

## Week 9 Graph Sketching & Kinematics Lecture Note

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### Cornell Notes

#### Topic:

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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

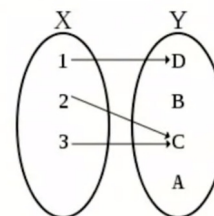
#### What is a function?

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

$f(3)=2 \times 3 + 4 = 10$       $f(-1)=2 \times (-1) + 4 = 2$       $f(13)=2 \times 13 + 4 = 30$



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...

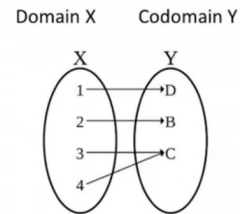
Codomain of a function: elements of  $Y$  linked by  $f$  to  $X$

(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

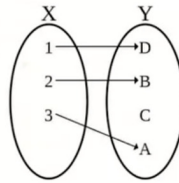
# What is a function?

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

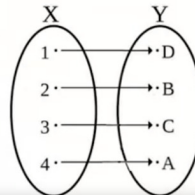


Injective function:

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:

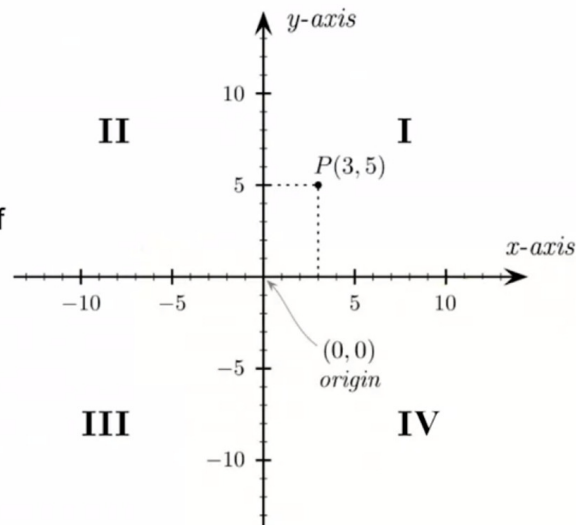
each point  $P$  is labeled by a pair of numbers  $(x, y)$

$x$  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  $P(0, y)$

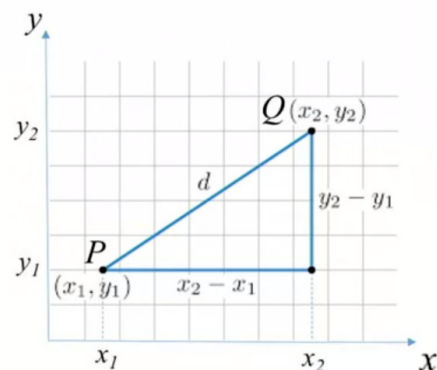
Generic point on  $x$ -axis  $P(x, 0)$



Distance between  $P$  and  $Q$ :

Using Pythagoras theorem

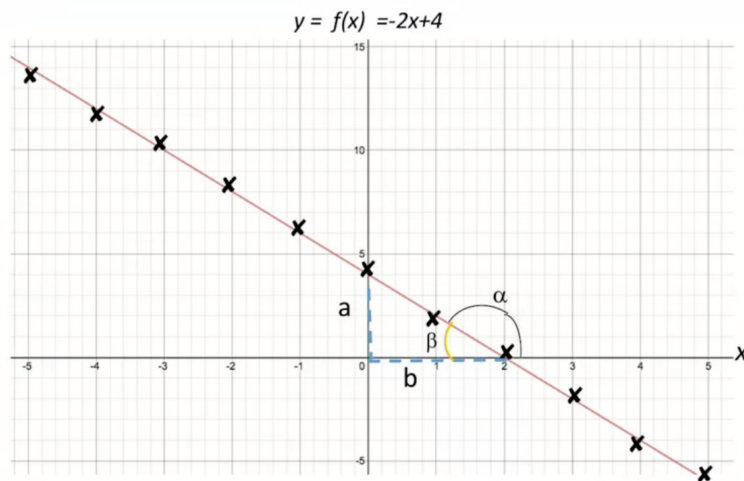
$$d_{PQ} = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$



## 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)	$= -2(1) + 4 = 2$	$= 0$	$= -2$	$= -4$	
coordinates	(1, 2)	(2, 0)	(3, -2)	(4, -4)	



