A Level Pure Mathematics Notes

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1.1 Methods

- Proof by deduction
- Proof by exhaustion
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- Proof by contradiction

1.2 Proof by contradiction

1.2.1 Steps

1. Assume that the first statement is false
2. Use logical steps / contradiction from knowledge to show that the assumption is false
3. Conclude that the assumption is false so the original statement must be true

1.2.2 Irrationality of $\sqrt{2}$

Assumption: $\sqrt{2}$ is a rational number

Then $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$ for some integers a and b

Also assume that a and b has no common factors so the fraction is in the simplest form

So $2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$, $a^2 = 2b^2$

So a^2 must be even, so a is also even

If a is even, then it can be expressed in the form $a = 2n$, where n is an integer

Substitute $a = 2n$: $(2n)^2 = 2b^2$

So $4n^2 = 2b^2$

So $b^2 = 2n^2$, hence b^2 must be even and b is also even

If a and b are both even, they will have a common factor or 2

This contradicts that a and b has no common factors, so $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number

1.2.3 Infinity of primes

Assumption: there is a finite number of prime numbers

List all the prime numbers that exist: $p_1, p_2, p_3, \ldots, p_n$

Consider the number $N = p_1 \times p_2 \times p_3 \times \cdots \times p_n + 1$

When N is divided by any of $p_1, p_2, p_3, \ldots, p_n$ a remainder of 1 is produced so none of them is a factor of N

Therefore N must be prime or have a prime factor not in the list of all the prime numbers that exist

This contradicts the assumption that there is a finite number of prime numbers

Therefore there must be an infinite number of prime numbers

2 Algebra and functions

2.1 Expressing solutions with set notations

Examples:

- $x > a$ and $x < b$ can be expressed as $\{x : x > a\} \cap \{x : x < b\}$
- $x < c$ or $x > d$ can be expressed as $\{x : x > c\} \cup \{x : x < d\}$

2.2 Sketching graphs

2.2.1 Quadratic / cubic / quartic

Find:

- Roots (may only be one or none)
- y-intercept
- Turning point
- Shape

2.2.2 Reciprocal graphs

Find:

- Horizontal asymptotes (by long division)
- Vertical asymptotes (where denominator = 0)

3 Coordinate geometry in (x, y) plane

3.1 Parametric equations

3.1.1 Convert to Cartesian form

- Express t in terms of x, then substitute $t = f(x)$ into $y = g(t)$
- Find the range of x by using the original parametric equation
- Find the range of y using original equation / considering the domain of x

3.1.2 Sketching curve

Sketch at regular intervals of t

4 Sequences and series

4.1 Binomial expansion

4.1.1 Expanding $(1+x)^n$

When $|x| < 1$:
$(1+x)^n \approx 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$

4.1.2 Expanding $(a+bx)^n$

$(a+bx)^n = (a(1+\frac{b}{a}x))^n = a^n(1+\frac{b}{a}x)^n$
Valid for $|\frac{b}{a}x| < 1$ or $|x| < \frac{a}{b}$

4.2 Divergent / convergent series

$\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i = u_1 + u_2 + u_3 + \dots + u_n$
If $\lim_{n\to\infty} S_n$ exists, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i$ converges
If $\lim_{n\to\infty} S_n$ does not exist, $\sum_{i=1}^{n} u_i$ diverges

4.3 Geometric series

Sum of first n terms: $S_n = \frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r}$

Sum to infinity: When $|r| < 1$ (convergent series): $S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$

4.4 Recurrence relations

Increasing sequence: $u_{n+1} > u_n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$

Decreasing sequence: $u_{n+1} < u_n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$

Periodic sequence: If there is an integer k such that $u_{n+k} = u_n$ for all $n \in \mathbf{N}$, $k =$ the order of the sequence

5 Trigonometry

5.1 Radian calculations

Arc length: $s = r\theta$

Area of sector: $A = \frac{1}{2}r^2\theta$

5.2 Trigonometry formulae

5.2.1 Addition / subtraction

- $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$
- $\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$
- $\tan(A \pm B) = \dfrac{\tan A \pm \tan B}{1 \mp \tan A \tan B}$
- $\sin A + \sin B = 2 \sin \dfrac{A+B}{2} \cos \dfrac{A-B}{2}$
- $\sin A - \sin B = 2 \cos \dfrac{A+B}{2} \sin \dfrac{A-B}{2}$
- $\cos A + \cos B = 2 \cos \dfrac{A+B}{2} \cos \dfrac{A-B}{2}$
- $\cos A - \cos B = -2 \sin \dfrac{A+B}{2} \sin \dfrac{A-B}{2}$

