

CALCULUS I

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1 Introduction

- Natural numbers: $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.
- Integers: $\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$.
- Rational numbers: $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0 \right\}$.
For example, $2 = \frac{2}{1}$ and $3 = \frac{3}{1}$ are rational numbers,
while $\sqrt{2}$ and π are irrational numbers.
- Real numbers: $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$.

Definition 1.1. A function (func.) f is a rule that assigns to each element x in a set D exactly one element, called $f(x)$, called the image of x , in a set R .

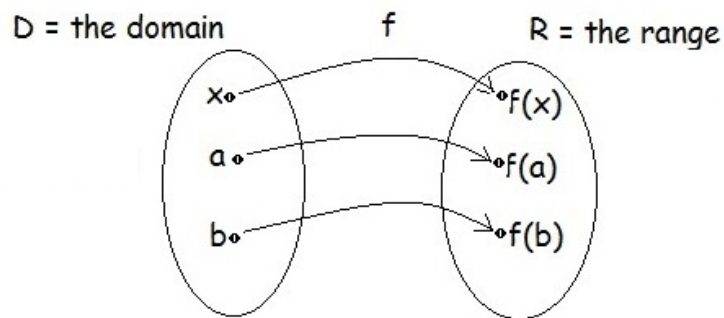


Figure 1: A function $f : D \rightarrow R$.

Example 1.1. Sketch the graph of the function:

(a) $f(x) = 2x + 1$.

(b) $g(x) = x^2 + 1$.

Solution.

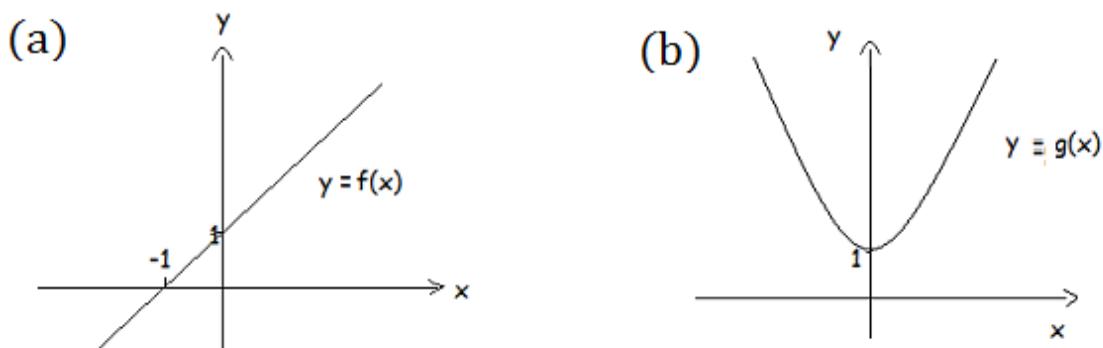


Figure 2: The graphs of $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 1$.

The vertical line test

Test 1.1. A curve in the xy – plane is the graph of a function of x if and only if no vertical line intersects the curve more than once.

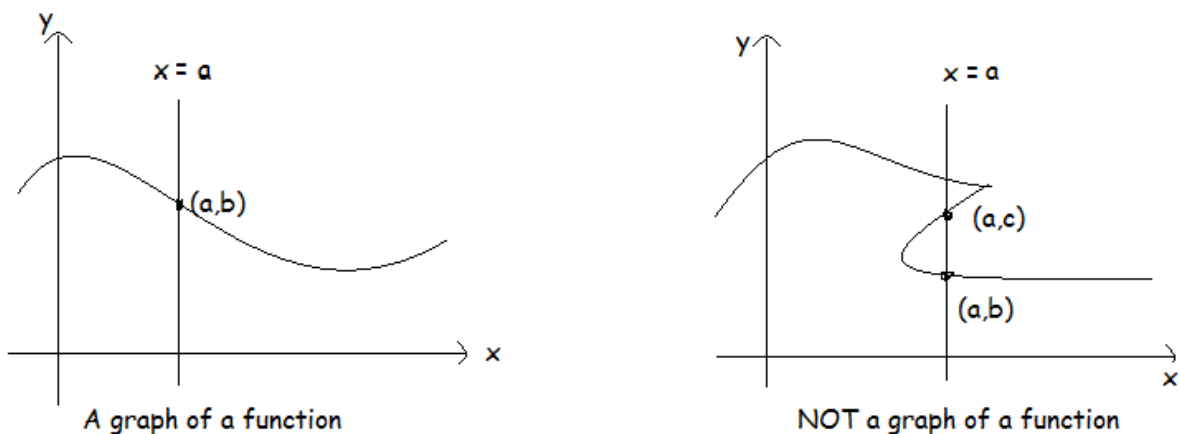


Figure 3: Using the vertical line test to test if a graph is a function.

Definition 1.2. Piecewise defined functions are functions defined by different formulas in different parts of their domains.

Example 1.2. Let f be a function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x < 0, \\ x + 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

Evaluate $f(-1)$, $f(0)$, and $f(1)$, and then sketch the graph of f .

Solution. $f(-1) = (-1)^2 = 1$, $f(0) = 0 + 1 = 1$, $f(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$.

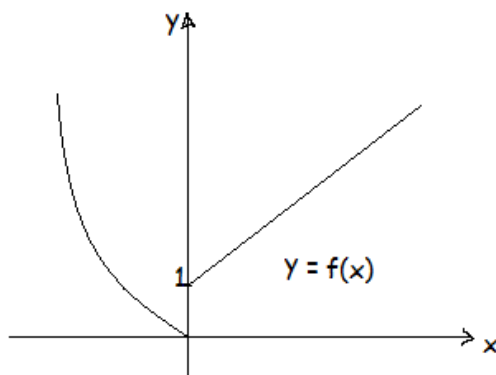


Figure 4: The graph of $f(x)$ given in Example 1.2.

2 Shifting, Reflecting, and Stretching Graphs

Graph shifting

Fact 2.1. Suppose $c > 0$, then to obtain the graph of

- i) $f(x) + c$, shift the graph of $f(x)$ c units up.
- ii) $f(x) - c$, shift the graph of $f(x)$ c units down.
- iii) $f(x + c)$, shift the graph of $f(x)$ c units to the left.
- iv) $f(x - c)$, shift the graph of $f(x)$ c units to the right.

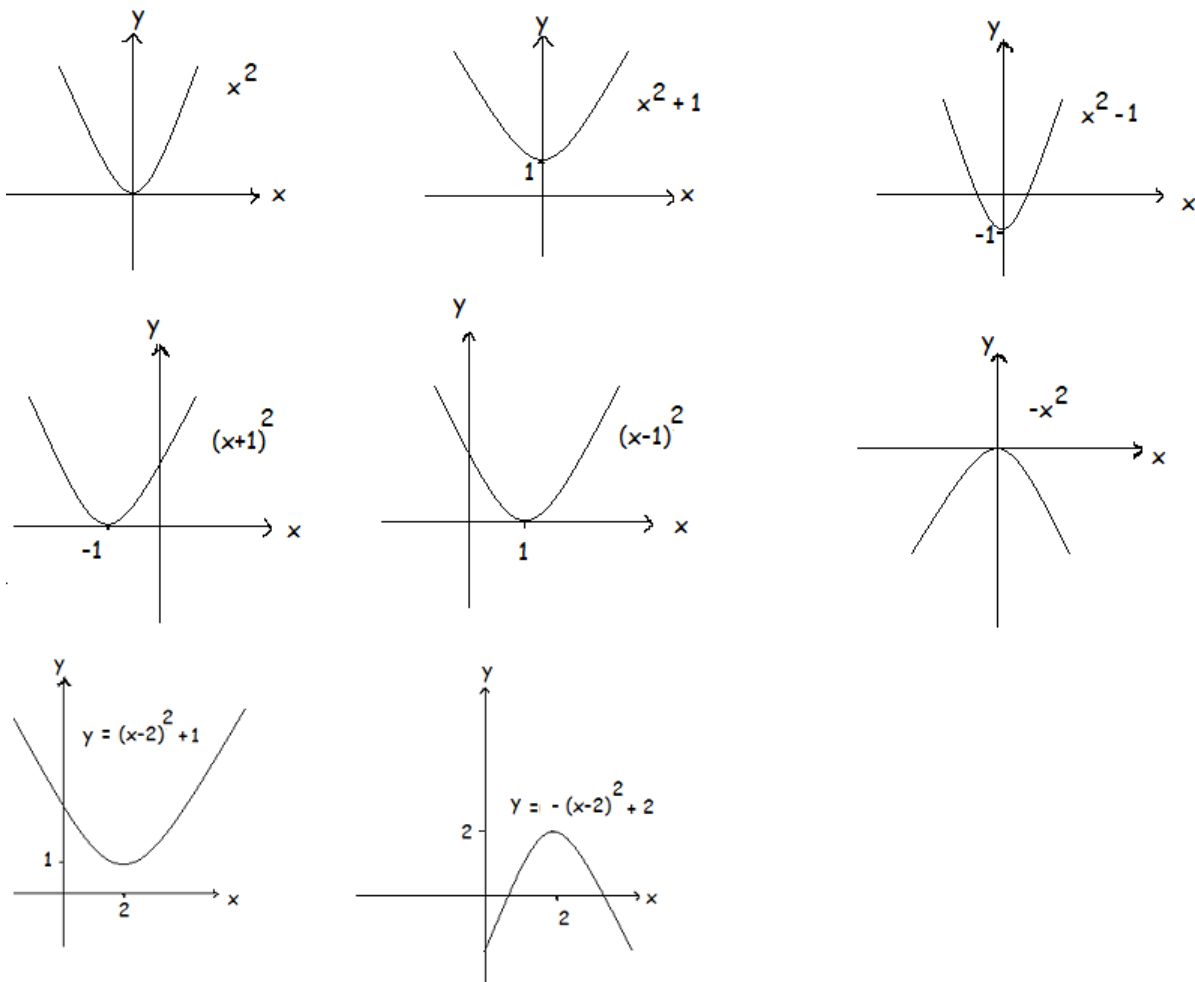


Figure 5: Applying Fact 2.1 to the graph of the function $y = x^2$.

Example 2.1. Explain how the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 7$ is obtained from the graph of $g(x) = x^2$.

