

# Math Notes

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# 1 Assumed Knowledge

## 1.1 Algebra

### 1.1.1 Completing the Square

$$x^2 + bx + c = \left(x + \frac{b}{2}\right)^2 + c - \left(\frac{b}{2}\right)^2$$

### 1.1.2 Polynomial Expansions

$$\begin{aligned}(a \pm b)^2 &= a^2 \pm 2ab + b^2 \\ a^2 - b^2 &= (a + b)(a - b) \\ a^3 \pm b^3 &= (a \pm b)(a^2 \mp ab + b^2)\end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.3 Partial Fractions

$$\begin{aligned}&\frac{f(x)}{(ax+b)(cx+d)} \\&= g(x) + \frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{cx+d} \\&\frac{f(x)}{(ax+b)(cx+d)^2} \\&= g(x) + \frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{B}{cx+d} + \frac{C}{(cx+d)^2} \\&\frac{f(x)}{(ax+b)(x^2+c)} \\&= g(x) + \frac{A}{ax+b} + \frac{Bx+C}{x^2+c}\end{aligned}$$

### 1.1.4 Exponent and Logarithm

$$e^n = \underbrace{e \times e \times e \times \dots \times e}_{n \text{ times}}$$

$$e^{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{e}$$

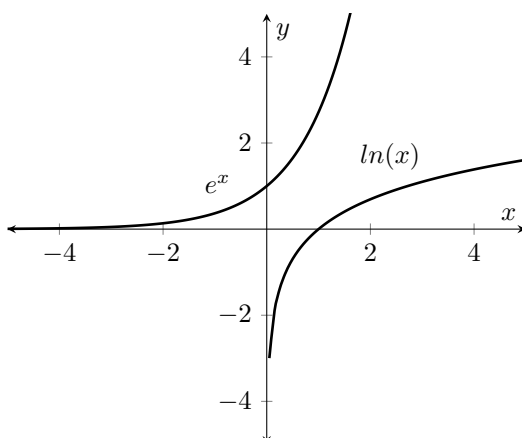
$$\log_e(x) = \ln(x)$$

= how many times  $e$  is multiplied by itself to get  $x$

$$\log_{10}(x) = \lg(x)$$

$$x = e^{\ln(x)}$$

$$\log_x(y) = \frac{\log_{\text{base}}(y)}{\log_{\text{base}}(x)}$$



## 1.2 Trigonometry

### 1.2.1 Sine and Cosine Rule

For any triangle with length of sides  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  and with opposite angles  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{a}{\sin(A)} &= \frac{b}{\sin(B)} = \frac{c}{\sin(C)} \\ a^2 &= b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos(A) \\ \cos(A) &= \frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}\end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 Sum of Angles

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(A \pm B) &= \sin(A)\cos(B) \pm \cos(A)\sin(B) \\ \sin(2A) &= 2\sin(A)\cos(A) \\ \cos(A \pm B) &= \cos(A)\cos(B) \mp \sin(A)\sin(B) \\ \cos(2A) &= \cos^2(A) - \sin^2(A) \\ &= 2\cos^2(A) - 1 \\ &= 1 - 2\sin^2(A) \\ \tan(A \pm B) &= \frac{\tan(A) \pm \tan(B)}{1 \mp \tan(A)\tan(B)} \\ \tan(2A) &= \frac{2\tan(A)}{1 - \tan^2(A)} \\ \text{Area of Triangle} &= \frac{1}{2}ab\sin(C)\end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.3 Factor and Reverse Factor Formula

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(A) + \sin(B) &= 2\sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \\ \sin(A) - \sin(B) &= 2\cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \\ \cos(A) + \cos(B) &= 2\cos\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \\ \cos(A) - \cos(B) &= -2\sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\sin\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \\ \sin(A)\cos(B) &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A+B) + \sin(A-B)] \\ \cos(A)\sin(B) &= \frac{1}{2}[\sin(A+B) - \sin(A-B)] \\ \cos(A)\cos(B) &= \frac{1}{2}[\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B)] \\ \sin(A)\sin(B) &= -\frac{1}{2}[\cos(A+B) - \cos(A-B)]\end{aligned}$$

Factor formulae are given in MF10. Reverse factor formula can be derived using factor formula.

$$\begin{aligned}\sin(A) + \sin(B) &= 2\sin\left(\frac{A+B}{2}\right)\cos\left(\frac{A-B}{2}\right) \\ \frac{1}{2}[\sin(X+Y) + \sin(X-Y)] &= \sin(X)\cos(Y)\end{aligned}$$

## 2 Inequalities

### 2.1 Inequalities

#### 2.1.1 Properties of Inequalities

$$a > b, c > 0 \implies ac > bc$$

$$a > b, c < 0 \implies ac < bc$$

$$\frac{a}{b} > 0 \implies ab > 0$$

$$\frac{a}{b} < 0 \implies ab < 0$$

Positive sides of inequalities suggest that both terms share similar positive or negative signs, negative sides of inequalities suggest that both terms have opposite positive or negative signs.

### 2.1.2 Quadratic Inequalities

Find where  $f(x) = 0$  by completing square or quadratic formula and sketch graph.

### 2.1.3 Inequality Reduction

For any inequality  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} > \text{or} < 0$  where  $f(x)$  or  $g(x)$  is strictly positive or negative, reduce inequality to non-strictly positive/negative function and change sign accordingly.

Careful for elements of the form  $(x + a)^2$ , though these can be assumed to be strictly positive, the case where  $(x + a)^2 = 0$  needs to be accounted for.

