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4) 10.1.1.  $x_{n+1} = \sqrt{x_n}$

eg:  $x_0 = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1.414$   
 $x_2 = 1.189$   
 $x_3 = 1.091$   
 $\vdots$   
 $x_n \rightarrow 1$

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , then we can obtain:

$x = \sqrt{x} \Rightarrow x^* = 0, 1$  are fixed points

Since  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ , we have:

$|f'(1)| = \frac{1}{2} < 1 \Rightarrow x^* = 1$  is stable.

$x^* = 0$  is unstable.

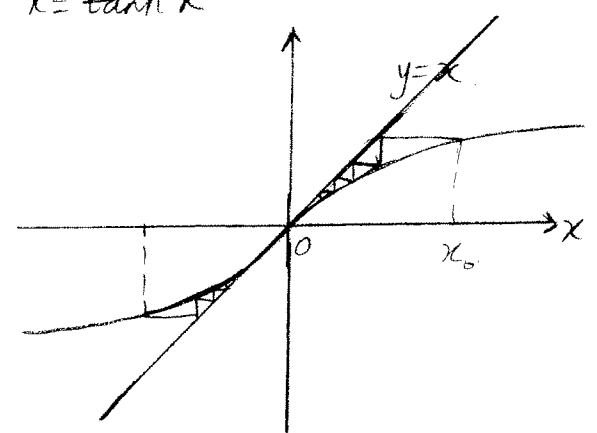
$\therefore$  Any positive  $x_0$  will converge to 1.

so all the fixed points are unstable.

4) 10.1.8.  $x_{n+1} = \tanh x_n$

Let  $f(x) = \tanh x$ , then

$x = \tanh x$



The fixed point is  $x^* = 0$ .

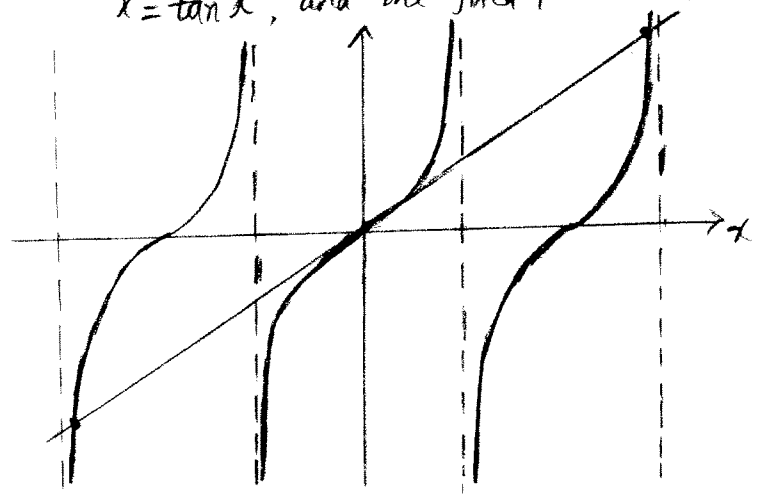
$|f'(x^*)| = |1 - \tanh^2 x^*| = |1 - 0| = 1$

$x^* = 0$  is stable.

4) 10.1.6.  $x_{n+1} = \tan x_n$

Let  $f(x) = \tan x$ , then

$x = \tan x$ , and the fixed points are:



$|f'(x)| = |\sec^2 x| > 1 \quad (x \neq \frac{\pi}{2})$

9) 10.1.11

(a) Let  $f(x) = 3x - x^3$ , then

$x = 3x - x^3 \Rightarrow$

The fixed points are  $x_1^* = 0, x_2^* = \sqrt{2}, x_3^* = -\sqrt{2}$ .