Solution. Notice that $f(x) = (x - \frac{3}{2})^2 + \frac{19}{4}$. This means that we have two steps:

Step 1: Shift the graph of $g(x)$ $\frac{3}{2}$ units right, then

Step 2: Shift the resulting graph in Step 1 $\frac{19}{4}$ units up.

Graph reflecting

Fact 2.2. To obtain the graph of

i) $y = -f(x)$, reflect the graph of $y = f(x)$ about the x -axis.

ii) $y = f(-x)$, reflect the graph of $y = f(x)$ about the y -axis.

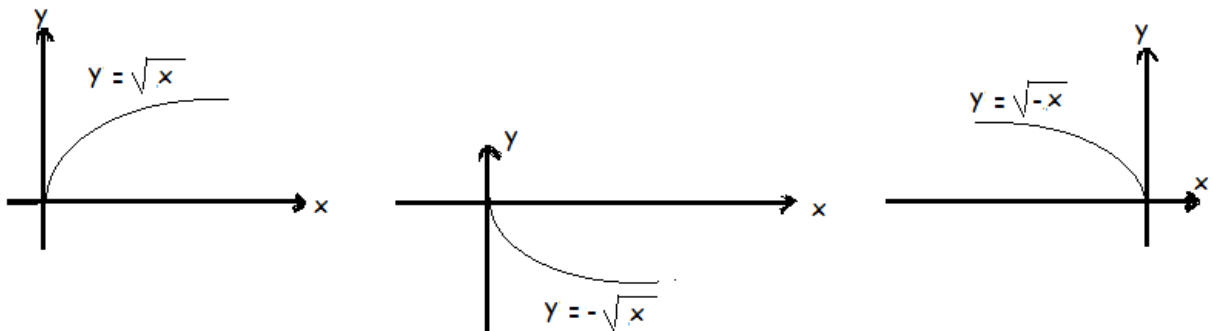


Figure 6: Applying Fact 2.2 to the graph of the function $y = \sqrt{x}$.

Example 2.2. Let $g(x) = x^2 + 3x$. If $g(x)$ is shifted 2 units right and 4 units down, then reflected about the y -axis, we obtain a new function, say $h(x)$, which is given by (circle the correct answer):

(a) $h(x) = x^2 + 7x + 6$.

(b) $h(x) = x^2 + x - 6$.

(c) $h(x) = x^2 - x - 6$.

(d) $h(x) = x^2 - 7x + 6$.

Solution. Note that

- shifting 2 units right, yields

$$g_1(x) = g(x - 2) = (x - 2)^2 + 3(x - 2), \text{ then}$$

- shifting 4 units down, yields

$$g_2(x) = g_1(x) - 4 = (x - 2)^2 + 3(x - 2) - 4 = x^2 - x - 6, \text{ then}$$

- reflecting about the y - axis, yields

$$h(x) = g_2(-x) = (-x)^2 - (-x) - 6 = x^2 + x - 6.$$

Thus, the correct answer is (b).

Graph stretching and shrinking

Fact 2.3. Let $c > 1$ be a constant. To obtain the graph of

- $y = cf(x)$, stretch the graph of $y = f(x)$ vertically by a factor of c .
- $y = f(cx)$, shrink the graph of $y = f(x)$ horizontally by a factor of c .
- $y = \frac{1}{c}f(x)$, shrink the graph of $y = f(x)$ vertically by a factor of c .
- $y = f\left(\frac{1}{c}x\right)$, stretch the graph of $y = f(x)$ horizontally by a factor of c .

The trigonometric function $y = \cos x$ will be introduced and studied in details later. The graph of this function is shown below. We also show the (vertical and horizontal) shrinking and stretching of the graph of this function.

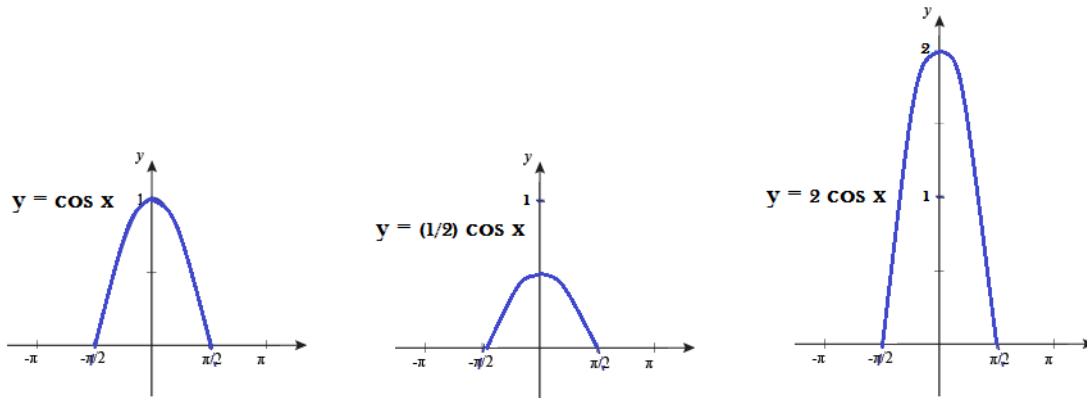


Figure 7: Vertical shrinking and stretching the graph of $y = \cos x$.

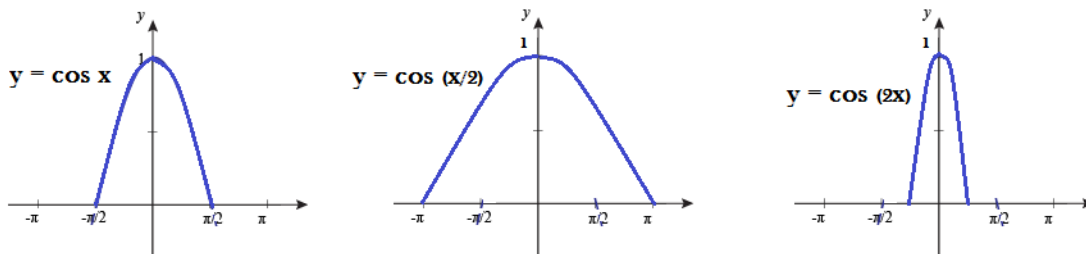
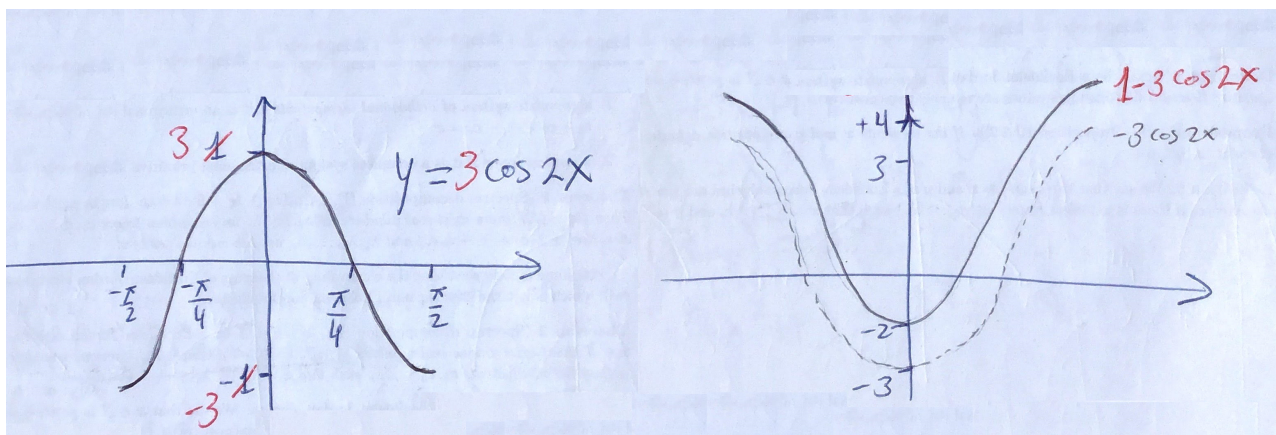


Figure 8: Horizontal stretching and shrinking the graph of $y = \cos x$.

Example 2.3. Use the graph of $y = \cos x$ to sketch the graph of $y = 1 - 3 \cos 2x$, where $x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

Solution. Vertical stretching, reflecting, and shifting the graph of $y = \cos x$ yield the graph of $y = 1 - 3 \cos 2x$ as follow.



3 Functions and domains

Recall that: For a function $f : D \rightarrow R$, it is defined that

- D_f (or simply D): is the domain of the function f .
- R_f (or simply R): is the range of the function f ;
 $R_f = \{f(x) : x \in D_f\}$, i.e., the image of D under f .

Function types and domains

(1) Polynomials.

Definition 3.1. Let $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ with $a_n \neq 0$. A function of the form $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ is called a polynomial (poly.) of degree n .

Example 3.1. $P(x) = x^5 + 3x + 1$ is a polynomial of degree 5, but the func. $f(x) = \sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$ is NOT a polynomial as $\frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{N}$.

Fact 3.1. $D(\text{Any polynomial}) = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$.

Example 3.2. $D(x^3 + x^2 + 2) = \mathbb{R}$.

(2) Rational functions.

Definition 3.2. Let $P(x)$ and $Q(x)$ be polys where $Q(x)$ is not zero. A function of the form $R(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is called a rational function.

Example 3.3. $R_1(x) = \frac{x+1}{7x^3+5}$ and $R_2(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ are rational funcs, but the func. $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+1}}$ is NOT rational (Why?).

Fact 3.2. $D(\text{Any rational}) = D\left(\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}\right) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : Q(x) \neq 0\}$.

Example 3.4. $D\left(\frac{x^3}{x^2-1}\right) = \mathbb{R} - \{\pm 1\} = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$.

And $D\left(\frac{x^3}{x^2+1}\right) = \mathbb{R}$.

(3) **Root functions.**

Definition 3.3. Let $g(x)$ be a polynomial and $n \in \mathbb{N}$. A function of the form $f(x) = \sqrt[n]{g(x)} = (g(x))^{\frac{1}{n}}$ is called a root function.

