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Mathematical Models: A Catalog of Essential Functions

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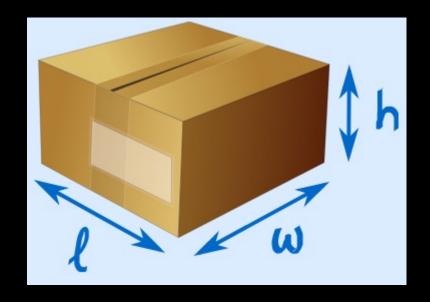
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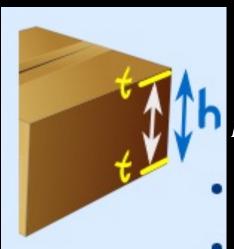
- Mathematical model: a description (a function or an equation) of a realworld phenomenon
- Examples:
 - o the size of a population,
 - the demand for a product,
 - the speed of a falling object
- The purpose is to understand the phenomenon and to make predictions about future behaviour.

• Mathematics is used to "model", or represent, how the real-world works.



 $Volume = l \times w \times h$

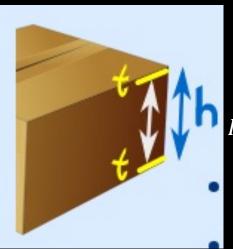
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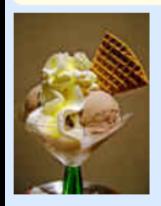
Now we have a **better** model.



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Mathematical models can also be used to forecast future behaviour.

Example: An ice cream company keeps track of how many ice creams get sold on different days.



By comparing this to the weather on each day they can make a mathematical model of sales versus weather.

They can then predict future sales based on the weather forecast, and decide how many ice creams they need to make ... ahead of time!

• To model complex mathematical models, write them as computer programs

- More complex examples include:
 - Weather prediction
 - Economic Models (predicting interest rates, unemployment, etc)
 - Public health vs infectious diseases

• How to formulate a mathematical model?

- The mathematical modeling process:
- 1. Identify and name of the independent and dependent variables
 - 1. Apply laws and guides.
 - 2. Collect data and analyze the data in the form of a table to discover patterns.
- 2. From the numerical representation of the data, obtain a graphical representation of the data.
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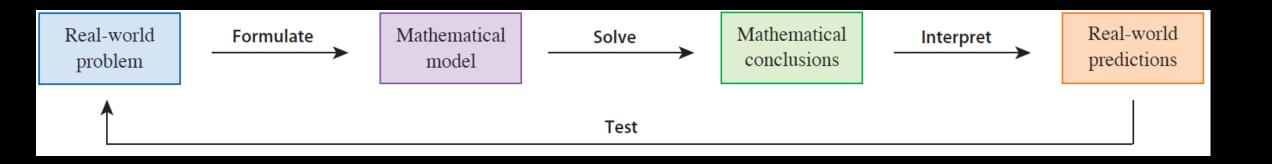
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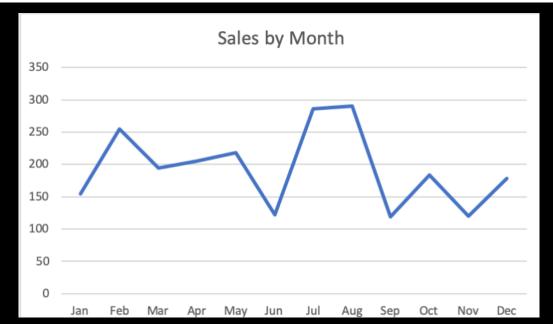
• Graphical representation of the data:

A	В	C	D		
		Target	Actual		
	Quarter 1	2727	3358		
	Quarter 2	3860	3829		
	Quarter 3	3169	2374		
	Quarter 4	3222	3373		
		Quarter 2 Quarter 3	Quarter 1 2727 Quarter 2 3860 Quarter 3 3169		



• Graphical representation of the data:

Δ	A	В	С	D	E	F	G	Н	1	J	K	L	М
1		Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2	Products	113824	188986	140691	167417	199789	122998	104406	162634	170378	171745	130481	158238
3	Services	320651	345882	282953	197752	385273	298660	156515	188593	374634	278056	208716	240923
4	Total revenue	434475	534868	423644	365169	585062	421658	260921	351227	545012	449801	339197	399161
5	Sales count	155	255	195	205	218	122	286	291	119	184	120	178



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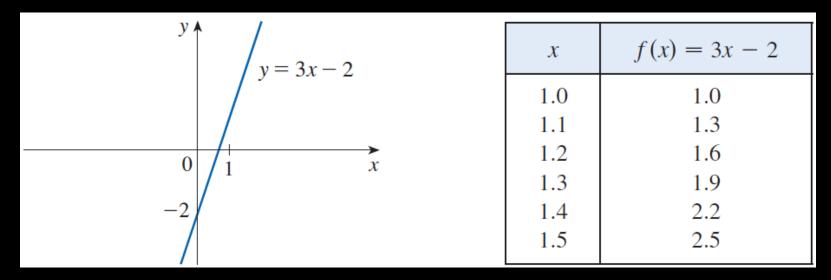
Linear Models

• A linear function means that the graph of the function is a line.

