

Exercises(7)

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1. Let $G : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$G(x, y) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + y^2) \sin 1/(x^2 + y^2) & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Show that G is differentiable at every point of \mathbb{R}^2 but the partial derivatives $\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_1}$ and $\frac{\partial G}{\partial x_2}$ are not bounded (and hence not continuous) on a neighborhood of $(0, 0)$.

2. Let $G : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 & \text{if both } x, y \text{ are rational,} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Show that F is differentiable at the point $(0, 0)$.

3. Show that every continuous real-valued function f on $[0, \pi]$ is the uniform limit of a sequence of functions of the form

$$x \rightarrow a_0 + a_1 \cos x + a_2 \cos 2x + \cdots + a_n \cos nx.$$

4. Use Exercise 3 to show that every continuous real-valued function f on $[0, \pi]$ with $f(0) = f(\pi)$ is the uniform limit of a sequence of functions of the form

$$x \rightarrow b_0 + b_1 \sin x + b_2 \sin 2x + \cdots + b_n \sin nx.$$

(Hint: If $f(0) = f(\pi) = 0$, first approximate f by a function g vanishing on some intervals $[0, \delta]$ and $[\pi - \delta, \pi]$. Then consider $h(x) = g(x)/\sin x$ for $x \in (0, \pi)$, $h(x) = 0$ for $x = 0, \pi$.)