### 2.1.4 Modulus Inequalities

$$|x| < a \iff -a < x < a$$

$$|x| > a \iff x < -a \text{ or } a < x$$

$$|x - a| < b \iff a - b < x < a + b$$

$$|x - a| > b \iff x < a - b \text{ or } a + b < x$$

To solve inequalities, sketch and find intercept, then deduce suitable range of  $x$ .

## 3 Vectors

### 3.1 Representation

#### 3.1.1 Point Representation

$O$  is always defined as the origin

Written:  $\underline{r}$  or  $\overrightarrow{OR}$

$$\text{Column: } \underline{r} = \begin{pmatrix} a \\ b \\ c \end{pmatrix}$$

Unit Vector:  $\underline{r} = a\mathbf{i} + b\mathbf{j} + c\mathbf{k}$  where  $\mathbf{i}, \mathbf{j}$  and  $\mathbf{k}$  are unit vectors in the  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  dimensions

#### 3.1.2 Line Representation

Vector Equation:

$$l : \underline{r} = \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{b} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Parametric Equation:

$$l : \begin{cases} x = a_x + \lambda b_x \\ y = a_y + \lambda b_y \\ z = a_z + \lambda b_z \end{cases} \quad \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

Cartesian Equation:

$$\frac{x - a_x}{b_x} = \frac{y - a_y}{b_y} = \frac{z - a_z}{b_z}$$

### 3.1.3 Plane Representation

Vector Equation:

$$\pi : \underline{r} = \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{b} + \mu \underline{c}$$

Scalar Product Equation:

$$\pi : \underline{r} \cdot \underline{n} = d$$

Cartesian Equation:

$$\pi : xn_x + yn_y + zn_z = d$$

## 3.2 Manipulation

### 3.2.1 Vector Algebra

Vector Addition: remove same inside or outside terms

$$\overrightarrow{OA} + \overrightarrow{AB} = \overrightarrow{OB}$$

Negative Vectors: reverse the points

$$\overrightarrow{AB} = -\overrightarrow{BA}$$

Vector Subtraction: reverse points, then add

$$\overrightarrow{OB} - \overrightarrow{OA} = \overrightarrow{OB} + \overrightarrow{AO} = \overrightarrow{AB}$$

### 3.2.2 Vector Properties

Modulus / Magnitude : The total distance of a vector

$$\left| \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} \right| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2 + z^2}$$

Unit Vector / Cap : A vector which defines a direction and has modulus of 1

$$\hat{\mathbf{a}} = \frac{1}{|\mathbf{a}|} \mathbf{a}$$

### 3.2.3 Ratio Theorem

Points between two direction vectors  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  are in the form:

$$\underline{r} = \frac{\mu \underline{a} + \lambda \underline{b}}{\mu + \lambda}$$

### 3.2.4 Scalar Product

Scalar/Dot product produces a scalar which is a representation of how inline two vectors are with each other.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} \cdot \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = x_1x_2 + y_1y_2 + z_1z_2$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{a} = |\mathbf{a}|^2$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\perp \mathbf{a}) = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot (\mathbf{b} \pm \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{c}$$

$$(\lambda \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{b} = \lambda (\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b})$$

### 3.2.5 Vector Product

Vector/Cross product produces a vector which has direction perpendicular to its input vectors and has magnitude similar to area subtended by its input vectors.

$$\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ y_1 \\ z_1 \end{pmatrix} \times \begin{pmatrix} x_2 \\ y_2 \\ z_2 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} y_1 z_2 - z_1 y_2 \\ z_1 x_2 - x_1 z_2 \\ x_1 y_2 - y_1 x_2 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \hat{\mathbf{n}}|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|\sin(\theta)$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{a} = 0$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\perp \mathbf{a}) = \hat{\mathbf{n}}|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|$$

$$\mathbf{a} \times (\mathbf{b} \pm \mathbf{c}) = \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{c}$$

$$(\lambda \mathbf{a}) \times \mathbf{b} = \lambda(\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b})$$

## 3.3 Angles Between Vectors

General formula:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|}$$

Lesser used formula:

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{|\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}|}{|\mathbf{a}||\mathbf{b}|}$$

### 3.3.1 Point-Point Angle

Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be point vectors.

### 3.3.2 Line-Line Angle

Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be direction vectors of lines.

### 3.3.3 Line-Plane Angle

Let  $\mathbf{a}$  be direction vector of line and  $\mathbf{b}$  be normal vector of plane

Angle between line and plane will be  $90^\circ - \theta$ .

### 3.3.4 Plane-Plane Angle

Let  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  be normal vectors of planes.

## 3.4 Intersection

### 3.4.1 Point-Line Intersection

Solve series of parametric equations or find  $\lambda$  which lets point equal to point on line.

### 3.4.2 Line-Line Intersection

If direction vectors are scalar multiples of each other, lines are parallel.

Find a point which satisfies both lines, solving parametric equations of both line equations.

$$\mathbf{a}_1 + \lambda \mathbf{b}_1 = \mathbf{a}_2 + \mu \mathbf{b}_2 \quad \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

If lines are both non-parallel and non-intersecting, lines are skew.

### 3.4.3 Line-Plane Intersection

If dot product of direction vector of line and normal of plane equals to 0, line is parallel to plane.

Substitute line equation into plane equation and expand to solve for  $\lambda$ .

$$\begin{aligned} p &= (\mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} + \lambda(\mathbf{b} \cdot \mathbf{n}) \end{aligned}$$

### 3.4.4 Plane-Plane Intersection

If normal of planes are scalar multiples of each other, planes are parallel.

Equating two planes results in a line.

Cross product of normal vectors of two planes produces the direction vector of line.

Position vector of line can be observed from equations, find a vector which satisfies both plane equations.

