

# Mathematics for Computer Scientists III

## Exercise Sheet 1

### Exercise 1 (3 Points)

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by

$$f(x) := x_1^2 + 2x_2^2.$$

Show that  $f$  is continuous by showing that the  $\varepsilon$ - $\delta$  criterion in Definition 1.3.1 is satisfied for every point  $(x_1^0, x_2^0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ .

### Exercise 2 (4 Points)

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by

$$f(x_1, x_2) := \begin{cases} \frac{x_1^2 \sin(x_1 + x_2)}{\sqrt{x_1^4 + x_2^4}} & , \quad (x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & , \quad (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

Show that  $f$  is continuous.

### Exercise 3 (5 Points)

Let  $\mathbb{R}_+ := [0, \infty)$ . Let  $f : \mathbb{R}_+ \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by

$$f(x_1, x_2) := \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{x_1 x_2^2 + x_1 x_2^2}}{x_1 + 2x_2^2} & , \quad (x_1, x_2) \neq (0, 0) \\ 0 & , \quad (x_1, x_2) = (0, 0) \end{cases}.$$

- (i) Let  $x^0 = (x_1^0, x_2^0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$  be arbitrary, but fixed. Let the functions  $f_{x_1^0} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_{x_2^0} : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f_{x_2^0}(x_1) := f(x_1, x_2^0)$  and  $f_{x_1^0}(x_2) := f(x_1^0, x_2)$ . Show that both  $f_{x_1^0}$  and  $f_{x_2^0}$  are continuous.
- (ii) Show that  $f$  is *not* continuous at the point  $(0, 0)$ .

### Exercise 4\* (4 Bonus Points)

Let  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined by

$$f(x_1, x_2) := \begin{cases} \frac{1}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} & , \quad (x_1, x_2) \in A \\ x_1 x_2 & , \quad (x_1, x_2) \notin A \end{cases},$$

where  $A := \left\{ \left( \frac{1}{x} \cos\left(\frac{2\pi}{x}\right), \frac{1}{x} \sin\left(\frac{2\pi}{x}\right) \right) : x \in (0, \infty) \right\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}^2$ .

- (i) Plot (or sketch) the set  $A$ .
- (ii) Show that  $f$  is *not* continuous at the point  $(0, 0)$ .
- (iii) Show that  $f(h_N v) \rightarrow f(0, 0)$  (as  $N \rightarrow \infty$ ) for *every*  $v \in \mathbb{R}^2$  and every decreasing sequence  $(h_N)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $h_N \rightarrow 0$ .

*Hint for (iii):* Consider how “often” the sequence  $(h_N v)_{N \in \mathbb{N}}$  can hit the set  $A$ . To do this, look at the plot (or sketch) of the set  $A$ .