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Week 1

Sets, Functions and Inequalities

Overview

- Part 1: Sets
 - What are sets?
 - How can we use them?
- Part 2: Functions
 - What are functions?
 - Types of Functions
 - Standard Functions and their properties
 - Exponential
 - Logarithm
 - Trigonometric Functions
- Part 3: Inequalities
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 - Solving inequalities

Part 1: Sets

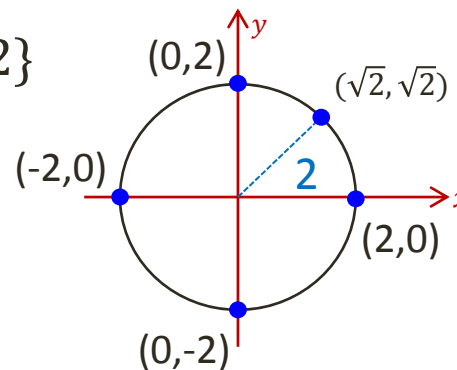
What are sets?

- A **set** is a collection of distinct objects called elements
- Examples:
 - $\{1,2,3,4\}$ is a **set** of numbers
 - $\{\text{apples, bananas, figs, oranges}\}$ is a **set** of fruits
- These are **NOT** sets:
 - $\{\text{all young workers}\}$ \leftarrow objects not clearly specified
 - $\{1,2,3,4,\sqrt{9}\}$ \leftarrow objects not unique ($\sqrt{9} = 3$)

Part 1: Sets

How do we write them?

- List all of the objects:
 - $\{1,2,3,4\}$
 - $\{2,4,6,8, \dots\}$
- Use **Set-Builder Notation**:
 - $\{\text{variables} \mid \text{conditions that elements of set must satisfy}\}$
 - $\{n \mid n \text{ is a positive integer, and } n \leq 4\} = \{1,2,3,4\}$
 - $\{x \mid -2 \leq x < 4\}$
 - $\{(x, y) \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2\}$



Part 1: Sets

Standard Sets

- ϕ is the **empty set**
 - Contains no elements
 - Every set contains the empty set
- \mathbb{N} is the set of **natural numbers** $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
 - Some textbooks include 0, so be careful
- \mathbb{Z} is the set of **integers** $\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- \mathbb{Q} is the set of **rational numbers**
 - Can be written as $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are integers
- \mathbb{R} is the set of **real numbers**
 - Any “standard” number (that you’ll come across in this course)

Part 1: Sets

Standard Sets

- Can specify points in 2-, 3- or higher-dimensional space:
 - \mathbb{R}^2 is the set of all real points on a 2-dimensional **plane** (x,y)
 - \mathbb{R}^3 is the set of all real points in a 3-dimensional **space** (x,y,z)
- Can do the same with other sets:
 - \mathbb{N}^2 would be the set of pairs of natural numbers (e.g. (1,1), (1,2))
 - $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{Q}$ would be the set of pairs of a real number with a rational number (e.g. (1,1), (π , 0.5), etc)
- Use in **Set-Builder Notation**:
 - Declare what sort of values we want:
 - $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \leq 4\} = \{1,2,3,4\}$
 - $\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = 2\}$
 - Don't have to use this style:
 - $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x < 3\} = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } x < 3\}$

\in means “element of”

Part 1: Sets

Sets of Real Numbers

- Can write **intervals** in shorthand

- $(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\}$

- $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$

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- $(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x \leq b\}$

- $(-\infty, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < b\}$

- $(-\infty, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq b\}$

- $(a, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > a\}$

- $[a, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq a\}$

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Part 1: Sets

Comparing Sets

- \in means “element of”
- \notin means “not an element of”
- \subseteq means **subset**, or “is contained by”
 - $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$
 - $\{1,2,3\} \subseteq \{1,2,3\}$
 - $A \subseteq A$
- \subsetneq means **proper subset**, or “is contained by, but not equal to”
 - $\{1,2,3\} \subsetneq \{1,2,3,4\}$
 - $\mathbb{N} \subsetneq \mathbb{Z}$
- \subset means one of these, depending on how things are written
 - Different people use it slightly differently, so be careful
 - We’ll be using it as being meaning proper subset (same definition as \subsetneq)
- **Supersets**, meaning “contains”
 - \supseteq (**Superset**) : $\{1,2,3,4\} \supseteq \{1,2,3,4\}$
 - \supsetneq (**Proper Superset**) : $\{1,2,3,4\} \supsetneq \{1,2,3\}$
 - \supset is equally ambiguous as \subset : For this class, use it as meaning \supsetneq

