

In this chapter we will introduce some key concepts that will be used in later chapters.

Note 0.1 In case you are already familiar with the topics

It is recommended for readers who are familiar with the topics to at least gloss! over this chapter and make sure they know and understand all the concept presented here.

0.1 MATHEMATICAL SYMBOLS AND SETS

LOGICAL STATEMENTS AND THEIR TRUTH VALUE

We start our discussion with the simplest mathematical concept: a **proposition**. A proposition is simply a statement that might be either **true** or **false**.

Example 0.1 Truth of propositions

- 3 > 1 (true)
- -2 = 5 7 (true)
- 7 < 5 (**false**)
- The radius of the earth is bigger than that of the moon. (true)
- The word 'House' starts with the letter 'G'. (false)



We can group together propositions using **logical operators**. Two of the most common logical operators are AND and OR.

The **AND** operator returns a **true** statement only if **both** the statements it groups are themselves **true**, otherwise it returns **false**.

Example 0.2 The AND operator

- 2+4=6 is true, 4-2=2 is true. (2+4=6 AND 4-2=2) is therefore true.
- 2+4=6 is true, 2>6 is false. (2+4=6 AND 2>6) is therefore false.
- $\frac{10}{2} = 1$ is **false**, $2^4 = 16$ is **true**. $(\frac{10}{2} = 1 \text{ AND } 2^4 = 16)$ is therefore **false**.
- 7 < 5 is false, 10 + 2 = 13 is false. (7 < 5 AND 10 + 2 = 13) is therefore false.

The **OR** operator returns **true** if **at least** one of the statements it groups is true.

Example 0.3 The OR operator

- 2+4=6 is true, 4-2=2 is true. (2+4=6 OR 4-2=2) is therefore true.
- 2+4=6 is **true**, 2>6 is **false**. (2+4=6 **OR** 2>6) is therefore **true**.
- $\frac{10}{2} = 1$ is **false**, $2^4 = 16$ is **true**. $(\frac{10}{2} = 1 \text{ OR } 2^4 = 16)$ is therefore **true**.



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• 7 < 5 is false, 10 + 2 = 13 is false. (7 < 5 OR 10 + 2 = 13) is therefore false.

The behaviour of both operators can be summarized using a truth table (see Table 1 below).

Table 1 The truth table for the operators AND and OR.

A	В	A AND B	A OR B
	false true	false	true true true
false	false	talse	false

When writing, it is convinient to use **notations** to represent operators: the **AND** operator is denoted by \land , while the **OR** operator is denoted by \lor .

Example 0.4 Using the notations for AND and OR

$$(2+2=5) \land (1-1=0) \Rightarrow \text{false}$$

$$(2+2=5) \lor (1-1=0) \Rightarrow \text{true}$$

$$\text{false}$$

$$(2+2=5) \lor (1-1=0) \Rightarrow \text{true}$$

Several more common mathematical notations are given in Table 2.

Table 2 Common Mathematical NotationsUsed in this Book.

Symbol	In words
$\neg a$	not a
$a \wedge b$	a and b
$a \lor b$	a or b
$a \Rightarrow b$	a implies b
$a \Leftrightarrow b$	a is equivalent to b
$\forall x$	For all x ()
$\exists x$	There exists x such that $()$
a := b	a is defined to be b

The notation \Rightarrow need a bit of clarification: implication means that we can directly derive a proposition from another proposition. For example, if x = 3 then x > 2. The opposite implication can be a **false** statemt, i.e. for the example above x > 2 does not imply x = 3 (denoted as $x > 2 \Rightarrow x = 3$). Sometimes implication is expressed by using the word if: in the above example x > 2 if x = 3, but the other way around is not **true**.

We say that two propositions are **equivalent** when they imply each other. For example: x = 2 implies that $\frac{x}{2} = 1$, while $\frac{x}{2} = 1$ implies that x = 2. We can write this as

$$\frac{x}{2} = 1 \Leftrightarrow x = 2.$$

Instead of the word *equivalent*, the phrase *if and only if* (sometimes shortened to **iff**) is commonly used, e.g.

$$x = 2 \text{ iff } \frac{x}{2} = 1.$$

SETS

The concept of **sets** is perhaps one of the most basic ideas in modern mathematics. Much of the material convered in this book will be built upon sets and their properties. However, as with the rest of the material presented here - our description of sets will not be thorough nor percise.

