

Introduction to Differential and Integral Calculus

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Preface

This book is summarized by Yung-Hsuan Chang referring to *Calculus: One and Several Variables*, 10th edition and *Calculus: Early Treanscendentals*, 9th edition.

Chapter 1

Review of Elementary Mathematics

To a Roman in the days of the empire, a “calculus” was a pebble used in counting and gambling. Centuries later, “calulare” came to mean “to calculate,” “to compute,” “to figure out.” For our purposes, calculus is elementary mathematics (algebra, geometry, trigonometry) enhanced by the limit process.

Generally speaking, calculus takes ideas from elementary mathematics and extends them to a more general situation:

- i. from tangent line to a straight line to one to a curve,
- ii. from area of a polygon to area of a region bounded by curves,
- iii. from volume of a rectangular solid to volume of a solid with a curved boundary, etc.

1.1 Basics

In this section we review the terminology, notation, and formulas of elementary mathematics.

Sets

Definition 1.1.1 (Set). A set is a collection of objects. We call objects in a set elements or members of the set. A set is usually denoted with a capital letter.

For a collection of objects to be a set it must be well-defined; that is, given any object x , it must be possible to determine with certainty whether or not x is an element of the set. Thus, the collection of all even numbers, the collection of all lines parallel to a given line L , and the solutions of the equation

$$x^2 = 9$$

are all sets. The collection of all intelligent adults is not a set. It's not clear who should be included.

Notation. We have some common symbols for you as statements:

$x \in A$	the object x is in the set A
$x \notin A$	the object x is not in the set A
$A \subseteq B$	the set A is a subset of the set B , i.e., any element in A is in B
$A \supseteq B$	the set A contains the set B , i.e., B is a subset of A
$A = B$	the set A equals the set B , i.e., both $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$ hold

We have some more symbols as operations:

$A \cup B$	the union of set A and set B
$A \cap B$	the intersection of set A and set B
A^c	the complement of set A , i.e., the collection of all objects that is not in A
$A \setminus B$	the difference of set A and set B , i.e., $A \cap B^c$
\emptyset	the set with no elements

One can define a set with several ways:

- roster, listing its elements between curly brackets, separated by commas, e.g.,

$$A = \{42, 520\}, \quad B = \{e, \sqrt{2}, \pi\};$$

- semantic, using a rule to determine what the elements are, e.g,

Let C be the set whose members are the first four positive integers;

- set-builder, specifying a set as a selection from a larger set, determined by a condition on the elements, e.g.,

$$D = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid 0 \leq n \leq 59\}.$$

We will have some examples for you as a reference. Of course, we will have exercises.

The Real Number System

We start to learn counting from the set of all natural numbers (positive integers)

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}.$$

After we graduated the elementary school, we obtained the expended concept of the set of integers

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots\} = \{a - b \mid a \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

the set of rational numbers

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{a/b \mid a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } b \in \mathbb{N}\},$$

and the set of real numbers \mathbb{R} . The construction (definition) of \mathbb{R} is quite tedious. A relatively formal way to define \mathbb{R} is to define \mathbb{R} as the unique set contains \mathbb{Q} with the least upper bound property. Since it is out of the scope of this book, we skip more definitions. One can imagine that \mathbb{R} is the collection of all non-complex numbers that you have learned so far. These sets are so crucial that mathematicians use special letters $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ to indicate such.

Corollary 1.1.2. From the texts above, the containing relation

$$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

holds.

Proposition 1.1.3. The real number system \mathbb{R} and the rationals \mathbb{Q} are closed under addition and multiplication. That is, the product and the sum of two real (rational, respectively) numbers must be real (rational).

Proposition 1.1.4. The real number system \mathbb{R} and the rationals \mathbb{Q} are dense. That is, there must be a real (rational, respectively) between two real numbers (rational numbers).

Order Properties

In the real number system, we have the so-called order properties.

Theorem 1.1.5 (Order in the Real Number System). Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. The following statements always hold.