Part 1: Sets

Operations on Sets

- $A \cup B$, the **union** of A and B, equals:

- $\{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$

- Union of infinitely many sets:

$$A \cup B \cup C \cup D \cup \dots$$

- $A \cap B$, **intersection** of A and B, equals

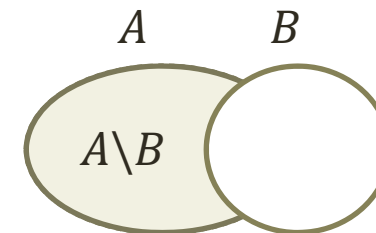
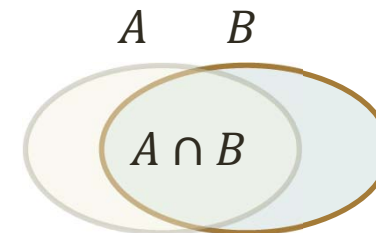
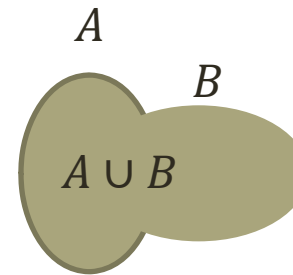
- $\{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$

- Intersection of infinitely many sets:

$$A \cap B \cap C \cap D \cap \dots$$

- $A \setminus B$, **difference** of A and B, equals

- $\{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$



Part 1: Sets

Examples

- Write the elements of $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x < 5\}$
 - $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- Are the following statements true?
 - $\pi \in \mathbb{Q}$
 - $(1, \sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$
 - $0.5 \in \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 2x = 1\}$
 - $\frac{1}{3} \in \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 9x^2 = 1\}$

Part 1: Sets

Examples

- Write the elements of $\{x \in \mathbb{N} \mid x < 5\}$
 - $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- Are the following statements true?
 - $\pi \in \mathbb{Q}$ FALSE
 - $(1, \sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ TRUE
 - $0.5 \in \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 2x = 1\}$ FALSE ($0.5 \notin \mathbb{Z}$, RHS is empty)
 - $\frac{1}{3} \in \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 9x^2 = 1\}$ TRUE

Part 1: Sets

Examples

- Describe all the subsets of each of {dog, cat, budgie}
 - ϕ , {dog}, {cat}, {budgie}, {dog, cat}, {dog, budgie}, {cat, budgie}, {dog, cat, budgie}
- Using interval notation, write:
 - $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$
 - $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$
 - $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 < 4\}$
 - $(-2, 2)$
 - $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x(x - 1) \geq 0\}$
 - $(-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$

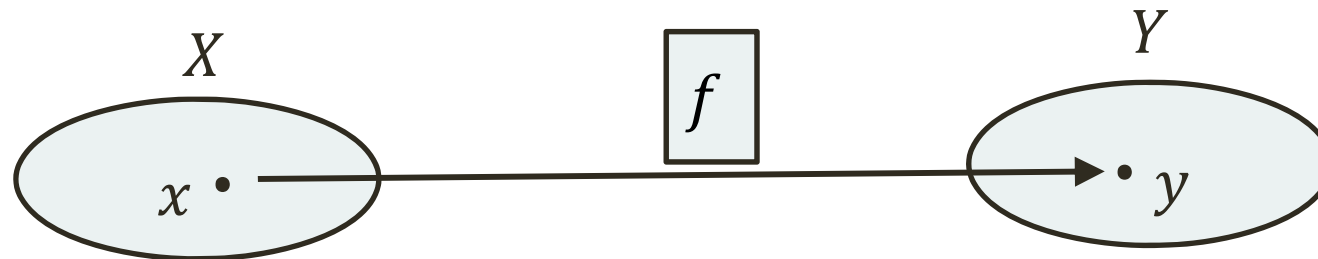
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Week 1: Part 2

Functions

Part 2: Functions

Notation and Terminology



- X, Y are two sets
- A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is a relation such that for each $x \in X$, f assigns a unique $y \in Y$ to it, denoted by $y = f(x)$.
- x is called the **independent variables**
- y is called the **dependent variable**
- X is the **domain** of f
- $R = \{y \in Y | y = f(x) \text{ for some } x \in X\}$ is called the range of f
- A function $f: X \rightarrow Y$ is called a **real function** or real-valued function.