Fact 3.3. $D(\text{Any root func.})$ is as follows:

$$D\left(\sqrt[n]{g(x)}\right) = \begin{cases} \mathbb{R} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is odd,} \\ \{x \in \mathbb{R} : g(x) \geq 0\} & , \text{ if } n \text{ is even.} \end{cases}$$

Example 3.5. According to Fact 3.3, we have

(1) $D\left(\sqrt[3]{x}\right) = \mathbb{R}$.

(2) $D\left(\sqrt{x}\right) = [0, \infty)$.

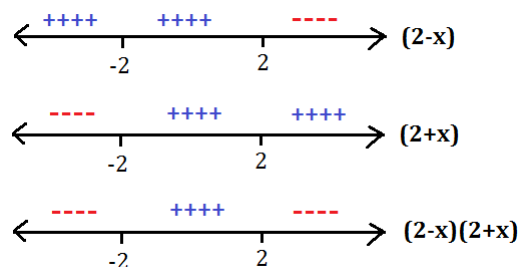
(3) $D\left(\sqrt{x+1}\right) = [-1, \infty)$.

(4) $D\left(\sqrt[4]{x^2-1}\right) = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

$(x^2 - 1 \geq 0 \implies x^2 \geq 1 \implies x > 1 \text{ or } x < -1)$.

Example 3.6. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$. Find D_f .

Solution. We look for x that satisfies $4 - x^2 > 0$, or equivalently $(2 - x)(2 + x) > 0$.



This implies that $-2 < x < 2$. Therefore, $D_f = (-2, 2)$.

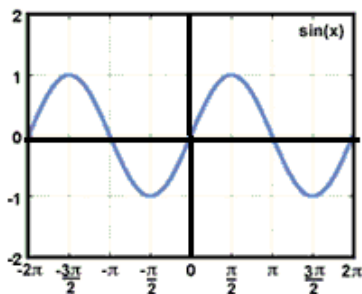
(4) Trigonometric funcs.

(a) The sine function:

$$y = \sin x,$$

$$D = \mathbb{R},$$

$$R = [-1, 1].$$



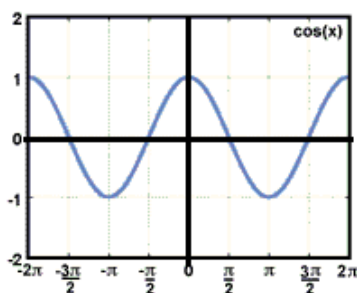
The graph of $y = \sin x$.

(b) The cosine function:

$$y = \cos x,$$

$$D = \mathbb{R},$$

$$R = [-1, 1].$$



The graph of $y = \cos x$.

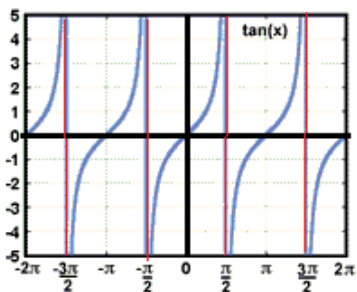
(c) The tangent function:

$$y = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x},$$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \cos x \neq 0\}$$

$$= \left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi; n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\},$$

$$R = \mathbb{R}.$$



The graph of $y = \tan x$.

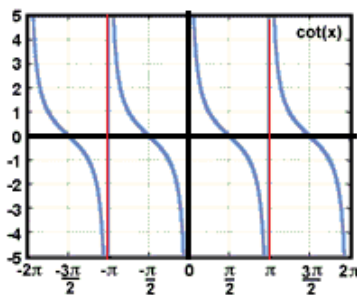
(d) The cotangent func.:

$$y = \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x},$$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \sin x \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq n\pi; n \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

$$R = \mathbb{R}.$$



The graph of $y = \cot x$.

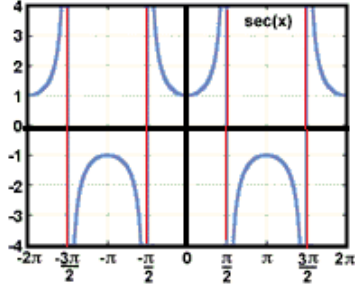
(e) The secant function:

$$y = \sec x = \frac{1}{\cos x},$$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \cos x \neq 0\}$$

$$= \left\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi; n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\},$$

$$R = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty).$$



The graph of $y = \sec x$.

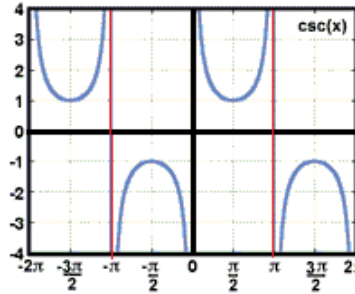
(f) The cosecant function:

$$y = \csc x = \frac{1}{\sin x},$$

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \sin x \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq n\pi; n \in \mathbb{Z}\},$$

$$R = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty).$$



The graph of $y = \csc x$.

Example 3.7. Find the domain and the range of the following functions:

$$1) f(x) = 2 \cos x. \quad 2) g(x) = 1 - 3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right). \quad 3) h(x) = \sqrt{1-x} - 1.$$

Solution.

$$1) D_f = \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$, hence $-2 \leq 2 \cos x \leq 2$.

Therefore $R_f = [-2, 2]$.

$$2) D_g = \mathbb{R}.$$

Note that $-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \leq 1$, so $-3 \leq -3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \leq 3$,

and hence $-2 \leq 1 - 3 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \leq 4$. Therefore $R_g = [-2, 4]$.

3) Note that $1 - x \geq 0 \implies 1 \geq x \implies x \in (-\infty, 1]$.

Thus, $D_h = (-\infty, 1]$.

Note also that $\sqrt{1 - x} \geq 0 \implies h(x) = \sqrt{1 - x} - 1 \geq -1$.

Therefore, $R_h = [-1, \infty)$.

Example 3.8. Let $f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 4}$, where $x \in [0, 6]$. Find R_f .

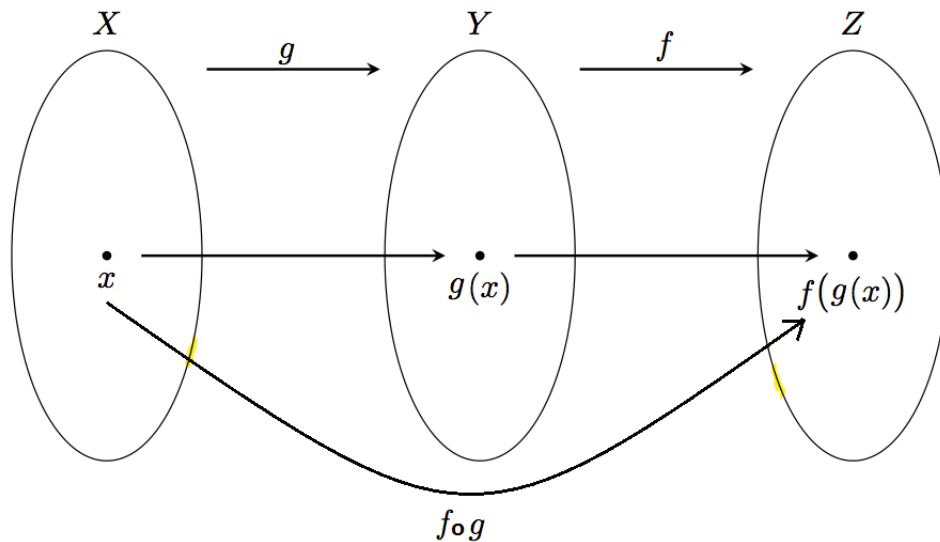
Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}x \in [0, 6] &\implies 0 \leq x \leq 6 \\&\implies 0 \leq 2x \leq 12 \\&\implies 4 \leq 2x + 4 \leq 16 \\&\implies 2 \leq f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 4} \leq 4.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $R_f = [2, 4]$.

4 Composition; Odd and even functions

Composition of functions



Definition 4.1. Let f and g be two functions. The composition of f and g , denoted by $f \circ g$, is the function defined on the set $\{x \in D_g : g(x) \in D_f\}$ by $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$.

Example 4.1. Let $g(x) = x^2$ and $f(x) = x + 3$. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$ and $(g \circ f)(x)$.

Solution. First, $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = g(x) + 3 = x^2 + 3$.
Second, $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = (f(x))^2 = (x + 3)^2$.

Example 4.2. Let f and g be defined as in the above example and let $h(x) = \cos \sqrt{x}$. Find $(f \circ g \circ h)(x)$ and $(g \circ h \circ f)(x)$.

Solution. First,

$$(f \circ g \circ h)(x) = f(g(h(x))) = f(g(\cos \sqrt{x})) = f(\cos^2 \sqrt{x}) = (\cos^2 \sqrt{x}) + 3.$$

Second,

$$(g \circ h \circ f)(x) = g(h(f(x))) = g(h(x+3)) = g(\cos \sqrt{x+3}) = \cos^2 \sqrt{x+3}.$$

Example 4.3. Find $f \circ g \circ h$ where $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$, $g(x) = x^{10}$ and $h(x) = x + 3$.

Solution.

$$(f \circ g \circ h)(x) = f(g(h(x))) = f(g(x+3)) = f((x+3)^{10}) = \frac{(x+3)^{10}}{(x+3)^{10} + 1}.$$

Example 4.4. Find functions f , g and h such that

$$(f \circ g \circ h)(x) = \cos^2(x + 9).$$

Solution. One can take $h(x) = x + 9$, $g(x) = \cos x$ and $f(x) = x^2$.

Example 4.5. Find the value of x so that $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x)$, where $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = x + 1$.

Solution. Note that, $(f \circ g)(x) = f(x+1) = (x+1)^2 = x^2 + 2x + 1$, and that $(g \circ f)(x) = g(x^2) = x^2 + 1$.

Therefore, we have $(f \circ g)(x) = (g \circ f)(x) \implies (x^2+1)+2x = x^2+1 \implies 2x = 0 \implies x = 0$.

Example 4.6. If $g(x) = 3x+1$ and f is unknown, but has the domain $D_f = [4, 7)$, find the domain $D_{f \circ g}$.

