Problem Set 10 Solutions

1. Here are some plots:

Method A, a=0.1, b=1.0, w1=2^{1/2}, w2=2e, tau=5



Figure 1: Here the ratio of the frequencies is irrational. We get a torus using both methods. Although the time series never repeats itself, this is not a chaotic system because it is not sensitive to initial conditions.



Method A, a=0.1, b=1.0, w1=1.5, w2=6, tau=5, T=30

Figure 2: Now instead of a torus we get a line twisted around itself. It circulates around the torus faster than the small corrections are happening, so there are many twists before it repeats itself.



Method A, a=0.1, b=1.0, w1=1.5, w2=6, tau=5, T=80

Figure 3: The same system is integrated for longer, and it doesn't change the phase space picture because the system is periodic.



Method A, a=3.0, b=0.1, w1=1.5, w2=6, tau=5, T=80

Figure 4: The small correction has a shorter timescale than the main oscillation. All the corrections have already happened after one revolution, so the line doesn't twist back onto itself.