Part 2: Functions

Examples of functions

- Power function (p is some real constant)

$$f(x): D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad f(x) = x^p$$

the domain $D \subset \mathbb{R}$ depends on the value of p

- Polynomial

For $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, function $p(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ given by

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

Is call a polynomial, its order is n if $a_n \neq 0$.

- Rational function ($p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials)

$$r(x): \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

Part 2: Functions

Some notes on finding domain/range

- If you can't calculate a function's value at a point, then that point isn't in the domain. e.g.
 - $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ has domain $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$, because we can't divide by zero
 - $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ has domain $[0, \infty)$, because we can't take the square root of a negative number
 - This holds for real numbers. Complex numbers let you do this, but that's outside of this course
- The range can often be determined by plotting the function
 - We'll explore this in the tutorial

Part 2: Functions

Exponential Function

- $f(x) = b^x$ (where b is some constant in $(0, \infty)$)
- b : base
- x : exponent (power)
- The most common choice for b is $e = 2.71828 \dots$
 - e is called Euler's number, we'll look at it next week in Limits
- $b = 10$ is also common, and is referred to as scientific notation. Julia uses this:
 - $-1.5\text{e}6$ means -1.5×10^6 (-1,500,000)
 - $9\text{e}-15$ means 9×10^{-15} (0.000,000,000,000,009)

Part 2: Functions

Exponential Function

- Properties

- $b^x > 0$
- $b^x \times b^y = b^{x+y}$
- $\frac{b^x}{b^y} = b^{x-y}$
- $b^0 = 1$
- $b^{-x} = \frac{1}{b^x}$

$$\frac{b^x}{b^x} = b^{x-x} \Rightarrow 1 = b^0$$

$$\frac{1}{b^x} = \frac{b^0}{b^x} = b^{0-x} = b^{-x}$$

- $(ab)^x = a^x b^x$
- $(b^x)^y = b^{xy}$
- $b^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{b}$

$$\sqrt{b^2} = (b^2)^{\frac{1}{2}} = b^{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = b^1 = b$$

- If $b > 1$, then b^x grows as x increases
- If $b < 1$, then b^x decreases as x increases

Part 2: Functions

Exponential Function

- Example

- Turn $\frac{\sqrt[3]{2^x} 4^x}{4^3 4^{x/3}}$ into a power of 2

- $$\frac{\sqrt[3]{2^x} 4^x}{4^3 4^{x/3}} = \frac{(2^x)^{\frac{1}{3}} (2^2)^x}{(2^2)^3 (2^2)^{\frac{x}{3}}}$$
- $$= \frac{2^{\frac{x}{3}} 2^{2x}}{2^6 2^{\frac{2x}{3}}}$$
- $$= 2^{(\frac{x}{3} + 2x - \frac{2x}{3} - 6)}$$
- $$= 2^{(\frac{6x}{3} - \frac{x}{3} - 6)}$$
- $$= 2^{(\frac{5x}{3} - 6)}$$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- The **log function** with base b is defined by
 - $\log_b x = y \Leftrightarrow x = b^y$
 - That is, the log function reverses the exponential function, and is its **inverse**. This means that when combined, they cancel each other out:
 - $\log_b(b^y) = y$ and $b^{\log_b x} = x$
 - Any base b (> 0) is allowed
 - $b = e = 2.718 \dots$ is the most important and popular
 - $b = 10$ and $b = 2$ are also sometimes used
- The natural log function $\log_e x$ is written as $\log(x)$ or $\ln(x)$
- Julia uses $\log(x)$ for $\log_e x$ and $\log(b,x)$ for $\log_b x$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- Properties