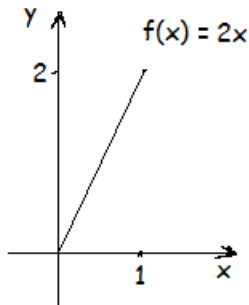
Solution. Note that $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(3x+1)$. So, to find the domain of $f \circ g$, we want $4 \leq 3x+1 < 7$, but

$$4 \leq 3x + 1 < 7 \implies 3 \leq 3x < 6 \implies 1 \leq x < 2.$$

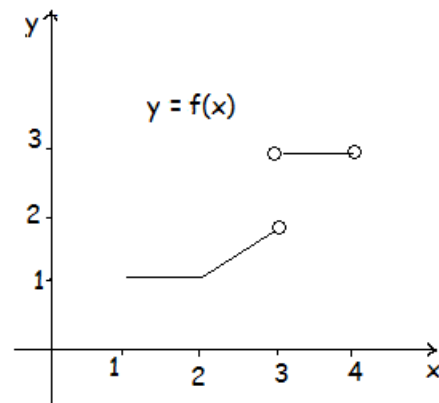
This means that $D_{f \circ g} = [1, 2)$.

Example 4.7. For each part ((a) and (b)), use the graph of f to find the domain and the range of f .

(a)



(b)



Solution.

(a) $D_f = [0, 1]$ and $R_f = [0, 2]$.

(b) $D_f = [1, 3) \cup (3, 4]$ and $R_f = [1, 2) \cup \{3\}$.

Odd and even functions

Definition 4.2. A function f is said to be an:

(i) odd function iff $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in D_f$.

(ii) even function iff $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in D_f$.

Example 4.8. It is known that $(-x)^2 = x^2$ and $\cos(-x) = \cos x$, while $(-x)^3 = -x^3$ and $\sin(-x) = -\sin x$. This means that:

- The functions $y_1 = x^2$ and $y_2 = \cos x$ are even functions.
- The function $y_3 = x^3$ and $y_4 = \sin x$ are odd functions.

Remark 4.1. The graph of any odd function is symmetric about the origin, while the graph of any even function is symmetric about the y -axis.

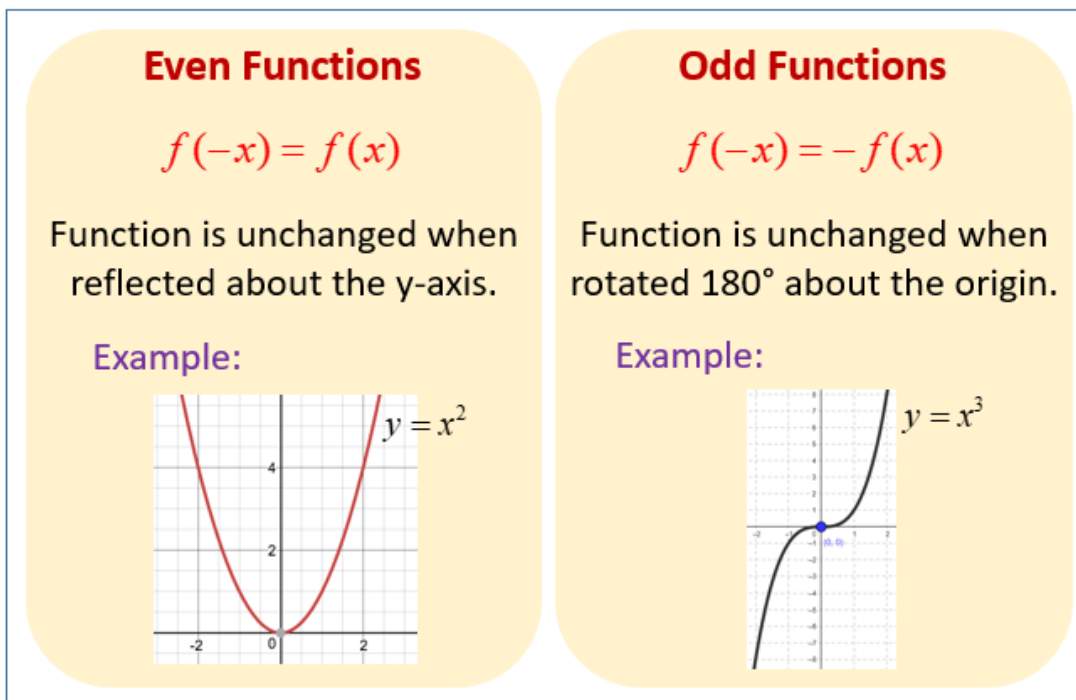


Figure 9: If a function is even, its graph is symmetric about the y -axis. If it is odd, its graph is symmetric about the origin. This picture was taken from: <https://www.onlinemathlearning.com/even-and-odd-functions.html>.

Example 4.9. Which of the following functions is even?

(a) $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{|x|}$.

(b) $g(x) = \frac{\cos x}{x^3+x}$.

(c) $h(x) = 1 + \cos x$.

Solution. Note that

(a) $f(-x) = \frac{\sin -x}{|-x|} = \frac{-\sin x}{|x|} = -\frac{\sin x}{|x|} = -f(x)$. So, f is odd.

(b) $g(-x) = \frac{\cos(-x)}{(-x)^3+(-x)} = \frac{\cos x}{-x^3-x} = -\frac{\cos x}{x^3+x} = -g(x)$. So, g is odd.

(c) $h(-x) = 1 + \cos -x = 1 + \cos x = h(x)$. So, h is even.

Given this, the correct answer is (c).

Example 4.10. Determine whether the function

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 4$$

is even, odd, or neither.

Solution. Note that

$$f(-x) = 2(-x)^3 - 3(-x)^2 - 4(-x) + 4 = -2x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x + 4.$$

This means that $f(-x) \neq f(x)$ and $f(-x) \neq -f(x)$. Thus, f is neither even nor odd.

Some properties:

Let E denote any even function and O any odd function. Then

$$\begin{array}{lll} (1) E \pm E = E. & (2) O + O = O. & (3) E \cdot E = E. \\ (4) O \cdot O = E. & (5) O \cdot E = O. & (6) E/E = E. \\ (7) O/O = E. & (8) O/E = O. & (9) E/O = O. \\ (10) O \circ O = O. & (11) E \circ O = E. & (12) \left\{ \begin{array}{c} O \\ E \end{array} \right\} \circ E = E. \end{array}$$

Question: What about $O - O$?

5 Logarithmic and exponential functions

The logarithmic function

Definition 5.1. For any positive number $B \neq 1$, the logarithm with base B is defined by $c = \log_B A$ iff $B^c = A$.

For example, we have

$$\begin{aligned}10^1 &= 10 && \implies \log_{10} 10 = 1. \\10^0 &= 1 && \implies \log_{10} 1 = 0. \\10^3 &= 1000 && \implies \log_{10} 1000 = 3. \\10^{-3} &= 0.001 && \implies \log_{10} 0.001 = -3.\end{aligned}$$

Fact 5.1 (Properties of $\log_{10} \cdot$). *We have:*

(1) $\log_{10}(AB) = \log_{10} A + \log_{10} B$.

(2) $\log_{10}(A/B) = \log_{10} A - \log_{10} B$.

(3) $\log_{10} A^B = B \log_{10} A$.

Definition 5.2. For any positive number $B \neq 1$, the logarithm function with base B is defined by

$$\underbrace{y = \log_B x}_{\text{Logarithm func.}} \quad \text{iff} \quad \underbrace{x = B^y}_{\substack{\text{Exponential func.} \\ \text{(to be studied later)}}} .$$

Two important special cases:

- $\log_{10} x$ is abbreviated by $\log x$.
- $\log_e x$ is abbreviated by $\ln x$ (natural logarithmic function). Recall that e is the Neperian number; $e \approx 2.71828182845904$.

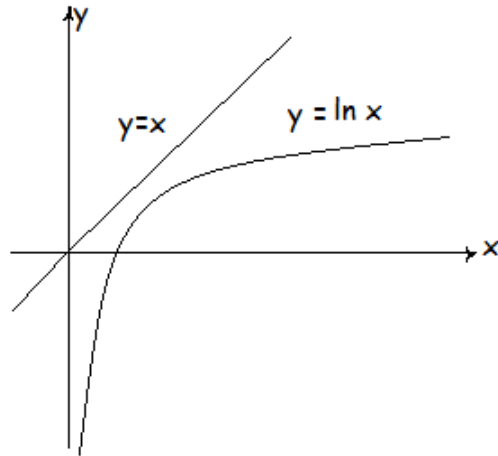


Figure 10: The graph of $y = \ln x$.

It is clear that $D(\ln x) = (0, \infty)$ and that $R(\ln x) = \mathbb{R}$.

In particular, $y = \ln x$ is $\begin{cases} \text{negative} & \text{when } 0 < x < 1, \\ \text{zero} & \text{when } x = 1, \\ \text{positive} & \text{when } x > 1. \end{cases}$

Example 5.1. Find the domain of the following functions

$$(1) f(x) = \ln(1-x). \quad (2) g(x) = \ln(x^2-4). \quad (3) h(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+2}}{\log x}.$$

Solution.

(1) Note that $1 - x > 0 \implies x < 1$. Thus, $D_f = (-\infty, 1)$.

(2) Note that $x^2 - 4 > 0 \implies 4 < x^2 \implies x > 2$ or $x < -2$.

Thus, $D_g = (-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$.

(3) Note that $x + 2 \geq 0 \implies x \geq -2$,

and that $\log x \neq 0 \implies x \neq 1$.

Also, $\log x$ is defined only when $x > 0$.

Thus, $D_h = (0, \infty) - \{1\}$.

Fact 5.2 (Coming soon). Let $A, B \in \mathbb{R}$ with $B > 0$. Then

$$\ln e^A = A \text{ and } e^{\ln B} = B.$$

Example 5.2. If $D_f = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ and $g(x) = \ln x$, find $D_{(f \circ g)}$.

Solution. Note that $(f \circ g)(x) = f(\ln x)$.

Because $D_f = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$, we look for $x \in (0, \infty)$ so that $\ln x \neq 3$.

Thus, $D_{(f \circ g)} = (0, \infty) - \{e^3\}$.

Some properties of $\ln x$:

Fact 5.3. For any positive numbers x and y , we have

(1) $\ln(xy) = \ln x + \ln y$.

(2) $\ln\left(\frac{1}{y}\right) = -\ln y$.

(3) $\ln\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \ln x - \ln y$.

