

Homework 11

EXERCISE 1

Let $f(x)$ be a function defined near 0 and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$.

Question 1. Prove that if $g(x) = o(\mathcal{O}(f(x)))$, then $g(x) = o(f(x))$.

Question 2. Prove that if $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(o(f(x)))$, then $g(x) = o(f(x))$.

EXERCISE 2

Let the angle $\angle AOB = x$. Find $n \in \mathbb{N}$ so that the following quantity $g(x)$ satisfies that $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$ and $x^n = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$.

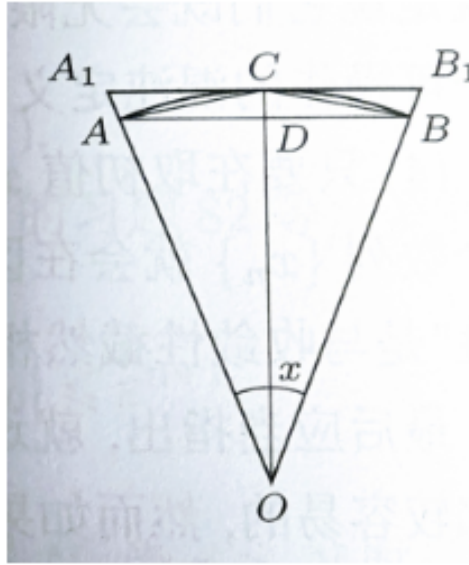


FIGURE 1. Exercise 2

Question 1. The chord length $|AB|$.

Definition. We denote $f(x) \sim g(x)$ when $x \rightarrow 0$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$.

Lemma. $2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) \sim x$ when $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. As proven, we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} = 1$, thus

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot \sin(\frac{x}{2})}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \cdot \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{\frac{x}{2}}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \cdot \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

by definition showing $2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) \sim x$ when $x \rightarrow 0$.

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Lemma. If $f(x), g(x)$ are bounded and continuous functions when $x \in [-1, 1]$, then

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)g(x)| \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)| \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |g(x)|$$

Proof. By Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem, there must exist a convergent sequence $(x_n y_n)$ where $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, x_n \in |f([-1, 1])|, y_n \in |g([-1, 1])|$ s.t. $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) = \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)g(x)| \in \mathbb{R}$ (by lecture $[-1, 1]$ is closed and f, g are continuous mean the supremum $|f(x)g(x)|$ must be achieved).

Thus, $0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)|$ and $0 \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |g(x)|$ give

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)g(x)| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n y_n) \leq \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n \cdot \limsup_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |f(x)| \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |g(x)|,$$

as required.

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Lemma. Assume f, g are continuous functions. If $x \rightarrow 0, f(x) \sim g(x), f(x), g(x) \neq 0$, then when $x \rightarrow 0$, $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n) \iff g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$ for some fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. Since $f(x) \sim g(x) \iff g(x) \sim f(x)$, w.l.o.g. we just need to show $f(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n) \implies g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$. By definition, we have

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \right| \leq M, M \geq 0,$$

and f is bounded since x^n is bounded on $[-1, 1]$, which also implies g is bounded as f is bounded and $f(x) \sim g(x)$ when $x \rightarrow 0$. Then, by the previous lemma

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \right| &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \right| \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} |1| \\ &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \right| \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \right| \\ &\geq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \cdot \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} \right| \\ &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{g(x)}{x^n} \right| \end{aligned}$$

showing

$$\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{g(x)}{x^n} \right| \leq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{f(x)}{x^n} \right| \leq M$$

, which means $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$, as required.

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Lemma. When $x \rightarrow 0, Cx^n = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$ for all $C \in \mathbb{R}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Proof. $\limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \left| \frac{Cx^n}{x^n} \right| = |C| \leq |C|$ where $|C| \geq 0$, by definition showing $Cx^n = \mathcal{O}(x^n)$ for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and any $C \in \mathbb{R}$.

