

Study of the function  $f$  defined by  $f(0)=1$  and for  $x \neq 0$  by  $f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{x}{2}}$

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  $x \neq 0$ ,  $U(x) = x \ln\left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)$ .

**Calculate** the derivative ( $x \neq 0$ ),  $U'(x) = \ln\left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right) - \frac{8}{x^2 + 4}$  2pts

Let  $V(x) = U'(x)$ , ( $x \neq 0$ ) **calculate**  $V'(x) = -\frac{8}{x(x^2 + 4)} + \frac{16x}{(x^2 + 4)^2} = 8 \frac{x^2 - 4}{x(x^2 + 4)^2}$  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  $[-2; 0[$  and changes sign from  $m=V(-2)=\ln 2 - 1 \approx -.3 < 0$  to  $+\infty$ ,  $\therefore$  there is one and only one zero of  $V$  on  $[-2; 0[$ , Same on  $]0; 2]$ . 6pts

$x$	$-\infty$	$-2$	$a$	$0$	$b$	$2$	$+\infty$
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

$$f(x) = \left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{x}{2}} = \exp \left\{ \ln \left[ \left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{x}{2}} \right] \right\} = \exp \frac{x}{2} \ln \left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right) = \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} U(x) \right)$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \exp \left( \frac{1}{2} U(x) \right) \frac{1}{2} U'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^{\frac{x}{2}} U'(x) \quad \therefore \text{Sgn}[f'(x)] = \text{Sgn}[U'(x)]$$

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  $x = 0$

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

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

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

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  $a \approx -1$  ;  $b \approx 1$  ;  $f(-1) \approx 0.4$  ;  $f(1) \approx 2.2$  ]

$x$	$-\infty$	-2	-1	0	1	2	$+\infty$
<b>Sign</b> [ $f'(x)$ ]		—	0 ⊕	⊕	0	—	
<b>Variations and limits of f(x)</b>	1 ↘	0.5 ↗	0.4 ↗	ⓐ ↗	↗ 2.2	↘ 2 ↘	1

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

3pts

