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# Introduction to Geogebra

## 1 Introduction

In the last decades, the computational power of computers have converted them in powerful tools for disciplines that, as Mathematics, require a large amount of complex computations.


Geogebra<sup>1</sup> is one of the most used programs for doing numerical and symbolic computations. Beyond their capabilities for the numerical, vectorial and matrix calculus, it also makes graphical representations. This allows to solve a lot of problems of Algebra, Analysis, Calculus, Geometry and even Statistics. The advantage of Geogebra versus other software as Mathematica, Maple or MATLAB, is its simplicity, what makes it suitable for teaching Maths, and that is open source software, so that it can be modified and installed for free.



This software can be downloaded from the web <https://www.geogebra.org>. There is also in this web an on-line version of the program that can be used as a web application without installing it in the computer. This web also contains a lot of tutorials and educational resources available to the users. In fact, any user can register and upload to this site activities developed with Geogebra.

The goal of this practice is to introduce to the student the basic usage of this program for Calculus.

## 2 Starting the program

As any other Windows applications, to start the program you have to click the Windows start button and then select All the programs Geogebra or simply double click the desktop shortcut icon  if there is one.

When the program starts, the initial window is shown (figure 1.1), allowing the user to choose among different working environments or *Perspectives*.

<sup>1</sup>These practices are based on version 6.0 of Classic Geogebra

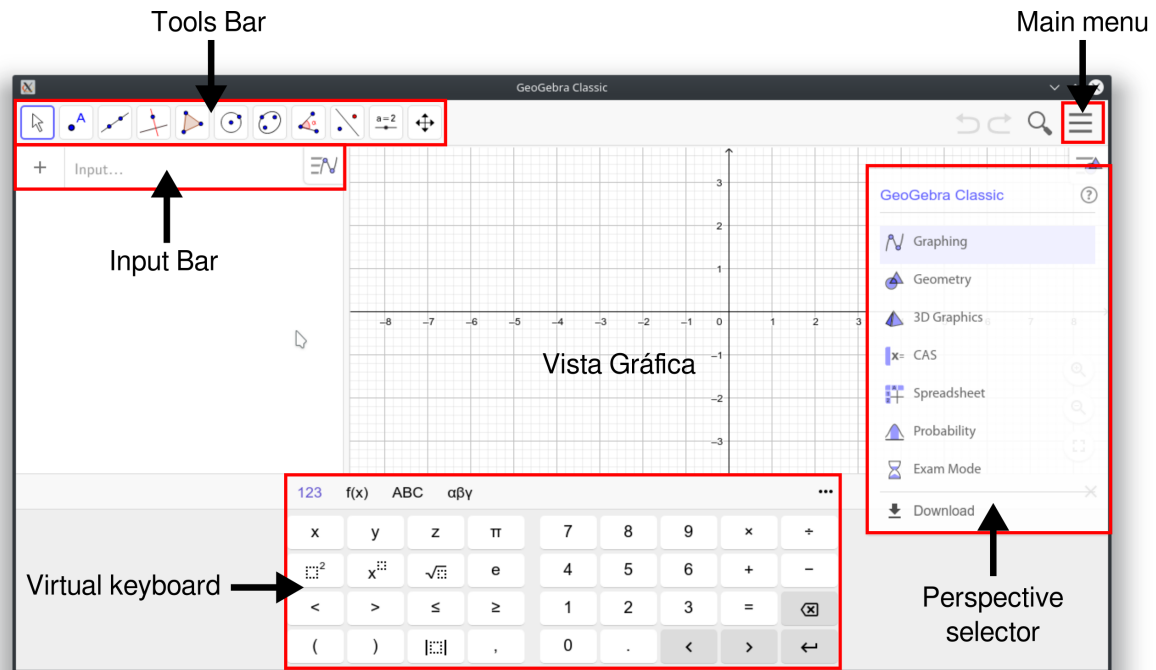





Figure 1.1 – Starting perspective of Geogebra.


### 3 Views

Geogebra provides several windows that are called *Views* and different working environments called *Perspectives* that combine some views. Both views and perspectives can be activated in the main menu of Geogebra that appears in the top right corner. The most important views that we are going to use during these practices are:

**Algebraic View**  This view allows to make algebraic and geometric constructions. It provides an Input Bar where the user can enter command and algebraic expressions. This view is active by default when the program starts.

**Graphic View**  This view allows to represent graphically geometric objects in the real plane. Beside the algebraic view, this view is also active by default when the program starts.

**3D Graphics View**  This view allows to represent graphically geometric objects in the real space. This view is not activated by default when the program starts, so that it must be activated by the user when it is required.

**CAS View**  (Computer Algebra System) This view allows to do symbolic calculations. It provides an Input Bar similar to the one of the algebraic view where you can enter commands and mathematical expressions, and evaluate them. This view is not activated by default when the program starts, but *it will be the most used view during these practices*.

## 4 Expression edition in the CAS View

Before doing any computation with a mathematical expression, you need to know how to enter that expression and learn to manage it.

### Entering expressions

Any mathematical expression must be entered in the Input Bar of the CAS View (figure 1.2).



Figure 1.2 – Input Bar.

The Input Bar allows to enter mathematical expressions, commands and text annotations. In the mathematical expressions we can enter numbers, roman letters, greek letters, mathematical operators and any symbols that appears in the virtual keyboard. It also allows to enter  $\text{\LaTeX}$ <sup>2</sup> code to format expressions. For instance, it is possible to write superscripts with the command `^` and subscripts with the command `_`.

When the key Enter is pressed after entering a mathematical expression, Geogebra tries to evaluate it and it shows the result of the evaluation just below the expression, or a warning when there is some mistake in the expression.

The most common operators for the construction of mathematical expressions are shown in the table below.

Symbol	Operator
+	Addition
-	Subtraction
*	Product
/	Division
^	Power

At the time of writing a mathematical expression, you must take into account that Geogebra has an order of priority to evaluate the operators. First it evaluates predefined functions and constants, after powers, after products and quotients (both with the same priority and from left to right), and finally additions and subtractions (both with the same priority and from left to right). To force the evaluation of a subexpression, skipping the order of priority, you must use parenthesis. Thus, as it can be appreciated in the table below, depending on how a expression is entered, you can get different results.

Entered expression	Evaluated expression
$4x-1/x-5$	$4x - \frac{1}{x} - 5$
$(4x-1)/x-5$	$\frac{4x-1}{x} - 5$
$4x-1/(x-5)$	$4x - \frac{1}{x-5}$
$(4x-1)/(x-5)$	$\frac{4x-1}{x-5}$

Every expression that is entered in the CAS View is labelled with a number that allows to identify it. Later, every time that we want to reference that expression we can use that identifier instead of writing again the whole expression.

<sup>2</sup><https://www.latex-project.org/>


There are two ways of referring to an expression, that are the static and the dynamic references. To do a static reference we must write the symbol # followed by the identifier number of the expression. On the other hand, to do a dynamic reference we must write the symbol \$ followed by the identifier number of the expression. A static reference will not change the expression where the reference is done even when the original expression changes, while for a dynamic reference, when the original expression changes, that change will be reflected in the expression where the reference is done.



It is possible to select any expression or subexpression of the CAS View and then copy and paste it in the Input Bar.

## Entering text notes

Geogebra also allows to enter text notes or comments into the Input Bar. For that you have to right-click the Input Bar and select the option Text in the contextual menu that appears. Text annotations are very helpful to explain the steps in a mathematical construction or to interpret the results.

## Removing expressions

Of course, it is possible to remove an expression from the CAS View. For that you have to go to the line with the expression to remove and click the button  or right-click that line and select the option Delete row in the contextual menu that appears.

If sometime we commit a mistake entering or deleting a wrong expression, it is possible to undo the last operations or redo them clicking the buttons  or  respectively.

## Defining variables

To define a variable we can use roman letters or greek letters. The name of a variable can have more than one letter and, in this case, it is also possible to use numbers but it must start always by a letter. Thus, for Geogebra, the expression  $xy$ , is not interpreted as the product of the variables  $x$  and  $y$ , but the variable  $xy$ . In addition, it distinguishes between upper and lower case, so that  $xy$  and  $xY$  are different variables.

## Defining constants and functions

To define a constant or a function the definition operator  $:=$  must be used. To define a constant you have to write the name of the constant followed by  $:=$  and the value of the constant. For example, to define the gravity constant we have to write  $g := 9.81$ .

On the other hand, to define a function you have to write the name of the function, followed by the list of variables separated by commas and between parenthesis, then  $:=$  and finally the expression that defines the function. For example, to define the function that calculates the area of triangle with base  $b$  and high  $h$ , we have to write  $a(b, h) := (b \cdot h) / 2$  (see figure 1.3).

If we have defined a constant or function, and we change the definition after, the changes will be reflected in any other expression that contains the constant or function, except if the reference is static.

