

Lecture 11

Real functions of real variables-
Limits-Continuity and
Differentiability

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1. Real functions of real variables.

1.1. Definitions-Examples:

A real function of a real variable is an

Maps $f: U \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $U \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

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Definition:

$U = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, f(x) \text{ is well defined}\}$

*U is called the **domaine** of f .*

The plot of f

*is the subset denoted by C_f of \mathbb{R}^2
defined by*

$$C_f = \{(x, f(x)); x \in U\}$$

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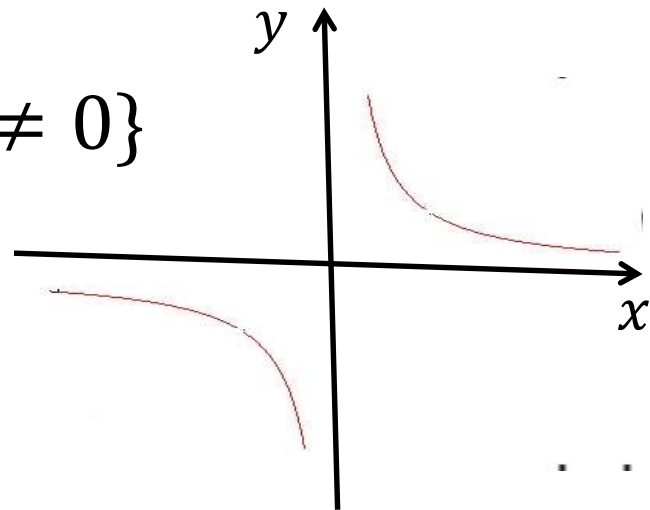
Examples :

$$1) f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} ; x \neq 0\}$$

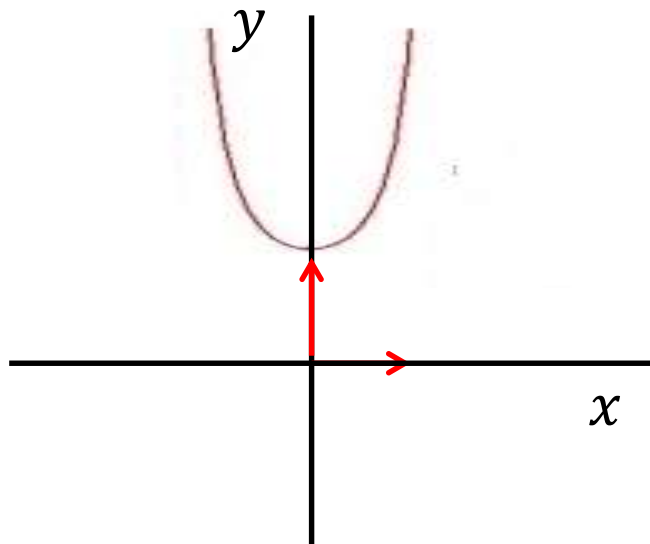


$$D_f = \mathbb{R}^* =]-\infty, 0[\cup]0, +\infty[$$



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2) $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ is defined on \mathbb{R} .



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$$3) f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

