

Analysis

Limits of real valued functions

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Exercise 1. (Domain of definition) Let f and g be the following functions:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{x-1}}. \quad (1)$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 7} \sqrt{x^2 - 9}. \quad (2)$$

Find D_f , D_g , $D_{f \pm g}$, $D_{f/g}$, and D_{fg} .**Exercise 2.** (Domain of definition) Find D_f :

1.

$$f(x) = \tan(x). \quad (3)$$

2.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - |x|}}. \quad (4)$$

3.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x(x-1)}. \quad (5)$$

4.

$$\exp([f(x)]^2) = x, \quad f(x) \geq 0. \quad (6)$$

5.

$$f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}. \quad (7)$$

Exercise 3. (Proof of a limit) Find the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$ and justify your answer using $\varepsilon - \delta$

1.

$$f(x) = x^2 + x + 1, \quad x_0 = 1. \quad (8)$$

2.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 8}{x - 2}, \quad x_0 = 2. \quad (9)$$

3.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad x_0 = 4. \quad (10)$$

4.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}, \quad x_0 = 0. \quad (11)$$

5.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 1}{(x-1)(x-2)} + x, \quad x_0 = 1. \quad (12)$$

Exercise 4. (Definition of the limit) Let $K > 0$ a given positive real. Prove that the definition of the limit $\varepsilon - \delta$ is equivalent to for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $\delta > 0$ such that

$$|f(x) - l| \leq K\varepsilon \quad (13)$$

if

$$0 < |x - x_0| \leq \delta. \quad (14)$$

Exercise 5. (Definition of the limit) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$ if they exist. Use $\varepsilon - \delta$ proofs, where applicable, to justify your answers.

1.

$$f(x) = \frac{x + |x|}{x}, \quad x_0 = 0. \quad (15)$$

2.

$$f(x) = x \cos \frac{1}{x} + \sin \frac{1}{x} + \sin \frac{1}{|x|}, \quad x_0 = 0. \quad (16)$$

3.

$$f(x) = \frac{|x - 1|}{x^2 + x - 2}, \quad x_0 = 1. \quad (17)$$

Exercise 6. (Proof of the limit) Use the definition $\varepsilon - \delta$ of the limit to prove that

1.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (5x - 1) = -1. \quad (18)$$

2.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} x^n = x_0^n, \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (19)$$

3.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{1 - x} = 1. \quad (20)$$

4.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = 0. \quad (21)$$

5.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 + x + 1} = 0. \quad (22)$$

6.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 + x + 1 = +\infty. \quad (23)$$

Exercise 7. (Computation the limit) Compute the following limits when $x \rightarrow +\infty$:

1.

$$f(x) = \frac{\cos x^2 + \ln 2x - x^3}{3x^3 + \sin x - x}. \quad (24)$$

2.

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln(5x + 1) - \sin x^2 + \exp(x)}{\exp(2x) + \exp(\sin x) - \ln x}. \quad (25)$$

3.

$$f(x) = \frac{[x]}{x}. \quad (26)$$

4.

$$f(x) = x \ln(x+1) - x \ln(x). \quad (27)$$

5.

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x, \quad a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}. \quad (28)$$

6.

$$f(x) = x \exp\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - x. \quad (29)$$

Exercise 8. (Operations o and O)

1. Prove that when $x \rightarrow 0$, we have

(a) $x^2 = o(x)$.

(b) $\frac{1}{x} = o\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$.

(c) $\cos(x) - 1 + \tan^2(x) = o(x)$.

(d) $x \sin(x) = O(x^2)$.

(e) $\frac{1}{1-x} = 1 + x + o(x)$.

(f) $x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} + x^3 = o(\tan x)$.

2. Prove that when $x \rightarrow +\infty$, we have

(a) $x \sin(x) = O(x)$.

(b) $x^2 = O(x^3)$.

(c) $\frac{1}{1-x} = -\frac{1}{x} + O\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$.

(d) $\ln^\alpha x = o(x^\beta)$, for all $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\beta > 0$.

Exercise 9. (Some theoretical results) Let f be a given function defined on the interval $]x_0 - \alpha, x_0 + \alpha[$, where x_0 and $\alpha > 0$ are given

1. Prove that if $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0 + h) \in \mathbb{R}$ then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0 - h)) = 0$.

2. Provide an example in which the inverse of the previous statement is not true.

Exercise 10. (Existence of the limit) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \cos(x)$ does not exist.

Exercise 11. (Equivalence of functions) Provide simple equivalent functions for the following ones when $x \rightarrow +\infty$ and $x \rightarrow 0$

1. $\ln(x) + \ln^2(x)$.

2. $\exp(x) + \sin(x)$.

3. $\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}$.

Exercise 12. (Equivalence of functions) Provide simple equivalent functions for the following ones

1. $\sin(x^2)$, when $x \rightarrow 0$.

2. $\ln(\cos(x))$, when $x \rightarrow 0$.
3. $\frac{\tan(x) \ln(x+1)}{\sqrt{x^2+x}-1}$, when $x \rightarrow 0$.
4. $\ln(x^2+x+1)$, when $x \rightarrow \infty$.
5. $\sqrt{\ln(x+1)} + \sqrt{x}$, when $x \rightarrow \infty$.