

# Mathematical Analysis II exercises, 2020/21 First semester

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## Naive set theory, real numbers

- Prove  $a(-b) = -ab$  from the axiom of the real numbers.

*Solution.* We use

- definition of negative:  $-x$  is the unique real number such that  $x + (-x) = 0$
- distributive law  $(x + y)z = xz + yz$
- definitions of zero and negative

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ab + a(-b) &= a(b + (-b)) && \text{(distributive law)} \\ &= a \cdot 0 && \text{(definition of negative)} \\ &= 0 && \text{(definition of zero)} \end{aligned}$$

and by the definition of negative,  $a(-b) = -(ab)$ .

- Prove that  $a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}$ .
- Prove  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$ .

*Solution.* We use

- commutativity and associativity of product
- definition of fraction  $\frac{x}{y} = xy^{-1}$
- $a^{-1}b^{-1} = (ab)^{-1}$

Indeed, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} &= ab^{-1}cd^{-1} && \text{(definition of fraction)} \\ &= acb^{-1}d^{-1} && \text{(commutativity and associativity)} \\ &= ac(bd)^{-1} && \text{(exercise)} \\ &= \frac{ac}{bd} \end{aligned}$$

- Prove  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$ .
- For real numbers  $a, b, c$ , prove that if  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$ .

*Solution.* We use

- if  $x < y$ , then  $x + z < y + z$

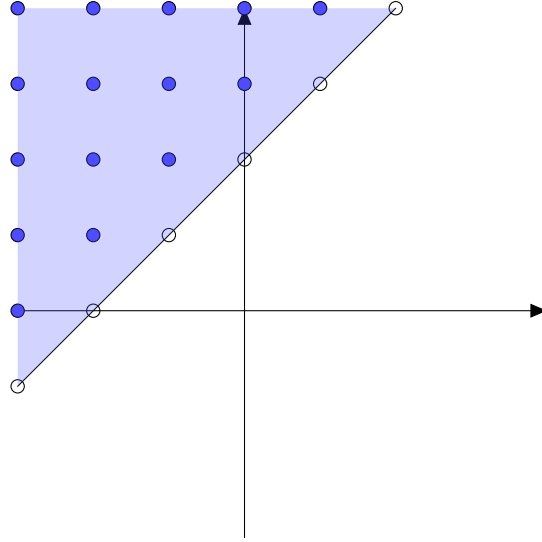


Figure 1: The set of all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  with  $y > x + 2$ .

- if  $0 < x, 0 < y$ , then  $0 < x + y$
- associativity

Indeed, we have  $0 < b - a$  by adding  $-a$  to  $a < b$ . Similarly,  $0 < c - b$ . By taking the sum, we get  $0 < (b - a) + (c - b) = c - a$ . Adding  $a$  to both side, we get  $a < c$ .

- Let  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : \text{there is } y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = 2y\}$ . What are  $A \cap B$  and  $A \cup B$ ?

*Solution.*  $B$  is the set of even numbers, hence  $A \cap B = \{0, 2\}$ .  $A \cup B$  does not have a nice representation, but formally it is  $A \cup B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x = 1, 3 \text{ or there is } y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = 2y\} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$ .

- Let  $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : \text{there is } y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = 3y\}$ ,  $B = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : \text{there is } y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = 2y\}$ . What is  $A \cap B$ ?
- Let  $A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : \text{there is } y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = ny\}$ . What are  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n$  and  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n$ ?

*Solution.* Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $x = 0$ , then  $x \in A_n$  for all  $n$ , hence  $x \in \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n$ . On the other hand, if  $x \neq 0, -1$ , then  $x \notin A_{x+1}$ , hence  $x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n$ . If  $x = -1$ ,  $x \notin A_2$ , hence  $x \notin \bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n$ . Altogether,  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n = \{0\}$ .

For  $x \neq -1$ ,  $x \in A_x$  (if  $x$  is positive) or  $x \in A_{-x}$  (if  $x$  is negative). On the other hand,  $1, -1 \notin A_n$  for any  $n \geq 2$ . Altogether,  $\bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2} A_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x \neq 1, -1\}$ .

- Let  $A = \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $B = \{(x, y) \in A \times A : y > x + 2\}$ . Draw (a part of) its graph. What if  $A = \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ ?

*Solution.* See Figure 1.

- Draw the graph of the set  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = x\}$ .

*Solution.* See Figure 2.

- Draw the graph of the set  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = x^2\}$ .

*Solution.* Note that

- if  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1^2 = 1$ .

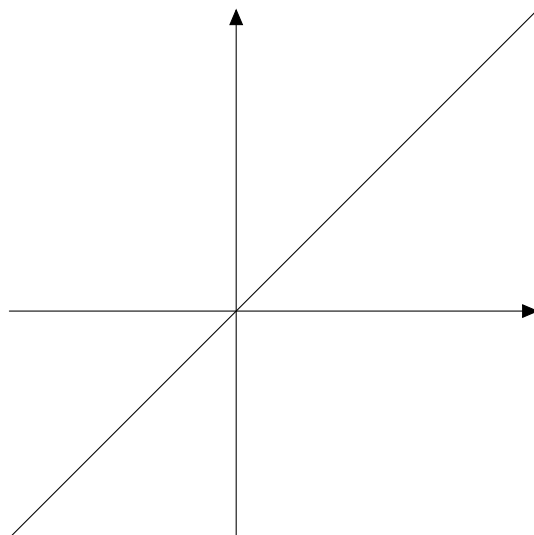


Figure 2: The set of all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $y = x$ .

- if  $x = 0.5$ ,  $y = 0.5^2 = 0.25$ .
- if  $x = 0.1$ ,  $y = 0.1^2 = 0.01$ .
- if  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 2^2 = 4$ .
- if  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 3^2 = 9$ .
- if  $x = -1$ ,  $y = (-1)^2 = 1$ .

This is known as a **parabola**. See Figure 3.

- Draw the graph of the set  $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y < x^2 + 1\}$ .

*Solution.* Note that one has to take the region below the parabola  $y = x^2 + 1$ . See Figure 4.

- Prove that  $2\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

*Solution 1.* Follow the proof of irrationality of  $\sqrt{2}$ .

*Solution 2.* Use the fact that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. If  $2\sqrt{2}$  were rational, then  $2\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$  for some  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , but this would imply that  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{2q}$  is rational, which is a contradiction. Therefore,  $2\sqrt{2}$  must be irrational.

- Prove that  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational.

*Solution.* Follow the proof of irrationality of  $\sqrt{2}$ . Use the fact that  $x^2$  is a multiple of 3 if and only if  $x$  is a multiple of 3 (why?).

- Let  $A = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\} = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . Determine  $\inf A$  and  $\sup A$ .

*Solution.* 1 is the largest element in  $A$ , hence  $\sup A = 1$ .

0 is a lower bound of  $A$ . On the other hand, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$  (the Archimedean principle). This means that any positive number  $\epsilon$  cannot be a lower bound. Therefore, 0 is the greatest lower bound:  $\inf A = 0$ .

- Let  $A = \{0.9, 0.99, 0.999, \dots\}$ . Determine  $\inf A$  and  $\sup A$ .

*Solution.*

0.9 is the smallest element in  $A$ , hence  $\inf A = 0.9$ .

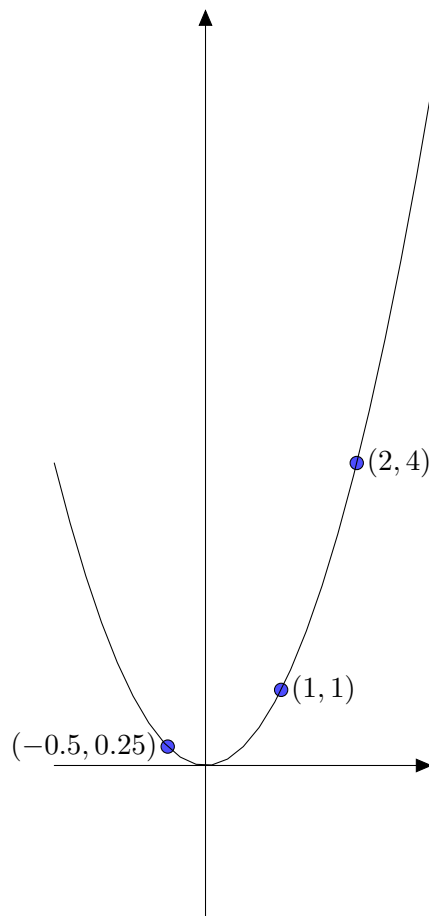


Figure 3: The set of all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $y = x$ .

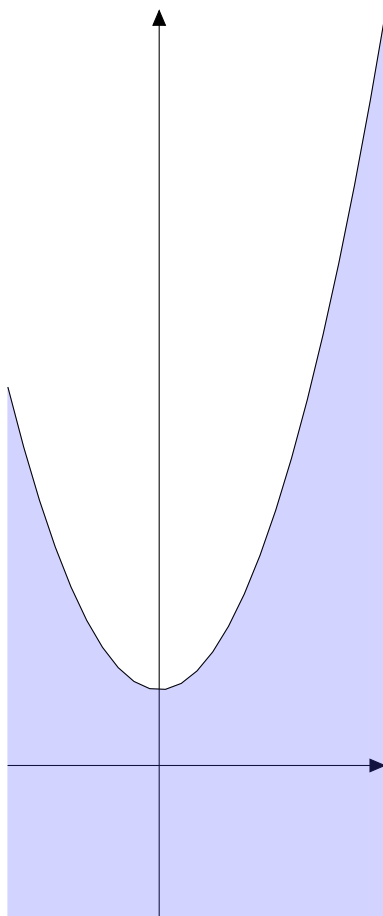


Figure 4: The set of all points  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  with  $y < x^2 + 1$ .

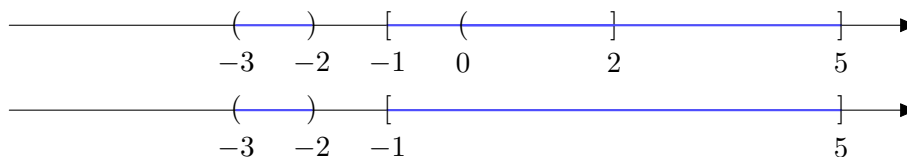


Figure 5:  $[-1, 2] \cup (-3, -2) \cup (0, 5] = [-1, 5] \cup (-3, -2)$ .

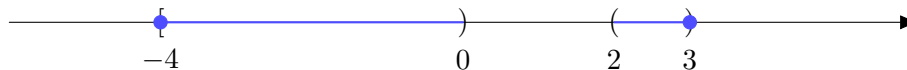


Figure 6:  $[-4, 0) \cup (2, 3]$ .

1 is an upper bound of  $A$ . On the other hand, for any  $\epsilon > 0$ , there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$  (the Archimedean principle). We can take  $0.0 \dots 01 < \frac{1}{n}$ , and  $1 - 0.0 \dots 01 = 0.09 \dots 99$ , and the next element in  $A$  is larger than it. This means that for any positive number  $1 - \epsilon$  cannot be an upper bound. Therefore, 1 is the least upper bound:  $\sup A = 1$ .

- Let  $B = \{0.3, 0.33, 0.333, \dots\}$ . Determine  $\inf A$  and  $\sup A$ .

*Solution.* We have  $B = \frac{1}{3}A$ , where  $A$  is the set in the previous exercise. It holds that  $\sup B = \frac{1}{3} \sup A = \frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\inf B = \frac{1}{3} \inf A = 0$  (why? See the proof of the theorem  $\sup A + \sup B = \sup(A + B)$ ).

- $x = 0.000001$ . For which  $n$  does it hold that  $\frac{1}{n} < x$ ?

*Solution.*  $x = 1/1000000$ . So we can take  $n = 1000001$ .

## Intervals, induction, functions.

- Draw the set on the line  $[-1, 2] \cup (-3, -2) \cup (0, 5]$ .

*Solution.* See Figure 5

- Determine the  $\inf$  and  $\sup$  of  $A = [-4, 0) \cup (2, 3]$ .

*Solution.*  $\inf A = -4$ ,  $\sup A = 3$ . See Figure 6

- Determine the set  $(1, 3) + (-2, 2]$ .

*Solution.*  $(-1, 5)$ . See Figure 7

- Determine the set  $5 \cdot (2, 3)$ .

*Solution.*  $(10, 15)$ .

- Represent the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 2x < 0\}$  as an interval.

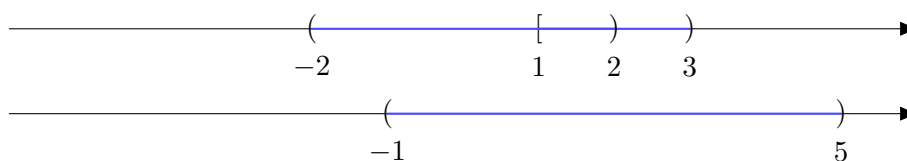


Figure 7:  $(1, 3) + (-2, 2] = (-1, 5)$ .

*Solution.* The condition  $x^2 - 2x < 0$  can be written equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 2x < 0 &\iff x(x - 2) < 0 \\ &\iff (x < 0, x - 2 > 0) \text{ or } (x > 0, x - 2 < 0) \\ &\iff (x < 0, x > 2) \text{ or } (x > 0, x < 2) \\ &\iff (0 < x < 2) \end{aligned}$$

hence it is the interval  $(0, 2)$ .

- Represent the set  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 5x + 6 > 0\}$  as a union of intervals.