- $\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$

$$b^x b^y = b^{x+y}$$

- $\log_b \left(\frac{x}{y} \right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$

$$\frac{b^x}{b^y} = b^{x-y}$$

- $\log_b(x^y) = y \log_b x$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- Example
 - Express $\ln(2\sqrt[3]{9})$ in terms of $\ln 2$ and $\ln 3$
 - $\ln(2\sqrt[3]{9}) = \ln\left(2(3^2)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$
 - $= \ln\left(2 \times 3^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$
 - $= \ln 2 + \ln\left(3^{\frac{2}{3}}\right)$
 - $= \ln 2 + \frac{2}{3}\ln 3$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- Example

- Simplify $e^{-2 \ln x}$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{-2 \ln x} &= \frac{1}{e^{2 \ln x}} \\ &= \frac{1}{e^{\ln x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

- Simplify $\log_{10}(0.01 \times 10^x)$

$$\begin{aligned} \log_{10}(0.01 \times 10^x) &= \log_{10}(10^{-2} 10^x) \\ &= \log_{10} 10^{x-2} \\ &= x - 2 \end{aligned}$$

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Logarithmic Functions

- Example
 - Solve the equation $\ln(y - 1) = 2$ for y

$$\begin{aligned}\ln(y - 1) = 2 &\Rightarrow e^{\ln(y-1)} = e^2 \\ y - 1 &= e^2 \\ y &= e^2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- Example

- Find y if $\ln(x^2 - 1) - 2 \ln(x + 1) = \ln y$

- $\ln y = \ln(x^2 - 1) - 2 \ln(x + 1)$

- $\ln y = \ln(x^2 - 1) - \ln((x + 1)^2)$

- $\ln y = \ln\left(\frac{x^2 - 1}{(x + 1)^2}\right)$

- Since $\frac{x^2 - 1}{(x + 1)^2} = \frac{(x + 1)(x - 1)}{(x + 1)^2} = \frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$

- We have $\ln y = \ln \frac{x - 1}{x + 1} \Rightarrow y = \frac{x - 1}{x + 1}$

Part 2: Functions

Logarithmic Functions

- Conversion (Change of Base)
 - $y = \log_b x$ can be expressed in terms of $\log_a x$ according to the log conversion formula:

- $$\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$$

- Example
 - Evaluate $\log_7 23$ using the natural logarithm function on your calculator.

- $$\log_7 23 = \frac{\log_e 23}{\log_e 7} = \frac{\ln 23}{\ln 7} \approx 1.61$$

Part 2: Functions

Trigonometric Functions

- Sine, cosine and tangent Functions

- $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

- $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adjacent}}{\text{hypotenuse}}$

- $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{opposite}}{\text{adjacent}}$

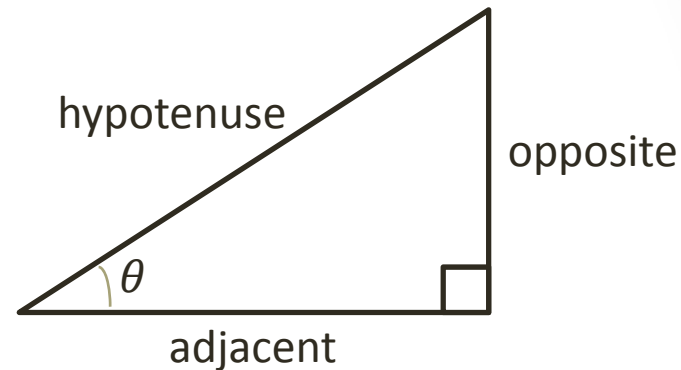
- **NOTE**

- $(\sin \theta)^n$ is written as $\sin^n \theta$
- $\sin \theta^n$ usually represents $\sin(\theta^n)$

