

# Chapter

# 1

## Real functions of a real variable

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## 1.1 Recalls and definitions

### 1.1.1 Intervals of $\mathbb{R}$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $a < b$ , we call

- ❶ The open interval of ends  $a$  and  $b$  the set

$$]a, b[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, a < x < b\}$$

- ❷ The closed interval of ends  $a$  and  $b$  the set

$$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq x \leq b\}$$

- ❸ The semi-open interval, the sets

$$[a, b[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, a \leq x < b\}$$

$$]a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, a < x \leq b\}$$

- ❹ The open interval of center  $a$  the set

$$]a - \varepsilon, a + \varepsilon[ \text{ with } \varepsilon > 0$$

$$[a, +\infty[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \geq a\}$$

$$]a, +\infty[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x > a\}$$

$$]-\infty, a] = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x \leq a\}$$

$$]-\infty, a[ = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x < a\}$$

## 1.1.2 Real functions of a real variable

### Definition 1.1.1.

A real (or numerical) function of a real variable is a map  $f$  of a part  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  to values in  $\mathbb{R}$ , we note

$$\begin{aligned} f: D &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\longmapsto f(x) \end{aligned}$$

### Example 1.1.1.

❶ *The square function*

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \\ x &\longmapsto x^2 \end{aligned}$$

❷ *The exponential function*

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}^+ \\ x &\longmapsto e^x \end{aligned}$$

❸ *The cosine function*

$$\begin{aligned} f: \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow [-1, 1] \\ x &\longmapsto \cos(x) \end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3 Domain of definition

#### Definition 1.1.2.

The domain of definition of a function  $f$  denoted  $D_f$  is the set of elements  $x$  for which the function  $f$  is defined

$$D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) \text{ is defined}\}$$

### 1.1.4 Practical determination of the domain of definition

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions

- ❶ 1<sup>st</sup> case: function of type  $\frac{f}{g}$  is defined for all  $g \neq 0$
- ❷ 2<sup>nd</sup> case: function of type  $\sqrt{f}$  is defined for all  $f \geq 0$
- ❸ 3<sup>rd</sup> case: function of type  $\frac{f}{\sqrt{g}}$  is defined for all  $g > 0$

#### Example 1.1.2.

❶  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 5}{x^2 - 1}$

$$\begin{aligned} D_f &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 - 1 \neq 0\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, (x - 1)(x + 1) \neq 0\} \\ &= \mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\} \end{aligned}$$

❷  $g(x) = \frac{3x + 5}{\sqrt{2x - 1}}$

$$\begin{aligned} D_f &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, 2x - 1 > 0\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 1/2\} \\ &= ]1/2, +\infty[ \end{aligned}$$

General information on functions We suppose that  $\forall x \in D, -x \in D$ . The function  $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is said

- ❶ **Even function** if  $\forall x \in D, f(-x) = f(x)$ . The curve  $C_f$  in an orthonormal coordinate system is symmetrical with respect to the axis  $(oy)$  ( $f(x) = x^2$ )
- ❷ **Odd function** if  $\forall x \in D, f(-x) = -f(x)$ . The curve  $C_f$  in an orthonormal coordinate system is symmetrical with respect to the origin ( $f(x) = \sin(x)$ )
- ❸ **Periodic function** if there exists  $T > 0$  such that  $\forall x \in D, x + T \in D$  and  $f(x + T) = f(x)$ . The smallest value of  $T$  is called the period of  $f$  as the functions  $\cos$  and  $\sin$  are periodic functions of period  $2\pi$
- ❹ **Major function**  $\iff \exists M \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in D, f(x) \leq M$
- ❺ **Minor function**  $\iff \exists m \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in D, f(x) \geq m$
- ❻ **Bounded function**  $\iff \exists m, M \in \mathbb{R}, \forall x \in D, m \leq f(x) \leq M$
- ❼ **Increasing function** (resp strictly increasing) if  $\forall x, y \in D, x < y \implies f(x) \leq f(y)$  (resp  $f(x) < f(y)$ )
- ❽ **Decreasing function** (resp strictly decreasing) if  $\forall x, y \in D, x < y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$  (resp  $f(x) > f(y)$ )
- ❾ **Monotonous function** if it is increasing or decreasing on  $D$ .

