
Homework 5

Exercise 1 Show that there are exactly two tangent lines to the graph of the function $f : \mathbb{R} \ni x \mapsto (x+1)^2 \in \mathbb{R}$ which pass through the origin. Find the equation of these lines (\Leftrightarrow find the two functions whose graphs correspond to these straight lines).

Exercise 2 Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = x^2 \sin(1/x)$ if $x \neq 0$ and $f(0) = 0$.

1. Show that f is continuous at 0,
2. Compute the derivative of f at 0,
3. Compute the derivative of f at any $x \neq 0$,
4. Show that the derivative of f is well-defined but that this derivative is not continuous at 0.

Indication: One has $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(y)}{y} = 1$, which will be proved later on.

Exercise 3 1) For $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ let $P_{\frac{1}{n}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by $P_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Show that the following equality holds:

$$P'_{\frac{1}{n}}(x) = \frac{1}{n} x^{\frac{1}{n}-1}$$

For the proof you can use the equality

$$(a^n - b^n) = (a - b) \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} a^{n-k-1} b^k$$

for $a = (x+h)^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and $b = x^{\frac{1}{n}}$.

2) Deduce that if $P_{\frac{m}{n}} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined for $m, n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ by $P_{\frac{m}{n}}(x) = x^{\frac{m}{n}}$, then

$$P'_{\frac{m}{n}}(x) = \frac{m}{n} x^{\frac{m}{n}-1}.$$

Exercise 4 Find the equation of the tangent of the curve in \mathbb{R}^2 defined by the relation

$$F(x, y) = x^2 - y^2 + 3xy + 12 = 0$$

at the point $(-4, 2)$.

Exercise 5 By using the indication mentioned above, compute the following limits:

1. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h)-1}{h}$,
2. $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(h)-1}{h^2}$.