- i. (*Trichotomy*) Either $a < b$, $a > b$, or $a = b$.
- ii. (*Transitivity*) If $a < b$ and $b < c$, then $a < c$.
- iii. If $a < b$, then $a + r < b + r$ for all $r \in \mathbb{R}$.
- iv. If $a < b$ and $c > 0$, then $ac > bc$.
- v. If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $ac < bc$.

The Number Line

On a horizontal line we choose a point O . We call this point the origin and assign to it coordinate 0. Now we choose a point U to the right of O and assign to it coordinate 1. See Figure 1.1.1. The distance between O and U determines a scale (a unit length). We go on as follows: the point a units to the right of O is assigned coordinate a ; the point a units to the left of O is assigned coordinate $-a$.

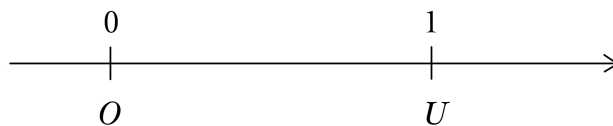


Figure 1.1.1

In this manner we establish a one-to-one correspondence between the points of a line and the numbers of the real number system. Figure 1.2.2 shows some real numbers represented as points on the number line. Positive numbers appear to the right of 0, negative numbers to the left of 0.

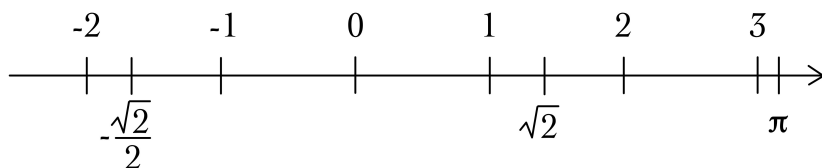


Figure 1.1.2

Absolute Value

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$. The symbol $|a|$ is called “the absolute value of a ,” and is defined by

$$|a| = \begin{cases} a, & \text{if } a \geq 0, \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0. \end{cases}$$

The geometric meaning of $|a|$ is the distance between a and 0. Moreover, $|a - b|$ is the distance between a and b .

We have some properties regarding the absolute values.

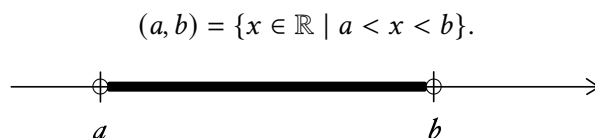
Theorem 1.1.6. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. The following statements always hold.

- i. $|a| = 0$ if and only if $a = 0$.
- ii. $|-a| = |a|$.
- iii. $|ab| = |a||b|$.
- iv. (*Triangle Inequality*) $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$.
- v. (*Reverse Triangle Inequality*) $||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$.
- vi. $|a^2| = |a|^2 = a^2$.

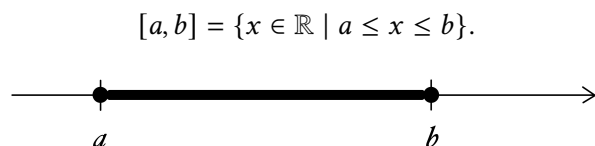
Interval

Accurately, intervals are connected subsets in the real number system. We use a pair of parentheses with a comma (\cdot, \cdot) to indicate open intervals and use a pair of brackets with a comma $[\cdot, \cdot]$ to indicate closed intervals.

Suppose $a < b$. The open interval (a, b) is the set of all numbers between a and b :



The closed interval $[a, b]$ is the open interval (a, b) with endpoints a and b :



We have seven more types of intervals:

$$(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x \leq b\},$$

$$[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x < b\},$$

$$(a, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > a\},$$

$$[a, \infty) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq a\},$$

$$(-\infty, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < b\},$$

$$(-\infty, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq b\},$$

$$(-\infty, \infty) = \mathbb{R}.$$

Interval notation is easy to remember: we use a square bracket to include an endpoint and a parenthesis to exclude it. On a number line, inclusion is indicated by a solid dot, exclusion by an open dot. The symbols ∞ and $-\infty$, read “infinity” and “negative infinity” (or “minus infinity”), do not represent real numbers. In the intervals

listed above, the symbol ∞ is used to indicate that the interval extends indefinitely in the positive direction; the symbol $-\infty$ is used to indicate that the interval extends indefinitely in the negative direction.