## 1.2 Limit of a function

### 1.2.1 Neighborhood of a point $x_0$

**Definition 1.2.1.**

We call neighborhood of a point  $x_0$  any open interval of the form  $]x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon[$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} V_\varepsilon(x) &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x_0 - \varepsilon < x < x_0 + \varepsilon\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{R}, |x - x_0| < \varepsilon\} \end{aligned}$$

## 1.2.2 Function defined in the vicinity of a point $x_0$

### Definition 1.2.2.

We say that a function  $f : D \mapsto \mathbb{R}$  is defined in the neighborhood of a point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  if

$$\exists \varepsilon > 0, ]x_0 - \varepsilon, x_0 + \varepsilon[ \subseteq D$$

## 1.2.3 Limit of a function

### Definition 1.2.3.

- ❶ We say that a function  $f$  defined in the vicinity of a point  $x_0$  admits a limit  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  as  $x$  tends towards  $x_0$  if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \sigma > 0 \forall x \neq x_0 \ |x - x_0| < \sigma \implies |f(x) - l| < \varepsilon$$

and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = l$ .

- ❷ *limit on the right* We say that a function  $f$  has a right limit at the point  $x_0$  if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \sigma > 0 \forall x \ x_0 < x < x_0 + \sigma \implies |f(x) - l| < \varepsilon$$

and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \xrightarrow{>} x_0} f(x) = l$ .

- ❸ *Limit on the left* We say that a function  $f$  has a left limit at the point  $x_0$  if

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 \exists \sigma > 0 \forall x \ x_0 - \sigma < x < x_0 \implies |f(x) - l| < \varepsilon$$

and we write  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \xrightarrow{<} x_0} f(x) = l$ .

### Remark 1.2.1.

- ❶ If  $f$  admits a limit at the point  $x_0$  then this limit is unique and we have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \xrightarrow{>} x_0} f(x) = \lim_{x \xrightarrow{<} x_0} f(x) = l$$

❷ if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} f(x)$  then  $f$  does not admit a limit at the point  $x_0$

### 1.2.4 Operations on limits

Let  $f$  and  $g : D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two functions satisfying  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = l_1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = l_2$

❶  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f(x) + g(x)) = l_1 + l_2$

❷  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f(x) \cdot g(x)) = l_1 \cdot l_2$

❸  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} af(x) = al_1 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

❹  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} |f(x)| = |l_1|$

❺  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{l_1}{l_2}, \quad l_2 \neq 0$

❻ Si  $f(x) < g(x) \implies l_1 < l_2$

### 1.2.5 Indeterminate forms

There are four algebraic indeterminate forms (IF)

$$\left( \frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 0 \times \infty, +\infty - \infty \right)$$

and three exponential forms

$$(0^0, \infty^0, 1^\infty)$$

#### Example 1.2.1.

Calculate the following limits

❶  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{0}{0} (FI)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 1) = 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} &= +\infty - \infty (FI) \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = -\infty. \end{aligned}$$

## 1.3 Continuous functions

### Definition 1.3.1.

- ① *Continuous functions at a point: we say that a function  $f$  is continuous at the point  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  if it is defined in a neighborhood of  $x_0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$ .*
- ② *Continuous functions on a set: we say that a function  $f$  is continuous on a set  $D \subset \mathbb{R}$  if it is continuous at every point of  $D$ .*

### 1.3.1 Operations on continuous functions

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two continuous functions in  $x_0$  and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$(f \pm g), (f \times g), (\lambda f), (|f|)$  and  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)$  ( $g(x_0) \neq 0$ ) are continuous functions in  $x_0$ .