## 3.5 Projections

### 3.5.1 Point-Point Projection

To find distance  $d$  of projection of point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  on point vector  $\mathbf{b}$  :

$$d = \mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{b}}$$

### 3.5.2 Point-Line Projection

To find distance  $d$  of projection of point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  on direction vector of line  $\mathbf{b}$ , similar to Point-Point Projection.

### 3.5.3 Point-Line Perpendicular

To find perpendicular of point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  on line  $l : \mathbf{r} = \mathbf{b} + \lambda \mathbf{c}$ , let  $\mathbf{P}$  be a point on the line such that  $\overrightarrow{AP}$  is perpendicular to  $\mathbf{c}$  and solve for  $\lambda$  :

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= \overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ &= (\mathbf{b} + \lambda \mathbf{c} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{c} \quad \lambda |\mathbf{c}|^2 = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}) \cdot \mathbf{c} \\ &= \lambda \mathbf{c} \cdot \mathbf{c} + (\mathbf{b} - \mathbf{a}) \cdot \mathbf{c} \end{aligned}$$

To find distance  $d$  between point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  and its perpendicular on line with direction vector  $\mathbf{b}$ , find magnitude of the cross product of  $\mathbf{a}$  and unit vector of  $\mathbf{b}$  :

$$d = |\mathbf{a} \times \hat{\mathbf{b}}|$$

### 3.5.4 Point-Plane Perpendicular

To find perpendicular of point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  on plane  $\pi : \mathbf{r} \cdot \mathbf{n} = d$ , consider a line containing  $\mathbf{a}$  and with direction vector  $\mathbf{n}$ , equate the two equations and then solve for  $\lambda$ :

$$\begin{aligned} l &= \mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{n} \\ d &= (\mathbf{a} + \lambda \mathbf{n}) \cdot \mathbf{n} \quad \lambda |\mathbf{n}|^2 = d - \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} \\ &= \mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{n} + \lambda \mathbf{n} \cdot \mathbf{n} \end{aligned}$$

To find distance  $d$  between point vector  $\mathbf{a}$  and plane with normal vector  $\mathbf{n}$ , find projection of  $\mathbf{a}$  on unit vector of  $\mathbf{n}$ :

$$d = |\mathbf{a} \cdot \hat{\mathbf{n}}|$$

## 4 Complex Numbers

### 4.1 Imaginary Numbers

$$i = \sqrt{-1}$$

$$i^2 = -1$$

$$i^4 = i^2 \times i^2 = 1$$

### 4.2 Cartesian Representation

#### 4.2.1 Complex Numbers

Complex numbers are written in the form:

$$z = a + ib \quad a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

Where  $Re(z) = a$   $Im(z) = b$

And populate the set  $\mathbb{C}$

#### 4.2.2 Conjugates

For  $w = a + ib$   $z = c + id$

$$w^* = a - ib$$

$$ww^* = a^2 + b^2 = |w|^2$$

$$(w + z)^* = w^* + z^*$$

$$(wz)^* = w^*z^*$$

#### 4.2.3 Algebraic Manipulation

For  $w = a + ib$   $z = c + id$

$$w = z \implies a = c, b = d \quad \text{IMPT}$$

$$w + z = (a + c) + i(b + d)$$

$$w - z = (a - c) + i(b - d)$$

$$w * z = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc)$$

$$|w| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$

$\sqrt{w}$  occurs with a  $\pm$  sign

For division, remove  $i$  from denominator by multiplying numerator and denominator by conjugate and then solve:

$$\frac{w}{z} = \frac{w}{z} \times \frac{z^*}{z^*}$$

$$= \frac{wz^*}{zz^*}$$

$$= \frac{wz^*}{c^2 + d^2}$$

### 4.3 Complex Polynomial Roots

#### 4.3.1 Theorem of Algebra

A polynomial of degree  $n$  has  $n$  real or complex roots.

#### 4.3.2 Finding Complex Roots

If a polynomial has all real coefficients, complex roots occur in conjugate pairs. Write as such in exams:

$f(x)$  has real coefficients

$$a + ib \text{ is a root} \implies a - ib \text{ is a root}$$

For a polynomial with complex coefficients, use quadratic general formula. Note that a  $\pm$  will still be present somewhere.

### 4.4 Polar Representation

#### 4.4.1 Polar Representation

$$z = re^{i\theta} \quad r \in \mathbb{R}_0^+ \quad -\pi < \theta \leq \pi$$

$$|z| = r \quad \arg(z) = \theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$$

$$Re(z) = r \cos(\theta)$$

$$Im(z) = r \sin(\theta)$$

$$re^{i\pi} = -1 \quad re^{i0} = 1$$

$$re^{i\frac{\pi}{2}} = i \quad re^{i\frac{-\pi}{2}} = -i$$

#### 4.4.2 Algebraic Manipulation

For  $z_1 = r_1 e^{i\theta_1}$   $z_2 = r_2 e^{i\theta_2}$

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 e^{i(\theta_1 + \theta_2)}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} = \frac{r_1}{r_2} e^{i(\theta_1 - \theta_2)}$$

$$z_1^n = r_1^n e^{in\theta_1}$$

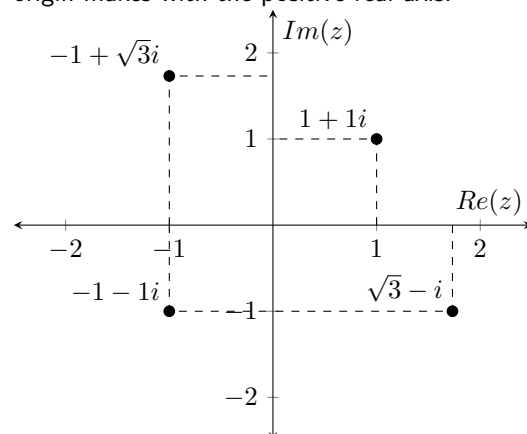
$$\sqrt{z_1} = \sqrt{r_1} e^{i(\frac{\theta_1}{2})}, \sqrt{r_1} e^{i(\frac{\theta_1}{2} + \pi)}$$

