

Study of the function f defined by $f(0)=1$ and for $x \neq 0$ by $f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^x$

I - 1. Complete the formula : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$ and write the **complete proof** below 3pts

$$x \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{\ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} ; X = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0 \therefore \lim_{X \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+X)}{X} = \lim_{X \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+X) - \ln(1)}{X} = \ln'(1) = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

2. Use the previous result to find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0^\pm$ with **complete proof** below 2pts

$$x \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = \frac{1}{x} \left[x^2 \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) \right] ; \text{ and from [1] } \lim_{X \rightarrow +\infty} X \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{X}\right) = 1 \therefore \lim_{X \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0^\pm \times 1 = 0^\pm$$

3. Complete the formula : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = 0^-$ with **complete proof** below : 2pts

$$x \cdot \ln(x) = - \frac{\ln \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{\frac{1}{x}} ; X = \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow +\infty ; \frac{\ln X}{X} \rightarrow 0^+ \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x = 0^-$$

4. Use the previous result to find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0$ with **complete proof** below : 3pts

$$x \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = x \ln(x^2 + 1) - 2x \ln|x| \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cdot \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0 \times \ln(1) \pm 2 \times 0 = 0$$

II - Let, for $x \neq 0$, $U(x) = x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$.

Calculate the derivative ($x \neq 0$), $U'(x) = \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - \frac{2}{x^2 + 1}$ 2pts

Let $V(x) = U'(x)$, ($x \neq 0$) **calculate** $V'(x) = -\frac{2}{x(x^2 + 1)} + \frac{4x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = 2 \frac{x^2 - 1}{x(x^2 + 1)^2}$: 2pts

Chart the **sign** of $V'(x)$ and the **variations** of V on \mathbb{R}^* with the **limits** and the **Minima** values. Explain why $V(x)$ has two **zeroes** a and b and place them. V is strictly monotonous and continuous on $[-1; 0[$ and changes sign from $m = V(-1) = \ln 2 - 1 \approx -.3 < 0$ to $+\infty$, \therefore there is one and only one zero of V on $[-1; 0[$, Same on $]0; 1]$. 6pts

x	$-\infty$	-1	a	0	b	1	$+\infty$
Sign [$V'(x)$]	—	0	⊕		—	0	⊕
Variations and limits of $V(x)$	0 ↘	-0.3 ↗	0 ↗	↘	0 ↘	-0.3 ↗	0 ↗
Sign of $U'(x)$	—	0	⊕		⊕	0	—

III - Study the **variations of f** :

1. Show that the sign of $f'(x)$ is the same as that of $U'(x)$

1 pt

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^x = \exp \left\{ \ln \left[\left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^x \right] \right\} = \exp x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = \exp(U(x))$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \exp(U(x))U'(x) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^x U'(x) \quad \therefore \text{Sgn}[f'(x)] = \text{Sgn}[U'(x)]$$

2. Study the **limits of U(x) and f(x)** : [indicate which formula is used]

2pts

a. Show the limit of $U(x)$ and give the limit of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$

$$\text{from [4]} : \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0$$

exp is continuous, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \exp(X) = \exp(0) = e^0 = 1 \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$

b. Show the limits of $U(x)$ and give the limit of $f(x)$ in $+\infty$ and $-\infty$

2pts

$$\text{from [2]} : \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x \ln \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 0$$

exp is continuous, then $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \exp(X) = \exp(0) = e^0 = 1 \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 1$

3. Complete the **chart** of f with all the previous results :

2pts

[one can admit that $a \approx -0.5$; $b \approx 0.5$; $f(-0.5) \approx 0.4$; $f(0.5) \approx 2.2$]

x	$-\infty$	-1	-0.5	0	0.5	2	$+\infty$	
Sign $[f'(x)]$		—	0 \oplus	\oplus	0	—		
Variations and limits of f(x)	1	\searrow	0.5 \nearrow	0.4 \nearrow	① \nearrow	2.2 \searrow	2 \searrow	1

4. **Graph** of the function f (show the asymptotes if any)

3pts

