

(1) Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be C^2 and $f(x_0) = 0$, $f'(x_0) \neq 0$. Show that there exists $\rho > 0$ such that

$$T_x = x - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}, \quad x \in (x_0 - \rho, x_0 + \rho)$$

is a contraction. (This is the Newton's method.)

(2) Consider the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Show that f is differentiable at $x=0$ with $f'(0) = \frac{1}{2}$, but it has no local inverse at $x=0$. Does it contradict the inverse function theorem?

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