

Sheet of exercises N°2 - Limits and continuity

Exercise 1 Find and sketch the domain of each of the following functions:

1. $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{xy}}{x^2 + y^2}$
2. $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{x+y+1}}{x-1}$
3. $f(x, y) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy}$
4. $f(x, y) = \ln(xy)$
5. $f(x, y) = \frac{\ln(y-x)}{x}$
6. $f(x, y) = \sqrt{1-xy}$
7. $f(x, y) = \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2-y^2}}{\sqrt{x^2+y^2-1}}$
8. $f(x, y) = x \ln(y^2 - x)$
9. $f(x, y) = \ln(9 - x^2 - 9y^2)$

Exercise 2 We recall that the **level curves** of a function f of two variables are the curves with equations $f(x, y) = k$, where k is a constant (in the range of f).

A level curve $f(x, y) = k$ is the set of all points in the domain of f at which f takes on a given value k . In other words, it shows where the graph of f has height k .

1. Sketch the level curves of the function $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto 6 - 3x - 2y$ for the values $k = -6, 0, 6, 12$.
2. Sketch the level curves of the function

$$g : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \sqrt{9 - x^2 - y^2} \quad \text{for } k = 0, 1, 2, 3.$$

Exercise 3 Find, if they exist, the limits of the following functions at $(0, 0)$:

1. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$
2. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{|\sin(x+y)|}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$
3. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{\sin(x^2 + y^2)}{|x| + |y|}$
4. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{\ln(1 + xy)}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$
5. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{xy^2}{x^4 + y^3}$
6. $f : (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mapsto \frac{xy^2}{x^4 + y^2}$

Exercise 4 Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy \sin(x-y)}{x^2 + y^2} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{if } (x, y) = (0, 0). \end{cases}$$

Study the continuity of f on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Exercise 5 Show that the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} 2x^2 + y^2 - 1 & \text{if } x^2 + y^2 > 1, \\ x^2 & \text{else,} \end{cases}$$

is continuous on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Exercise 6 Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$. We define the function f_α on \mathbb{R}^2 by:

$$f_\alpha(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{xy}{(x^2 + y^2)^\alpha} & \text{if } (x, y) \neq (0, 0), \\ 0 & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Using a change of variables in polar coordinates: $x = r \cos \theta$ and $y = r \sin \theta$ with $r \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $\theta \in [0, 2\pi[$, study, according to the values of α , the continuity of f_α on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Exercise 7 Show that the function defined by $f(x, y) = \frac{\sin(xy)}{xy}$ can be extended into a continuous function on \mathbb{R}^2 .

Exercise 8 Show that the function $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

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

is not extendable by continuity at $(0, 0)$.

Exercise 9

1. Show that the function $S : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $(x, y) \mapsto x + y$ is Lipschitzian and therefore uniformly continuous.
2. Show that any norm on \mathbb{R}^n is a Lipschitz function and therefore uniformly continuous.
3. Show that any linear application of \mathbb{R}^n in \mathbb{R}^p is Lipschitzian and therefore uniformly continuous.