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# Exercise 1:

The three questions are independent:

- 1. Show that:  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+ : x \frac{x^2}{2} \le \ln(1+x) \le x \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}$ .
- 2. Calculate the following limit:  $\lim_{x\to 0} \left(\cot^2(3x) \frac{1}{9x^2}\right)$
- 3. Find an equivalent near 0 of  $2 \exp u \sqrt{1 + 4u} \sqrt{1 + 6u^2}$ .

1. Consider the Taylor expansion of ln(1+x) around x=0:

$$\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \cdots$$

Since the series is alternating and decreasing in absolute value for x > 0, truncating after an even number of terms gives a lower bound, and after an odd number gives an upper bound. Therefore:

$$x - \frac{x^2}{2} \le \ln(1+x) \le x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3}.$$

2. Recall that  $\tan x \sim x + \frac{x^3}{3}$  as  $x \to 0$ . Then:

$$\tan(3x) \sim 3x + 9x^3 \Rightarrow \cot^2(3x) = \frac{1}{\tan^2(3x)} \sim \frac{1}{9x^2} - \frac{2}{9} + o(1)$$

So:

$$\cot^2(3x) - \frac{1}{9x^2} \sim -\frac{2}{9}$$

3. Use Taylor expansions up to order 3:

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

$$\sqrt{1+4u} = 1 + 2u - 2u^2 + \frac{4u^3}{3} + o(u^3), \quad \sqrt{1+6u^2} = 1 + 3u^2 - \frac{9u^4}{2} + o(u^4)$$

Combine:

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

Simplify:

$$f(u) = -u^3 + o(u^3)$$

# Exercise 2:

- 1. Using concavity:
  - (a) Show that:  $\forall x \in [0; \frac{\pi}{2}] : \sin(x) \le x$ .
  - (b) Also show that:  $\forall u \in [0;1] : \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}u) \ge u$ . Deduce that  $\forall x \in [0;\frac{\pi}{2}] : \sin(x) \ge \frac{2}{\pi}x$  and give the resulting bounds for  $\sin x$  on  $[0;\frac{\pi}{2}]$ .
- 2. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$  and  $a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ . Show that:  $\frac{n}{\frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n}} \leq (a_1 \cdots a_n)^{\frac{1}{n}} \leq \frac{a_1 + \dots + a_n}{n}$

1. (a) Consider the function  $f(x) = x - \sin x$  on  $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ . We have:

$$f'(x) = 1 - \cos x \ge 0, \quad \forall x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$$

So f is increasing and since f(0) = 0, we get:

$$f(x) > 0 \Rightarrow x - \sin x > 0 \Rightarrow \sin x < x$$

(b) Define  $g(u) = u - \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}u)$  on [0,1]. Compute its derivative:

$$g'(u) = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2}u\right)$$

Since cos is decreasing on  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ , g'(u) is increasing. Also:

$$g(0) = 0$$
,  $g(1) = 1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 0$ 

So  $g(u) \le 0$  implies  $\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}u\right) \ge u$ 

Let  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}u \Rightarrow u = \frac{2}{\pi}x$ . Then:

$$\sin x \ge \frac{2}{\pi}x, \quad \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

Combining with the previous inequality:

$$\frac{2}{\pi}x \le \sin x \le x, \quad \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

2. This is a standard inequality between the geometric mean and arithmetic mean:

$$(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n)^{1/n} \le \frac{a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n}{n}, \text{ for } a_i > 0$$

The left inequality follows from the AM-GM inequality applied to reciprocals:

$$\frac{1}{(a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n)^{1/n}} \le \frac{\frac{1}{a_1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{a_n}}{n}$$

However, it's also known that:

$$\min(a_1, \dots, a_n) \le (a_1 \cdots a_n)^{1/n} \le \max(a_1, \dots, a_n)$$

Thus:

$$\frac{1}{a_n} \le (a_1 \cdots a_n)^{1/n} \le \frac{a_1 + \cdots + a_n}{n}$$

# Exercise 3:

Show that the function below is of class  $C^1$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . Using a Taylor expansion, give the equation of the tangent to the curve  $C_f$  at the point with abscissa 0, as well as the position of the curve, near 0, with respect to the tangent:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ln \frac{\exp(2x) - 1}{2x}$ .

