

Maths

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Algebra

Lines

Slope of the line through $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$:

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Slope-intercept equation of line with slope m and y -intercept b :

$$y = mx + b$$

Point-slope equation of line through $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ with slope m :

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

Circles

Equation of the circle with center (a, b) and radius r :

$$(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$$

Distance and Midpoint Formulas

Distance between $P_1 = (x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2 = (x_2, y_2)$:

$$d = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}$$

Midpoint of P_1P_2 :

$$\left(\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2} \right)$$

Laws of Exponents

$$x^m x^n = x^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{x^m}{x^n} = x^{m-n}$$

$$(x^m)^n = x^{mn}$$

$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

$$(xy)^n = x^n y^n$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} \right)^n = \frac{x^n}{y^n}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{xy} = \sqrt[n]{x} \sqrt[n]{y}$$

$$\sqrt[n]{\frac{x}{y}} = \frac{\sqrt[n]{x}}{\sqrt[n]{y}}$$

$$x^{\frac{m}{n}} = \sqrt[n]{x^m} = (\sqrt[n]{x})^m$$

Special Factorizations

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

Binomial Theorem

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

$$(x + y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3$$

$$(x - y)^3 = x^3 - 3x^2y + 3xy^2 - y^3$$

$$(x + y)^n = x^n + nx^{n-1}y + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + \binom{n}{k}x^{n-k}y^k + \dots + nxy^{n-1} + y^n$$

where $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-k+1)}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots k}$

Quadratic Formula

$$\text{If } ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \text{ then } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}.$$

Inequalities and Absolute Value

$$\text{If } a < b \text{ and } b < c, \text{ then } a < c.$$

$$\text{If } a < b, \text{ then } a + c < b + c.$$

$$\text{if } a < b \text{ and } c > 0, \text{ then } ca < cb.$$

$$\text{if } a < b \text{ and } c < 0, \text{ then } ca > cb.$$

$$|x| = x \text{ if } x \geq 0$$

$$|x| = -x \text{ if } x < 0$$

Geometry

Formulas for area A, circumference C, and volume V

Triangle

$$A = \frac{1}{2}bh$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin(\theta)$$

Circle

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$C = 2\pi r$$

Sector of Circle

$$A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$$

$$s = r\theta$$

Sphere

$$V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$$

$$A = 4\pi r^2$$

Cylinder

$$V = \pi r^2 h$$

Cone

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$$

$$A = \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$$

Cone with arbitrary base

$$V = \frac{1}{3}Ah$$

Trigonometry

Pythagorean Theorem: For a right triangle with hypotenuse of length c and legs of lengths a and b , $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$.

Angle Measurement

$$\pi \text{ radians} = 180^\circ$$

$$1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ rad}$$

$$1 \text{ rad} = \frac{180}{\pi}$$

$$s = r\theta \text{ } (\theta \text{ in radians})$$

Right Triangle Definitions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta}$$

Trigonometric Functions

$$\sin \theta = \frac{y}{r}$$

$$\cos \theta = \frac{x}{r}$$

$$\tan \theta = \frac{y}{x}$$

$$\sec \theta = \frac{r}{x}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{r}{y}$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\theta} = 0$$

Fundamental Identities

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cos(\theta)$$

$$\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \sin(\theta)$$

$$\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta\right) = \cot(\theta)$$

$$\sin(-\theta) = -\sin \theta$$

$$\cos(-\theta) = \cos \theta$$

$$\tan(-\theta) = -\tan \theta$$

$$\sin(\theta + 2\pi) = \sin \theta$$

$$\cos(\theta + 2\pi) = \cos \theta$$

$$\tan(\theta + \pi) = \tan \theta$$

The Law of Sines

$$\frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

The Law of Cosines

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

Addition and Subtraction Formulas

$$\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$$

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin x \cos y - \cos x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$$

$$\cos(x - y) = \cos x \cos y + \sin x \sin y$$

$$\tan(x + y) = \frac{\tan x + \tan y}{1 - \tan x \tan y}$$

$$\tan(x - y) = \frac{\tan x - \tan y}{1 + \tan x \tan y}$$

Double-Angle Formulas

$$\sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x$$

$$\cos 2x = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1 = 1 - 2 \sin^2 x$$

$$\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}$$

$$\sin^2 x = \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2}$$

$$\cos^2 x = \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2}$$

Precalculus Review

78. Prove the triangle inequality by adding the two inequalities

1.) Known Inequalities

$$-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$$

$$-|b| \leq b \leq |b|$$

2.) Add and Simplify

$$(-|a|) + (-|b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$-(|a| + |b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$$

3.) By the definition of absolute value, we know:

$$-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$$

$$-|a + b| \leq a + b \leq |a + b|$$

4.) To explain, the value $a + b$ is squeezed between $-(|a| + |b|)$ and $|a| + |b|$. By taking the absolute value on both sides, we conclude that:

$$-(|a| + |b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$$

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

79. Show that if $r = \frac{a}{b}$ is a fraction in lowest terms, then r has a finite decimal expansion if and only if $b = (2^n)(5^m)$ for some $n, m \geq 0$. Hint: Observe that r has a finite decimal expansion when $(10^N)(r)$ is an integer for some $N \geq 0$ (and hence b divides 10^N).