- Use the slope-intercept equation of a line to write a formula for the function y = f(x) = mx + b
 - \circ *m* is the slope of the line.
 - \circ *b* is the y-intercept.

Linear Models

• Example: f(x) = 3x - 2



- \circ Whenever x increases by 0.1, the value of f(x) increases by 0.3.
- \circ So, f(x) increases three times as fast as x.
- \circ The **slope** of the graph, 3, can be interpreted as the **rate of change** of y with respect to x.

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• A function P is called a **polynomial** if

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + a_3 x^3 + \dots + a_n x^n$$

- $\circ n$ is a non-negative integer called **degree** of the polynomial.
- \circ The numbers a_0 , a_1 , ... are called **coefficients** of the polynomial.

• Example:

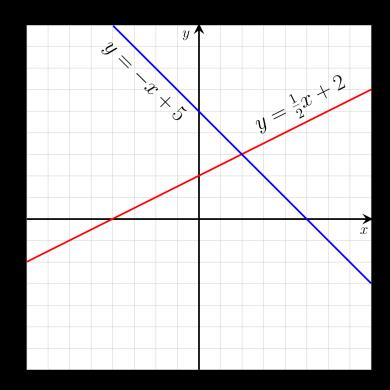
$$P(x) = 2x^6 - x^4 + \frac{2}{5}x^3 + \sqrt{2}$$

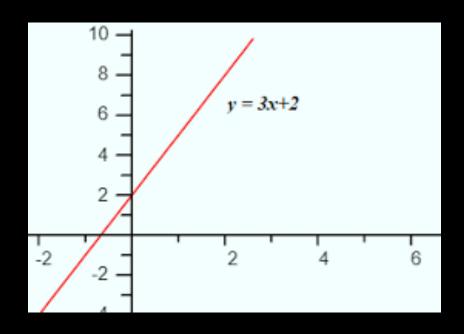
is a polynomial of degree 6.

• A polynomial of degree 1:

$$P(x) = a_0 + a_1 x^1 = mx + b$$

Which is a linear function.



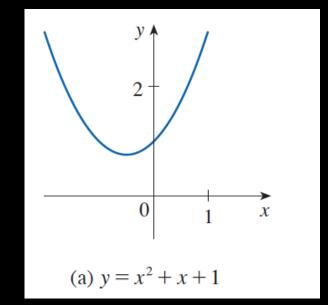


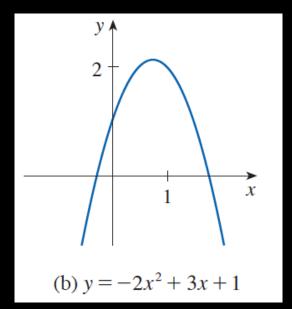
• A polynomial of degree 2:

$$P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Which is a quadratic function.

- Its graph is always a parabola.
 - \circ The parabola opens upward if a>0 and downward if a<0

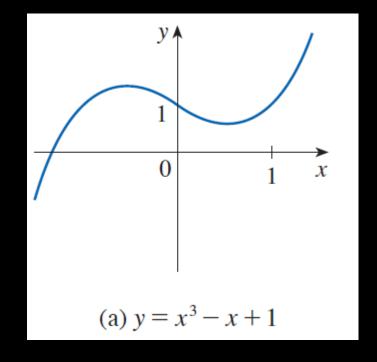


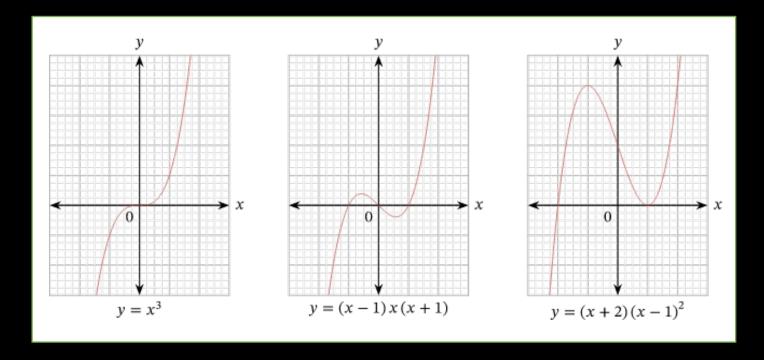


• A polynomial of degree 3:

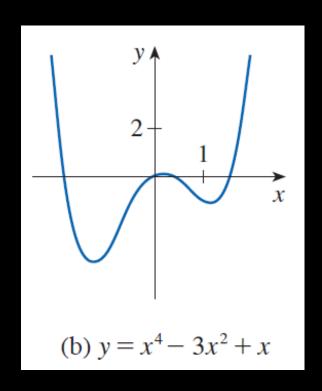
$$P(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

Which is a cubic function.