*Solution.* The condition  $x^2 - 5x + 6 > 0$  can be written equivalently as

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 5x + 6 > 0 &\iff (x - 2)(x - 3) > 0 \\ &\iff (x - 2 < 0, x - 3 < 0) \text{ or } (x - 2 > 0, x - 3 < 0) \\ &\iff (x < 2, x < 3) \text{ or } (x > 2, x > 3) \\ &\iff x < 2 \text{ or } x > 3 \end{aligned}$$

hence it is the union  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$ .

- Determine the decimal representation of  $\frac{3}{7}$ .

*Solution.* Let  $\frac{3}{7} = a_0.a_1a_2\cdots$ . Note that  $\frac{3}{7} < 1$ , hence we have  $a_0 = 0$ . Next,  $\frac{3}{7} \times 10 = \frac{30}{7} = 4 + \frac{2}{7}$ , hence we have  $a_1 = 4$ . Next,  $\frac{2}{7} \times 10 = \frac{20}{7} = 2 + \frac{6}{7}$ , hence we have  $a_2 = 2$ , and so on.

Therefore, we have  $\frac{3}{7} = 0.428571428571\cdots$ .

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- Give an algorithm to produce a nonrepeating decimal representation.

*Solution.* Just an example. Set  $0.101001000100001000001\cdots$ .

- Compute  $\sum_{k=1}^5 (2k + 1)$ .

*Solution.*

$$\sum_{k=1}^5 (2k + 1) = (2 + 1) + (4 + 1) + (6 + 1) + (8 + 1) + (10 + 1) = 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 = 35.$$

- Compute  $\sum_{k=2}^6 (2(k-1) + 1)$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=2}^6 (2(k-1) + 1) &= (2+1) + (4+1) + (6+1) + (8+1) + (10+1) \\ &= 3 + 5 + 7 + 9 + 11 = 35.\end{aligned}$$

- Prove the formula  $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = n^2$ .

*Solution.* By induction. For  $n = 1$ , we have  $\sum_{k=1}^1 (2k-1) = 1 = 1^2$ . Assuming the formula for  $n$ , we compute

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (2k-1) &= \sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) + (2(n+1)-1) \\ &= n^2 + 2n + 1 = (n+1)^2.\end{aligned}$$

- Write  $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1)$  as a sum from  $k = 0$  to  $n-1$ .

*Solution.*  $\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (2(k+1)-1) = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} (2k+1)$ .

- Compute the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n 10^{-k}$ .

*Solution.* By the formula for the sum of powers, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{0.1(1-0.1^n)}{1-0.1} &= \frac{\overbrace{0.09 \dots 9}^{n\text{-times}}}{0.9} = \underbrace{0.1 \dots 1}_{n\text{-times}}. \\ \sum_{k=1}^n 10^{-k} &= 0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 \dots 0. \underbrace{0 \dots 0}_{n-1\text{-times}} 1 = \underbrace{0.1 \dots 1}_{n\text{-times}}.\end{aligned}$$

- Compute the sum  $\sum_{k=1}^n 2^{-1}$ .

*Solution.* By the formula for the sum of powers, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\sum_{k=1}^n 2^{-1} &= \frac{\frac{1}{2}(1-(\frac{1}{2})^n)}{1-\frac{1}{2}} = 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n. \\ \sum_{k=1}^1 2^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2}. \\ \sum_{k=1}^2 2^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4}. \\ \sum_{k=1}^3 2^{-1} &= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{8}.\end{aligned}$$

- Expand  $(x+y)^5$ .

*Solution.* By the binomial theorem,

$$\begin{aligned}(x+y)^5 &= \binom{5}{0}x^5 + \binom{5}{1}x^4y + \binom{5}{2}x^3y^2 + \binom{5}{3}x^2y^3 + \binom{5}{4}xy^4 + \binom{5}{5}y^5 \\ &= \frac{5!}{0!5!}x^5 + \frac{5!}{1!4!}x^4y + \frac{5!}{2!3!}x^3y^2 + \frac{5!}{3!2!}x^2y^3 + \frac{5!}{4!1!}xy^4 + \frac{5!}{5!0!}y^5 \\ &= x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5.\end{aligned}$$



- Prove that  $\sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} = 2^n$ .

*Solution.* By the binomial theorem,  $2^n = (1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^k 1^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k}$ .

- Prove that  $\sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} = 0$ .

*Solution.* By the binomial theorem,  $0 = 0^n = ((-1) + 1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k 1^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} (-1)^k$ .

- Determine the domains of the following

–  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$

*Solution.* To have the square root, the number must be positive or zero. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 1 \geq 0 &\iff (x-1)(x+1) \geq 0 \\ &\iff (x-1 \geq 0, x+1 \geq 0) \text{ or } (x-1 \leq 0, x+1 \leq 0) \\ &\iff (x \geq 1, x \geq -1) \text{ or } (x \leq 1, x \leq -1) \\ &\iff (x \geq 1) \text{ or } (x \leq -1) \end{aligned}$$

hence the domain is  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$ .

–  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2}$

*Solution.* To have the division, the denominator must not be zero. That is,

$$\begin{aligned} x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 2 \neq 0 &\iff (x+2)(x^2 - 1) \neq 0 \\ &\iff (x+2)(x-1)(x+1) \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

hence the domain is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$ .

- Determine the inverse functions of the following.

–  $f(x) = x + 1$

*Solution.* The inverse  $f^{-1}$  should satisfy  $f^{-1}(x+1) = x$ . We see that  $f^{-1}(x) = x - 1$ . Then we indeed have  $(x-1) + 1 = x$ .

–  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  on  $(0, \infty)$ .

*Solution.* The inverse  $f^{-1}$  should satisfy  $f^{-1}(\frac{1}{x}) = x$ . We see that  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Then we indeed have  $\frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} = x$ .

Compare the graphs. How can one obtain one from the other?

–  $f(x) = x^2, g(x) = (x-1)^2 + 2$ .

*Solution.*  $g$  can be obtained by shifting  $f$  by  $(1, 2)$ . Indeed, their graphs are

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = x^2\} \\ g &= \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y' = (x' - 1)^2 + 2\} = \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y' - 2 = (x' - 1)^2\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if the point  $(x, y)$  is on the graph of  $f$ , then the point  $(x', y') = (x+1, y+2)$  is on the graph of  $g$ .

–  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - x, g(x) = \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{x}{2}$ .

*Solution.*  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{x}{2})^3 - \frac{x}{2}$  can be obtained by dilating the  $x$ -direction of  $f$  by 2. Indeed, their graphs are

$$\begin{aligned} f &= \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - x\} \\ g &= \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y' = \frac{1}{2}(\frac{x'}{2})^3 - \frac{x'}{2}\} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, if the point  $(x, y)$  is on the graph of  $f$ , then the point  $(x', y') = (2x, y)$  is on the graph of  $g$ .

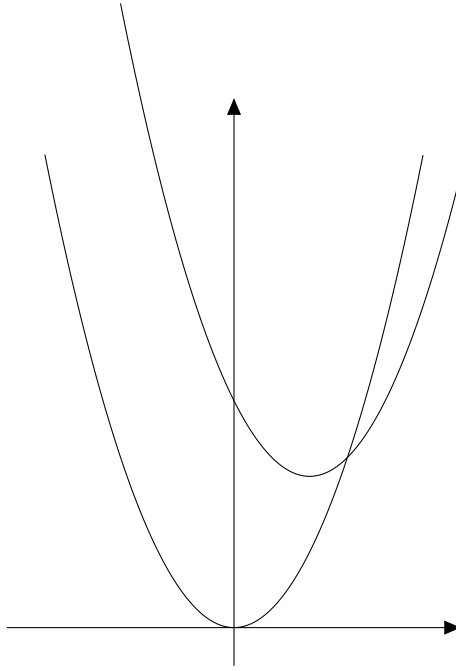


Figure 8: The graphs of  $y = x^2$  and  $y = (x - 1)^2 + 2$ .

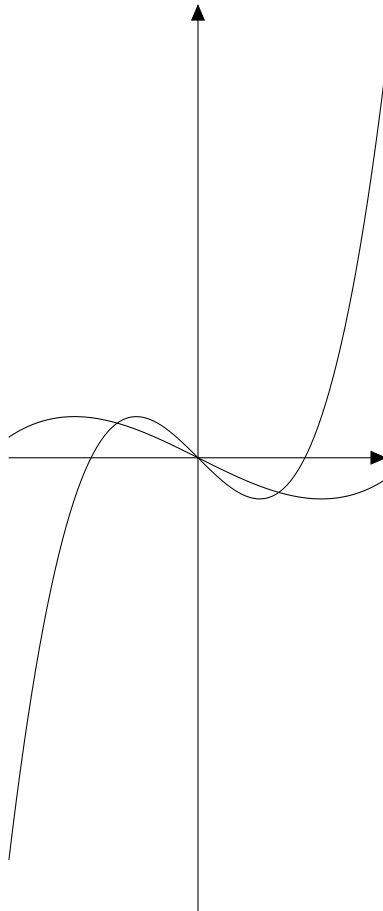


Figure 9: The graphs of  $y = \frac{1}{2}x^3 - x$  and  $y = \frac{x^3}{16} - \frac{x}{2}$ .

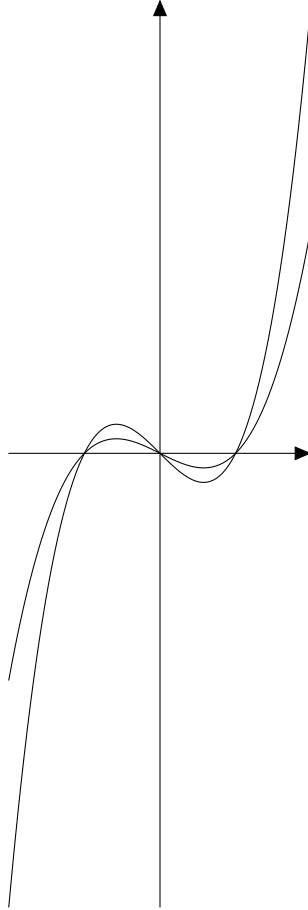


Figure 10: The graphs of  $y = x^3 - x$  and  $y = \frac{1}{2}(x^3 - x)$ .

–  $f(x) = x^3 - x, g(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{2}$

*Solution.*  $g(x)$  can be obtained by dilating the  $y$ -direction of  $f$  by  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Indeed, their graphs are

$$f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = x^3 - x\}$$

$$g = \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y' = \frac{1}{2}(x'^3 - x')\} = \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : 2y' = x'^3 - x'\}$$

Therefore, if the point  $(x, y)$  is on the graph of  $f$ , then the point  $(x', y') = (x, \frac{y}{2})$  is on the graph of  $g$ .

–  $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}, g(x) = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{1 - 4(x + 2)^2}$

*Solution.*  $g(x)$  can be obtained by dilating the  $y$ -direction of  $f$  by  $\frac{1}{3}$  and by dilating by  $\frac{1}{2}$  then shifting the  $x$ -direction by  $-2$ . Indeed, their graphs are

$$f = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}\}$$

$$g = \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y' = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{1 - 4(x' + 2)^2}\}$$

$$= \{(x', y') \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : 3y' = \sqrt{1 - (2(x' + 2))^2}\}$$

Therefore, if the point  $(x, y)$  is on the graph of  $f$ , then the point  $(x', y') = (\frac{x}{2} - 2, \frac{y}{3})$  is on the graph of  $g$ .

## Limit of sequences and functions.

- Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{n}}}$  and  $\epsilon = 0.01$ . Find  $N$  such that for  $n > N$  it holds  $|a_n| < \epsilon$ .

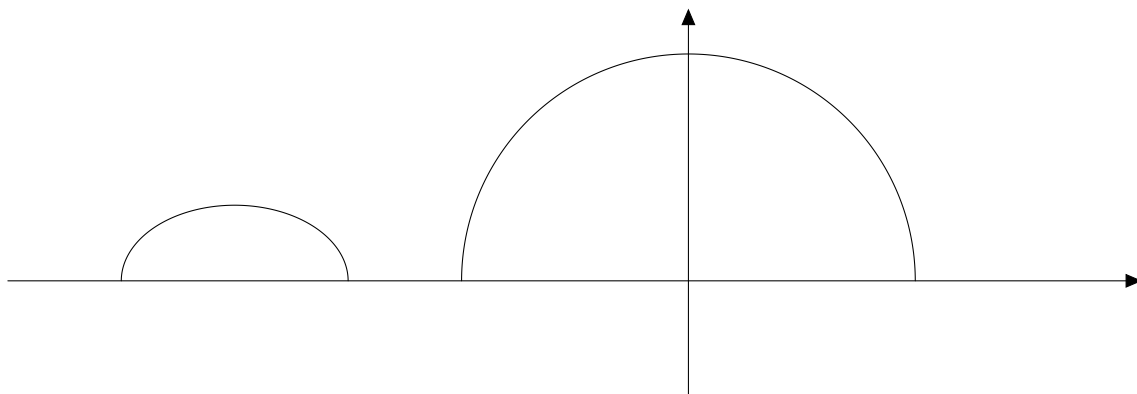


Figure 11: The graphs of  $y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$  and  $y = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{1 - 4(x+2)^2}$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $\sqrt{\sqrt{100000000}^{-1}} = \sqrt{\sqrt{0.00000001}} = 0.01$ , hence if  $n > 100000000$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{n}}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{100000000}}} = 0.01$ . We can take  $N = 100000000$ .

- Let  $a_n = \frac{1}{2^n}$  and  $\epsilon = 0.00001$ . Find  $N$  such that for  $n > N$  it holds  $|a_n| < \epsilon$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $2^{17} = 131072 > 100000$ , hence  $\frac{1}{2^{17}} < \frac{1}{100000} = 0.00001$ . As  $\frac{1}{2^n} > \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$ , we can take  $N = 17$ .

