

1.2 Mathematical Models: A catalog of Functions

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Mathematical Modelling:

IRL problem \rightarrow Math Model \rightarrow Conclusion \rightarrow Predictions

Ex: Tide levels in Half Moon Bay

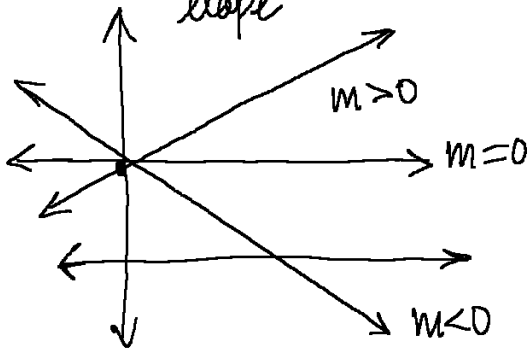
[assumptions are made off of env's functions etc]
chance of under sampling are high \uparrow

Linear Models:

$$f(x) = mx + b$$

\swarrow y-int

slope



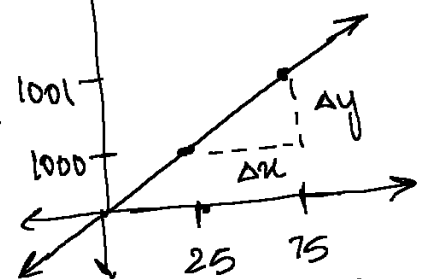
Ex: Aluminum Rod

model: length depends linearly on temperature

$x = \text{temp} (^{\circ}\text{C})$	$y = \text{length (mm)}$
25	1000
75	1001

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{50}x + 999.5$$

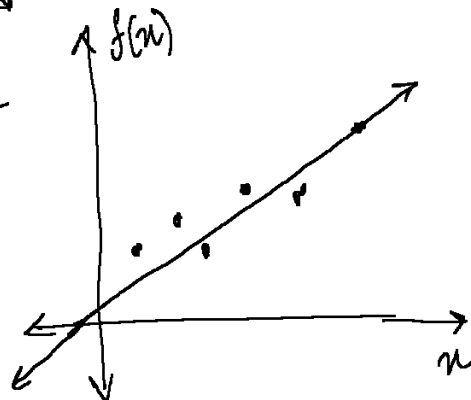
$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{1}{50}$$



Melting etc to be considered.

Note: Preferably more than 2 data points to have accuracy.

\rightarrow Linear Regression model to get the line of best fit



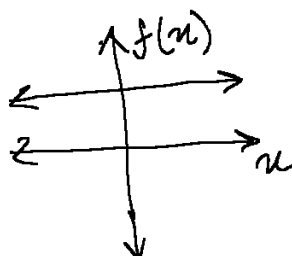
Polynomials:

$$f(n) = a_n n^n + a_{n-1} n^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 n^2 + a_1 n + a_0$$

degree 0: $n=0$

$$f(n) = a_0$$

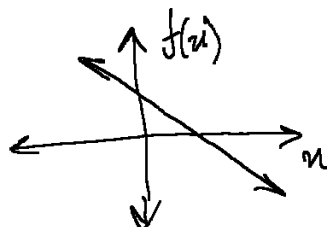
$$Ex: f(n) = 7$$



degree 1: $n=1$

$$f(n) = a_1 n + a_0$$

$$Ex: f(n) = -3n + 5$$

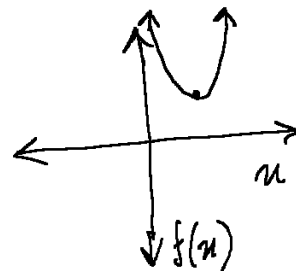


Quadratic function

degree 2: $n=2$

$$f(n) = a_2 n^2 + a_1 n + a_0$$

$$Ex: f(n) = (n-1)^2 - 1$$



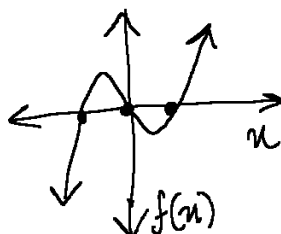
Cubic func

degree 3: $n=3$

$$f(n) = a_3 n^3 + a_2 n^2 + a_1 n + a_0$$

$$Ex: n(n-1)(n+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^3 - n$$



... and so on for the polynomial functions

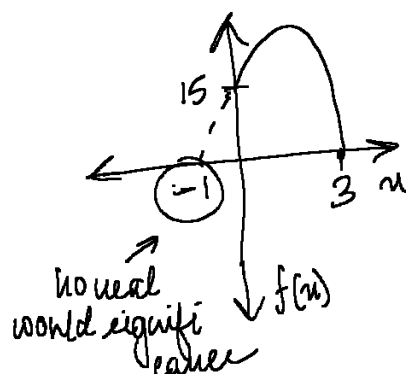
Ex: Height of a ball at time n :

$$f(n) = -5n^2 + 10n + 15$$

When does the ball hit $y=0$?