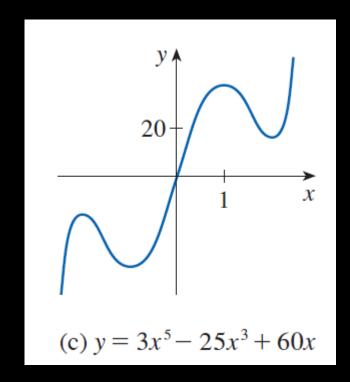




A polynomial of degree 4:



A polynomial of degree 5:



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• A function of the form $f(x) = x^a$, where a is a constant

• There are several cases:

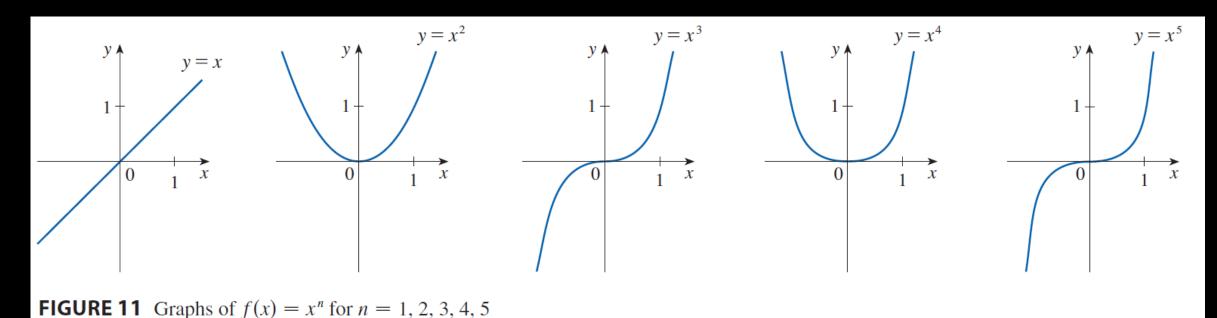
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a = 1/n, where n is a positive integer

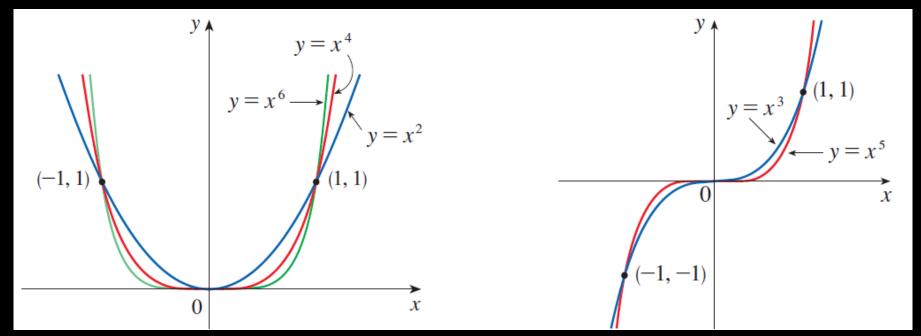
$$|a| = -1$$

$$a = -2$$

- (1) a = n, where n is a positive integer.
- These are polynomials with one term.
- The graphs of $f(x) = x^n$ for n = 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

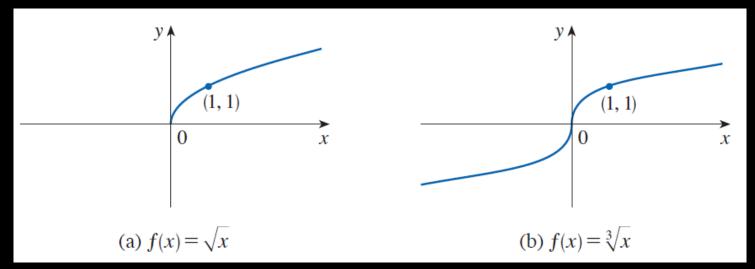


- The shape of the graph of $f(x) = x^n$ depends on whether n is even or odd.
 - \circ If n is even, then $f(x) = x^n$ is an even function and its graph is like that of $y = x^2$.
 - \circ If n is odd, then $f(x) = x^n$ is an odd function and its graph is like that of $y = x^3$.



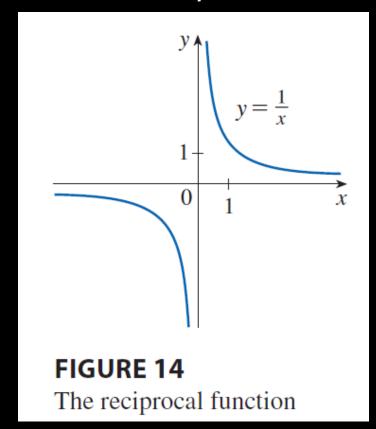
As n increases, the graph becomes flatter near 0 and steeper when |x| > 1.

- (2) a = 1/n, where n is a positive integer
- The function $f(x) = x^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{x}$ is a root function.
- If n=2 it is the square root function $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$, whose domain is $[0,\infty)$
 - \circ For other even values of n, the graph is like that of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$.
- If n=3 we have the cube root function $f(x)=\sqrt[3]{x}$ whose domain is \mathbb{R} .
 - \circ For other odd values of n, the graph is like that of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$.



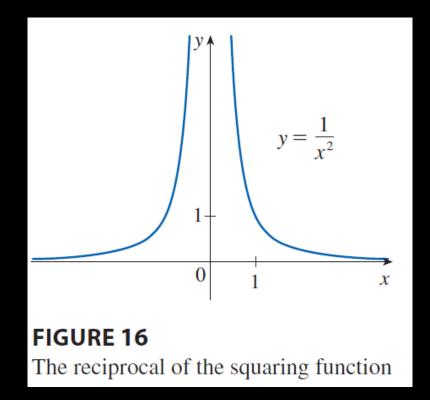
(3)
$$a = -1$$

• A reciprocal function $f(x) = x^{-1} = 1/x$



(4)
$$a = -2$$

• A reciprocal function $f(x) = x^{-2} = 1/x^2$



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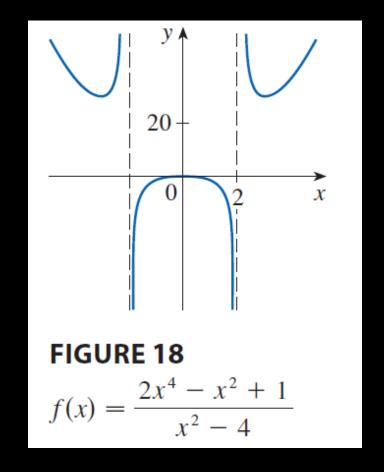
Rational Functions

• A rational function is a ratio of two polynomials:

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$$

where P and Q are polynomials.

- The domain consists of all values of x such that $Q(x) \neq 0$.
- Notice that the function in the graph is not defined for $x=\pm 2$



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Algebraic Functions

• **Algebraic function**: constructed using algebraic operations (+, -, *, /) starting with polynomials

• Examples:

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \qquad g(x) = \frac{x^4 - 16x^2}{x + \sqrt{x}} + (x - 2)\sqrt[3]{x + 1}$$

Algebraic Functions

• Functions that are not algebraic are called transcendental

- Examples:
- 1. Trigonometric functions.
- 2. Exponential functions.
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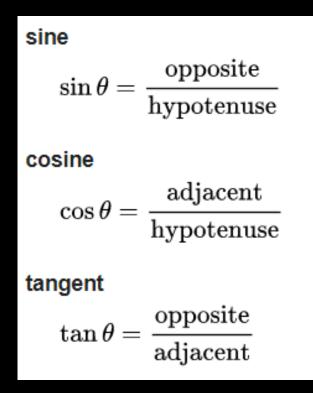
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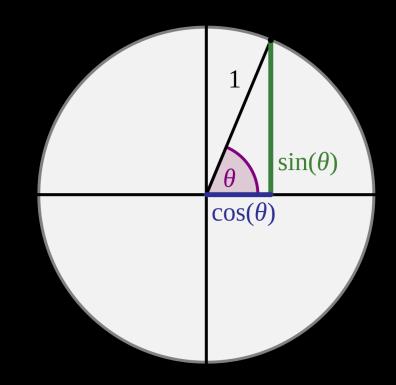
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• **Trigonometric functions**: relate an angle of a right-angled triangle to ratios of two side lengths.





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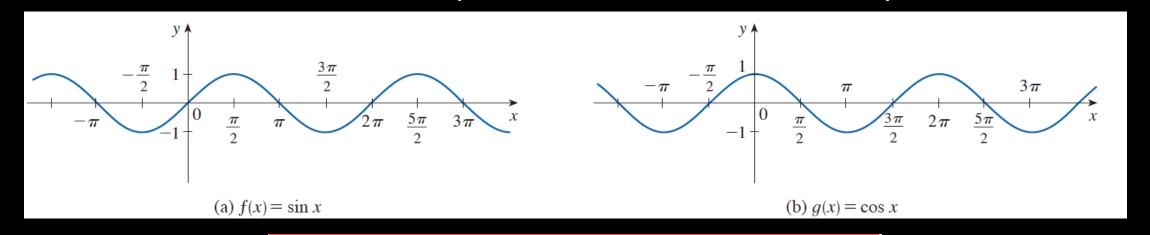
How trigonometric functions are originally computed without calculators?

Trigonometric Functions

• For both the sine and cosine functions the domain is $(-\infty, \infty)$ and the range is the closed interval [-1, 1]. $-1 \le \cos x \le 1$

 $-1 \le \sin x \le 1$

• Sine and cosine functions are periodic functions and have period 2π .



$$\sin(x + 2\pi) = \sin x \qquad \cos(x + 2\pi) = \cos x$$

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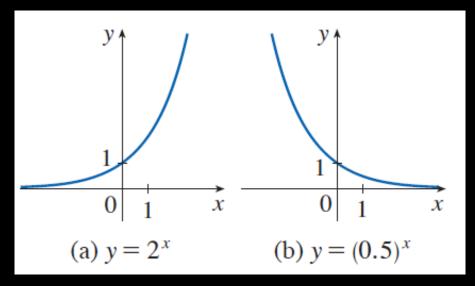
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• Exponential functions: have the form $f(x) = b^x$, where the base b is a positive constant.



• The domain is $(-\infty, \infty)$ and the range is $(0, \infty)$.

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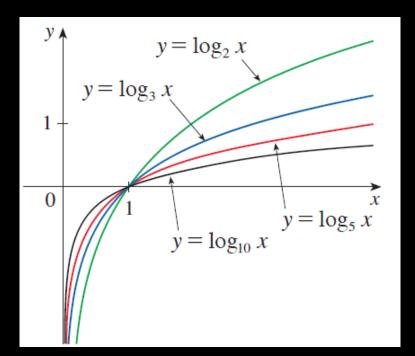


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- Logarithmic functions: $f(x) = \log_b x$, where the base b is a positive constant.
 - The inverse of the exponential functions.
 - \circ The domain is (0, ∞) and the range is (-∞, ∞).



1–2 Classify each function as a power function, root function, polynomial (state its degree), rational function, algebraic function, trigonometric function, exponential function, or logarithmic function.

1. (a)
$$f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2$$

(c)
$$r(t) = t^{\sqrt{3}}$$

(e)
$$y = \frac{(\sqrt{x})}{x^2 + 1}$$

2. (a)
$$f(t) = \frac{3t^2+2}{t}$$

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Polynomial of degree 3. (This function is also an algebraic function.)

Power

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Rational function.

(This function is also an algebraic function.)

Algebraic function. It is a root of a polynomial.

Power function.

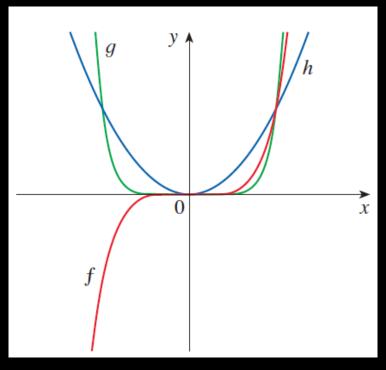
(This also an algebraic function because it is a root of a polynomial.)

3 Match each equation with its graph. Explain your choices. (Don't use a computer or graphing calculator.)

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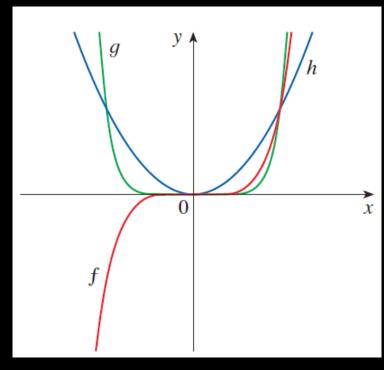
Graph (h), since it's an even function and symmetric about the y-axis

(b)
$$y = x^5$$

Graph (f), since it's an odd function and symmetric about the origin

(c)
$$y = x^8$$

Graph (g), since it's an even function and symmetric about the y-axis, and flatter than (h)



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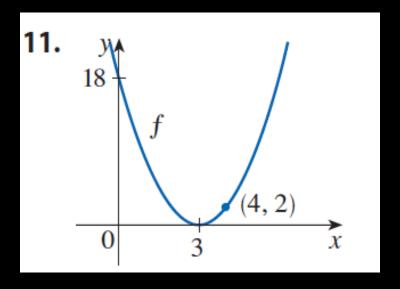
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The dominator cannot be 0, so $1 - \sin x \neq 0 \iff \sin x \neq 1 \iff x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi$ Thus, the domain is $\{x \mid x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + 2n\pi, n \text{ is an integer}\}$

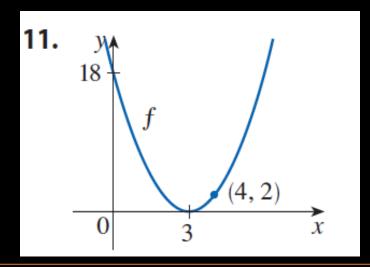
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- The graph is a parabola, it is a quadratic function of the form $ax^2 + bx + c$.
- For x = 0 (y-intercept), f(x) = 18. c = 18.
- For x = 3, we have f(x) = 0. $3^2a + 3b + 18 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 9a + 3b = -18 = 3a + b = -6 <math>\rightarrow$ (1)
- For x = 4, we have f(x) = 2. $\therefore 4^2a + 4b + 18 = 2 \Leftrightarrow 16a + 4b = -18 + 2 = 4a + b = -4 \rightarrow (2)$
- This is a system of two equations in the unknowns a and b and subtracting (1) from (2) gives a=2.
- $\therefore 3(2) + b = -6 \iff b = -12$ so the formula is $f(x) = 2x^2 12x + 18$

- 14. Recent studies indicate that the average surface temperature of the earth has been rising steadily. Some scientists have modelled the temperature by the linear function T=0.02t+8.50, where T is temperature in °C and t represents years since 1900.
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- (a) the slope is 0.02, which means that the average surface temperature of the world is increasing at a rate of 0.02 °C per year. The T-intercept is 8.50, which represents the average surface temperature in °C in the year 1900.
- (b) $t = 2100 1900 = 200 \rightarrow T = 0.02 * 200 + 8.50 = 12.50 C$

- 15. If the recommended adult dosage for a drug is D (in mg), then to determine the appropriate dosage c for a child of age a, pharmacists use the equation c = 0.0417D(a+1). Suppose the dosage for an adult is 200 mg.
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- (a) D = 200, so c = 0.0417(200)(a + 1) = 8.34a + 8.34. The slope is 8.34, which represents the change in mg of the dosage for a child for each change of 1 year in age.
- (b) For a new-born, a = 0, so c = 8.34 mg.

