

CALCULUS
DEGREE IN SOFTWARE ENGINEERING
WORKSHEET 1. FUNCTIONS, LIMITS, CONTINUITY

1. Find the domain of the following functions

(a) $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 15}$

(b) $y = \sqrt{(x-1)(x-2)(x-3)}$

(c) $y = \ln(-x^2 + 2x - 4)$

(d) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x| - x}}$

(e) $y = \tan(x)$

(f) $y = \csc(x)$

(g) $y = \frac{x+5}{x+3}$

(h) $y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 3}$

(i) $y = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{1+x}$

(j) $y = \cos^{-1} \frac{2x}{5+x}$

(k) $y = \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{6+x}$

(l) $y = \sin^{-1} \frac{x}{2-|x|}$

(m) $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{25 - x^2}}$

2. Compose the following functions, obtaining $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$

I) $f(x) = x + 5$ $g(x) = x^2 - 3$

II) $f(x) = \ln(x)$ $g(x) = \sin x$

III) $f(x) = x^2 + 9$ $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$

IV) $f(x) = x^2 + 7$ $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+5}$

V) $f(x) = x^3 + x$ $g(x) = x^{1/3}$

3. Calculate the limits of these functions :

I) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^4 - x^3 + 1$

II) $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{e^x + \cos x}{e^x - \cos x}$

III) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x + x}{x}$

IV) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x}{x+1}$

V) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 - x}$

VI) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{x}$

VII) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{5x+10}{2x}$

VIII) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{2x+1}{2x+3} \right)^{\frac{x^2-1}{(x-2)^2}}$

4. Prove that $f(x) = \sin x + 2x - 1$ has at least a real zero.
5. Prove that the graphs of the functions $h(x) = \ln x$ and $g(x) = e^{-x}$ intersect at least at one point.
6. Given the equation $x^3 + \lambda x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$. Prove that
 - (a) if $\lambda > 2$ the equation has at least a solution less than 1.
 - (b) If $\lambda < 2$ there is a solution of the equation that is greater than 1.

7. Has the equation $ax^5 + bx^3 + cx + d = 0$ a real solution ? Use Bolzano's theorem.

8. Let $f(x)$ be

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2|x+2| & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of $f(x)$

9. Calculate a and b such that $f(x)$ is a continuous function at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x + a & \text{if } x < 0 \\ ax^2 + 2 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ \frac{b}{2x} & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

10. The function $f(x) = \frac{x}{1 + e^{\frac{1}{x+1}}}$ has a discontinuity at $x = -1$. Is the discontinuity removable? Analyze also the behaviour of the function at ∞ and $-\infty$