

1. Use the contraction mapping theorem to show that the equation  $\cos x = x$  has a unique real solution. Find this solution to some reasonable accuracy using an electronic pocket calculator, and justify the claimed accuracy of your approximation.
2. Let  $(X, d)$  be a non-empty complete metric space. Suppose  $f: X \rightarrow X$  is a contraction and  $g: X \rightarrow X$  is a function which commutes with  $f$ , i.e. such that  $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$  for all  $x \in X$ . Show that  $g$  has a fixed point. Must this fixed point be unique?
3. Let  $I = [0, R]$  be an interval and let  $C(I)$  be the space of continuous functions on  $I$ . Show that, for any  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , we may define a norm by  $\|f\|_\alpha = \sup_{x \in I} |f(x)e^{-\alpha x}|$ , and that the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  is Lipschitz equivalent to the uniform norm  $\|f\| = \sup_{x \in I} |f(x)|$ .  
Now suppose that  $\phi: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous, and Lipschitz in the second variable. Consider the map  $T: C(I) \rightarrow C(I)$  defined by  $T(f)(x) = y_0 + \int_0^x \phi(t, f(t))dt$ . Give an example to show that  $T$  need not be a contraction under the uniform norm. Show, however, that  $T$  is a contraction under the norm  $\|\cdot\|_\alpha$  for some  $\alpha$ , and hence deduce that the differential equation  $f'(x) = \phi(x, f(x))$  has a unique solution on  $I$  satisfying  $f(0) = y_0$ .
4. Define  $f: \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$  by  $f(A) = A^4$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable at every  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n$ , and find  $Df|_A$  as a linear map. Show further that  $f$  is twice-differentiable at every  $A \in \mathcal{M}_n$  and find  $D^2f|_A$  as a bilinear map from  $\mathcal{M}_n \times \mathcal{M}_n$  to  $\mathcal{M}_n$ .
5. Let  $\|\cdot\|$  denote the usual Euclidean norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that the map sending  $x$  to  $\|x\|^2$  is differentiable everywhere. What is its derivative? Where is the map sending  $x$  to  $\|x\|$  differentiable and what is its derivative?
6. We work in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the Euclidean norm. Consider the map  $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $f(x) = x/\|x\|$  for  $x \neq 0$ , and  $f(0) = 0$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable except at 0, and that

$$Df|_x(h) = \frac{h}{\|x\|} - \frac{x(x \cdot h)}{\|x\|^3}.$$

Verify that  $Df|_x(h)$  is orthogonal to  $x$  and explain geometrically why this is the case.

7. At which points is the function  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x, y) = |x||y|$  differentiable? What about the function  $g: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$g(x, y) = \begin{cases} xy/\sqrt{x^2 + y^2} & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases}?$$

8. Show that the function  $\det: \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is differentiable at the identity matrix  $I$  with  $D \det|_I(H) = \text{tr}(H)$ . Deduce that  $\det$  is differentiable at any invertible matrix  $A$  with  $D \det|_A(H) = \det A \text{tr}(A^{-1}H)$ . Show further that  $\det$  is twice differentiable at  $I$  and find  $D^2 \det|_I$  as a bilinear map.

9. Let  $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

(a) Suppose that  $D_1 f$  exists and is continuous in some open ball around  $(a, b)$ , and that  $D_2 f$  exists at  $(a, b)$ . Show that  $f$  is differentiable at  $(a, b)$ .

(b) Suppose instead that  $D_1 f$  exists and is bounded on some open ball around  $(a, b)$ , and that for fixed  $x$  the function  $y \mapsto f(x, y)$  is continuous. Show that  $f$  is continuous at  $(a, b)$ .

10. Define  $f: \mathcal{M}_n \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$  by  $f(A) = A^2$ . Show that  $f$  is continuously differentiable on the whole of  $\mathcal{M}_n$ . Deduce that there is a continuous square-root function on some neighbourhood of  $I$ ; that is, show that there is an open ball  $B_\varepsilon(I)$  for some  $\varepsilon > 0$  and a continuous function  $g: B_\varepsilon(I) \rightarrow \mathcal{M}_n$  such that  $g(A)^2 = A$  for all  $A \in B_\varepsilon(I)$ . Is it possible to define a continuous square-root function on the whole of  $\mathcal{M}_n$ ?

11. Give an example of a non-empty complete metric space  $(X, d)$  and a function  $f: X \rightarrow X$  satisfying  $d(f(x), f(y)) < d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$  with  $x \neq y$ , but such that  $f$  has no fixed point. Suppose now that  $X$  is a non-empty closed bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}^n$  with the Euclidean metric. Show that in this case  $f$  must have a fixed point. If  $g: X \rightarrow X$  satisfies  $d(g(x), g(y)) \leq d(x, y)$  for all  $x, y \in X$ , must  $g$  have a fixed point?

12. Let  $(X, d)$  be a non-empty complete metric space and let  $f: X \rightarrow X$  be a function such that for each positive integer  $n$  we have

- (i) if  $d(x, y) < n + 1$  then  $d(f(x), f(y)) < n$ ; and
- (ii) if  $d(x, y) < 1/n$  then  $d(f(x), f(y)) < 1/(n + 1)$ .

Must  $f$  have a fixed point?

13. Let  $(X, d)$  be a non-empty complete metric space, let  $f: X \rightarrow X$  be a continuous function, and let  $K \in [0, 1)$ .

(a) Suppose we assume that for all  $x, y \in X$  we have either  $d(f(x), f(y)) \leq Kd(x, y)$  or  $d(f(f(x)), f(f(y))) \leq Kd(x, y)$ . Show that  $f$  has a fixed point.

<sup>+</sup>(b) Suppose instead we assume only that for all  $x, y \in X$  at least one of the three distances  $d(f(x), f(y))$ ,  $d(f(f(x)), f(f(y)))$  and  $d(f(f(f(x))), f(f(f(y))))$  is less than or equal to  $Kd(x, y)$ . Must  $f$  have a fixed point?