

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

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

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

2. Let  $g: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^n$  be a Lipschitz continuous map on an open set  $U$  of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with Lipschitz constant  $\alpha$  satisfying  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Let  $f = I + g$ , where  $I$  is the identity on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

(a)  $f(U)$  is an open set;

(b)  $f$  has an inverse from  $f(U)$  to  $U$ .

3. Let  $A = (a_{ij}^i)_{n \times n}$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with

$$\|A\| = \sqrt{\sum_{i,j} (a_{ij}^i)^2} < 1.$$

Show that, for all  $b \in \mathbb{R}^n$ ,

$$(I - A)x = b$$

admits a unique solution.

4. 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?