- Show that a constant sequence  $a_n = C \in \mathbb{R}$  is convergent.

*Solution.* For any given  $\epsilon > 0$  we can take  $N = 1$  and then for any  $n > 1$  we have  $|a_n - C| = |C - C| = 0 < \epsilon$ .

- Tell whether  $\{a_n\}$  converges, and if it does, compute the limit  $a_n = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}}$ .

*Solution.*  $\frac{1}{n}$  converges to 0, and  $1 + \frac{1}{n}$  converges to 1 (sum), and  $\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}}$  converges to  $\frac{1}{1} = 1$  (quotient with nonzero denominator).

- Tell whether  $\{a_n\}$  converges, and if it does, compute the limit  $a_n = \frac{n}{1+\frac{1}{n}}$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $\frac{n}{n+1} = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{n}}$ , hence this converges to 1 by the previous problem.

- Tell whether  $\{a_n\}$  converges, and if it does, compute the limit  $a_n = \frac{n^3+n^2+4}{n^3+100}$ . *Solution.*

Note that  $\frac{n^3+n^2+4}{n^3+100} = \frac{1+\frac{1}{n}+\frac{4}{n^2}}{1+\frac{100}{n^3}}$ . The numerator tends to 1 and the denominator tends to 1 as well, therefore,  $a_n \rightarrow 1$ .

- Let  $x = 0.12341234 \dots$ . Represent  $x$  as a rational number.

*Solution.*  $x$  is approximated by

$$\begin{aligned} 0.1 + 0.02 + 0.003 + 0.0004 + \dots &= \sum_{k=1}^n 1234 \cdot 10000^{-k} \\ &= \frac{1234(1 - 10000^{-n})}{1 - 10000} \rightarrow \frac{1234}{10000 - 1} = \frac{1234}{9999}. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2$ .

*Solution.* We have seen that  $f(x) = x$  is continuous, therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x = 2$  and with  $g(x) = x \cdot x$  we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$ .

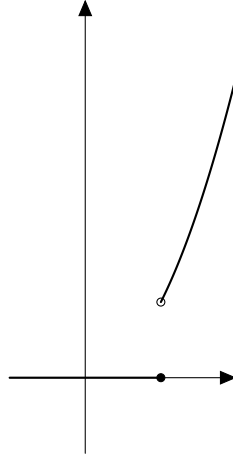


Figure 12: The graphs of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{x-3}$ .

*Solution.* It is easy to see that  $f(x) = x + 2$  and  $g(x) = x - 3$  are continuous, therefore, the quotient  $\frac{x+2}{x-3}$  is continuous as long as  $x \neq 3$ . That is,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x+2}{x-3} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x+2}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x-3} = \frac{3}{-2} = -\frac{3}{2}$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1}$ .

*Solution.* As it is written, the denominator tends to 0 as  $x \rightarrow -1$ . But actually we have  $\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} = \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$  for  $x \neq -1$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x + 2}{x - 1} = \frac{1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}.$$

- Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ . Is  $f$  continuous or not? If not, where is it not continuous?

*Solution.* We know that  $x^2$  and 0 are continuous for  $x > 1$  and  $x < 1$ , respectively. The problem is at  $x = 1$ . If  $x_n > 1$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow 1$ , then  $f(x_n) = x_n^2 \rightarrow 1$ , but if  $x_n < 1$ ,  $x_n \rightarrow 1$ , then  $f(x_n) = 0 \rightarrow 0$ , and they do not coincide. Hence  $f$  is not continuous at  $x = 1$ .

- Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} & \text{for } x \neq 1, -1 \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \text{for } x = -1 \end{cases}$ , defined on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$ . Is  $f$  continuous or not? If not, where is it not continuous?

*Solution.* As we saw before,  $\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1} = -\frac{1}{2}$ . As  $f(-1) = -\frac{1}{2}$  by definition,  $f$  is continuous at  $x = -1$ . It is also continuous at  $x \neq 1$ . Therefore, it is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$  (not defined at  $x = 1$ ).

- Let  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - x - 2$ . Show that the equation  $f(x) = 0$  has at least two solutions.

*Solution.* Note that  $f(0) = -2$ ,  $f(1) = 1$ . Hence by the intermediate value theorem there is  $x_1 \in (-2, 1)$  such that  $f(x_1) = 0$ . Similarly,  $f(0) = -2$ ,  $f(-3) = 1$ . Hence by the intermediate value theorem there is  $x_2 \in (-3, 0)$  such that  $f(x_2) = 0$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x + 3\sqrt{x}}$ .

*Solution.* We know that  $\sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$  is continuous (on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$ ), hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x} = 1$ . Further  $x + 3\sqrt{x}$  is continuous and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x + 3\sqrt{x} = 4$ . Finally  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x + 3\sqrt{x}}$  is continuous (on  $\mathbb{R}_+ \cup \{0\}$ ) and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \sqrt{x + 3\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{4} = 2$ .

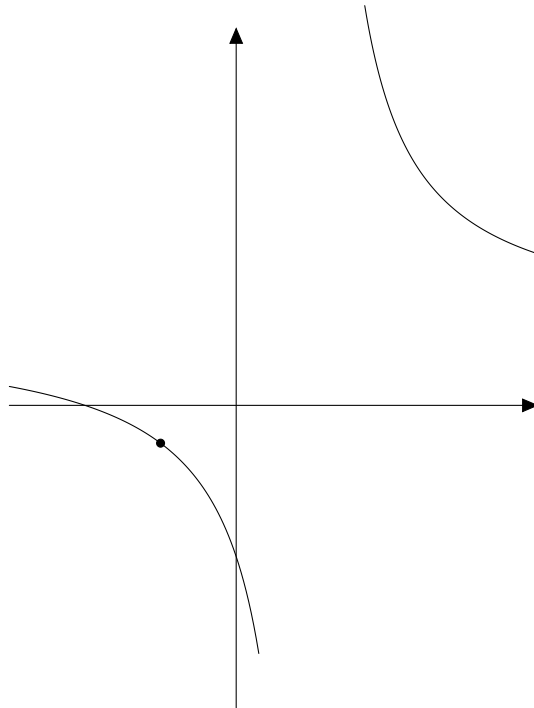


Figure 13: The graph of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-1}$ .

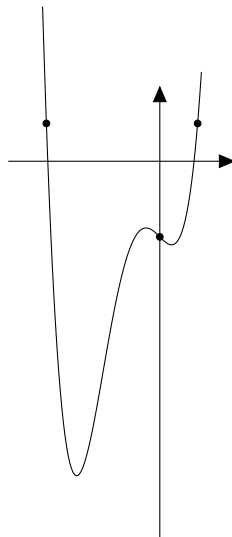


Figure 14: The graphs of  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - x - 2$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{n^{\frac{1}{n}} + 3\sqrt{n^{\frac{1}{n}}}}$ .

*Solution.* We know that  $n^{\frac{1}{n}} \rightarrow 1$ . By combining with the above, the limit is 2.

- Compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n + n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ .

*Solution.* Clearly  $1 < (n + n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} < (2n^2)^{\frac{1}{n}} = 2^{\frac{1}{n}}(n^{\frac{1}{n}})^2 \rightarrow 1$ , so by squeezing the limit is 1.

- For  $a > 1$ , compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^{1.5}}{a^n}$ .

*Solution.* Clearly  $0 < \frac{n^{1.5}}{a^n} < \frac{n^2}{a^n} \rightarrow 0$ , so by squeezing the limit is 0.

- Show that  $a^{\frac{1}{n}} b^{\frac{1}{n}} = (ab)^{\frac{1}{n}}$  for  $a, b \geq 0$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $(a^{\frac{1}{n}} b^{\frac{1}{n}})^n = (a^{\frac{1}{n}})^n (b^{\frac{1}{n}})^n = ab$ , hence we can take the  $n$ -th root of both sides.

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}}{x^2}$ .

*Solution.* At first sight, it would yield  $\frac{0}{0}$ . However, for  $x \neq 0$ , we have

$$\frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}}{x^2} = \frac{(1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2})(1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2})}{x^2(1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2})} = \frac{1 - (1 - x^2)}{x^2(1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2})} = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{1 - x^2}} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1 - x} - \sqrt{1 + x}}{x}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{1 - x} - \sqrt{1 + x}}{x} &= \frac{(\sqrt{1 - x} - \sqrt{1 + x})(\sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{1 + x})}{x(\sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{1 + x})} \\ &= \frac{(1 - x) - (1 + x)}{x(\sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{1 + x})} \\ &= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{1 + x}} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1 - x} - \sqrt{1 + x}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{1 - x} + \sqrt{1 + x}} = -1$ .

- Consider  $f(x) = x^2$ . For  $\epsilon = 0.1$ , find a  $\delta$  which shows the continuity of  $f$  at  $x = 1$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $(1 + y)^2 = 1 + 2y + y^2$ . We need that  $|2y + y^2| < 0.1$ , and this is achieved with  $|y| < 0.04$ .

- Consider  $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ . For  $\epsilon = 0.1$ , find a  $\delta$  which shows the continuity of  $f$  at  $x = 0$ .

*Solution.* We need that  $x^{\frac{1}{3}} < 0.1$ , hence  $x < 0.001$  (and  $x \geq 0$ ).

## Exponential, logarithm and their limits.

- Prove that for  $p, q, r, s \in \mathbb{N}$ , we have  $(a^{\frac{p}{q}})^{\frac{r}{s}} = a^{\frac{pr}{qs}}$ .

*Solution.* We have

$$((a^{\frac{p}{q}})^{\frac{r}{s}})^{qs} = (a^{\frac{p}{q}})^{qr} = ((a^{\frac{p}{q}})^q)^r = a^{pr},$$

and hence by taking the  $qs$ -th root of both sides we obtain the claim.

- Let  $a_n = \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$ . Determine  $\sup\{a_k : k \geq n\}$  and  $\inf\{a_k : k \geq n\}$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $a_n \geq 0$  if  $n$  is even, and  $a_n < 0$  if  $n$  is odd. In addition,  $|a_n| = \frac{1}{n}$  is monotonically decreasing.

If  $n$  is even, then  $a_n$  is the largest in  $\{a_k : k \geq n\}$ , hence  $\sup\{a_k : k \geq n\} = \frac{1}{n}$ , while the smallest element is  $a_{n+1}$ , hence  $\inf\{a_k : k \geq n\} = -\frac{1}{n+1}$ .

Similarly, if  $n$  is odd, then  $\sup\{a_k : k \geq n\} = \frac{1}{n+1}$ , while  $\inf\{a_k : k \geq n\} = -\frac{1}{n}$ .

- Compute  $2^x$  for  $x = 1, 2, 3, 4, \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$ .

*Solution.*  $2^1 = 2, 2^2 = 4, 2^3 = 8, 2^4 = 16, 2^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{2}, 2^{-\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

- Compute  $(\frac{1}{9})^x$  for  $x = 1, 2, -3, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}$ .

*Solution.*  $(\frac{1}{9})^1 = \frac{1}{9}, (\frac{1}{9})^2 = \frac{1}{81}, (\frac{1}{9})^{-3} = 729, (\frac{1}{9})^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 3, (\frac{1}{9})^{\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{1}{27}$ .

- Imagine that there is a pond and the leaves of lotus doubles each day. If the pond is completely filled on day 100, when is the pond half filled?

*Solution.* It's day 99, because on the next day the pond is filled completely.

- Compute  $\log_3(81), \log_{81} 3, \log_2 0.125$ .

*Solution.*  $81 = 3^4$ , hence  $\log_3 81 = 4$ .  $3 = 81^{\frac{1}{4}}$ , hence  $\log_{81} 3 = \frac{1}{4}$ .

$0.125 = \frac{1}{8} = 2^{-3}$ , hence  $\log_2 0.125 = -3$ .

- Compute  $(1 + \frac{1}{3})^3$ .

*Solution.*  $(\frac{4}{3})^3 = \frac{64}{27} = 2.370370\dots$

$(1 + \frac{1}{5})^5 = 2.48832$ .

$(1 + \frac{1}{10000})^{10000} = 2.718145927$ .

The true value  $e = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = 2.718281828\dots$

- If  $y = Ce^{ax}$ , what is the relation between  $z = \log y$  and  $x$ ?

*Solution.* We have  $e^z = y$ , hence  $e^z = Ce^{ax}$ , and by taking log, we have  $z = ax + \log C$ .

- If  $y = Cx^p$ , what is the relation between  $z = \log y$  and  $w = \log x$ ?

*Solution.* We have  $e^z = y, e^w = x$ , hence  $e^z = Ce^{pw}$ , and by taking log, we have  $z = pw + \log C$ .

- Calculate the integer part of  $\log_{10}(232720)$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $10^5 = 100000 = 232720 < 1000000 = 10^6$ . As  $\log_{10} x$  is monotonically increasing,  $5 < \log_{10} 232720 < 6$ . Therefore, its integer part is 5.

- Calculate the integer part of  $\log_2(13567)$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $2^{13} = 8192 < 13567 < 16384 = 2^{14}$ . As  $\log_2 x$  is monotonically increasing,  $13 < \log_2 13567 < 14$ . Therefore, its integer part is 13.

- Compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n^2}$ .

*Solution.* We know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{n})^n = e$ . In particular, for sufficiently large  $n$ , we have  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n > 2$ , and hence  $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^{n^2} > 2^n \rightarrow \infty$ .

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a(1+x)}{x}$ .

*Solution.* Use the change of base  $\log_a(1+x) = \log_a e \log(1+x)$ , and hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a(1+x)}{x} = \log_a e \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} = \log_a e.$$



- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x}$ .

