

No books, no notes. You may use hand calculators

1. (30 Points) Let  $g(x) = \frac{2}{5}x^3 - \frac{7}{5}x$ . The fixed points are 0, and  $\pm\sqrt{6}$ . There is a period-2 orbit of 1 and  $-1$ . The critical points are  $\pm\sqrt{\frac{7}{6}}$ . Notice that

$$g\left(\left(-\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{6}\right)\right) \subset \left(-\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{6}\right).$$

You may use the fact that every point in  $[-\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{6}]$  is in the basin of either the fixed points or points of period two. See back of test for plot of  $g(x)$  and  $g^2(x)$ .

- a. Calculate the Schwarzian derivative,

$$S_g(x) = \frac{g'''(x)}{g'(x)} - \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{g''(x)}{g'(x)} \right)^2.$$

- b. Determine the Lyapunov exponents  $h(x_0)$  for all the points  $x_0$  in  $[-\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{6}]$ . Explain why your answer is correct.

- c. Let  $x_0 = g\left(\sqrt{\frac{7}{6}}\right)$ . What is the Lyapunov exponent of  $x_0$ .

2. (25 Points) Let  $f$  be a continuous function defined on the interval  $[1, 6]$  with  $f(1) = 5$ ,  $f(2) = 6$ ,  $f(3) = 4$ ,  $f(4) = 1$ ,  $f(5) = 2$ , and  $f(6) = 3$ . Assume the the function is linear between these integers.

(a) Label the intervals between the integers and give the transition graph.

(b) For which  $n$  is there a period- $n$  orbit? Give the Symbol sequence in terms of the intervals which will give each period that exists.

3. (20 Points) Let  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $g(y) = \frac{1}{4}y^3 + \frac{3}{2}y^2 + 3y$ . Verify that  $y = C(x) = 2x - 2$  is a conjugacy between  $f$  and  $g$ .

4. (25 Points) Let

$$T(x) = \begin{cases} 5x & x \leq 0.5 \\ 5(1-x) & x \geq 0.5. \end{cases}$$

a. Sketch the graph of  $T$ .

b. Describe the set of points  $x$  such that  $x, T(x), T^2(x) \in [0, 1]$ ,

$$\{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for } 0 \leq j \leq 2\}.$$

It is made up of how many intervals of what length? What is its total length?

c. Let

$$K = \{x : T^j(x) \in [0, 1] \text{ for all } j \geq 0\}.$$

Explain which numbers in  $[0, 1]$  belong to  $K$  in terms of the numbers expansion base 5, i.e.,

$$x = \sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_j}{5^j}.$$

d. Give a number in  $K$  that is not an end point of one of the intervals in the finite process defining  $K$ .

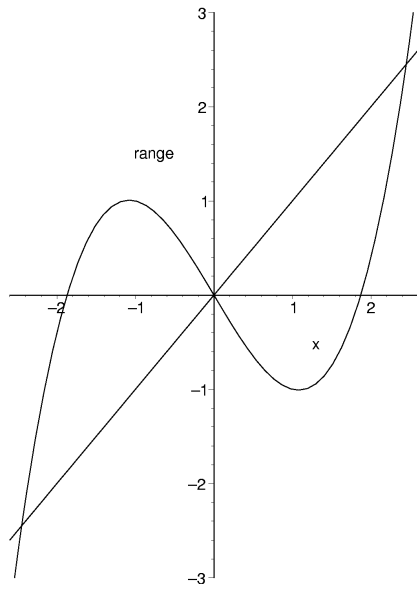


FIGURE 1. Plot of graph of  $g(x)$  for problem 1.

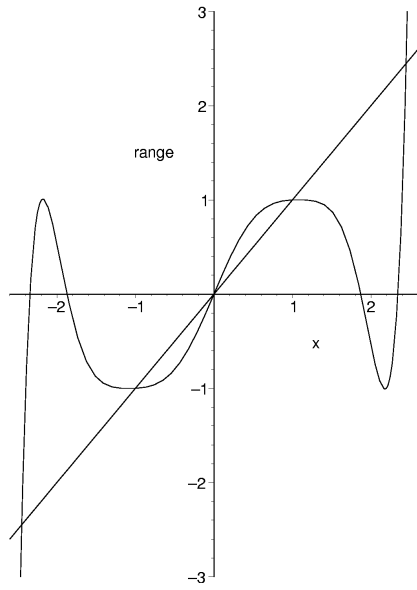


FIGURE 2. Plot of graph of  $g^2(x)$  for problem 1.