

EXERCISE SHEET - MATH 1

1 Use of the \sum sign

The aim of this section is to introduce the \sum notation and its main properties (permutations, change of index, telescopic sums ...)

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $m \leq n$. We introduce the notation $\llbracket m; n \rrbracket$ which translates as the set of the intergers between m and n i.e.

$$\llbracket m; n \rrbracket := \{m, m+1, \dots, n-1, n\} = \{k \in \mathbb{Z} \mid m \leq k \leq n\}.$$

We recall that $\text{card}(\llbracket m; n \rrbracket) = n - m + 1$.

Definition 1.1. Let $I = \llbracket m, n \rrbracket$ with $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \leq n$, and let $(x_i)_{i \in I}$ a family of real or complex numbers indexed by I . We denote $\sum_{k=m}^n x_k$ or $\sum_{m \leq k \leq n} x_k$ the sum of elements in the family $(x_i)_{i \in I}$. The expression $\sum_{k=m}^n x_k$ reads as "the sum for k from m to n of x indexed by k ".

Mathematically this notation designates the sum $x_m + x_{m+1} + \dots + x_n$.

Remark 1.

1. The number $\sum_{k=m}^n x_k$ depends on m and n , **it does not depend on k** .
2. The index k in the sum is called the *dummy variable*. The choice of summation index is completely arbitrary, we could choose any letter except of course those that already have meaning. For example, writing $\sum_{n=0}^n x_n$ does not make sense, as n appears as both a bound on the sum's index and as the sum's dummy variable.

Exercise 1.1 (★).

1. Compute $A = \sum_{i=0}^6 1$.
2. Rewrite the following sums using symbolic notations
 - (a) $S_n = \ln(2) + \ln(3) + \cdots + \ln(n)$;
 - (b) $T_p = 1 + 2^3 + \cdots + p^3$;
 - (c) $B = 2^3 + 4^3 + \cdots + 100^3$;
 - (d) $C = 1^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + 101^3$;
 - (e) $D = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n}$.
 - (f) $E = \cos \sqrt{2} + \cos 2\sqrt{2} + \cdots + \cos 9\sqrt{2}$
 - (g) $F = 2 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{2}{25} + \cdots + \frac{2}{81}$

Proposition 1.1 (Linearity of the sums). *Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $m \leq n$. Let $a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_n, b_m, b_{m+1}, \dots, b_n$ be any real or complex numbers. We have that*

$$\sum_{k=m}^n (a_k + b_k) = \sum_{k=m}^n a_k + \sum_{k=m}^n b_k$$

and for any real or complex λ

$$\sum_{k=m}^n \lambda a_k = \lambda \sum_{k=m}^n a_k$$

Exercise 1.2 (★).

Let x_0, x_1, x_2, x_3 and x_4 be any real or complex numbers and $B = \sum_{k=0}^3 x_k$. Express the following sums as functions of B .

$$C = \left(\sum_{k=0}^3 x_k \right) + 1, \quad D = \sum_{k=0}^3 (x_k + 1), \quad E = \sum_{k=0}^3 x_{k+1}$$

Remark 2. In general,

$$\sum_{k=m}^n a_k b_k \neq \left(\sum_{k=m}^n a_k \right) \left(\sum_{k=m}^n b_k \right)$$

Futhermore, as the summation is associative and commutative, we can group our sums into smaller and/or sum in the order that we want.

Proposition 1.2 (Chasles relation). *For any $j \in \llbracket m; n \rrbracket$, we have*

$$\sum_{k=m}^n a_k = \sum_{k=m}^j a_k + \sum_{k=j+1}^n a_k$$

One very useful technique for dealing with sums is the change of index. This is detailed in the following Proposition.

Proposition 1.3 (Change of index). *Let m, p and n be three positive integers such that $m \leq n$.*

Let a_{p+m}, \dots, a_{n+m} be real or complex numbers. Then

$$\sum_{k=p}^n a_{k+m} = \sum_{j=p+m}^{n+m} a_j.$$

It is said that we have performed the change of index $j = k + m$ in the sum $\sum_{k=p}^n a_{k+m}$.

Remark 3. Once we become used to these manipulations, we simply write that

$$\sum_{k=p}^n a_{k+m} = \sum_{k=p+m}^{n+m} a_k$$

and specify that we have performed the change of index $k \leftarrow k + m$.

Exercise 1.3 (★).

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Perform a change of index in

1. the sum $\sum_{k=2}^{10} \frac{1}{(k-1)^2}$ to sum $\frac{1}{k^2}$ terms;
2. the sum $\sum_{k=-4}^{100} \frac{k}{k+5}$ so that the sum begins at index 0;
3. the sum $\sum_{k=4}^{n+2} \frac{x^{k-3}}{(k-3)^2}$

Using both the linearity of the sums and a change of index we show the following property.

Proposition 1.4 (Telescopic sums). *Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $m \leq n$. Let a_m, a_{m+1}, \dots, a_n be any real or complex numbers. Then*

$$\sum_{k=m}^n (a_{k+1} - a_k) = a_{n+1} - a_m$$

Exercise 1.4 (★★).

1. Compute $\sum_{k=1}^n \ln\left(\frac{k}{k+1}\right)$
2. Prove that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot k! = (n+1)! - 1$$

(Hint : use the famous mathematical magic trick $k = (k+1) - 1$)

Proposition 1.5 (Summing the n first positive integers). *Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then*

$$S_n := 1 + 2 + \cdots + n = \sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.$$

Exercise 1.5 (★★★).

1. Let $x \mapsto P(x)$ be a function : give a simple formula for the sum

$$\sum_{k=0}^n (P(k+1) - P(k)).$$

2. We set $P(x) = x^2$. Give two different expressions for the sum A defined as

$$A := \sum_{k=0}^n ((k+1)^2 - k^2).$$

Deduce $S_n^{(1)} := \sum_{k=0}^n k$.

