Mathematics 1A Tutoring session Semester Week 5

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Exercises

1 Trigonometry

Exercise 1.1:

Find the hypotenuse of a right triangle with adjacend side b = 36.4 cm and opposite side c = 41.8 cm.

Exercise 1.2:

Solve a right triangle where only the hypothenuse a=3 cm and the angle $\beta=34,7^{\circ}$ are known.

Exercise 1.3:

Determine domain and range of the following trigonometric functions:

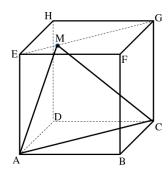
$$\sin(x)$$
 ; $\cos^{-1}(x)$; $\tan(x)$; $\arctan(x)$

Exercise 1.4:

A block of mass m=2 kg rests on an inclined plane that forms an angle θ with the horizontal. The gravitational acceleration is $g = 9.81 \,\mathrm{m \, s^{-2}}$.

- a. Express the components of the force parallel and perpendicular to the plane, F_{\parallel} and F_{\perp} , as functions of θ , knowing that F = mg.
- b. Compute F_{\parallel} and F_{\perp} for $\theta=25^{\circ}$.
- c. Find the value of θ for which $F_{\parallel} = \frac{1}{2}F_{\perp}$.
- d. Determine the length L of the inclined plane knowing that the height is $h=1.5\,\mathrm{m}$ and the horizontal projection is $x = 3.3 \,\mathrm{m}$.

Exercise 1.5 BONUS:



A cube ABCDEFGH with edge length 8 cm is given.

Point M is defined so that $\overrightarrow{EM} = \frac{2}{5} \overrightarrow{EG}$. Calculate the measure of the sides and angles of triangle ACM

2 Exponential functions

Exercise 2.1:

Determine the half-life of a radioactive substance X, knowing that after one year its mass has decreased to one third.

Exercise 2.2:

A sample of St-89 (Strontium-89, a radioactive element with T = 50.5 days) has lost 2 g of mass after one month. Determine the mass of the same initial sample after one year.

Hint: for decays, $k = -\frac{\ln(2)}{T}$

Exercise 2.3:

Solve in \mathbb{R} without the calculator:

$$\log\left(x^{2}\right) = 3 \quad ; \quad \ln\left(x+1\right) = \frac{1}{2} \quad ; \quad \ln\left(x+1\right) = 0.001^{2} \quad ; \quad \log_{2}\left(x^{2}-4x+4\right) = 2 \quad ; \quad \left(x^{2}+x-2\right)\ln(2x) = 0$$

Exercise 2.4:

A hot object with an initial temperature T_0 , placed at time t = 0 in an environment with lower temperature T_1 , cools according to Newton's law of cooling:

$$T = T_1 + (T_0 - T_1) e^{-kt}$$

where T is the temperature of the object at time t, and k is a constant depending on the material of the object.

Consider a steel sphere heated to 133°C and then placed to cool in a room where the air temperature is 22°C. Calculate:

- a. the temperature of the sphere after 20 minutes, knowing that after 10 minutes it had cooled to 108°C;
- b. the time required for the temperature to drop to 66.5°C.

3 Composite functions

Exercise 3.1:

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto y = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + 1 \ , & \text{for } x \ge 4 \\ x - 1 \ , & \text{for } -1 < x < 4 \\ -2x - 4 \ , & \text{for } x \le -1 \end{cases}$$

Solve:

a.
$$f(0)$$

c.
$$f\left(\frac{9}{2}\right)$$

c.
$$f(6) - f(-6)$$

b.
$$f(-11)$$

d.
$$f(f(-\frac{1}{2}))$$

d.
$$f(3f(-1) - 2f(2))$$

Exercise 3.2:

Let $f: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$

$$x \mapsto y = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x , & \text{for } x < -2 \\ \frac{2}{3}x + 1 , & \text{for } -2 \le x \le 2 \\ \frac{x+2}{3} , & \text{for } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Solve:

$$a.\ f\left(\frac{6}{5}\right)$$
 ; $b.\ f\left(f\left(-3\right)\right)$; $c.\ 2\left(f\left(7\right)-1\right)^2$

4 Limits

Exercise 4.1:

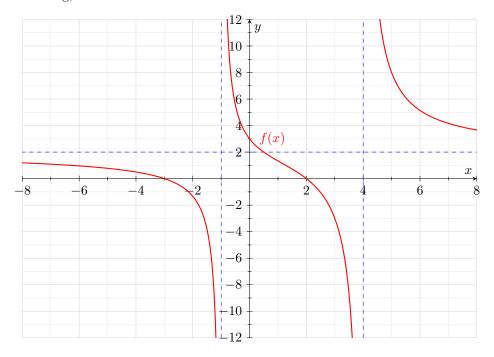
Solve the following limits using the dominant term method:

