

MAT 332, FALL 2018. ASSIGNMENT 4. DUE ON NOV 29TH, IN CLASS.

1. Find an example of a chaotic attractor in 3D which is **NOT** covered in Chapter 7 of the textbook (either in other literature, or on the Internet). Give a brief description of your example, and illustrate its properties with a Maple worksheet (**Caution:** identical answers may be considered cheating).

2. Investigate what happens with the Lorenz system (7.1) on p. 297 of the text when parameters are changed. For  $\sigma = 10$ ,  $b = 8/3$ , and  $r = 28$  we observe chaos. With the same values of  $\sigma$  and  $b$ , use Maple to determine what happens for  $r = 10$ ,  $r = 22$ , and  $r = 100$ . In the last case you will need to start with a very large range of  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  values, so the trajectory fits in your plot. To make sure you are seeing the true long-term behaviour of the trajectories, use large values of  $t$  (starting at least from  $t = 200$ ).

3. Consider the function

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

a) Find all the fixed points and classify their stability. Use Maple to iterate graphically starting at the points  $x_0 = 1.9$  and  $x_0 = 2.1$ . Try to explain the dramatic difference between the two orbits.

b) Find a single orbit of period 2 (use Maple if necessary). Classify its stability.