3. We set $P(x) = x^3$. Give two different expressions for the sum B defined as

$$B := \sum_{k=0}^n ((k+1)^3 - k^3).$$

Deduce $S_n^{(2)} := \sum_{k=0}^n k^2$.

4. Use the strategy given in this exercise to compute $S_n^{(3)} := \sum_{k=0}^n k^3$.

Exercise 1.6 (★★).

Compute the following sums

$$A = \sum_{k=0}^n (k+1), \quad B = \sum_{k=1}^n (2k+1), \quad C = \sum_{k=3}^{n+4} (k-2) \quad \text{and} \quad D = \sum_{k=1}^n (nk-1).$$

One of the most well-known sum is the geometric sum defined in the following property.

Proposition 1.6 (Sum of the terms in a geometric sum). *Let q be a real or complex number and n a positive integer then :*

1. If $q \neq 1$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n q^k = \frac{q^{n+1} - 1}{q - 1}.$$

2. If $q = 1$,

$$\sum_{k=0}^n q^k = \sum_{k=0}^n 1 = n + 1.$$

Exercise 1.7 (**).

Compute the following sums

$$A = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k, \quad B = \sum_{k=10}^{n+5} 2^k, \quad C = \sum_{k=0}^{2n-1} 2^{\frac{k}{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad D = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^{2k-1}.$$

Proposition 1.7. *For any integer n and any two real or complex numbers a and b we have the following formula*

$$a^{n+1} - b^{n+1} = (a - b) \times \sum_{k=0}^n a^k b^{n-k}.$$

Exercise 1.8 (***).

1. Prove the previous proposition by expanding the right hand terme and using a change of index.
2. Use the formula from the proposition to compute, for any $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$, $\sum_{k=0}^n x^k$.
3. Compute the following sums

$$A = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k 3^{10+n-k} \quad \text{and} \quad B = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k 2^{n-k}$$

Exercise 1.9 (***).

Newton's binomial

1. Use an induction reasoning to prove that for any $(a, b) \in \mathbb{C}^2$ and any $n \in \mathbb{N}$,

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^k b^{n-k} = \sum_{k=0}^n C_n^k a^k b^{n-k}.$$

2. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. For any real number x , we define

$$f(x) = (1+x)^n.$$

- (a) Write $f(x)$ as a sum of powers of x .
- (b) Compute the derivative of f at $x = 1$ and its integral over $[0, 1]$ using its definition and using its power expansion.
- (c) Deduce the value of the following sums :

$$D_n = \sum_{k=0}^n k \binom{n}{k} \quad \text{and} \quad I_n = \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{k+1} \binom{n}{k}.$$

- (d) Adapt this method to compute $\sum_{k=0}^n k(k-1) \binom{n}{k}$. Deduce the value of $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 \binom{n}{k}$.

Exercise 1.10 (★★★).

For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$, let $C_n(x)$ and $S_n(x)$ be defined as follows :

$$C_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \cos(kx) \quad \text{and} \quad S_n(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n \sin(kx)$$

- 1. Compute C_n and S_n when x is a multiple of 2π .
- 2. Suppose that x is not a multiple of 2π . By computing $U_n(x) = C_n(x) + i S_n(x)$ find the value of $C_n(x)$ and $S_n(x)$. (Here i stands for the complex number such that $i^2 = -1$)

Definition 1.2. Let $I = \llbracket m; n \rrbracket \times \llbracket p; q \rrbracket$ with $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \leq n$, $p \leq q$ and $(x_{k\ell})_{(k,\ell) \in I}$ a family of real or complex numbers indexed by I . The sum of term of the family $(x_{k\ell})_{(k,\ell) \in I}$ is written as

$$\sum_{k=m}^n \sum_{\ell=p}^q x_{k\ell} = \sum_{\substack{m \leq k \leq n \\ p \leq \ell \leq q}} x_{k\ell}$$

Proposition 1.8 (Permutation of sums). Let $(x_{i,j})_{1 \leq i,j \leq n}$ be a family of real or complex numbers, then :

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{1 \leq i,j \leq n} x_{ij} &= \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n x_{ij} = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^n x_{ij} \\ \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} x_{ij} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^j x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i}^n x_{ij} \\ \sum_{1 \leq i < j \leq n} x_{ij} &= \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^{j-1} x_{ij} = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=i+1}^n x_{ij} \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 1.11 (★★).

Compute the following sums

$$A = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n ij \quad \text{and} \quad B = \sum_{1 \leq i \leq j \leq n} ij$$

Exercise 1.12 (★★★).

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Compute the coefficient of the polynomial

$$P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^n (1+x)^k.$$

2 Linear second order differential equations with constant coefficients

Exercise 2.1 (★).

Compute the solutions to the differential equation :

$$y''(x) - 4y'(x) + 3y(x) = g(x),$$

in each of the following cases :

1. $g(x) = x + 1$.
2. $g(x) = e^{2x}$.
3. $g(x) = e^x$.
4. $g(x) = 2(x + 1) + 3e^x$.

Exercise 2.2 (★).

Compute the solutions to the differential equation :

$$y''(x) + 2y'(x) + 4y(x) = g(x),$$

in each of the following cases :

1. $g(x) = 3$.
2. $g(x) = xe^{-2x}$.

Exercise 2.3 (★).

1. Compute the solution to $y''(x) + 6y'(x) + 9y(x) = xe^{-3x}$ with $y(0) = y'(0) = 1$.
2. Compute the set of solutions to $y''(x) + 6y'(x) + 9y(x) = x$.
3. Compute the set of solutions to $y''(x) + 6y'(x) + 9y(x) = 9x + 2xe^{-3x}$.

Exercise 2.4 (★★).

