

Rational functions:

If P(x) and Q(x) be two polynomials, the ratio $y = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$, where P(x) and Q(x) have no Common factor, is said to be a rational function

$$f(x) = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_2 x^2 + b_1 x + b_0}$$

Examples:
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + x + 1}{x - 3}$$
 $f(x) = x^{-1}$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 4x + 1}{x^3 + 5x^2 + 6x + 8}$$

Irrational functions:

A function which is an algebraic function of x when it involves root Extraction of terms involving x.

Examples:
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$$
 $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2+4}+3$

Power functions:

If n is any non-zero real number, then the function $f(x) = x^n$ is called a power function with exponent n.

Here n may be positive integer, negative integer, rational number.

$$f(x) = x^5$$
, $f(x) = x^{-5}$ and $f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}$

Transcendental functions:

Functions which are not algebraic are said to be transcendental

The following are transcendental functions

- 1. Trigonometric function
- 2. Exponential function
- 3.Logarithmic function
- 4.Inverse trigonometric function

5. Hyperbolic function

6.Inverse hyperbolic function

Trigonometric function

The Trigonometric functions are real functions to ratios of two side lengths

$$y = sinx$$
, $y = cosx$ etc.

Exponential function

 $y = e^x$, 2^x , 2^x are all exponential functions of x.

Logarithmic function

 $y = \log_e x$, $\log_{10} x$, $\log_a x$ are all logarithmic functions of x.

Inverse trigonometric function

 $y = \sin^{-1} x$, $\cos^{-1} x$, $\tan^{-1} x$ etc are all inverse trigonometric functions of x.

Hyperbolic function

 $y = \sinh x$, cosh x, sechx etc. are all hyperbolic function.

Here,
$$sinhx = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$$
, $coshx = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$

Explicit function:

A function which is directly expressed in terms of the independent variable is called an explicit function.

e.g. $y = x \sin x$, $y = a \cos \theta$, $y = e^{ax} cosbx$, $y = x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x + 2$ etc. are called explicit functions.

Implicit functions:

A function which is not expressed directly in terms of the independent variable or can be expressed in terms of the independent variable but no done is called implicit function.

e.g.
$$x^2 + y^2 = a^2$$
, $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$, $3x^2y + 2xy^2 + 4xy + 5x + 7y + 3 = 0$

Odd functions:

A function f(x) is said to be odd if f(-x) = -f(x)

e.g.
$$f(x) = \sin x$$

Even functions:

A function f(x) is said to be even if f(-x) = f(x)

e.g.
$$f(x) = \cos x$$

Piece-wise function:

A piecewise function is a function defined by multiple sub-functions, each sub-function Applying to a certain interval of the main function's domain, a sub-domain

e.g.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, when x < 0 \\ x, 0 \le x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

The vertical line test for the function:

A curve in the xy-plane is the graph of some function f if and only if no vertical line intersects the curve more than once.

