

Function \rightarrow A "rule". Accept input \rightarrow receive output for each input (1 only)

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any cause or effect relationship between measurable quantities

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many things define / are defined by a function expressed by function

Ways to study functions

- 1. Derivative (approximate function)
- 2. Integral (small pieces into big)
- 3. Power Series (represent complicated function as int. polynomial)

think about ideas behind computations

Set Notation

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| Natural Numbers | \mathbb{N} | $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ |
| Integers | \mathbb{Z} | $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$ |
| Rational Numbers | \mathbb{Q} | $\{\frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0\}$ |
| Real #'s | \mathbb{R} | $\{\mathbb{Q} \cup \text{irrational #'s}\}$ |

$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ $\in \rightarrow$ element of
 π + e may or may not be rational (we don't know)

lemma \rightarrow helper theorem

\hookrightarrow Let p be a pos. integer

If p^2 is even $\Rightarrow p$ is even

Proof of lemma

Suppose p is odd \rightarrow s.t.

$$p = 2q + 1 \quad (q \text{ pos. int})$$

$$p^2 = (2q + 1)^2$$

$$p^2 = 4q^2 + 4q + 1$$

$$p^2 - 4q^2 - 4q = 1$$

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even even

sum of even numbers = even

0 or 1 is even \rightarrow (contradiction!)

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Proof $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

Suppose for ~~now~~ that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational
Then we can write $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$

where $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n \neq 0$, and m and n
have no common factor but 1

- Squaring gives

$$2 = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$$

$$\text{so } m^2 = 2n^2$$

m^2 is even

Now we apply the lemma to m .

Therefore m is even.

$m = 2m_1$ where m_1 is positive
integer

So, substituting gives

$$\begin{aligned} 2n^2 &= m^2 = (2m_1)^2 \\ &= 4m_1^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$n^2 = 2m_1^2$$

$\therefore n^2$ is even, Apply the lemma once more,

therefor n is even
but we assume m and n have no
common factor, but since both are
even they have a common factor of 2
This ~~shows~~ shows that $\sqrt{2}$ cannot be a
rational number

Thinking problem

Prove $\sqrt[3]{3}$ is not rational

$$\frac{p}{q} = \sqrt[3]{3} \quad \frac{p^3}{q^3} = 3$$

