

$$3a) \ddot{x} + x + e^{2x} = 0$$

Put $\dot{x} = y$, then equation becomes the system $\dot{x} = y$

$$\dot{y} = -x - e^{2x} \quad \checkmark$$

At the fixed points $\dot{x} = \dot{y} = 0$

$$\dot{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \dot{x} = y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$\dot{y} = 0 \Rightarrow y = -x - e^{2x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -e^{2x}$$

$$\text{Put } g(x) = x, f(x) = -e^{2x}$$

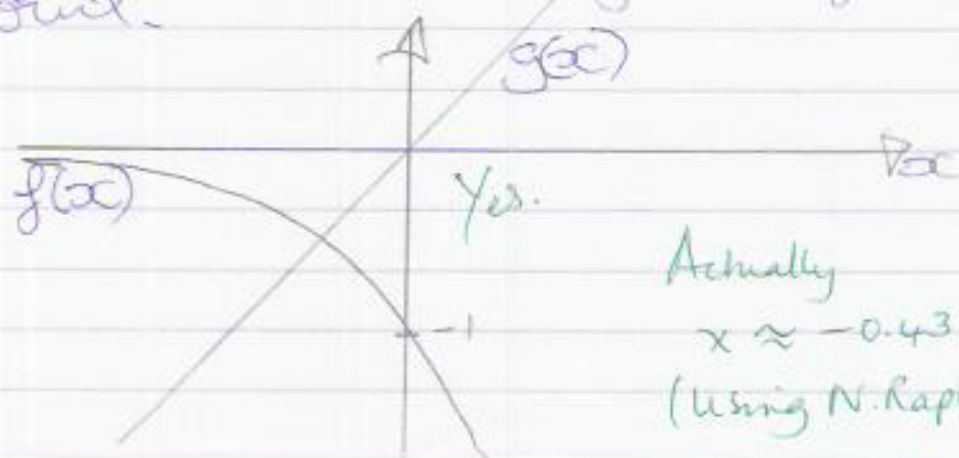
Then $g(x), f(x)$ are continuous

$g(x)$ increases with increasing x ($\frac{dg(x)}{dx} = 1 > 0$) and $f(x)$ decreases

with increasing x ($\frac{df(x)}{dx}$

$= -2e^{2x} < 0$). The domain of both is \mathbb{R} , and since $f(-1) = -0.1353$, $f(0) = -1$ and $g(-1) = -1$, $g(0) = 0$, by applying the intermediate value theorem, we see that $g(x)$ and $f(x)$ intersect at least one point.

Since $f(x)$ is decreasing, and $g(x)$ is increasing, this point of intersection is unique, hence there is only one $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $x = -e^{2x}$, so only one $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $y = -x - e^{2x} = 0$ hence there is only one fixed point.



Actually

$$x \approx -0.43$$

(Using N. Raphson)