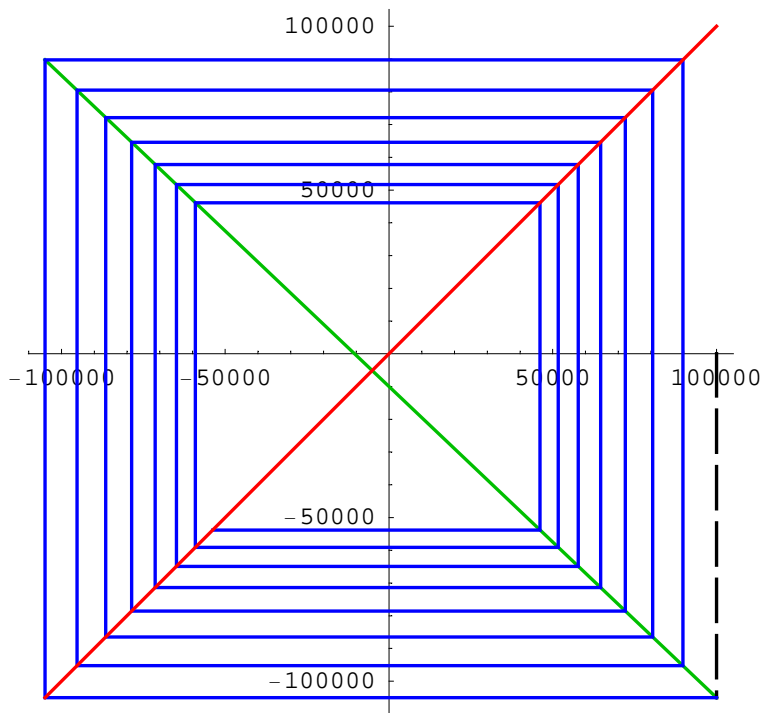
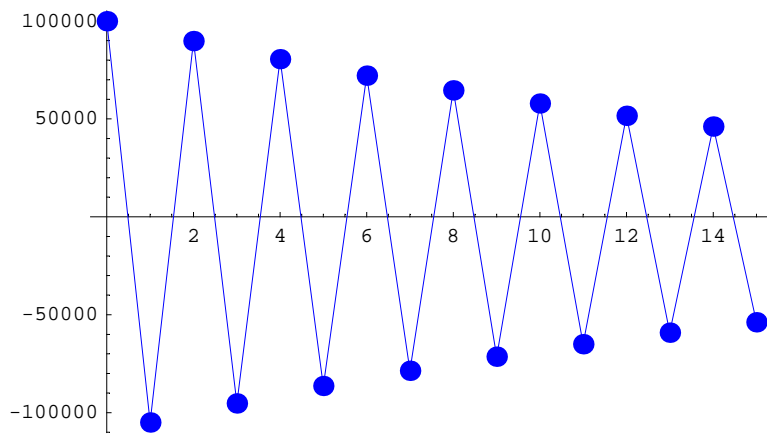
Demos =

```
(TimelinePlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[100000, 1.05, -10000, 15];  
TimelinePlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[100000, -1.05, -10000, 15];  
TimelinePlot[100000, 0.95, -10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[100000, 0.95, -10000, 15];  
TimelinePlot[100000, -0.95, -10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[100000, -0.95, -10000, 15])
```









