



Time: 15:00–16:00

Mid-Semester Exam

Marks: 20

1. i. Give an example of a function which has both stable and unstable fixed points.  
ii. Suppose that  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuously differentiable and  $g(\xi) = \xi$  with  $|g'(\xi)| > 1$ . Show that the sequence  $\{x_k\}$  defined by  $x_{k+1} = g(x_k)$ ,  $k \geq 0$ , does not converge to  $\xi$  from any starting value  $x_0$ ,  $x_0 \neq \xi$ , unless the sequence reaches  $\xi$  in a finite number of steps

[2+4=6]

2. Let

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 7 & 9 \end{pmatrix}.$$

Find a permutation matrix  $P$ , a unit lower triangular matrix  $L$ , and an upper triangular matrix  $U$  such that

$$PA = LU.$$

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3. Let  $A$  be a matrix on  $\mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$  and  $\|\cdot\|$  be a given norm on  $\mathbb{R}^n$ . Show that

$$\|A\| = \max\{\|Av\| : \|v\| \leq 1\}.$$

[5]

4. Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^n \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a linear function. Show that, for all  $w = (w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ , there exists a positive constant  $C$  (independent of  $w$ ) such that

$$|f(w)|^3 \leq C(|w_1|^3 + |w_2|^3 + \dots + |w_n|^3).$$

[5]

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