

## Exercise 6: functions: limits and continuity

### Exercise 17

We consider a connection of  $n$  identical voltage sources in series (e.g., electrical batteries) in a circuit with one consumer.

Each of the voltage sources has an interior ohmic resistance  $R_i$  and yields a source voltage  $U_q$ . Hence the total voltage is  $U_0 = nU_q$ .

The consumer has an ohmic resistance  $R_a$ .

Compute the resulting current  $I(n)$  in the circuit as function of the number of voltage sources. Plot  $I(n)$ .

What is the limit  $I(n)$  as  $n$  tends to infinity? Remark: The latter is the so-called short-circuit current  $I_{sc}$ .

Note that according to the Kirchhoff laws, the total ohmic resistance is

$$R_g = nR_i + R_a$$

$$I(n) = \frac{nU_q}{nR_i + R_a} \quad | \cdot \frac{1}{n}$$

and by Ohm's law

$$\frac{U_q}{R_i + \frac{R_a}{n}} \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} I(n) = \frac{U_q}{R_i} \quad I = \frac{U_0}{R_g} \quad \begin{array}{c} \uparrow \\ \text{ } \end{array} \quad = \frac{\frac{nU_q}{n}}{\frac{nR_i}{n} + \frac{R_a}{n}}$$

### Exercise 18

Compute the limits

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 2x}{x^3 + x^2 - 7x + 2}$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 1}{x - 1}$

c)  $\lim_{x \downarrow 1} \frac{x - 3}{x^2 + x - 2}$

### Exercise 19

Let

$$f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto f(x) := x^2 - 2x + 1,$$

$$g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto g(x) := -x + 1.$$

a) Justify that  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous.

Show that  $f$  and  $g$  attain its maximum and minimum.

Determine the images of  $f$  and  $g$ .

b) Compute  $h_1(x) = f(g(x))$  and  $h_2(x) = g(f(x))$ .

c) Show that  $h_1$  and  $h_2$  are strictly monotone increasing.