### 1.3.2 Extension by continuity

Let  $f$  be a function defined and continuous on  $I - \{x_0\}$ , if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = l$  ( $l$  exists and finite) then  $f(x)$  can be extended by continuity at the point  $x_0$  to the function  $g$  defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \neq x_0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) & \text{if } x = x_0 \end{cases}$$

#### Example 1.3.1.

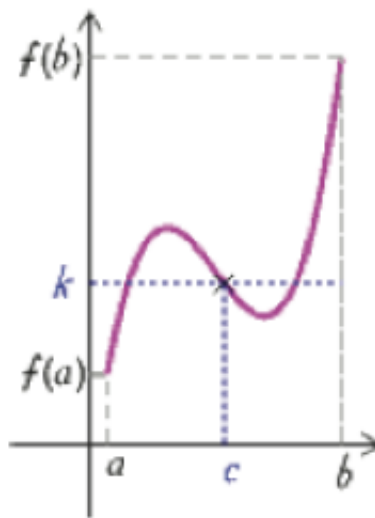
The function  $f(x) = e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0$  therefore



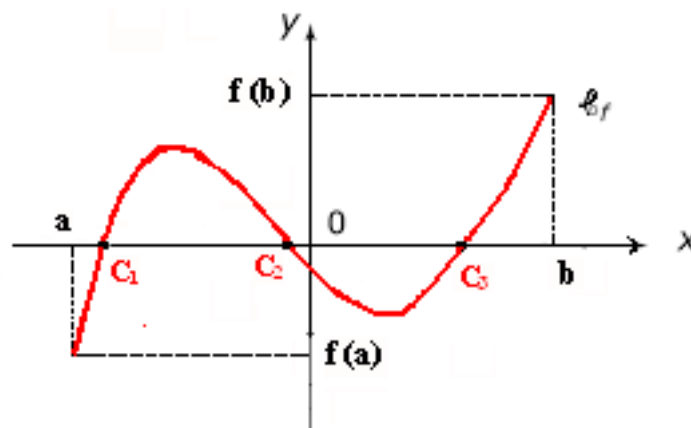
$f(x)$  can be extended by continuity at the point 0 to the function

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

**Theorem 1.3.1.** (Intermediate Value Theorem) Let  $f$  be a defined and continuous function on any interval  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$  and let  $a, b \in I$  ( $a < b$ ). Then for every real  $k$  strictly included between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  there exists  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that  $f(c) = k$



**Theorem 1.3.2.** Let  $f$  be a defined and continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a)f(b) < 0$ , then there exists at least one point  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .



## 1.4 Differentiable functions

### Definition 1.4.1.

Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $x_0 \in I$

- ❶ We say that the function  $f$  is differentiable at the point  $x_0$  if the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

exists and finite. This limit is called derivative of  $f$  at the point  $x_0$  and we denote it  $f'(x_0)$ .

if  $h = x - x_0$ , we obtain

$$f'(x_0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)}{h}$$

- ❷ We say that the function  $f$  is differentiable on the right at  $x_0$  if the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

exists and finite and we denote it by  $f'_d(x_0)$  or  $f'_+(x_0)$ .

- ❸ We say that the function  $f$  is differentiable on the left at  $x_0$  if the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(x_0)}{x - x_0}$$

exists and finite and we denote it by  $f'_g(x_0)$  or  $f'_-(x_0)$ .

**Remark 1.4.1.**

$$f \text{ is differentiable at the point } x_0 \iff \begin{cases} f'_d(x_0) \text{ exists and finite} \\ f'_g(x_0) \text{ exists and finite} \\ f'_d(x_0) = f'_g(x_0) \end{cases}$$

**Example 1.4.1.**

$$f(x) = |x| + x^2, x_0 = 0$$

$$f \text{ is differentiable at the point } x_0 = 0 \iff \begin{cases} f'_d(0) \text{ exists and finite} \\ f'_g(0) \text{ exists and finite} \\ f'_d(0) = f'_g(0) \end{cases}$$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} f'_d(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x| + x^2}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + x^2}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 1 + x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'_g(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x| + x^2}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x + x^2}{x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -1 + x \\
 &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

we have  $f'_d(0)$  and  $f'_g(0)$  exist but  $f'_d(0) \neq f'_g(0)$ , then the function  $f$  is not differentiable at the point  $x_0 = 0$