*Solution.* Use the change of variables:  $a^x = e^{(\log a)x}$ , and if  $x \rightarrow 0$ , then  $(\log a)x \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{(\log a)x} - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{(\log a)x} - 1}{(\log a)x} \cdot \log a = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^y - 1}{y} \cdot \log a = \log a.$$

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{x}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 + 1 - e^{-x}}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{2x} + \frac{e^{-x} - 1}{-2x} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} = 1.$$

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tanh x$ .

*Solution.*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{-2x}} = 1.$$

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{e^x - 1}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{e^x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh x}{x} \frac{x}{e^x - 1} = 1 \cdot 1 = 1.$$

- Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^a - 1}{x}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^a - 1}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{a \log(1+x)} - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{a \log(1+x)} - 1}{\log(1+x)} \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{ay} - 1}{y} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} = a. \end{aligned}$$

## Trigonometric functions, open and closed sets, uniform continuity.

- Compute  $\cos \frac{5\pi}{4}, \sin \frac{7\pi}{3}, \sin \frac{115\pi}{4}, \sin(-\frac{23\pi}{3})$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} - \cos \frac{5\pi}{4} &= -\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}. \\ - \sin \frac{7\pi}{3} &= \sin \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}. \\ - \sin \frac{115\pi}{4} &= \sin \frac{3\pi}{4} = \cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}. \\ - \sin(-\frac{23\pi}{3}) &= \sin(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\cos \frac{\pi}{12}, \sin \frac{\pi}{12}, \sin \frac{\pi}{8}$ .

*Solution.* Use  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2}, \sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} - \cos \frac{\pi}{12} &= \sqrt{\frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 1}{2}}. \\ - \sin \frac{\pi}{12} &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{2}}. \\ - \sin \frac{\pi}{8} &= \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{2}}. \end{aligned}$$

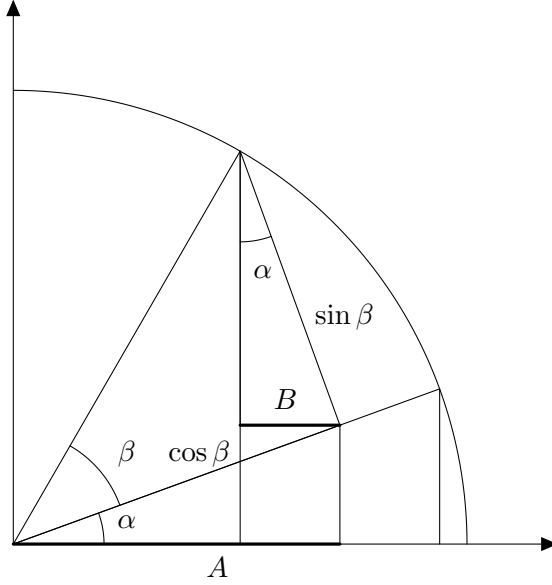


Figure 15: The formula  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ .  $A = \cos \beta \cos \alpha$ ,  $B = \sin \beta \sin \alpha$  and  $A - B = \cos(\alpha + \beta)$ .

- Compute  $\cos \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4}$  using  $\cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$  and some of the general formulas.

*Solution.* Use  $\cos^2 \theta = \frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2}$ ,  $\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}$ .  $\cos \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{\cos \frac{\pi}{2} + 1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{2}}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

- What is the domain of  $\tan \theta$ ?

*Solution.*  $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$ , hence it is defined where  $\cos \theta \neq 0$ .  $\cos \theta = 0$  if and only if  $\theta = \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$ , hence  $\tan \theta$  is defined for  $\theta \neq \frac{(2n+1)\pi}{2}$ .

- Using the figure, explain the formula  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) = \cos \alpha \cos \beta - \sin \alpha \sin \beta$ .

*Solution.* See Figure 15.

- Write  $\cos 3\theta$ ,  $\sin 3\theta$  in terms of  $\cos \theta$ ,  $\sin \theta$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} -\cos 3\theta &= \cos 2\theta \cos \theta - \sin 2\theta \sin \theta = (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \cos \theta - 2 \cos \theta \sin^2 \theta. \\ -\sin 3\theta &= \sin 2\theta \cos \theta + \cos 2\theta \sin \theta = 2 \cos^2 \theta \sin \theta + (\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta) \sin \theta. \end{aligned}$$

- Prove that the union of open sets is open.

*Solution.* If  $p \in \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$  and  $A_j$  are open, then  $p \in A_k$  for some  $k \in J$  and there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $(p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon) \subset A_k \subset \bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$ ,  $\bigcup_{j \in J} A_j$  is open.

- Prove that the intersection of closed sets is closed.

*Solution.*

If  $a_n \in \bigcap_{j \in J} A_j$  and  $A_j$  are closed, then  $a_n \in A_j$  for all  $j \in J$ . If  $a_n \rightarrow a$ , then  $a \in A_j$  for all  $j$  because  $A_j$  is closed, hence  $a \in \bigcap_{j \in J} A_j$  hence  $\bigcap_{j \in J} A_j$  is closed.

- Prove that the intersection of two open sets is open.

*Solution.* If  $p \in A_1 \cap A_2$  and  $A_1, A_2$  are open, then  $p \in A_1, A_2$  and there are  $\epsilon_1, \epsilon_2 > 0$  such that  $(p - \epsilon_1, p + \epsilon_1) \subset A_1$ ,  $(p - \epsilon_2, p + \epsilon_2) \subset A_2$ . Let  $\epsilon$  be the smallest of the two. Then  $(p - \epsilon, p + \epsilon) \subset A_1 \cap A_2$ , hence  $A_1 \cap A_2$  is open.

- Find an example of intersection of infinitely many open sets which is not open.

*Solution.* For example, consider  $(-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n})$ . It holds that  $\bigcap_{n \in \mathbb{N}} (-\frac{1}{n}, \frac{1}{n}) = \{0\}$ . This is not open.

- Find a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  which is both open and closed.

*Solution.* Let  $A$  be open and closed (and nonempty). Let  $a \in A$ . Consider  $A^c \cap [a, \infty)$ . This is bounded below, hence if it is not empty, there is  $\inf(A^c \cap [a, \infty))$ . If  $x = \inf(A^c \cap [a, \infty)) \notin A^c$ , then there is  $\epsilon > 0$  such that  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset A^c$  because  $A$  is closed (hence  $A^c$  is closed), hence there are points below  $x$  and in  $A^c \cap [a, \infty)$ , which contradicts that  $x = \inf(A^c \cap [a, \infty))$ . Hence  $x \in A$ . But then  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon) \subset A$  because  $A$  is open, which contradicts that  $x = \inf(A^c \cap [a, \infty))$ . Therefore,  $A^c \cap [a, \infty)$  must be empty. Similarly,  $A^c \cap (-\infty, a]$  is empty. That is,  $A = \mathbb{R}$ . Then indeed  $A$  is both open and closed.

- Find a function, continuous defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  but bounded.

*Solution.*  $\sin \theta, \cos \theta, \tanh x$ , and so on.

- Find a function, not continuous defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  but bounded.

*Solution.*  $\text{sign } x, x - [x]$ , and so on.

- Tell whether  $y = \cos x$  admits maxima and minima, and if so, list them up.

*Solution.* As  $\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x = 1$ , it holds that  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ .  $\cos x = 1$  if and only if  $x = 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\cos x = -1$  if and only if  $x = (2n + 1)\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- Tell whether  $y = \tanh x$  admits maxima and minima, and if so, list them up.

*Solution.* As  $\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ , this is monotonically increasing. Indeed,

$$\tanh x = \frac{1 - e^{-2x}}{1 + e^{-2x}}$$

and if  $x > y$ , then  $1 - e^{-2x} > 1 - e^{-2y}$  while  $1 + e^{-2x} < 1 + e^{-2y}$ , hence  $\tanh x > \tanh y$ . This means that there is no maxima nor minima.

- Tell whether  $y = x$  is uniformly continuous or not, and prove it.

*Solution.* For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\epsilon > 0$ , we can take  $\delta = \epsilon$ , then for  $y$  such that  $|y - x| < \delta = \epsilon$  we have  $|f(y) - f(x)| = |y - x| < \epsilon$ . Therefore, this is uniformly continuous.

- Tell whether  $y = x^2$  is uniformly continuous or not, and prove it.

*Solution.* Let  $\epsilon = 1$ . For any  $\delta > 0$ , we can take  $x > \frac{1}{\delta}$  then  $f(x + \delta) - f(x) = (x + \delta)^2 - x^2 = 2x\delta + \delta^2 > 2 > \epsilon$ . Therefore, this is not uniformly continuous.

- Tell whether  $y = \sin x$  is uniformly continuous or not, and prove it.

*Solution.* By the Heine-Cantor theorem,  $y = \sin x$  restricted to  $[0, 4\pi]$  is uniformly continuous. That is, for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there is  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|\sin(x) - \sin(y)| < \epsilon$  if  $|x - y| < \delta, x, y \in [0, 4\pi]$ . Then, for any  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$ , there is  $n$  such that  $x + 2n\pi, y + 2n\pi \in [0, 4\pi]$ . Therefore,  $|f(x) - f(y)| = |f(x + 2n\pi) - f(y + 2n\pi)| < \epsilon$ . Therefore, this is uniformly continuous.

- Tell whether  $y = \tanh x$  is uniformly continuous or not, and prove it.

*Solution.* Let  $\epsilon > 0$ .

We know that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tanh x = 1, \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \tanh x = -1$ . Therefore, there is  $M > 0$  such that  $1 - \frac{\epsilon}{2} < \tanh x < 1$  for  $x > M$ . Similarly,  $-1 < \tanh x < -1 + \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  for  $x < -M$ . On the

other hand, on  $[-M, M]$ ,  $\tanh x$  is uniformly continuous, hence there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $|x - y| < \delta$  then  $|\tanh x - \tanh y| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ .

Then, for any two points  $x, y$  such that  $|x - y| < \delta$ ,  $|\tanh x - \tanh y| < \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$  by possibly taking the point in the middle  $M$  or  $-M$ . Therefore, this is uniformly continuous.

## Derivative and some applications.

- Compute the derivative of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{for } x \geq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$ .

*Solution.* For  $x \neq 0$  we know  $f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$ . For  $x = 0$ , let us compute

the left and right derivatives. We compute  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{0 - 0}{h} = 0$  and  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^2 - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$ . So the left and right derivatives coincide, therefore,  $f'(0) = 0$ .

- Tell whether  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous and is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

*Solution.* We have  $\frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \frac{h \sin \frac{1}{h} - 0}{h} = \sin \frac{1}{h}$  and this does not have the limit  $h \rightarrow 0$ . But it is continuous at  $x = 0$ , because  $|\sin \frac{1}{x}| \leq 1$ , hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x \sin \frac{1}{x}| \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$ .

- Tell whether  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous and is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

*Solution.* We have  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 \sin \frac{1}{h} - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0$ , hence it is differentiable and in particular continuous.

- Compute the derivative of  $f(x) = x^3$  based on the definition.

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - x^3}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - x^3}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3x^2 + 3xh + h^2) = 3x^2. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute the derivative of  $f(x) = x^2 + x$  based on the definition.

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^2 + (x+h) - x^2 - x}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + (x+h) - x^2 - x}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + h + 1) = 2x + 1. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute the derivative:  $f(x) = x^2 - \cos(3x)$ .

*Solution.* By the chain rule and linearity, it is  $2x + 3\sin(3x)$ .

- Compute the derivative:  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$ .

*Solution.* By the chain rule with  $\sqrt{x^2 + 1} = (x^2 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ , it is  $2x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2 + 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$ .

- Compute the derivative:  $f(x) = \sin(\frac{x+2}{e^x})$ .

*Solution.* By the chain rule,  $f'(x) = \frac{e^x - e^x(x+2)}{e^{2x}} \cos(\frac{x+2}{e^x}) = -e^{-x}(x+1) \cos(\frac{x+2}{e^x})$ .

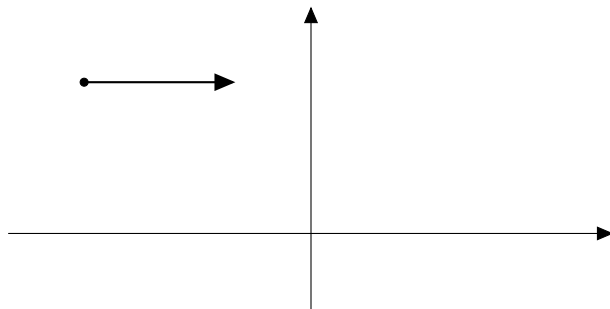


Figure 16: The  $x$ -axis is the beach, and the boat sails on the line  $y = 4$ .

- Compute the derivative:  $f(x) = \sin(\cos(x^2))$ .

*Solution.* By the chain rule,  $f'(x) = D(\cos(x^2)) \cos(\cos(x^2)) = -2x \sin(x^2) \cos(\cos(x^2))$ .

- Compute the derivative:  $f(y) = \log y$ , using that  $\log y$  is the inverse function of  $e^x$ .

*Solution.* With  $y = e^x$ ,  $f'(y) = \frac{1}{e^x} = \frac{1}{y}$ .

- Compute the derivative:  $f(y) = \sqrt{y}$  using that  $\sqrt{y}$  is the inverse function of  $x^2$ .

*Solution.* With  $y = x^2$ ,  $f'(y) = \frac{1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$ .

- Find the stationary points of  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x$ .

*Solution.* With  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x$ ,  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 3(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 3(x - 1)^2$ , hence  $x = 1$  is the only stationary point.

- Find the stationary points of  $y = \sin(x^2)$ .

*Solution.* With  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$ ,  $f'(x) = 2x \cos(x^2)$ , and  $f'(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0$  or  $\cos(x^2) = 0$ , hence  $x = 0$  or  $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{n\pi}{2}}$  for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  odd.