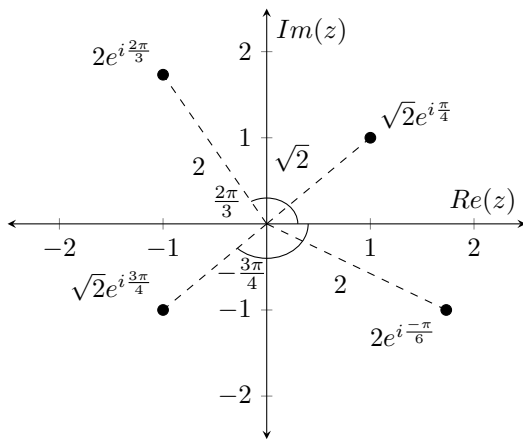
### 4.5 Geometric Representation

#### 4.5.1 Argand Diagrams

Cartesian form describes the x and y coordinate on the real and imaginary axis.

Polar form describes the distance between the point and the origin as well as the angle a line from the point to the origin makes with the positive real axis.





#### 4.5.2 Geometric Manipulation

Multiplying by  $re^{i\theta}$  scales the number by a factor of  $r$  and rotates anticlockwise by an angle of  $\theta$  about the origin. Multiplying by  $i$  rotates a complex number by  $\frac{\pi}{2}$ , or  $90^\circ$  anticlockwise.

The conjugate of a complex number is a reflection of the complex number on the x axis.

## 5 Functions

### 5.1 Properties of a Function

#### 5.1.1 Individual Properties

A function  $f$  is a relation which maps input of a set  $D_f$  to outputs of a set  $R_f$  using a certain rule. Multiple elements in the input set can have the same output, but one single element in the input set can only have one output.

#### 5.1.2 Function Presentation

When questions ask for functions in a similar form, be sure to maintain presentation.

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$f : x \mapsto x^2 \quad x \in (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0 \\ -x & x \in \mathbb{R}, x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_f = (-\infty, \infty) \quad R_f = [0, \infty)$$

Note: infinity is always written as non-inclusive

### 5.2 Inverse Functions

Inverse functions map the output of a function to the input of a function. Inverse functions only exist when each element of the output set of the original function is mapped to one and only one element in the input set, i.e. inverse functions only exist if a function is one-one.

Inverse functions are written as  $f^{-1}$  and

$$D_{f^{-1}} = R_f \quad R_{f^{-1}} = D_f$$

#### 5.2.1 Proving existence and inexistence

$f(x)$  cuts each line  $y = k$ ,  $k \in R_f$  at one and only one point,  $f$  is one-one, hence  $f^{-1}$  exists

Replace  $R_f$  with the actual set

The line  $y = k$  cuts  $f(x)$  at more than one point,  $f$  is not one-one, hence  $f^{-1}$  does not exist.

Replace  $k$  with the actual edge case.

#### 5.2.2 Finding Inverse Functions

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1 \quad x \in [0, \infty) \text{ Let } y = f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$x^2 = y - 1$$

$$x = \sqrt{y - 1}$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \sqrt{y - 1}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{y - 1}$$

$$D_{f^{-1}} = R_f = [1, \infty)$$

$$R_{f^{-1}} = D_f = [0, \infty)$$

#### 5.2.3 Graphical Relationships Between Functions and Inverse Functions

Inverse functions are, in essence, a function reflected along the line  $y = x$ .

Intersections of functions with their inverse also satisfy the condition  $f(x) = x$ .

### 5.3 Composite Functions

Considering two functions  $f$  and  $g$ , the composite function  $fg$  is obtained when inputs of  $g$  are mapped to their outputs of  $g$ , which are then used as inputs to  $f$  and mapped to outputs of  $f$ :

$$fg(x) = f(g(x))$$

#### 5.3.1 Deriving Composite Functions

For the composite function  $fg$  to exist,  $R_g \subseteq D_f$ .

The domain of function  $fg$  follows the domain of function  $g$ , i.e.  $D_{fg} = D_g$ .

The rule of  $fg$  is obtained by substituting the rule of  $g$  into the rule of  $f$ .

The range of  $fg$  is a subset of  $R_f$  and may be limited due to the fact that  $R_g$  may be smaller than  $D_f$ , hence  $R_{fg}$  must be reevaluated after creating its rule.

## 6 APGP

### 6.1 Arithmetic Progression

#### 6.1.1 Arithmetic Sequence

An arithmetic progression is a sequence of numbers which have the same difference between consecutive elements. Sequences are defined by their initial term  $a$  and their

constant difference  $d$

$$\begin{aligned}u_1 &= a = a + (1 - 1)d \\u_2 &= u_1 + d = a + d = a + (2 - 1)d \\u_3 &= u_2 + d = a + d + d = a + (3 - 1)d \\&\dots \\u_n &= a + (n - 1)d\end{aligned}$$

### 6.1.2 Arithmetic Series

An Arithmetic Series is defined as the sum of a certain number of consecutive elements in an arithmetic sequence.

$$\begin{aligned}S_1 &= u_1 \\S_2 &= S_1 + u_2 = u_1 + u_2 \\S_3 &= S_2 + u_3 = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 \\&\dots \\S_n &= u_1 + u_2 + \dots + u_{n-1} + u_n\end{aligned}$$

For an arithmetic sequence of known initial term and constant difference, the term  $S_n$  can be derived from the equation

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2a + (n - 1)d) = \frac{n}{2}(u_1 + u_n)$$

### 6.1.3 Proving an AP

To prove an AP, show that  $u_n - u_{n-1} = d$  for all  $n \geq 2$

## 6.2 Geometric Progression

### 6.2.1 Geometric Sequence

A geometric progression is a sequence of numbers which have the same constant ratio between consecutive elements. Sequences are defined by their initial term  $a$  and their constant ratio  $r$

$$\begin{aligned}u_1 &= a = ar^{1-1} \\u_2 &= u_1 r = ar^{2-1} \\u_3 &= u_2 r = ar^{3-1} \\&\dots \\u_n &= ar^{n-1}\end{aligned}$$

### 6.2.2 Geometric Series

A Geometric Series is defined as the sum of a certain number of consecutive elements in a geometric sequence. For a geometric sequence of known initial term and constant difference, the term  $S_n$  can be derived from the equation

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{a(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

The first equation is typically used for  $r > 1$  while the second is used for  $r < 1$ .

### 6.2.3 Convergence

For a  $r < 1$ , it can be proven that as  $n$  tends to infinity, the value of  $u_n$  tends to zero and the value of  $S_n$  converges to a certain value and the series of this geometric sequence is said to be convergent. The value to which a series converges to is given by:

$$S_\infty = \frac{a}{1 - r}$$

The equation can be derived from the general formula of a geometric series as the numerator term  $1 - r^n$  can be reduced to 1 as  $r^n$  tends to zero.

### 6.2.4 Proving a GP

To prove a GP, show that  $\frac{u_n}{u_{n-1}} = r$  for all  $n \geq 2$

## 7 Calculus I

### 7.1 Differentiation

#### 7.1.1 Standard Differentiation Forms

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} f(x) &= f'(x) \\\frac{d}{dx} f(x)^n &= f'(x) \cdot n \cdot f(x)^{n-1} \\\frac{d}{dx} \ln(f(x)) &= \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \\\frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x)} &= f'(x) \cdot e^{f(x)} \\\frac{d}{dx} k^{f(x)} &= \frac{d}{dx} e^{f(x) \ln(k)} \\&= k^{f(x)} \ln(k) f'(x)\end{aligned}$$

#### 7.1.2 Standard Differentiation Methods

Chain Rule:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{du}{dx} \frac{dy}{du}$

Product Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = f(x)g'(x) + g(x)f'(x)$

Quotient Rule:  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{g(x)^2}$

#### 7.1.3 Implicit Differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= g(y) \\\frac{d}{dx} f(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} g(y) \\&= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{dy}{dy} g(y) \\&= \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{d}{dy} g(y) \\\frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{d}{dx} f(x) / \frac{d}{dy} g(y) \\&= \frac{f'(x)}{g'(y)}\end{aligned}$$

Take differential of both sides and differentiate  $g(y)$  in terms of  $y$  and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , then isolate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  to obtain a suitable expression.

### 7.1.4 Trigonometric Derivatives

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \sin(x) &= \cos(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \cos(x) &= -\sin(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \tan(x) &= \sec^2(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \sec(x) &= \tan(x) \sec(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \csc(x) &= -\csc(x) \cot(x) \\ \frac{d}{dx} \sin^{-1}(x) &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \cos^{-1}(x) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ \frac{d}{dx} \tan^{-1}(x) &= \frac{1}{1+x^2}\end{aligned}$$

### 7.1.5 Parametric Differentiation

$$\begin{aligned}x &= f(t) & y &= g(t) \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= f'(t) & \frac{dy}{dt} &= g'(t) \\ \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{dt} / \frac{dx}{dt} = g'(t)/f'(t)\end{aligned}$$

## 7.2 Applications of Differentiation

### 7.2.1 Minima and Maxima

Minimum points occur when a graph changes from increasing to decreasing gradient. Maximum points occur when a graph changes from increasing to decreasing gradient.

To find minima and maxima, find where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ . To test whether a point is a minimum or a maximum, use the first derivative test or second derivative test.

### 7.2.2 First Order Derivative Test

### 7.2.3 Second Order Derivative Test

Find  $x$  where  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ . Evaluate  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at this value of  $x$ . A positive value indicates a minimum point while a negative value indicates a maximum point.

### 7.2.4 Concavity and Points of Inflection

A range  $[u, v]$  of a graph  $f(x)$  is concave down if all points within this range is equal to or above a line passing through  $f(u)$  and  $f(v)$ . A range is concave up if all points within this range is equal to or above this line. Strictly concave graphs do not have the property of "or equal to".

The concavity of a graph can also be related to gradient. A range  $[u, v]$  of a graph  $f(x)$  is concave down if its gradient is non-increasing across this interval. A range is concave if its gradient is non-decreasing across this interval.

Points of inflection occur when there is a change from concavity. Therefore, to find points of inflection, set the derivative of the gradient to zero, hence set the second derivative to zero and solve:  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$ .

## 7.3 Graphing Techniques

### 7.3.1 Graphs with Asymptotes

Consider graphs of the form  $y = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ .

Observe that if there are points where  $g(k) \rightarrow 0$ , there will be a vertical asymptote at the line  $x = k$ .

Also notice that if  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are polynomials, partial fractions can be used to simplify the graph if the order of  $f(x)$  is larger than the order of  $g(x)$ .

Consider  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $g(x) = dx + e$ .  $y$  can then be simplified using partial fractions to obtain  $y$  in the form  $y = px + r + \frac{s}{dx+e}$ . Such a graph will have a vertical asymptote at  $dx+e = 0$  and have oblique asymptotes tending towards  $y = px + r$ .

Note that if  $a = 0$  and hence  $f(x)$  is an order 1 polynomial, the oblique asymptote will become a horizontal asymptote. Also note that  $\lim_{y \rightarrow \pm\infty} y = px + r$  does not mean that  $y \neq px + r$  at any  $x$ . There can be interceptions of the curve with the asymptote.

To find range of values of  $y$ , either locate turning points of the graph using differentiation or equate  $y$  to some constant and solve where discriminant is more than or equal to zero.

### 7.3.2 Conic Sections

Conic Sections are a special category of graphs because they can be derived through the intersection of a plane with a three-dimensional biconic function.

Circles have equations of the form  $\frac{(x-a)^2}{r^2} + \frac{(y-b)^2}{r^2} = 1$ , where coordinates  $(a, b)$  indicate the center of the circle and  $r$  is the radius of said circle.

Ellipses have equations of the form  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$ , where coordinates  $(h, k)$  indicate the center of the ellipse,  $a$  is the largest distance from the center to any point in the  $x$  axis and  $b$  is the largest distance from the center to any point in the  $y$  axis.

Hyperbola have equations of the form  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$  or  $\frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} - \frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} = 1$ , where coordinates  $(h, k)$  indicate the center of the curves, and its asymptotes are given by the equation  $y - k = \frac{b}{a}(x - h)$ .

## 7.4 Mclaurin Series

Any equation of a  $n$ -degree polynomial can be recovered from the values of its first  $n$  derivatives at  $x = 0$ .



$$f(x) = a + bx + cx^2 + dx^3 \dots \Rightarrow f(0) = a$$

$$f'(x) = b + 2cx + 3dx^2 \dots \Rightarrow f'(0) = b$$

$$f''(x) = 2c + 6dx \dots \Rightarrow f''(0) = 2c$$

$$f'''(x) = 6d \dots \Rightarrow f'''(0) = 6d$$

...

$$f(x) = f(0) + f'(x) + \frac{f''(x)}{2!} + \frac{f'''(x)}{3!} \dots$$

By assuming that all equations can be approximated by a polynomial, approximations in a polynomial form can be given to non-polynomial functions. Values of these polynomials can be evaluated and used if the polynomial is convergent. I.e. for an arbitrary function  $f(x)$  :

$$f(x) \approx f(0) + \frac{f'(0)}{1!} + \frac{f''(0)}{2!} + \frac{f'''(0)}{3!} \dots$$

## 7.5 Graph Transformations

### 7.5.1 Linear Transformations

Four linear transformations of graphs need to be known:

- Scale along x axis:  
Scaling by factor a:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$
- Scale along y axis:  
Scaling by factor a:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x)a$
- Translate along x axis:  
Shifting left a units:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x+a)$   
Shifting right a units:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x-a)$
- Translate along y axis:  
Shifting up a units:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x) + a$   
Shifting down a units:  $f(x) \Rightarrow f(x) - a$

### 7.5.2 Inverse Graphs

Transformation of a graph  $f(x)$  to a graph  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  holds the properties:

- X intercepts  $\Rightarrow$  vertical asymptotes
- Vertical asymptotes  $\Rightarrow$  X intercepts with exclusion circle
- Horizontal asymptotes remain
- Exact coordinates for all marked points that are not on the x-axis

### 7.5.3 Derivative Graphs

Transformation of a graph  $f(x)$  to a graph  $f'(x)$  holds the properties:

- Maximum, minimum and points of inflection  $\Rightarrow$  x-intercepts
- Vertical asymptotes remain in location
- Oblique asymptotes  $\Rightarrow$  Horizontal asymptotes

## 8 Calculus II

### 8.1 Integration

#### 8.1.1 Standard Integral Forms

$$\int f'(x)dx = f(x) + c$$

$$\int f'(x)(f(x))^n dx = \frac{1}{n+1} f(x)^{n+1} + c$$

$$\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} dx = \ln(|f(x)|) + c$$

$$\int f'(x)e^{f(x)} dx = e^{f(x)} + c$$

#### 8.1.2 Special and Trigonometric Integrals

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 + a^2} dx = \frac{1}{a} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{\sqrt{a^2 - x^2}} dx = \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{x}{a} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{x^2 - a^2} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left( \frac{x-a}{x+a} \right) + c$$

$$\int \frac{1}{a^2 - x^2} dx = \frac{1}{2a} \ln \left( \frac{a+x}{a-x} \right) + c$$

$$\int \tan(x) dx = \ln(\sec(x))$$

$$\int \cot(x) dx = \ln(\sin(x))$$

$$\int \csc(x) dx = -\ln(\csc(x) + \cot(x))$$

$$\int \sec(x) dx = \ln(\sec(x) + \tan(x))$$

#### 8.1.3 Integration by Substitution

Given a substitution  $u(x)$  where  $f(x) = g(u)$

$$\int f(x) dx = \int g(u) \frac{dx}{du} du$$

For definite integrals, substitute  $u$  back to receive the integral as a function of  $x$ . For definite integrals with limits  $[a, b]$ , change limits to  $[u(a), u(b)]$  to evaluate the integral.

#### 8.1.4 Integration by Parts

Recall the chain rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} f(x)g(x) = f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x)$$

$$f(x)g(x) = \int f(x)g'(x) + f'(x)g(x) dx$$

$$\int f(x)g'(x) = f(x)g(x) - \int f'(x)g(x) dx$$

To find the indefinite integral of a function involving multiplication, use integration by parts to eliminate one part of the integral.

## 8.2 Definite Integrals

### 8.2.1 Area Under Curve

Area bounded by  $x$  axis,  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$  and  $f(x)$ :

$$\int_a^b |f(x)| dx$$

Area bounded by  $y$  axis,  $y = a$ ,  $y = b$  and  $f(y)$ :

$$\int_a^b |f(y)| dy$$

### 8.2.2 Area of Parametric

Area bounded by  $x$  axis,  $x = a$ ,  $x = b$  and parametric curve  $(x(t), y(t))$ :

$$\int_a^b y dx = \int_c^d y(t) \frac{dx}{dt} dt$$

Where  $x(c) = a, x(d) = b$

### 8.2.3 Volume of Rotation

Volume enclosed by curve rotated about  $x$  axis:

$$\pi \int_a^b (f(x))^2 dx$$

## 9 Differential Equations

### 9.1 Variable Separable Differential Equations

A differential equation is a equation which expresses derivatives of a function in terms of the function itself. Variable Separable Differential Equations are differential equations whose parts in terms of the original function can be removed from the parts which are in terms of other variables. To solve these, separate the equations and then integrate both sides respectively.

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= xy \\ \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= x \\ \int \frac{1}{y} dy &= \int x dx \\ \ln(y) + c_1 &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 + c_2 \end{aligned}$$

Be sure to correctly manipulate constants. Lowercase constants typically denote added or subtracted constants while uppercase constants typically denote constants as coefficients.

$$\begin{aligned} \ln(y) + c_1 &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 + c_2 \\ \ln(y) &= \frac{1}{2} x^2 + c_3 \\ y &= e^{\frac{1}{2} x^2 + c_3} \\ &= C_1 e^{\frac{1}{2} x^2} \end{aligned}$$

## 9.2 Initial Conditions

Differentiation is a destructive process. Information is lost when a function is differentiated, such as when the  $y$ -intercept of a  $y = mx + c$  graph is no longer known once differentiated. When questions provide initial conditions, known values of  $x$ ,  $y$  and their derivatives can be substituted to find the actual value of these constants.

## 10 Combinatorics and Probability

### 10.1 Permutations and Combinations

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

${}^n P_r$  gives the number of ways to order  $r$  objects out of a possible  $n$  objects.

If a group of objects to be ordered contains  $k_1, k_2 \dots$  similar objects, divide the number of permutations by  $k_1! k_2! \dots$

If  $n$  objects are placed in a ring, find the number of different ways to organize the  $n$  objects in a line and then divide by  $n$  as each permutation is overcounted for each  $n$  possible rotations.

$${}^n C_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$$

${}^n C_r$  gives the number of ways to choose  $r$  objects out of a possible  $n$  objects.

### 10.2 P & C Heuristics

#### 10.2.1 'Group' Method

When arranging  $n$  objects, of which  $k$  must be placed next to each other, consider the  $k$  objects as one single unit. Arrange the  $n - k + 1$  objects, then multiply by the number of ways the  $k$  objects can be arranged among themselves.

#### 10.2.2 'Slot' Method

When arranging  $n$  objects, of which  $k$  cannot be placed next to each other, arrange the remaining  $n - k$  objects and then 'slot' each of the  $k$  objects in the gaps between the  $n - k$  objects.

## 10.3 Probability and Search Space

For a number of events which have equal chance to occur, the function  $P$  represents the fraction of cases where this condition is true.

$$P(\text{condition}) = \frac{\text{Cases where condition is true}}{\text{Count of all possible cases}}$$

As a result,  $P(\text{Guaranteed true condition}) = 1$  and  $P(\text{Guaranteed false condition}) = 0$ .

## 10.4 Inverse, Unions and Intersections

The probability of multiple conditions can be compounded using their Inverse, Unions and Intersections.

The inverse  $A'$  of an event is the set of events which do not appear in the event  $A$ .

The union  $A \cup B$  of two events is the set of events which appear at least once in  $A$  or  $B$ .

The intersection  $A \cap B$  of two events is the set of events which appear in both  $A$  and  $B$ .

Two events are mutually exclusive if the intersection between the two events is empty.

$$\begin{aligned} P(A) &= 1 - P(A') \\ P(A \cup B) &= P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B) \\ P(A) &= P(A|B) + P(A|B') \end{aligned}$$

## 10.5 Conditional Probability

Conditional probability considers the probability of an event given that another event has already occurred.

$$\begin{aligned} P(B|A) &= \text{Probability that B occurs given that A has occurred} \\ &= \frac{P(B \cap A)}{P(A)} \end{aligned}$$

## 10.6 Independence

Two events are independent if one event occurring does not affect the probability of another from occurring.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{A and B are Independent} \\ \iff P(B|A) &= P(B) \\ \iff P(A|B) &= P(A) \\ \iff P(A \cap B) &= P(A)P(B) \end{aligned}$$

# 11 Discrete Random Variable

## 11.1 Probability Distribution

A discrete random variable  $X$  (or denoted by other capital letters) is a variable which can take a finite and distinct set of values. Its probability distribution is a description of the probability that it takes some value.

$x$	1	2	...	5
$P(X = x)$	0.2	0.3		0.1

## 11.2 Expectation and Variance

The expectation value of a discrete random variable is the sum of the products of its possible values and the probability for it to be some value.

$$E(X) = \sum_x P(X = x) \times x$$

The variance of a discrete random variable is a quantification of how spread out are the possible values of  $X$  from its mean.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Var}(X) &= \sum_x P(X = x) \times (x - E(X))^2 \\ &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2 \end{aligned}$$

The standard deviation  $\sigma$  of a discrete random variable is another representation of spread from its mean, but more accurate to the scale of the original random variable.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\text{Var}(X)}$$

## 11.3 Binomial Distribution

A binomial distribution  $X \sim B(n, p)$  is the probability distribution describing the number of successful trials over  $n$  total trials, each with a probability of success  $p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} P(X = x) &= {}^n C_x \times p^x \times (1 - p)^{n-x} \\ E(X) &= np \\ \text{Var}(X) &= np(1 - p) \end{aligned}$$

# 12 Continuous Random Variable

## 12.1 Continuous Random Variable

Unlike discrete random variables, continuous random variables are described by a probability distribution function (p.d.f.). The actual probability of the random variable having a value between a range is its direct integral of the p.d.f. within the range.

A p.d.f., when integrated across the range  $(-\infty, \infty)$  should have a total probability of 1. Such a function is said to be normalized.

## 12.2 Expectation and Variance

The expectation value of a continuous random variable is the integral of the product of its instantaneous value and the probability distribution function at that value.

$$E(X) = \int P(X = x)x \, dx$$

The variance of a continuous random variable is obtained in a similar fashion to discrete random variables.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Var}(X) &= \int P(X = x) \times (x - E(X))^2 \, dx \\ &= E(X^2) - E(X)^2\end{aligned}$$

## 12.3 Normal Distribution

A normal distribution is a graph of the form  $e^{-x^2}$ , with added terms to ensure that its mean and standard deviation is equal to a specified value. Normal distributions are defined as  $X \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$  by assigning them a mean and a standard deviation.

## 12.4 Standard Normal Distribution

The standard normal distribution  $Z$  is a specially defined normal distribution as  $Z \sim N(0, 1)$ . Other normal random variables can be adjusted in order to equal the standard normal distribution.

$$Z = \frac{X - \mu}{\sigma}$$

From this, the calculation of probabilities can be done through the use of data tables or the inverse normal distribution function.

## 12.5 Combination of Random Variables

$$X \sim N(\mu_X, \sigma_X^2) \quad Y \sim N(\mu_Y, \sigma_Y^2)$$

$$X + c \sim N(\mu_X + c, \sigma_X^2)$$

$$X + Y \sim N(\mu_X + \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$$

$$X - Y \sim N(\mu_X - \mu_Y, \sigma_X^2 + \sigma_Y^2)$$

$$k_1X + k_2Y \sim N(k_1\mu_X + k_2\mu_Y, k_1^2\sigma_X^2 + k_2^2\sigma_Y^2)$$

- Adding a constant to a normal distribution only adjusts its mean
- Adding two normal distributions adds their means together and adds their variances
- Subtracting a normal distribution from another requires subtracting their mean but adding their variances
- Multiplying a random variable by a constant factor  $k$  requires adding its mean with a factor  $k$  and adding its variance with an additional factor of  $k^2$

## 12.6 Modeling as Normal Distribution

To model a random variable as a normal distribution:

- Random variable should have bell curve-like distribution
- Random variable should 'make sense' with values from  $(-\infty, \infty)$ , or at least minimize the probability of a nonsensical value
- Multiple observations of the random variable should be independent of each other
- Observations of multiple different random variables should be independent of each other

## 13 Sampling

### 13.1 Populations and Samples

A population is the entire collection of data to be studied. When populations are too large, too fluid/changing to measure at once or the amount of data to be collected is limited, a sample may be taken to represent the distribution of the population instead.

Given a population described by a random variable  $X$ , multiple independent observations of that random variable can be used to obtain a sample. From this sample, an approximate of the population's parameters of mean and variance can be obtained.

### 13.2 Sample Parameters

When a sample of size  $n$  is taken from a population  $X$  with unknown population mean  $\mu$  and unknown population variance  $\sigma^2$ , sample mean and sample variance can be obtained.

From the sample parameters, unbiased estimates of the population mean  $\bar{x}$  and unbiased estimates of the variance  $s^2$  can be obtained.

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{x} &= \frac{x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \cdots + x_n}{n} = \frac{\sum x}{n} \\ s^2 &= \frac{1}{n-1} \left[ \sum x^2 - \frac{(\sum x)^2}{n} \right]\end{aligned}$$

### 13.3 Sample Mean

Different samples of a population may get a different unbiased estimate of mean  $\bar{x}$ . As such, the distribution of such sample means can be said to be a random variable  $\bar{X}$ , defined as

$$\bar{X} = \frac{1}{n} \sum X = \frac{X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \cdots + X_n}{n}$$

with  $E(\bar{X}) = \mu$  and  $\text{Var}(\bar{X}) = \frac{\sigma^2}{n}$ .

## 13.4 Central Limit Theorem

The central limit theorem states that for large  $n \geq 50$ , regardless of the distribution of the population its sample mean will *approximately follow a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\frac{\sigma^2}{n}$* .

## 14 Hypothesis Testing

### 14.1 Hypotheses

A null hypothesis  $H_0 : \mu = k$  is a proposed hypothesis of what property a random variable should hold.

An alternative hypothesis  $H_1 : \mu \neq k$  is a proposed hypothesis which contradicts a null hypothesis, and describes how a null hypothesis will be tested.

The Level of Significance of a test is the probability of the result of the test to incorrectly reject the null hypothesis, i.e. the chance the result is a false positive. Levels of Significance can range from 0.000001 in physical sciences to 0.05 in general sciences to 0.3 in social sciences.

### 14.2 Z-Test

A Z-test is a statistical test for the validity of a null hypothesis which follows a normal distribution.

A null hypothesis is first established with its mean  $\mu$  and variance  $\sigma^2$  OR  $s^2$ , either from known data or using an unbiased estimate of a sample.

A sample mean with  $n$  samples and mean  $\bar{x}$  is taken. This sample mean is then compared to the distribution of the null hypothesis with distribution  $X \sim N(\mu, \frac{\sigma^2}{n})$ .

The probability of the sample mean lying at the extremities of the null hypothesis is then calculated and compared to the level of significance of the test.

#### 14.2.1 Syntax for p-value Test

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#### 14.2.2 Syntax for z-value Test

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