### 1.4.1 Operations on differentiable functions

Let  $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two differentiable functions in  $x_0$  and let  $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

- ❶  $(\lambda f)'(x_0) = \lambda f'(x_0)$
- ❷  $(f \pm g)'(x_0) = f'(x_0) \pm g'(x_0)$
- ❸  $(f \cdot g)'(x_0) = f'(x_0) \cdot g(x_0) + f(x_0) \cdot g'(x_0)$
- ❹ If  $g(x_0) \neq 0$  then  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(x_0) = \frac{f'(x_0) \cdot g(x_0) - f(x_0) \cdot g'(x_0)}{g^2(x_0)}$
- ❺ Derivative of a composite functions: let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : J \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  or  $f(I) \subset J$  if  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  and  $g$  is differentiable at the point  $f'(x_0)$  then the composition  $g \circ f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  and we have

$$(g \circ f)'(x_0) = f'(x_0)g'(f(x_0))$$

### 1.4.2 Derivatives of usual functions

Fonction	Dérivée	Intervalle de dérivabilité
$f(x) = k$ avec $k$ constante	$f'(x) = 0$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = x$	$f'(x) = 1$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = ax + b$	$f'(x) = a$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = x^2$	$f'(x) = 2x$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = x^n$ avec $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$	$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$	$\mathbb{R}^*$
$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^n} = x^{-n}$ avec $n \in \mathbb{N}$	$f'(x) = -\frac{n}{x^{n+1}} = -nx^{-n-1}$	$\mathbb{R}^*$
$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$]0, +\infty[$
$f(x) = x^\alpha$ avec $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$	$f'(x) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$	$\mathbb{R}$ si $\alpha \geq 0$ et $\mathbb{R}^*$ si $\alpha < 0$
$f(x) = \cos(x)$	$f'(x) = -\sin(x)$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = \sin(x)$	$f'(x) = \cos(x)$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = \tan(x)$	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)} = 1 + \tan^2(x)$	$]\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi; \frac{\pi}{2} + (k+1)\pi[$ avec $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
$f(x) = e^x$	$f'(x) = e^x$	$\mathbb{R}$
$f(x) = \ln(x)$	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$]0, +\infty[$

### 1.4.3 Fundamental theorems of differentiable functions

**Theorem 1.4.1.** (Rolle's theorem)

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which verifies

- ❶  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$
- ❷  $f$  is differentiable on  $]a, b[$
- ❸  $f(a) = f(b)$

then there exists  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that  $f'(c) = 0$

**Theorem 1.4.2.** (Mean value theorem)

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which verifies

- ❶  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$
- ❷  $f$  is differentiable on  $]a, b[$

then there exists at least one point  $c \in ]a, b[$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

#### 1.4.4 Application of the derivative to the study of monotonicity

**Theorem 1.4.3.** Let  $f$  be a differentiable function on  $I \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then

- ❶  $f$  is constant on  $I \iff f'(x) = 0, \forall x \in I$
- ❷  $f$  is increasing on  $I \iff f'(x) \geq 0, \forall x \in I$
- ❸  $f$  is strictly increasing on  $I \implies f'(x) > 0, \forall x \in I$
- ❹  $f$  is decreasing on  $I \iff f'(x) \leq 0, \forall x \in I$
- ❺  $f$  is strictly decreasing on  $I \implies f'(x) < 0, \forall x \in I$

### 1.4.5 Application of the derivative to the calculate the limits

**Theorem 1.4.4.** (Hopital's rule)

Let  $f, g$  be two defined and differentiable functions in a neighborhood  $v$  of  $x_0$  such that

❶  $g(x) \neq 0, g'(x) \neq 0$  on  $v$ .

❷  $f(x_0) = g(x_0) = 0$ .

