Projects for MA 137

3. (Discrete Logistic Equation) Consider the following discrete-time dynamical system, which is called the discrete logistic equation and which models the size of a population over time:

$$N_{t+1} = N_t \left[1 + R \left(1 - \frac{N_t}{K} \right) \right]$$

for t = 0, 1, 2, ...

- (a) (i) Find all equilibrium points and study their stability when R = 0.5 and K = 100.
 - (*ii*) Investigate the system when $N_0 = 10$ and describe what you see (you need to draw a chart describing the values of the sequence).
- (b) (i) Find all equilibrium points and study their stability when R = 1.5 and K = 100.
 - (*ii*) Investigate the system when $N_0 = 10$ and describe what you see (you need to draw a chart describing the values of the sequence).
- (c) (i) Find all equilibrium points and study their stability when R = 2.5 and K = 100.
 - (*ii*) Investigate the system when $N_0 = 10$ and describe what you see (you need to draw a chart describing the values of the sequence).