

Correction n°3

Real Functions of One Real Variable

Solution 1

Evaluate the limits :

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \sqrt{1+x}}{x^2}$. At $+\infty, x > 0$ hence $|x| = x$

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

The numerator goes to 1 and the denominator goes to $+\infty$, then the limit of quotient goes to 0.

2. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2 - \sin(5x)}{x^2 + 7}$. We know that

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &\leq \sin(5x) \leq 1 \\ -1 &\leq -\sin(5x) \leq 1 \\ 4x^2 - 1 &\leq 4x^2 - \sin(5x) \leq 4x^2 + 1 \\ \frac{4x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 7} &\leq \frac{4x^2 - \sin(5x)}{x^2 + 7} \leq \frac{4x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 7} \quad \left(\frac{1}{x^2 + 7} > 0\right) \end{aligned}$$

Since $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2}{x^2} = 4$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 7} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2}{x^2} = 4$

By squeeze theorem : $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{4x^2 - \sin(5x)}{x^2 + 7} = 4$

Solution 2

1. Show that f has a continuous extension to $x = 2$, where $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 4}, \quad x \neq 2$

Here $f(2)$ has not been defined.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+1}{x+2} \\ &= \frac{3}{4} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists, therefore f has a removable discontinuity at $x_0 = 2$.

Hence, The continuous extension is

$$\tilde{f}(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x^2 - 4} & \text{for } x \neq 2 \\ \frac{3}{4} & \text{for } x = 2 \end{cases}$$

2. Determine the value of a and b for which the function g is continuous at $x = 0$:

(a) we have $g(0) = b$

(b) Determie Left hand limit

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

(c) Determie Right hand limit

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

From (a), (b) and (c), g is continuous if $b = a + 2 = \frac{1}{2}$. Therefore $a = -\frac{3}{2}$ and $b = \frac{1}{2}$

Solution 3

1. Examine the differentiability :

◆ • f is differentiable on $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$, because it is a product and a composite of differentiable function on $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$

• Show that f is differentiable at 0,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(\frac{1}{x})}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin(\frac{1}{x}) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{t} \sin(t) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence f is differentiable at 0. Therefore, f is differentiable on \mathbb{R}

◆ • g is differentiable at 0: we have $\frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \frac{\ln(1 + |x|)}{x}$ and we know that

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 + t)}{t} = 1$$

For $x < 0$, since $t = -x$ we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\ln(1 - x)}{x} = -1$$

For $x > 0$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} = 1$$

The Right hand limit and Left hand limit are not equal. Thus, g is not differentiable at 0.

Solution 4

1. Let f be the function defined by : $f(x) = 2x^2 - 16x + 1$

(a) Find the extremum of f on $[0, 9]$

First, we find all possible critical points. Since f is differentiable :

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) = 0 &\iff 4x - 16 = 0 \\ &\implies x = 4 \end{aligned}$$

for $x \in [0, 4[$, we have $f'(x) < 0$ and for $x \in]4, 9]$, we have $f'(x) > 0$ Then $f(4) = -31$ is the minimum value of f on $[0, 9]$.

(b) Show that the equation $f(x) = 0$ has a unique solution α on $[0, 3]$.

- f is continuous on \mathbb{R} because it is a polynomial function, then f is continuous on $[0, 3]$.
- From (a) f is strictly decreasing on $[0, 4[$, then on $[0, 3]$.
- $f([0, 3]) = [f(3), f(0)] = [-29, 1]$

Hence $0 \in f([0, 3])$. (ie. $f(0) \cdot f(3) < 0$)

Therefore, by IVT the equation $f(x) = 0$ has unique solution α on $[0, 3]$.

2. The function g is continuous on $[-1; 0[\cup]0, 1]$ and differentiable on $[-1; 0[\cup]0, 1]$

- Show that g is differentiable at 0

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(2\pi x)}{(2\pi x)^2} 4\pi^2 = 2\pi^2 \in \mathbb{R}$$

Hence: g is differentiable at 0

- we know that if g is differentiable at 0, then g is continuous at 0. Indeed,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(2\pi x)}{(2\pi x)^2} 4\pi^2 x = 0 = g(0)$$

It follows that g is continuous on $[-1; 1]$ and differentiable on $[-1; 1]$ and we have $g(-1) = g(1)$

By Rolle's Theorem, there exist $c \in]-1, 1[$ such that: $g'(c) = 0$