Finite Decimal Expansion implies $b = 2^n \cdot 5^m$

1. Finite Decimal Expansion: A fraction $\frac{a}{b}$ has a finite decimal expansion if and only if $\frac{a}{b}$ can be written as $k \cdot 10^{-N}$ for some integer k and non-negative integer N . This is equivalent to the condition that b divides 10^N for some $N \geq 0$

2. Denominator as a Product of Powers of 2 and 5: Observe that $10^N = 2^N \cdot 5^N$. Therefore, if b divides 10^N , then b must be of the form $b = \frac{10^N}{k}$, where k is an integer that ensures b divides 10^N . This implies that b must only have the prime factors 2 and 5 because 10^N itself only contains the prime factors 2 and 5. Thus, if b divides 10^N , then b must be of the form $b = 2^n \cdot 5^m$ for some non-negative integers n and m

$b = 2^n \cdot 5^m$ Implies Finite Decimal Expansion

1. Form of b : Suppose $b = 2^n \cdot 5^m$. We want to show that $\frac{a}{b}$ has a finite decimal expansion. Since b can be written as $2^n \cdot 5^m$, it follows that b is a divisor of 10^N where $N = \max(n, m)$.

2. Verification: To be specific, let us express $\frac{a}{b}$ in terms of 10^N :

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{2^n \cdot 5^m}$$

We can multiply both the numerator and the denominator by 10^N , where $N = \max(n, m)$. This multiplication yields:

$$\frac{a \cdot 10^N}{b \cdot 10^N} = \frac{a \cdot 10^N}{2^n \cdot 5^m \cdot 10^N} = \frac{a \cdot 10^N}{10^{N+n} \cdot 10^m} = \frac{a \cdot 10^N}{10^N}$$

Since $b \cdot 10^N = 10^{N+n} \cdot 10^m$, which simplifies to 10^N , we get that $b \cdot 10^N$ is an integer.

Hence, $\frac{a \cdot 10^N}{b \cdot 10^N}$ is an integer, implying that $\frac{a}{b}$ indeed has a finite decimal expansion.

Conclusion

We have shown that if b divides 10^N for some $N \geq 0$, then b must be of the form $2^n \cdot 5^m$. Conversely, if $b = 2^n \cdot 5^m$, then $\frac{a}{b}$ has a finite decimal expansion. Therefore, the fraction $\frac{a}{b}$ in lowest terms has a finite decimal expansion if and only if the denominator b is of the form $2^n \cdot 5^m$.

80. Let $p = p_1 \dots p_s$ be an integer with digits p_1, \dots, p_s . Show that $\frac{p}{10^s - 1} = 0.\overline{p_1 \dots p_s}$. Use this to find the decimal expansion of $r = \frac{2}{11}$. Note that $r = \frac{2}{11} = \frac{18}{10^2 - 1}$.

A quadratic function is a function defined by a quadratic polynomial

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \quad (a, b, c, \text{ constants with } a \neq 0)$$

The technique of completing the square consists of writing a quadratic polynomial as a multiple of a square plus a constant:

$$ax^2 + bx + c = a\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

The discriminant of $f(x)$ is the quantity $D = b^2 - 4ac$. The roots of $f(x)$ are given by the quadratic formula:

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The general linear equation is $ax + by = c$ where a and b are not both zero. For $b = 0$, this gives the vertical line $ax = c$. When $b \neq 0$, we can rewrite in slope-intercept form. For example, $-6x + 2y = 3$ can be rewritten as $y = 3x + \frac{3}{2}$.

Polynomials: For any real number m , the function $f(x) = x^m$ is called the power function with exponent m . A polynomial is a sum of multiples of power functions with whole number exponents: $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^3 + 4x$, $g(t) = 7t^6 + t^3 - 3t - 1$.

Thus, the function $f(x) = x + x^{-1}$ is not a polynomial because it includes a power function x^{-1} with a negative exponent. The general polynomial in the variable x may be written

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 + a_0$$

The numbers a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n are called coefficients.

The degree of $P(x)$ is n (assuming that $a_n \neq 0$).

The coefficient a_n is called the leading coefficient.

The domain of $P(x)$ is \mathbb{R} .

Rational functions: A rational function is a quotient of two polynomials:

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

Every polynomial is also a rational function with $Q(x) = 1$. The domain of a rational function $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ is the set of numbers x such that $Q(x) \neq 0$.

Algebraic functions: An algebraic function is produced by taking sums, products, and quotients of roots of polynomials and rational functions.