(4) $\ln(x^r) = r \ln x$, for any rational number r .

Example 5.3. Use the properties of logarithms to expand $\ln\left(\frac{x^3 y^4}{z^5}\right)$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{x^3 y^4}{z^5}\right) &= \ln(x^3 y^4) - \ln(z^5) \\ &= \ln(x^3) + \ln(y^4) - \ln(z^5) \\ &= 3 \ln(x) + 4 \ln(y) - 5 \ln(z). \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.4. Given that $\ln 3 = 1.1$, $\ln 4 = 1.39$ and $\ln 5 = 1.61$. Estimate: (1) $\ln 0.2$. (2) $\ln 2.4$.

Solution.

$$(1) \ln(0.2) = \ln\left(\frac{2}{10}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) = -\ln(5) = -1.61.$$

$$(2) \ln(2.4) = \ln\left(\frac{24}{10}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) = \ln\left(\frac{(3)(4)}{5}\right) = \ln(3) + \ln(4) - \ln(5) \\ = 1.1 + 1.39 - 1.61 = 0.88.$$

Example 5.5. Solve the following equation for x :

$$3 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + 2x) = 0.$$

Solution. Note that

$$0 = 3 \ln x - \ln(x^2 + 2x) = \ln(x^3) - \ln(x^2 + 2x) = \ln\left(\frac{x^3}{x^2 + 2x}\right)$$

implies that $x^3/(x^2 + 2x) = 1$. Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^3}{x^2+2x} = 1 &\implies x^3 = x^2 + 2x \\ &\implies x^3 - x^2 - 2x = 0 \\ &\implies x(x^2 - x - 2) = 0 \\ &\implies x(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0 \\ &\implies x = 0, x = 2, x = -1. \end{aligned}$$

Because $D(\ln x) = (0, \infty)$, the values $x = -1$ and $x = 0$ are impossible, and hence the value $x = 2$ is the only solution of the equation.

Example 5.6. Is the function $f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$ odd or even?

Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned}f(-x) &= \ln\left(-x + \sqrt{(-x)^2 + 1}\right) \\&= \ln\left(-x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right) \\&= \ln\left(\left(-x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right) \left(\frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}\right)\right) \\&= \ln\left(\frac{x^2 + 1 - x^2}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}\right) \\&= \ln\left(\frac{1}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}\right) \\&= -\ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right) \\&= -f(x).\end{aligned}$$

Thus, $f(x)$ is an odd function.

Fact 5.4. $\log_B x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln B}$, for $x > 0$. Here, B is a positive number.

Example 5.7. Find the value of $z = (\log_2 3)(\log_3 4)(\log_4 5) \dots (\log_{15} 16)$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned}z &= (\log_2 3)(\log_3 4)(\log_4 5) \dots (\log_{15} 16) \\&= \left(\frac{\ln 3}{\ln 2}\right) \left(\frac{\ln 4}{\ln 3}\right) \left(\frac{\ln 5}{\ln 4}\right) \dots \left(\frac{\ln 16}{\ln 15}\right) \\&= \left(\frac{\ln 16}{\ln 2}\right) \\&= 4 \left(\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 2}\right) \\&= 4.\end{aligned}$$

A special case of Fact 5.4: $\log_P(P^t) = \frac{\ln P^t}{\ln P} = t$.

For example, $\log_2 32 = \log_2 2^5 = 5$.

The exponential function

Recall that e is the Neperian number; $e \approx 2.71828182845904$.

Definition 5.3. The function $f(x) = e^x, x \in \mathbb{R}$, is called the natural exponential function.

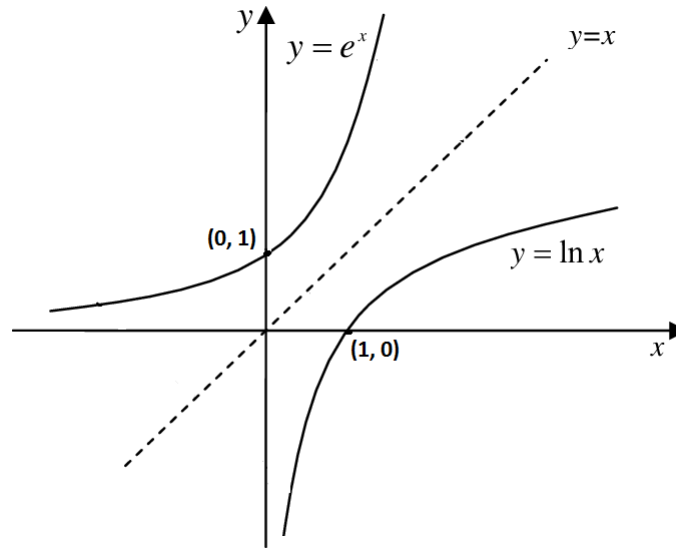


Figure 11: The graphs of $y = e^x$ and $y = \ln x$. Note that $e^0 = 1$ and $\ln 1 = 0$.

Note that $D(e^x) = \mathbb{R} = R(\ln x)$ and $R(e^x) = (0, \infty) = D(\ln x)$.

Some properties of e^x :

Fact 5.5. (1) $e^x > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(2) $e^{x+y} = e^x e^y$.

(3) $e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x}$.

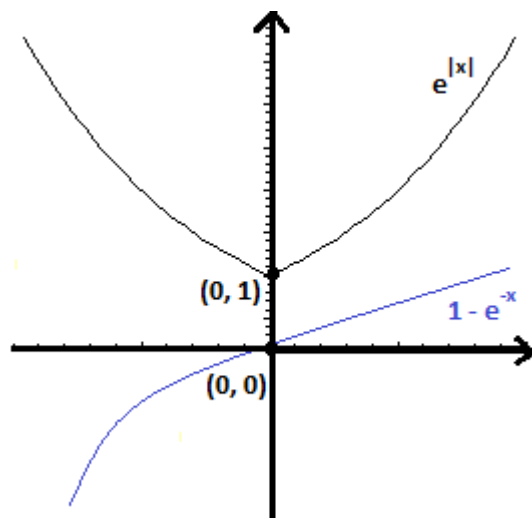
(4) $e^{x-y} = \frac{e^x}{e^y}$.

(5) $\ln e^x = x$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(6) $e^{\ln x} = x$, for all $x > 0$.

Example 5.8. Sketch the graph of $y_1 = 1 - e^{-x}$ and $y_2 = e^{|x|}$.

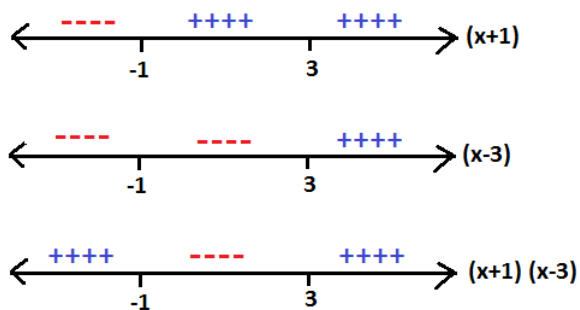
Solution. By reflecting and shifting the graph of $y = e^x$, we get



Example 5.9. Solve the inequality $\ln |x^2 - 2x - 2| \leq 0$.

Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} \ln |x^2 - 2x - 2| \leq 0 &\implies e^{\ln |x^2 - 2x - 2|} \leq e^0 \\ &\implies x^2 - 2x - 2 \leq 1 \\ &\implies x^2 - 2x - 3 \leq 0 \\ &\implies (x - 3)(x + 1) \leq 0. \end{aligned}$$



The solution set is $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 \leq x \leq 3\} = [-1, 3]$.

Example 5.10. Solve $e^{2x} - 3e^x = 4$.

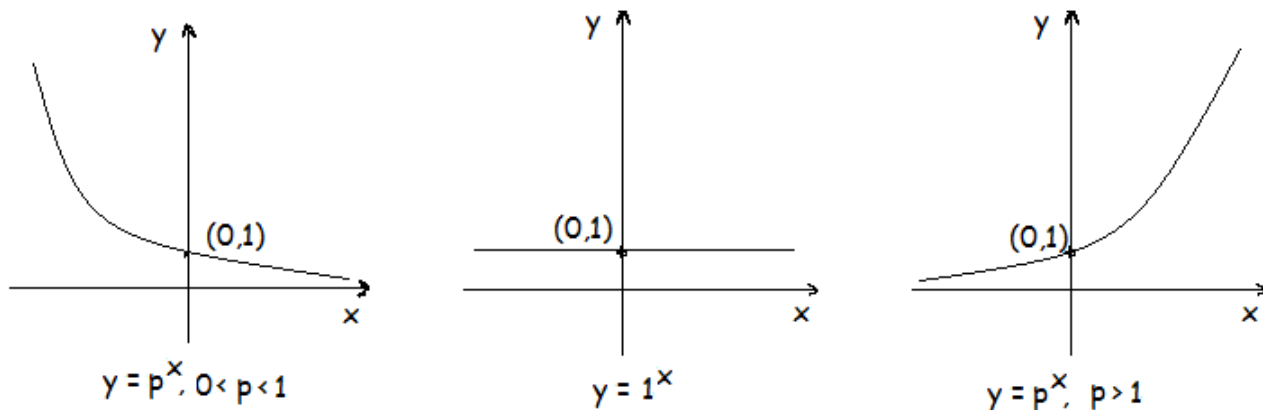
Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} e^{2x} - 3e^x = 4 &\implies y^2 - 3y = 4 \quad (\text{by setting } y = e^x) \\ &\implies y^2 - 3y - 4 = 0 \\ &\implies (y - 4)(y + 1) = 0 \\ &\implies e^x = y = 4 \text{ and hence } \ln x = 4, \\ &\quad \text{or } e^x = y = -1 \text{ (impossible)}. \end{aligned}$$

Example 5.11. Find $R(3e^x - 1)$.

Solution. Note that $e^x > 0 \implies 3e^x > 0 \implies 3e^x - 1 > -1$.
Therefore $R(3e^x - 1) = (-1, \infty)$.

Definition 5.4. Let p be a positive constant. The func. $f(x) = p^x$ is called the exponential function with base p . Here, we call p the base and x the exponent.



Note that $D(p^x) = \mathbb{R}$ and $R(p^x) = (0, \infty)$.

