

Exercise 11: applications of differentiation, Riemann sum

Exercise 34

Show that among the ellipses, prescribed by

$$\frac{1}{a^2}x^2 + \frac{1}{b^2}y^2 = 1, \quad a, b > 0,$$

a circle minimizes the enclosed area

$$\pi ab$$

subject to the constraint that the perimeter $p > 0$ of the ellipse is given approximately by:

$$\pi(a + b) = p.$$

- Formulate the corresponding **minimization** problem in 1d, where the variable b has been eliminated by the constraint.
- Compute the minimizer of this optimization problem.
- Check that for the minimizer $a = b =: r$ holds. Show that r corresponds to the radius of a circle.

Exercise 35

Calculate the square root of a positive real number a by the Newton method, i.e. find a zero of

$$f(x) = 1 - \frac{a}{x^2}.$$

As initial value we consider $x_0 = \frac{1+a}{2}$

- Derive the abstract steps of the Newton method for arbitrary a .
- Solve two steps of the Newton method for $a = 2$.
- Solve two steps of the Newton method for $a = 5$.

In b) and c) use a calculator or a mathematical software.

Exercise 36

- Let $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and t is not an integer multiple of 2π .

Show that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have

$$\frac{1}{2} + \sum_{k=1}^n \cos(kt) = \frac{\sin\left(\left(n + \frac{1}{2}\right)t\right)}{2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}t\right)}.$$

Hint: Use the definition of the cosine by the complex exponential function and then exploit a geometric series.

b) Compute the integral

$$\int_0^a \cos(x) dx, \quad a > 0,$$

by means of a Riemann sum.

Consider an equidistant partition of $[0, a]$ with fineness a/n . We choose as intermediate points $t_k = x_k = ka/n$, $k = 0, 1, \dots, n$.