

1. Let

$$x_{n+1} = \frac{1 - (1 - x_n^3)^{1/3}}{1 + (1 - x_n^3)^{1/3}}, \quad x_0 = 1/2.$$

Assuming  $x_n \rightarrow 0$ , determine the order of convergence of the sequence.

2. Prove Taylor's Remainder Theorem (Lagrange form) for the case  $n = 3$ .

3. Let  $F \in C^1(\mathbf{R})$  and  $s_1 < s_2 < s_3$  be such that

$$F(s_1) = s_1, \quad F(s_2) = s_2, \quad F(s_3) = s_3, \quad \text{and} \quad F(x) \neq x \text{ for } x \in \mathbf{R} \setminus \{s_1, s_2, s_3\}.$$

If

$$|F'(s_1)| = |F'(s_3)| = \frac{3}{4}$$

what bounds exist on  $|F'(s_2)|$ ? With these derivative conditions on  $F$ , if

$$x_{n+1} = F(x_n)$$

converges which of the 3 fixed points will it converge to?

4. Let  $x_0$  and  $x_1$  be close to a root  $r$  of some function  $f$ . Provide conditions on  $f$  such that

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - f(x_n) \left( \frac{x_n - x_0}{f(x_n) - f(x_0)} \right)$$

converges linearly to  $r$ .