- Graphics -

■ The cobweb plot - some special cases

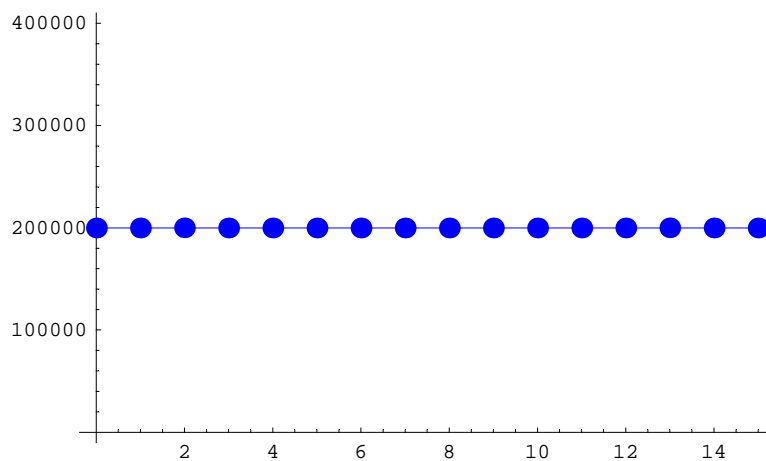
Case: $y_0 = \frac{B}{1-A}$

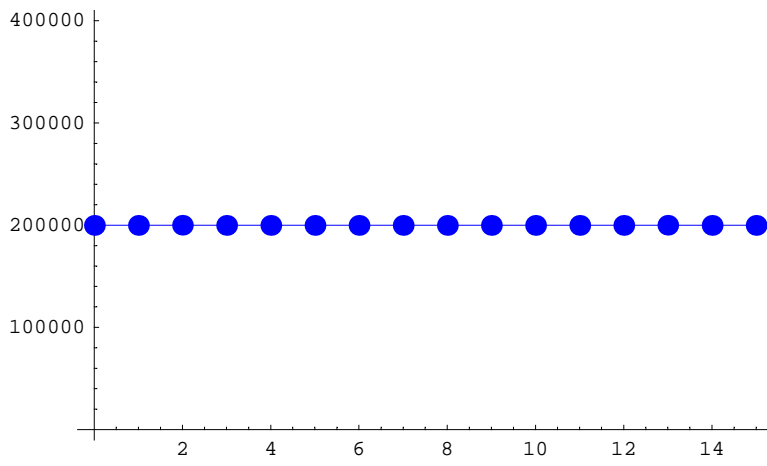
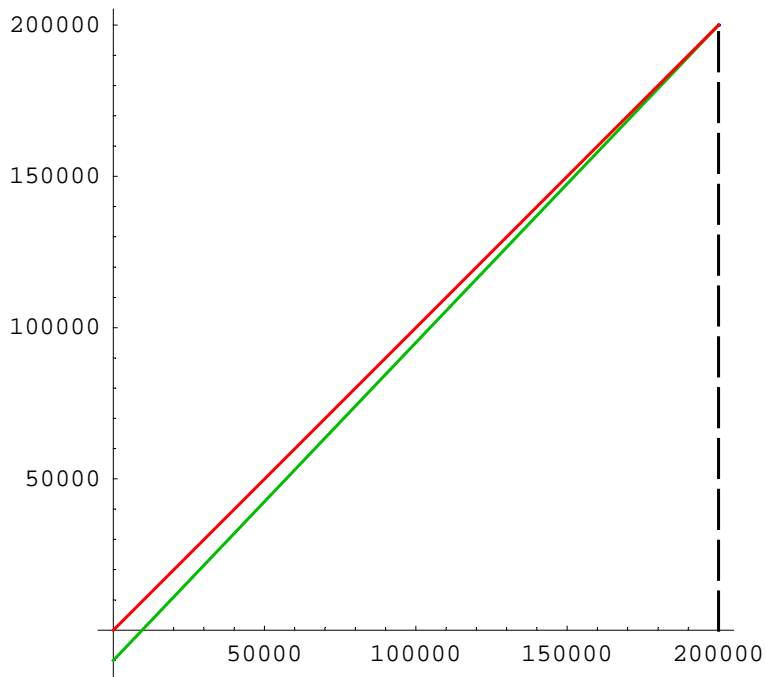
hence: $y_1 = A \cdot y_0 + B = A \cdot \frac{B}{1-A} + B = \frac{A \cdot B + B \cdot (1-A)}{1-A} = \frac{B}{1-A} = y_0$

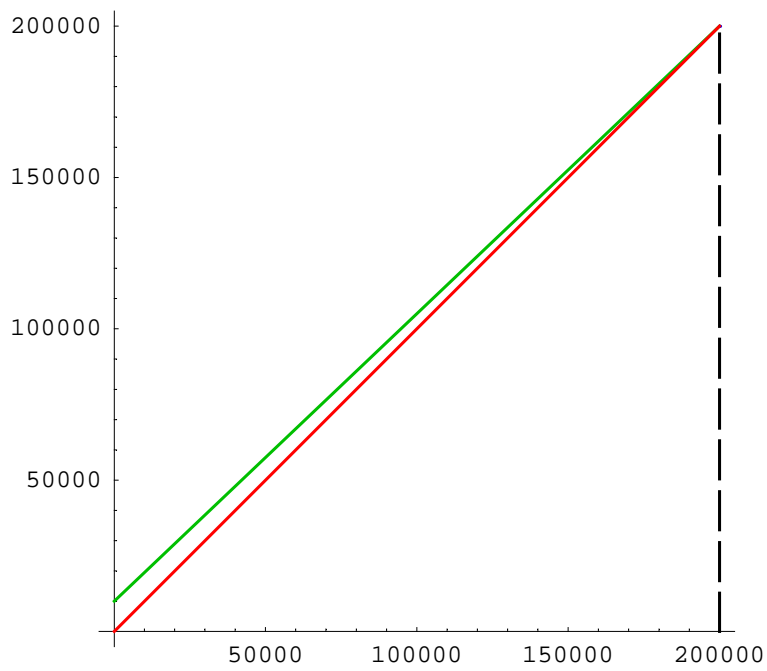
hence: $y_0 = y_1 = y_2 = y_3 = y_4 = \dots$