- Consider the relation  $y^2 - x^2 = 1$ . Write  $y$  as an explicit function of  $x$ , and take the derivative. Differentiate it implicitly and find a relation.

*Solution.*  $y(x)^2 = x^2 + 1$  and hence  $y(x) = \pm\sqrt{x^2 + 1}$  and  $y'(x) = \pm\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$ , we see the relation  $y'(x)y(x) = x$ .

By differentiating the relation, we obtain  $2y(x)y'(x) = 2x$ , and hence  $y(x)y'(x) = x$ .

- Consider the relation  $y^5 + xy - 2x^3 = 0$ . Check that  $(x, y) = (1, 1)$  satisfy this equation. Assume that this defines an implicit function  $y(x)$ , and compute  $y'(1)$ .

*Solution.*  $1^5 + 1 \cdot 1 - 2 \cdot 1^3 = 0$ . We have  $5y'(x)y(x)^4 + y + xy'(x) - 6x^2 = 0$ , and hence  $y'(1) = \frac{6-1}{5+1} = \frac{5}{6}$ .

- A boat sails parallel to a straight beach at a constant speed of 12 miles per hour, staying 4 miles offshore. How fast is it approaching a lighthouse on the shoreline at the instant it is exactly 5 miles from the lighthouse?

*Solution.* Let us say that at time  $t$  the boat is at the position  $(12t, 4)$ , and the lighthouse is at  $(0, 0)$ . The distance between the lighthouse and the boat is  $r(t) = \sqrt{(12t)^2 + 4^2} = 4\sqrt{9t^2 + 1}$ , or  $r(t)^2 = (12t)^2 + 4^2$ .

The speed with which the boat approaches the lighthouse is  $r'(t)$ . By differentiating the above relation by  $t$ , we have  $2r(t)r'(t) = 288t$ . Furthermore, When  $r(t) = 5$ , we have  $t = \pm\frac{1}{4}$ . Therefore,  $2 \cdot 5r'(\pm\frac{1}{4}) = \pm 72$  and  $r'(t) = \pm\frac{36}{5}$ .

## Higher derivatives and curve sketching.

- Determine where the function is increasing or decreasing.  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x-1)(x+1)$ . Hence  $f$  is increasing when  $f'(x) > 0$ , that is  $x < -1$  or  $x > 1$  and  $f$  is decreasing when  $f'(x) < 0$ , that is  $-1 < x < 1$ .

- Determine where the function is increasing or decreasing.  $f(x) = e^x - x$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = e^x - 1$ . Hence  $f$  is increasing when  $f'(x) > 0$ , that is  $x > 0$  and  $f$  is decreasing when  $f'(x) < 0$ , that is  $x < 0$ .

- Determine where the function is increasing or decreasing.  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $x > 0$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}$ . Hence  $f$  is increasing when  $f'(x) > 0$ , that is  $x > 1$  and  $f$  is decreasing when  $f'(x) < 0$ , that is  $x < 1$ .

- Determine where the function is increasing or decreasing.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = \frac{x^2+1-2x^2}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{-(x-1)(x+1)}{(x^2+1)^2}$ . Hence  $f$  is increasing when  $f'(x) > 0$ , that is  $-1 < x < 1$  and  $f$  is decreasing when  $f'(x) < 0$ , that is  $x < -1, x > 1$ .

- Find the local maxima and minima using the second derivative.  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x = 6x(x-1)$ . Hence  $f'(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = 0, 1$ .  $f''(x) = 12x - 6$ ,  $f''(0) = -6 < 0$  hence  $x = 0, f(0) = 0$  is a local maximum, while  $f''(1) = 6 > 0$  hence  $x = 1, f(1) = -1$  is a local minimum.

- Find the local maxima and minima using the second derivative.  $f(x) = xe^x$ .

*Solution.*  $f'(x) = e^x + xe^x = e^x(x+1)$ . Hence  $f'(x) = 0$  if and only if  $x = -1$ .  $f''(x) = 2e^x + xe^x$ ,  $f''(-1) = \frac{2}{e} - \frac{1}{e} = \frac{1}{e} > 0$  hence  $x = -1, f(-1) = -\frac{1}{e}$  is a local minimum.

- Find the asymptotes of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+1}$ .

*Solution.*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} = 1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x^2+1} - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2+1} - x)(\sqrt{x^2+1} + x)}{\sqrt{x^2+1} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1} + x} = 0.$$

Hence  $y = x$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}} = -1$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{x^2+1} - (-x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1} - x} = 0.$$

Hence  $y = -x$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

- Find the asymptotes of  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ .

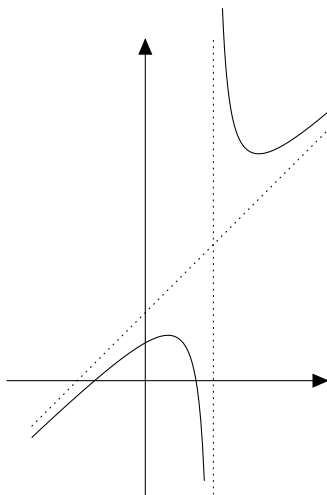
*Solution.*

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 1 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 1,$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x + \frac{1}{x} - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0.$$

hence  $y = x$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $y = -x$  an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .



- Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-5}{x-3}$ .

*Solution.*

- Domain:  $x \neq 3$ .
- Vertical asymptote:  $x = 3$ .
- Oblique asymptotes:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2-5}{x(x-3)} = 1$ , and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2-5}{x-3} - x = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2-5-x(x-3)}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x-5}{x-3} = 3,$$

hence  $y = x + 3$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $y = x + 3$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

- $f'(x) = \frac{2x(x-3)-(x^2-5)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{x^2-6x+5}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{(x-1)(x-5)}{(x-3)^2}$ .  $f'(x) > 0$  if and only if  $x < 1, x > 5$  and  $f'(x) < 0$  if and only if  $1 < x < 3, 3 < x < 5$ .
- From this,  $x = 1$  is a local maximum and  $x = 5$  is a local minimum.

$x$		1		3		5	
$f'(x)$	+	0	–	nd	–	0	+
$f''(x)$		–		nd		+	
$f(x)$	$\nearrow$	2	$\searrow$	nd	$\searrow$	10	$\nearrow$

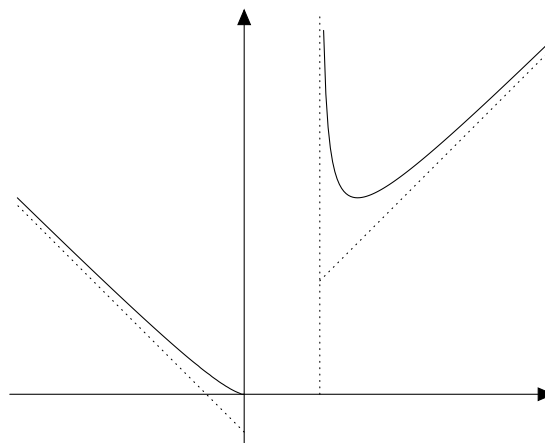
- Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x-1}}$ .

*Solution.*

- Domain:  $x \neq 1$ , and  $\frac{x^3}{x-1} \geq 0$ , that is  $x > 1$  or  $x \leq 0$ .
- Vertical asymptote:  $x = 1$ .

Oblique asymptotes:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x-1}} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x^2(x-1)}} = 1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x-1}} - x &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left( \sqrt{\frac{x}{x-1}} - 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-1})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1})}{\sqrt{x-1}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \frac{x - (x-1)}{\sqrt{x-1}(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x-1})} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$



hence  $y = x + \frac{1}{2}$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Similarly,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x-1}} \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -\sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x^2(x-1)}} = -1$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x-1}} - (-x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \left( -\sqrt{\frac{-x}{-x+1}} + 1 \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \frac{(\sqrt{-x} - \sqrt{-x+1})(\sqrt{-x} + \sqrt{-x+1})}{\sqrt{-x+1}(\sqrt{-x} + \sqrt{-x+1})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \frac{-x - (-x+1)}{\sqrt{-x+1}(\sqrt{-x} + \sqrt{-x+1})} = -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

hence  $y = -x - \frac{1}{2}$  is an asymptote for  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

$$\begin{aligned} -f'(x) &= \frac{3x^2(x-1)-x^3}{2(x-1)^2 f(x)} = \frac{x^2(2x-3)}{2(x-1)^2 f(x)}. \quad f'(x) > 0 \text{ if } x > \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } f'(x) < 0 \text{ if } x < \frac{3}{2}. \\ f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) &= \sqrt{\frac{27}{4}}. \end{aligned}$$

$x$		0		1		$\frac{3}{2}$	
$f'(x)$	-		nd		-	0	+
$f''(x)$			nd			+	
$f(x)$	$\searrow$	0		nd	$\searrow$	$\sqrt{\frac{27}{4}}$	$\nearrow$

- A truck is to be driven 300 miles on a freeway at a constant speed of  $x$  miles per hour. Speed laws require  $30 < x < 60$ . Assume that fuel is consumed at the rate of  $2 + x^2/600$  gallons per hour. Which speed should the truck driver go to save the fuel cost?

*Solution.* The truck has to drive for  $300/x$  hours, and then consumes  $f(x) = \frac{300}{x}(2 + \frac{x^2}{600}) = \frac{600}{x} + \frac{x}{2}$  gallons.

Considering this as a function of  $x$ , we find its minimum in  $30 < x < 60$ .  $f'(x) = -\frac{600}{x^2} + \frac{1}{2}$ , hence  $f'(x) = 0$  if  $x = \sqrt{1200} \cong 34.6$ .  $f''(x) = \frac{1200}{x^3}$ , hence this is a local minimum.

## Bernoulli-de l'Hôpital rule, higher order Taylor formula.

- Compute the limit.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2}$ .

*Solution.* We have  $D(\sin^2 x) = 2 \sin x \cos x$ ,  $D(x^2) = 2x$ , and hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{2x} = 1$ .

- Compute the limit.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3}$ .



*Solution.* We have  $D(\sin x - x) = \cos x - 1$ ,  $D(x^3) = 3x^2$ , and further  $D(\cos x - 1) = -\sin x$ ,  $D(3x^2) = 6x$  hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x - x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x - 1}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin x}{6x} = -\frac{1}{6}.$$

- Compute the limit.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(x^3+1)}{\log x}$ .

*Solution.* We have  $D(\log(x^3+1)) = \frac{3x^2}{x^3+1}$ ,  $D(\log x) = \frac{1}{x}$  and hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(x^3+1)}{\log x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3x^2}{x^3+1}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3}{x^3+1} = 3.$$

- Compute the limit.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x$ .

*Solution.* We have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log x}{\frac{1}{x}}$  and  $D(\log x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $D(\frac{1}{x}) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$  and hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \log x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (-x) = 0$ .

- Find the second order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = 2x \cos(x^2)$ ,  $f''(x) = 2 \cos(x^2) - 4x^2 \sin(x^2)$  and  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 0$ ,  $f''(0) = 2$ , and hence  $f(x) = 0 + 0x + \frac{2x^2}{2!} + o(x^2) = x^2 + o(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

- Find the second order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+1}$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$ ,  $f''(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} - x \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}}{x^2+1} = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  and hence  $f(1) = \sqrt{2}$ ,  $f'(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $f''(1) = \frac{1}{2^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ . Therefore,  $f(x) = \sqrt{2} + \frac{(x-1)}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2^{\frac{5}{2}}} + o((x-1)^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .

- Find the second order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \sin(x) - 1$  as  $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = \cos x$ ,  $f''(x) = -\sin x$  and hence  $f(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ ,  $f'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$ ,  $f''(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -1$ . Therefore,  $f(x) = -\frac{(x-\frac{\pi}{2})^2}{2} + o((x-\frac{\pi}{2})^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ .

- Find the second order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \frac{e^x-1}{\cos x}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = \frac{e^x \cos x + (e^x-1) \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{(e^x(\cos x - \sin x) + (e^x \sin x + (e^x - 1) \cos x)) \cos^2 x}{\cos^4 x} \\ &\quad - \frac{(e^x \cos x + (e^x - 1) \sin x)(-2 \sin x \cos x)}{\cos^4 x} \\ &= \frac{(2e^x - 1) \cos^3 x + 2e^x \sin x \cos^2 x + 2e^x \sin^2 x \cos x - 2 \sin^2 x \cos x}{\cos^4 x} \end{aligned}$$

and hence  $f(0) = 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 1$ ,  $f''(0) = 1$ . Therefore,  $f(x) = x + \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

- Find the  $n$ -th order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

*Solution.*  $f^{(4n)}(x) = \cos x$ ,  $f^{(4n+1)}(x) = -\sin x$ ,  $f^{(4n+2)}(x) = -\cos x$ ,  $f^{(4n+3)}(x) = \sin x$ , and hence  $f^{(4n)}(0) = 1$ ,  $f^{(4n+1)}(0) = 0$ ,  $f^{(4n+2)}(0) = -1$ ,  $f^{(4n+3)}(0) = 0$ , and

$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \cdots + \frac{(-1)^n x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + o(x^{2n}) \\ &= \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k x^{2k}}{(2k)!} + o(x^{2n}). \end{aligned}$$

- Find the  $n$ -th order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \log(1+x)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

*Solution.*  $f^{(2n)}(x) = \frac{-(2n-1)!}{(1+x)^{2n}}$ ,  $f^{(2n+1)}(x) = \frac{(2n)!}{(1+x)^{2n+1}}$ , and  $f^{(2n)}(0) = (2n-1)!$ ,  $f^{(2n+1)}(0) = -(2n)!$ , and

$$\begin{aligned}\log(1+x) &= x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \cdots + \frac{(-1)^{n+1}x^n}{n} + o(x^n) \\ &= \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{(-1)^{k+1}x^k}{k} + o(x^n).\end{aligned}$$

- Find the  $n$ -th order Taylor formula.  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

*Solution.* We know  $\sin y = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k y^{2k+1}}{(2k+1)!} + o(y^{2n+1})$  as  $y \rightarrow 0$  and hence  $\sin(x^2) = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{(-1)^k x^{4k+2}}{(2k+1)!} + o(x^{4n+2})$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$

- Compute the limit.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + \cos(x) - \sin(x) - 2}{\tan(2x^3)}.$$

*Solution.* As  $x \rightarrow x_0 = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}- e^x &= 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3) \\ - \cos x &= 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^3) \\ - \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3) \\ - \tan(2x^3) &= 2x^3 + o(x^3)\end{aligned}$$

Then it holds, as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{e^x + \cos(x) - \sin(x) - 2}{\tan(2x^3)} \\ &= \frac{1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{x^3}{6} - 2 + o(x^3)}{2x^3 + o(x^3)} \\ &= \frac{\frac{x^3}{3} + o(x^3)}{2x^3 + o(x^3)}\end{aligned}$$

hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \ln(1-x) - 2x\sqrt{1+x}}{\sin(x) - xe^x} = \frac{1}{6}$ .