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

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  $\rightarrow y = 0 \rightarrow f(x_0) = 0$

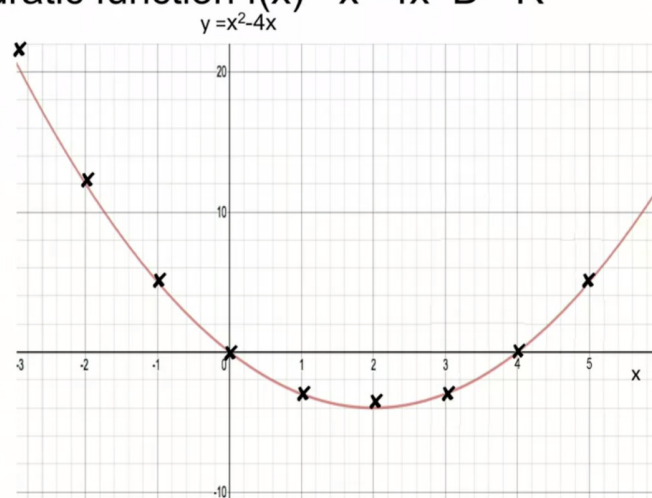
Solve  $-2x_0 + 4 = 0 \rightarrow 2x_0 = 4 \rightarrow x_0 = 2$

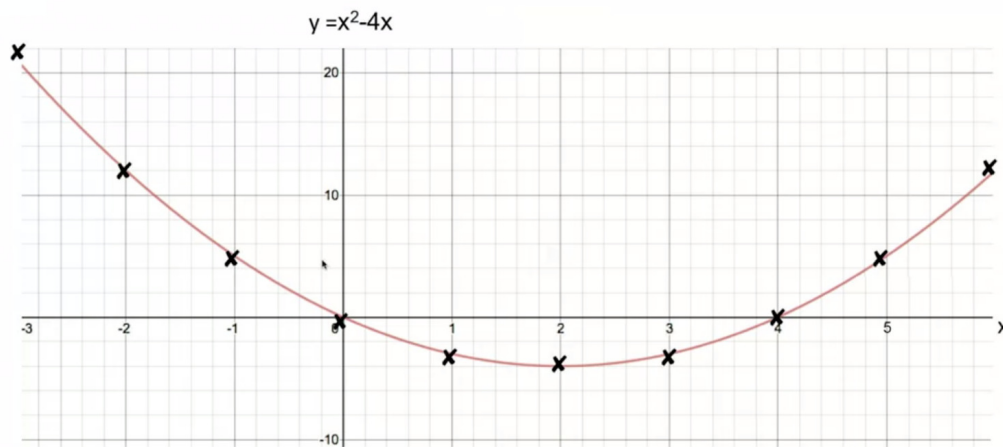
## Examples: quadratic function $f(x) = x^2 - 4x$ $D = \mathbb{R}$

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)	$= (3)^2 - 12 = -3$	$= 0$	$= 5$	$= 12$
coordinates	(1, -3)	(4, 0)	(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  $\rightarrow y=0$

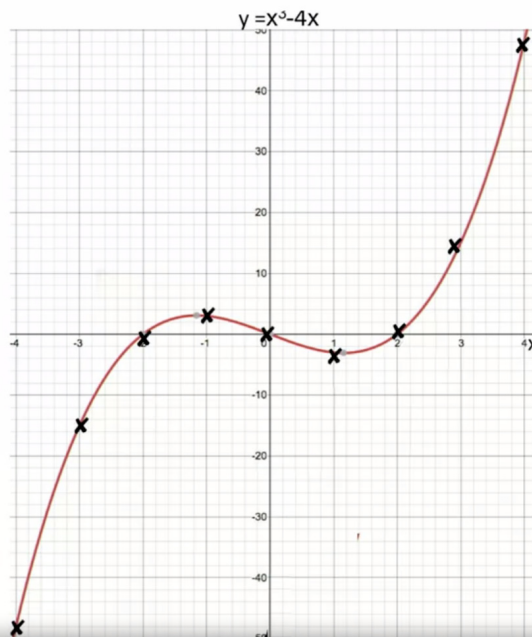
$\rightarrow f(x_0)=x_0^3-4x_0=0$

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.