

EXERCICE 1.

(A): Find the point set M in each case and explain why $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus M \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. Finally check whether the function has a continuous extension to either \mathbb{R}^2 or to $\mathbb{R}^2 \setminus L$, where $L \subset M$.

$$1) f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{x^2 + y^2}, \quad 2) f(x, y) = \frac{3x - 2y}{2x - 3y}, \quad (*)3) f(x, y) = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{x - y}, \quad (*)4) f(x, y) = \frac{1 - e^{xy}}{xy}$$

(B): Sketch in each of the cases below the domain of the given function or vector function. Then examine whether the (vector) function has limit for $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$, and indicate this when it exists.

$$1) f(x, y) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{x}, \quad (*)2) f(x, y) = \frac{1}{x} \sin y, \quad (*)3) f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x \sin y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \frac{x^2 + y^2 + x^2 y^2}{x^2 + 3y^2} \right), \quad 4) f(x, y) = \left(\frac{x}{x + y}, \sqrt{x + y} \right)$$

EXERCICE 2.

(1) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by $f(x, y) = \frac{x^2 y^2}{x^2 y^2 + (x - y)^2}$. Show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) \right) = 0,$$

and that f nevertheless does not have a limit for $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$.

(2) (*) Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \setminus \{(0, 0)\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \sin y, & x \neq 0, \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Prove that $f(x, y) \rightarrow 0$ for $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$ and that we nevertheless do not have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) \right) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x, y) \right).$$

EXERCICE 3.

(A): Find in each of the following cases the gradient of the given functions

$$1) f(x, y) = \arctan(x/y), \text{ for } y \neq 0, \quad (*)2) f(x, y) = \ln\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right), \text{ for } (x, y) \neq (0, 0)$$

$$3) f(x, y, z) = x e^{y+xz}, \text{ for } (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3, \quad (*)4) f(x, y, z) = \exp(x^2 - y + z), \text{ for } (x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3.$$

(B): Use the chain rule to calculate the derivative of the function $F(u) = f(X(u))$, i.e. without finding $F(u)$ explicitly in the following cases

$$1) f(x, y) = xy, X(u) = (e^u, \cos u), u \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (*)2) f(x, y) = e^{xy}, X(u) = (3u^2, u^3), u \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(C): Calculate the partial derivatives of the function $F(u, v) = f(X(u, v))$ by means of the chain rule, i.e. without finding $F(u, v)$ explicitly, in the following cases

$$1) f(x, y) = x^2 y, X(u, v) = (u+v, uv), (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2, \quad (*)2) f(x, y) = \frac{x}{x+y}, X(u, v) = (u^2+v^2, 2uv), (u, v) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

EXERCICE 4. Let u and w denote two functions in two variables. We assume that they fulfil the differential equations

$$a \frac{\partial w}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial u}{\partial z} \quad \text{and} \quad b \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = -\frac{\partial w}{\partial z}, \quad (z, t) \in \mathbb{R}^2.$$

We also consider two C^1 -functions $F, G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, and we put

$$u(z, t) = F(z + ct) + G(z - ct), \quad w(z, t) = \gamma \{F(z + ct) - G(z - ct)\}.$$

Prove that one can choose the constants c and γ such that the differential equations are satisfied.

EXERCISE 5.

(A): Find in each of the following cases the directional derivative of the given function

$$1) f(x, y, z) = x + 2xy - 3y^2, (x_0, y_0, z_0) = (1, 2, 1), v = (3, 4, 0),$$

$$2) f(x, y, z) = ze^x \cos(\pi y), (x_0, y_0, z_0) = (0, -1, 1), v = (-1, 2, 1).$$

(B): Given the function $f(x, y, z) = \arctan\left(x + \frac{1}{y}\right) + \sinh(z^2 - 1)$, $y < 0$.

Find the direction in which the directional derivation of f at the point $(1, -1, 1)$ is smallest, and indicate this minimum.

EXERCISE 6.

(A): Let the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy^3}{x^2+y^2}, & (x, y) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0, & (x, y) = (0, 0) \end{cases},$$

- (1) Prove that f has partial derivatives of first order at every point of the plane.
- (2) Prove that the mixed derivatives f''_{xy} and f''_{yx} both exist at the point $(0, 0)$, though $f''_{xy}(0, 0) \neq f''_{yx}(0, 0)$.
- (3) Find f''_{xy} for $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$, and prove that this function does not have any limit for $(x, y) \rightarrow (0, 0)$.

(B): Prove that

- (1) The functions $f(x, y) = \ln\left(\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}\right)$, $(*)f(x, y) = e^{\alpha x} \cos(\alpha y)$ and $(*)f(x, y) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}}$ fulfils the differential equation $\Delta f(x, y) = 0$.
- (2) (*)A C^2 -function f in two variables satisfies $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} - \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2} = 0$. Introduce the new variables $u = x + y$, $v = x - y$ and prove that the function $g(u, v) = f\left(\frac{u+v}{2}, \frac{u-v}{2}\right)$ fulfils the equation $\frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial u \partial v} = 0$. Furthermore, prove that it follow from $\Delta f(x, y) = 0$ that $\Delta g(u, v) = 0$.
- (3) Give a function $f(x, y) = \exp(x + xy - 2y)$, $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Find the approximating polynomial of at most second degree $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ from the points $(0, 0)$ and $(1, 1)$ respectively. Calculate the values $P(1/2, 1/2)$ and $Q(1/2, 1/2)$, compare these with the value $f(1/2, 1/2)$ found on a pocket calculator.
- (4) (*)A function $f \in C^\infty(\mathbb{R}^2)$ satisfies the equations $f(x, 0) = e^x$ and $f'_y(x, y) = 2yf(x, y)$. Find the approximating polynomial of at most second degree for f with $(0, 0)$ as the point of expansion.