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exists finite or infinite, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

This result applies to indeterminate forms  $\left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ or } \frac{\infty}{\infty}\right)$

**Example 1.4.2.**

❶  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = \frac{\infty}{\infty}$  (IF), according to the Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2}{e^x} = 0.$$

❷  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$  = (IF), according to the Hopital's rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x}{1} = 2.$$

### 1.4.6 Maximum, minimum (extremum)

Let  $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and let  $x_0 \in I$

❶ We say that  $f$  admits a local maximum at  $x_0$  if

$$\exists J \subset I \text{ of center } x_0, \forall x \in J \quad f(x) \leq f(x_0)$$

② We say that  $f$  admits a local minimum at  $x_0$  if

$$\exists J \subset I \text{ of center } x_0, \forall x \in J \quad f(x) \geq f(x_0)$$

③ We say that  $f$  admits a local extremum at  $x_0$  if  $f$  admits at  $x_0$  a local maximum or minimum

④ If  $f$  is differentiable at  $x_0$  and  $f'(x_0) = 0$ , then  $x_0$  is called the critical point of  $f$ .

⑤ If  $f'(x_0) = 0$  and  $f''(x_0) \neq 0$ , then  $f$  admits an extremum at  $x_0$  (maximum if  $f''(x_0) < 0$  and minimum if  $f''(x_0) > 0$ ).

**Example 1.4.3.**

①  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

- *The critical points*

*We have*

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

*So*

$$f'(x) = 0 \iff 2x = 0 \iff x = 0 \text{ is a critical point of } f$$

- *The nature of critical points*

$f''(x) = 2 \neq 0$  therefore  $f$  admits a minimum at the point  $x_0 = 0$  because  $f''(0) > 0$ .

②  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$

- *The critical points*

*we have*

$$f'(x) = x e^{-x} (2 - x)$$



So

$$f'(x) = 0 \iff xe^{-x}(2-x) = 0 \iff x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2$$

- The nature of critical points

We have

$$f''(x) = e^{-x}(1-x)(2-x) - xe^{-x}$$

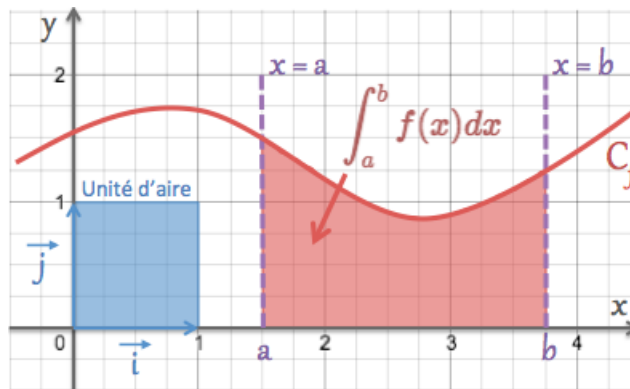
for  $x = 0$ ,  $f''(0) = 2 > 0$  so  $x = 0$  is a minimum.

for  $x = 2$ ,  $f''(2) = -2e^{-2} < 0$  so  $x = 2$  is a maximum.

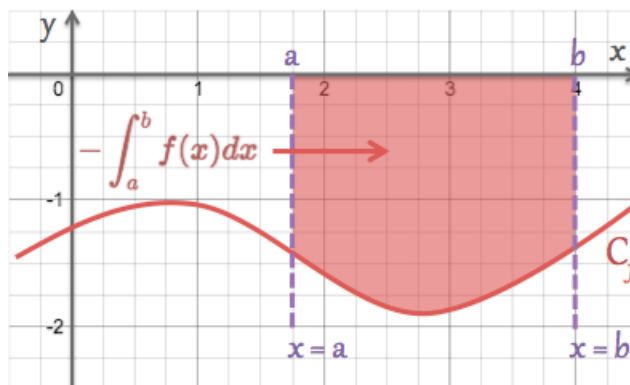
## 1.5 Integrals and primitives

Integration is linked to the problem of calculating a surface  $A$  delimited by the curve of a function  $f$  defined on a segment  $[a, b]$  and the lines  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$  and  $y = 0$