We consider a masse m hanging on a spring and immersed in a fluid. We suppose that the mass is subject to a unique vertical displacement. We denote as x the algebraic displacement with respect to the equilibrium position. We denote as k the spring's stiffness coefficient and as α the fluid's friction coefficient. These are both considered to be positive.

Forces acting on mass m :

- the spring's tension : $\vec{T} = -kx\vec{e}_x$,
- friction due to the fluid : $\vec{F} = -\alpha\dot{x}\vec{e}_x$.

Applying the fundamental principle of dynamics, it can be shown that the differential equation verified by x is

$$m\ddot{x} + \alpha\dot{x} + kx = 0.$$

1. Solve the equation and give the solutions as a function of the parameters α , k and m .
2. Give a physical interpretation of the observed behavior.

3 Polynomial functions and rational fractions

3.1 Polynomial functions

Exercise 3.1 (★).

Give the quotient and the remainder of the euclidean division of polynomial A by polynomial B in the following cases.

1. $A(x) = x^7 - 2x^6 + 3x^4 - 2x + 1$; $B(x) = x^3 + 1$.
2. $A(x) = x^4 + i x^3 + 3x - 1$; $B(x) = x^2 + (1 + i)x + 1$.

Exercise 3.2 (★).

Find $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ such that :

1. $\deg(P) = 6$, 1 is a double root, 3 is a triple root and $P(0) = 1$.
2. $\deg(P) = 7$, i is a simple root, $1 - i$ is a double root, 3 is a simple root and $P(1) = 2$.

Exercise 3.3 (★★).

1. Factorise, without using a discriminant, the following polynomials (look for trivial roots).

$$P_1(x) = x^2 + 9, \quad P_2(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3, \quad P_3(x) = x^2 + 6x + 8, \quad P_4(x) = x^2 - 81.$$

2. (a) Find $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ of degree 2 whose roots α and β verify

$$\alpha + \beta = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = 6.$$

(b) Compute α et β .

3. Let $Q(x) = x^2 + 10x - 1$. Show (without computing the roots) that Q has two real roots, whose signs are different.
4. Let $R(x) = x^2 - 2x + 10$. Show (without computing the roots) that R has two complex roots that are conjugates and whose real parts are positive.

Exercise 3.4 (★★).

Let $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ defined as $P(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 36$ with a and b two real numbers.

1. Find (without computing the quotient) the remainder of the Euclidean division of P by $(x - 1)$.
2. Find (without computing the quotient) the remainder of the Euclidean division of P by $(x^2 - 1)$.
3. Show that there exists two real numbers a and b such that P has two double roots belonging to \mathbb{Q} (use the relations between coefficients and roots).

Exercise 3.5 (★).

Let $A(x) = x^5 + 3x^4 = 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x - 1$.

1. Show that -1 is a multiple root of A and find its multiplicity.
(Hint : compute the derivatives of A)
2. Factorise A into a product of irreducible polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x]$.

Exercise 3.6 (★★).

Let $P(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 + 6x^3 + 8x^2 = 8x$.

1. Check that 0 and $2i$ are roots of P .
2. Deduce from the previous questions that $B(x) = x^3 + 4x$ divides P .
3. Compute the Euclidean division of P by B .
4. Factorise P into a product of irreducible polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ and then in $\mathbb{C}[x]$.

Exercise 3.7 (★★★).

1. Factorise $P(x) = x^3 - 1$ and $Q(x) = x^4 + 4$ in $\mathbb{C}[x]$ and in $\mathbb{R}[x]$.
2. Let $P_n(x) = x^n - 1$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.
 - (a) Compute the roots of P_n in \mathbb{C} .
 - (b) Deduce the factorisation of P_n in $\mathbb{C}[x]$ and then in $\mathbb{R}[x]$.
(Hint : use the parity of n)

3.2 Polynomial functions : extension exercises**Exercise 3.8 (★★).**

Let $P \in \mathbb{R}[x]$, $P(x) = x^4 - 5x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 10$.

1. Show that there exists two real numbers a and b such that -1 and 2 are the two only real roots of P .
2. Compute the other roots of P .

Exercise 3.9 (★★).

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$. Find the remainder of the euclidean division of $x^{2n} + x^n + 1$ by $(x-1)(x+1)$.

Exercise 3.10 (★★).

Let $P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 4$.

1. Let $j = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Compute j^3 and $1 + j + j^2$.
2. Show that j is a root of P .
3. Deduce, without calculations, that $Q(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ divides P .

4. Perform the euclidean division of P by Q .
5. Factorise P into a product of irreducible polynomial in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ and then $\mathbb{C}[x]$.

Exercise 3.11 (***).

Let P be a polynomial of $\mathbb{R}[x]$, $\alpha = a + ib \in \mathbb{C}$ with $b \neq 0$ and $B(x) = x^2 - 2\operatorname{Re}(\alpha)x + |\alpha|^2$.

1. Show that B divides P if and only if α is a root of P .
2. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$.
 - (a) Compute i^n and j^n where $j = e^{\frac{2i\pi}{3}}$ is a cubic root of unity.
 - (b) Let $B(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $P(x) = x^n + 1$. For which values of n does B divides P ?
 - (c) Same question with $B(x) = x^2 + x + 1$ and $P(x) = x^n - 1$.

3.3 Rational functions

Exercise 3.12 (*).

We consider the rational functions :

$$F_1(x) = \frac{x^4 - x + 1}{x^3 - 1} \quad \text{and} \quad F_2(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2(x^2 + x + 4)}.$$

1. Study of F_1 .
 - (a) Is F_1 irreducible?
 - (b) Give the whole part of F_1 .
 - (c) Give the poles of F_1 in $\mathbb{C}[x]$ and then in $\mathbb{R}[x]$. Specify their multiplicity.
 - (d) Give the definition domain of F_1 in \mathbb{C} and then in \mathbb{R} .
 - (e) Decompose F_1 into partial fractions in \mathbb{R} and in \mathbb{C} .
2. Same questions for F_2 .

