

## Mathematical Analysis Exercise Sheet 1

**Before we start:** Do you know how to sketch the graph of the following functions  $ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $e^{\pm x}$ ,  $\ln x$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $|x|$ ?

**Sketch the graph of**

1.  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$ .

2.  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$ .

3.  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{1 + x^2}$ .

**Homework**

**HW 4.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{1 + x^2}$ . Sketch the graph of  $f$  and find a polynomial function  $P(x)$  (of minimal degree) such that

$$|f(x) - P(x)| \rightarrow 0 \quad \text{as } x \rightarrow \infty.$$

**(Counterexample)** The above property, that  $f$  is asymptotically polynomial at  $\infty$ , does not hold for all smooth functions. Give a counterexample, i.e., give an example of a function for which  $|f(x) - P(x)| \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  does not hold for any polynomial  $P$ .

**HW 5.** Sketch the graph of  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin(x)$ . [This function describes damped oscillations.]