10. Sketch several members of the family of polynomials $P(x) = x^3 - cx^2$. How does the graph change when c changes?

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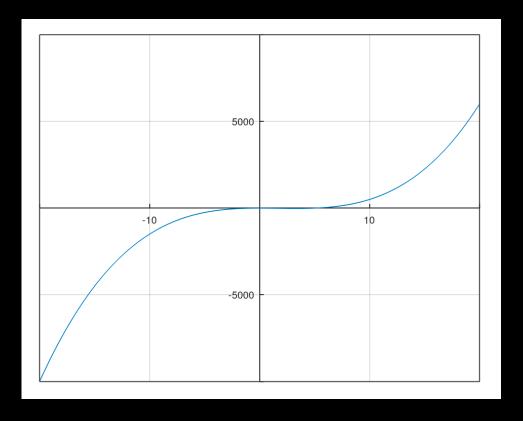
% Change this...
c = 5;

f = @(x) x.^3 - c * x.^2;

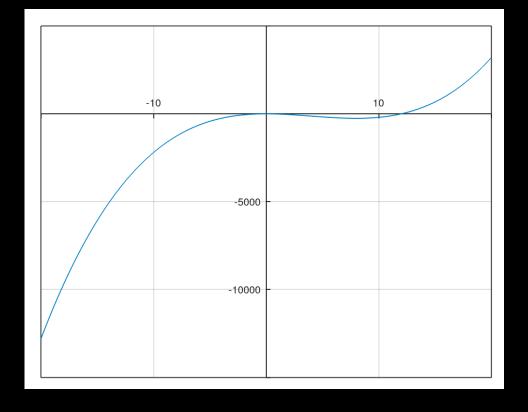
x = linspace(-20, 20);

plot(x, f(x)); set(gca, "XAxisLocation", "origin", "YAxisLocation", "origin");
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$$c = 5$$



$$c = 12$$



Task (section 1.2)

1 (b, d, f)

2 (b, d, f)

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Inverse Functions

• Inverse functions: functions that reverse each other

• Example: Table 1 shows the population of bacteria based on the hours passed. Table 2 shows the hours passed based on the population of the

bacteria

We say that Table 1 is the **inverse** of Table 2 and vice versa

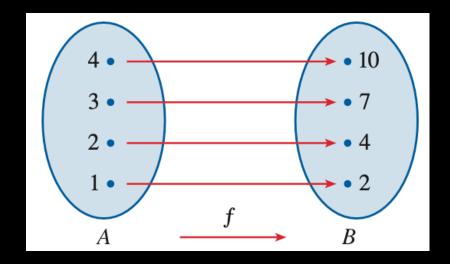
Table 1 N as a function of t

t (hours)	N = f(t) = population at time t
0	100
1	168
2	259
3	358
4	445
5	509
6	550
7	573
8	586

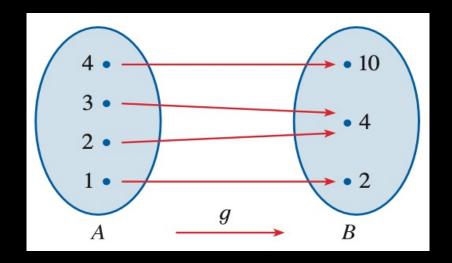
Table 2 t as a function of N

N	$t = f^{-1}(N)$ = time to reach N bacteria
100	0
168	1
259	2
358	3
445	4
509	5
550	6
573	7
586	8

- Not all functions can be invertible.
- Invertible functions must be one-to-one



f is one-to-one. It has an inverse e.g., f(4) = 10, $f^{-1}(10) = 4$



g is **not** one-to-one. It has **no** inverse e.g., f(3) = 4, $f^{-1}(4) = ?$

• Determine whether a function is one-to-one.

Horizontal Line Test

A function is one-to-one if and only if no horizontal line intersects its graph more than once.

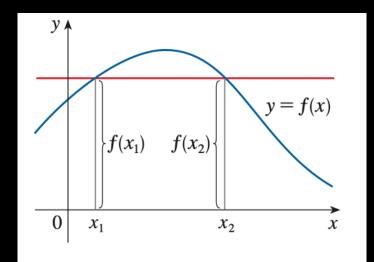
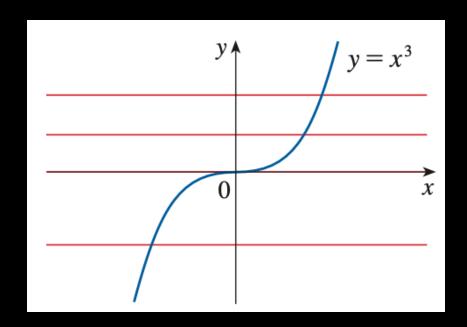


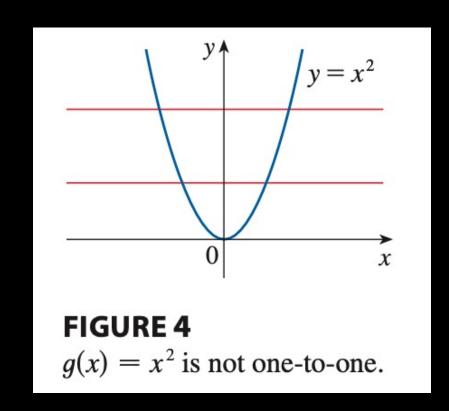
FIGURE 2

This function is not one-to-one because $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$.