Exercise 3.13 (*).

Decompose the following rational functions into partial fractions in \mathbb{R} :

$$G_1(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 2x + 10}, \quad G_2(x) = \frac{2x - 6}{(x^2 - 3x + 2)^2}, \quad G_3(x) = \frac{12x^2 + 8x - 4}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$$

$$\text{and} \quad G_4(x) = G_3(x^2) = \frac{12x^4 + 8x^2 - 4}{(x^4 - 1)^2}.$$

Exercise 3.14 (★★).

1. Decompose the following function into partial fractions on \mathbb{R} :

$$F(x) = \frac{1}{x(x+1)(x+2)}.$$

2. Deduce for $n \geq 4$, the value of s_n and then $\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} s_n$, where

$$s_n = \sum_{k=4}^n F(k) = \sum_{k=4}^n \frac{1}{k(k+1)(k+2)}.$$

Exercise 3.15 (★★).

1. Decompose the following rational functions into partial fractions on \mathbb{R} :

$$H_1(x) = \frac{4x}{(x+1)(x^2+1)}, \quad H_2(x) = \frac{4x}{(x+1)^2(x^2+1)}, \quad H_3(x) = \frac{4x}{(x+1)(x^2+1)^2}$$

$$\text{and} \quad H_4(x) = \frac{4x}{(x+1)^2(x^2+1)^2}.$$

2. Let the rational function $H(x) = \frac{1+2x-x^2}{(x+2)^4}$.
- (a) Compute the partial fraction decomposition in \mathbb{R} of $H(t-2)$.
 - (b) Deduce the partial fraction decomposition in \mathbb{R} of H .

4 Limits, continuity and differentiability

Exercise 4.1 (★).

We consider a function f defined on a neighborhood of point a (except perhaps at point a). What do the following statements mean?

1. $\exists \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \varepsilon > 0, \exists \eta > 0 : \forall x \in \mathcal{D}_f, |x - a| \leq \eta \Rightarrow |f(x) - \ell| \leq \varepsilon.$
2. $\exists \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists \eta > 0 : \forall x \in \mathcal{D}_f, |x - a| \leq \eta \Rightarrow |f(x) - \ell| \leq \varepsilon.$
3. $\exists \ell \in \mathbb{R}, \exists \eta > 0, \forall \varepsilon > 0 : \forall x \in \mathcal{D}_f, |x - a| \leq \eta \Rightarrow |f(x) - \ell| \leq \varepsilon.$

Exercise 4.2 (★).

1. Let a and b be two real numbers. Show that

$$||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|.$$

2. Let f be a function that tends to ℓ when x tends to a . Show that the function $|f|$ tends to $|\ell|$ when x tends to a .

Exercise 4.3 (★★).

1. Show that for any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, any $b \in \mathbb{R}$, we have

$$\min(a, b) = \frac{a + b - |a - b|}{2}.$$

2. Let $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two differentiable functions on the interval I .
Let $\mathcal{N} = \{x \in I \mid f(x) = g(x)\}$. We set for any $x \in I$, $h(x) = \min(f(x), g(x))$.
 - (a) Is the function h continuous on $I \setminus \mathcal{N}$? Is it differentiable on $I \setminus \mathcal{N}$?
 - (b) Is the function h continuous on I ?
 - (c) Let $x_0 \in \mathcal{N}$. Study the differentiability of h at x_0 .
(Hint : We could give two examples)

Exercise 4.4 (★★).

Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function at 0 such that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(2x) = f(x).$$

1. We fix $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(x) = f\left(\frac{x}{2^n}\right)$.
2. Show that f is constant.
(Hint : take the limit when n goes to $+\infty$ in the previous equality)

Exercise 4.5 (★).

1. Compute the limit at $x = 1$ of :

$$(a) \ f(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x-1}; \quad (b) \ g(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{x^5-1}$$

2. Compute the limit at $x = 0^+$ of :

$$(a) \ f(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right), \quad (b) \ g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x^2 + \sin(x)}}$$

3. Compute the limit when x tends to $+\infty$.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \ f_1(x) &= (x - \ln(|x|)) e^x, \\ (b) \ f_2(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x^2 + \sin(x)}}, & (e) \ f_5(x) &= \frac{x^3 \ln(x^4)}{e^x}, \\ (c) \ f_3(x) &= \frac{\sin(x)}{x^4}, & (f) \ f_6(x) &= \frac{8x^7 + x^3}{(2x+1)^7 - \ln(x^5)}, \\ (d) \ f_4(x) &= \frac{x^\alpha + 2}{x^3 + 1}, \alpha \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, & (g) \ f_7(x) &= (\sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{3 \ln(x)}}. \end{aligned}$$

Exercise 4.6 (★★).

We consider the four real functions defined below :

$$f_1 : x \mapsto \sqrt{1 - e^x}, \quad f_2 : x \mapsto \ln(x^2 - 1), \quad f_3 : x \mapsto \frac{1}{x-1} \quad \text{and} \quad f_4 = f_3 \circ f_2.$$

1. Study the definition, continuity and differentiability domains of these functions.
2. Compute the following limits (if they exist) :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f_1(x), \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f_2(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f_4(x) \quad \text{where} \quad a = \sqrt{1+e}.$$

3. Compute the derivatives of these functions.

Exercise 4.7 (★★★).

Let the functions $f(x) = \ln(1+x)$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$.

1. Compute the definition domain of f and g .
2. Do these functions belong to the \mathcal{C}^∞ class on their definition domain?
3. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Compute the n 'th derivative of the function f .