$$n_{V_2} = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{10^2 - 4(-5)(15)}}{-10} = (-1, 3)$$

Ans to mathematical model



Ex: Solve: $n^3 - 7n + 6 = 0$

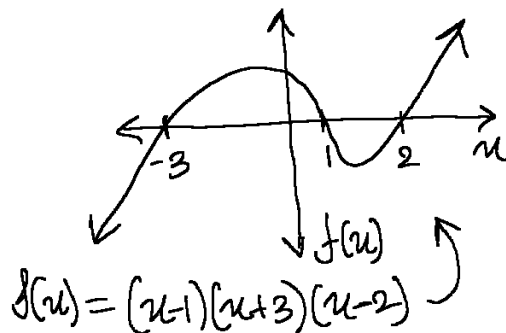
Find one solution: $n=1$ [hopefully guess the equation]

$$\text{then } n^3 - 7n + 6 / (n-1)$$

polynomial division

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + x - 6 \\
 x-1 \overline{) x^3 + 0x^2 - 7x + 6} \\
 \underline{x^3 - x^2} \\
 -x^2 - 7x \\
 \underline{-x^2 + x} \\
 -6x + 6 \\
 \underline{-6x + 6} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

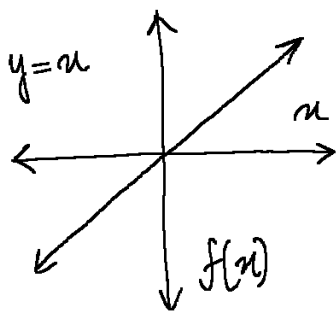
Polynomial division converts into quadratic function. $(x+2)(x-3)$
 $x^3 - 7x + 6 = (x-1)(x^2 - x - 6)$



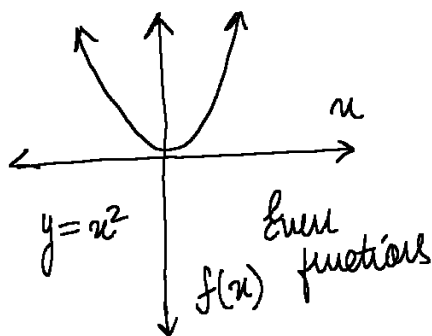
Power Functions: Exponent

$$f(x) = x^a$$

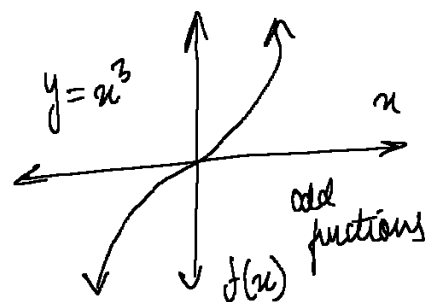
case $a=1$



case $a=2$



case $a=3$

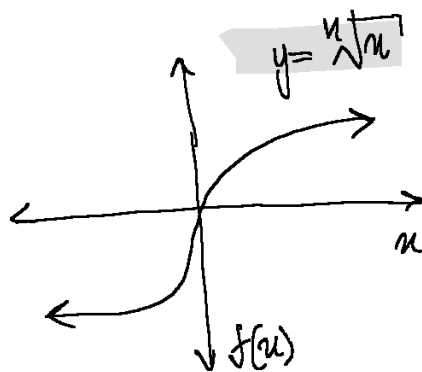
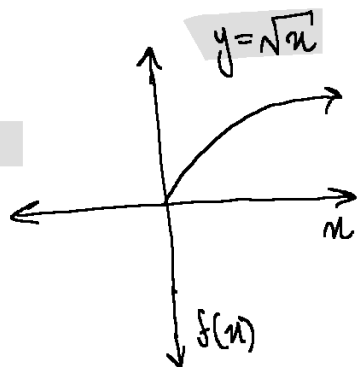


Power Rule:

$$x^a \cdot x^b = x^{a+b}; x^a \div x^b = x^{a-b}; (x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}; x^0 = 1$$

case $a = \frac{1}{n}$ where $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x}$

if $n =$
even

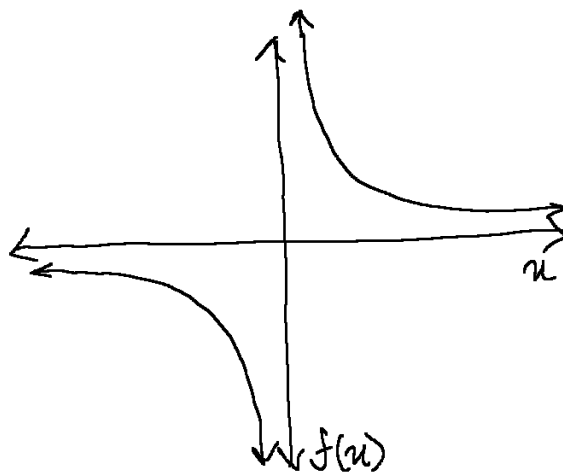


if $n =$ odd

Case $a = -1$: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$

Domain: $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \{0\}$
 $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Models proportionality
in the
functions