5.2.2 Double angle

- $\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$
- $\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$
- $\tan 2A = \dfrac{2 \tan A}{1 - \tan^2 A}$

5.2.3 Power descending

(Derive from double angle)

- $\sin A \cos A = \dfrac{\sin 2A}{2}$
- $\sin^2 A = \dfrac{1 - \cos 2A}{2}$
- $\cos^2 A = \dfrac{1 + \cos 2A}{2}$

5.2.4 Half angle

- $\sin \dfrac{A}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\dfrac{1 - \cos A}{2}}$
- $\cos \dfrac{A}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\dfrac{1 + \cos A}{2}}$
- $\tan \dfrac{A}{2} = \pm\sqrt{\dfrac{1 - \cos A}{1 + \cos A}} = \dfrac{1 - \cos A}{\sin A} = \dfrac{\sin A}{1 + \cos A}$

5.2.5 Small angle estimation

When θ is small:

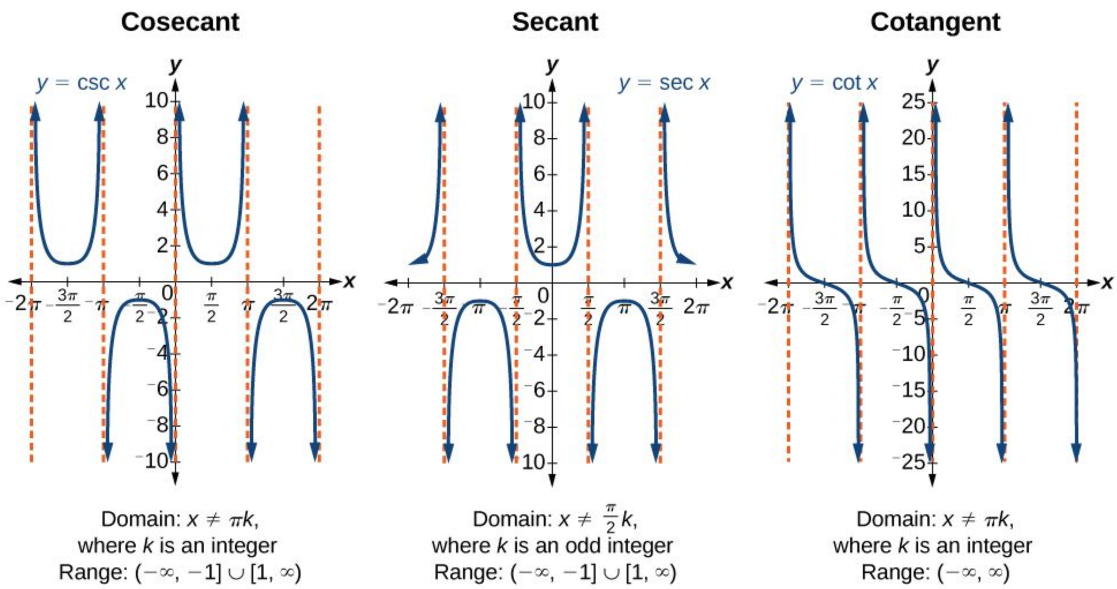
- $\sin \theta \approx \theta$
- $\cos \theta \approx 1 - \dfrac{\theta^2}{2}$
- $\tan \theta \approx \theta$