Basic Algebra

We use a small number on the top-right of another number to indicate the “power”, which essentially means the number of multiplication.

Notation. Let $r \in \mathbb{R}$ and $p \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. If $p \neq 0$, then the number r^p is read “ r to the power p ” and is with value $\underbrace{r \times r \times \cdots \times r}_{p \text{ times}}$. This explanation only works when the power is a positive integer. If $p = 0$ and $r \neq 0$, we define $r^0 = 1$. The number r is called the “base,” p is called the “exponent,” and r^p is called the “power.”

Example. By the texts above, we have

- i. $(-2)^2 = 4$,
- ii. $5^4 = 625$,
- iii. $(-1)^5 = -1$.

Notation. Let $a > 0$ and $p > 0$. The number $a^{1/p}$ is called the p -th root of a and is the number b such that $b^p = a$; it can also be written as $\sqrt[p]{a}$. If $p = 2$, we just write \sqrt{a} . The number a^{-p} is the reciprocal of a^p .

For products and quotients of powers.

Theorem 1.1.7 (Laws of Exponents). Let $a > 0$ and $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$. The following always hold.

- i. $a^{p+q} = a^p \cdot a^q$.
- ii. $a^{p-q} = \frac{a^p}{a^q}$.
- iii. $(a^p)^q = a^{pq}$.

Example. Show that

$$a^0 = 1$$

with the laws of exponents given $a > 0$.

Proof. Using

$$a^{p-q} = \frac{a^p}{a^q},$$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^0 &= a^{1-1} \\ &= \frac{a^1}{a^1} \\ &= 1, \end{aligned}$$

which coincides the definition. □

Furthermore, we can combine products with summations, factorizing an expression, so that we can find a root more easily.

Theorem 1.1.8 (Factorization). Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. The following always hold.

- i. $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$.
- ii. $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$.
- iii. $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$.
- iv. $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3$.
- v. $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$.
- vi. $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$.
- vii. $a^n - b^n = (a - b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \cdots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$.

Example. Evaluate the following numbers.

i. $255^2 - 245^2$.

ii. $25 + 2950 + 295^2$.

Solution. For the first number, we use

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$$

with $a = 255$ and $b = 245$. Hence, $255^2 - 245^2 = 10 \cdot 500 = 5000$. For the second number, we use

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2,$$

reversely, with $a = 5$ and $b = 295$. Hence, $25 + 2950 + 295^2 = (300)^2 = 90000$. □

Example. Factorize the following expressions.

i. $x^2 - 4x + 3$.

ii. $x^2 + 2x - 3$.

iii. $x^2 + 6x + 8$.

Solution. For the first expression, observe that $-4 = (-3) + (-1)$ and $(-3) \cdot (-1) = +3$. Hence,

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = (x - 3)(x - 1).$$

For the second expression, observe that $2 = 3 + (-1)$ and $3 \cdot (-1) = -3$. Hence,

$$x^2 + 2x - 3 = (x + 3)(x - 1).$$

For the last expression, observe that $6 = 2 + 4$ and $2 \cdot 4 = 8$. Hence,

$$x^2 + 6x + 8 = (x + 2)(x + 4).$$

□

Factorization is crucial for solving inequalities and finding roots.

Theorem 1.1.9 (Quadratic Formula). Let $a \neq 0, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$. The roots of the equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

are

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

The expression $b^2 - 4ac$ inside the square root is called the “discriminant” and is denoted by D . If $D > 0$, the equation has two distinct real roots. If $D = 0$, the equation has one real root. If $D < 0$, the equation has two complex roots.

Example. Solve the equation

$$2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0.$$

Solution. Using the quadratic formula,

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{3^2 + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (-2)}}{2 \cdot 2}.$$

Hence, $x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = -2$.

□

Exercise

1. Answer the following questions.

- i. We have four people, Anne, Bell, Christine, and Derek, comparing their heights. Suppose Christine is shorter than Anne, Bell is taller than Derek, and Christine is taller than Bell. Arrange them with their heights.
- ii. Suppose $a + 2 = b + 20 = c - 4$. What is the biggest number? What is the smallest number?

2. Determine true or false for each of the following statements.

- i. 1 is the smallest positive integer.

- ii. -1 is the smallest negative integer.
- iii. 0 is an integer.
- iv. 1 is the smallest positive integer.

3. Answer the following questions.

- i. How many points are there is with unit length 4 to the origin?
- ii. Evaluate the following expressions.
 - a. $|-5| - |8|$.
 - b. $|-3 - 7|$.
 - c. $|5 - \sqrt{5}|$.
 - d. $|2 - \pi|$.
- iii. Does the equation $\sqrt{a^2} = a$ hold for all $a \in \mathbb{R}$?
- iv. Suppose moving 6 meters to the right of the origin can be denoted as $+2$. How can moving 15 meters to the left of the origin be denoted?
- v. There are three points A , B , and C on the number line, with coordinate 1, 6, and 8, respectively. Suppose one set the origin to B without changing the unit length. What is the coordinate of A ? What is the coordinate of C ?
- vi. If $a - b = 18$ and $|a| = |b|$, what are a and b ?
- vii. If a and b are with different signs, i.e., $ab < 0$, and $|a| = |b|$, what is the value of $a + b$?
- viii. Suppose a and b are all negative. If $|a| > |b|$, what is the order between a and b ?

4. Answer the following questions.

- i. If $3|a + 2| + 2|b - 7| = 0$, what are a and b ?
- ii. If $|4 - a| = 1$, what is a ?
- iii. If $a > 0$, what is $|a|$?

- iv. If $a < 0$, what is $|a|$?
 - v. How many integers a are there satisfying $4 < |a| < 7$?
 - vi. How many integers c are there satisfying $|c| \leq 4$?
 - vii. If $|a - 2| = 2$, what is a ?
 - viii. If $|c + 2| = 8$, what is c ?
5. Answer the following questions.
- i. What is $[0, 2] \cap (2, 4)$?
 - ii. What is $[0, 1] \setminus (0, \infty)$?
 - iii. What is the interval I such that only elements x in I suffice $|x| \leq 3$?
 - iv. What is the interval J such that only elements x in J suffice $x^2 < 16$?
6. Answer the following questions.
- i. If $25^{3m} = 3$ and $5^{7n} = \frac{1}{3}$, what is the value of $(6m + 7n - 2)^5$?
 - ii. If $8^{2a} = 4$, what is the value of 8^{6a} ?
 - iii. If $x^{2a} = 3$, what is the value of $\frac{x^{3a} - x^{-a}}{x^{3a} + x^{-a}}$?
 - iv. If $a \cdot 567^3 = 10^3$ and $\frac{a}{10^3} = b$, what is the value of $a \cdot b$?
7. Factorize the following expressions.
- i. $x(b - c) - y(c - b)$.
 - ii. $(x - a)(x + 3) + (3 - x)(x - b)$.
 - iii. $(x^2 + 6x)^2 - 9^2$.
 - iv. $(x^2 + 3x)^{-1}(x + 4)^2$.
 - v. $x^2 + 4x + 4 - y^2$
8. Find the real roots of the equation.
- i. $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$.

ii. $x^2 - 9 = 0$.

iii. $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$.

iv. $x^2 + 8x + 16 = 0$.

v. $x^2 - 2x + 5 = 0$.

vi. $(x - 3)^2 - 16 = 0$.

1.2 Inequalities

Inequalities can be similarly solved like one solving an equation, adding the same number to both sides or by multiplying both sides by the same positive number. The relation will be reversed when multiplied both sides by the same negative number.

Example. Solve the inequality

$$-4(3 - x) \leq 12.$$

Solution. Multiplying both sides by $\frac{1}{4}$, we have

$$x - 3 \leq 3.$$

Adding 3 to both sides, we have

$$x \leq 6.$$

Hence, the solution set is the interval $(-\infty, 6]$.

□

Example. Solve the inequality

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0.$$

Solution. Factorizing the expression on the left, we have

$$(x - 3)(x - 1) > 0.$$

The inequality only holds when the expression $(x - 3)$ and the expression $(x - 1)$ are with the same sign. That is, the inequality only holds when

i. $x - 3 > 0$ and $x - 1 > 0$, or

ii. $x - 3 < 0$ and $x - 1 < 0$.

For the first scenario, $(3, \infty)$ is the set of solutions. For the second scenario, $(-\infty, 1)$ is the set of solutions. Hence, the set of solutions for the inequality is $(-\infty, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$. \square

Example. Solve the inequality

$$|x + 2| < 3.$$

Solution. Using the geometric meaning of the absolute value, the set of solutions is the set containing points with distance less than 3 to point -2 . Hence, the set of solutions is $(-5, 1)$. \square

Alternative Solution. We can write

$$|x + 2| < 3$$

as

$$-3 < x + 2 < 3.$$

Adding -2 to each expression of the inequalities, we have

$$-5 < x < 1.$$

\square

Theorem 1.2.1 (Triangle inequality). Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. The inequality

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

must hold.

Proof. We have the natural equality $2ab \leq 2|ab|$. Adding $a^2 + b^2$ to both sides, we have

$$a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \leq |a|^2 + 2|a||b| + |b|^2.$$

Since both sides are non-negative, taking square roots yields

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

□

Exercise

- i. Solve the following inequalities. Afterwards, express the solution set as an interval or as the union of intervals and mark the solution set on a number line.

i. $2 + 3x < 5$.

ii. $16x + 64 \leq 16$.

iii. $7x(x - 4)^2 < 0$.

iv. $|x| < 2$.

v. $0 < |x| < 1$.

vi. $|3x + 1| > 5$.

- ii. Each of the following sets is the solution of an inequality of the form $|x - c| < \delta$. Find c and δ .

i. $(-3, 3)$.

ii. $(-3, 7)$.

iii. $(-7, 3)$

iv. $(0, 4)$.

v. (a, b) .

- iii. Given that $x > 1$, arrange the following in order:

$$1, x, \sqrt{x}, \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

- iv. Given that $0 < x < 1$, arrange the following in order:

$$1, x, \sqrt{x}, \frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}.$$

1.3 Functions

Functions can be imagined as a black box. You throw a parameter x into the black box f , and then you obtain the result $f(x)$. Mathematically speaking, a function is a correspondence between two sets, domain and range. For example, a teacher is marking exams for students. There are twenty questions in total. A student gets five points with a correct answer to a question. In this case, the score is a function of the number of correct answers. In mathematical language, we say the score is $f_{\text{score}}(x) = 5x$, where x is the number of correct answers. Since the number of correct answers can only be positive integers among 0 and 20, we say the domain (the set where the function is valid) is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 19, 20\}$. The range, the set with all positive outcomes for the function, is $\{0, 5, 10, \dots, 95, 100\}$ in this case.

To be more specific, we use a colon “:” and an arrow “ \rightarrow ” to indicate the function and its domain and codomain (a set that contains the range). One generally indicates codomain since one does not know exactly the range is. For example, I can write $f_{\text{score}} : \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 19, 20\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$, which indicates that the domain of the function f_{score} is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 19, 20\}$, and all its output will be in \mathbb{N} .

Take another familiar example, the square function f_{square} . The square function outputs the square of an input. Since you can square any real numbers, we write $f_{\text{square}} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with $f(x) = x^2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, or more specifically, $f_{\text{square}} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ with $f(x) = x^2$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. One can use the arrow with a small stroke on the left “ \mapsto ” to indicate the way of mapping. For example, $x \mapsto x^2$ is the square function. We are familiar with the absolute value. In fact, the absolute value is a function with domain \mathbb{R} and range $[0, \infty)$.