In the following diagram this fact is visualized with various slopes.

```
TimelinePlot[200000, 1.05, -10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[200000, 1.05, -10000, 15];  
TimelinePlot[200000, 0.95, 10000, 15];  
CobWebPlot[200000, 0.95, 10000, 15];
```







Case: $A = -1$

hence: $y_1 = -y_0 + B$

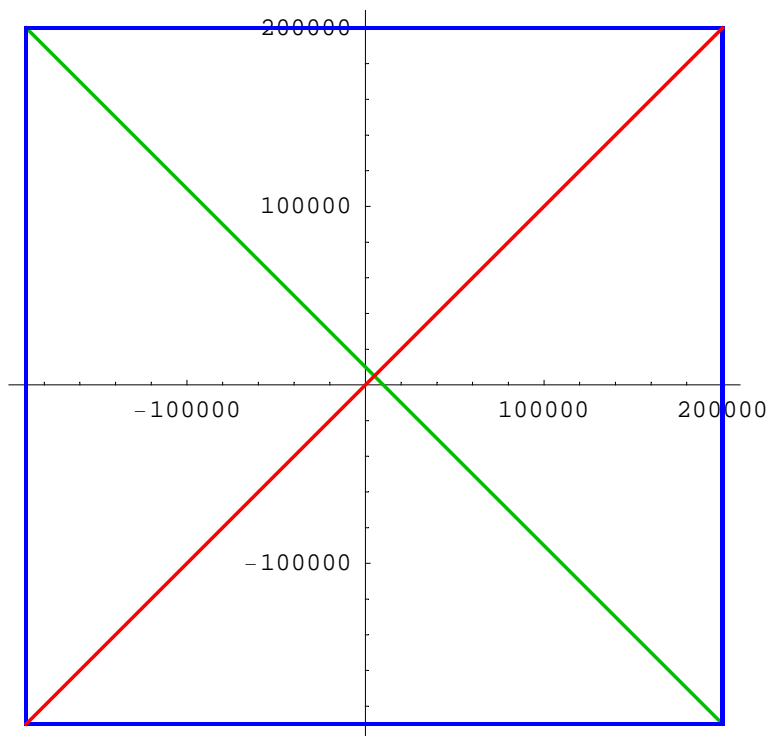
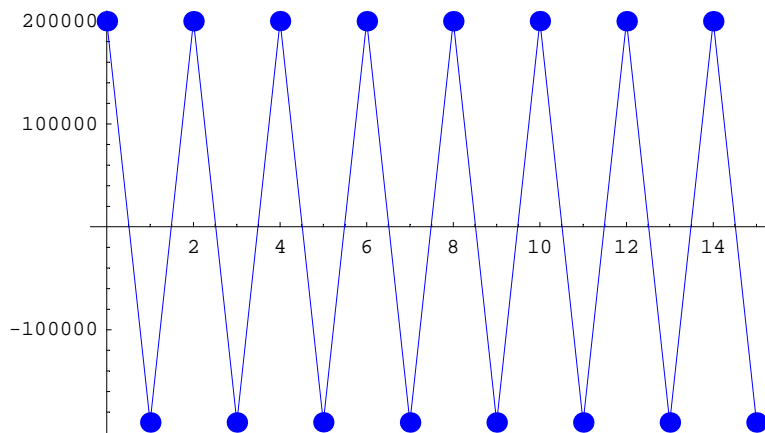
$$y_2 = -y_1 + B = (y_0 - B) + B = y_0$$

$$y_3 = -y_2 + B = -y_0 + B = y_1$$

$$y_4 = -y_3 + B = -y_1 + B = y_2 = y_0$$

Visualisation:

```
TimelinePlot[200000, -1, 10000, 15];
CobWebPlot[200000, -1, 10000, 15];
```



Auxiliary stuff

```
?Global`*
```

```
Remove["Global`*"]
```