- For which  $\alpha$  does the following limit exist?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}\right) - \alpha \sin(x) - 1}{1 - \cos(x)}$$

*Solution.* As  $x \rightarrow x_0 = 0$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}- \frac{1+y}{1-y} &= 1 + 2y + o(y) \text{ and } \frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2} = 1 + 2x^2 + o(x^2) \\ - \sin x &= x + o(x^2) \\ - 1 - \cos x &= \frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)\end{aligned}$$

Then it holds, as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,

$$\frac{\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}\right) - \alpha \sin(x)}{1 - \cos(x)} = \frac{1 + 2x^2 - \alpha x - 1 + o(x^2)}{\frac{x^2}{2} + o(x^2)}$$

hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}\right) - \alpha \sin(x) - 1}{1 - \cos(x)}$  exists if and only if  $\alpha = 0$ , and in that case, the limit is 4.

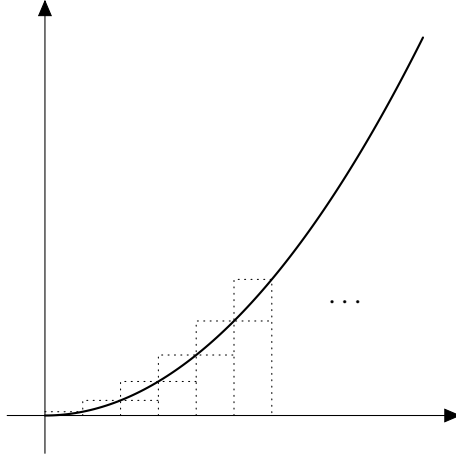


Figure 17: The upper and lower sum for  $f(x) = x^2$ .

### Integral, primitive (and Taylor formula).

- Compute the integral  $\int_0^1 x^2 dx$  based on the definition (using the upper and lower sums).

*Solution.* Let us take a partition  $P_n = \{[0, \frac{1}{n}), [\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}), \dots, [\frac{n-1}{n}, 1]\}$  of  $[0, 1]$ .

- Let  $f(x) = x^2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{S}_I(f, P_n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{j}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n j^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}\end{aligned}$$

Analogously,

$$\begin{aligned}\underline{S}_I(f, P_n) &= \sum_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{j-1}{n}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sum_{j=1}^n (j-1)^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \sum_{j=0}^{n-1} j^2 \\ &= \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{(n-1)n(2(n-1)+1)}{6}\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by taking  $n \rightarrow \infty$ , we obtain  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \bar{S}_I(f, P_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{S}_I(f, P_n) = \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$  while  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{S}_I(f, P_n) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \underline{S}_I(f, P_n) \frac{1}{n^3} \cdot \frac{(n-1)n(2(n-1)+1)}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

- Compute  $\int_{-1}^1 (x^4 + (x-2)^3 + x(x-1)) dx$ .

*Solution.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 (x^4 + (x-2)^3 + x(x-1)) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{(x-2)^4}{4} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{-1}{5} + \frac{81}{4} + \frac{-1}{3} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \\ &= \frac{2}{5} - 20 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{6 - 300 + 10}{15} = -\frac{284}{15}. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(2(x + \frac{\pi}{6})) dx$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin(2(x + \frac{\pi}{6})) dx \\ &= \left[ -\frac{1}{2} \cos(2(x + \frac{\pi}{6})) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} - \cos \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \left( -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

*Solution.*

- Compute  $\int_{-1}^1 e^{2(x-1)} dx$ .

*Solution.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-1}^1 e^{2(x-1)} dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{1}{2} e^{2(x-1)} \right]_{-1}^1 \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (e^0 - e^{-4}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - e^{-4}) \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\int_1^2 \frac{x^2+3x+1}{x} dx$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_1^2 \frac{x^2 + 3x + 1}{x} dx \\ &= \int_1^2 \left( x + 3 + \frac{1}{x} \right) dx \\ &= \left[ \frac{x^2}{2} + 3x + \log x \right]_1^2 \\ &= \left( \frac{4}{2} + 6 + \log 2 \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2} + 3 + \log 1 \right) \\ &= \frac{9}{2} + \log 2 \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\int_0^\pi \sin^2 x dx$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $\cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$ , hence  $\sin^2 x = \frac{1-\cos 2x}{2}$  and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^\pi \sin^2 x dx \\ &= \int_0^\pi \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} dx \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[ x - \frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right]_0^\pi \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ((\pi - 0) - (0 - 0)) = \frac{\pi}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

- Compute  $\int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $D(\arctan x) = \frac{1}{x^2+1}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \int_0^1 \frac{x^2+1-1}{1+x^2} dx \\ &= [x - \arctan x]_0^1 \\ &= (1 - \frac{\pi}{4}) - (0 - 0) = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4} \end{aligned}$$

- Find the 2nd order Taylor formula for  $f(x) = \sqrt{1+2x}$  around  $x = 0$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1+2x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+2x}}$ ,  $f''(x) = 2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{(1+2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}) = -\frac{1}{(1+2x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ .

Therefore,  $f(x) = 1 + x + \frac{-x^2}{2} + o(x^2)$ .

- Find the 3rd order Taylor formula for  $f(x) = \log(x+1)$  around  $x = 2$ .

*Solution.* We have  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ ,  $f''(x) = -\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$ .

Therefore,  $f(x) = \log 3 + \frac{(x-2)}{3} - \frac{(x-2)^2}{18} + o((x-2)^2)$ .

- Compute the limit.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{\cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}}$ .

*Solution.* We have  $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + o(x^4)$ , and hence

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{\cos x - 1 + \frac{x^2}{2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^4}{\frac{x^4}{24} + o(x^4)} = 24.$$

- Determine  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  for which the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x)^2 - x^2 + \alpha x^4}{e^{x^6} - 1}$  exists, and in that case, compute the limit.

*Solution.* We have

$$\begin{aligned} - \sin x &= x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + o(x^5) \\ - \sin^2 x &= x^2 - \frac{x^4}{3} + (\frac{2}{5!} + (\frac{1}{3!})^2)x^6 + o(x^6) \\ - e^y &= 1 + y + o(y) \\ - e^{x^6} &= 1 + x^6 + o(x^6) \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\frac{(\sin x)^2 - x^2 + \alpha x^4}{e^{x^6} - 1} = \frac{(\alpha - \frac{1}{3})x^4 + \frac{4}{45}x^6 + o(x^6)}{x^6 + o(x^6)}$$

The limit  $x \rightarrow 0$  exists if and only if  $\alpha - \frac{1}{3} = 0$ , that is,  $\alpha = \frac{1}{3}$  and in that case, the limit is  $\frac{4}{45}$ .

## Integral calculus.

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int xe^x dx$ .

*Solution.* By integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}\int xe^x dx &= xe^x - \int e^x dx + C \\ &= xe^x - e^x + C.\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int e^x \sin x dx$ .

*Solution.* By integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}\int e^x \sin x dx &= e^x \sin x - \int e^x \cos x dx + C \\ &= e^x \sin x - \left( e^x \cos x - \int e^x (-\sin x) dx \right) + C,\end{aligned}$$

hence  $\int e^x \sin x dx = \frac{1}{2}(e^x(\sin x - \cos x)) + C$ .

- Calculate the definite integral.  $\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x} dx$ .

*Solution.* By integration by parts,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x^2 e^{-x} dx &= [-x^2 e^{-x}]_0^1 + \int_0^1 2x e^{-x} dx \\ &= -\frac{1}{e} - [2x e^{-x}]_0^1 + \int_0^1 2e^{-x} dx \\ &= -\frac{3}{e} - [2e^{-x}]_0^1 = 2 - \frac{5}{e}\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int x\sqrt{1-x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* By substitution  $\varphi(x) = -x^2, \varphi'(x) = -2x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\int x\sqrt{1-x^2} dx &= -\frac{1}{2} \int (-2x)\sqrt{1-x^2} dx = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C \\ &= -\frac{1}{3}(1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}} + C.\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int xe^{x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* By substitution  $\varphi(x) = x^2, \varphi'(x) = 2x$ ,

$$\int xe^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} \int 2xe^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2}e^{x^2} + C$$

- Calculate the definite integral.  $\int_0^1 x^3 e^{x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* By integration by parts and substitution  $\varphi(x) = x^2, \varphi'(x) = 2x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 x^3 e^{x^2} dx &= \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 x^2 \cdot 2x e^{x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2} [x^2 e^{x^2}]_0^1 - \frac{1}{2} \int_0^1 2x e^{x^2} dx \\ &= \frac{e}{2} - \frac{1}{2} [e^{x^2}]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}.\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx$ .

*Solution 1.* By substitution  $\varphi(x) = x^2 - 1, \varphi'(x) = 2x, \int \frac{x}{x^2-1} dx = \frac{1}{2} \log |x^2 - 1| + C$ .

*Solution 2.* Let us find the partial fractions.  $x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$ .

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{x}{(x - 1)(x + 1)} = \frac{A}{x - 1} + \frac{B}{x + 1} = \frac{A(x + 1) + B(x - 1)}{(x - 1)(x + 1)},$$

and from this we have  $x = A(x + 1) + B(x - 1) = (A + B)x + A - B$ , therefore,  $A - B = 0, A + B = 1$ , and  $A = \frac{1}{2}, B = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$\int \frac{x}{x^2 - 1} dx = \int \left( \frac{1}{2(x - 1)} + \frac{1}{2(x + 1)} \right) dx = \frac{1}{2} (\log |x - 1| + \log |x + 1|) + C.$$

- Calculate the definite integral.  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2} dx$ .

*Solution.* Let us find the partial fractions.  $x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = (x^2 + 1)(x - 2)$ .

$$\frac{1}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2} = \frac{Ax + B}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{C}{x - 2} = \frac{(Ax + B)(x - 2) + C(x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 + 1)(x - 2)}$$

and from this we have  $1 = (A + C)x^2 + (B - 2A)x + (C - 2B)$ , and hence  $A + C = 0, B - 2A = 0, C - 2B = 1$ . By solving this,  $C = \frac{1}{5}, A = -\frac{1}{5}, B = -\frac{2}{5}$ . That is,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2} dx &= \frac{1}{5} \int \left( \frac{-x - 2}{x^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{x - 2} \right) dx \\ &= \frac{1}{10} (-\log(x^2 + 1) - 4 \arctan x + 2 \log |x - 2|). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\int_0^1 \frac{1}{x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2} dx = -\frac{\pi}{10} - \frac{3 \log 2}{10}$ .

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx$ .

*Solution 1.* By substitution  $t = \varphi(x) = \sin x, \varphi'(x) = \cos x$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx &= \int \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \cos x dx \\ &= \int \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 x} \varphi'(x) dx = \int \frac{1}{1 - t^2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \int \left( \frac{1}{1 + t} + \frac{1}{1 - t} \right) dt = \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{1 + t}{1 - t} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx = \frac{1}{2} \log \left| \frac{\sin x + 1}{\sin x - 1} \right|$ .

*Solution 2.* By change of variables  $x = \varphi(t) = 2 \arctan t$ , or  $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}, \varphi'(t) = \frac{2}{t^2 + 1}, \cos x = \frac{1 - t^2}{t^2 + 1}$ ,

$$\int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx = \int \frac{2}{1 - t^2} dt = \int \left( \frac{1}{t + 1} - \frac{1}{t - 1} \right) dt = \log \left| \frac{t + 1}{t - 1} \right|.$$

That is,  $\int \frac{1}{\cos x} dx = \log \left| \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{\tan \frac{x}{2} - 1} \right|$ .

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int \frac{1}{\cos x + \sin x} dx$ .

*Solution.* By change of variables By change of variables  $x = \varphi(t) = 2 \arctan t$ , or  $t = \tan \frac{x}{2}$ ,  $\varphi'(t) = \frac{2}{t^2+1}$ ,  $\sin x = \frac{2t}{t^2+1}$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int \frac{1}{\cos x + \sin x} dx &= \int \frac{1}{\frac{1-t^2}{t^2+1} + \frac{2t}{t^2+1}} \cdot \frac{2}{t^2+1} dt \\ &= - \int \frac{2}{t^2 - 2t - 1} dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \int \left( \frac{1}{t-1-\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{t-1+\sqrt{2}} \right) dt \\ &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{t-1-\sqrt{2}}{t-1+\sqrt{2}} \right|. \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $\int \frac{1}{\cos x + \sin x} dx = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \log \left| \frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} - 1 - \sqrt{2}}{\tan \frac{x}{2} - 1 + \sqrt{2}} \right|$ .

