

1. a) $f(x) = x - x^2$

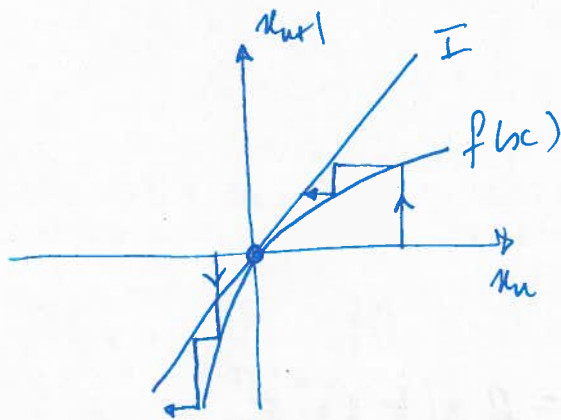
i) fixed points

$$x^* = x^* - x^{*2} \text{ for } x^* = 0 \text{ or } 1 = 1 - x^* \text{ for } x^* = 0$$

$\therefore x^* = 0$ is the only fixed point

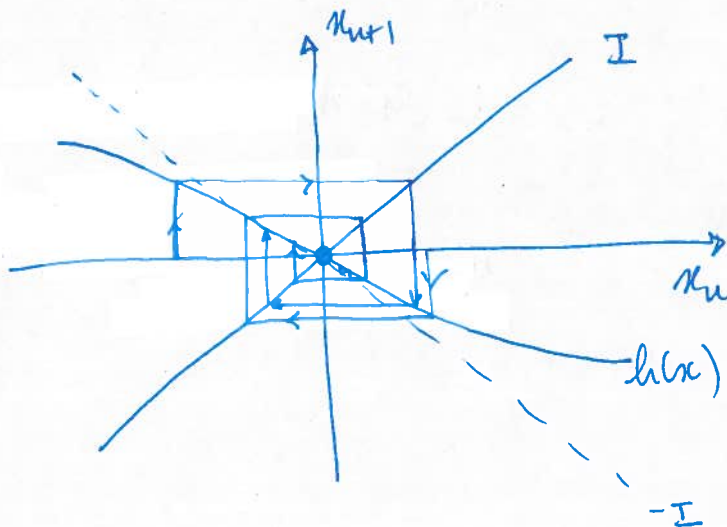
ii) $f'(x^*) \Big|_{x^*=0} = 1 - 2x^* \Big|_{x^*=0} = 1$ inconclusive

ii)



From cobwebbing, we see that $x^* = 0$ is stable for initial points $x_0 > 0$, and unstable for initial points $x_0 < 0$.

b)



We see that all initial points spiral toward the fixed point at $x^* = 0$

2. $h(x) = axe^{-x}$, $a > 0$

a) fixed points:

$$x^* = ax^* e^{-x^*} \Rightarrow \boxed{x^* = 0} \text{ or } ae^{-x^*} = 1 \Rightarrow 1,$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \Rightarrow e^{-x^*} = \frac{1}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{x^*} = a$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x^* = \ln(a)}$$

∴ the two fixed points are $x^* = 0 + x^* = \ln(a)$.

b) $h'(x^*) = 0 \Rightarrow (ae^{-x} - axe^{-x}) \Big|_{x^*} = 0$

$\Rightarrow a e^{-\ln(a)} (1 - \ln(a)) = 0$

$\Rightarrow a = 0$ (not possible)

OR

$\boxed{a = e} = a_{ss}$

c) From Fig., we see that $h'(x^*) < 0$ for $a > e$, and that it is increasing in magnitude. So we know that the steady state will be

stable until

$$h'(x^*) = -1 \Leftrightarrow a e^{-x^*} (1 - x^*) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a e^{-\ln(a)} (1 - \ln(a)) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a e^{\ln(\frac{1}{a})} (1 - \ln(a)) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{a}{a} (1 - \ln(a)) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 1 - \ln(a) = -1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \ln(a) = 2$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \boxed{a = e^2}$$

Is it possible to choose a such that

$$h'(x^*) = 1 \Leftrightarrow 1 - \ln(a) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \ln(a) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = 1$$

\therefore the steady state $x^* = \ln(a)$ is stable for

$$\boxed{1 < a < e^2}$$

$$3. f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{2}, 2y - \frac{7x^3}{8} \right)$$

a) finding f^{-1} :

$$\begin{cases} x_{n+1} = \frac{x_n}{2} \\ y_{n+1} = 2y_n - \frac{7x_n^3}{8} \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} x_n = 2x_{n+1} \\ y_n = \frac{1}{2} \left[y_{n+1} + \frac{7}{8} (2x_{n+1})^3 \right] \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x, y) = \left(2x, \frac{y}{2} + 7x^3 \right)$$

b) $S = \{ (x, rx^3) : x \in \mathbb{R} \}$

$$f(x, rx^3) = \left(2x, \frac{rx^3}{2} + 7x^3 \right) = \left(2x, \left(\frac{r}{2} + 7 \right) x^3 \right)$$

For S to be invariant, we require

$$r(2x)^3 = \left(\frac{r}{2} + 7 \right) x^3 \Leftrightarrow 1,$$

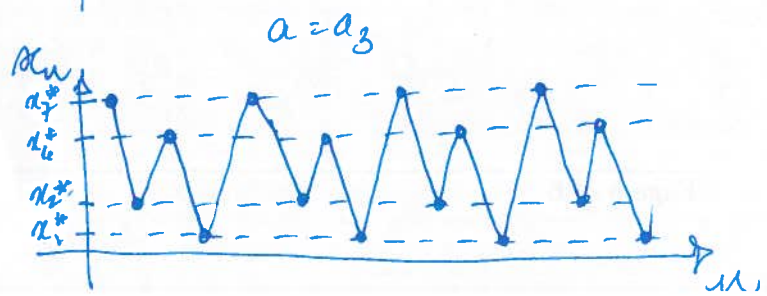
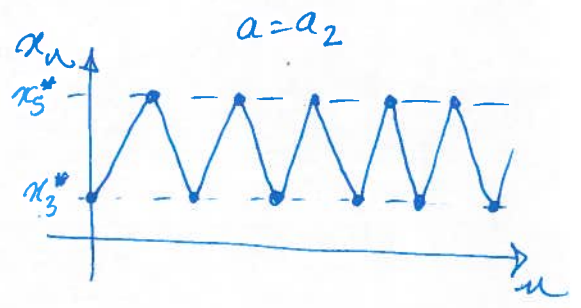
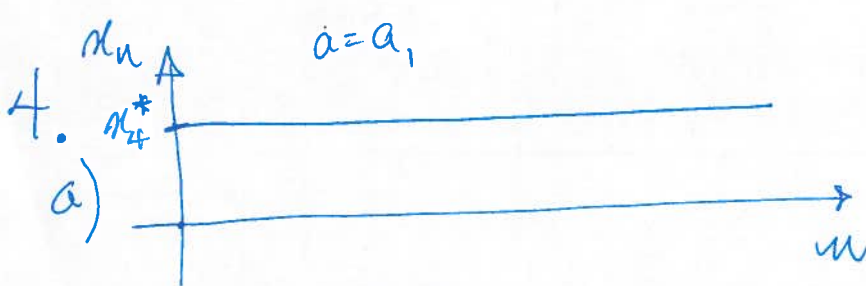
$$1 \Leftrightarrow 8rx^3 = \left(\frac{r}{2} + 7 \right) x^3 \Leftrightarrow 8r = \frac{r}{2} + 7$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 16r = r + 14 \Leftrightarrow 15r = 14 \Leftrightarrow r = \frac{14}{15}$$

Verify invariance under f^{-1} :

$$\begin{aligned}
 f^{-1}\left(x, \frac{14}{15}x^3\right) &= \left(2x, \frac{14}{15}x^3 \frac{1}{2} + 7x^3\right) \\
 &= \left(2x, \left(\frac{7}{15} + 7\right)x^3\right) \\
 &= \left(2x, \frac{7(1+15)}{15}x^3\right) \\
 &= \left(2x, \frac{14}{15}(8x^3)\right) \\
 &= \left(2x, \frac{14}{15}(2x)^3\right) \in S
 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore we have shown that S is invariant under iteration of f and f^{-1} .



b) Chaos

- i) sensitive dependence on initial conditions
- ii) Lyapunov exponent > 0
- iii) aperiodic
- iv) behaviour restricted to an attractor

(only 3 required)