

1)

a) The fixed points x satisfy

$$x = x - \frac{g(x)}{g'(x)}$$

$$0 = - \frac{g(x)}{g'(x)}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow g(x) = 0 \text{ and } g'(x) \neq 0$$

So by definition the simple roots of g are fixed points of the Newton map.

b) If $f(x) = x - \frac{g(x)}{g'(x)}$, then

$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{g'(x)g'(x) - g(x)g''(x)}{(g'(x))^2} \quad \left. \vphantom{f'(x)} \right\} \text{quotient rule}$$

$$= 1 - 1 - \frac{g(x)g''(x)}{(g'(x))^2}$$

$$= - \frac{g(x)g''(x)}{(g'(x))^2}$$

So if x is a fixed point, from (a), $f'(x) = 0$, so that x is superstable.

2)

(a) The fixed points x must satisfy

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

$$\rightarrow 2x - x^3 = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x(2 - x^2) = 0$$

So $x \in \{0, -\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}\}$.

As $f'(x) = 3 - 3x^2$, the multipliers are

• $|f'(0)| = 3 > 1 \rightarrow x = 0$ is unstable

• $|f'(\sqrt{2})| = |3 - 3 \cdot 2| = |-3| = 3 > 1 \rightarrow x = \sqrt{2}$ is unstable

• $|f'(-\sqrt{2})| = |3 - 3 \cdot 2| = |-3| = 3 > 1 \rightarrow x = -\sqrt{2}$ is unstable

b) we have $f'(x) = 3 - 3x^2 := 0$

$$\rightarrow 3(1 - x^2) = 0$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

By the intermediate value theorem when $x \in [-2, 2]$, the extrema can only be at $x = -2, -1, 1, 2$. We have $f(-2) = 2$, $f(-1) = -2$, $f(1) = 2$, $f(2) = -2$, so $|f(x)| \leq 2$ when

$x \in [-2, 2]$. When $|x| > 2$, then $x^2 > 4 \rightarrow x^2 - 3 > 1$, so

$$|f(x)| = |x(3 - x^2)| = |x| |x^2 - 3| > |x| \cdot 1 = |x| (> 2)$$

as desired.

When $x_0 = 1.9$, this means the orbit

x_0, x_1, x_2, \dots stays in the box $|x| \leq 2$.

When $x_0 = 2.1$, the orbit stays outside of the box, which is consistent with the diagrams.

(c) we have $f(2) = 6 - 8 = -2$ and $f(-2) = -6 + 8 = 2$.

So with $p = 2, q = -2$, we have

$$\begin{cases} f(p) = q \\ f(q) = p \end{cases}$$

hence $(2, -2)$ repeating is a 2-cycle. I would call this 2-cycle a center.

3) a) The fixed points x of the ODE must satisfy, $f(x) = 0$. The fixed points of the Euler map must satisfy,

$$x = x + h f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 = h f(x)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \underline{f(x) = 0}$$

So the fixed points correspond.

b) For ODE: $f'(x^*) < 0 \rightarrow$ stable

$f'(x^*) > 0 \rightarrow$ unstable

For FE map: $|1 + h f'(x^*)| < 1$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 < 1 + h f'(x^*) < 1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -2 < h f'(x^*) < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow f'(x^*) \in \left(-\frac{2}{h}, 0\right) \rightarrow \text{stable}$$

and

$$f'(x^*) \in (-\infty, -\frac{2}{h}) \cup (0, \infty) \rightarrow \text{unstable}$$

So the stability of the fixed points match when $x \in \left(-\frac{2}{h}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)$ and don't match otherwise.

c) From (b), the FE map is stable whenever $f'(x^*) \in (-\frac{2}{h}, 0)$, i.e. when

$$-\frac{2}{h} < f'(x^*) < 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{2}{h} > -f'(x^*)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow h < -\frac{2}{f'(x^*)}$$

So if we pre-compute $f'(x^*)$ and it's negative, choose h like the above.

(d) Oscillations can occur when (the derivative of the map)

$$|1 + hf'(x^*)| = 1$$

where $1 + hf'(x^*) = g'(x^*)$, with $g(x) = x + hf(x)$.
For this to occur, we'd need

$$hf'(x^*) = -2 \quad \text{or} \quad f'(x^*) = 0$$

(but we can ignore this one)

It is common to see this condition when

$f'(x^*) \approx -\frac{2}{h}$, i.e. if h is large and

$f'(x^*)$ is near 0 or if h is small

and $f'(x^*)$ is has a large magnitude. So we should choose $h < \frac{-2}{f'(x^*)}$.

e) The FE map for this ODE is

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(1+hK) = g(x_n)$$

For there to be a 2-cycle, we need

$$x_{n+2} = x_n, \text{ ie}$$

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

$$\Leftrightarrow x_n((1+hK)^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x_n(2hK + (hK)^2) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{x_n \neq 0}{\text{don't care}} \text{ or } hK(2+hK) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{hK \neq 0}{\text{degenerate}} \text{ or } hK = -2$$

To be neutrally stable, we need $|g'(x^*)| = |1+hK| = 1$, which is true when $hK = -2$ like above. In this scenario, we have

$$x_{n+1} = x_n(1-2) = -x_n$$

So that the orbit alternates signs.