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## 2 Functions and equations

- A function is a to-one relationship.
- If the vertical line  $x = a$  cuts the graph at one point only, then  $f$  is a function. If it cuts more than once, give an example.
- If a function passes the horizontal line test, it will have an inverse.
- The inverse is just a reflection of the graph in the line  $y = x$ .
- For inverse functions,  $R_f = D_{f^{-1}}$  and  $D_f = R_{f^{-1}}$ .
- For  $gf$  to exist,  $R_f \subseteq D_g$ .
- $D_{gf} = D_f$ .
- $R_{gf} = R_g \cap (D_g \cap R_f)$ .
- $(g \circ f)^{-1}(x) = (f^{-1} \circ g^{-1})(x)$ .
- $f f^{-1}(x)$  may not necessarily intersect with  $f^{-1} f(x)$ , it depends on the domain.
- For a periodic function,  $f(x) = f(x + c)$ .

## 2.1 Graphs

- To transform, TSST. (translate and stretch) $x$  then (translate and stretch) $y$ .
- For  $y = |f(x)|$ , retain  $y \geq 0$ , then reflect  $y < 0$ .
- For  $y = f(|x|)$ , retain  $x \geq 0$ , then reflect  $x \geq 0$  to the left of the  $x$ -axis.
- For each transformation, you're allowed to replace  $x$  by something else.

## 2.2 Polynomials

- For a polynomial of degree  $n$ :
  - The sum of individual roots  $= -\frac{a_{n-1}}{a_n}$
  - The sum of (choose 2) roots  $= \frac{a_{n-2}}{a_n}$
  - The sum of (choose 3) roots  $= -\frac{a_{n-3}}{a_n}$
  - The product of roots, i.e the sum of (choose  $n$ ) roots  $= (-1)^n \frac{a_0}{a_n}$
- For the special case of a quadratic:  $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}$ ,  $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$
- A polynomial of degree  $n$  has a maximum of  $n$  roots, but some of these may be complex.

## 2.3 Circular functions and Trigonometry

- The ambiguous case of the sine rule occurs when the angle you are trying to find is opposite the longest side.
- $\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$        $\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$       (odd functions).
- $\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$       (even function).
- For  $\pi \pm \theta$  or  $2\pi \pm \theta$ : sin-sin, cos-cos, tan-tan.
- For  $\frac{\pi}{2} \pm \theta$  or  $\frac{3\pi}{2} \pm \theta$ : sin-cos, cos-sin, tan-cot.
- $\tan x = \cot(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$ .
- $\sec x = \csc(\frac{\pi}{2} - x)$ .
- The domain of  $\arcsin x$  and  $\arccos x$  are  $[-1, 1]$ .
- $\cos(\arcsin x) = \sin(\arccos x) = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$ .
- A circle with centre  $(h, k)$  and radius  $r$  is described by:

$$(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

- To simplify an expression with trig, it may help to use the half angle formula.

$$\frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta} = \frac{2 \sin \frac{\theta}{2} \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + 2 \cos^2 \frac{\theta}{2} - 1} = \tan \frac{\theta}{2}$$