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Proof. Assume $x \rightarrow 0$. Denote the radius $R = AO = CO = BO > 0$, then by lemmas and formula of triangle we have:

$g(x) = |AB| = 2R \sin(\frac{x}{2}) \sim Rx$, since $R \in \mathbb{R}$, choose $n = 1$ we have $g(x) \sim Rx = \mathcal{O}(x)$ and $x = \mathcal{O}(Rx) \implies x = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$ since

$$\begin{aligned} \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{Rx} &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{Rx} \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 \\ &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{Rx} \cdot \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{Rx}{g(x)} \\ &\geq \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{Rx} \cdot \frac{Rx}{g(x)} \\ &= \limsup_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{g(x)} \end{aligned}$$

which gives $x = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$.

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Question 2. The arch height $|CD|$.

Lemma. $1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2}) \sim \frac{x^2}{8}$ when $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. By l'hospital's rule we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{x^2}{8}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8 - 8 \cos(\frac{x}{2})}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \sin(\frac{x}{2})}{2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\frac{x}{2}) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Proof. Assume $n \rightarrow 0$ and D is the mid point of line AB . Then, $g(x) = |CD| = R - R \cos(\frac{x}{2}) \sim \frac{Rx^2}{8}$, choose $n = 2$, then similar to E2Q1 we have $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^2)$ and $x^2 = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$.

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Question 3. Area of the sector AOB .

Proof. Denote A as the area of the sector AOB . Then, $g(x) = A = \frac{1}{2}R^2x$, choose $n = 1$, similar to E2Q1 we have $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x)$ and $x = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$.

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Question 4. Area of the triangle $\triangle ACB$.

Lemma. $\sin(\frac{x}{2})(1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2})) \sim \frac{x^3}{16}$ when $x \rightarrow 0$.

Proof. By the previous lemmas we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{2})(1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2}))}{\frac{x^3}{16}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{x}{2}} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2})}{\frac{x^2}{8}} \\ &= 1 \cdot 1 \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

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Proof. Assume $x \rightarrow 0$ and D is the mid point of line AB . Denote A as the function returning the area of a triangle. Then, $A(\triangle ACB) = A(\triangle ACO) + A(\triangle BCO) - A(\triangle ABO)$. That is, $g(x) = A(\triangle ACB) = 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2}R^2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) - \frac{1}{2}R^2 \sin(x) = R^2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) - R^2 \sin(\frac{x}{2}) \cos(\frac{x}{2}) = R^2 \sin(\frac{x}{2})(1 - \cos(\frac{x}{2})) \sim \frac{R^2 x^3}{16}$, choose $n = 3$, then similar to E2Q1 we have $g(x) = \mathcal{O}(x^3)$ and $x^3 = \mathcal{O}(g(x))$.

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EXERCISE 3

Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$f(x) = e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}}$$

Question 1. Compute the approximation of the value $f(1.001)$ by using linear approximation.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \left(e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}} \right)' \\ &= \left(x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2} \right)' e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}} \\ &= ((x^2)' + \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2} \right)') e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}} \\ &= (2x + \left(\frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2} \right)') e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}} \\ &= (2x + \frac{\cos(x)(1+x^2) - \sin(x)(2x)}{(1+x^2)^2}) e^{x^2 + \frac{\sin(x)}{1+x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

Using the formula $f(x + \Delta x) - f(x) = f'(x)\Delta x + o(\Delta x)$, where $x = 1, \Delta x = 0.001$, isolate $f(x + \Delta x)$ we have

$$\begin{aligned} f(x + \Delta x) &= f(x) + f'(x)\Delta x + o(\Delta x) \\ &\approx f(1) + 0.001 \cdot f'(1) \\ &\approx \dots \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. Now suppose that you need to ensure the tolerance of error is less or equal to the scale of 10^{-17} . Normally speaking, how many terms in the Taylor expansion approximation do you need, given that in our scenario $\Delta x = 0.001$?

Proof. Since Δx is the differences of e^x and the Taylor expansion approximation of e^x $\Delta x = e^x$.

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