
Homework 8

Exercise 1 Compute

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{1}{\ln(x)} \right),$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \sin(4x))^{\cot(x)} \quad \text{with } \cot(x) = \frac{1}{\tan(x)}.$

Exercise 2 Consider the function $\tanh : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, 1)$. Show that this function is invertible and compute the derivative of its inverse.

Exercise 3 Show that $\tanh(y)^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \ln \left(\frac{1+y}{1-y} \right)$ for any $y \in (-1, 1)$.

Exercise 4 Differentiate the function $\mathbb{R}_+ \ni x \mapsto \frac{x^{3/4} \sqrt{x^2+1}}{(3x+2)^5} \in \mathbb{R}_+.$

Exercise 5 (Midterm 2021) 1) Consider $f : [a, b] \rightarrow [\alpha, \beta]$ a strictly increasing and continuous function satisfying $f(a) = \alpha$ and $f(b) = \beta$. Show that its inverse function $f^{-1} : [\alpha, \beta] \rightarrow [a, b]$ is continuous at any $y \in (\alpha, \beta)$. Hint: Consider $y \in (\alpha, \beta)$, set $x := f^{-1}(y)$, and let $\epsilon > 0$ such that $[x-\epsilon, x+\epsilon] \subset (a, b)$. Set $\delta := \min\{|y - f(x - \epsilon)|, |y - f(x + \epsilon)|\}$, and... show the statement.

2) Observe that the continuity of f is not necessary in the previous proof. In fact, the following statement holds: If $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is strictly increasing (but not necessarily continuous), its inverse $f^{-1} : f([a, b]) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. Can you provide an example of this situation, and explain it ?