

Week 9 Graph Sketching & Kinematics Lecture Note

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Essential Question:

What is a function and what are its applications to kinematics (simple motion)?

Questions/Cues:

- What is the definition of a function?
- What are surjective, injective and bijective functions?
- What are Cartesian Coordinates?
- What is the Distance Formula used to find the distance between two points P and Q?

Notes

What is a function?

A function $f(x)$ links elements x, y of two sets X and Y

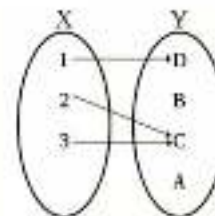
$f(x)$ tells you what to do with an input x :

ex. $f(x)=2x+4$ multiply by 2 and add 4

$$f(3)=2 \times 3+4=10$$

$$f(-1)=2 \times (-1)+4=2$$

$$f(13)=2 \times 13+4=143$$



Domain of a function: elements of X on which f is defined

ex. $-4 < x < 4$ or $(-4, 4)$: all values between -4 and 4 excluding -4, 4

$-4 \leq x \leq 4$ or $[-4, 4]$ includes -4, 4

$-4 < x \leq 4$ or $(-4, 4]$ includes 4 not -4

$-4 \leq x < 4 \cup 6 < x < 8$ or $[-4, 4) \cup (6, 8)$ etc...

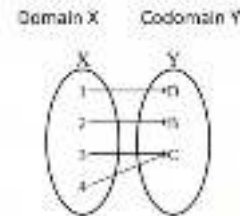
Codomain of a function: elements of Y linked by f to X

(codomain also called range or image)

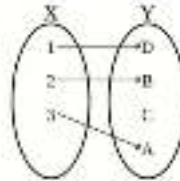
- the function $f(x) = 2x+4$ maps a real number to a real number; the domain is the set of all real number
- The domain and range can also be restricted and written in interval notation by inequalities or braces like above

What is a function?

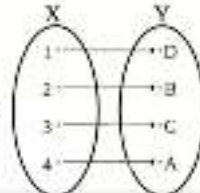
Surjective function: to each $y \in Y \rightarrow$ **at least one** $x \in X$



Injective function:
to each $x \in X \rightarrow$ **only one distinct** $y \in Y$



Bijjective function: Injective+Surjective



- A bijective function has one-to-one correspondence, it's a one-to-one function

Cartesian Coordinates

System of two perpendicular axes, x, y , to map and label points on the plane:

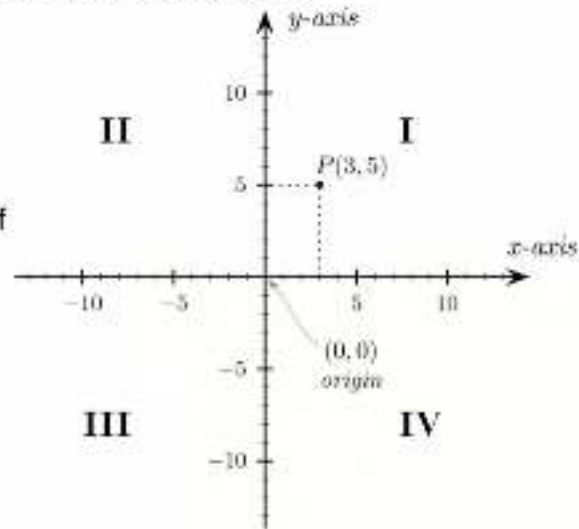
each point P is labeled by a pair of numbers (x, y)

x is the length of the projection of the point on the x -axis

and y is the length of the projection of the point on y -axis

Generic point on y -axis $P(0, y)$

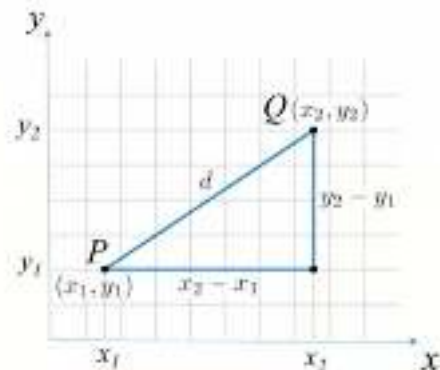
Generic point on x -axis $P(x, 0)$



Distance between P and Q :

Using Pythagoras theorem

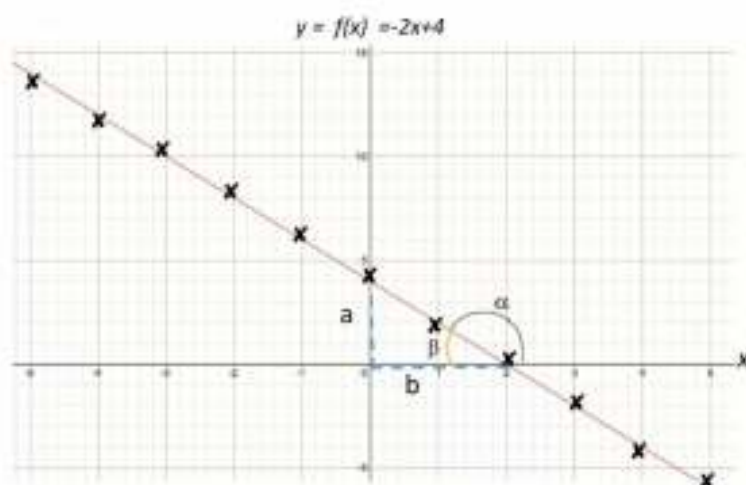
$$d_{PQ} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



Examples: $f(x) = -2x + 4$ Domain \mathbb{R}

x	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	0
f(x)	$-2(-5)+4=14$	-12	-10	-8	-6	-4
coordinates	$(-5, 14)$	$(-4, 12)$	$(-3, 10)$	$(-2, 8)$	$(-1, 6)$	$(0, 4)$

x	1	2	3	4	5
f(x)	$-2(1)+4=2$	-4	-6	-8	-10
coordinates	$(1, 2)$	$(2, 0)$	$(3, -2)$	$(4, -4)$	



Note: $\beta = 180 - \alpha$
 $\tan(\beta) = a/b = 4/2 = 2$

In general for a straight line
 $y = mx + n$

with $m = \tan(\alpha)$

In our case $n = 4$
 $m = \tan(\alpha) = -\tan(\beta) = -2$

Intersection with y-axis $\rightarrow x = 0 \rightarrow y_0 = f(0) = -2(0) + 4 = 4$

Intersection with x-axis $\rightarrow y = 0 \rightarrow f(x_0) = 0$

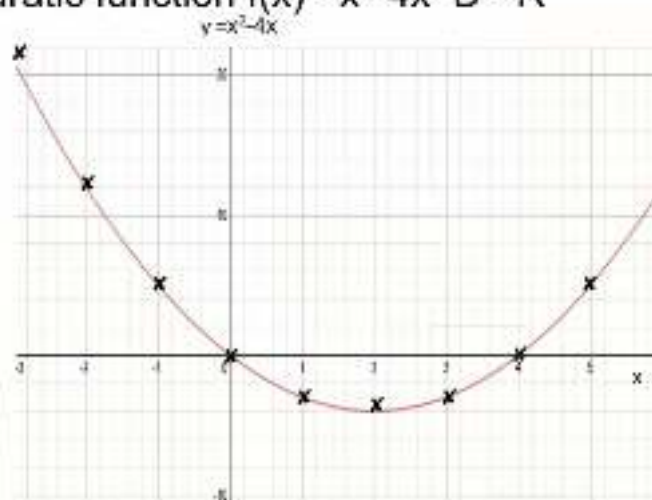
Solve $-2x_0 + 4 = 0 \rightarrow 2x_0 = 4 \rightarrow x_0 = 2$

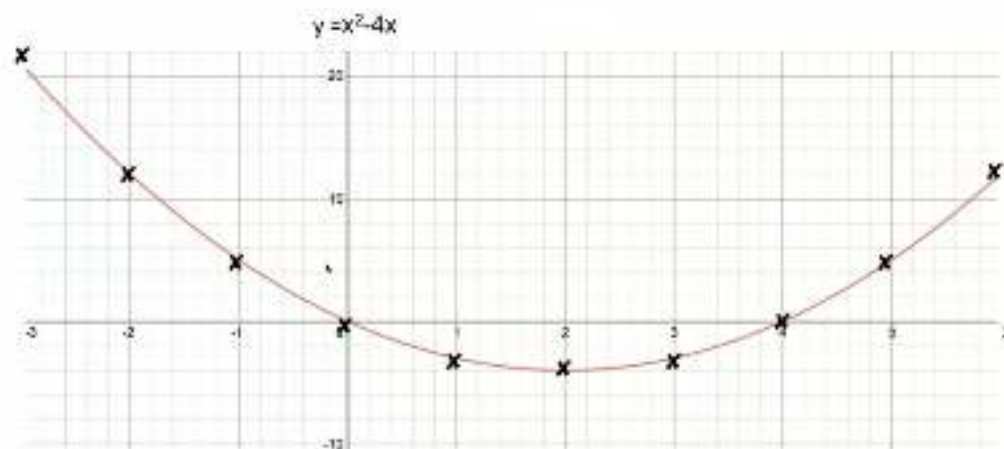
Examples: quadratic function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$ $D = \mathbb{R}$