5 Fundamental analysis techniques

5.1 Study of hyperbolic functions

In this section, we define three new functions called the hyperbolic functions. The **hyperbolic cosine** and **hyperbolic sine** functions are the functions defined for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$ as

$$\cosh(x) = \text{ch}(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sinh(x) = \text{sh}(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}.$$

We called them sine and cosine due to the similarity between their definitions and the Euler formulae. We also define the **hyperbolic tangent** function as :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \tanh(x) = \frac{\sinh(x)}{\cosh(x)} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}.$$

Exercise 5.1 (★).

1. Check that ch is an even function, that sh is an odd function.
2. Prove that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$e^x = \text{ch}(x) + \text{sh}(x).$$

(These two functions are the odd and even parts of the exponential function).

3. Show that for any $x \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$1 = \text{ch}^2(x) - \text{sh}^2(x).$$

Theses functions are said to be hyperbolic because of their relation with an hyperbola. Indeed, consider t to be any real number. Just as the points $(\cos(t), \sin(t))$ form a circle centered at 0 and of radius 1, the points $(\text{ch}(t), \text{sh}(t))$ form part of the hyperbola defined by the equation $x^2 - y^2 = 1$.

Exercise 5.2 (★★).

1. Analysis of the function sh .
 - (a) Give the definition domain, continuity domain and differentiability domain of sh .
 - (b) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \text{sh}(x)$.
 - (c) Compute the derivative of sh , give the equation of its tangent at 0 and specify its position relative to the graph of sh .
 - (d) Give the variation table of sh .
 - (e) Draw the graph of the function.

2. Same questions with ch .
3. Same questions with \tanh .

As for the cosine and sine function, many formulae exist !

Exercise 5.3 (★★).

Let a and b two real numbers. Prove the following formulae :

1. $\text{ch}(a + b) = \text{ch}(a) \text{ch}(b) + \text{sh}(a) \text{sh}(b)$.
2. $\text{ch}(a - b) = \text{ch}(a) \text{ch}(b) - \text{sh}(a) \text{sh}(b)$.
3. $\text{sh}(a + b) = \text{sh}(a) \text{ch}(b) + \text{sh}(b) \text{ch}(a)$.
4. $\text{sh}(a - b) = \text{sh}(a) \text{ch}(b) - \text{sh}(b) \text{ch}(a)$.
5. $\tanh(a + b) = \frac{\tanh(a) + \tanh(b)}{1 + \tanh(a) \tanh(b)}$.
6. $\tanh(a - b) = \frac{\tanh(a) - \tanh(b)}{1 - \tanh(a) \tanh(b)}$.
7. Deduce the following formulae :

$$\text{ch}(2a) = \text{ch}^2(a) + \text{sh}^2(a) = 2 \text{ch}^2(a) - 1 = 1 + \text{sh}^2(a),$$

$$\text{sh}(2a) = 2 \text{sh}(a) \text{ch}(a),$$

$$\tanh(2a) = \frac{2 \tanh(a)}{1 + \tanh^2(a)}.$$

Exercise 5.4 (★★★).

Let g be a function defined on \mathbb{R} as $g(x) = \text{sh}^2(x) - 2 \text{ch}(x)$.

1. Prove that for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = \text{ch}^2(x) - 2 \text{ch}(x) - 1$.
2. Solve $g(x) = 0$. (*Hint : set $\text{ch}(x) = y$*)
3. Study the variations of g . Deduce the set of real numbers x such that $g(x) \leq 0$.

Exercise 5.5 (★★★).

1. Simplify the expression

$$y = \frac{\text{ch}(2 \ln(x)) - \text{sh}(2 \ln(x))}{x}.$$

2. Solve the equation

$$5 \text{ch}(x) - 4 \text{sh}(x) = 3.$$

5.2 Study of power functions

In this section, we set :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x^y = e^{y \ln(x)}.$$

Exercise 5.6 (★).

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$, $y \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $(\alpha, \beta) \in \mathbb{R}^2$.

Prove the following equalities :

1. $x^{\alpha+\beta} = x^\alpha x^\beta$;
2. $(x^\alpha)^\beta = x^{\alpha\beta}$;
3. $x^{-\alpha} = \frac{1}{x^\alpha}$;
4. $x^{\alpha-\beta} = \frac{x^\alpha}{x^\beta}$;
5. $x^\alpha y^\alpha = (xy)^\alpha$;
6. $\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^\alpha = \frac{x^\alpha}{y^\alpha}$.

Exercise 5.7 (★★).

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and f_a a real-valued function defined on \mathbb{R} as $f_a(x) = a^x$.

1. Give \mathcal{D}_{f_a} , \mathcal{D}_c and \mathcal{D}_d respectively the definition, continuity and differentiability domains of f_a .
2. Compute for all $x \in \mathcal{D}_d$, $f'_a(x)$.
3. Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f_a(x)$.
4. Give, as a function of a , the variation table of f_a .
5. Draw, as a function of a , the graph of the function f_a .

Exercise 5.8 (★★★).

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ and g_α a real-valued function defined on \mathbb{R} as $g_\alpha(x) = x^\alpha$.

1. Give \mathcal{D}_{g_α} , \mathcal{D}_c and \mathcal{D}_d respectively the definition, continuity and differentiability domains of g_α in the following cases :

- (a) $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$; (b) $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_-^*$; (c) $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

From now, we will only consider $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}$.

2. Study, depending on α , the continuity and differentiability of g_α at 0.
3. Compute for any $x \in \mathcal{D}_d$, $g'_\alpha(x)$.
4. Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g_\alpha(x)$.
5. Give, as a function of α , the variation table of g_α .
6. Study, depending on α , the convexity (or concavity) of g_α .
7. Draw, as a function of a , the graph of the function f_a .

5.3 Study of functions

Exercise 5.9 (★★).

Study the variation and draw the graph of the following functions :

1. $f_1 : x \mapsto \frac{x^3 - 4x}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$;
2. $f_2 : x \mapsto \exp\left(-\frac{2x}{x^2 - 1}\right)$;
3. $f_3 : x \mapsto \ln(\operatorname{ch}(x))$;
4. $f_4 : x \mapsto x - \ln\left(\left|\frac{120 + 60x + 12x^2 + x^3}{120 - 60x + 12x^2 - x^3}\right|\right)$;
5. $f_5 : x \mapsto x - 1 - \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$;
6. $f_6 : x \mapsto (1 - x)\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$;
7. $f_7 : x \mapsto \tanh\left(\frac{x - 1}{x + 1}\right)$;
8. $f_8 : x \mapsto \ln(x \ln(x))$;

6 Inverse functions

Exercise 6.1 (★).

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be such that $f(x) = x^3$. Show that f is a bijection from \mathbb{R} onto \mathbb{R} and give its inverse function.
2. Let $g : \mathbb{R}_+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_+$ be such that $g(x) = x^2$. Show that g is a bijection from \mathbb{R}_+ onto \mathbb{R}_+ and give its inverse function.

Exercise 6.2 (arcsin ★★).

Consider the function $f : \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ such that $f(x) = \sin(x)$.

1. Show that f is bijective and denote arcsin its inverse function.
2. Compute

$$\arcsin(0), \quad \arcsin(-1), \quad \arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right), \quad \text{and} \quad \arcsin\left(\sin\left(\frac{15\pi}{4}\right)\right).$$

3. Give the largest sets E and F on which

$$\sin \circ \arcsin = \text{Id}_E \quad \text{and} \quad \arcsin \circ \sin = \text{Id}_F.$$

4. Plot the function $x \mapsto \arcsin(\sin(x))$ on \mathbb{R} .
5. Show that arcsin is odd, increasing and continuous.
6. Show that arcsin is differentiable on $] -1, 1[$ and that

$$\forall x \in] -1, 1[, \quad \arcsin'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

(Hint : compute $\cos(\arcsin(x))$)

7. Plot the function arcsin.

Exercise 6.3 (arccos ★★).

1. Find the interval K of \mathbb{R} such that the application

$$f : [0, \pi] \ni x \mapsto \cos(x) \in K$$

is bijective.

We call **Arccosine** and denote arccos the inverse function defined from K to $[0, \pi]$ as :

$$\forall (x, y) \in [0, \pi] \times K, \quad \cos(x) = y \Leftrightarrow x = \arccos(y).$$

2. Compute

$$\arccos(0), \quad \arccos(-1), \quad \arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right), \quad \text{and} \quad \arccos\left(\cos\left(\frac{15\pi}{4}\right)\right).$$

3. Give the largest sets E and F on which

$$\cos \circ \arccos = \text{Id}_E \quad \text{and} \quad \arccos \circ \cos = \text{Id}_F.$$

4. Study the function $x \mapsto \arccos(\cos(x))$ on \mathbb{R} .

5. Show that \arccos is decreasing and continuous on $[-1, 1]$.

6. Show that \arccos is differentiable on $] -1, 1[$ and that

$$\forall x \in] -1, 1[, \quad \arccos'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}.$$

7. Plot the function \arccos .

Exercise 6.4 (Argsh $\star\star$).

1. Find the interval K of \mathbb{R} such that the application

$$f : \mathbb{R} \ni x \mapsto \text{sh}(x) \in K$$

is bijective.

We denote Argsh the inverse function of f .

2. Study the parity of Argsh and compute the limits of Argsh at the bounds of the interval K .

3. Study the differentiability of Argsh and compute its derivative.

4. Show that for any $x \in K$,

$$\text{Argsh}(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}).$$

Exercise 6.5 (Argch $\star\star$).

1. Find the interval K of \mathbb{R} such that the application

$$f : \mathbb{R}_+ \ni x \mapsto \text{ch}(x) \in K$$

is bijective.

We denote Argch the inverse function of f .

2. Study the parity of Argch and compute the limits of Argch at the bounds of the interval K .
3. Study the differentiability of Argch and compute its derivative.
4. Compute, for any $x \in K$, the logarithmic expression of Argch .

Exercise 6.6 ($\text{Argth} \star \star$).

1. Find the interval K of \mathbb{R} such that the application

$$f : \mathbb{R} \ni x \mapsto \tanh(x) \in K$$

is bijective.

We denote Argth the inverse function of f .

2. Study the parity of Argth and compute the limits of Argth at the bounds of the interval K .
3. Study the differentiability of Argth and compute its derivative.
4. Compute, for any $x \in K$, the logarithmic expression of Argth .

7 Differentiability

Exercise 7.1 (★★).

1. Let f be the function defined as

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4).$$

Without computing f' , show that f' cancels out exactly three times on \mathbb{R} and plot f .

2. Let $n \geq 2$ and $(p, q) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. We denote by f the polynomial function define by

$$f(x) = x^n + px + q, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

- (a) Prove that f has at most 3 reel roots.
- (b) We suppose that n is even. Show that f has at most 2 reel roots.

Exercise 7.2 (★★).

Using the mean value theorem, show that

1. $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}], 1 - \cos(x) < x$.
2. $\forall x \in (0, 1)$,

$$2x < \ln \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x} \right) < \frac{2x}{1-x^2}.$$

Give upper and lower bounds of $\ln \left(\frac{5}{3} \right)$ and $\ln \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)$.

Exercise 7.3 (★★★).

