

1. (i) Show that the nontrivial fixed point of the equation  $9x = x^3, x \in [0, \infty]$  is unstable, that is you cannot find the nontrivial fixed point by using the fixed point iteration  $9x_{k+1} = x_k^3$  with arbitrary  $x_0 \neq 3 \in [0, \infty]$ . 10%
- (i) Please develop a new fixed iteration method such that the non-trivial fixed point of Problem 1 (i) is stable, 10%

2. (i) Develop a numerical method to compute the transcendental number  $\pi$  if there is no internal trigonometric function in your calculator. 10%

(i) Give a brief error analysis of the method you proposed, 10%

3. Let  $f \in C^3(a, b)$  and  $|f'''(x)| < M$  for  $x \in (a, b)$ . Consider a centered difference formula to be an approximation of  $f'(x)$ , i.e.,

$$f'(x) \approx \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{2h}, \quad x \in (a, b)$$

Show that the centered difference formula is numerical unstable, i.e., the error function  $e_x(h)$  which is defined by the difference of the derivative  $f'(x)$  and the approximation formula satisfies

$$e_x(h) \leq \frac{\varepsilon}{h} + \frac{h^2}{6} M,$$

where  $\varepsilon = \max \{|f(x+h) - f'(x)(f(x+h))|, |f(x-h) - f'(x)(f(x-h))|\}$ . 10%

4. Show that there is a unique quadratic function  $p_2$  satisfying the conditions

$$p_2(0) = a_0, \quad p_2(1) = a_1 \quad \text{and} \quad \int_0^1 p_2(x) dx = \bar{a}$$

with given  $a_0, a_1$  and  $\bar{a}$ . 10%

5. Consider the nonlinear integral equation

$$u(t) = \int_0^1 k(t, s, u(s)) ds$$

over the space  $U = C[0, 1]$ . Assume  $K \in C([0, 1] \times [0, 1] \times \mathbb{R})$  and is continuously differentiable with respect to its third argument. Introducing an operator  $F : U \rightarrow U$  through the formula

$$F(u)(t) = u(t) - \int_0^1 k(t, s, u(s)) ds, \quad t \in [0, 1]$$

the integral equation can be written in form  $F(u) = 0$ .

- (i) Describe a Newton-type method to solve the nonlinear integral equation, 10%
- (i) Explore sufficient conditions for the convergence of the Newton-type method, 10%
6. Is it possible to use  $af(x+h) + bf(x) + cf(x-h)$  with suitably chosen coefficients  $a, b, c$  to approximate  $f'''(x)$ ? How many function values are needed to approximate  $f'''(x)$ ? 10%

7. (i) Describe the prototype projection method for solving the linear system  $Ax = b$ , where  $A$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix and  $b$  is an  $n$  vector. 10%
- (ii) Let  $x$  be the approximate solution obtained from a projection process onto  $K$  and orthogonal to  $L = AK$ . Define  $\tilde{r} = b - A\tilde{x}$ . Show that  $\|\tilde{r}\|_2 \leq \|r_0\|_2$ , where  $r_0 = b - Ax_0$  and  $x_0$  is an initial guess for the projection method. 5%
- (iii) Let  $A$  be symmetric positive definite and  $L = K$ . Show that  $\|\tilde{d}\|_A < \|d_0\|_A$ , where  $\tilde{d} = x_* - \tilde{x}$ ,  $d_0 = x_* - x_0$ , and  $x_* = A^{-1}b$ . Here  $\|d\|_A = \sqrt{d^T A d}$ . (5%)