- Converting between degrees and radians

- $\text{radians} = \frac{\pi}{180} \times \text{degrees}$

- $\text{degrees} = \frac{180}{\pi} \times \text{radians}$



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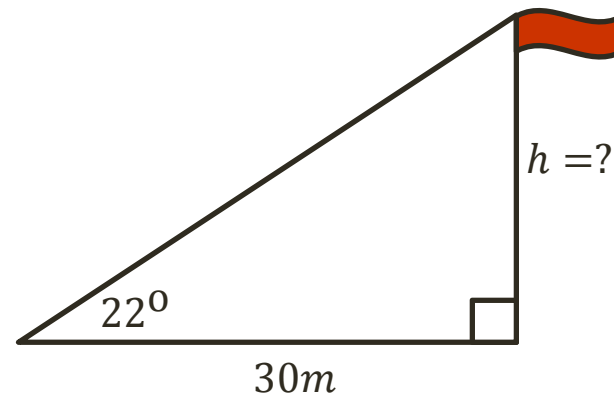
θ is restricted to $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

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Examples

- The angle of inclination of the top of a flagpole from a distance of 30m is 22 degrees. How high is the flagpole?

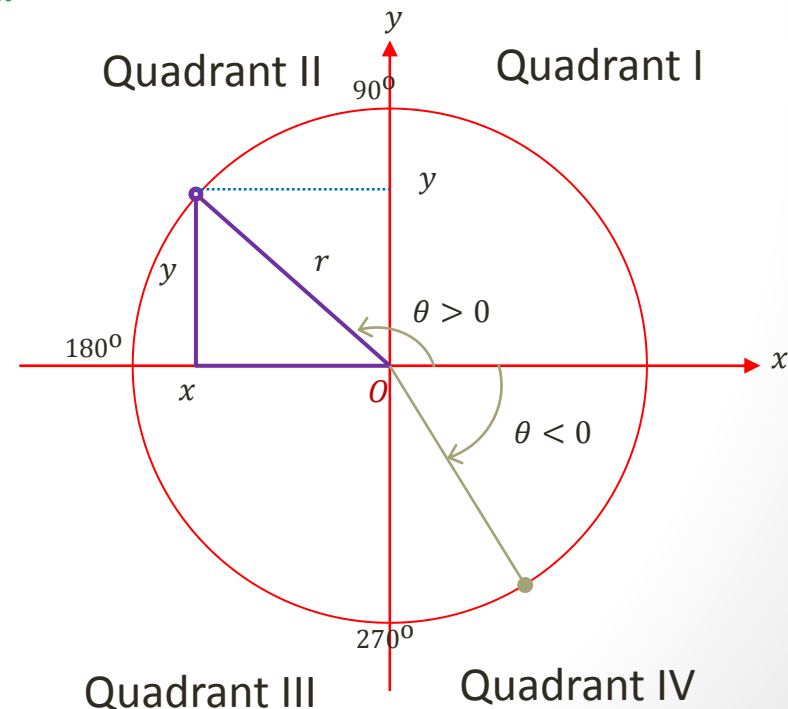
- $\tan 22^\circ = \frac{h}{30}$
- $h = 30 \tan 22^\circ \approx 12.12m$



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Trigonometric Functions

- Extension to arbitrary angle
 - $\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$, $\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$, $\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$
 - Signs for $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$ change according to the signs of x and y
- Important identities:
 - $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$
 - $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$



Part 2: Functions

Inverse functions **asin** and **acos**

- What are the values of $\theta \in [0^\circ, 360^\circ)$ such that $\cos \theta = 1/2$?
 - $\arccos \frac{1}{2} = 60^\circ$
 - $\cos \theta > 0$, so quadrants 1 and 4
 - $\theta = 60^\circ, (360 - 60)^\circ = 300^\circ$
- Solve $\sin \theta = -\frac{1}{2}$ for $\theta \in [0, 2\pi)$
 - $\arcsin -\frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{6} \left(= 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{11\pi}{6} \right)$
 - $\sin \theta < 0$ so quadrants 3 and 4
 - $\theta = \pi + \frac{\pi}{6}, 2\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}$
 - $\theta = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$

Calculators can usually help here!

$$\arcsin x = \theta$$

(i.e. $\sin^{-1} x = \theta$)

$$-90^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$$
$$-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(Same applies to tan)

$$\arccos x = \theta$$

(i.e. $\cos^{-1} x = \theta$)

$$0 \leq \theta \leq 180^\circ$$
$$0 \leq \theta \leq \pi$$

Part 2: Functions

Periodic Functions

- If a function has a repeating pattern, it's said to be **periodic**
 - The size of a single instance of the pattern is called its **period**.