Rational Functions

$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ where $p(x)$ and $q(x)$ are polynomials where $q(x)$ domain is not equal to 0

Ex 6)

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 2x + 10}{x^2 - 1} \quad \begin{matrix} x^2 - 1 \neq 0 \\ x \neq \pm 1 \end{matrix}$$

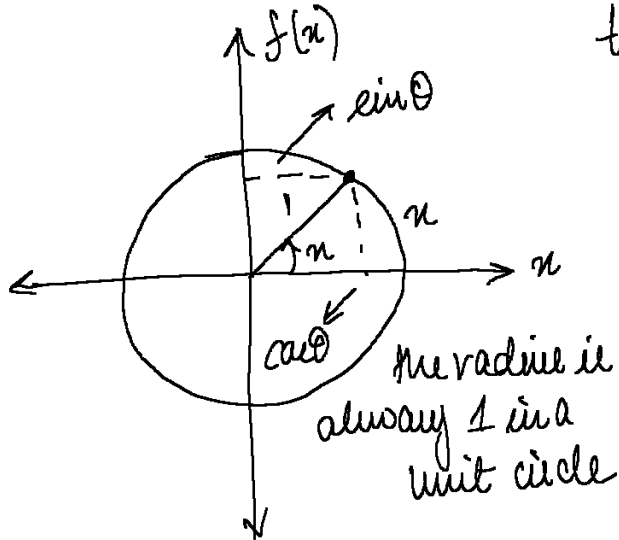
where the domain is $D: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\pm 1\}$
 $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Algebraic Functions Anything consisting of the operators like $+$, $-$, \div , \times , $\sqrt[n]{}$ etc.

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

..... they are usual functions

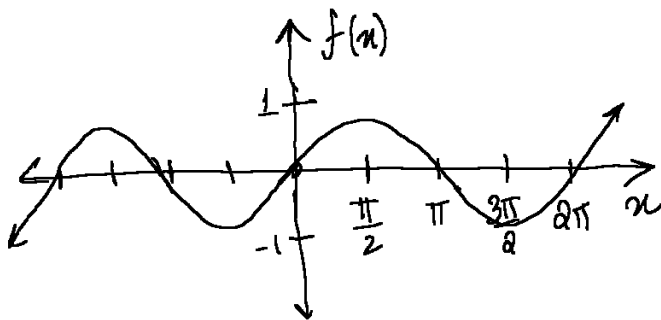
Trigonometric Functions:



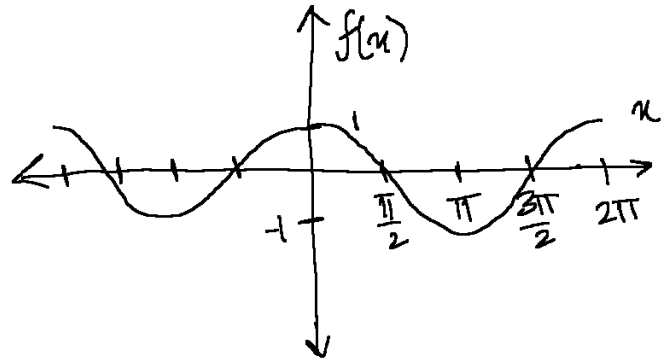
$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Everything vertical is the $\cos \theta$
while everything horizontal is $\sin \theta$.

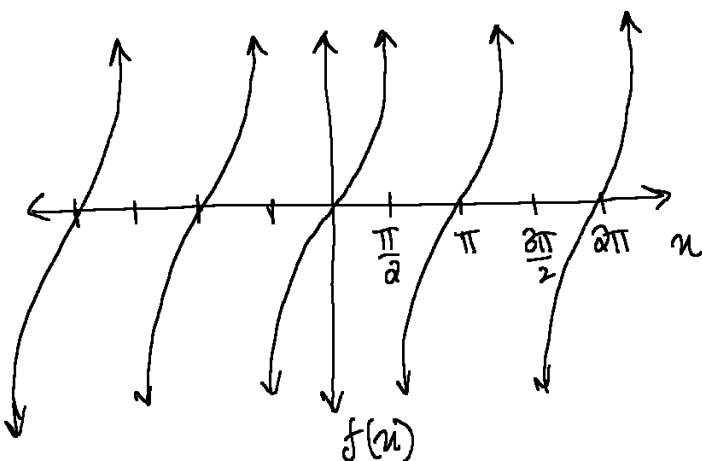
$$f(u) = \sin \theta$$



$$f(u) = \cos \theta$$



$$f(u) = \tan \theta$$



Important Functions:

$$\sin(u + \pi) = -\sin(u)$$

$$\sin(u + 2\pi) = \sin(u)$$

$$\sin(-u) = -\sin(u)$$

$$\cos(u + \pi) = -\cos(u)$$

$$\cos(u + 2\pi) = \cos(u)$$

$$\cos(-u) = \cos(u)$$

$$\cos^2(u) + \sin^2(u) = 1$$