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$$\dot{x} = h + rx - x^2$$

a) Plot the bifurcation diagram for i) $h < 0$, ii) $h = 0$, and iii) $h > 0$.

First find fixed points: $f(x) = h + rx - x^2 = 0$
 $x^2 - rx - h = 0$

$$x^* = \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 - 4(1)(-h)}}{2(1)} = \frac{r \pm \sqrt{r^2 + 4h}}{2}$$

Since bifurcation is in terms of r , write

$$x^*(r) = \frac{r}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{r}{2}\right)^2 + h}$$

The bifurcation occurs when $\left(\frac{r_{crit}}{2}\right)^2 + h = 0$, therefore

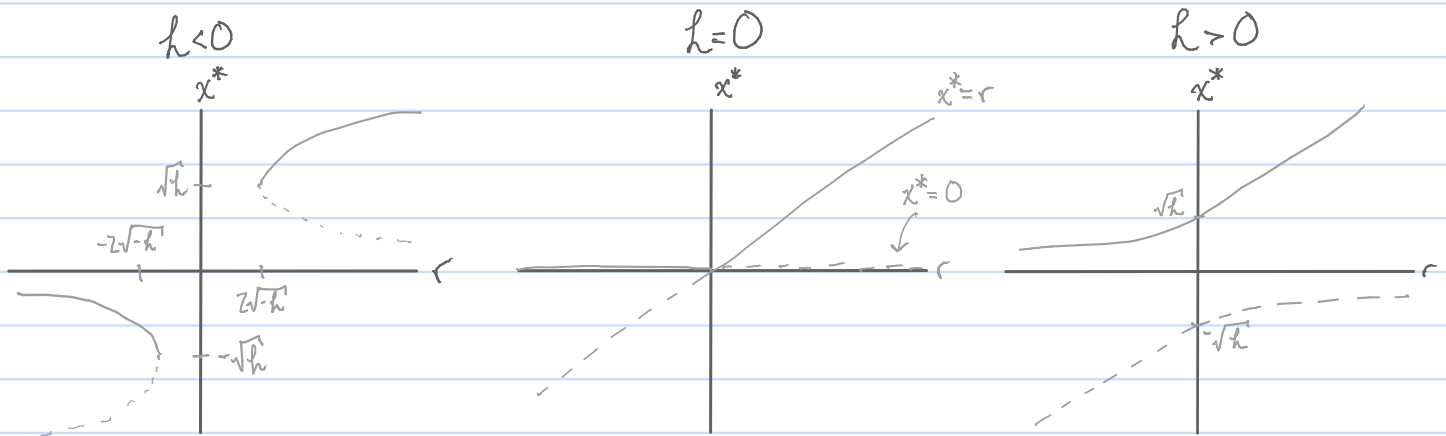
$$r_{crit} = \pm 2\sqrt{-h} \quad (\text{doesn't exist for } h > 0)$$

Stability is found using linear stability analysis:

$$f'(x^*) = -2x + r,$$

which implies that x^* is stable when $-2x > r$. We can evaluate this expression for test points in each case. For $h < 0$, let $h = -1$ and $r = \pm 4$. For $h > 0$, let $h = 1$ and $r = \pm 4$.

The bifurcation diagrams are



b)