For our purposes, a set is a collection of elements. These elements can be any concept - be it physical (a chair, a bicycle, a tapir) or abstract (a number, an idea). However, we will consider only sets comprised of numbers. Sets can have finite of infinite number of elements in them.

We denote sets by using curly brackets, and if the number of elements in them is not too big - we display the elements, separated by commas, inside the brackets. In other cases we can express the sets as a sentence or a mathematical proposition.

Example 0.5 Simple sets

 $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ $\left\{-4, \frac{3}{7}, 0, \pi, 0.13, -2.5, \frac{e}{3}, 2^{-\pi}\right\}$ {all even numbers}

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Sets have two important properties:

- 1. Elements in a set do not repeat.
- 2. The order of elements in a set does not matter.

Example 0.6 Important set properties

Examples demonstrating the two afforementioned important properties of sets:

1. The following is not a proper set:

$$\{1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 0, -1, 0, 0, -1, -1, 1\}$$

2. The following sets are all identical:



 $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

 $\{1, 3, 2, 4\}$

 $\{3,4,1,2\}$ $\{1,3,2,4\}$

{4, 3, 2, 1}

Sets can be denoted using conditions, with the symbol | representing the phrase "such that".

Example 0.7 Defining a set using a condition

he following set contains all the odd whole numbers between 0 and 10, including both:

$$\{0 < x < 10 \mid x \text{ is an odd number}\}.$$

The definition of this set can be read as

all numbers x that are bigger than 0 and are smaller than 10, such that x is odd.

(note that the requirement of x to be an odd number means that it is neccessarily a whole number as well)

This set can be written explicitly as



 $\{1,3,5,7,9\}.$

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Sets are usually denoted with an uppercase latin letter (A, B, C, ...), while their elements are denoted as lowercase letters $(a, b, \alpha, \phi, ...)$. When we want to denote that an element belongs to a set we use the following symbol: \in . Conversly, \notin is used to denote that an element *does not* belong to a set.

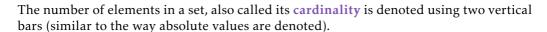
Example 0.8 Elements in sets

For the two sets

$$A = \{1, 2, 5, 7\}, B = \{\text{even numbers}\},\$$

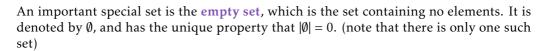
all the following propostions are true:

$$1 \in A$$
, $2 \in A$, $5 \in A$, $7 \in A$, $2 \in B$, $1 \notin B$, $5 \notin B$, $7 \notin B$.



Example 0.9 Cardinality

For $S = \{-3, 0, -2, 7, 1, \frac{1}{2}, 5\}, |S| = 7.$

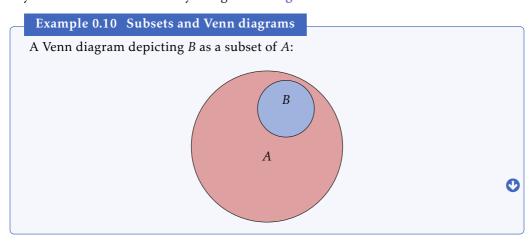


Two sets are equal if they both contain the exact same elemnts and only these elements, i.e.

$$A = B \iff x \in A \Leftrightarrow x \in B$$
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This proposition reads 'The sets A and B are equal $\underline{if \ and \ only \ if}$ any element x in A is also in B, and any element x in B is also in A'.

When all the elements of a set B are also elements of another set A, we say that B is a **subset** of A, and we denote that as $B \subset A$. A very useful way of illustrating the relationship between two or more sets is by using **Venn diagrams**.



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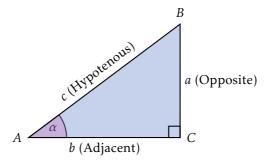
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0.2 RELATIONS AND FUNCTIONS

0.3 TRIGONOMETRIC FUNCTIONS

BASIC DEFINITIONS

Consider a **right triangle** $\triangle ABC$ with sides a, b, and Hypotenous c, where the angle $\angle ACB$ is 90°, and the angle $\angle BAC$ is denoted as α :



We use the ratios between the three sides of the triangle to define three functions of α :

Definition 0.1 The basic triginometric functions

- 1. The **sine** of the angle α is $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{a}{c}$,
- 2. the **cosine** of the angle α is $\cos(\alpha) = \frac{b}{c}$, and
- 3. the **tangent** of the angle α is $tan(\alpha) = \frac{a}{b}$, which in turn is equal to $\frac{\sin(\alpha)}{\cos(\alpha)}$.

 π

We can rearrange the above definitions to yield

$$a = c\sin(\alpha),$$

$$b = c\cos(\alpha).$$
 (1)

Normaly, the Hypotenous is the longest side of a right triangle. We will consider here the two edge cases where one of the sides *a*, *b* is equal to the Hypotenous (and the other side is thus 0):

- if a = c then $\alpha = 90^{\circ}$,
- if b = c then $\alpha = 0$.

The posssible length of a is therefore in the range $0 \le a \le c$, which means that $0 \le \frac{a}{c} \le 1$, or since $\sin(\alpha) = \frac{a}{c}$,

$$0 \le \sin(\alpha) \le 1. \tag{2}$$

The same is of course true for *b*, and thus

$$0 \le \cos(\alpha) \le 1 \tag{3}$$

as well.

As a reminder, the **Pythagorean theorem**¹ states that for a right triangle like the one here,

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2. (4)$$

By substituting **Equation** 1 into the above we get

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 = (c\sin(\alpha))^2 + (c\cos(\alpha))^2 = c^2\sin^2(\alpha) + c^2\cos^2(\alpha) = c^2\left[\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\alpha)\right],$$

and cancelling c^2 on both sides simply yields

$$\sin^2(\alpha) + \cos^2(\alpha) = 1. \tag{5}$$

THE UNIT CIRCLE

The range of the trigonometric functions can be extended by using the **unit circle**: a circle of radius R = 1 is placed such that its center lies at the origin of a 2-dimensional axis system, i.e. at the point O = (0,0). A radius to a point P = (x,y) on the circle's circumference is the drawn. This radius has an angle θ to the x-axis. A line from P perpendicular to the x-axis intersecting at the point D is drawn (see **Figure** 1).

The triangle $\triangle OPD$ is a right triangle. Therefore, we can use the trigonometic functions to calculate the coordinates of the point P = (x, y):

$$x = R\cos(\theta) = \cos(\theta),$$

$$y = R\sin(\theta) = \sin(\theta).$$
 (6)

We can now define $cos(\theta)$ and $sin(\theta)$ as the values of x and y, respectively, as a function of θ .

We will switch to measuring angles in **Radians** instead of degrees: θ radians are equal to the length of an arc on a unit circle, which corresponds to the angle θ (**Figure 2**). This allows us to use the same units as x and y: for example, when length is measured in [meter], an angle in radians is measured in [meter] as well. The full circumference of a circle equals 2π radians, and therefore a single radian is equivalent to $\frac{180}{\pi} \approx 57.3^{\circ}$. **Table 3** shows some common angles in radians.

Another advantage which we gain by defining the trigonometric functions using the unit circle is the extension of their domain to all of \mathbb{R} : an angle of size $2\frac{1}{2}\pi$ (equivalent

¹It's worth mentioning that no three positive integers a, b, and c satisfy the equation $a^n + b^n = c^n$ for any integer value of n > 2. This can be proven, however the proof is too large to fit in the footnotes.

Table 3 Common angles in radians.

Degrees	Radians	
0°	0	
45°	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	
90°	$\frac{\frac{\pi}{4}}{\frac{\pi}{2}}$	
180°	π	
270°	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	
360°	2π	

Table 4 Text

Quadrant	$\cos(\theta) = x$	$sin(\theta) = y$
1	[0,1]	[0,1]
2	[-1, 0]	[0,1]
3	[-1, 0]	[-1,0]
4	[0,1]	[-1,0]

to 450°), for example is the same as an angle of size $\frac{1}{2}\pi$ (90°), and an angle of $-\frac{1}{6}\pi$ (-30°) is the same as $\frac{5}{6}\pi$ (330°).