$$D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 - 3x + 2 \geq 0\}$$

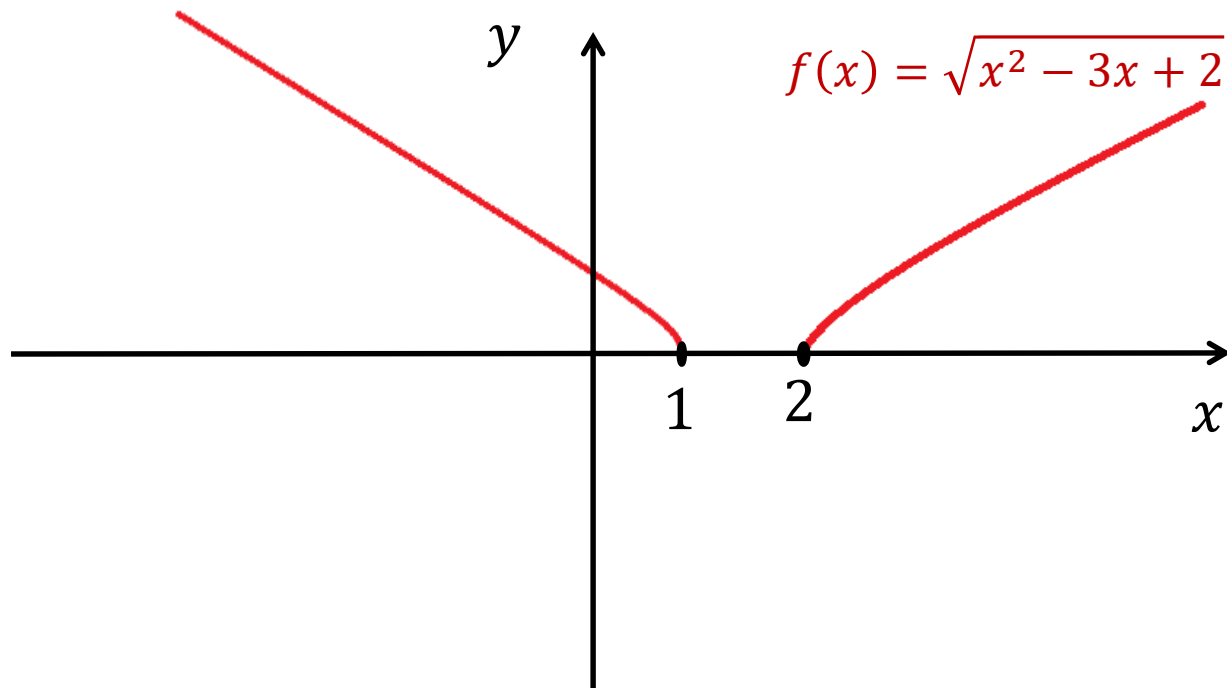
$$\Delta = 1 \Rightarrow x_1 = 1 \text{ et } x_2 = 2.$$

x	$-\infty$	1	2	$+\infty$
$x - 1$		-	+	+
$x - 2$		-	-	+
$x^2 - 3x + 2$	+		-	+



$$D_f =]-\infty, 1] \cup [2, +\infty[.$$

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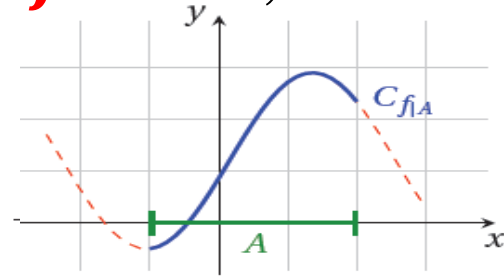
Restriction of a function

Definition:

Let f be a function and D_f the domain of f . A a subset of D_f , $A \subset D_f$

We define the **restriction of f to A** ,

$$\begin{aligned} f|_A: A &\rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto f|_A(x) = f(x) \end{aligned}$$



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1.2. Combining functions

$$\mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R}) = \{f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$f \text{ et } g \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R}),$$



$$f = g \Leftrightarrow \forall x \in I, f(x) = g(x)$$

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✓ Sums :

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x).$$

✓ products :

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x).$$

✓ Quotients:

$$\forall x \in I; \left(\frac{f}{g} \right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, \text{ avec } g(x) \neq 0.$$