1. Let f and g be two continuous functions defined on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on $]a, b[$ such that

$$\forall x \in (a, b), g'(x) \neq 0.$$

- (a) Show that $g(a) \neq g(b)$.
- (b) Show that there exists $c \in]a, b[$ such that

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)} = \frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)}.$$

(Hint : use the auxiliary function $u(x) = f(x) - kg(x)$ with a carefully chosen constant)

2. **(L'Hospital rule)** Let f and g be two continuous functions defined on an open set I , differentiable on I except maybe on a point $a \in I$.

(a) Suppose that :

$$\forall x \in I \setminus \{a\}, g'(x) \neq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \ell.$$

Prove that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{g(x) - g(a)} = \ell.$$

(b) Compute

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{2 \sin^2(x) - 1}{\tan(x) - 1}.$$

3. (a) Let $a \in I$ and f be a \mathcal{C}^1 function on $I \setminus \{a\}$ which is continuous on a . Show that if the limit of f' in a exists and it is equal to ℓ then $f \in \mathcal{C}^1(I)$ and $f'(a) = \ell$.

(Hint : apply l'Hospital rule to f and g defined by $g(x) = x$)

(b) With the help of the following function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases},$$

show that the converse of the previous result is false.

4. Applications :

- (a) Show that $x \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(x)}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ is \mathcal{C}^1 on \mathbb{R} .

(b) Let $(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3$ and f be the function defined for every x by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ ax^2 + bx + c & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}.$$

Determine for which real values a , b and c , the function f is \mathcal{C}^1 (resp. \mathcal{C}^2) on \mathbb{R} .

Exercise 7.4 (★).

Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that

$$f(0) = f'(0) = f'(1) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f(1) = 1.$$

Defined the function $g :]0, 1[\rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g(x) = \frac{f(x)}{x} - \frac{f(x) - 1}{x - 1}.$$

1. Show that g is continuous on $]0, 1[$.
2. Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x)$.
3. Show that g can be extended by continuity on $[0, 1]$.

8 Sequences of real numbers

Exercise 8.1 (Recursively defined sequences ★).

Give the analytic expression of the sequences that follows the given recurrence equations :

1. $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ given by

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+2} = 4u_{n+1} - 4u_n, & \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ u_0 = 1, u_1 = 0 \end{cases}$$

2. $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ given by

$$\begin{cases} 2u_{n+2} = 3u_{n+1} - u_n, & \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ u_0 = 1, u_1 = -1 \end{cases}$$

3. $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ given by

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+2} = u_{n+1} - u_n, & \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ u_0 = 1, u_1 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 8.2 (Fixed point theorems ★★).

Let f be a function defined on an interval I of \mathbb{R} . Consider a sequence defined with $u_0 \in I$ and for every $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_{n+1} = f(u_n)$.

1. (a) Show that if I is a stable of f , then the sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is well defined.
 (b) Suppose that $I = [a, +\infty)$ with $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that if f is non-decreasing and a is a fixed point of f , then I is a stable set of f .
 (c) From now on, I is supposed to be a stable set of f .
 i. Show that if f is non-decreasing on I , then $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is a monotonous sequence.
 ii. Show that if f is continuous on I and if $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to some $\ell \in I$, then ℓ is a fixed point of f .
2. Examples :
 (a) Study the sequence defined by $u_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ and for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_{n+1} = u_n^3$.
 (b) $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{2} \left(u_n + \frac{a}{u_n} \right)$, with $a > 0$ and $u_0 > 0$.
 Show that the sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ exists and study it.

Exercise 8.3 (★★).

1. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be continuous.
 (a) Prove that f admits at least one fixed point in $[0, 1]$.
 (*Hint : consider the auxiliary function $u(x) = f(x) - x$*)
 (b) Is this result true if f is not continuous?
 (c) Is this result true if f is defined from $]0, 1[$ to $]0, 1[$ and continuous on $]0, 1[$?

2. Let $f, g : [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be two continuous functions such that

$$f \circ g = g \circ f.$$

The goal of this question is to prove *ad absurdio* that $f - g$ cancels at least once on $[0, 1]$.

We therefore suppose that

$$\forall x \in [0, 1], \quad f(x) \neq g(x).$$

(a) Show that

$$(\forall x \in [0, 1], f(x) < g(x)) \vee (\forall x \in [0, 1], f(x) > g(x)).$$

(b) Let x_0 be a fixed point of f . Let $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be a sequence defined by induction $x_{n+1} = g(x_n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

i. Show that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $x_n = f(x_n)$.

ii. Show that $(x_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is monotonous and it converges towards a fixed point of g .

(c) Prove that $f - g$ cancels at least once on $[0, 1]$.

Exercise 8.4 (Non increasing recurrence $\star\star\star$).

Let $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ be the sequence defined by $u_0 \in (-\infty, -1) \cup \mathbb{R}_+^*$ and $u_{n+1} = f(u_n) = 1 + \frac{1}{u_n}$.

1. Show that the sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is well defined.

2. Study the variation of f .

3. Find the fixed point of f .

4. Let $g = f \circ f$. Show that the fixed points of f are fixed points of g . Find fixed points of g and adequate stable intervals of g .

5. Let $u_0 \geq 0$. Define the sequences $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, v_n = u_{2n}$ and $w_n = u_{2n+1}$.

(a) Show that one of the two sequences $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is non increasing while the other is non decreasing.

(b) Show that $(v_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ and $(w_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converge. Give their limits.

6. Study the sequence $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$.

Exercise 8.5 ($\star\star$).

