

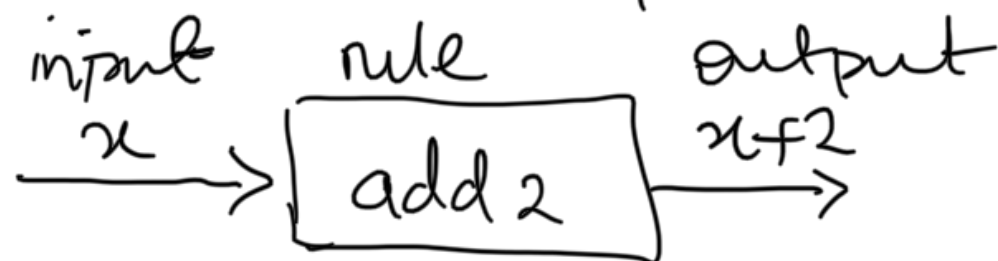
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Functions

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A function is a rule that receives an input and produces a single output -
e.g. a rule that adds 2 to the input

- let x be the input



Note : For a rule to be a function, it is necessary that only one output is produced for any given input.

We usually denote functions, input and

output using letters.

e.g.

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} f: & x & \longrightarrow & y & \text{ or } & f(x) = y \\ \uparrow & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \\ \text{function} & \text{input} & & \text{output} & & \end{array}$$

e.g.

$$f: x \longrightarrow x+2$$

or

$$f(x) = x+2$$

$$\text{if } x=3,$$

$$f(3) = 3+2 = 5$$

e.g.

$$h: t \longrightarrow t^2$$

or

$$\underline{h(t) = t^2}$$

$$\text{if } t=4$$

$$h(4) = 4^2 = 16$$

Q. A function multiplies the input by 5. Write down the function in mathematical notation.

Soln: let f be the function and x be input

$$f(x) = \underline{\underline{5x}}$$

Q: A function divides the input by 6 and then adds 3 to the result. Write the function in mathematical notation.

Soln:

let h be the function and let t be the input.

$$h(t) = \frac{t}{\underline{\underline{6}}} + 3$$

a) Find $h(2)$ and $h(-12)$

Solution

$$h(t) = \frac{t}{6} + 3$$

$$t=2, \quad h(2) = \frac{2}{6} + 3$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} + 3 = \underline{\underline{3\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$t=-12, \quad h(-12) = \frac{-12}{6} + 3$$

$$h(-12) = -2 + 3 = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

Composite functions

Sometimes we may wish to apply two or more

functions one after the other.

The output of one function becomes the input of the next function.

Ex Let $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = \underline{x+3}$

We want to find

$\underline{f(g(x))}$, $g(f(x))$
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composite function



$$f(\underline{g(x)}) = f(\underline{x+3}) = 2(x+3) = \underline{2x+6}$$

Q. Given $f(t) = t^2 + 1$, $g(t) = \frac{2}{t}$ and $h(t) = 2t$

→ Determine each of the following composite functions

a) $f(g(t))$ b) $g(h(t))$ c) $f(h(t))$ d) $f(g(h(t)))$

Solu:

$$a) f(g(t)) = f\left(\frac{2}{t}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{t}\right)^2 + 1 = \frac{4}{t^2} + 1$$

$$b) g(\underline{h(t)}) = g(2t) = \frac{2}{2t} = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$c) f(\underline{h(t)}) = f(2t) = (2t)^2 + 1 \quad \checkmark \\ = \underline{\underline{4t^2 + 1}}$$

$$d) f(\underline{g(h(t))}) = f(g(2t)) = f\left(\frac{2}{2t}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1}{t}\right)^2 + 1 \\
 &= \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{t^2} + 1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Inverse of a function

Let f be the function defined by

$$f(x) = y$$

The function g that receives y as an input and generates an output of x , if it exists, is called the inverse function of f .

$$g(f(x)) = g(y) = x \Rightarrow g \text{ is the inverse of } f.$$

If it is also the case that $f(g(y)) = y$ then f is the inverse of g .

x is denoted by $f(x)$, i.e. $g(x) = f(x)$

Example: The function f and g are defined by $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

- a) Verify that f is an inverse of g
- b) Verify that g is an inverse of f .