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✓ **inverse:**

$$f^{-1}(x) \neq [f(x)]^{-1} = \frac{1}{f(x)}$$

✓ **Multiplication by scalars :**

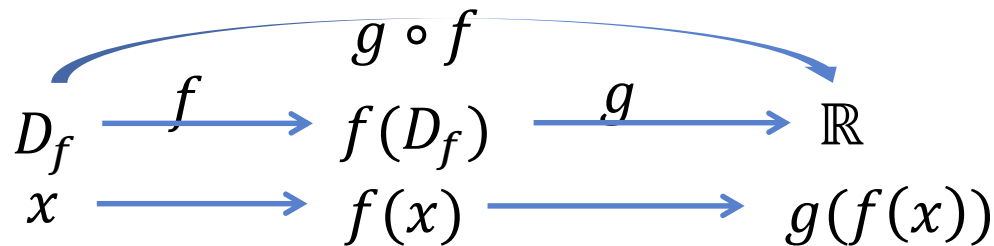
$$\forall \alpha \in \mathbb{R}; \forall f \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R}), \forall x \in I, \\ (\alpha f)(x) = \alpha f(x)$$

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1.2.2. Composition of function

Definition: $f : A \rightarrow B, g : B \rightarrow C$ two functions. Then the *composite function* (also called the *composition of g and f*) is defined by:

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)), x \in A.$$



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Function Id_E

For all set E , we define the **identity function**

$$Id_E: E \rightarrow E$$

By

$$Id_E(x) = x, \quad x \in E.$$

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Algebraic operation for the identity function:

$$1. \quad f : A \rightarrow E, \quad Id_E \circ f = f .$$

$$2. \quad f : A \rightarrow E, \quad f \circ Id_A = f .$$

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The zero function

$$0(x) = 0, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We have

$$0 + f = f + 0 = f, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R})$$

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The unit function

$$1(x) = 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

We have

$$1 \cdot f = f \cdot 1 = f, \forall f \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R})$$

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1.2.3. Functions and Bounds.

a. Bounded below, Bounded above

Definitions : $f : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

✓ *f is bound below*



$\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$ such that: $\forall x \in I; f(x) \geq m.$

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✓ f is *bounded above*



$\exists M \in \mathbb{R}$ tel que $\forall x \in I, f(x) \leq M$

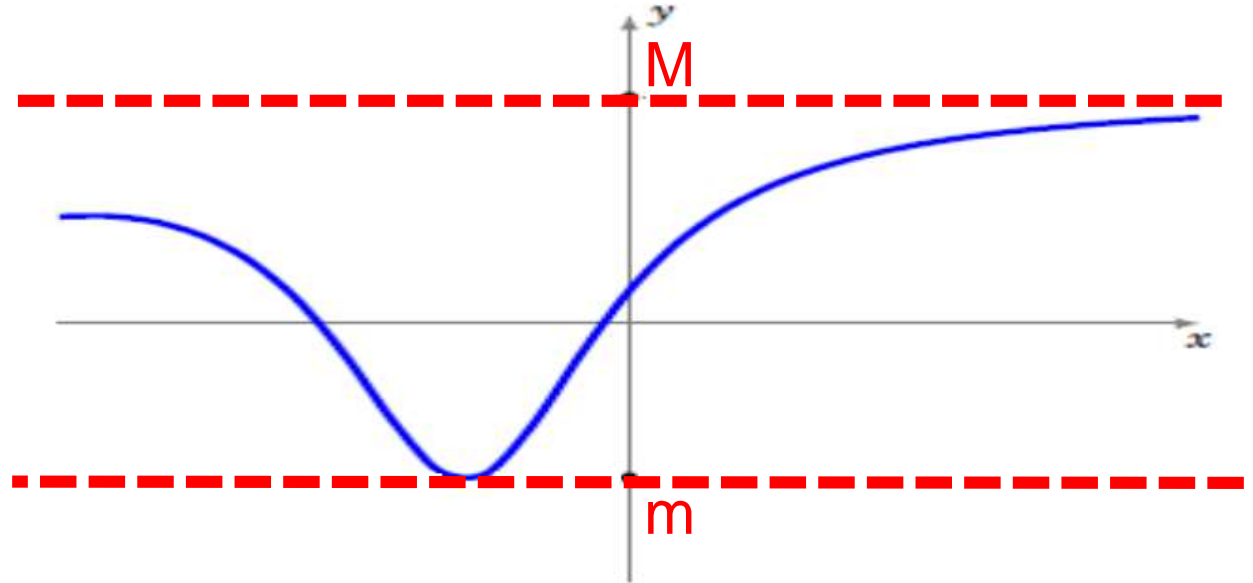
✓ f is *bounded*



$\exists (m, M) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ tel que
 $\forall x \in I, m \leq f(x) \leq M.$