Some properties of p^x :

Fact 5.6. (1) $p^{x+y} = p^x p^y$ and $p^{x-y} = \frac{p^x}{p^y}$.

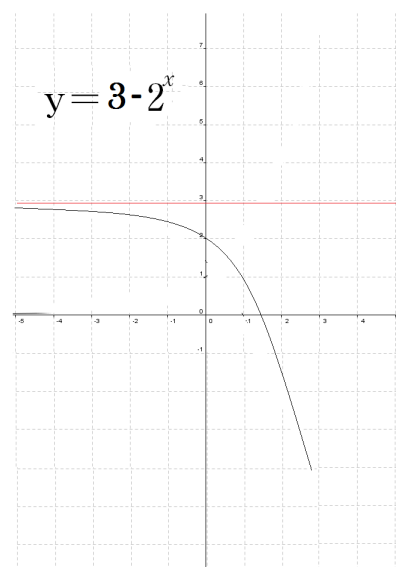
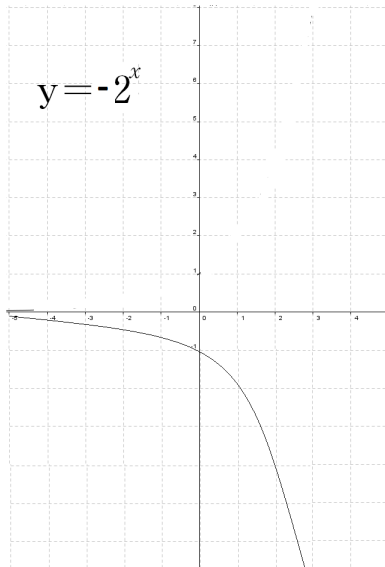
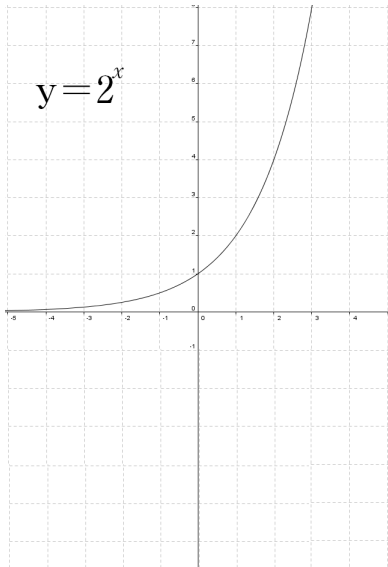
(2) $(p^x)^y = p^{xy}$ and $(pq)^x = p^x q^x$.

(3) $\log_p p^x = x$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

(4) $p^{\log_p x} = x$, for all $x > 0$.

Example 5.12. Use the graph of $y = 2^x$ to sketch the graph of $y = 3 - 2^x$.

Solution.



6 One-to-one and inverse functions

One-to-one functions

A one-to-one function (1-1 func.) is the one that maps distinct elements of its domain to distinct elements of its range.

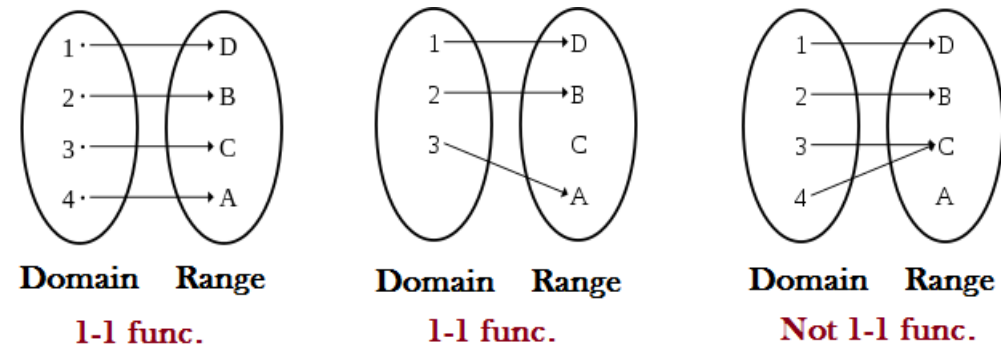


Figure 12: These pictures were taken from: wikipedia.org.

The horizontal line test

Test 6.1. A function is 1-1 iff every horizontal line intersects its graph in at most one point.

For example, the function $f(x) = x^2$ is not 1-1, while $f(x) = x^3$ is a 1-1 function.

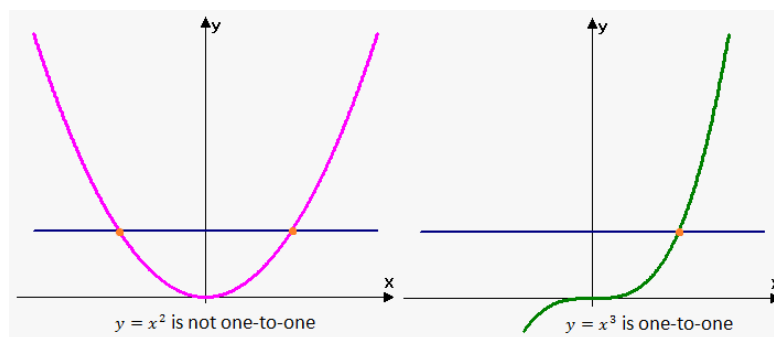


Figure 13: These pictures were taken from: <https://nohemiporfolio2012-2013.weebly.com/polynomials-and-rational-functions.html>.

Definition 6.1. A function f is said to be 1-1 iff the equality $f(a) = f(b)$ implies that $a = b$, for all $a, b \in D_f$.

Example 6.1. Determine which of the following functions is 1-1.

(1) $f(x) = x^3 - 8$.

(2) $g(x) = \frac{x}{x-8}$.

(3) $h(x) = x^4 + 3$.

Solution.

(1) Let $a, b \in D_f$ and assume that $f(a) = f(b)$, then

$$f(a) = f(b) \implies a^3 - 8 = b^3 - 8 \implies a^3 = b^3 \implies a = b.$$

Thus, f is 1-1.

(2) Let $a, b \in D_g$ and assume that $g(a) = g(b)$, then

$$\frac{a}{a-8} = \frac{b}{b-8} \implies ab - 8a = ab - 8b \implies 8a = 8b \implies a = b.$$

Thus, g is 1-1.

(3) Let $a, b \in D_h$ and assume that $h(a) = h(b)$, then

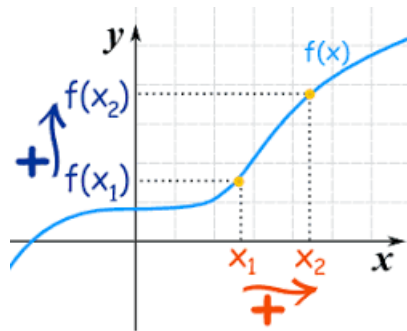
$$h(a) = h(b) \implies a^4 + 3 = b^4 + 3 \implies a^4 = b^4 \implies a = \pm b!!$$

So, we are not able to prove that $a = b$ given $h(a) = h(b)$.

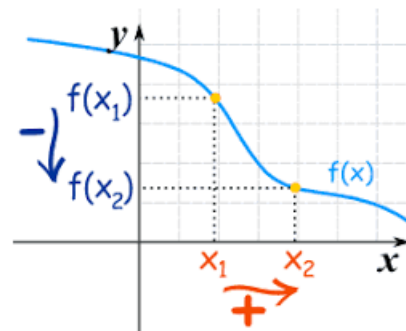
Note that $1, -1 \in D_h$ and that $h(1) = 4 = h(-1)$, while $1 \neq -1$.

So, h is not 1-1.

Fact 6.1. If f is an increasing or decreasing function on its domain, then it is 1-1.



Every increasing func. is 1-1.



Every decreasing func. is 1-1.

Figure 14: These pictures were taken from: <https://www.mathsisfun.com/sets/functions-increasing.html>.

Example 6.2. One of the following functions is not 1-1:

(a) $f(x) = \sin x, x \in [0, \pi]$.

(b) $f(x) = |x + 1|, x \geq 0$.

(c) $f(x) = x^2 + 1, x \geq 0$.

(d) $f(x) = \cos x, x \in [-\pi, 0]$.

Solution. The function $f(x) = \sin x, x \in [0, \pi]$ is not 1-1 because $f(\frac{\pi}{3}) = f(\frac{2\pi}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ while $\frac{\pi}{3} \neq \frac{2\pi}{3}$. So the correct answer is (a).

Inverse functions

Definition 6.2. Let f be a 1-1 function. The inverse of f , denoted by f^{-1} , is the unique function defined on the range of f that satisfies the equation $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$, for all $x \in R_f$.

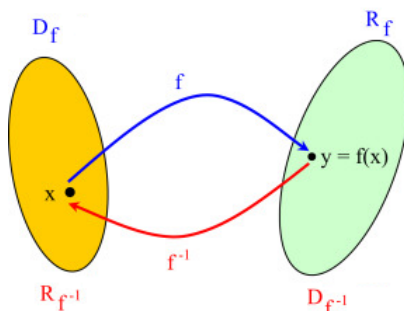


Figure 15: This picture was taken from: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/topics/mathematics/inverse-function>.

Example 6.3. If $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x + 1$ and $f^{-1}(x) = 1$. Find x .

Solution. $f^{-1}(x) = 1 \implies x = f(f^{-1}(x)) = f(1) = 2 + 3 + 1 = 6$.

Fact 6.2.

$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$, for all $x \in R_f$, and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$, for all $x \in D_f$.

Question: How to find $f^{-1}(x)$ given $f(x)$?

Answer: We apply the following three steps consecutively.

- (1) Let $y = f^{-1}(x)$.
- (2) $f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$.
- (3) Solve for y .