- Example: Is the function $f(x) = x^3$ one-to-one?
- Test some numbers x_1, x_2 . If $x_1 \neq x_2$ gives $x_1^3 \neq x_2^3$, then it's one-to-one. 0.3, 5; 2, -2



- Example: Is the function $g(x) = x^2$ one-to-one?
- Not one-to-one. Try $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = -1 \rightarrow g(1) = 1 = g(-1)$

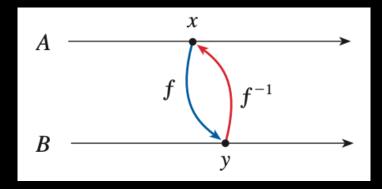


Inverse Functions

Let f be a one-to-one function with domain A and range B. Then its inverse function f^{-1} has domain B and range A and is defined by

$$f^{-1}(y) = x \iff f(x) = y$$

- Domain of f^{-1} = range of f
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How to find the inverse of a one-to-one function

- 1. Write y = f(x)
- 2. Solve the equation for x in terms of y
- 3. Interchange the variables x, y, so the resulting equation is $y = f^{-1}(x)$

- Example: Find the inverse of $f(x) = x^3 + 2$
- 1. $y = x^3 + 2$
- 2. $x^3 = y 2 \rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{y 2}$
- 3. $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-2}$

- If b > 0 and $b \ne 1$, we have the **exponential function** $f(x) = b^x$
- The inverse is the **logarithmic function** with base b

$$\log_b x = y \iff b^y = x$$

Laws of Logarithms

$$\log_b(b^x) = x \quad \forall x \in R$$

$$b^{\log_b x} = x \quad \forall x > 0$$

$$\log_b(xy) = \log_b x + \log_b y$$

$$\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x^r) = r \log_b x \ \forall r \in R$$

• A special logarithm is the **natural logarithm**: $log_e x = \ln x$ • The e is Euler's constant, 2.718

$$\ln x = y \iff e^y = x$$

Laws of Natural Logarithms

$$\ln(e^x) = x \quad x \in R$$

$$e^{\ln(x)} = x \quad x > 0$$

$$ln e = 1$$

$$x^r = e^{r \ln x}$$

• Example: solve the equation $e^{5-3x}=10^{10}$

Take the natural logarithm of both sides to cancel e

$$\ln e^{5-3x} = \ln 10 \rightarrow 5 - 3x = \ln 10$$
$$3x = 5 - \ln 10 \rightarrow x = 1/3(5 - \ln 10)$$
$$x \approx 0.8991$$

 Logarithms with any base can be expressed in terms of the natural logarithm.

Change of Base Formula

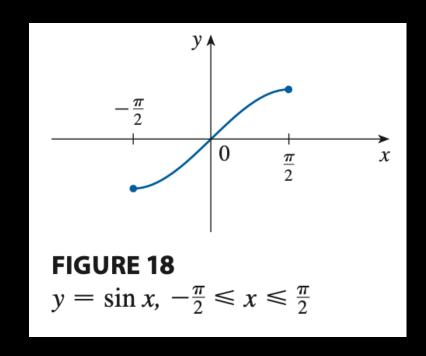
For any positive number b ($b \neq 1$), we have

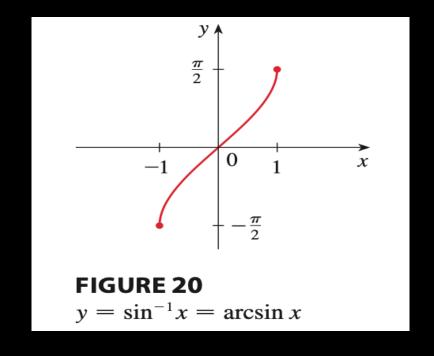
$$\log_b x = \frac{\ln x}{\ln b}$$

• Example: $\log_8 5 = \frac{\ln 5}{\ln 8} \cong 0.7739$

Trigonometric functions and their inverses

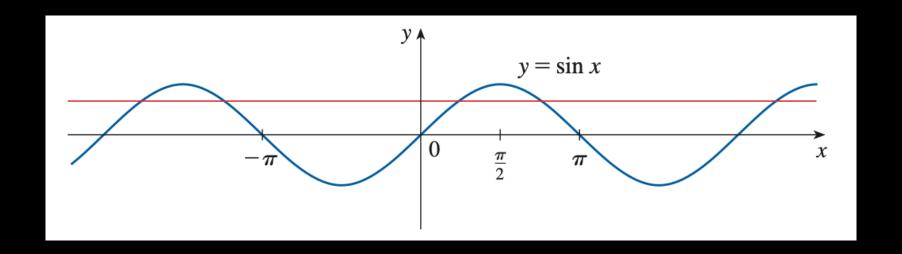
• $\sin(x) \iff \sin^{-1}(x) = \arcsin(x)$