- ❶ If  $f$  is positive then  $A = \int_a^b f(x)dx$



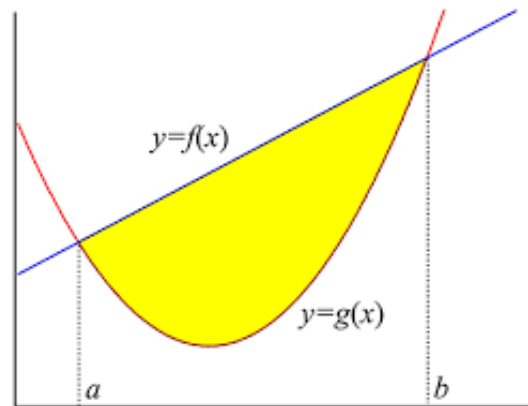
- ❷ If  $f$  is negative then  $-f$  is positive and the curves  $C_f$  and  $C_{-f}$  are symmetrical about the x-axis  $A = \int_a^b -f(x)dx$



- ❸ Surface between two curves

$$A = \int_a^b (f - g)(x)dx \quad \text{si } f > g$$

$$A = \int_a^b (g - f)(x)dx \quad \text{si } f < g$$

**Definition 1.5.1.**

We call the primitive of a function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , any differentiable function  $F : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$F'(x) = f(x), \quad \forall x \in [a, b]$$

**Theorem 1.5.1.** If a function  $f$  admits an primitive  $F$  on  $[a, b]$  then the set

$$\{F + c, c \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is the set of all primitives of  $f$  on  $[a, b]$

**Example 1.5.1.**

- ❶  $f(x) = 2x + 1 \implies F(x) = x^2 + x + c$  where  $c$  is a constant
- ❷  $f(x) = x^2 + \cos(x) \implies F(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} + \sin(x) + c$  where  $c$  is a constant.

**Theorem 1.5.2.** Every continuous function on  $[a, b]$  admits a primitive on  $[a, b]$

**Remark 1.5.1.**

The set of all primitives of the function  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is called the indefinite integral of  $f$  and denoted by  $\int f(x)dx$

$$\int f(x)dx = F + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Example 1.5.2.**

$$\int \sin(x)dx = -\cos(x) + c, \quad c \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Definition 1.5.2.**

Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and  $F$  one of its primitives. We call the integral of  $f$  between  $a$  and  $b$  the quantity

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \left[ F(x) \right]_a^b = F(b) - F(a)$$

**Example 1.5.3.**

Using the primitives, we obtain

$$\int_0^1 x^2 dx = \left[ \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$

## 1.5.1 Properties of the integral

### Chasles relation

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function and let  $c \in ]a, b[$ , then

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx = \int_a^c f(x)dx + \int_c^b f(x)dx$$

$$\int_a^a f(x)dx = 0 \text{ and } \int_a^b f(x)dx = -\int_b^a f(x)dx$$

### Linearity of the integral

Let  $f, g$  be two continuous functions on  $[a, b]$  and  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

$$\int_a^b \alpha f(x) + \beta g(x) dx = \alpha \int_a^b f(x) dx + \beta \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

### Positivity of the integral

Let  $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function, then

$$f \text{ is positive} \implies \int_a^b f(x) dx \geq 0$$

### Increasing of the Integral

Let  $f, g$  be two continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ , then

$$f(x) \leq g(x) \implies \int_a^b f(x) dx \leq \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

**Remark 1.5.2.**

$$\int_a^b f(x)g(x) dx \neq \int_a^b f(x) dx \int_a^b g(x) dx$$

and

$$\left| \int_a^b f(x) dx \right| \leq \int_a^b |f(x)| dx$$

## 1.5.2 Integration methods

### Direct integration

Table of usual primitives

**Primitives des fonctions usuelles**

Dans chaque ligne,  $F$  est une primitive de  $f$  sur l'intervalle  $I$ . Ces primitives sont uniques à une constante près notée  $C$ .