Example 6.4. Find a rule for f^{-1} for the following 1-1 functions:

(a) $f(x) = x^3$.

$$(b) f(x) = 5x + 1.$$

$$(c) f(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + 5}.$$

$$(d) f(x) = \frac{3x}{x-4}.$$

$$(e) f(x) = (1 - x^3)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 2.$$

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \text{ Letting } y = f^{-1}(x) &\implies f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies y^3 = x \\ &\implies y = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &\implies f^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \text{ Letting } y = f^{-1}(x) &\implies f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies 5y + 1 = x \\ &\implies y = \frac{x-1}{5} = f^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \text{ Letting } y = f^{-1}(x) &\implies f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies \sqrt{y^3 + 5} = x \\ &\implies y^3 + 5 = x^2 \\ &\implies y^3 = x^2 - 5 \\ &\implies y = (x^2 - 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} = f^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (d) \text{ Letting } y = f^{-1}(x) &\implies f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies \frac{3y}{y-4} = x \\ &\implies 3y = xy - 4x \\ &\implies 4x = xy - 3y \\ &\implies y = \frac{4x}{x-3} = f^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

$$(e) \text{ Exc. (Final Ans. is: } f^{-1}(x) = [1 - (x - 2)^5]^{\frac{1}{3}}).$$

Fact 6.3. The graph of f^{-1} can be obtained by reflecting the graph of f about the line $y = x$.

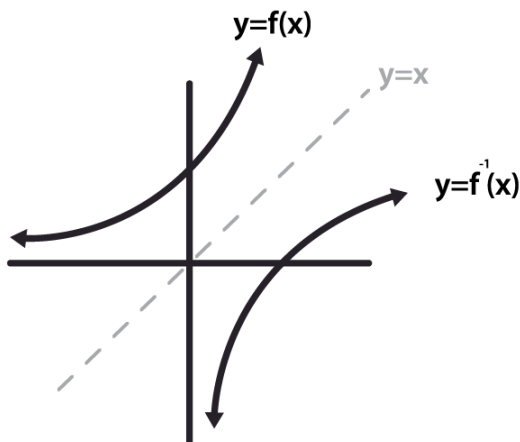
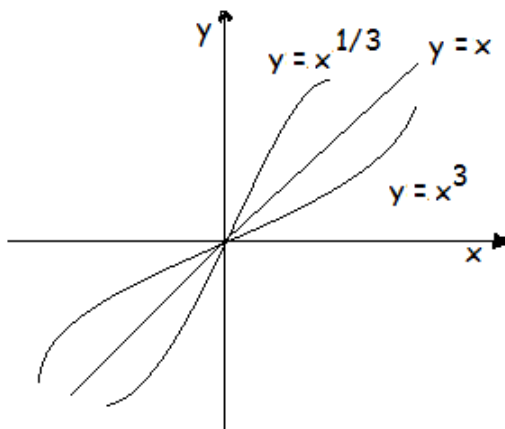


Figure 16: This picture was taken from: <https://calcworkshop.com/trig-equations/inverse-functions/>.

For example, take $f(x) = x^3$, we have shown that $f^{-1}(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$.



Note that $f^{-1}(x)$ does NOT mean $\frac{1}{f(x)}$.

(Consider, for example, $f(x) = x^3$).

In fact, $\frac{1}{f(x)} = (f(x))^{-1}$.

Fact 6.4.

$$D_{f^{-1}} = R_f \text{ and } R_{f^{-1}} = D_f.$$

Example 6.5. Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-3}$. Find (1) D_f . (2) R_f .

Solution.

(1) Clearly, $D_f = \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$.

(2) We know that $R_f = D_{f^{-1}}$. So, we first find $f^{-1}(x)$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Letting } y = f^{-1}(x) &\implies f(y) = f(f^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies \frac{y}{y-3} = x \\ &\implies xy - 3x = y \\ &\implies xy - y = 3x. \\ &\implies y = \frac{3x}{x-1} = f^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $R_f = D_{f^{-1}} = \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$.

Example 6.6. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$. Find (1) D_f . (2) R_f .

Solution.

(1) $x \in D_f \iff 4 - x^2 > 0 \iff 4 > x^2 \iff -2 < x < 2$.
Thus, $D_f = (-2, 2)$.

(2) Note that $f(x)$ is not a 1-1 function, so we cannot use the inverse to find its range. However, we know that $4 - x^2$ is increasing on $(-2, 0]$ and decreasing on $[0, 2)$. So, the function $f(x)$ is decreasing on $(-2, 0]$ and increasing on $[0, 2)$. Therefore, $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ is the absolute minimum and $f \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \pm 2$. Thus, $R_f = [0, \infty)$.

Example 6.7. Let $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1, x \leq \frac{-3}{4}$. Then, $f^{-1}(0)$ equals

(a) 1.

(b) 0.

(c) -1.

(d) $\{-\frac{1}{2}, -1\}$.

Solution. Let $y = f^{-1}(0)$, then $f(y) = 0$. That is,

$$f(y) = 2y^2 + 3y + 1 = (2y + 1)(y + 1) = 0.$$

It follows that $y = -1, -\frac{1}{2}$.

Thus, $f^{-1}(0) = -1$ only, because $-\frac{1}{2} > \frac{-3}{4}$.

So, the correct answer is (c).

Fact 6.5. $\ln x = y \iff e^y = x$.

More generally, $\log_B x = y \iff B^y = x$.

Example 6.8. Let $h(x) = e^{\cos x}, x \in (0, \pi)$. Find $h^{-1}(x)$.

Solution.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Letting } y = h^{-1}(x) &\implies h(y) = h(h^{-1}(x)) = x \\ &\implies e^{\cos y} = x \\ &\implies \cos y = \ln x \\ &\implies y = \cos^{-1}(\ln x) = h^{-1}(x). \end{aligned}$$

7 Inverse trigonometric functions

Recall that:

- (i) f is 1-1 \iff f has an inverse.
- (ii) $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$, for all $x \in D_f$.
- (iii) $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$, for all $x \in R_f$.

Inverse sine

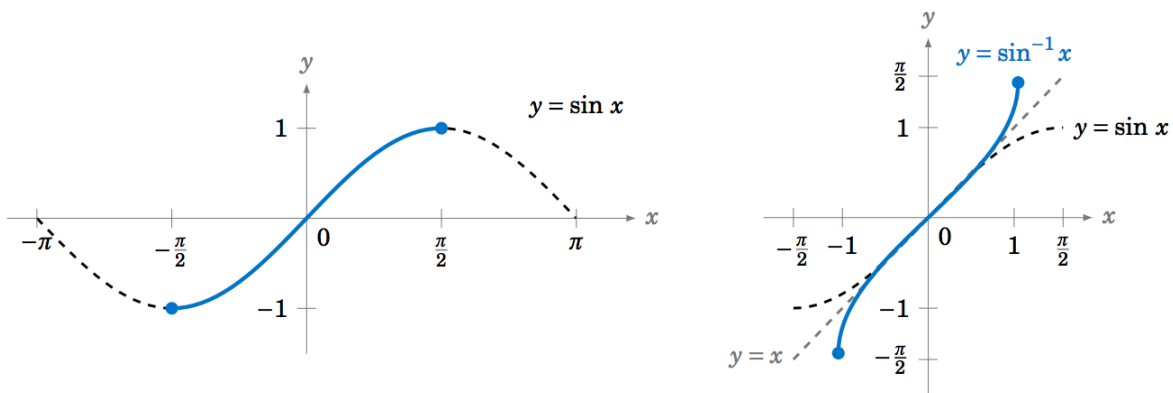


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The function $y = \sin x$ is 1-1 on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$.

Then, $\sin x$ has an inverse, say $\sin^{-1}(x)$, on $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, and

$$\sin(\sin^{-1}(x)) = x \text{ for all } x \in [-1, 1],$$

$$\sin^{-1}(\sin(x)) = x \text{ for all } x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}].$$

Recall that $\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin(x)$ and $\cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos(x)$.

Example 7.1. Calculate if defined

(a) $\sin(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{4}))$.

(b) $\sin(\sin^{-1}(4))$.

(c) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{\pi}{4}))$.

(d) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{9\pi}{4}))$.

(e) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{7\pi}{4}))$.

(f) $\csc(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}))$.

Solution.

(a) $\sin(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{4})) = \frac{1}{4}$.

(b) $\sin(\sin^{-1}(4)) \neq 4$; it is not defined because $4 \notin [-1, 1]$.

(c) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{\pi}{4})) = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

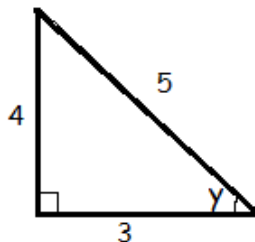
(d) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{9\pi}{4})) = \sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{9\pi}{4} - 2\pi)) = \sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{\pi}{4})) = \frac{\pi}{4}$.

(e) $\sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{7\pi}{4})) = \sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{7\pi}{4} - 2\pi)) = \sin^{-1}(\sin(\frac{-\pi}{4})) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$.

(f) $\csc(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3})) = \frac{1}{\sin(\sin^{-1}(\frac{1}{3}))} = \frac{1}{1/3} = 3$.

Example 7.2. Find $\tan(2 \sin^{-1}(\frac{4}{5}))$.

Solution. Let $y = \sin^{-1}(\frac{4}{5})$, then $\sin y = \frac{4}{5}$.



By referring to the right-angle triangle, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned}
 \tan(2 \sin^{-1}(\frac{4}{5})) &= \tan(2y) \\
 &= \frac{\sin 2y}{\cos 2y} \\
 &= \frac{2 \sin y \cos y}{\cos^2(y) - \sin^2(y)} \\
 &= \frac{2(\frac{4}{5})(\frac{3}{5})}{(\frac{3}{5})^2 - (\frac{4}{5})^2} \\
 &= -\frac{24}{7}.
 \end{aligned}$$

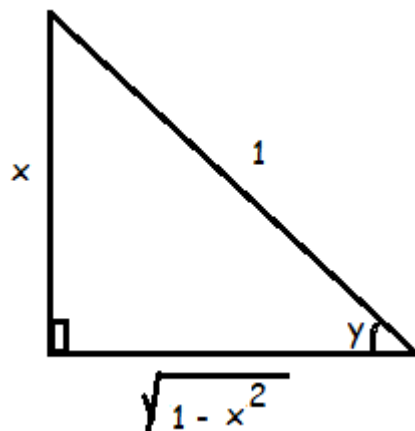
Fact 7.1. $y = \sin^{-1} x \iff x = \sin y$ and $-\pi/2 \leq y \leq \pi/2$.

Example 7.3. Show that

(a) $\cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.