To remove a definition and free the name of the constant or function, for example  $c$ , we can use the command  $Delete(c)$  or the command  $c :=$ .

## Predefined constants and functions

Geogebra provides several predefined constants and functions that can be used in the mathematical expressions. The syntax of some of these constants and functions is shown in the table 1.1, although, instead of using those commands, we can use the operators and constants of the virtual keyboard.

## Entering vectors and matrices

Geogebra allows also to handle vectors and matrices. To define a vector you must write its coordinates separated by commas between parenthesis. For example, to enter the vector  $(x, y, z)$  we have to write  $(x, y, z)$  (see figure 1.3).



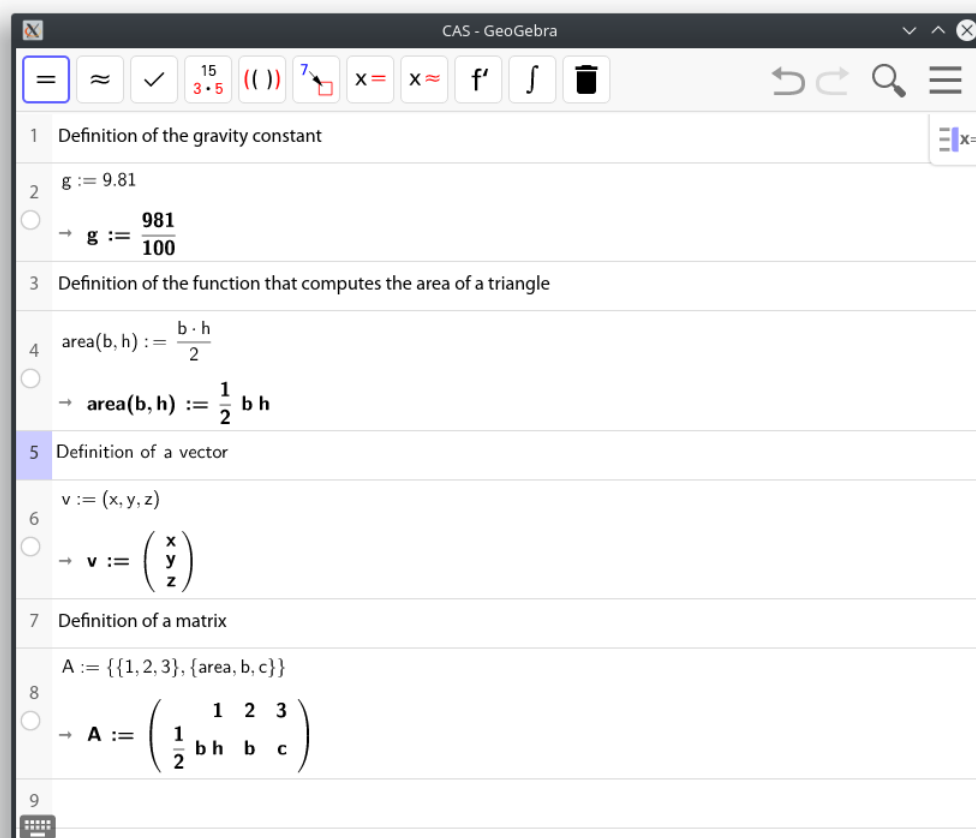


Figure 1.3 – Entering mathematical expressions in the Input Bar.

Sintaxis	Constante o función
pi	The number $\pi = 3.14159 \dots$
Alt+e	Euler's constant $e = 2.71828 \dots$
Alt+i	Imaginary number $i = \sqrt{-1}$
inf	Infinity $\infty$
exp(x)	Exponential function $e^x$
log(a,x)	Logarithmic function of base $a$ , $\log_a x$
ln(x)	Neperian logarithmic function $\ln x$
sqrt(x)	Square root function $\sqrt{x}$
sin(x)	Sine function $\sin x$
cos(x)	Cosine function $\cos x$
tan(x)	Tangent function $\tan x$
arcsin(x)	Arcsine function $\arcsin x$
arccos(x)	Arccosine function $\arccos x$
arctan(x)	Arctangent function $\arctan x$


Table 1.1 – Syntax of some predefined constants and functions in Geogebra.

To define a matrix you must enter its elements by rows, separated by commas and between curly brackets. For example, to enter the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ a & b & c \end{pmatrix}$$

we have to write  $\{\{1,2,3\},\{a,b,c\}\}$  (see figure 1.3).

## Simplifying expressions


By default Geogebra always tries to simplify the mathematical expressions when it evaluates them. For example, if you enter  $x + x$  the result will be  $2x$ . To avoid simplification you can change to the Keep Input mode clicking the button .

However, when Geogebra evaluates a mathematical expression it does not perform more complex simplifications, like, for instance, the simplification  $\sin(x)^2 + \cos(x)^2 = 1$ . To do this there are three commands:

**Simplify** This is the most simple and tries to simplify a mathematical expression the most. For example, the command `Simplify(sin(x)^2+cos(x)^2)` returns 1.

**Expand** This command tries to expand a mathematical expression computing all the possible powers, products, quotients, additions and subtractions. For example, the command `Expand((x+1)^2)` returns  $x^2+2x+1$ .

**Factor** This command tries to factorize a mathematical expression. For example, the command `Factoriza(x^2+2x+1)` returns  $(x+1)^2$ .

In any of these simplifications Geogebra uses by default the exact mode and returns fractional expressions. To get the approximate value of a mathematical expression, with decimals, we must change to the Numeric Evaluation mode clicking the button . The number of decimal places showed can be set in the settings menu of Geogebra.

Lastly, it is possible to replace any variable by a value with the command `Substitute(<Expression>, <Substitution list>)`. For example, the command `Substitute(2x+y, x=2, y=1)` returns 5.

## Entering equations and inequations

To define equations in Geogebra the equality symbol  $=$  must be used. For example, the command  $2x-y=1$  defines the equation of a line.

And to define inequations we can use the symbols less than  $<$ , greater than  $>$ , less than or equal to  $\leq$  or greater than or equal to  $\geq$ . For example, the command  $x^2+y^2\leq 1$  defines the circle with radius 1 centered at the origin.

To solve equations and inequation you can use the command `Solve(<equations>)`. For example, the command `Solve(x^2-5x+4=0)` returns  $\{x=1, x=4\}$ . It is also possible to impose restrictions for the variables. For example, the command `Solve(x^2-5x+4=0, x>3)` returns only the solution  $\{x=4\}$ .

To solve systems of equations you must enter the list of equations separated by commas and between curly brackets. For example, the command `Solve(2x+3=7, x-y=-1)` returns  $\{x=3, y=2\}$ .

This command also solves inequations. For example, the command `Solve(3x-2<1)` returns  $\{x<1\}$ .

## 5 Graphical representations

One of the strengths of Geogebra is its graphics capabilities, since it allows to represent graphically a lot of geometric objects both in the plane and in the real space.

## Graphical representations in the real plane

To represent geometric objects in the real plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ , Geogebra uses the Graphics View. By default any function defined in the CAS View will be plotted in this view. To graphically represent other objects like constants, equations or inequations, it is required to click on the circle that appears to the left of the expression (see figure 1.4). To hide back the object in the Graphics View you have to click again on this circle.

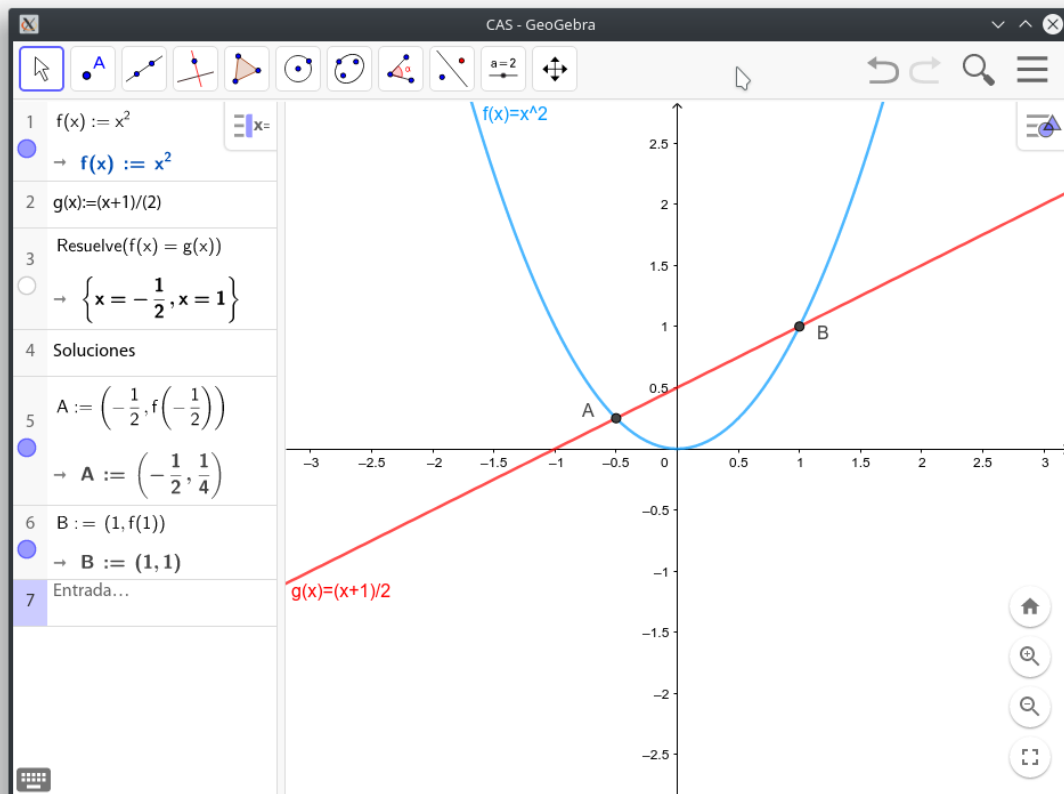





Figure 1.4 – Graphical representations in the Graphics View.

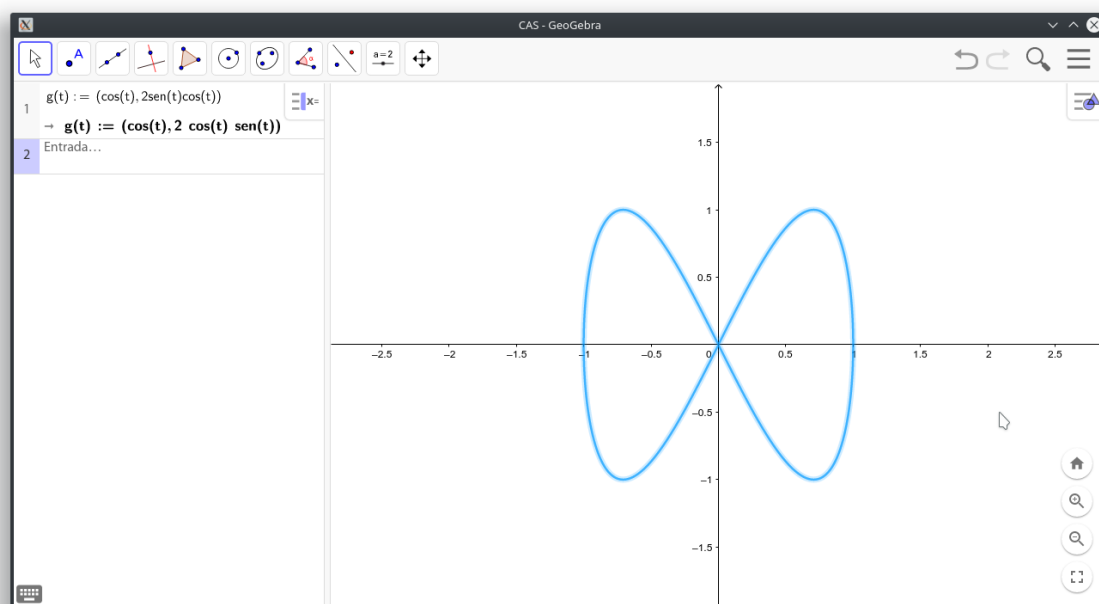
Geogebra allows also the graphical representation of parametric functions defining the vector with the coordinate functions depending on one parameter. For example, the command  $g(t) := (\cos(t), 2\sin(t)\cos(t))$  plots the curve of the figure 1.5.

It is possible to change the aspect of any geometric object right-clicking on it and selecting the option Settings in the contextual menu that appears. This opens a panel that allows to change the name of the object, the colour, the thickness or the opacity of the line, or even to enter a label that will appear next to the object in the Graphics View.

The Graphics View is centered at the origin of coordinates by default, but it is possible to make a zoom in or out clicking on the buttons  and  respectively. It is also possible to move the view clicking at any position in the view and dragging the mouse. To come back to the original view you can click on the button .

## Graphical representations in the real space

To represent geometric objects in the real space  $\mathbb{R}^3$ , Geogebra uses the 3D Graphics View.







**Figure 1.5** – Graphical representation of a parametric curve in the real plane.

By default, any function of two variables defined in the CAS View will be plotted in this view. To graphically represent other objects like equations it is required to click on the circle that appears to the left of the expression (see figure 1.6). Para ocultar de nuevo el objeto en la Graphics View basta con volver a hacer clic sobre ese círculo.

The same than in the Graphics View it is also possible to represent parametric functions defining the vector with the coordinate functions depending on one parameter. For example, the command  $h(t) := (\cos(t), \sin(t), t/2)$  plots the curve of figure 1.7.

The same than in the Graphics View, it is possible to change the aspect of any geometric object right-clicking on it and selecting the option Settings in the contextual menu that appears. This opens a panel that allows to change the name of the object, the colour, the thickness or the opacity of the line, or even to enter a label that will appear next to the object in the 3D Graphics View.

In the same way, it is possible to make a zoom in or out clicking on the buttons  and  respectively. It is also possible to move the view with the button  or to rotate it with the button .

## 6 File management

The mathematical expressions and calculus of the CAS View and the graphics of the Graphics View and 3D Graphics View can be saved into a file.

### Saving a file

To save the mathematical expressions, calculus and graphics of a working session you must select the menu **File** **Save**. If you have not logged in to the Geogebra web site a dialog appears asking for the user name and password to log in (see figure 1.8). If the you has no account in this site now is possible to register, but if you do not want to log in just click the link Continue without signing in now.

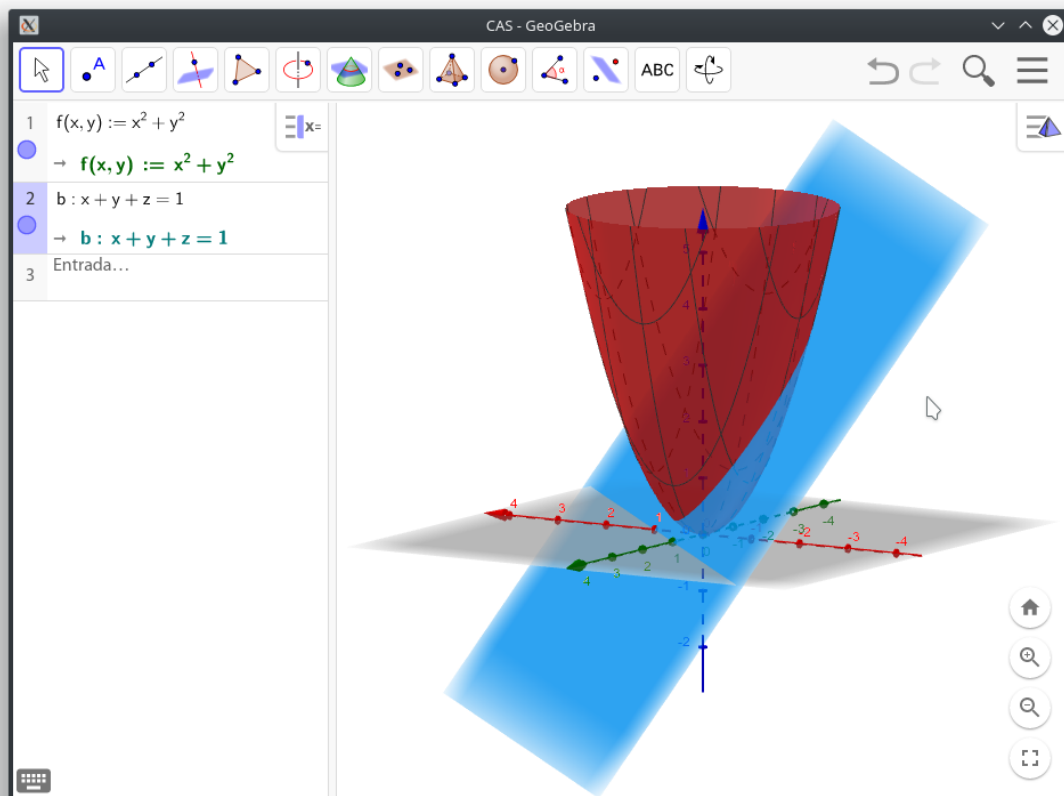


Figure 1.6 – Graphical representations in the 3D Graphics View.

If you have logged in to the Geogebra web site, it will ask for the file name and the file will be uploaded to the Geogebra web site. This way the file will be available whenever we are connected to this site with our user account.

If you have not logged in to the Geogebra web site, then a dialog is shown where you can enter the file name and select the local folder where to save the file in your computer. Geogebra's files have extension \*.ggb.