$f(x)$	$I$	$F(x)$
$\lambda$ (constante)	$\mathbb{R}$	$\lambda x + C$
$x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\frac{x^2}{2} + C$
$x^n$ ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ )	$\mathbb{R}$	$\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} + C$
$\frac{1}{x}$	$]-\infty, 0[$ ou $]0, +\infty[$	$\ln x  + C$
$\frac{1}{x^n}$ où $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , $n \geq 2$	$]-\infty, 0[$ ou $]0, +\infty[$	$-\frac{1}{(n-1)x^{n-1}} + C$
$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$	$]0, +\infty[$	$2\sqrt{x} + C$
$\ln x$	$\mathbb{R}_+$	$x \ln x - x + C$
$e^x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$e^x + C$
$\sin x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$-\cos x + C$
$\cos x$	$\mathbb{R}$	$\sin x + C$
$1 + \tan^2 x = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$	$]-\frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi, \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi[$ , $k \in \mathbb{Z}$	$\tan x + C$

### Integration by parts

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two differentiable functions on  $[a, b]$ , then we have

$$\int_a^b f'(x)g(x)dx = \left[ f(x)g(x) \right]_a^b - \int_a^b f(x)g'(x)dx$$

This result is a direct consequence of the derivative of the product of two functions.

#### Example 1.5.4.

Calculate  $\int_0^1 xe^x dx$

We pose

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = x & f'(x) = 1 \\ g'(x) = e^x & g(x) = e^x \end{cases}$$

then

$$\int_0^1 xe^x dx = \left[ xe^x \right]_0^1 - \int_0^1 e^x dx = e - \left[ e^x \right]_0^1 = 1$$

### Change of variable

Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$  and  $g'$  exists and continuous. This method consists of putting  $x = g(t)$  in the integral and replacing  $dx$  by  $g'(t)dt$

$$\int_{g(a)}^{g(b)} f(x)dx = \int_a^b f(g(t)) g'(t)dt$$

#### Example 1.5.5.

Calculate  $\int_1^4 \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x}} dx$

by the change of variable  $t = \sqrt{x} \implies x = t^2 \implies dx = 2tdt$

$$\begin{cases} \text{Si } x = 1 & t = 1 \\ \text{Si } x = 4 & t = 2 \end{cases}$$

thus

$$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x}} dx = \int_1^2 \frac{2t}{t^2 + t} dt = 2 \left[ \ln |t + 1| \right]_1^2 = 2 \ln \frac{3}{2}$$

**Proposition 1.5.1.** Let  $f$  be a continuous function on  $[a, b]$ , then

❶ If  $f$  is a even function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 2 \int_0^a f(x)dx$$

❷ If  $f$  is an odd function, then

$$\int_{-a}^a f(x)dx = 0$$

### 1.5.3 Opérations et primitives

Opérations et primitives

On suppose que  $u$  est une fonction dérivable sur un intervalle  $I$

- Une primitive de  $u^n u'$  sur  $I$  est  $\frac{u^{n+1}}{n+1}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ ).
- Une primitive de  $\frac{u'}{u^2}$  sur  $I$  est  $-\frac{1}{u}$ .
- Une primitive de  $\frac{u'}{u^n}$  sur  $I$  est  $-\frac{1}{(n-1)u^{n-1}}$  ( $n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 2$ ).
- Une primitive de  $\frac{u'}{\sqrt{u}}$  sur  $I$  est  $2\sqrt{u}$  (En supposant  $u > 0$  sur  $I$ .)
- Une primitive de  $\frac{u'}{u}$  sur  $I$  est  $\ln|u|$ .
- Une primitive de  $u^y e^{yu}$  sur  $I$  est  $e^u$ .

En particulier, si  $u > 0$  sur  $I$  et si  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$ , une primitive de  $u^a u'$  sur  $I$  est :

$$\int u^a u' = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{a+1} u^{a+1} + C & \text{si } a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} \\ \ln u + C & \text{si } a = -1 \end{cases}$$