Solution:

a) We need to show $f(g(x)) = x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(\underline{g(x)}) &= f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is the inverse of g

b) We need to show $g(f(x)) = x$

$$g(f(x)) = g(\underline{2x}) = \frac{2x}{2} = x$$

$\Rightarrow g$ is the inverse of f .

Q. If f is an inverse of h , does this mean h is also an inverse of f ?

Yes ✓

Q Find the inverse of $h(t) = 3t - 4$

Solution:

$$\text{let } y = h(t) = 3t - 4$$

$$y = 3t - 4$$

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make t the
subject of
formula.

$$y = 3t - 4$$

$$3t - 4 = y$$

$$3t = y + 4$$

$$t = \frac{y + 4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{t + 4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{-1}(t) = \frac{t + 4}{3}$$

Q. Find the inverse of $h(t) = \frac{2}{t} - 3$
Solution:

$$\text{Let } y = \frac{2}{t} - 3$$

$$y = \frac{2}{t} - 3$$

\curvearrowright t

$$\frac{2}{t} - 3 = y$$

$$\frac{2}{t} = \frac{y+3}{1}$$

$$2(1) = t(y+3)$$

$$\boxed{2} = t$$

$$\boxed{y+3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^{-1}(t) = \frac{2}{\underline{\underline{t+3}}}$$

Graphs of Functions

$$\boxed{y = mx + c}$$

Q. Plot a graph of $y = 2x - 1$ for $-3 \leq x \leq 3$

Soln:

x - input, $-3 \leq x \leq 3$

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$$[-3, 3]$$

$$\hookrightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -3 \leq x \leq 3\}$$

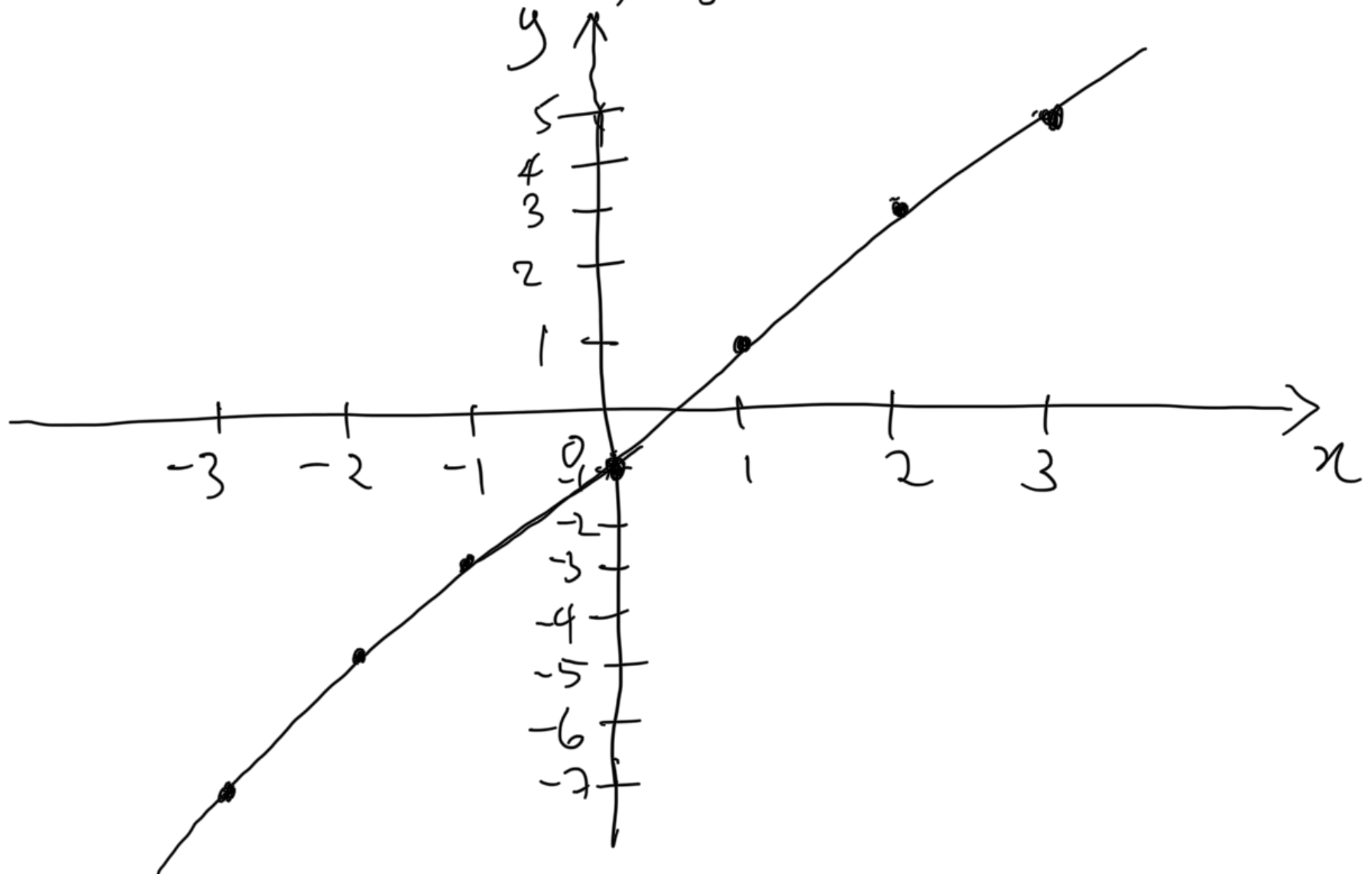
x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
	-7	-5	-3	-1	1	3	5

on
put $\rightarrow y = 2x - 1$ \rightarrow $| -5$ $| -1$ $| 1$ $| 3$ $| 5$

when $x = -3$, $y = 2(-3) - 1 = -7$

$x = -2$, $y = 2(-2) - 1 = -5$

$x = -1$, $y = 2(-1) - 1 = -3$



Q. Plot the graph of $y = \underline{x^2 - 3x + 2}$ for

$$\underline{-2 \leq x \leq 3}$$

$ax^2 + bx + c$
 $a < 0$  $a > 0$ 

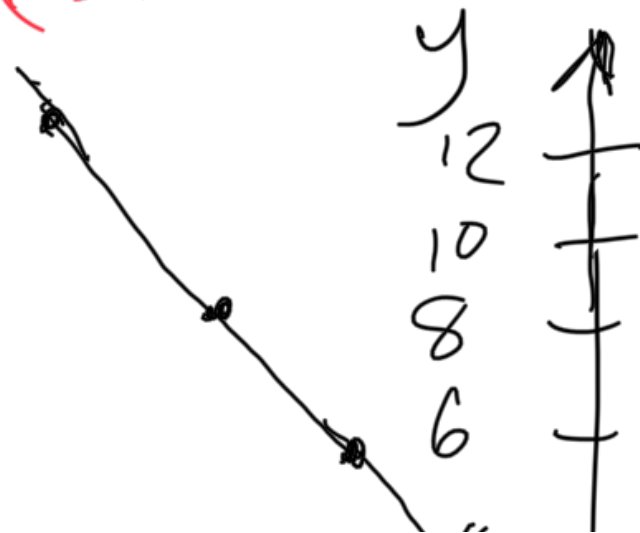
x	-2	-1.5	-1	-0.5	0	0.5	1	1.5	2	2.5	3
$y = x^2 - 3x + 2$	12	8.75	6	3.75	2		0	✓ -0.25	0		2

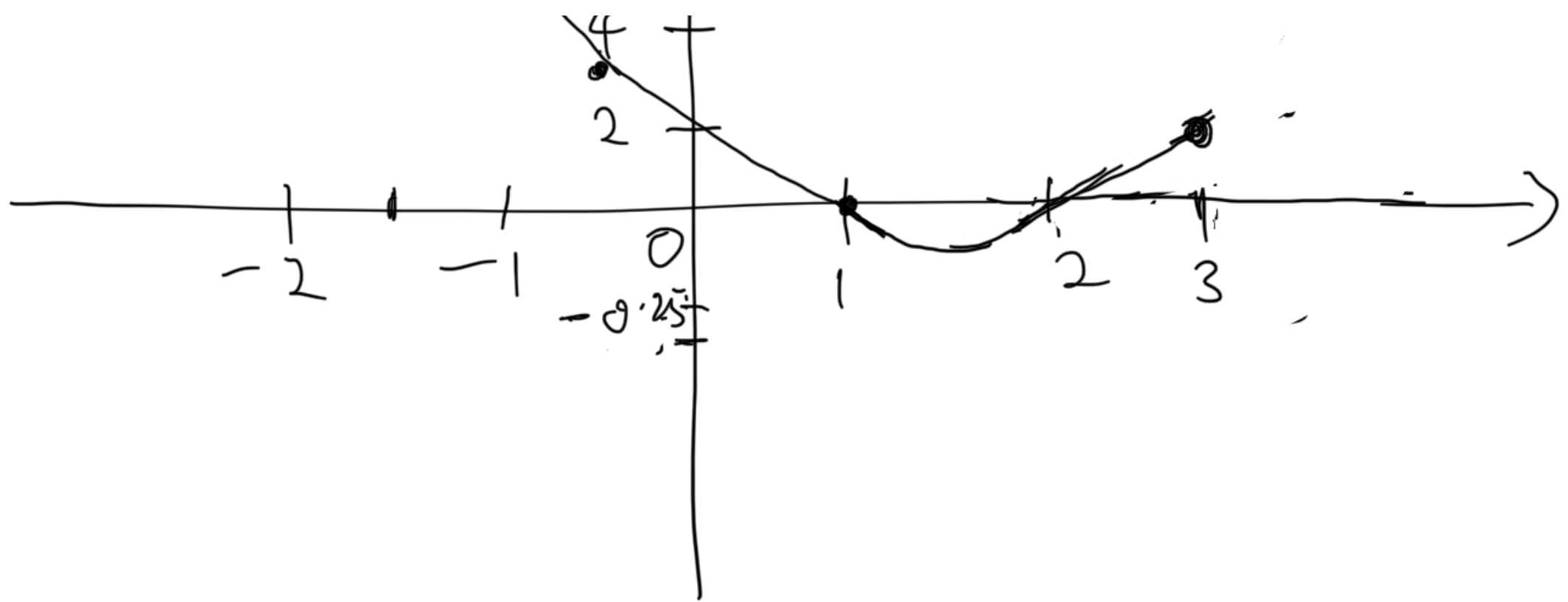
$$x = 2$$

$$4 - 6 + 2 = 0$$

$$9 - 9 + 2 = 2$$

$$x = 1.5 \Rightarrow (1.5)^2 - 3(1.5) + 2 = -\frac{1}{4} = -0.25$$





Domain of a function

Range of a function

Example

let $f(x) = 2x - 1$, for $-3 \leq x \leq 3$

then, domain of f is the values
 x can take.

$[-3, 3]$

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includes
-3

includes 3

$$[-3, 3] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -3 \leq x \leq 3\}.$$

$$-2 < x \leq 5 \Rightarrow (-2, 5]$$

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-2 not included 5 included

$$(-2, 5] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -2 < x \leq 5\}.$$

$$-4 < x < 5 = (-4, 5) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -4 < x < 5\}$$

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-4 not included 5 not included

Range of a function

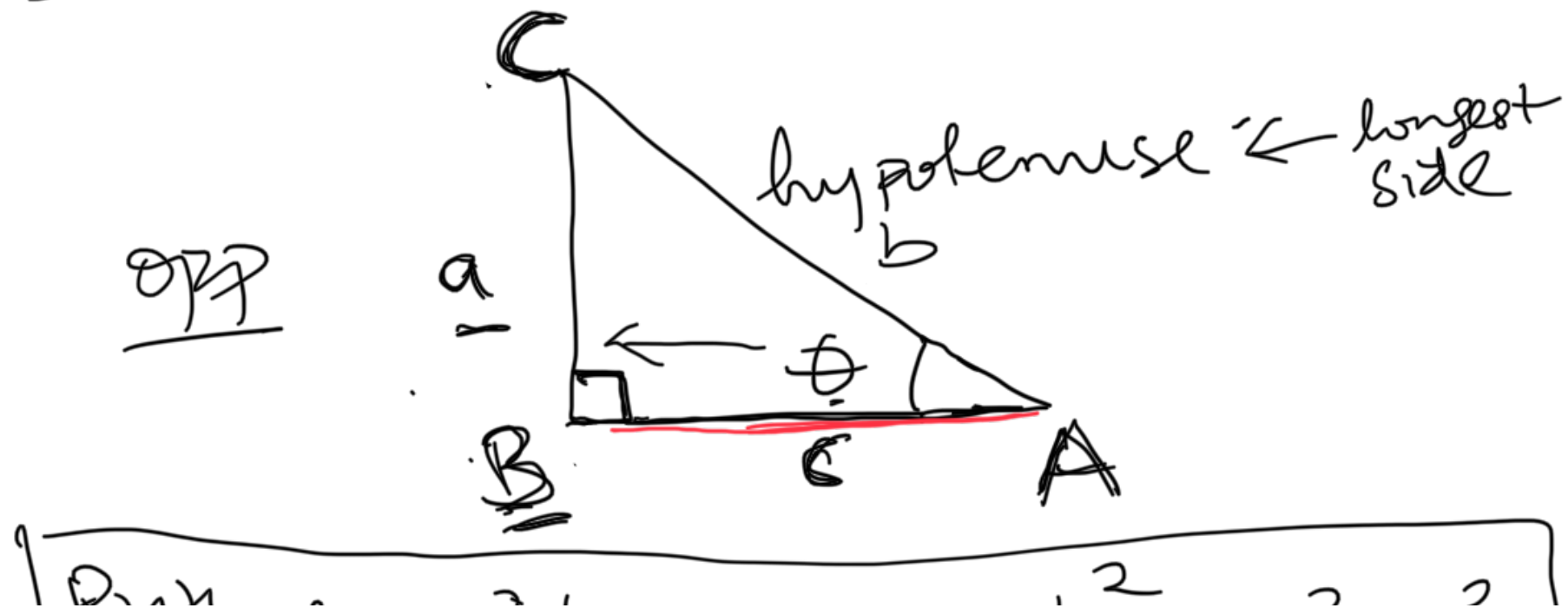
e.g. $f(x) = 2x - 1$, $-3 \leq x \leq 3$.

Range of f : Set of values of our output.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Range of } f &= \{y : y = f(x)\} \\ &= \underline{\{-7, -5, -3, -1, 1, 3, 5\}}.\end{aligned}$$

Trigonometry

Consider the right angled triangle \widehat{ABC} with
right-angle at \underline{B} .