First, define:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ln(e^{2x} - 1)$$

To study regularity and behavior at x = 0, note that f is undefined at 0. We define f(0) by continuity if possible.

As  $x \to 0$ :

$$e^{2x} - 1 = 2x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{3} + o(x^3) \Rightarrow \ln(e^{2x} - 1) = \ln(2x + 2x^2 + \frac{4x^3}{3} + o(x^3))$$

Factor out 2x:

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

So:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \left( \ln(2x) + x + \frac{x^2}{6} + o(x^2) \right) = \frac{\ln(2x)}{x} + 1 + \frac{x}{6} + o(x)$$

But:

$$\frac{\ln(2x)}{x} = \frac{\ln 2 + \ln x}{x} \to 0$$
 as  $x \to 0^+$ 

Similarly from the left:

$$\lim_{x \to 0^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 0^{-}} \frac{1}{x} \ln(e^{2x} - 1)$$

Since  $e^{2x} - 1 \to 0^-$ ,  $\ln(e^{2x} - 1)$  is not defined in real numbers  $\to f$  is only defined on  $\mathbb{R}^*$ 

Extend f continuously at 0 by defining:

$$f(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = 1 + \ln 2$$

This extension is smooth around 0, so  $f \in C^1(\mathbb{R})$ 

The Taylor expansion gives:

$$f(x) = (1 + \ln 2) + \frac{x}{6} + o(x)$$

So the tangent line at x = 0 is:

$$y = (1 + \ln 2) + \frac{x}{6}$$

The curve lies **above** the tangent since the first non-zero correction term is positive.

# Exercise 4:

Let f be the function defined by:  $f(x) = (x-2) \exp\left(\frac{x-1}{x+1}\right)$ .

- 1. Does the curve  $C_f$ , representing f, have a vertical asymptote? Justify.
- 2. Study the equation of the asymptote to the representative curve of f in the neighborhood of  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$ .
- 3. Study the relative position of this asymptote with respect to the curve  $C_f$ .

1. Does the curve  $C_f$ , representing  $f(x) = (x-2)e^{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}$ , have a vertical asymptote? Justify.

**Solution:** The function involves an exponential, which is always defined except where the exponent may blow up. The exponent is:

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

This expression becomes undefined when  $x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$ . Let's check the behavior near x=-1:

As  $x \to -1^-$ , the denominator goes to 0 from the negative side, so:

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} \to \frac{-2}{0^-} \to +\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \to (x-2)e^{+\infty} \to \pm \infty$$

As  $x \to -1^+$ , the denominator goes to 0 from the positive side:

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} \to \frac{-2}{0^+} \to -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \to (x-2)e^{-\infty} \to 0$$

So there is a vertical asymptote at x = -1.

2. Study the equation of the asymptote to the representative curve of f(x) in the neighborhood of  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$ .

**Solution:** First, analyze the exponent:

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} = 1 - \frac{2}{x+1} \Rightarrow e^{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} = e^{1-\frac{2}{x+1}} = e \cdot e^{-\frac{2}{x+1}} \sim e\left(1 - \frac{2}{x+1}\right)$$

Then:

$$f(x) = (x-2)e^{\frac{x-1}{x+1}} \sim (x-2) \cdot e\left(1 - \frac{2}{x+1}\right) = e(x-2) - \frac{2e(x-2)}{x+1}$$

As  $x \to \pm \infty$ , the second term tends to 0, so:

$$f(x) \sim e(x-2)$$

Therefore, the oblique asymptote is:

$$y = e(x-2)$$

3. Study the relative position of this asymptote with respect to the curve  $C_f$ .

**Solution:** From the previous expansion:

$$f(x) - e(x-2) \sim -\frac{2e(x-2)}{x+1}$$

As  $x \to +\infty$ , this difference behaves like:

$$-\frac{2e(x)}{x} = -2e < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) < e(x-2)$$

So the curve lies **below** the asymptote as  $x \to +\infty$ .

As  $x \to -\infty$ , we also get:

$$f(x) - e(x-2) \sim -\frac{2e(x)}{x} = -2e < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) < e(x-2)$$

So again, the curve lies **below** the asymptote as  $x \to -\infty$ .