Once the file is saved, its name will appear in the title bar of the Geogebra window.

## Opening a file

To open a file in Geogebra you can use the menu **File > Open**. In the dialog shown you can choose to open a file from the Geogebra web site or to open a local file.

If you have logged in to the Geogebra web site, the files saved in our user account will appear automatically. Even if you are not logged in, you can open any public file in the Geogebra cloud. For that we can search for a file entering a keyword in the search bar and Geogebra will show a list with all the files that contains that word. Selecting any of them will download the file and open it.

If you want to open a local file you have to click on the folder icon. This will open a dialog where you can select the file to open.

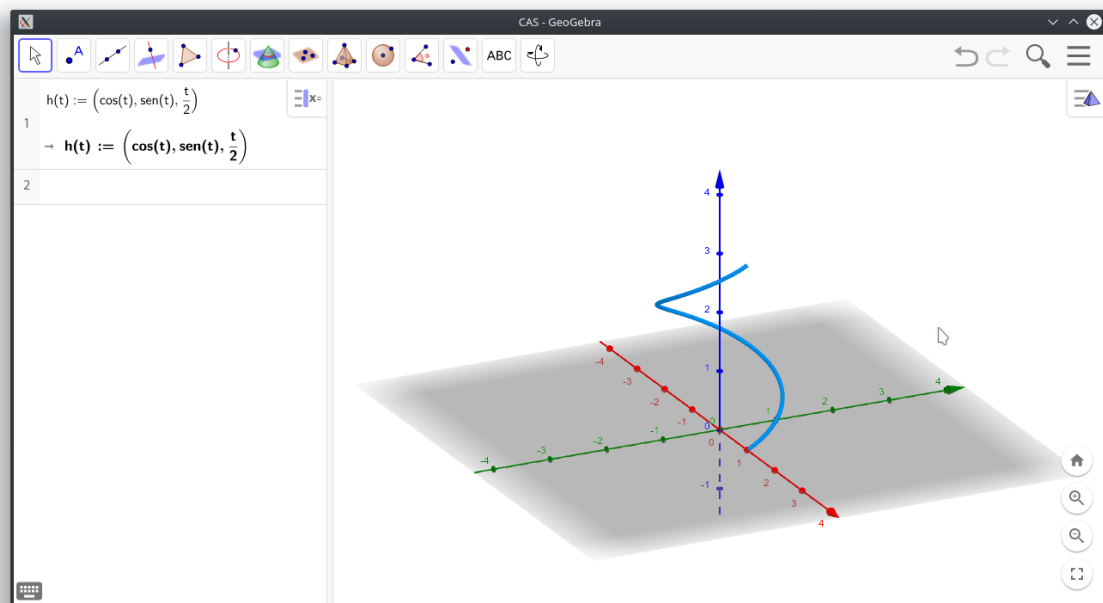


Figure 1.7 – Graphical representation of a parametric curve in the real space.



Figure 1.8 – Login dialog of Geogebra web site.

## 7 Solved exercises

1. Enter and evaluate the following expressions.

(a)  $4x - \frac{1}{x} - 5.$



Enter the expression  $4x-1/x-5$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(b)  $\frac{4x-1}{x} - 5.$



Enter the expression  $(4x-1)/x-5$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(c)  $4x - \frac{1}{x-5}.$



Enter the expression  $4x-1/(x-5)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(d)  $\frac{4x-1}{x-5}.$



Enter the expression  $(4x-1)/(x-5)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

2. Define the following mathematical objects and plot them.

(a) The constants  $a = 2$  and  $b = 3$ .



- 1) Enter the command  $a:=2$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To plot the slider of the constant click the circle that appears to the left of the previous expression.
- 3) Enter the command  $b:=3$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) To plot the slider of the constant click the circle that appears to the left of the previous expression.

(b) The line  $f(x) = a + bx$ . Use the sliders of the constants to see how the line changes.



Enter the command  $f(x):=a+b*x$  in the Input Bar.

(c) The equation  $ax^2 + by^2 = 8$ . Use the sliders of the constants to see how the conic changes.



Enter the command  $a*x^2+b*y^2=8$  in the Input Bar.

3. Define the following functions and plot them.

(a)  $f(x) := x^2.$



Enter the command  $f(x):=x^2$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.

(b)  $g(x) := \log(x).$



Enter the command  $g(x):=\log(x)$  in the Input Bar.

(c)  $h(x) := \sin(x).$



Enter the command  $g(x) := \sin(x)$  in the Input Bar.

(d)  $g \circ f(x)$ .



Enter the command  $g(f(x))$  in the Input Bar and click the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

(e)  $h \circ g \circ f(x)$ .



Enter the command  $h(g(f(x)))$  in the Input Bar and click the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

(f)  $f \circ g \circ h(x)$ .



Enter the command  $f(g(h(x)))$  in the Input Bar and click the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

4. Given the matrices

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \\ a_{31} & a_{32} \end{pmatrix} \quad B = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the vector  $\mathbf{v} = (x, y, z)$ , se pide:

(a) Define the matrices  $A$  and  $B$ , and the vector  $\mathbf{v}$ .



- 1) Enter the command  $A := \{\{a_{11}, a_{12}\}, \{a_{21}, a_{22}\}, \{a_{31}, a_{32}\}\}$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) Enter the command  $B := \{\{1, 2, 3\}, \{4, 5, 6\}\}$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the command  $\mathbf{v} := (x, y, z)$  in the Input Bar.

(b) Compute  $A \cdot B$ .



Enter the command  $A*B$  in the Input Bar.

(c) Compute  $B \cdot A$ .



Enter the command  $B*A$  in the Input Bar.

(d) Compute  $\mathbf{v} \cdot A$ .



Enter the command  $\mathbf{v}*A$  in the Input Bar.

(e) Compute  $B \cdot \mathbf{v}$ .



Enter the command  $B*\mathbf{v}$  in the Input Bar.

(f) Substitute  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $z = 0$  in the previous vector and plot it.



Enter the command  $\text{Substitute}(\$, \{x=1, y=1, z=0\})$  in the Input Bar and click the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

(g) Compute the modulus of the previous vector.





Enter the command `|$|` in the Input Bar and click the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

- (h) Change the previous substitution for  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $z = 1$  and observe how changes the modulus of the previous vector.



Edit the line with the substitution and change it for `Substitute($,{x=0,y=0,z=1})` in the Input Bar.

5. Find out the points where the graphs of the functions  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}$  intersect and plot them.

- Enter the command `f(x):=x^2` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- Enter the command `g(x):=(x+1)/2` in the Input Bar.
- To solve the equation, enter the command `Solve(f=g)` in the Input Bar.
- To plot the intersection points, enter the command `Intersect(f,g)` in the Input Bar and click on the circle that appears to the left of the expression.

6. Plot the parametric function

$$g(t) = \begin{cases} \cos(t) \\ 2 \sin(t) \cos(t) \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$



Enter the command `g(t):=(cos(t), 2sin(t)cos(t))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.

7. Plot the following surfaces

$$f(x,y) = \frac{2 \sin(x^2 + y^2)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}, \quad x^2 + y^2 + (z - 2)^2 = 1$$

and and the parametric curve

$$h(t) = \begin{cases} \sin(t) \\ \cos(t) \\ t/2 \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R}$$



- Enter the command `f(x,y):=2sin(x^2+y^2)/sqrt(x^2+y^2)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the 3D Graphics View.
- Enter the command `x^2+y^2+(z-2)^2=1` in the Input Bar.
- Enter the command `h(t):=(sin(t),cos(t),t/2)` in the Input Bar.



# Elementary functions

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Plot the graph of the function

$$f(t) = \frac{t^4 + 19t^2 - 5}{t^4 + 9t^2 - 10}.$$

and determine, looking at the graph, the following:

(a) Domain.



- 1) Enter the expression  $(t^4 + 19t^2 - 5) / (t^4 + 9t^2 - 10)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To determine the domain look at the values of  $x$  where the function does exist, that is, where there is graph.
- 3) Remember that, for this and the other parts of this exercise, we pretend to get approximate conclusions looking at the graph of the function.

(b) Image.



Look at the values of  $y$  that are output of the function, that is, where there is graph.

(c) Asymptotes.



Look at the lines (horizontal, vertical or oblique) where the graph approaches (the distance between the graph and the line tends to zero as they tend to infinity).

(d) Zeros.



Look at the values of  $x$  where the graph cuts the horizontal axis.

(e) Sign.



Look at the values of  $x$  where the graph is over the horizontal axis (positive) and where it is under the horizontal axis (negative).

(f) Growth.



Look at the values of  $x$  where  $y$  increases when  $x$  increases (increasing) and the values where  $y$  decreases when  $x$  increases (decreasing).

(g) Concavity.



Look at the values of  $x$  where the curvature of the graph is up  $\cup$  (concave up or convex) and where the curvature is  $\cap$  (concave down or simply concave).

(h) Local extrema.



Look at the values of  $x$  where the graph has a peak (relative maximum) and where the graph has a valley (relative minimum).

(i) Inflection points.



Look at the values of  $x$  where the curvature changes continuously.

2. Plot the graphs of the exponential functions  $2^x$ ,  $e^x$ ,  $0.7^x$ ,  $0.5^x$ . Looking at the graphs of the functions, determine for which values of the base the exponential function increases and for which ones decreases.



- 1) Enter the expression  $2^x$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) Enter the expression  $e^x$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the expression  $0.7^x$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) Enter the expression  $0.5^x$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) The exponential function  $a^x$  increases for  $a > 1$  and decreases for  $0 < a < 1$ .

3. Plot the graphs of the following functions and determine their periods and amplitudes.

(a)  $\sin x$ ,  $\sin x + 2$ ,  $\sin(x + 2)$ .



- 1) Enter the expression  $\sin(x)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) Enter the expression  $\sin(x)+2$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the expression  $\sin(x+2)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) When a value is added to the sine or to the argument of the sine, the period and the amplitude does not change.

(b)  $\sin 2x$ ,  $2 \sin x$ ,  $\sin \frac{x}{2}$ .



- 1) Enter the expression  $\sin(2x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 2) Enter the expression  $2\sin(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the expression  $\sin(x/2)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) When the sine is multiplied by a value, the amplitude is multiplied by that value, and when the argument of the sine is multiplied by a value, the period is divided by that value.

4. Plot the graph of the piecewise function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x & \text{si } x \leq 0; \\ x^2 & \text{si } x > 0. \end{cases}$$



Enter the expression  $\text{If}(x \leq 0, -2x, x^2)$  in the Input Bar.

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. Plot the graphs of the following functions and determine their domains looking at their graphs.

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^3 - x}$

(b)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 1}$ .

(c)  $h(x) = \cos\left(\frac{x+3}{x^2+1}\right)$ .

(d)  $l(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)$ .

2. Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + x + 2}{5x^3 - 9x^2 - 4x + 4}.$$

Plot the function and determine looking at its graph:

- Domain.
  - Image.
  - Asymptotes
  - Zeros.
  - Sign.
  - Continuity
  - Growth
  - Concavity
  - Relative extrema
  - Inflection points
3. Plot in the same graphic window the graphs of the functions  $\log_{10} x$ ,  $\log_2 x$ ,  $\log x$ ,  $\log_{0.5} x$ .
- Looking at their graphs determine which functions are increasing and which ones are decreasing.
  - Deduce for what values of  $a$  the function  $\log_a x$  is increasing and for what values it is decreasing?
4. Plot the following functions and complete the following sentences with the word equal or the number of times that is lower or greater in any case.
- The function  $\cos(2x)$  has a period ..... than the function  $\cos x$ .
  - The function  $\cos(2x)$  has an amplitude ..... than the function  $\cos x$ .
  - The function  $\cos(x/2)$  has period ..... than the function  $\cos(3x)$ .
  - The function  $\cos(x/2)$  has an amplitude ..... than the function  $\cos(3x)$ .
  - The function  $3 \cos(2x)$  has a period ..... than the function  $\cos(x/2)$ .
  - The function  $3 \cos(2x)$  has an amplitude ..... than the function  $\cos(x/2)$ .
5. Find the solutions of the equation  $e^{-1/x} = \frac{1}{x}$  graphically.
6. Plot the graph of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ e^x - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$



# Limits and continuity

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Given the function

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^{x/2},$$

(a) Plot its graph and try to guess the values of the following limits looking at the graph:

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|--|---|
| i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$      | iv. $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x)$ |
| ii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$     | v. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$        |
| iii. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ | vi. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$       |



- 1) To plot the graph, enter the function  $f(x) := (1 + 2/x)^{(x/2)}$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To guess the limits, create a slider entering the expression  $a := 0$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the point  $A := (a, f(a))$  to plot the point on the graph of the function.
- 4) Finally, move the slider and observe the value of the  $y$  coordinate when  $x$  approaches any of the values in the limits.

(b) Compute the previous limits. Do you get the same results that you guess looking at the graph?



- 1) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(f(x), -2)` in the Input Bar.
- 2) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(f(x), -2)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  enter the command `Limit(f(x), -inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  enter the command `Limit(f(x), inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  enter the command `Limit(f(x), 2)` in the Input Bar.
- 6) To compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  enter the command `Limit(f(x), 0)` in the Input Bar.

2. Given the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{x-2} & \text{if } x \leq 0; \\ \frac{x^2}{2x-6} & \text{if } x > 0; \end{cases}$$

(a) Plot the graph and determine graphically if there are asymptotes.



- 1) To plot the graph, enter the function  $g(x) := \text{If}(x \leq 0, x/(x-2), x^2/(2x-6))$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.

- 2) To check if there are vertical, horizontal or oblique asymptotes look at the lines (horizontal, vertical or oblique) where the graph approaches (the distance between the graph and the line tends to zero as they tend to infinity).

(b) Compute the vertical asymptotes of  $g$  and plot them if any.



- 1) The function is not defined in the values where the denominators vanish. To find the zeros of the denominator of the first piece enter the command `Root(x-2)` in the Input Bar. The only root is at  $x = 2$  but it falls outside the region of this piece.
- 2) To find the zeros of the denominator of the second piece enter the command `Root(2x-6)` in the Input Bar. The only root is at  $x = 3$ , so that the function is not defined at that point and it could exist a vertical asymptote at this point.
- 3) To check if there is a vertical asymptote at this point you have to compute the lateral limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x)$ .
- 4) To compute the lateral limit to the left enter the command `LimitBelow(g, 3)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the lateral limit to the right enter the command `LimitAbove(g, 3)` in the Input Bar.
- 6) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = -\infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = \infty$ , there exist a vertical asymptote at  $x = 3$ . To plot it, enter the expression  $x=3$  in the Input Bar.

(c) Compute the horizontal asymptotes of  $g$  and plot them if any.



- 1) To check if there is an horizontal asymptote we have to compute the limits at infinity  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x)$  y  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x)$ .
- 2) To compute the limit at  $-\infty$  enter the command `Limit(g, -inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the limit at  $\infty$  enter the command `Limit(g, inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} g(x) = 1$ , there exist an horizontal asymptote at  $y = 1$  to the left. To plot it, enter the expression  $y=1$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = \infty$ , there is no horizontal asymptote to the right.

(d) Compute the oblique asymptotes of  $g$  and plot them if any.



- 1) To the left there is no asymptote since there is an horizontal asymptote. To check if there is an oblique asymptote to the right you have to compute the limits  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x)}{x}$ . For it, enter the `Limit(g/x, inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 2) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{g(x)}{x} = 0.5$ , there exist an oblique asymptote to the right and 0.5.
- 3) To compute the intercept you have to compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) - 0.5x$ . For it, enter the command `Limit(g(x)-0.5x, inf)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) - 0.5x = 1.5$  the equation of the oblique asymptote is  $y = 0.5x + 1.5$ . To plot it, enter the expression  $y=0.5x+1.5$  in the Input Bar.

3. For the following functions determine the type of discontinuity at the points given.

(a)  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  at  $x = 0$ .



- 1) To plot the graph enter the function  $f(x) := \sin(x)/x$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(f, 0)` in the Input Bar.



- 3) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(f, 0)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$ ,  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

(b)  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2^{1/x}}$  at  $x = 0$ .



- 1) To plot the graph enter the function  $g(x) := 1/2^{(1/x)}$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(g, 0)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(g, 0)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = \infty$ ,  $g$  has an essential discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .

(c)  $h(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{\frac{1}{1-x}}}$  at  $x = 1$ .



- 1) To plot the graph enter the function  $h(x) := 1/(1 + e^{(1/(1-x))})$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} h(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(h, 1)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} h(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(h, 1)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} h(x) = 0$  y  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 1$ ,  $h$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x = 1$ .

4. Plot the graph of the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x+1}{x^2-1}, & \text{if } x < 0; \\ \frac{1}{e^{1/(x^2-1)}}, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

and determine the points where it has a discontinuity and classify them.



- 1) To plot the graph enter the function  $f(x) := \text{If}(x < 0, (x+1)/(x^2-1), 1/e^{(1/(x^2-1))})$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) First you have to find the points that are not in the domain for every piece. For it, you have to compute the zeros of the denominators that appears in any piece. To find the zeros of  $x^2 - 1$  enter the command `Root(x^2-1)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) There are roots at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ . At this values the function is not defined and, therefore, is discontinuous. In addition to this points you have to study also what happens at  $x = 0$  where the definition of the function changes.
- 4) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(f, -1)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(f, -1)` in the Input Bar.
- 6) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -0.5$ ,  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = -1$ .
- 7) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(f, 0)` in the Input Bar.
- 8) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(f, 0)` in the Input Bar.
- 9) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -1$  y  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = e$ ,  $f$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x = 0$ .
- 10) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitBelow(f, 1)` in the Input Bar.

- 11) To compute the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$  enter the command `LimitAbove(f, 1)` in the Input Bar.
- 12) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \infty$ ,  $f$  has an essential discontinuity at  $x = 1$ .

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. Compute the following limits:

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 3x + 2}{x^4 - 4x + 3}$ .
- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sin x - \sin a}{x - a}$ .
- (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{e^{2x}}$ .
- (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\log(x^2 - 1)}{x + 2}$ .
- (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\log(1/x)}{\tan(x + \frac{\pi}{2})}$ .
- (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (g)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[n]{x} - 1}{\sqrt[m]{x} - 1} \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (h)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3}$ .
- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/4} \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{1 - \tan x}$ .
- (j)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 e^{1/x^2}$ .
- (k)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x}\right)^x$ .
- (l)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{\tan x}$ .
- (m)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{1/\sin x}$ .
- (n)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{6}{4 + e^{-1/x}}$ .
- (o)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 1}\right)$ .

2. Given the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 + 1}{x + 3} & \text{if } x < 0; \\ \frac{1}{e^{1/(x^2 - 1)}} & \text{if } x \geq 0; \end{cases}$$

compute its asymptotes.

3. The following functions are not defined at  $x = 0$ . Determine, when possible, the value that should take the function at that point to be continuous.

- (a)  $f(x) = \frac{(1+x)^n - 1}{x}$ .
- (b)  $h(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{x}$ .
- (c)  $j(x) = \frac{\log(1+x) - \log(1-x)}{x}$ .
- (d)  $k(x) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$ .

# Derivatives of functions of one variable

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Plot the graph of the following functions and study its differentiability at the points given using limits.

(a)  $f(x) = |x - 1|$  en  $x = 1$ .



- 1) To plot the graph, enter the function  $f(x) := |x-1|$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To compute the derivative of  $f$  to the left at  $x = 1$  enter the command  $\text{LimitBelow}((f(1+h)-f(1))/h, 0)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the derivative of  $f$  to the right at  $x = 1$  enter the command  $\text{LimitAbove}((f(1+h)-f(1))/h, 0)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(1+h)-f(1)}{h} = -1$  is not equal to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(1+h)-f(1)}{h} = 1$ , there is no derivative at point  $x = 1$ .

(b)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$  en  $x = 0$ .



- 1) To plot the graph, enter the function  $g(x) := \text{If}(x \neq 0, \sin(1/x), 0)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the derivative of  $g$  to the left at  $x = 0$  enter the command  $\text{LimitBelow}((g(h)-g(0))/h, 0)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the derivative of  $g$  to the right  $x = 0$  enter the command  $\text{LimitAbove}((g(h)-g(0))/h, 0)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) Since none of these limits exists,  $g$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

2. Compute the derivatives of the following function until order 4 and try to infer the formula for the derivative of order  $n$  in each case.

(a)  $f(x) = a^x \log(a)$ .



- 1) Enter the function  $f(x) := a^x \log(a)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the first derivative enter the expression  $f'(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the second derivative enter the expression  $f''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the third derivative enter the expression  $f'''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the fourth derivative enter the expression  $f''''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 6) Thus, the derivative of order  $n$  will be  $f^n(x) = a^x \log(a)^{n+1}$ .

(b)  $g(x) = \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{2}$ .



- 1) Enter the function  $g(x) := (\sin(x) + \cos(x))/2$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the first derivative enter the expression  $g'(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the second derivative enter the expression  $g''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the third derivative enter the expression  $g'''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the fourth derivative enter the expression  $g''''(x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 6) From this order on the derivatives are repeated. Thus, the derivative of order  $n$  will be

$$f^n(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x) + \cos(x)}{2} & \text{si } x = 4k \\ \frac{\cos(x) - \sin(x)}{2} & \text{si } x = 4k + 1 \\ \frac{-\sin(x) - \cos(x)}{2} & \text{si } x = 4k + 2 \\ \frac{-\cos(x) + \sin(x)}{2} & \text{si } x = 4k + 3 \end{cases} \quad \text{with } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

3. Compute the tangent line to the graph of the function  $f(x) = \log(\sqrt{x+1})$  at  $x = 1$ . Plot the graph of the function and the tangent line.



- 1) Enter the function  $f(x) := \log(\text{sqrt}(x+1))$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the equation of the tangent line to  $f$  at  $x = 1$  enter the equation  $y = f(1) + f'(1)(x-1)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To plot the tangent line click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 4) To compute the equation of the normal line to  $f$  at  $x = 1$  enter the equation  $y = f(1) - 1/f'(1)(x-1)$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) To plot the normal line click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

4. Consider the function

$$g(x) = \frac{2x^3 - 3x}{x^2 + 1}.$$

- (a) Plot the graph of  $g$ .



To plot the graph, enter the function  $g(x) := (2x^3 - 3x)/(x^2 + 1)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.

- (b) Compute the first derivative of  $g$  and plot its graph.



- 1) To compute the the derivative of  $g$  enter the expression  $g'(x) := \text{Derivative}(g)$  in the Input Bar.
- 2) To plot the graph of  $g'$  click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

- (c) Compute the critical points of  $g$ .



- 1) To compute the zeros of  $g'$  enter the expression  $\text{Root}(g'(x))$  in the Input Bar and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 2)  $g$  has two critical points at  $x = -0.56$  and  $x = 0.56$  approximately.

- (d) Study the growth of  $g$  and determine its relative extrema.



- 1)  $g'(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-\infty, -0.56)$ , so  $g$  increases in that interval.
- 2)  $g'(x) < 0$  for  $x \in (-0.56, 0.56)$ , so  $g$  decreases in that interval.

- 3)  $g'(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-0.56, \infty)$ , so  $g$  increases in that interval.
- 4)  $g$  has a maximum at  $x = -0.56$  since  $g'$  vanishes at that point and is positive to the left and negative to the right of this point.
- 5)  $g$  has a minimum at  $x = 0.56$  since  $g'$  vanishes at that point and is negative to the left and positive to the right of this point.

(e) Compute the second derivative of  $g$  and plot its graph.



- 1) To compute the second derivative of  $g$  enter the expression  $g''(x) := \text{Derivative}(g, 2)$  in the Input Bar.
- 2) To plot the graph of  $g''$  click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(f) Compute the zeros of the second derivative of  $g$ .



- 1) To compute the zeros of  $g''$  enter the expression  $\text{Root}(g''(x))$  in the Input Bar and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 2)  $g''$  has zeros at  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = \sqrt{3}$ .

(g) Study the concavity of  $g$  and determine its inflection points.



- 1)  $g''(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$ , so  $g$  is concave in that interval.
- 2)  $g''(x) < 0$  for  $x \in (-\sqrt{3}, 0)$ , so  $g$  is convex in that interval.
- 3)  $g''(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (0, \sqrt{3})$ , so  $g$  is concave in that interval.
- 4)  $g''(x) < 0$  for  $x \in (\sqrt{3}, \infty)$ , so  $g$  is convex in that interval.
- 5)  $g$  has inflection points at  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ ,  $x = 0$  and  $x = \sqrt{3}$  since  $g''$  vanishes at those points and the sign of the second derivative to the left and to the right of them is different.

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. Prove that the following function is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ x^3 & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$$

2. For each of the following functions compute the equation of the tangent and normal lines at the points given.

(a)  $y = x^{\sin x}$ ,  $x_0 = \pi/2$ .

(b)  $y = (3 - x^2)^4 \sqrt[3]{5x - 4}$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ .

(c)  $y = \log \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}} + \arctan x$ ,  $x_0 = 0$ .

3. Study the increase, decrease, relative extrema, concavity and inflection points of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 2}$ .

4. A drug has to be given to patients in cylindrical pills. The content of the drug in each pill is 0.15 ml; determine the dimensions of the cylinder so that the amount of material used to make it (the pill) is minimal.

5. The wheat yield  $C$  of a field depends on the level of nitrogen on the ground  $n$ , and it is given by the following relation:

$$C(n) = \frac{n}{1 + n^2}, \quad n \geq 0.$$

Find the level of nitrogen that will produce the biggest yield.

# Integrals

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Compute the following integrals:

(a)  $\int x^2 \log x \, dx$



Enter the command `Integral(x^2log(x))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(b)  $\int \frac{\log(\log x)}{x} \, dx$



Enter the command `Integral(log(log(x))/x)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(c)  $\int \frac{5x^2 + 4x + 1}{x^5 - 2x^4 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 + x} \, dx$



Enter the command `Integral((5x^2+4x+1)/(x^5-2x^4+2x^3-2x^2+x))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(d)  $\int \frac{6x + 5}{(x^2 + x + 1)^2} \, dx$



Enter the command `Integral((6x+5)/((x^2+x+1)^2))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

2. Compute the following definite integrals and plot them:

(a)  $\int_{-\frac{1}{2}}^0 \frac{x^3}{x^2 + x + 1} \, dx$



- 1) Enter the function  $f(x) := x^3/(x^2+x+1)$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) Enter the command `Integral(f(x), -1/2, 0)` and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(b)  $\int_2^4 \frac{\sqrt{16-x^2}}{x} \, dx$



- 1) Enter the function  $g(x) := \sqrt{16-x^2}/x$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

- 2) Enter the command `Integral(g(x), 2, 4)` and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(c)  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{dx}{3 + \cos(2x)}$



- 1) Enter the function `h(x):=1/(3+cos(2x))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) Enter the command `Integral(h(x), 0, pi/2)` and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

3. Compute the following improper integral  $\int_2^{\infty} x^2 e^{-x} dx$  and plot it.



- 1) Enter the function `f(x):=x^2*exp(-x)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) Enter the command `Integral(f(x), 2, inf)` and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

4. Plot the graph of the parabola  $y = x^2 - 7x + 6$  and compute the area between the parabola and the horizontal axis, limited by the lines  $x = 2$  and  $x = 7$ .



- 1) Enter the function `f(x):=x^2-7x+6` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) Since  $f$  takes positive and negative values in the interval  $(2, 7)$ , to get the area between  $f$  and the horizontal axis in this interval you have to compute the integral of the absolute value of  $f$ . For it, enter the command `Integral(abs(f(x)), 2, 7)` and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

5. Compute and plot the area between the graphs of the functions  $\sin x$  and  $\cos x$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$ .



- 1) Enter the function `f(x):=sin(x)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) Enter the function `g(x):=cos(x)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) Enter the command `Integral(abs(f(x)-g(x)), 0, 2pi)` in the Input Bar and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 4) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 5) Another alternative is using the command `Integral(Max(f(x),g(x)), Min(f(x),g(x)), 0, 2pi)`.

6. Plot the region of the first quadrant limited by the function  $f(x) = \sin x + 2$ , the line  $x = 2\pi$  and the horizontal axis, and compute the volume of the solid of revolution generated rotating the area around the horizontal axis.





- 1) Enter the function  $f(x) := \sin(x) + 2$  in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the Graphics View.
- 2) To compute the area of the region enter the command `Integral(f(x), 0, 2pi)` in the Input Bar and click the button Numeric Evaluation.
- 3) To plot the region that covers the definite integral, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 4) To compute the volume of the solid of revolution enter the command `Integral(pif(x)^2, x, 0, 2pi)`.

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. Compute the following integrals:

(a)  $\int \frac{2x^3 + 2x^2 + 16}{x(x^2 + 4)^2} dx$

(b)  $\int \frac{1}{x^2 \sqrt{4 + x^2}} dx$

2. Compute the area limited by the parabola  $y = 9 - x^2$  and the line  $y = -x$ .
3. Compute the area limited by the graph of the function  $y = e^{-|x|}$  and its asymptote.
4. Plot the region limited by the parabola  $y = 2x^2$ , the lines  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 5$  and the horizontal axis. Compute the volume of the solid of revolution generated rotating that region around the horizontal axis.
5. Compute the volume of the solid of revolution generated rotating around the vertical axis the region limited by the parabola  $y^2 = 8x$  and the line  $x = 2$ .



# Ordinary differential equations

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Solve the following separable differential equations and plot their integral curves for different values of the integration constant.

(a)  $xdy = ydx$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(y'=y/x)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 3) To change the value of the integration constant and get different particular solutions open the Algebra View and move the slider of the constant.

(b)  $-2x(1 + e^y) + e^y(1 + x^2)y' = 0$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(-2x(1+e^y)+e^y(1+x^2)y'=0)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 3) To change the value of the integration constant and get different particular solutions open the Algebra View and move the slider of the constant.

(c)  $y - xy' = 1 + x^2y'$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(y-x*y'=1+x^2*y')` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.
- 3) To change the value of the integration constant and get different particular solutions open the Algebra View and move the slider of the constant.

2. Solve the following differential equations with the initial conditions given and plot the solution.

(a)  $xdy = ydx$ , with the initial condition  $y(1) = 2$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(y'=y/x, (1,2))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(b)  $x\sqrt{1-y^2} + y\sqrt{1-x^2}y' = 0$ , with the initial condition  $y(0) = 1$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(x*sqrt(1-y^2)+y*sqrt(1-x^2)y'=0, (0,1))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(c)  $s' + s \cos t = \sin t \cos t$  with the initial condition  $s(0) = 1$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE(s'+s*cos(t)=sen(t)cos(t), s, t, (0,1))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

(d)  $(1 + e^x)yy' = e^y$ , with the initial condition  $y(0) = 0$ .



- 1) Enter the command `SolveODE((1+e^x)yy'=e^y, (0,0))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) In this case, Geogebra is not able to solve the equation but you can try to solve the equation separating the variables and integrating.
- 3) After separating the variables you get the equation  $\frac{y}{e^y} dy = \frac{1}{1+e^x} dx$ . To compute the integrals of both sides enter `Integral(y/e^y) = Integral(1/(1+e^x))` in the Input Bar.
- 4) In the solution there are two constants  $c_1$  and  $c_2$ , but it is possible to remove one of them passing it to the other side. For it, enter the command `Substitute($, c_1=c, c_2=0)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To impose the initial condition, enter the command `Substitute($, x=0, y=0)` in the Input Bar.
- 6) To get the value of the constant, enter the command `Solve($)` in the Input Bar.
- 7) To replace the value of the constant in the particular solution, enter the command `Substitute($n, $)` in the Input Bar, where  $n$  is the number of the line that contains the particular solution of the equation.
- 8) Finally, to plot the solution of the differential equation, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

3. The speed at which sugar dissolves into water is proportional to the amount of sugar left without dissolving. Suppose we have 13.6 kg of sugar that we want to mix with water, and after 4 hours there are 4.5 kg without dissolving. How long will it take, from the beginning of the process, for the 95% of the sugar to be dissolved?



- 1) The differential equation that explains the dissolution of sugar into water is  $s' = ks$ , where  $s$  is the amount of sugar,  $t$  is time and  $k$  is the dissolution constant of sugar.
- 2) To solve the differential equation enter the command `SolveODE(s'=k*s, s, t, (0, 13.6))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 3) To impose the second initial condition enter the command `Substitute($, t=4, a=4.5)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To get the value of the dissolution constant enter the command `Solve($)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To replace the value of the dissolution constant in the particular solution enter the command `Substitute($n,$)` in the Input Bar, where  $n$  is the identifier of the line that contains the particular solution of the differential equation.

- 6) The amount of sugar without dissolving after 95% of the sugar is dissolved is 5% of the initial amount. To replace that amount in the particular solution of the differential equation enter the command `Sustituye($, 13.6*0.05)` in the Input Bar.
- 7) Finally, to get the time required enter the command `Solve($)` in the Input Bar.

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. Solve the following differential equations:

- (a)  $(1 + y^2) + xyy' = 0$ .
- (b)  $xy' - 4y + 2x^2 + 4 = 0$ .
- (c)  $(y^2 + xy^2)y' + x^2 - yx^2 = 0$ .
- (d)  $(x^3 - y^3)dx + 2x^2ydy = 0$ .
- (e)  $(x^2 + y^2 + x) + xydy = 0$ .

2. Compute the curves  $(x, y)$  such that the slope of the tangent line is equal to the value of  $x$  at any point. Which of these curves passes through the origin of coordinates?

3. If a person receives glucose by an intravenous drip, the concentration of glucose  $c(t)$  with respect to time follows this differential equation:

$$\frac{dc}{dt} = \frac{G}{100V} - kc.$$

Here  $G$  is the (constant) speed at which glucose is given to the patient,  $V$  is the total volume of blood in the body, and  $k$  is a positive constant that varies with each patient. Compute  $c(t)$ .

4. A water tank of 50l contains 10 l of water. Suppose we start pouring into the tank a solution of water with 100 g of salt per liter, at a rate of 4 l per minute. We also stir the water tank, to keep a uniform distribution of salt, and, at the same time, we release water (with salt) at a rate of 2 l per minute. How long will it take to the tank to be full? How much salt will there be in the tank in that moment?

**Remark:** The variation rate of salt in the tank is equal to the difference between the amount of salt that comes into the tank and the amount of salt that is taken from the tank.