x	-3	-2	-1
f(x)	$-(-3)^2 - 12 = -21$	-12	-5
coordinates	$(-3, -21)$	$(-2, -12)$	$(-1, -5)$

x	0	1	2
f(x)	-0	-3	-4
coordinates	$(0, 0)$	$(1, -3)$	$(2, -4)$

x	3	4	5	6
f(x)	$-3^2 - 12 = -3$	-4	-5	-12
coordinates	$(3, -3)$	$(4, -4)$	$(5, -5)$	$(6, -12)$





Intersection with y-axis $\rightarrow x=0 \rightarrow y_0=f(0)=(0)^2-4(0)=0$

Intersection with x-axis $\rightarrow y=0 \rightarrow f(x_0)=x_0^2-4x_0=0$

Solve $x_0^2-4x_0=x_0(x_0-4)=0 \rightarrow x_0=0, x_0=4$

Generic quadratic function $f(x)=ax^2+bx+c$

Intersection with y-axis $\rightarrow x=0 \rightarrow y_0=f(0)=a(0)^2+b(0)+c=c$

Intersection with x-axis $\rightarrow y=0 \rightarrow f(x_0)=ax_0^2+bx_0+c=0$

Solve $ax_0^2+bx_0+c=0 \rightarrow x_0=(-b \pm \sqrt{b^2-4ac})/(2a)$

Cubic function $f(x)=ax^3+bx^2+cx+d$ Ex: x^3-4x $D=\mathbb{R}$

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1
f(x)	$=(-4)^3-4(-4)=-48$	$=(-3)^3-4(-3)=-15$	$=(-2)^3-4(-2)=0$	$=-3$	$=0$	$=-3$
coordinates	$(-4,-48)$	$(-3,-15)$	$(-2,0)$	$(-1,-3)$	$(0,0)$	$(1,-3)$

x	2	3	4
f(x)	$=(2)^3-4(2)=0$	$=(3)^3-4(3)=15$	$=48$
coordinates	$(2,0)$	$(3,15)$	$(4,48)$

Intersection with y-axis $\rightarrow x=0$

$\rightarrow y_0=f(0)=(0)^3-4(0)=0$

Intersection with x-axis $\rightarrow y=0$

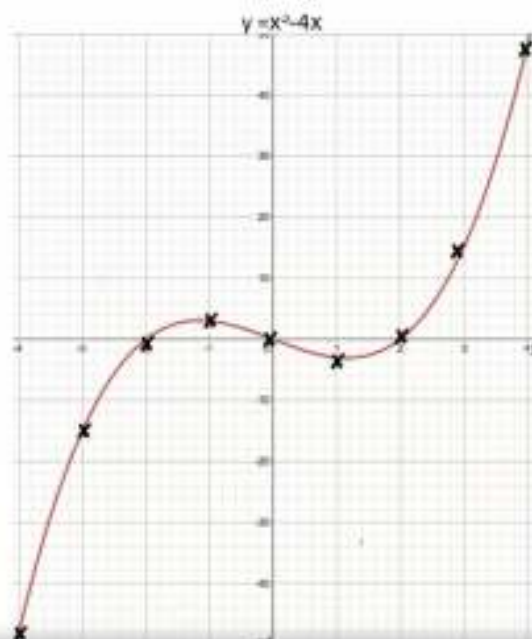
$\rightarrow f(x_0)=x_0^3-4x_0=0$

Solve $x_0^3-4x_0=x_0(x_0^2-4)=0$

$\rightarrow x_0=0, x_0=\pm 2$

Note: a vertical line intersects the curve in only one point

\rightarrow single-valued functions



In this week, we learned about what a function, surjective/injective functions, the Cartesian coordinate system and distance formula.