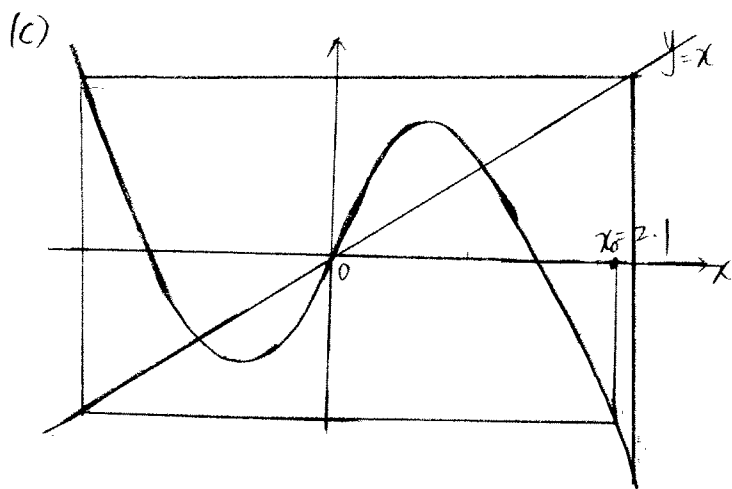
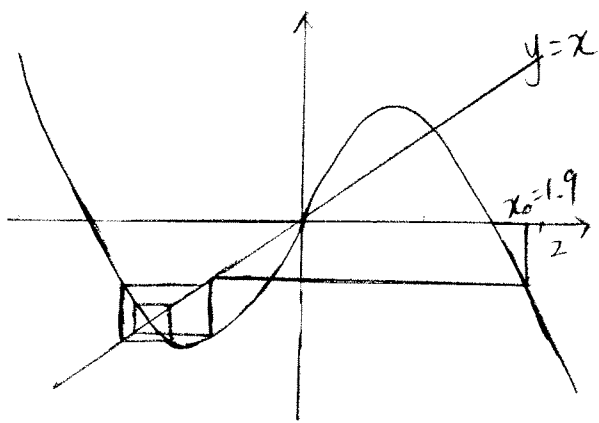
$f'(x) = 3 - 3x^2$

$|f'(x_1^*)| = 3 > 1, \quad |f'(x_2^*)| = |3 - 3x_2^2| = 3 > 1$

$|f'(x_3^*)| = 3 > 1$

$\therefore$  All the fixed points are unstable.

(b)



(d)  $f'(x) = 3 - 3x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

so  $f(x)$  has maximum at  $x = 1$  and minimum at  $x = -1$ .

$f(x)_{\max} = f(1) = 2, f(x)_{\min} = f(-1) = -2$ .

Since  $f(2) = 6 - 8 = -2$ , and  $f(-2) = -6 + 8 = 2$

we obtain that  $f(x)$  maps  $[-2, 2] \rightarrow [-2, 2]$ .

Any  $x_0 \in [-2, 2]$  will remain in  $[-2, 2]$ ,

and if  $|x_0| > 2$ , then  $|x_n| \rightarrow \infty$

10.1.12 (6')

(a)  $g(x) = x^2 - 4, g'(x) = 2x$

then  $x_{n+1} = f(x_n) = x_n - \frac{x_n^2 - 4}{2x_n}$

(b). From  $x = x - \frac{x^2 - 4}{2x}$ , we obtain

$x^* = \pm 2$  are the fixed points.

(c)  $f(x) = x - \frac{x^2 - 4}{2x}$ ,

$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{4x^2 - 2x^2 + 8}{4x^2} = 1 - \frac{x^2 + 4}{2x^2}$

So  $|f'(\pm 2)| = |1 - \frac{4+4}{8}| = 0$

i.e.  $x^* = \pm 2$  are super stable.

(d)  $x_0 = 1$ .

$x_1 = 1 - \frac{1-4}{2} = 2.5$

$x_2 = 1 - \frac{x_1^2 - 4}{2x_1} = 2.05$

$x_3 = 1 - \frac{x_2^2 - 4}{2x_2} = 2.00061 \dots$

10.3.3 (8')

$x_{n+1} = rx_n / (1 + x_n^2)$

Let  $f(x) = rx / (1 + x^2)$ , then

$x = f(x) \Leftrightarrow \frac{rx}{1+x^2} = x$

$\Leftrightarrow x^3 + (1-r)x = 0 \Rightarrow x_1^* = 0, x_{2,3}^* = \pm \sqrt{r-1} (r > 1)$

i.e. For  $0 < r \leq 1$ , one fixed point  $x^* = 0$

For  $r > 1$ , three fixed points  $x_1^*, x_2^*, x_3^*$

$$f'(x) = r \frac{1+x^2-2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = \frac{r(1-x^2)}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