(b) $\cot(\sin^{-1} x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$.

Solution. Let $y = \sin^{-1} x$, then $\sin y = x = \frac{x}{1}$. Then, by referring to the right-angle triangle: we have



(a) $\cos(\sin^{-1} x) = \cos y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$.

(b) $\cot(\sin^{-1} x) = \cot y = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$.

Example 7.4. Find the range of the function $f(x) = 4 \sin^{-1}(x) + \pi$.

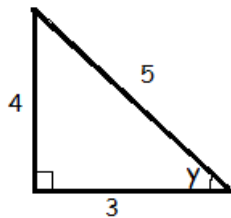
Solution. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1} x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} &\implies -2\pi \leq 4 \sin^{-1} x \leq 2\pi \\ &\implies -\pi \leq \underbrace{4 \sin^{-1} x + \pi}_{f(x)} \leq 3\pi. \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $R_f = [-\pi, 3\pi]$.

Example 7.5. If $\sin x = \frac{4}{5}$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, find $\cos x$.

Solution. By referring to the right-angle triangle, we have $\cos x = \pm \frac{3}{5}$.



Since $x \in [-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$, we get $\cos x = -\frac{3}{5}$.

Inverse cosine

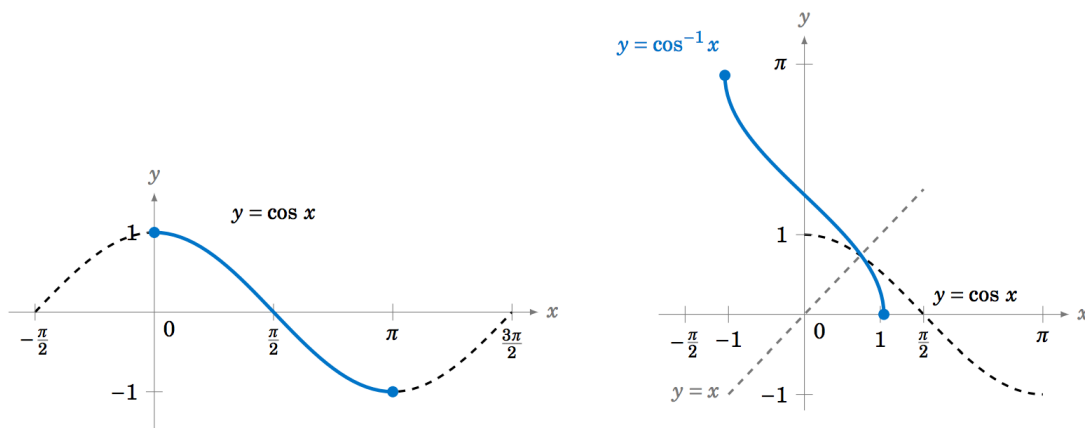


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The function $y = \cos x$ is 1-1 on $[0, \pi]$.

Then, $\cos x$ has an inverse, say $\cos^{-1}(x)$, on $[0, \pi]$, and

$$\cos(\cos^{-1} x) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in [-1, 1],$$

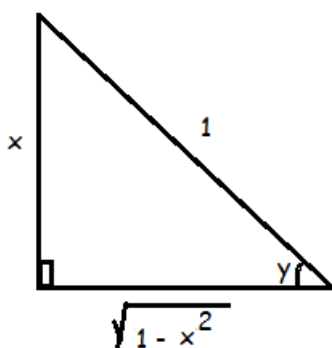
$$\cos^{-1}(\cos x) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, \pi].$$

Fact 7.2. $y = \cos^{-1} x \iff x = \cos y$ and $0 \leq y \leq \pi$.

Note that $D_{\cos^{-1} x} = [-1, 1]$ and $R_{\cos^{-1} x} = [0, \pi]$.

Example 7.6. Simplify the expression $\tan(\cos^{-1}(x))$.

Solution. Let $y = \cos^{-1} x$, then $\cos y = x$. By referring to the



right-angle triangle, we obtain $\tan(\cos^{-1}(x)) = \tan y = \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$.

Example 7.7. Let $f(x) = 3 \cos^{-1}(2x + 1) + \pi$. Find D_f and R_f .

Solution. First

$$\begin{aligned}x \in D_f &\iff -1 \leq 2x + 1 \leq 1 \\ &\iff -2 \leq 2x \leq 0 \\ &\iff -1 \leq x \leq 0.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $D_f = [-1, 0]$.

Second,

$$\begin{aligned}R_{\cos^{-1}(2x+1)} = [0, \pi] &\implies 0 \leq \cos^{-1}(2x + 1) \leq \pi \\ &\implies 0 \leq 3 \cos^{-1}(2x + 1) \leq 3\pi \\ &\implies \pi \leq 3 \cos^{-1}(2x + 1) + \pi \leq 4\pi \\ &\implies \pi \leq f(x) \leq 4\pi.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, $R_f = [\pi, 4\pi]$.

Inverse tangent function

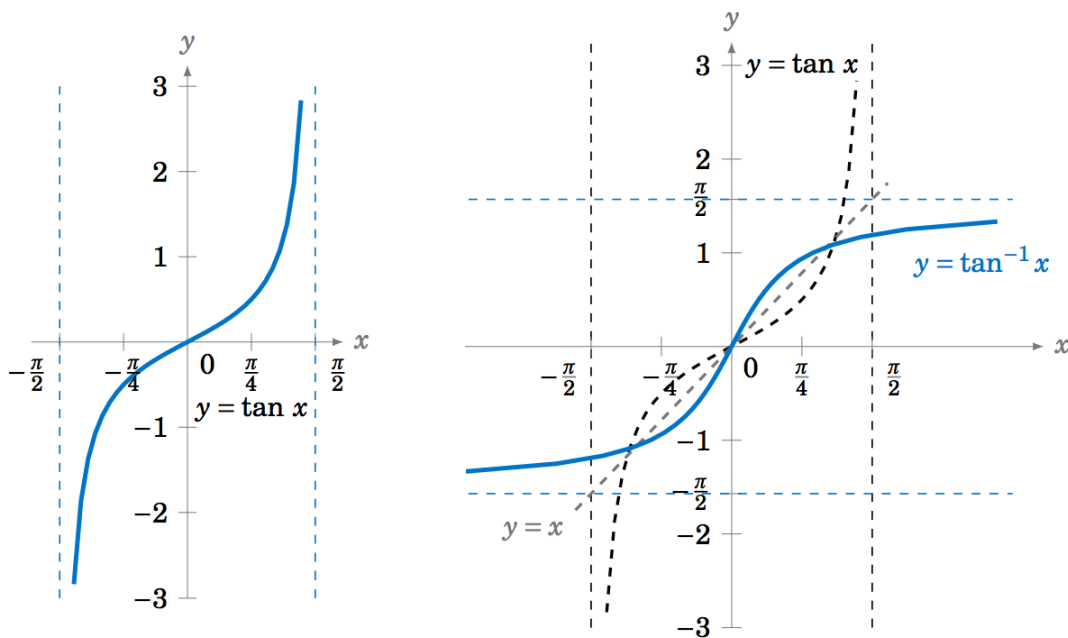


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The function $y = \tan x$ is 1-1 on $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$.

Then, $\tan x$ has an inverse, say $\tan^{-1}(x)$, on $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$, and

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(\tan^{-1} x) &= x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}, \\ \tan^{-1}(\tan x) &= x \quad \text{for all } x \in (-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}).\end{aligned}$$

Fact 7.3. $y = \tan^{-1} x \iff x = \tan y$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Example 7.8. Simplify the expression $\cos(\tan^{-1} x)$.

Solution. Let $y = \tan^{-1} x$, then $\tan y = x$ and $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq y \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

It follows that $\cos(\tan^{-1} x) = \cos(y) = \frac{1}{\sec y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+\tan^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$.

Inverse cot, inverse sec, and inverse csc

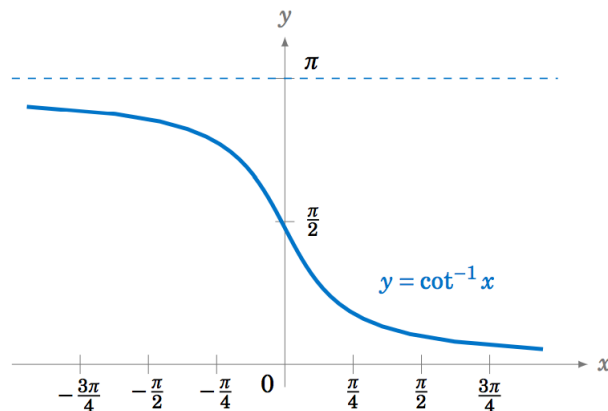


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Fact 7.4. $y = \cot^{-1} x$ with $x \in \mathbb{R} \iff x = \cot y$ and $y \in (0, \pi)$.

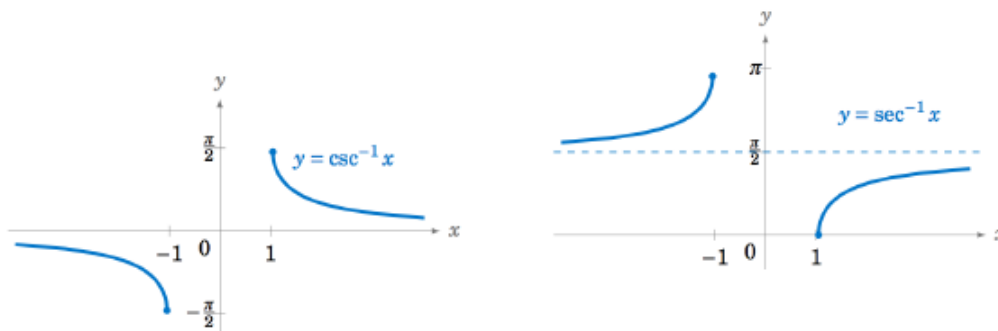


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Fact 7.5. (a) $y = \sec^{-1} x$ with $|x| \geq 1 \iff x = \sec y$ and
 $y \in [0, \pi/2) \cup [\pi, 3\pi/2)$.

(b) $y = \csc^{-1} x$ with $|x| \geq 1 \iff x = \csc y$ and
 $y \in (0, \pi/2] \cup (\pi, 3\pi/2]$.

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