- Calculate the definite integral.  $\int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* Change of variables  $x = 2 \sin t$ . Note that  $\sin(-\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ ,  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . Therefore, with  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2 \cos t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_{-\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{2}} \sqrt{4-x^2} dx &= \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{4-4\sin^2 t} \cdot 2 \cos t dt \\ &= 4 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^2 t dt \\ &= 4 \int_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\cos(2t) + 1}{2} dt \\ &= 4 \left[ \frac{\sin(2t)}{4} + \frac{t}{2} \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = 2 + \pi \end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the indefinite integral.  $\int_0^2 \sqrt{8-x^2} dx$ .

*Solution.* Change of variables  $x = 2\sqrt{2} \sin t$ . Note that  $\sin 0 = 0$ ,  $\sin \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ . Therefore, with  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2\sqrt{2} \cos t$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^2 \sqrt{8-x^2} dx &= \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \sqrt{8-8\sin^2 t} \cdot 2\sqrt{2} \cos t dt \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos^2 t dt \\ &= 8 \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\cos(2t) + 1}{2} dt \\ &= 8 \left[ \frac{\sin(2t)}{4} + \frac{t}{2} \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} = 2 + \pi \end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the integral.  $\int_{-1}^1 \sin(\sin x) dx$ .

*Solution.* Note that  $\sin(\sin(-x)) = \sin(-\sin(x)) = -\sin(\sin x)$ , and the interval  $[-1, 1]$  is symmetric, hence this is 0.

- Calculate the improper integral.  $\int_0^\infty x e^{-x} dx$ .



*Solution.* Note that with  $F(x) = -e^{-x} - xe^{-x}$ ,  $F'(x) = xe^{-x}$ . Therefore,

$$\int_0^\beta xe^{-x}dx = [-e^{-x} - xe^{-x}]_0^\beta = -e^{-\beta} - \beta e^{-\beta} + 1$$

and as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ , this tends to 1. Hence  $\int_0^\infty xe^{-x}dx = 1$ .

## Improper integrals.

- Calculate the following improper integral.  $\int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}}dx$

*Solution.* The function  $x^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}}$  is bounded on any bounded interval. The integral is improper only as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Let us compute  $\int_0^\beta x^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}}dx$ :

$$\int_0^\beta x^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}}dx = -\frac{3}{4} \left[ e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}} \right]_0^\beta = -\frac{3}{4}(e^{-\beta^{\frac{4}{3}}} - e^0)$$

By taking the limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\int_0^\infty x^{\frac{1}{3}}e^{-x^{\frac{4}{3}}}dx = \frac{3}{4}$ .

- Calculate the following improper integral.  $\int_1^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^2}dx$

*Solution.* The function  $\frac{\log x}{x^2}$  is bounded on any interval of the form  $[1, \beta]$ . The integral is improper only as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Let us compute  $\int_1^\beta \frac{\log x}{x^2}dx$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \int_1^\beta \frac{\log x}{x^2}dx &= \left[ -\frac{\log x}{x} \right]_1^\beta + \int_1^\beta \frac{1}{x^2}dx \\ &= -\frac{\log \beta}{\beta} + 0 + \left[ -\frac{1}{x} \right]_1^\beta = -\frac{\log \beta}{\beta} + \left( -\frac{1}{\beta} - (-1) \right) \end{aligned}$$

By taking the limit  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ , we have  $\int_1^\infty \frac{\log x}{x^2}dx = 1$ .

- Determine whether the following improper integral converges.  $\int_1^\infty \frac{x^3}{x^4+1}dx$ .

*Solution 1.* The function  $\frac{x^3}{x^4+1}$  is bounded on any interval of the form  $[1, \beta]$ . The integral is improper only as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Furthermore,  $\frac{x^3}{x^4+1}$  is asymptotically equal to  $\frac{1}{x}$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , that is,

$$\frac{\frac{x^3}{x^4+1}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{x^4}{x^4+1} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

On the other hand, we know that  $\int_1^\beta \frac{1}{x}dx = [\log x]_1^\beta = \log \beta$  diverges as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore, the integral  $\int_1^\infty \frac{x^3}{x^4+1}dx$  diverges as well.

*Solution 2.*  $\int_1^\infty \frac{x^3}{x^4+1}dx = \frac{1}{4}[\log(x^4+1)]_1^\beta = \frac{1}{4}(\log(\beta^4+1) - \log 2)$  and this diverges as  $\beta \rightarrow \infty$ .

- Determine whether the following improper integral converges.  $\int_1^2 \frac{x^2}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}dx$ .

*Solution.* The function  $\frac{x^2}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is bounded on any interval of the form  $[1+\epsilon, 2]$  for  $\epsilon > 0$ .

The integral is improper only as  $x \rightarrow 1$ . Furthermore,  $\frac{x^2}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is asymptotically equal to

$\frac{1}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ , that is,

$$\frac{\frac{x^2}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}}{\frac{1}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}} = x^2 \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 1.$$

On the other hand, we know that  $\int_{1+\epsilon}^2 \frac{1}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} dx = [2(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}]_{1+\epsilon}^2 = 2 - 2\epsilon^{\frac{1}{2}}$  converges (to 2 as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ ) as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, the improper integral  $\frac{x^2}{(x-1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}$  is also convergent.

- Determine whether the following improper integral converges.  $\int_0^1 \frac{x^2}{\sin x - x} dx$ .

*Solution.* The function  $\frac{x^2}{\sin x - x}$  is bounded on any interval of the form  $[\epsilon, 1]$  for  $\epsilon > 0$ . The integral is improper only as  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Furthermore, as  $\sin x - x = -\frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3)$ ,  $\frac{x^2}{\sin x - x}$  is asymptotically equal to  $\frac{x^2}{-\frac{x^3}{6}}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ , that is,

$$\frac{\frac{x^2}{\sin x - x}}{-\frac{x^3}{6}} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0.$$

On the other hand, we know that  $\int_{\epsilon}^1 \frac{x^2}{-\frac{x^3}{6}} dx = -6[\log x]_{\epsilon}^1 = 6 \log \epsilon$  diverges as  $\epsilon \rightarrow 0$ . Therefore, the improper integral  $\frac{x^2}{\sin x - x}$  is also divergent.

- Calculate the area of the region surrounded by  $y = x^2 - 1$  and the  $x$ -axis.

*Solution.* The function  $y = x^2 - 1$  and the  $x$ -axis intersects when  $x^2 - 1 = 0$ , that is, at  $x = -1, 1$ . Therefore, the region is given by  $D = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 1, x^2 - 1 \leq y \leq 0\}$ . Its area is by definition

$$\int_{-1}^1 0 - (x^2 - 1) dx = [x - \frac{x^3}{3}]_{-1}^1 = \frac{4}{3}.$$

- Calculate the area of the region surrounded by  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 5x + 6$ .

*Solution.* The function  $y = x^2$  and  $y = 5x + 6$  intersects when  $x^2 = 5x + 6$ , that is, at  $x = -1, 6$ . Therefore, the region is given by  $D = \{(x, y) : -1 \leq x \leq 6, x^2 \leq y \leq 5x + 6\}$ . Its area is by definition

$$\int_{-1}^6 (5x + 6 - x^2) dx = [\frac{5x^2}{2} + 6x - \frac{x^3}{3}]_{-1}^6 = (90 + 36 - 72) - (\frac{5}{2} - 6 - \frac{1}{3}) = \frac{343}{6}.$$

- Calculate the area of the region given by  $\{(x, y) : a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 \leq 1\}$ .

*Solution.* The condition can be written equivalently as  $b^2y^2 \leq 1 - a^2x^2$ ,

$$-\frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2}.$$

Furthermore, there is such  $x$  if and only if  $1 - a^2x^2 \geq 0$ , that is,  $-\frac{1}{a} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{a}$ .

This region can be written as

$$D = \left\{ (x, y) : -\frac{1}{a} \leq x \leq \frac{1}{a}, -\frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2} \leq y \leq \frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2} \right\}.$$

The area is given, with the change of variables  $x = \frac{t}{a}$  and  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{a}$ ,  $t = \sin \theta$ ,  $\frac{dt}{d\theta} = \cos \theta$ , by

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{1}{a}} \frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2} - (-\frac{1}{b}\sqrt{1 - a^2x^2}) dx \\ &= \frac{2}{b} \int_{-\frac{1}{a}}^{\frac{1}{a}} \sqrt{1 - a^2x^2} dx = \frac{2}{b} \int_{-1}^1 \sqrt{1 - t^2} \frac{1}{a} dt = \frac{2}{ab} \int_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^2 \theta d\theta \\ &= \frac{2}{ab} \left[ \frac{\cos 2\theta + 1}{2} \right]_{-\frac{\pi}{2}}^{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2\pi}{ab}. \end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the length of the curve given by  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2}$  from  $x = -\frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}$  to  $x = \frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}$ .

*Solution.* By definition, we need to compute  $f'(x) = x$  and the length is

$$\int_{-\frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}}^{\frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}} \sqrt{1+x^2} dx.$$

By the change of variables  $x = \sinh t = \frac{e^t - e^{-t}}{2}$ ,  $\frac{dx}{dt} = \cosh t$  and  $\sqrt{1 + \sinh^2 t} = \cosh t$ , hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{-\frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}}^{\frac{e-\frac{1}{e}}{2}} \sqrt{1+x^2} dx \\ &= \int_{-1}^1 \cosh^2 t dt = \int_{-1}^1 \frac{e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x}}{2} dt \\ &= \frac{1}{4} [e^{2x} + 2x - e^{-2x}]_{-1}^1 = 1 + \frac{e^2 - e^{-2}}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

## Series.

- Compute the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4^n}$ .

*Solution.* We have  $\sum_{k=1}^n a^k = a + a^2 + a^3 + \cdots + a^n = \frac{a-a^{n+1}}{1-a}$ .

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{3}{4^n} = 3 \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n = 3 \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{1 - \frac{1}{4}} = 3 \frac{\frac{1}{4}}{\frac{3}{4}} = 1$$

Note: We have  $\sum_{k=0}^n a^k = 1 + a + a^2 + a^3 + \cdots + a^n = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a}$ .

- Compute the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$ .

*Solution.* Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} &= \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \frac{(n+2) - n}{n(n+2)} = \frac{1}{2(n+1)} \left( \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{n(n+1)} - \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} \right) \end{aligned}$$

So  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$  is a telescopic series with  $b_n = \frac{1}{2n(n+1)}$ , and  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = 0$ , therefore,

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (b_n - b_{n+1}) = b_1 = \frac{1}{4}$$

- Compute the series  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1}$ .

*Solution.* Note that

$$\frac{1}{n^2-1} = \frac{1}{(n+1)(n-1)} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{(n+1) - (n-1)}{(n+1)(n-1)} = \frac{1}{2(n-1)} - \frac{1}{2(n+1)}$$

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{2^2-1} + \frac{1}{3^2-1} + \frac{1}{4^2-1} + \frac{1}{5^2-1} + \cdots \\ &= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{12} + \cdots = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

- Compute the series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1+n}{n!}$ .

*Solution.* Recall that

$$e^x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{x^n}{n!}$$

hence  $e = e^1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \cdots$ , and  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = (1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} + \cdots) = e - 1$ . Similarly,  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{n!} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n-1)!} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!} = e$ .

Therefore, the sum is  $e - 1 + e = 2e - 1$ .

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{n}{n^2+1}$  converges.

*Solution.* This diverges because  $\sum_n \frac{1}{n}$  diverges and

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{n}}{\frac{n}{n^2+1}} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^2+1}{n^2} = 1.$$

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$  converges.

*Solution.*

Put  $a_n = \frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}$ . Then

$$\lim_n \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \lim_n \frac{\frac{(n+1)!^2}{2(n+1)!}}{\frac{(n!)^2}{(2n)!}} = \lim_n \frac{(n+1)^2}{(2n+2)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{4} < 1$$

Hence by ratio test this converges.

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{2^n+3^n}{5^n}$  converges.

*Hint.* Use root test, and  $2^n + 3^n = 3^n((\frac{2}{3})^n + 1)$ .

Or, compute two terms separately (geometric series).

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{\log n}{n^2}$  converges.

*Solution.*

We know that  $\sum_n \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  converges, and

$$\frac{\frac{\log n}{n^2}}{\frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}} = \frac{\log n}{n^{\frac{1}{2}}} \rightarrow 0.$$

Hence this converges by comparison.

Or one can use also the condensation principle.

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{1}{(\log n)^2}$  converges.

*Solution.* Note that  $(\log n)^2 < n$  for sufficiently large  $n$ , hence  $\frac{1}{n} < \frac{1}{(\log n)^2}$ , and we know that  $\sum_n \frac{1}{n}$  diverges, hence also the given series diverges.

Or use the condensation principle.

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n n}{n^2+1}$  converges.

*Solution.* This is an alternating series and with  $a_n = \frac{n}{n^2+1}$ ,  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $a_n$  is decreasing (because  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+1}$  is decreasing for sufficiently large  $x$ , by computing the derivative).

Hence by Leibniz criterion this is convergent.

- Determine whether  $\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n}{n \log n}$  converges.

*Solution.* Use the Leibniz criterion with  $a_n = \frac{1}{n \log n}$  and this is convergent.

- Determine for which  $x$ ,  $\sum_n \frac{x^{2n}}{x^{2n}+1}$  converges.

*Solution.*

Put  $a_n = \frac{x^{2n}}{x^{2n}+1}$ .

If  $|x| > 1$ , then  $a_n = \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x^{2n}}} \rightarrow 1$ , hence the series does not converge.

If  $|x| = 1$ , then  $a_n = \frac{1}{2}$  hence the series does not converge.

