

- (1) The Hénon dynamical system in
- $\mathbb{R}^2$
- is defined by

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= a - by_n - x_n^2, \\ y_{n+1} &= x_n \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (DS),$$

where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  are parameters.

- (a) For which range of values of the parameters  $a$  and  $b$  does (DS) have two fixed points? /5
- (b) Determine the stability of the linearized system at each fixed point when  $a = 3, b = -1$ . /5
- (c) When  $a = -3/4$  and  $b = 1$ , the point  $(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$  is a fixed point. Does the linearized system determine the stability of this fixed point? /5
- (d) Continuing with  $a = -3/4, b = 1$ , introduce the coordinates  $u = x + \frac{1}{2}, v = y + \frac{1}{2}$ . (DS) is transformed to

$$\left. \begin{aligned} u_{n+1} &= u_n - v_n - u_n^2, \\ v_{n+1} &= u_n \end{aligned} \right\} \quad (DS')$$

Introduce the complex variable  $z = cu + v$  and transform (DS') into the system

$$z_{n+1} = \lambda z_n + \alpha z_n^2 + \beta z_n \bar{z}_n + \gamma \bar{z}_n^2 \quad (CDS)$$

Determine the constants  $c, \lambda, \alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$ . /8

- (e) Determine the stability of the fixed point  $z = 0$  for (CDS). Explain your reasoning. /2

A helpful formula:  $h = \operatorname{Re} \left[ \frac{m}{\lambda} + \frac{(2\lambda-1)\alpha\beta}{\lambda^2(\lambda-1)} \right] - \frac{1}{2}|\beta|^2 - |\gamma|^2$ .

- (2) Let
- $G(x) = 6x(1-x)$
- for
- $x \in [0, 1]$
- .

- (a) Find the subintervals  $I_0 = [0, a]$  and  $I_1 = [b, 1]$  of  $I = [0, 1]$  such that  $G^{-1}(I) = I_0 \cup I_1$ . /2
- (b)  $G$  has two fixed points in  $I$ . Indicate their stability. /3
- (c) Let  $\Lambda = \{x \in I : \forall k \geq 0, G^k(x) \in I\}$ . Describe  $\Lambda$  in terms of the sets  $I_0$  and  $I_1$ . /1
- (d) Let  $\Sigma = \{\omega = (\omega_0, \omega_1, \dots) : \forall i \geq 0, \omega_i \in \{0, 1\}\}$ . Define a metric  $d$  on  $\Sigma$ . Prove that the set  $U = \{\omega \in \Sigma : \omega_0 = 1, \omega_1 = 0\}$  open in the topology of  $(\Sigma, d)$ . /4
- (e) Define the 1-sided shift map on two symbols,  $\sigma : \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$ . /2
- (f) Define an itinerary map,  $h$ , for  $G|_\Lambda$ . /1
- (g) Show that the itinerary map is continuous, 1-1 and onto. [Indicate which, if any, theorems you use in the proof.] /7
- (h) How many period-2 points does  $G$  have? How many prime period-8 points? /5

(3) Define a dynamical system on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  by

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+1} &= 2x_n + 3y_n - (x_n - y_n)^2 \\ y_{n+1} &= \frac{1}{2}y_n + \frac{1}{2}(x_n - y_n)^2. \end{aligned} \quad (DS)$$

(a) Show that the origin is a hyperbolic fixed point of (DS). /2

(b) Let  $\mathbf{v}_+ = \begin{pmatrix} * \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (resp.  $\mathbf{v}_- = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ * \end{pmatrix}$ ) span the stable (resp. unstable) subspace of  $(0, 0)$ . Find  $\mathbf{v}_+$  and  $\mathbf{v}_-$ . /3

(c) Introduce a system of coordinates  $(u^+, u^-)$  adapted to the stable and unstable subspaces. Express (DS) in the form

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1}^+ &= au_n^+ + p_0(u_n^+)^2 + p_1u_n^+u_n^- + p_2(u_n^-)^2 \\ u_{n+1}^- &= bu_n^- + q_0(u_n^+)^2 + q_1u_n^+u_n^- + q_2(u_n^-)^2 \end{aligned} \quad (ADS).$$

Determine the coefficients  $a, b, p_i, q_j$  for  $i, j = 0, 1, 2$ . /5

(d) Find the Maclaurin series for  $W_{loc}^+$  and  $W_{loc}^-$ , up to second order, in the coordinates  $(u^+, u^-)$ . /10

(e) Sketch the stable and unstable subspaces and manifolds in the  $(u^+, u^-)$  coordinates. Indicate how orbits beginning on the manifolds behave, and how nearby orbits behave. /5

(4) (a) State Sharkovskii's theorem. /5

(b) Let  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$  be a continuous, surjective function whose graph is shown in figure 1. Prove: for each positive integer  $n$ ,  $f$  has a periodic orbit of prime period  $n$ . /8

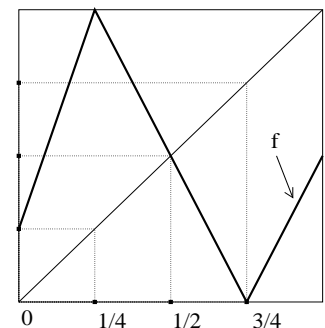


FIGURE 1.  $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ .

(c) Let  $x_{n+1} = f_\mu(x_n)$  where  $f_\mu(x) = x + \mu + x^2$  for  $x, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(i) Find the fixed points of this dynamical system. /2

(ii) Find the value of  $\mu$  for which there is a saddle-node bifurcation. /1

(iii) Find the value of  $\mu$  for which there is a flip bifurcation. Is it super- or sub-critical? /6

(iv) Sketch the bifurcation diagram in the  $(\mu, x)$  plane. /3