→ Pythagoras' theorem: $b^2 = a^2 + c^2$

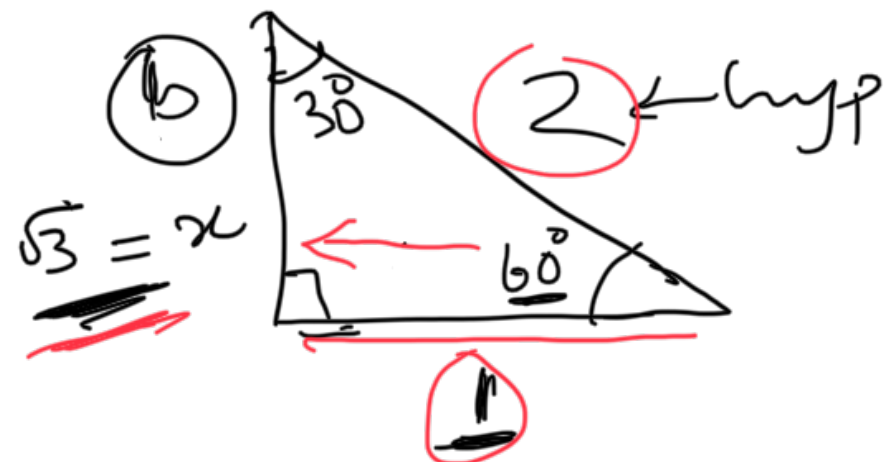
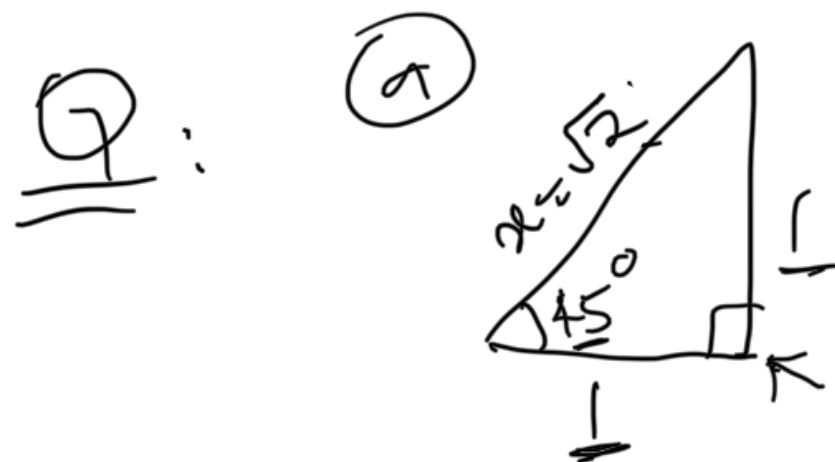
Trig

Sine θ , $\sin \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{a}{b}$

Cosine θ , $\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj.}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{c}{b}$

tangent θ , $\tan \theta = \frac{\text{Opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{a}{c}$

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Using the triangles above, write down

expressions for

a) $\sin 45^\circ$, $\cos 45^\circ$ and $\tan 45^\circ$

b) $\sin 30^\circ$, $\cos 30^\circ$ and $\tan 30^\circ$

c) $\sin 60^\circ$, $\cos 60^\circ$ and $\tan 60^\circ$

Soln : For a) $x^2 = 1^2 + 1^2$

$$x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{2}}}$$

For b) $2^2 = x^2 + 1^2$

$$x^2 = 2^2 - 1^2$$

$$x^2 = 4 - 1$$

$$x^2 = 3 \Rightarrow x = \underline{\underline{\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$a) \rightarrow \sin 45^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\rightarrow \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 45^\circ = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\tan 30^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

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$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

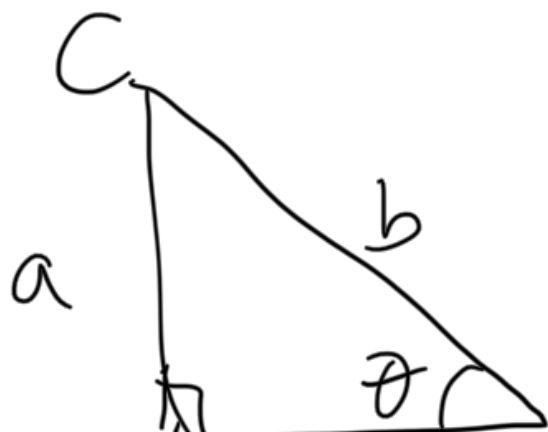
$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

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Q Prove $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$.

Soln



$$\frac{B}{c} \quad \wedge$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{a}{b}, \quad \cos \theta = \frac{c}{b}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{a}{c} \quad \checkmark$$


$$\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{a/b}{c/b}$$

$$= \frac{a}{\cancel{b}} \times \frac{\cancel{b}}{c} = \frac{a}{c} = \tan \theta$$

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

Q.

Find angle θ in the following right angle triangle.

a) 

b) 



adj \square

Soln

$$a) \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 26.57 \text{ (2 dp)}$$

$$b) \cos \theta = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)$$

$$= 64.62 \text{ (2 dp)}$$