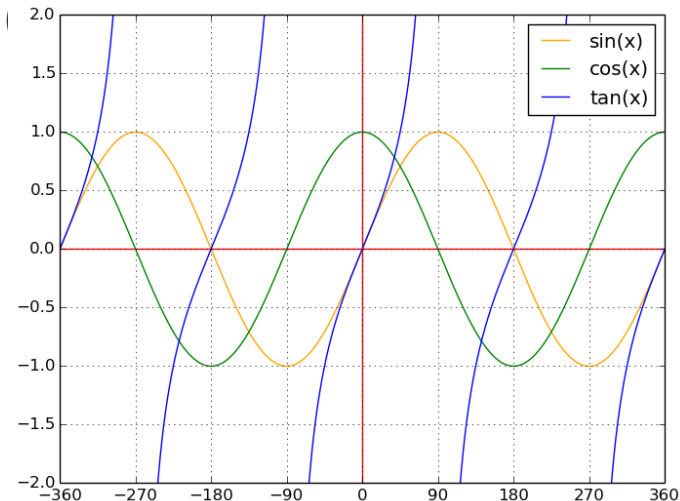
More formally,

- If for all values of x ,

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

$f(x)$ is a **periodic function** with **period** T

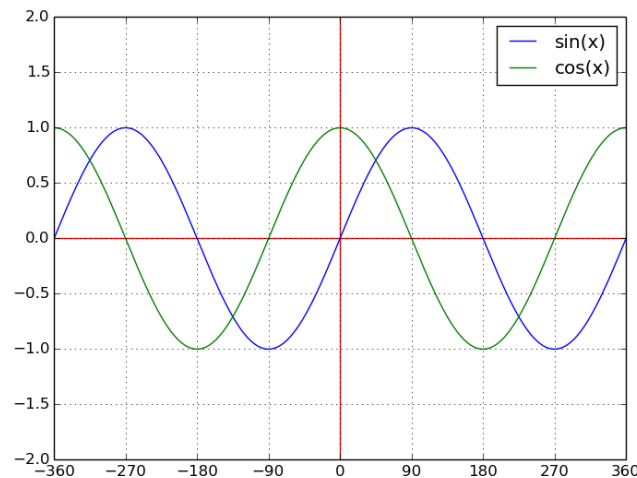
- $\sin \theta$, $\cos \theta$ and $\tan \theta$ are all periodic functions
 - $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ both have period 2π
 - $\tan \theta$ has period π (180 degrees)



Part 2: Functions

Odd and Even Functions

- Odd and even functions are “reflected” in the line $x = 0$
 - $f(x)$ is **even** if $f(x) = f(-x)$ ----- symmetric about y axis
 - $f(x)$ is **odd** if $f(x) = -f(-x)$ ----- symmetric about origin
- $\cos(x)$ is **even** as $\cos \theta = \cos(-\theta)$
- $\sin(x)$ is **odd** as $\sin \theta = -\sin(-\theta)$



Part 2: Functions

Examples

- Classify the following functions as odd, even or neither
 - $f(x) = x$
 - $f(x) = x^2$
 - $f(x) = x^3$
 - $f(x) = e^x$
 - $f(x) = \tan(x)$ hint: $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$

Part 2: Functions

Examples

- Classify the following functions as odd, even or neither

- $f(x) = x$ **ODD** $f(-x) = -x = -f(x)$

- $f(x) = x^2$ **EVEN** $f(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 = f(x)$

- $f(x) = x^3$ **ODD** $f(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3 = -f(x)$

- $f(x) = e^x$ **NEITHER** $f(-x) = e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x} \neq e^x = f(x)$

- $f(x) = \tan(x)$ hint: $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$ **ODD**

- $f(-x) = \tan(-x) = \frac{\sin(-x)}{\cos(-x)} = \frac{-\sin x}{\cos x} = -\tan(x) = -f(x)$

