

No documents, no calculators, no cell phones or electronic devices allowed. Cute and fluffy pets allowed (for moral support only).

All your answers must be fully (but concisely) justified, unless noted otherwise.

**Exercise 1.**

1. Find the maximum subset  $D$  of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $x \in D$ , the following expression is defined:

$$A = \cosh(\ln(x^2 - 1)).$$

We hence define the function:

$$f : D \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto \cosh(\ln(x^2 - 1)).$$

2. Is  $f$  odd, even or neither? justify your answer.
3. Show that  $f$  is bounded from below, and determine  $\inf f$ . Does  $\min f$  exist? if it does, what is its value? and for what values in  $D$  is it attained?
4. What are the variations of  $f$ ? Justify your answer.  
*Note. The previous question will help you guess what the variations of  $f$  are. You will get partial credit if you give a correct guess, and full credit if you can fully justify your answer.*
5. Determine the limit of  $f$  at all the endpoints of  $D$ .
6. Is  $f$  bounded from above? what is the value of  $\sup f$ ?
7. Let  $x \in D$ . Show that  $f(x)$  can be written in the form:

$$f(x) = \alpha + \beta x^2 + \frac{\gamma}{x^2 - 1}$$

where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$  are coefficients you will determine.

8. Sketch, on the same figure, the graph of  $f$  and the curves

$$(C_1) \quad y = \alpha + \beta x^2 \quad \text{and} \quad (C_2) \quad y = \frac{\gamma}{x^2 - 1}.$$

**Exercise 2.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and set:

$$A = \operatorname{arccosh}(2x^2 + 1) \quad \text{and} \quad B = \operatorname{arcsinh}(x).$$

1. Briefly explain why  $A$  and  $B$  are well defined.
2. Find a relation between  $A$  and  $B$ .
3. Deduce a simpler expression for

$$C = \sinh\left(\frac{1}{2} \operatorname{arccosh}(2x^2 + 1)\right).$$

**Exercise 3.** In this exercise, we denote by  $E$  the integer part function. We recall that:

for  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $E(t)$  is the unique element of  $\mathbb{Z}$  such that  $E(t) \leq t < E(t) + 1$ .

From now on we fix a value  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . With this value, we define the sequence  $(u_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}^*}$  as follows:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, u_n = \frac{2}{n^2} \sum_{k=1}^n E(kx).$$

1. Show that:

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*, x \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2} + \alpha_n < u_n \leq x \frac{n(n+1)}{n^2}$$

where  $\alpha_n \in \mathbb{R}$  that you will determine.

*Hint: the inequalities defining  $E$  will help you determine inequalities about  $u_n$  that involve the sum of an arithmetic progression.*

2. Deduce that the limit  $\ell = \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} u_n$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ , and determine its value.

**Exercise 4.** The questions of this exercise are independent from each other.

1. a) Let  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Recall (without any justifications) the value of the following limits:

$$\ell_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\beta \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^\beta.$$

b) Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Compute the value of the following limit:

$$\ell = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1 + \sin x)}{x^\alpha}$$

2. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. Compute the value of the following limits:

$$\ell_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x + \frac{1}{1 + f(x)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad \ell_2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{1 + f(x)^2}$$

**Exercise 5.** Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) < g(x).$$

We assume that  $g$  is bounded from below, and that  $f$  is bounded from above.

Is the following proposition true or false?

(P) 
$$\sup f \leq \inf g$$

If it is true, provide a full proof; if it is false, provide a full counterexample (i.e., specify a formula for  $f$  and  $g$ , and sketch the graph of  $f$  and  $g$  on the same figure).