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For the function f and the positive integer m , let f^m denote the m -th iterate of f . The authors investigate the following problems:

1. For which positive integers $n \geq 2$ does there exist a quadratic function f such that $\{f^m(x) | m = 1, \dots, n\} = \mathbb{Z}_n$ for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$?
2. For a quadratic function f satisfying the conditions of 1., which iterations of f are equivalent to a linear function?

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