Part 2: Functions

Increasing and Decreasing Functions

- A function is said to be an increasing function if for any values $x_2 \geq x_1$,
 - $f(x_2) \geq f(x_1)$
- Likewise, a function is decreasing if:
 - $f(x_2) \leq f(x_1)$
- Example:
 - $f(x) = e^x$ is an increasing function
 - $f(x) = e^{-x}$ is a decreasing function
- We'll touch on this more next week

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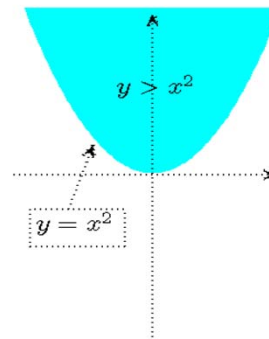
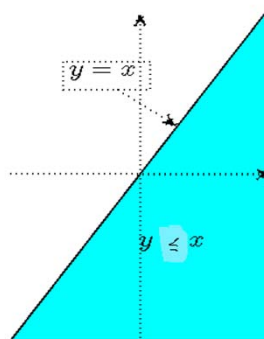
Week 1: Part 3

Inequalities

Part 3: Inequalities

Introduction

- **Inequalities** are relations between unequal quantities
- Each inequality has one of the 4 possible inequality signs
 - $3 > 2$ “greater than” inequality
 - $|x| \geq x$ “greater or equal to” inequality
 - $|x| < 3$ “less than” inequality
 - $|y - 1| \leq x$ “less or equal to” inequality
- Geometry:
 - $y \leq x$: all points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ on or under line $y = x$
 - $y > x^2$: all points $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ above the curve $y = x^2$



Part 3: Inequalities

Introduction

- Properties of Inequalities after operations

- An inequality will remain unchanged by adding or subtracting equal quantities to or from both sides

$$3 > 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} 3 + a > 2 + a \\ \text{and } 3 - a > 2 - a \end{array} \quad \text{for any real } a$$

- Multiplying or dividing both sides of an inequality by a positive number the inequality will not change

$$3 > 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} 3a > 2a \\ \text{and } \frac{3}{a} > \frac{2}{a} \end{array} \quad \text{for any } a > 0$$

- Multiplying or dividing both sides of an inequality by a negative number the inequality will change direction

$$3 > 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad \begin{array}{l} -2 \times 3 < -2 \times 2 \\ \text{and } -\frac{3}{2} < -\frac{2}{2} \end{array}$$

- Swap the left and right hand sides of the inequality the inequality sign changes direction

$$3 > 2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2 < 3$$

Part 3: Inequalities

Solving Inequalities

- Solving inequalities involves some manipulations such as the operations mentioned in the last slide.

- Example: Solve $-9 > -3x$.

Multiply by -1 (change “ $>$ ” to “ $<$ ”):

$$9 < 3x$$

Swap sides (change “ $<$ ” to “ $>$ ”):

$$3x > 9$$

Divide by 3 (“ $>$ ” remains):

$$x > 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{the solution}$$

Part 3: Inequalities

Solving Inequalities

Example. Solve inequality for x : $\frac{2x-3}{9} > 1$

Solution.

Multiply by 9 (" $>$ " remain unchanged):

$$2x - 3 > 9$$

Add 3 (" $>$ " remain unchanged):

$$2x > 12$$

Divide by 2 (" $>$ " remain unchanged):

$$x > 4 \quad \leftarrow \text{the solution}$$

Part 3: Inequalities

Solving Inequalities

Example. Solve inequality for x in $\frac{x-3}{x+5} > 0$

Solution. Both numerator and denominator must have the same sign
 \Rightarrow (1) or (2) below must hold.

$$(1) \quad x - 3 > 0 \text{ and } x + 5 > 0$$

$$(2) \quad x - 3 < 0 \text{ and } x + 5 < 0$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow x > 3 \text{ and } x > -5 \Rightarrow x > 3$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow x < 3 \text{ and } x < -5 \Rightarrow x < -5$$

The solution is: $x < -5$ or $x > 3$.
or $x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (3, \infty)$

Next Week

- Polynomial factorization
- Sequences and series
- Arithmetic and Geometric Progressions
- Compound interests