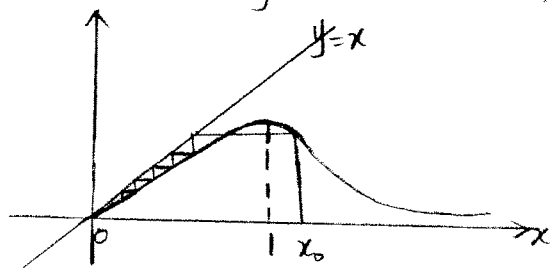
$$|f'(0)| = \left| \frac{r(1-0)}{(1+0)^2} \right| = r$$

$\Rightarrow x_1^* = 0$  is stable if  $0 < r < 1$ ,  
unstable if  $r > 1$

$$|f'(x_{2,3}^*)| = \left| \frac{r(1-r+1)}{(1+r-1)^2} \right| = \left| \frac{2r-r^2}{r^2} \right| = \left| \frac{2}{r} - 1 \right|$$

$\Rightarrow x_{2,3}^* = \pm\sqrt{r-1}$  are stable for  $r > 1$ .

For  $r=1$ , we only have one fixed point  $x^*=0$



So  $x^*=0$  is stable for  $r=1$

Therefore,

$x^*=0$  is stable if  $0 < r \leq 1$

$x^*=0$  is unstable if  $r > 1$ , and

$x_{2,3}^* = \pm\sqrt{r-1}$  is stable if  $r > 1$

So there are no periodic solutions or chaos for this system.

If  $r \in (0, 1]$ , then any  $x_0$  will converge to  $x^*=0$ ; if  $r \in (1, +\infty)$ , then  $x_{2,3}^* = \pm\sqrt{r-1}$  is stable.

10.3.6 (10')

$$(a) x_{n+1} = rx_n - x_n^3$$

From  $x = rx - x^3$ , i.e.  $x^3 + (1-r)x = 0$ , we

obtain that

$r \leq 1$ , one fixed point  $x^*=0$ ;

$r > 1$ , three fixed points:  $x_1^*=0$ ,  $x_{2,3}^* = \pm\sqrt{r-1}$ .

$$f(x) = rx - x^3, \quad f'(x) = r - 3x^2$$

$|f'(0)| = |r| \Rightarrow x^*=0$  is  $\begin{cases} \text{stable if } 0 < r < 1 \\ \text{unstable if } |r| > 1 \end{cases}$

$$|f'(x_{2,3}^*)| = |r - 3(r-1)| = |3-2r|$$

$\Rightarrow x_{2,3}^*$  are  $\begin{cases} \text{stable if } 1 < r < 2 \\ \text{unstable if } r > 2 \end{cases}$

$$(b) p = f(q), \quad q = f(p)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = r(rx - x^3) - (rx - x^3)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{x[x^2-r+1][x^2-r-1][x^4-rx^2+1]=0}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1^*=0, \quad x_{2,3}^* = \pm\sqrt{r-1}, \quad x_{4,5}^* = \pm\sqrt{r+1},$$

$$\text{and } x^4 - rx^2 + 1 = 0$$

Let  $t = x^2$ , then  $t^2 - rt + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 - 4}}{2}$$

$$x_{1,2,3,4}^* = \pm \left( \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 - 4}}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \quad \text{--- P. 9}$$

$$(c) \lambda = |(f'(f(p)))| = |f'(f(p)) \cdot f'(p)|$$

$$= |f'(q) \cdot f'(p)|, \quad f'(x) = r - 3x^2.$$

$$\therefore \lambda = |(r - 3q^2)(r - 3p^2)|$$

$$= \left| \left( r - 3 \frac{r + \sqrt{r^2 - 4}}{2} \right) \left( r - 3 \frac{r - \sqrt{r^2 - 4}}{2} \right) \right|$$

$$= |9 - 2r^2|$$

$\Rightarrow p, q$  are stable if  $|9 - 2r^2| < 1$  i.e.  $2 < r < \sqrt{5}$ .