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Geometric Interpretation :



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b. Increasing and decreasing functions

Definition:

Let I a subset of \mathbb{R} and $f \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R})$.

We say that f **is**

$$\begin{aligned} \checkmark \text{ Increasing} & \quad \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall (x, x') \in I^2, \\ (x < x' \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(x')). \end{cases} \\ \checkmark \text{ Decreasing} & \quad \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall (x, x') \in I^2, \\ (x < x' \Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(x')). \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

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✓ *Strictly increasing* :



$$\forall (x, x') \in I^2, (x < x' \Rightarrow f(x) < f(x')).$$

✓ *Strictly decreasing*



$$\forall (x, x') \in I^2, (x < x' \Rightarrow f(x) > f(x')).$$

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- ✓ ***monotonic*** if only if is always increasing or always decreasing.
- ✓ ***strictly monotonic*** if only if is always strictly increasing or always strictly decreasing.

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Example :

$$1. f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}; \quad x \mapsto f(x) = x^3.$$

is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} .


$$2. f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, \quad x \mapsto f(x) = x^2.$$

is neither increasing nor decreasing on \mathbb{R} .

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$$f(x) - f(x') = x^2 - x'^2 = (x - x')(x + x')$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(x')}{x - x'} = (x + x')$$

 $f(x) - f(x') \leq 0$

Then $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing sur
 $] -\infty, 0]$

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C. Odd and Even functions:

Definition: $f \in \mathcal{F}(I, \mathbb{R})$.

✓ f is *even*



$\forall x \in I \text{ et } (-x) \in I ; f(-x) = f(x).$

✓ f is *odd*



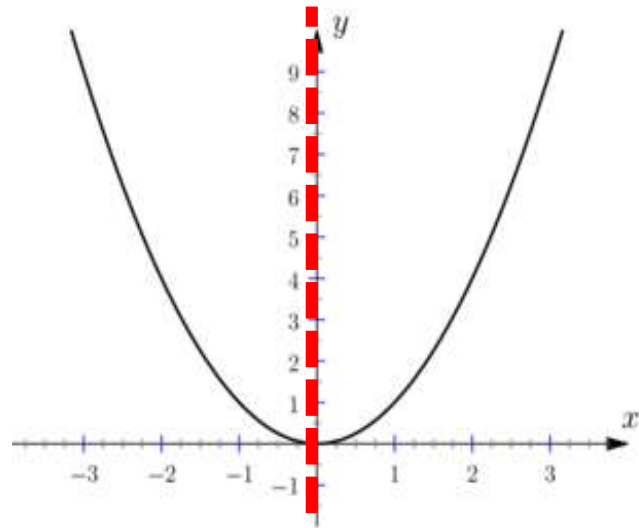
$\forall x \in I \text{ et } (-x) \in I ; f(-x) = -f(x).$

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Example :

➤ A function $f(x) = x^2$
is even,

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= (-x)^2 \\ &= x^2 = f(x). \end{aligned}$$



