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**Homework 3**

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**Exercise 1** Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two continuous functions. Show as precisely as possible that

1. the sum  $\lambda f + g$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  for any  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
2. the product  $fg$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ ,

**Exercise 2** Compute the following limits, if they exist:

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{|x|} \right)$ ,
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x^2+x-6}{|x-2|}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2+x-6}{|x-2|}$ ,
3.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+h}-1}{h}$ .

**Exercise 3** Let  $I$  be an open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function. If  $f(x) \neq 0$  for some  $x \in I$ , show that there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $f(x+h) \neq 0$  for any  $h \in [-\delta, \delta]$ .

**Exercise 4** Determine the slope of the tangent at each point of the graph of the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$ .

**Exercise 5** For each positive integer  $n$  consider the polynomial function  $p_n : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $p_n(x) = x^n$  and show that

$$p'_n(x) \equiv \frac{dp_n}{dx}(x) = nx^{n-1}.$$

In your proof you can use the equality

$$(x+y)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k y^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^{n-k} y^k$$

with  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ .