

Periodic Functions

Definition:

A function $f(x)$ is called a periodic function with a period T if there exists a real number $T > 0$ such that for each x in the domain of f , $x-T$ & $x+T$ are also in the domain of f . & $f(x+T) = f(x) \forall x$ in domain

$$y = [x] \quad (\times)$$

$$y = \{x\} \quad \checkmark$$

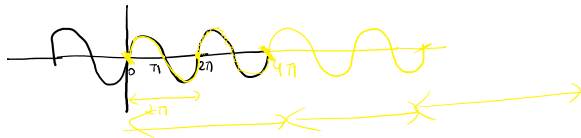
$$y = \ln x \quad (\times)$$

$$y = e^x \quad (\times)$$

$$y = \operatorname{sgn}(x) \quad (\times)$$

$$y = (\text{Algebraic Polynomial}) = x^2$$

$$f(x) = \sin x$$



$$f(x+T) = f(x)$$

$$\sin(x+T) = \sin x$$

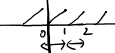
$$\Rightarrow (2\pi n)$$

$$T = 4\pi, 6\pi, 8\pi, 10\pi, \dots$$

fundamental period of function.

$$\text{e.g. } f(x) = \{x\}$$

$$\text{fundamental period} = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots$$



Note: The smallest value of which $f(x+T) = f(x)$ in domain of f . Then T is called the fundamental period of $f(x)$

Properties of periodic functions.

(i) Period of standard functions:

$$\sin x, \cos x, \sec x, \csc x$$

Period (fundamental)

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$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Step 1: } 2 \text{ steps} \\ & \text{Step 2: } 3 \text{ steps} \\ & \text{Step 3: } 0, 6, 12, 18 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Step 1: } \sin x \\ & \text{Step 2: } \sin(x) \\ & \text{Step 3: } \{2\pi, \pi\} \\ & \text{Step 4: } \pi \{2, 1\} \\ & \text{Step 5: } (2\pi) \end{aligned}$$

(2) If $f(x)$ has period T then $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ and $\sqrt{f(x)}$ also has period T .

$$\text{e.g. } \sqrt{\cos x}, \sqrt{\sin x}, \sqrt{\tan x}$$

(3) $f(x)$ has period T then $f(ax+b)$ has a period $\frac{T}{|a|}$.

$$\Rightarrow \sin x \Rightarrow 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2x \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin(-3x) \Rightarrow \frac{2\pi}{|-3|} = \frac{2\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \{3x\} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\sin(5x)| \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{5}$$

$$|\sin(8x)| \Rightarrow \pi$$

(4) If $f(x)$ has period T_1 and $g(x)$ has period T_2 then,

$$f(x) \pm g(x), f(x) \cdot g(x) \text{ or } \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\text{is the L.C.M of } T_1 \text{ and } T_2$$

$$\text{Provided the L.C.M exists.}$$

$$\text{e.g. } \{x\} + \{2x\} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M of } 1 \text{ and } \frac{1}{2} = 2$$

$$T_1 = 1, T_2 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 2$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 10$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 4$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{8} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 8$$

$$\frac{1}{10} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 10$$

$$\frac{1}{12} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 12$$

$$\frac{1}{15} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 15$$

$$\frac{1}{18} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 18$$

$$\frac{1}{20} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 20$$

$$\frac{1}{24} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 24$$

$$\frac{1}{30} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 30$$

$$\frac{1}{36} \Rightarrow \text{L.C.M} = 36$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{l.c.m. of } (6, 4, 5) &= \text{l.c.m. of } (6, 4, 5) \\ \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5} \right) &= \frac{\text{l.c.m. of } (1, 3, 4)}{\text{l.c.m. of } (2, 4, 5)} \end{aligned}$$