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Exercise 1:

Let f be the function defined on \mathbb{R} by:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{e^x + 1}.$$

- 1. Find the Taylor expansion of f up to order 3 at zero.
- 2. Deduce the equation of the tangent line to the curve C_f of f at the point with abscissa 0.
- 3. Also deduce that the curve C_f crosses the tangent line at 0 (i.e., (0, f(0)) is an inflection point).
- 4. (a) Study the convexity and concavity of the function f on \mathbb{R} .
 - (b) Deduce that for all $(a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ such that $a \geq 1$ and $b \geq 1$, we have:

$$\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{ab}} \le \frac{1}{1 + a} + \frac{1}{1 + b}.$$

N.B.: Question 4 is independent of the previous questions.

Answer Area

1. Find the Taylor expansion of $f(x) = \frac{1}{e^x+1}$ up to order 3 at zero.

First, recall that:

$$e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + o(x^3)$$

So,

$$e^{x} + 1 = 2 + x + \frac{x^{2}}{2} + \frac{x^{3}}{6} + o(x^{3})$$

Now compute $\frac{1}{e^x+1}$ using a series expansion. Let:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{12}}$$

Use the geometric series expansion:

$$\frac{1}{1+u} = 1 - u + u^2 - u^3 + \dots$$

where $u = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{12}$. Expand up to order 3:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{12} \right) + \left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{x}{2} \right)^3 + \dots \right)$$

Compute each term:

$$\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x^2}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{4} + \cdots, \quad \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^3 = \frac{x^3}{8}$$

Combine all terms:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{x^3}{12} + \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^3}{4} - \frac{x^3}{8} + \dots \right)$$

Simplify:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2} + \left(-\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{x^2}{4} \right) + \left(-\frac{x^3}{12} + \frac{x^3}{4} - \frac{x^3}{8} \right) + \dots \right)$$

Final simplification gives:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4} + \frac{x^3}{48} + o(x^3)$$

2. Deduce the equation of the tangent line to the curve C_f of f at the point with abscissa 0.

The tangent line at x = 0 is given by:

$$y = f(0) + f'(0)(x - 0)$$

From the expansion:

$$f(0) = \frac{1}{2}, \quad f'(0) = -\frac{1}{4}$$

So the equation is:

$$y = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{x}{4}$$

3. Show that the curve C_f crosses the tangent line at x = 0, i.e., (0, f(0)) is an inflection point.

An inflection point occurs when the concavity changes, or equivalently, when the second derivative changes sign. From the Taylor expansion:

$$f''(0) = 0, \quad f'''(0) = \frac{1}{8} \neq 0$$

Since the first non-zero derivative after the second is odd (third), the function changes concavity at x = 0, so $(0, \frac{1}{2})$ is an inflection point.

4. Study the convexity and concavity of f on \mathbb{R} .

Recall:

$$f''(x) = \frac{e^x(e^x - 1)}{(e^x + 1)^3}$$

Sign of f''(x) depends on $e^x - 1$:

$$f''(x) > 0 \iff x > 0, \quad f''(x) < 0 \iff x < 0$$

Therefore: - f is concave on $(-\infty,0)$ - f is convex on $(0,\infty)$

5. Deduce that for all $a, b \ge 1$, we have:

$$\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{ab}} \le \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b}$$

Consider the function $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}$. This is convex on $[0, \infty)$ since $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^x}$ is convex there.

Apply Jensen's inequality for convex functions:

$$g\left(\frac{\ln a + \ln b}{2}\right) \le \frac{g(\ln a) + g(\ln b)}{2}$$

Note that $g(\ln a) = \frac{1}{1+a}$, etc., and:

$$g\left(\frac{\ln a + \ln b}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{ab}}$$

Multiply both sides by 2:

$$\frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{ab}} \le \frac{1}{1 + a} + \frac{1}{1 + b}$$

Exercise 2:

Consider the function $F: \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by:

$$F(x) = \int_{x}^{2x} e^{-t^2} dt.$$

- 1. Verify that F is defined on \mathbb{R} . Also show that F is odd.
- 2. Show that F is differentiable on \mathbb{R} , and calculate its derivative. Deduce the variations of F on \mathbb{R} .

(Hint: use any antiderivative F_0 of the function $t \mapsto e^{-t^2}$).

3. Show that

$$\forall x \ge 0, 0 \le F(x) \le x \cdot e^{-x^2}.$$

- 4. Deduce $\lim_{x\to+\infty} F(x)$.
- 5. Sketch the curve C_F of the function F.

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1. Verify that F is defined on \mathbb{R} . Also show that F is odd.

The function $t \mapsto e^{-t^2}$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} , so it is integrable over any interval. Hence, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the integral $\int_0^{2x} e^{-t^2} dt$ exists, and therefore F(x) is well-defined on \mathbb{R} .

To show that F is odd:

$$F(-x) = \int_0^{-2x} e^{-t^2} dt = -\int_{-2x}^0 e^{-t^2} dt = -\int_0^{2x} e^{-u^2} du = -F(x)$$

(using substitution u = -t). So F is odd.

2. Show that F is differentiable on \mathbb{R} , and calculate its derivative. Deduce the variations of F on \mathbb{R} .

Let F_0 be an antiderivative of $t \mapsto e^{-t^2}$. Then:

$$F(x) = F_0(2x) - F_0(0)$$

Differentiate using the chain rule:

$$F'(x) = 2 \cdot e^{-(2x)^2} = 2e^{-4x^2}$$

Since $e^{-4x^2} > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, we have F'(x) > 0 for all x. Therefore, F is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} .

3. Show that $\forall x \geq 0, \ 0 \leq F(x) \leq x \cdot e^{-x^2}$.

First, since $e^{-t^2} \ge 0$, the integral from 0 to 2x is non-negative:

$$F(x) = \int_0^{2x} e^{-t^2} dt \ge 0$$

Next, observe that for $t \in [0, 2x]$, we have $t^2 \ge x^2$ when $t \ge x$. But more simply, use the inequality:

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4. Deduce $\lim_{x\to+\infty} F(x)$.

From the previous inequality:

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As $x \to +\infty$, $2x \cdot e^{-x^2} \to 0$ (because exponential decay dominates polynomial growth), so by the squeeze theorem:

$$\lim_{x \to +\infty} F(x) = 0$$

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Based on our findings:

- F is odd symmetric about the origin.
- $F'(x) = 2e^{-4x^2} > 0$ strictly increasing.
- $F(x) \to 0$ as $x \to +\infty$, and $F(x) \to 0$ as $x \to -\infty$ due to oddness.
- At x = 0, F(0) = 0.

So the graph starts at the origin, increases smoothly, approaching a horizontal asymptote at y = 0 as $x \to \pm \infty$, with symmetry about the origin.

Exercise 3:

For all $(n, m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$, let:

$$I_{n,m} = \int_0^1 t^n \cdot (1-t)^m dt.$$

- 1. Calculate $I_{n,0}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- 2. Show (using an appropriate change of variable) that $I_{n,m} = I_{m,n}$ for all $(n,m) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$.
- 3. Show (using integration by parts) that

$$\forall (n,m) \in \mathbb{N}^* \times \mathbb{N}, I_{n,m} = \frac{n}{m+1} \cdot I_{n-1,m+1}.$$

4. Deduce that

$$\forall (n,m) \in \mathbb{N}^2, I_{n,m} = \frac{n! \, m!}{(n+m+1)!}.$$

5. Show (using the binomial theorem) that

$$\forall (n,m) \in \mathbb{N}^2, I_{n,m} = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} \cdot \frac{(-1)^k}{m+k+1}.$$

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