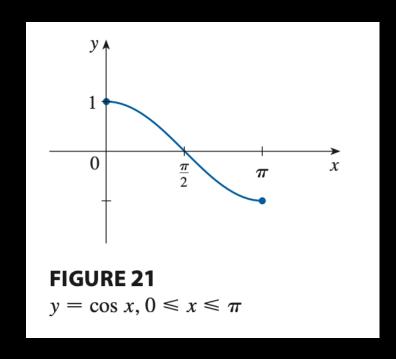
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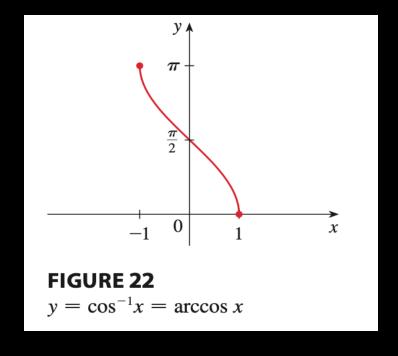
- Notice: the sin function is one-to-one only when the domain is $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{2}$
- sin doesn't pass the horizontal line test for all $x \in R$



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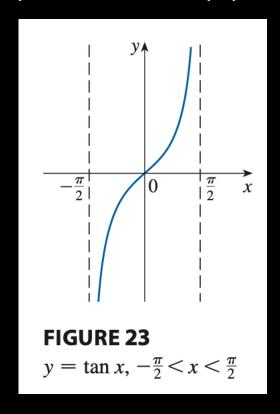
• $cos(x) \iff cos^{-1}(x) = arccos(x)$

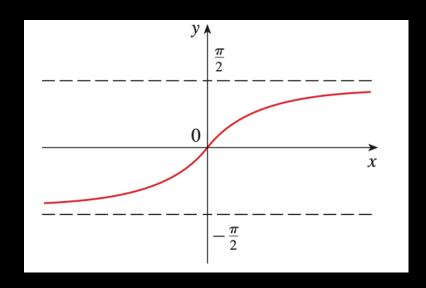




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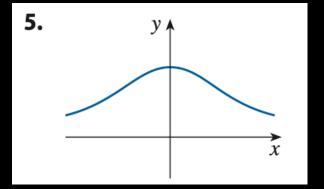
• $tan(x) \iff tan^{-1}(x) = arctan(x)$

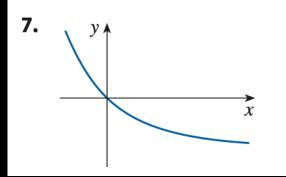




3–16 A function is given by a table of values, a graph, a formula, or a verbal description. Determine whether it is one-to-one

2	x	1	2	3	4	5	6
3.	f(x)	1.5	2.0	3.6	5.3	2.8	2.0





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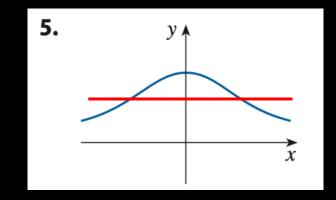
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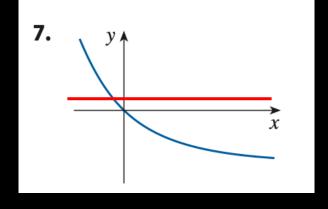
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This is not one-to-one because f(2) = f(6) = 2.0

This is not one-to-one because it doesn't pass the horizontal line test



This is one-to-one because it doesn't pass the horizontal line test



10.
$$f(x) = x^4 - 16$$

Try
$$x = 2, -2$$
: $f(2) = 2^4 - 16 = 0$, $f(-2) = (-2)^4 - 16 = 0$

Since f(2) = f(-2) = 0, the function is not one-to-one

11.
$$r(t) = t^3 + 4$$

Solve it algebraically: assume we have $t_1 \neq t_2$, then we have $r(t_1) \neq r(t_2) \rightarrow t_1^3 + 4 \neq t_2^3 + 4 \rightarrow t_1^3 \neq t_2^3 \rightarrow$ (take the cubic root) $t_1 \neq t_2$, which is valid. Thus, it is one-to-one

23–30 Find a formula for the inverse of the function.

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 $y = 2 + \sqrt{x+1} \rightarrow \sqrt{x+1} = y - 2 \rightarrow x + 1 = (y-2)^2 \rightarrow x = (y-2)^2 - 1$
 $\therefore g^{-1}(x) = (x-2)^2 - 1 \text{ for } x \ge 2$

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$$h(x) = \frac{6-3x}{5x+7}$$

 $y = \frac{6-3x}{5x+7} \to 6 - 3x = 5xy + 7y \to 5xy + 3x = 6 - 7y \to x(5y+3) = 6 - 7y \to$

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%% Setting python venv %%
setenv("PYTHON", "./venv/bin/python");
clc: clear:
pkg load symbolic
syms x y
q = 2 + sqrt(x+1)
%% Represent the equation f(x) = y, but we rearrange it as f(x) - y = 0.
\% In other words, we find the value of x such that f(x) equals y.
\% Thus, we are solving x^2 + 2x - y = 0
inv_g = solve(g - y, x)
val = subs(q, 3)
% val = 4
inv_val = subs(inv_g, val)
h = (6-3*x)/(5*x+7)
inv_h = solve(h - y, x)
val = subs(h, 2)
%val = 0
inv_val = subs(inv_h, val)
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43-44 Use the laws of logarithms to expand each expression (a) $\log_{10}(x^2y^3z)$

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 $= 2\log_{10}x + 3\log_{10}y + \log_{10}z$
(b) $\ln\left(\frac{x^4}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}\right)$
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 $= 4\ln x - 1/2(\ln[(x-2)(x+2)] = 4\ln x - 1/2(\ln(x-2) + \ln(x+2))$

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