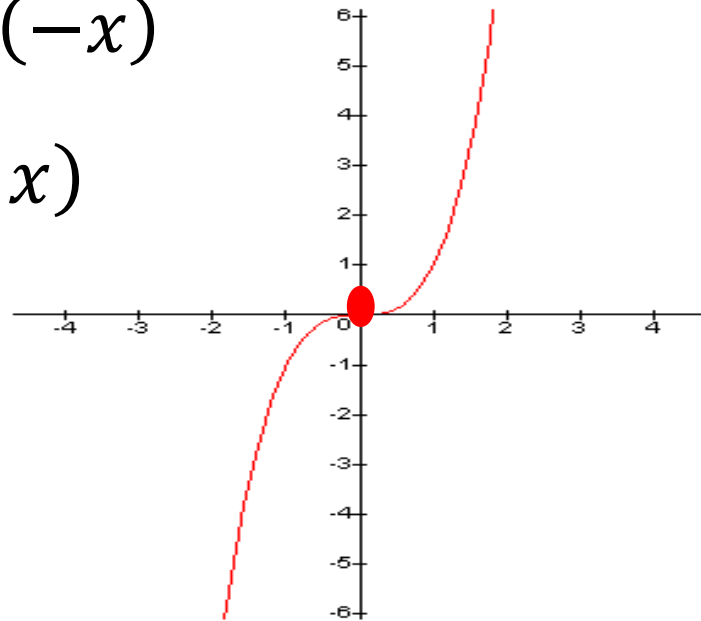
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➤ A function $f(x) = x^3 + x$ is odd, because

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 + (-x)$$

$$= -(x^3 + x)$$

$$= -f(x)$$



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d. Periodic Functions

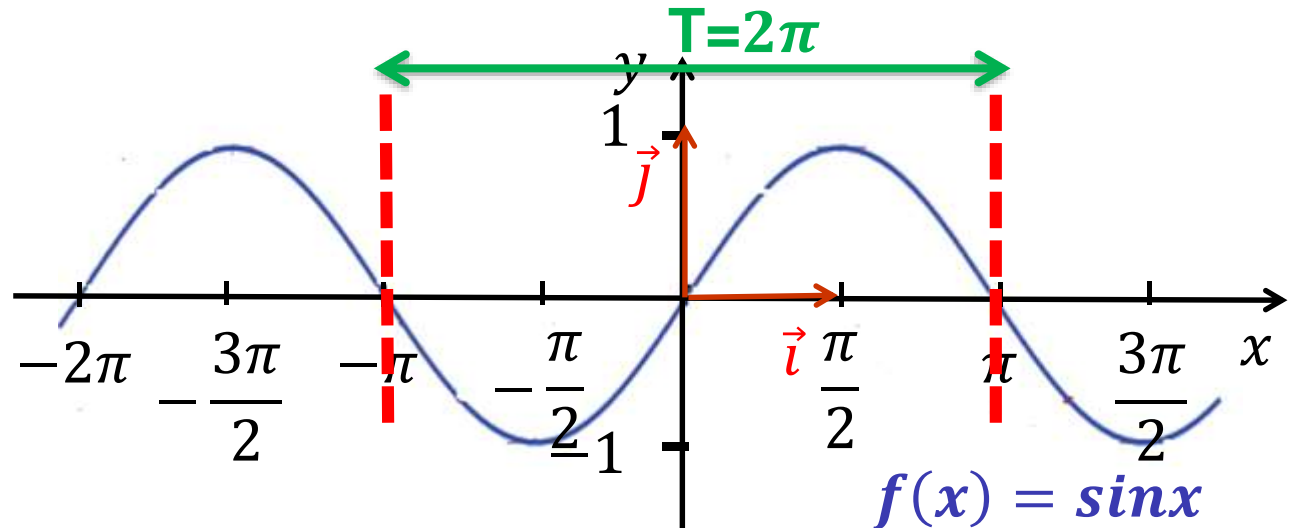
A function $y = f(x)$ is said to be a periodic function if there exists a positive real number P such that $f(x + P) = f(x)$, for all x belongs to real numbers. The least value of the positive real number P is called the fundamental period of a function. This fundamental period of a function is also called the period of the function, at which the function repeats itself.

$$\forall x \in I; (x + P) \in I ,$$
$$f(x + P) = f(x).$$

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Example :

The sine function and cosine function are periodic with a period of 2π on \mathbb{R} .



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