In this exercise, we use a sequence to approximate the solution of an equation. We will consider the following equation :

$$\sin(\alpha) + \frac{1}{4} = \alpha. \tag{1}$$

Let f and g define as follows :

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = \sin(x) + \frac{1}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = f(x) - x.$$

1. Existence of the solution α .
 - (a) Give the variation table of g .
 - (b) Prove that there exists $\alpha \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ such that $g(\alpha) = 0$.
 - (c) Deduce that α is a solution of (1).
2. Approximation of α .
 We now define $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ by

$$u_0 \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \quad \text{and} \quad u_{n+1} = f(u_n).$$

- (a) What happens if $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges?
- (b) Give the variation table of f .
- (c) Prove that $[0, \alpha]$ is a stable set of f (i.e. $f([0, \alpha]) \subset [0, \alpha]$).
- (d) Suppose that $u_0 \in [0, \alpha]$.
 - i. Prove that for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $u_n \in [0, \alpha]$.
 (*Hint : use induction*)
 - ii. Using the sign of g , prove that $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ is non-decreasing.
 - iii. Deduce that $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ converges to α .
- (e) What happens if $u_0 \in \left(\alpha, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

9 Spare time

In this section, you will encounter some enjoyable mathematical problems. Most of these problems can be solved using fundamental geometric properties.

Exercise 9.1.

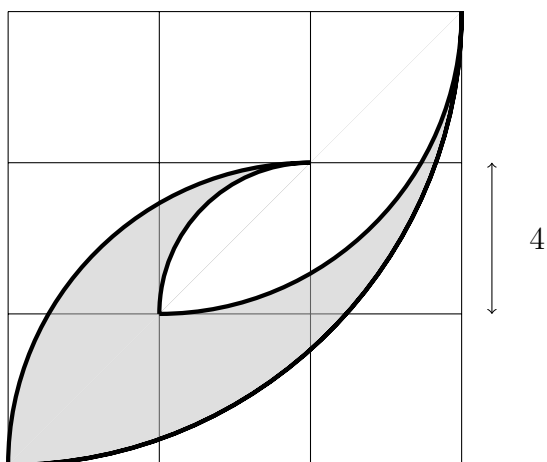
Let $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$ such that

$$\begin{cases} u_{n+2} = u_{n+1} + u_n, & \forall n \geq 1 \\ u_2 = 2, & u_5 = 2024 \end{cases}$$

Find u_6 .

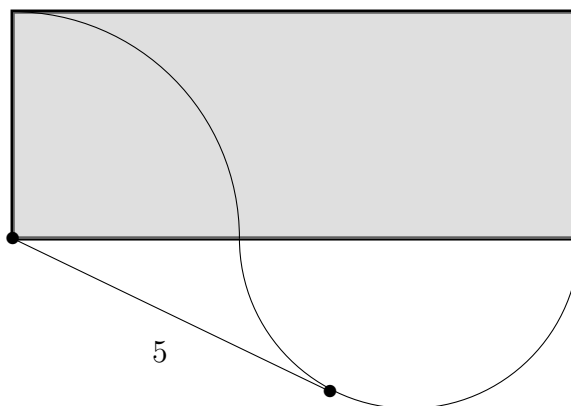
Exercise 9.2.

Find the area of the colored zone.



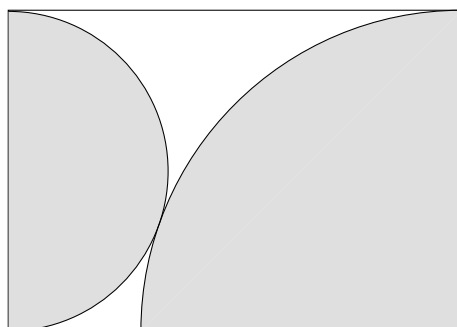
Exercise 9.3.

Find the area of the rectangle.



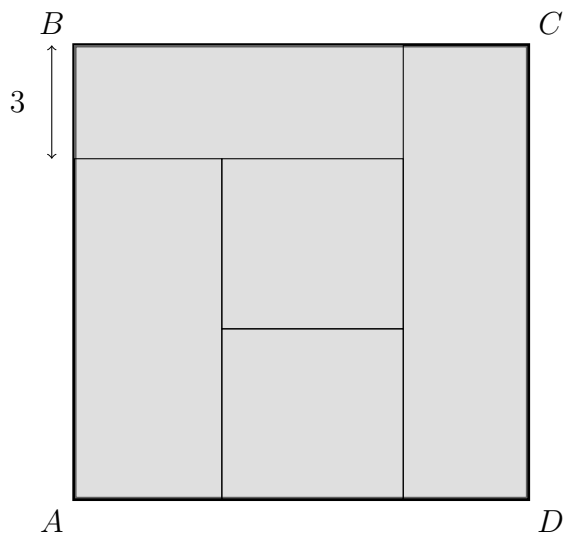
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Find the area of the colored zone.

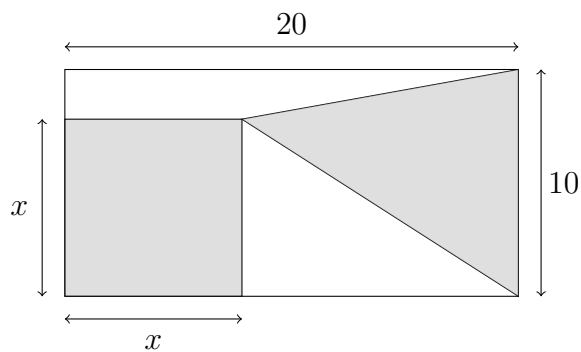


Exercise 9.5.

In this exercise, we suppose that the area of all the rectangles are the same. Find the area of square $ABCD$.

**Exercise 9.6.**

In this exercise, we suppose that the areas of the colored zones are the same. The goal is to find x .

**Exercise 9.7.**

Let $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}_+$. Suppose the following

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 &= 78 \\ xy &= 36 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of $x^4 + y^4$.

Exercise 9.8.

Let four consecutive positive even integers such that the product of these four integers is 13440.

What are the integers?

Exercise 9.9.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}_+$.

1. Solve the following equation :

$$x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \cdots}}} = 441.$$

2. Solve the following equation :

$$\sqrt{(x^x)^x} = x, \quad x > 1.$$