0.4 EXPONENTIAL AND LOGARITHMIC FUNCTIONS

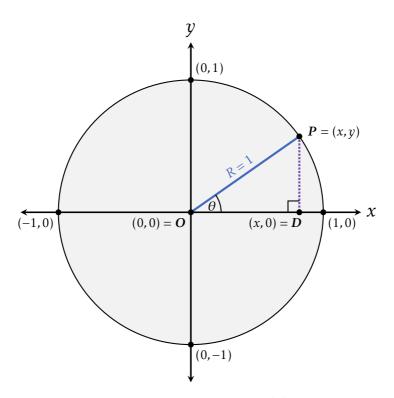


Figure 1 A unit circle with (...)

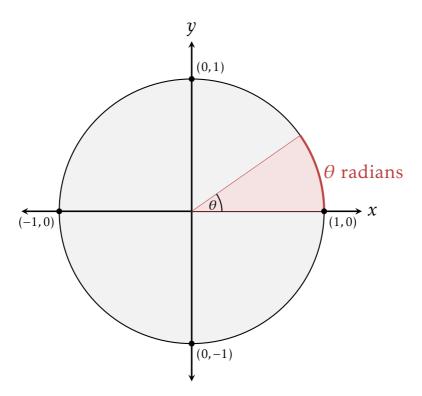


Figure 2 Radians

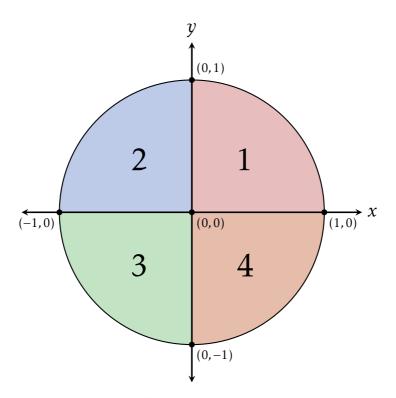
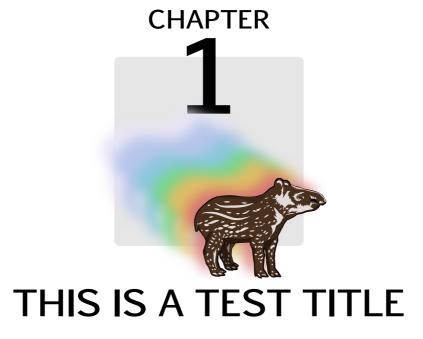


Figure 3 The different quadrants of the unit circle.



1.1 THE FOO AND THE BAR

THE FOO; OR: WHY DOES A FISH?

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Definition 1.1 The Foo A Foo is simply a thing, i.e.
$$e^{i\pi} = -e^{i\tau} = -1. \tag{1.1}$$

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Example 1.1 A Bla which is not a Foo

Is there even such a thing? Consider



$$f(x) = \sin(x) + 5x^2.$$

THE BAR, THE ONE AND ONLY

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Note 1.1 Something to Consider

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In the middle of this random Lorem Ipsum, there are some other words! This is refreshing, isn't it? Any way, this is used to test some **highlighting** and **indexing** of words. I hope it works. Well, it doesn't. I need to check how to make the marginnotes to go to the left side in odd pages.

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Challange 1.1 Generalize this thing

In 2D, the distance between two points $\mathbf{A} = (A_x, A_y)$ and $\mathbf{B} = (B_x, B_y)$ is

$$|AB| = \sqrt{(A_x - B_x)^2 + (A_y - B_y)^2}.$$
 (1.2)

Generalize this to 3D and to ND, where $N \in \mathbb{N}$.

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As you probably learned in school, a **triangle** is a shape with three sides. An example of a triangle can be seen in **Figure** 1.1 .

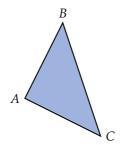


Figure 1.1 This is a triangle.

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