5.3 Identities

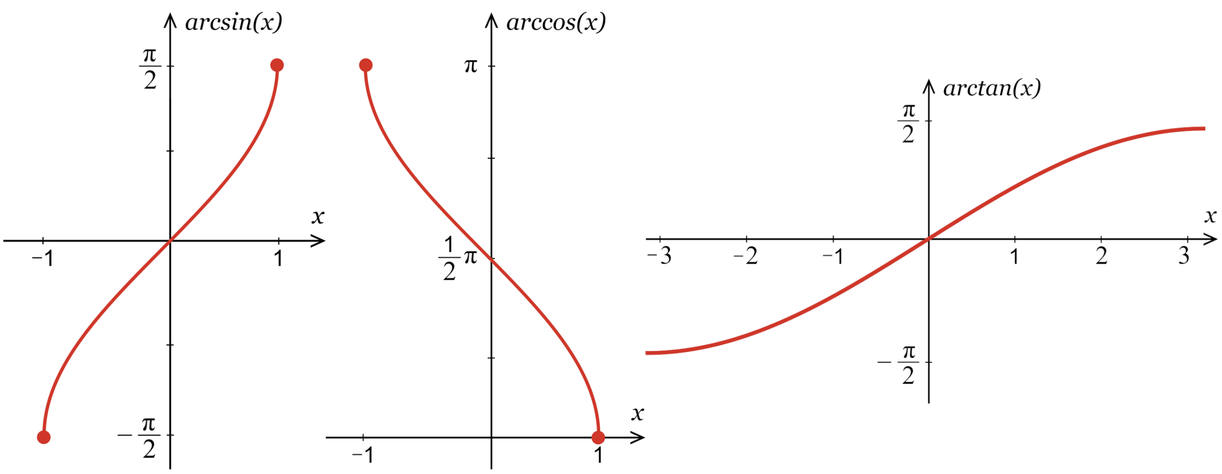
- $\tan\theta = \dfrac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$
- $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$
- $\tan^2\theta + 1 = \sec^2\theta$
- $\cot^2\theta + 1 = \operatorname{cosec}^2\theta$

5.4 Graphs

5.4.1 secant, cosecant and cotangent



5.4.2 arcsin, arccos, arctan



6 Exponentials and logarithms

6.1 Sketching graphs

Find the y-intercept of the graph

6.2 e^x function

$(e^x)' = e^x$

$(e^{kx})' = ke^{kx}$ (gradient directly proportional to y value)

6.3 Logarithm

$a^x = n$: $\log_a n = x$ ($a \neq 1$ and $a > 0$, $x \geq 0$)

6.3.1 Laws

The multiplication law: $\log_a x + \log_a y = \log_a xy$

The division law: $\log_a x - \log_a y = \log_a(\frac{x}{y})$

The power law: $\log_a x^k = k \log_a x$

Change base formula : $\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$

6.3.2 Logarithms in non-linear form

- $y = ax^n$ can be written as $\log y = n \log x + \log a$
  n = gradient, $\log a$ = y-intercept
- $y = ab^x$ can be written as $\log y = (\log b)x + \log a$
  $\log b$ = gradient, $\log a$ = y-intercept

7 Differentiation

$f'(x) = \lim_{n \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$

7.1 Formulae

$\mathbf{f(x)}$	$\mathbf{f'(x)}$
$\tan kx$	$k \sec^2 kx$
$\sec kx$	$k \sec kx \tan kx$
$\cot kx$	$-k \operatorname{cosec}^2 kx$
$\operatorname{cosec} kx$	$-k \operatorname{cosec} kx \cot kx$

7.2 Rules

Chain rule: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \times \frac{du}{dx}$

Product rule: $(f(x)g(x))' = f'(x)g(x) + g'(x)f(x)$

Quotient rule: $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - g'(x)f(x)}{g^2(x)}$

7.3 Tangent and normal

For curve $y = f(x)$:

Tangent at $(a, f(a))$**:** $y - f(a) = f'(a)(x - a)$

Normal at $(a, f(a))$**:** $y - f(a) = -\frac{1}{f'(a)}(x - a)$

8 Integration

8.1 Formulae

Formula sheet:

- ...

Integrating $\sin^2 x$ or $\cos^2 x$ (power descending):

- $\int \sin^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{\sin 2x}{2}) + c$
- $\int \cos^2 x \, dx = \int \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{2} \, dx = \frac{1}{2}(x + \frac{\sin 2x}{2}) + c$

8.2 Techniques

8.2.1 U-sub

- $\int f'(ax + b) \, dx = \frac{f(ax + b)}{a} + c$

  Substitution: $u = ax + b$
- $\int \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \, dx = \ln |f(x)| + c$

  Substitution: $u = f(x)$

8.2.2 By part

- $\int u \, dv = uv - \int v \, du$
- LIPET rule: leftmost $= u$

  L: logarithmic

  I: inverse trigonometry

  P: polynomial

  E: exponential

  T: trigonometry

8.3 Inverse trig integration

9 Numerical methods

10 Vectors