If  $|x| < 1$ , then  $a_n < x^{2n}$  and  $\sum_n x^{2n}$  converges (geometric series), hence also the given series converges.

- Determine for which  $x$ ,  $\sum_n \frac{n^2 x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$  converges.

*Solution.* Converges for all  $x$ . Indeed, if we put  $a_n = \frac{n^2 x^{2n}}{(2n)!}$ , we have

$$\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{\frac{(n+1)^2 x^{2(n+1)}}{(2(n+1))!}}{\frac{n^2 x^{2n}}{(2n)!}} = \frac{(n+1)^2 x^2}{n^2 (2n+2)(2n+1)} \rightarrow 0$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Therefore, by the ratio test, this converges for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

- Determine for which  $x$ ,  $\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{n}$  converges.

*Solution.* Let us put  $a_n = \frac{|x|^n}{n}$ . This is a positive sequence, and  $\frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = \frac{|x|^{n+1} n}{|x|^n (n+1)} = \frac{|x| n}{n+1} \rightarrow |x|$ . Therefore, if  $|x| < 1$ , then the series converges absolutely.

On the other hand, if  $|x| > 1$ , then  $a_n$  diverges and in particular the series does not converge.

Finally, if  $x = 1$ , the series is  $\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n}{n}$  which converges by Leibniz criterion. If  $x = -1$ , then the series is  $\sum_n \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^n}{n} = \sum_n \frac{1}{n}$  which diverges.

Altogether, the series converges if and only if  $x \in (-1, 1]$ .

## Differential equations.

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' = 2y$  with  $y(0) = 2$ .

*Solution.* The general solution is  $y(x) = Ce^{2x}$ . Indeed,  $y'(x) = 2Ce^{2x} = 2y(x)$ . With the initial condition  $y(0) = 2$ , and  $y(0) = Ce^0 = 2$ , hence  $C = 2$ , and  $y(x) = 2e^{2x}$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' = -3y$  with  $y(1) = -1$ .

*Solution.* The general solution is  $y(x) = Ce^{-3x}$ . Indeed,  $y'(x) = -3Ce^{-3x} = -3y(x)$ .

With the initial condition  $y(1) = -1$ , and  $y(1) = Ce^{-3} = -1$ , hence  $C = -e^3$ , therefore,  $y(x) = -e^3 e^{-3x}$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' = x^3$  with  $y(0) = 2$ .

*Solution.* More precisely, we have  $y'(x) = x^3$ . Therefore,  $y(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} + C$ . With the initial condition  $y(0) = 2$ , we obtain  $y(0) = \frac{0^4}{4} + C = 2$ , therefore,  $C = 2$ , and  $y(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} + 2$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' = e^{2x}$  with  $y(1) = -1$ .

*Solution.* More precisely, we have  $y'(x) = e^{2x}$ . The general solution is  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} + C$ . With the initial condition  $y(1) = -1$ ,  $y(1) = \frac{1}{2}e^2 + C = -1$ ,  $C = -1 - \frac{1}{2}e^2$  and altogether  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^{2x} - 1 - \frac{1}{2}e^2$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' + 2x^2y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 2$ .

*Solution.* We can rewrite this as  $y' = -2x^2y$  and  $D(\log y) = \frac{y'}{y} = -2x^2$ .

Therefore,

$$\log y = \int (-2x^2)dx + C = -\frac{2x^3}{3} + C$$

and  $y(x) = e^{-\frac{2x^3}{3} + C}$ . With the given initial condition,  $y(0) = e^C = 2$  and hence  $C = \log 2$ ,  
 $y(x) = 2e^{-\frac{2x^3}{3}}$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' + xe^xy = 0$  with  $y(1) = 1$ .

*Solution.* The general solution is  $\log y = \int -xe^x dx + C = -xe^x + e^x + C$ . With the initial condition  $0 = \log y(1) = -e^1 + e^1 + C$ , hence  $C = 0$  and

$$y(x) = e^{-xe^x + e^x}.$$

- Solve the following differential equation.  $xy' - 3y = x^5$  with  $y(1) = 1$ .

*Solution.* The differential equation can be written as  $y' - \frac{3}{x}y = x^4$ . With  $P(x) = -\frac{3}{x}$  and  $Q(x) = x^4$ , we have  $A(x) = -\int_1^x \frac{3}{t} dt = -3 \log x$ . Furthermore,

$$\int_1^x Q(t)e^{A(t)} dt = \int_1^x t^4 e^{-3 \log t} dt = \int_1^x t dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2}.$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = Ce^{3 \log x} + e^{3 \log x} \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = Cx^3 + x^3 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

With the initial condition  $y(1) = 1$ , we have  $C = 1$  and  $y(x) = x^3 + x^3 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y' + xy = x$  with  $y(0) = 2$ .

*Hint.* With  $P(x) = x$  and  $Q(x) = x$ , we have  $A(x) = \int_0^x \frac{x}{d} x = \frac{x^2}{2}$ . Furthermore,

$$\int_0^x Q(t)e^{A(t)} dt = \int_0^x te^{\frac{t^2}{2}} dt = e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} - 1.$$

Hence the general solution is

$$y(x) = Ce^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} \cdot (e^{\frac{x^2}{2}} - 1) = (C - 1)e^{-\frac{x^2}{2}} + 1$$

- A thermometer is stored in a room whose temperature is  $35^\circ\text{C}$ . Five minutes after being taken outdoor is  $25^\circ\text{C}$ . After another five minutes, it reads  $20^\circ\text{C}$ . Compute the outdoor temperature.

*Solution.* With  $T$  the outside temperature, we know that the temperature  $y(x)$  of the thermometer obeys

$$y(x) = T + (35 - T)e^{-kx}$$

Since  $y(0) = 30$ ,  $y(5) = 25$  and  $y(10) = 20$  we have that  $(35 - T)(1 - e^{-5k}) = 10$  and  $(35 - T)(e^{-5k} - e^{-10k}) = 5$ , hence  $e^{-5k} = \frac{1}{2}$  and  $35 - T = 20$ , that is,  $T = 15$ .

- The half-life for Caesium-137 is about 30 years. Compute the percentage of a given quantity of Caesium that disintegrates in 10 years.

*Solution.* Let the initial quantity  $C$ , then the quantity at time  $x$  (years) is

$$y(x) = C2^{-x/30}.$$

With  $x = 10$ ,  $y(x) = C2^{-10/30} = C2^{-1/3} \cong 0.79C$  hence the quantity that disintegrates in the meantime is 21%.

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y'' + 4y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1$ .

*Solution.* The general solution is

$$y(x) = C_1 \sin(2x) + C_2 \cos(2x).$$

With the initial condition  $y(0) = C_2 = 1, y'(0) = 2C_1 = 1$ , hence  $C_1 = \frac{1}{2}$ . Altogether,

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(2x) + \cos(2x).$$

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y'' - 4y' + 3y = 0$  with  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1$ .

*Hint.* The general solution is

$$y(x) = C_1 e^{-x} + C_2 e^{-3x}.$$

With this, it is straightforward to determine  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ .

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y'' - y = x$  with  $y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 1$ .

*Hint.* There is a solution  $y(x) = -x$  to the differential equation. A general solution is given as the sum of  $y(x) = -x$  and a general solution of  $y'' - y = 0$ , that is,  $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$ , hence the general solution of  $y'' - y = x$  is

$$y(x) = -x + C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}.$$

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y'' - y = x^2$  with  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1$ .

*Hint.* There is a solution  $y(x) = -x^2 - 2$  to the differential equation. A general solution is given as the sum of  $y(x) = -x^2 - 2$  and a general solution of  $y'' - y = 0$ , that is,  $C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}$ , hence the general solution of  $y'' - y = x^2$  is

$$y(x) = -x^2 - 2 + C_1 e^x + C_2 e^{-x}.$$

- Solve the following differential equation.  $y'' + y = e^x$  with  $y(0) = 1, y'(0) = 1$ .

*Hint.* There is a solution  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x$  to the differential equation. A general solution is given as the sum of  $y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x$  and a general solution of  $y'' + y = 0$ , that is,  $C_1 \sin x + C_2 \cos x$ , hence the general solution of  $y'' + y = e^x$  is

$$y(x) = \frac{1}{2}e^x + C_1 \sin x + C_2 \cos x.$$

## Differential equations and complex numbers.

- Find a relation between  $y$  and  $x$  for the following differential equation.  $y' = \frac{x^3}{y^2}$ .

*Solution.*

This equation is a separable equation with  $Q(x) = x^3, R(y) = \frac{1}{y^2}$ .

This is equivalent to

$$y^2 y' = x^3.$$

By integrating these by  $y$  and  $x$  respectively,

$$\frac{y^3}{3} = \frac{x^4}{4} + C.$$

Explicitly, we have  $y = (\frac{3}{4}x^4 + C)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ .

(A formal way to remember this is to see  $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ , and

$$\frac{dy}{R(y)} = Q(x)dx.)$$

- Find a relation between  $y$  and  $x$  for the following differential equation.  $y' = (y-1)(y-2)$ .

*Solution.* This is a separable equation with  $Q(x) = 1, R(y) = (y-1)(y-2)$ , and hence

$$\int \frac{1}{(y-1)(y-2)} dy = \int 1 dx + C$$

By  $\frac{1}{(y-1)(y-2)} = \frac{A}{y-1} + \frac{B}{y-2} = \frac{-1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-2}$ , we have  $\int (\frac{-1}{y-1} + \frac{1}{y-2}) dy = \log(y-2) - \log(y-1) = \log \frac{y-2}{y-1} = x + C$ .

This can be solved explicitly as  $\frac{y-2}{y-1} = C'e^x$  and solving this with respect to  $y$ :  $y-2 = (y-1)C'e^x$  and hence  $y(1-C'e^x) = -C'e^x + 2$ , or  $y = \frac{-C'e^x+2}{1-C'e^x}$ .

- Find a relation between  $y$  and  $x$  for the following differential equation.  $y' = \frac{x^2+y^2}{xy}$ .

*Solution.*

The right-hand side is a homogeneous function of  $x, y$ , therefore, by introducing  $v = \frac{y}{x}$ , or  $y = xv$  and  $y' = v + xv'$  and

$$v + xv' = \frac{1 + (\frac{y}{x})^2}{\frac{y}{x}} = \frac{1 + v^2}{v},$$

or  $v' = (\frac{1+v^2}{v} - v)\frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{v}\frac{1}{x}$ . Hence  $vv' = \frac{1}{x}$  and  $\frac{v^2}{2} = \log|x| + C$ , or by  $v = \frac{y}{x}$  we get  $\frac{y^2}{2x^2} = \log|x| + C$

$$y^2 = 2x^2(\log|x| + C).$$

or  $y = \pm|x|\sqrt{2(\log|x| + C)}$ .

- Find a relation between  $y$  and  $x$  for the following differential equation.  $y' = 1 + \frac{y}{x}$ .

*Solution.*

The right-hand side is a homogeneous function of  $x, y$ , therefore, by introducing  $v = \frac{y}{x}$ , or  $y = xv$  and  $y' = v + xv'$  and

$$v + xv' = 1 + v,$$

or  $v' = \frac{1}{x}$ . This is separable, hence  $v = \log x + C$ , or  $\frac{y}{x} = \log x + C$ ,  $y = x \log x + Cx$ .

- Calculate the product  $3 + 2i$  and  $1 - 2i$ .

*Solution.*

$$\begin{aligned}(3 + 2i)(1 - 2i) &= 3 \cdot 1 + 2i \cdot 1 - 3 \cdot 2i - 2i \cdot 2i = 3 + 2i - 6i - (-1) \cdot 2 \\ &= 7 - 4i\end{aligned}$$

- Calculate the inverse of  $2 + i$ .

*Solution.*

$$\frac{1}{2+i} = \frac{2-i}{(2+i)(2-i)} = \frac{2-i}{4+2i-2i-i^2} = \frac{2-i}{5} = \frac{2}{5} - \frac{1}{5}i.$$

(In general,

$$\frac{1}{a+ib} = \frac{a-ib}{(a+ib)(a-ib)} = \frac{a-ib}{a^2+abi-abi-b^2i^2} = \frac{a-bi}{a^2+b^2}.)$$



- Calculate the 3rd root of  $i$ .

*Solution.*

We have  $i = (0, 1) = (1 \cos \frac{\pi}{2}, 1 \sin \frac{\pi}{2})$  and hence  $i^{\frac{1}{3}} = (1 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}, 1 \sin \frac{\pi}{6}) = (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$ .

- Calculate the 4th root of  $-1$ .

*Solution.*

We have  $-1 = (-1, 0) = (1 \cos \pi, 1 \sin \pi)$  and hence  $(-1)^{\frac{1}{4}} = (1 \cos \frac{\pi}{4}, 1 \sin \frac{\pi}{4}) = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$ .

- Solve the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$ .

*Solution.*

$(x + 1)^2 + 4 = 0$ , or  $(x + 1) = \pm\sqrt{-4} = \pm 2i$ , hence  $x = -1 \pm 2i$ .

- Solve the equation  $x^3 + 1 = 0$ .

*Hint.*

There is one solution  $x = -1$ , indeed,  $(-1)^3 + 1 = -1 + 1 = 0$ . Then we can divide  $x^3 + 1$  by  $x + 1$  and get  $x^2 - x + 1$ , hence we only have to solve  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ .

- Represent  $e^{\frac{\pi i}{2}}$  in the form of  $a + ib$ .

*Hint.* Use the fact that  $e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ .

- Find  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  such that  $e^z = 1$ .

*Hint.* If we take  $z = i\theta$ , then  $e^z = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$ , and this is equal to 1 if  $\theta = 2\pi n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .