

## Lab 3

In this lab, we will practice with Mathematica the following topics:

- Find the limits and derivatives of a function.
- Visualize exponential, inverse trigonometric, and inverse hyperbolic trigonometric functions.
- Compute and visualize inverse functions.

### 1 Reminder about getting access

There are two ways to get free access to Mathematica:

- A) Install three free components: *Wolfram Engine*, *JupyterLab*, and *WolframLanguageForJupyter*. You can use the unlimited computing power of Mathematica on your own computer, with Jupyter Notebook acting as a user interface. The instruction is here:

<https://web.engr.oregonstate.edu/~phamt3/Resource/Wolfram-Mathematica-with-JupyterLab.pdf>

- B) Use the cloud-based version of Mathematica: <https://www.wolframcloud.com>  
In this option, you are limited to about 8 minutes of computation per month. Files stored on the cloud will be deleted after 60 days.

### 2 Find limits

- (1) Type `Limit[(E^(x^2)-1)/x^2, x->0]`, then `Shift+Enter`.
- (2) Type `a = Limit[(1+1/x)^x, x->Infinity]`, then `Shift+Enter`.  
Type `N[a,6]`, then `Shift+Enter`.  
Type `N[a,10]`, then `Shift+Enter`.  
Type `N[a,15]`, then `Shift+Enter`.
- (3) Use Mathematica to do Problems 10 of Section 5.8 on page 311 of the textbook. Round the result to 4 decimal places.
- (4) Use Mathematica to do Problems 12 of Section 5.8. Round the result to 4 decimal places.
- (5) Use Mathematica to do Problems 33 of Section 5.8. Round the result to 4 decimal places.
- (6) Use Mathematica to do Problems 34 of Section 5.8. Round the result to 4 decimal places.

### 3 Find derivatives

- (7) Type `f[x]:=Cos[x]`, then `Shift+Enter`.  
Type `f'[x]`, then `Shift+Enter`.  
Type `f''[x]`, then `Shift+Enter`.
- (8) Graph the function  $f(x) = a^x$  on the interval  $[-2, 2]$  with  $a = \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, 1, 2, 3, 6$ . What do you observe about the increasing/ decreasing behaviors of those functions for each value of  $a$  ?
- (9) For the above values of  $a$ , find the slope of the curve at  $x = 0$ . In other words, find  $f'(0)$ . What is the slope of the curve at  $x = 0$  when  $a = e$  ?
- (10) Find the derivative of the function  $f(x) = x^x$ .

## 4 Optimization problem

- (11) Graph the function  $f(x) = x^x$  on the intervals  $[0, 1]$ ,  $[1, 3]$ , and  $[0, 3]$ . Does this function have a minimum value and/or maximum value for  $x > 0$  ?
- (12) Find all the critical numbers of  $f$ .
- (13) Find the minimum value of  $f$  and the value of  $x$  where the minimum occurs. Express those values precisely and also numerically (4 decimal places).

## 5 The inverse trigonometric functions

The inverse sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent in Mathematica are **ArcSin**, **ArcCos**, **ArcTan**, **ArcCot**. The inverse hyperbolic sine, cosine, tangent, cotangent in Mathematica are **ArcSinh**, **ArcCosh**, **ArcTanh**, **ArcCoth**.

- (14) Plot the function  $f(x) = \arcsin(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (15) Plot the function  $f(x) = \arccos(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (16) Plot the function  $f(x) = \arctan(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (17) Plot the function  $f(x) = \operatorname{arccot}(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (18) Plot the function  $f(x) = \operatorname{arcsinh}(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (19) Plot the function  $f(x) = \operatorname{arccosh}(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (20) Plot the function  $f(x) = \operatorname{arctanh}(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.
- (21) Plot the function  $f(x) = \operatorname{arccoth}(x)$  and determine from the graph the domain, range, asymptotic behaviors of this function.

## 6 Compute and visualize inverse functions

- (22) Let  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{3x-2}$ . To find the inverse of this function, we set  $x = \frac{2y+1}{3y-2}$  and solve for  $y$ . Try

`Solve[x==(2y+1)/(3y-1), y]`

What do you get for  $f^{-1}(x)$  ?

- (23) The above problem can be solved by hand. However, the following problem is much harder to do by hand. Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x$ . Use derivative to explain why it has an inverse.
- (24) Then find the inverse using the command **Solve** shown above. (Note that Mathematica will give three solutions, two of which are complex valued. You should only take the real valued expression.)

## **7 To turn in**

Submit your implementation of Exercises (1) - (24) as a single pdf file.