# Several variables differentiable calculus

## 1 Solved exercises

1. Compute the tangent line and the normal plane to the trajectory of

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} x = \sin(t), \\ y = \cos(t), \\ z = \sqrt{t}, \end{cases} \quad t \in \mathbb{R};$$

at the time  $t = \pi$  and plot them.



- 1) Enter the command `f(t):=(sin(t),cos(t),sqrt(t))` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the 3D Graphics View.
- 2) To plot the point of tangency in the trajectory, enter the command `f(pi)` in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.
- 3) To compute and plot the tangent line to the trajectory, enter the command `g(t):=f(pi)+f'(pi)*t` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the normal plane to the trajectory, enter the command `((x,y,z)-f(pi))*f'(pi)=0` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To plot the normal plane to the trajectory, click the circle to the left of the previous expression.

2. Given the function  $f(x, y) = y^2 - x^2$ ,

- (a) Plot its graph and the point  $(1, 2, f(1, 2))$ .



- 1) Enter the function `f(x,y):=y^2-x^2` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the 3D Graphics View.
- 2) Enter the point `(1,2,f(1,2))` in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.

- (b) Plot the plane with equation  $x = 1$ . What shape has the curve that results from the intersection of this plane and the graph of  $f$ ?



Enter the command `x=1` in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.

- (c) Compute the derivative of  $f(1, y)$  at  $y = 2$ .



- 1) Enter the command `Derivative(f(1,y))` in the Input Bar.
- 2) Enter the command `Substitute($, y=2)` in the Input Bar.

- (d) Plot the plane with equation  $y = 2$ . What shape has the curve that results from the intersection of this plane and the graph of  $f$ ?



Enter the command  $y=2$  in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.

- (e) Compute the derivative of  $f(x, 2)$  at  $x = 1$ .



- 1) Enter the command `Derivative(f(x,2))` in the Input Bar.
- 2) Enter the command `Substitute($, x=1)` in the Input Bar.

- (f) Compute the partial derivatives of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ . What conclusions can you draw?



- 1) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $x$ , enter the command `f'_x(x,y):=Derivative(f, x)` in the Input Bar.
- 2) To compute the value of the partial derivative with respect to  $x$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ , enter the function `f'_x(1,2)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $y$ , enter the command `f'_y(x,y):=Derivative(f, y)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the value of the partial derivative with respect to  $y$  at the point  $(1, 2)$ , enter the function `f'_y(1,2)` in the Input Bar.

3. Compute the following partial derivatives:

(a)  $\frac{\partial}{\partial V} \frac{nRT}{V}$ .



Enter the command `Derivative(nRT/V, V)` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.

(b)  $\frac{\partial^2}{\partial x \partial y} e^{x+y} \sin(x/y)$ .



Enter the command `Derivative(Derivative(e^(x+y)sen(x/y), y), x)` in the Input Bar.

4. Given the function  $f(x, y) = 20 - 4x^2 - y^2$ , compute at the point  $(2, -3)$ :

- (a) Gradient.



- 1) Enter the function `f(x,y):=20-4x^2-y^2` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $x$ , enter the command `f'_x(x,y):=Derivative(f, x)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $y$ , enter the command `f'_y(x,y):=Derivative(f, y)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the gradient, enter the command `f'(x,y):=(f'_x, f'_y)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the gradient at the point  $(2, -3)$ , enter the function `f'(2,-3)`.

- (b) Hessian matrix.



- 1) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ , enter the command `f''_{xx}(x,y):=Derivative(f'_x, x)` in the Input Bar.



- 2) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ , enter the command `f''_{xy}(x,y) := Derivative(f'_x, y)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ , enter the command `f''_{yx}(x,y) := Derivative(f'_y, x)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ , enter the command `f''_{yy}(x,y) := Derivative(f'_y, y)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the Hessian matrix, enter the command `f''(x,y) := {{f''_{xx}, f''_{yx}}, {f''_{xy}, f''_{yy}}}` in the Input Bar.
- 6) To compute the Hessian matrix at the point  $(2, -3)$ , enter the function `f''(2, -3)` in the Input Bar.

(c) Hessian.



Enter the command `Determinant($)` in the Input Bar.

5. Compute the normal line and the tangent plane to the surface  $S : x + 2y - \log z + 4 = 0$  at the point  $(0, -2, 1)$  and plot them.



- 1) Enter the function `f(x,y,z) := x + 2y - log(z) + 4` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To plot the graph of the surface, enter the expression `f(x,y,z) = 0` in the Input Bar and activate the 3D Graphics View.
- 3) To plot the point, enter the point  $(0, -2, 1)$  in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.
- 4) To compute the gradient, enter the expression `f'(x,y,z) := (Derivative(f,x), Derivative(f,y), Derivative(f,z))` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To plot the normal line, enter the expression `n(t) := (0, -2, 1) + f'(0, -2, 1)t` in the Input Bar.
- 6) To plot the normal plane, enter the expression `((x,y,z) - (0, -2, 1))f'(0, -2, 1) = 0` in the Input Bar and click the circle to the left of this expression.

6. Compute directional derivative of the function  $h(x, y) = 3x^2 + y$  at the point  $(0, 0)$ , along the vector  $(1, 1)$ .



- 1) Enter the function `h(x,y) := 3x^2 + y` in the Input Bar of the CAS View.
- 2) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $x$ , enter the command `h'_x(x,y) := Derivative(h, x)` in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $y$ , enter the command `h'_y(x,y) := Derivative(h, y)` in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the gradient, enter the command `h'(x,y) := (h'_x, h'_y)` in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the directional derivative at the point  $(0, 0)$  along the vector  $(1, 1)$ , enter the command `h'(0,0)UnitVector((1,1))`.

7. Given the function  $f(x, y) = x^3 + y^3 - 3xy$ :

(a) Plot its graph. Looking at the graph, can you determine the relative extrema of  $f$ ?



Enter the function `f(x,y) := x^3 + y^3 - 3x*y` in the Input Bar of the CAS View and activate the 3D Graphics View.

(b) Compute critical points of  $f$ .



- 1) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $x$ , enter the command  $f'_x(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f, x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 2) To compute the partial derivative with respect to  $y$ , enter the command  $f'_y(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f, y)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the gradient, enter the command  $f'(x,y) := (f'_x, f'_y)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) To get the critical points, enter the command  $\text{Solve}(f'(x,y)=(0,0))$  in the Input Bar.

(c) Determine the relative extrema and the saddle points of  $f$ .



- 1) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}$ , enter the command  $f''_{xx}(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f'_x, x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 2) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y \partial x}$ , enter the command  $f''_{xy}(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f'_x, y)$  in the Input Bar.
- 3) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ , enter the command  $f''_{yx}(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f'_y, x)$  in the Input Bar.
- 4) To compute the second order partial derivative  $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ , enter the command  $f''_{yy}(x,y) := \text{Derivative}(f'_y, y)$  in the Input Bar.
- 5) To compute the Hessian matrix, enter the command  $f''(x,y) := \{f''_{xx}, f''_{yx}, f''_{xy}, f''_{yy}\}$  in the Input Bar.
- 6) To compute the Hessian, enter the command  $H(x,y) := \text{Determinant}(f'')$  in the Input Bar.
- 7) To compute the Hessian at the critical point  $(0,0)$  enter the command  $H(0,0)$  in the Input Bar. Since the hessian is negative, there is a saddle point at  $(0,0)$ .
- 8) To compute the Hessian at the critical point  $(1,1)$  enter the command  $H(1,1)$  in the Input Bar. Since the hessian is positive, there is a saddle point at  $(1,1)$ .
- 9) Enter the command  $f''_{xx}(1,1)$  in the Input Bar. Since this second derivative is positive, there is a local minimum at  $(1,1)$ .

## 2 Proposed exercises

1. A spaceship, traveling near the sun, is in trouble. The temperature at position  $(x,y,z)$  is given by

$$T(x,y,z) = e^{-x^2-2y^2-3z^2},$$

where the variables are measured in thousands of kilometers, and we assume the sun is at position  $(0,0,0)$ . If the ship is at position  $(1,1,1)$ , find the direction in which it should move so that the temperature will decrease as fast as possible.

2. Compute the gradient, the Hessian matrix and the Hessian of the function

$$g(x,y,z) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}^3}$$

at the point  $(1,1,1)$  and at the point  $(0,3,4)$ .

3. Determine the points of the ellipsoid  $S : x^2 + 2y^2 + z^2 = 1$  where the tangent plane is parallel to the plane  $\Pi : x - y + 2z^2 = 0$ .
4. Determine the relative extrema of the function

$$f(x) = -\frac{y}{9 + x^2 + y^2}.$$

5. Compute the directional derivative of the scalar field  $f(x, y, z) = x^2 - y^2 + xyz^3 - zx$  at the point  $(1, 2, 3)$  along the vector  $(1, -1, 0)$ .