Usually, we call the input x the independent variable (or argument), and we call the output y the dependent variable, since y varies on x .

Graph of a Function

The graph of a function is simply defined to be the set of tuples $(x, f(x))$.

Definition 1.3.1 (Graph). Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. The graph of f is the set

$$\{(x, y) \mid x \in X \text{ and } y = f(x)\}.$$

We will talk more about this topic in Chapter 4.

Symmetry

There are some special genres of functions.

Definition 1.3.2 (Even and Odd). A function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be even if $f(x) = f(-x)$ for all $x \in X$. A function $g : X \rightarrow Y$ is said to be odd if $f(x) = g(-x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Functions in both genres are all called “symmetric” since an even function is symmetric from the y -axis, and an odd function is symmetric from the origin.

Example. Determine whether the following functions are even, odd, or neither.

- i. $f_1(x) = x$.
- ii. $f_2(x) = x + 1$.
- iii. $f_3(x) = |x|$.
- iv. $f_4(x) = x^2$.
- v. $f_5(x) = x^3$.
- vi. $f_6(x) = 2^x + 2^{-x}$.

Solution. The function f_1 is odd since $f_1(x) = x = -f_1(x) = -(-x)$. The function f_2 is neither even nor odd. The function f_3 is even since $|x| = |-x|$. The function f_4 is also even. The function f_5 is odd. The function f_6 is even

since $f_6(x) = 2^x + 2^{-x} = f_6(-x) = 2^{-x} + 2^x$.

□

Exercise

i. Calculate $f(0), f(1), f(-1)$ with the following functions.

i. $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 2$.

ii. $f(x) = \frac{2x - 1}{x^2 + 4}$.

iii. $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 5}$.

iv. $f(x) = |x + 3| - 5x$.

ii. Calculate $f(a), f(-a), f(a + h), \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$ with the following functions.

i. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$.

ii. $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$.

iii. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x - 2}$.

iii. Give the domain and range of the function.

i. $f(x) = |x|$.

ii. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$.

iii. $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$.

iv. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 - x}}$.

iv. Give the domain and range of the function and sketch the graph of the function.

i. $f(x) = 1$.

ii. $f(x) = -1$.

iii. $f(x) = 2x$.

iv. $f(x) = 2x + 1$.

v. $f(x) = |x - 1|$.

$$\text{vi. } f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{if } x < 0, \\ 1, & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$$

v. Determin whether the following functions are even, odd, or neither.

$$\text{i. } f(x) = x^2 + 1.$$

$$\text{ii. } f(x) = \frac{x^2}{1 - |x|}.$$

$$\text{iii. } f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}.$$

$$\text{iv. } f(x) = \sqrt[5]{x - x^3}.$$

1.4 Elementary Functions

The functions that figure most prominently in single-variable calculus are the polynomial functions, the rational functions, the trigonometric functions, the exponential functions, and the logarithmic functions. These functions are generally known as the elementary functions.

Polynomial Functions

Definition 1.4.1 (Polynomial). Let $n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$. An expression of the form

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

is a polynomial.

Example. The following are polynomials.

$$\text{i. } x^2 + x + 1.$$

$$\text{ii. } -\pi x^4 - 7.$$

$$\text{iii. } x^{256}.$$

$$\text{iv. } 0.$$

Example. The following are **NOT** polynomials.

i. $x + 1 + \frac{1}{x}$.

ii. $|x| + 5$.

iii. $\sqrt{2x} - 7$.

Definition 1.4.2 (Polynomial Function). A polynomial function P is a function with output a polynomial,

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

Rational Functions

Definition 1.4.3 (Rational Function). A rational function is the quotient of two polynomial functions, i.e.,

$$R(x) = \frac{P_1(x)}{P_2(x)}.$$

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