- 1. A population P_t of mussels reproduces annually with an intrinsic rate of increase r of 3%. Harvesting removes h = 60 tons a year.
 - a. Write the updating equation for this discrete process; that is write P_{t+1} in terms of P_t and numbers.
 - b. Is there an equilibrium value for this population? If so, compute it. Yes No value: _____

- Write the updating equation as you would enter it in your calculator. Hint: It will have the form $u(n) = (\underline{\hspace{1cm}})u(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \pm h$ or $u(n) = u(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) + (\underline{\hspace{1cm}})u(\underline{\hspace{1cm}}) \pm h$.
- d. If the population is currently 1000 tons, what will it be in 23 years? in 24 years? How do you interpret what is happening?
- e. If the population is currently 3000 tons, what will it be in 6 years?
- f. (Bonus) Is the equilibrium value (assuming that there was one) stable or unstable? Explain, perhaps using a graph to help.