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{(x+1)^2}{x^2+1} \quad ; \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} \quad ; \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{1000x}{x^2+1} \quad ; \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{x^2-5x+1}{3x+7}$$

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{2x^2 - x + 3}{x^3 - 8x + 5} \quad ; \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{(2x+3)^3 (3x-2)^2}{x^5 + 5} \quad ; \quad \lim_{x \to \infty} \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 4}{\sqrt[3]{x^4 + 1}}$$

Exercise 4.2:

For each of the following, determine whether the statement is true or false:



$$a) \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = 0 \quad , \quad b) \lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = 2 \quad , \quad c) \lim_{x \to 4^-} f(x) = +\infty \quad , \quad d) \lim_{x \to -1} f(x) = f(-1)$$

$$e) \lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = 3 \quad , \quad f) \lim_{x \to \infty} f(x) = -1 \quad , \quad g) \ f(x) = 0 \iff x \in \{-3, 4\}$$

Exercise 4.3 (From Question 4.1, Homeworks Week 4):

Are the following claims true or false? Explain why:

- a. If a function y of x is not defined at the position $x = x_0$, then $\lim_{x \to x_0}$ does not exist either
- b. If $\lim_{x\to x_0}$ does not exist, then y is also not defined at the point $x=x_0$
- c. If a function y of x is defined at the position $x = x_0$, then $\lim_{x \to x_0} y = y \big|_{x = x_0}$
- d. If x approaches 1.000.000 from the left, 1/x gets closer to the value 0. Therefore, $\lim_{x\to 1.000.000^-} \frac{1}{x} = 0$
- e. If y has limit value 5 when x approaches 3 from the left, then y must already assume the value 5 in the range x < 3

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Quick solutions

Solution 1.1:

 $a=55.43~\rm cm$

Solution 1.2:

b = 1.71 cm, c = 2.47 cm, α = 55.3°

Solution 1.3:

1.
$$\mathcal{D}_f = \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad Im_f = [-1, 1]$$

2.
$$\mathcal{D}_f = [-1, 1], \quad Im_f = [\pi, 0]$$

3.
$$\mathcal{D}_f = \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}, \quad Im_f = [-1, 1]$$

4.
$$\mathcal{D}_f = \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad Im_f = \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

Solution 1.4:

a.
$$F_{\parallel} = mg\cos(x)$$
, $F_{\perp} = mg\sin(x)$

b.
$$F_{\parallel} = 17.78 \text{ N}, \quad F_{\perp} = 8.29 \text{ N}$$

c.
$$\theta = 0.46 \text{ rad} = 26.6^{\circ}$$

d.
$$L = 3.6 \text{ m}$$

Solution 1.5:

$$\overrightarrow{AC} = 8\sqrt{2}$$
 cm ≈ 11.3 cm

$$\overrightarrow{AM} = \frac{8\sqrt{33}}{5} \text{ cm} \approx 9.19 \text{ cm}$$

$$\overrightarrow{MC} = \frac{8\sqrt(43)}{5} \text{ cm} \approx 10.49 \text{ cm}$$

$$\widehat{MAC}$$
: $\alpha \approx 60.5^{\circ}$

$$\widehat{ACM}: \beta \approx 49.7^{\circ}$$

$$\widehat{AMC}: \gamma \approx 69.8^{\circ}$$

Solution 2.1:

Half-time: 0.63 years $\approx 230 \text{ days}$

Solution 2.2:

$$m_0 = 5.93 \text{ g}$$

Solution 2.3:

a.
$$x = \pm \sqrt{10^3}$$

b.
$$x = e^{\frac{1}{2}} - 1$$

c.
$$x = e^{10^{-6}} - 1 \approx 0$$

d.
$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 4$$

e.
$$x \in \left\{-2, \frac{1}{2}, 1\right\}$$

Solution 2.4:

- a. $T = 88.63^{\circ}$ C
- b. $t \approx 35.2 \text{ min}$

Solution 3.1:

- a. f(0) = 1
- b. f(-11) = 18
- $c. f\left(\frac{9}{2}\right) = \frac{13}{4}$
- $d. f\left(f\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = -1$
- e. f(6) f(-6) = -4
- f. f(3f(-1) 2f(2)) = 12

Solution 3.2:

- a. $f\left(\frac{6}{5}\right) = \frac{9}{5}$
- b. f(f(-3)) = 0
- c. $2(f(7)-1)^2=8$

Solution 4.1:

- a. = 1
- b. = 0
- c. = 0
- d. = 0
- e. = 72
- $f. = \infty$

Solution 4.2:

- a. False
- b. False
- c. False
- d. False
- e. True
- f. False
- g. False

Solution 4.3:

All the statements are False