

Calculus

based on the work of George B. Thomas Jr.

AY25/26

This set of notes is adapted from *Thomas' Calculus* by George B. Thomas Jr.

Contents

1 Functions	3
1.1 Functions & Graphs	3
1.2 Composite Functions	3
1.3 Trigonometric Functions	3
1.4 Trigonometric Identities	4
1.5 Exponential Functions	5
1.6 Inverse Functions & Logarithms	5

Functions

1.1 Functions & Graphs

Definition 1.1.1. A **function** f from a domain set D to a range set Y is a rule that assigns a unique value $f(x)$ of D for each element in D .

Discussion. The domain D is the set of possible input values. The range Y is the set of possible output values. Each element in D has a **single, unique** value $f(x)$. The graph of f with domain D is the set

$$\{(x, f(x)) | x \in D\}.$$

Axiom 1.1.2. A function f can only have one value $f(x)$ for each x in its domain. Any vertical line $x = a$ can only intersect f once.

Definition 1.1.3. A function f is a **piecewise function** if it has separate definitions for different parts of its domain.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1 & x \leq 0 \\ f_2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Definition 1.1.4. A function $y = f(x)$ is an

even function if $f(-x) = f(x)$,

odd function if $f(-x) = -f(x)$,

for every x in the function's domain.

Definition 1.1.5. Two variables x, y are **proportional** if they are always a constant multiple of one another, i.e. $y = kx$. If $1 > k > -1$, x and y are said to be **inversely proportional**.

1.2 Composite Functions

Definition 1.2.1. The **composite function** is the function $f(g(x))$.

Remarks. x is the input for the function $g(x)$; $g(x)$ is then used as the input to f .

Definition 1.2.2. A graph is shifted vertically when we add k to f .

$$y = f(x) + k$$

Definition 1.2.3. A graph is shifted horizontally by h when we add h to x .

$$y = f(x + h)$$

1.3 Trigonometric Functions

Definition 1.3.1. The radian is defined as

$$s = r\theta, \quad (1)$$

where θ is in radians.

Definition 1.3.2. The degree is defined as

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

Definition 1.3.3. By convention, the positive angle is measured counter-clockwise from the positive x -axis.

Definition 1.3.4. The basic trigonometric functions are

$$\begin{aligned}\sin \theta &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}} & \csc \theta &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \\ \cos \theta &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}} & \sec \theta &= \frac{\text{hyp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \\ \tan \theta &= \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}} = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} & \cot \theta &= \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{opp}} = \frac{1}{\tan \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}\end{aligned}$$

1.4 Trigonometric Identities

Definition 1.4.1. The Pythagorean identity is

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \tag{2}$$

Remarks. Dividing Eqs. (2) by $\cos^2 \theta$ and $\sin^2 \theta$ gives

$$\begin{aligned}1 + \tan^2 \theta &= \sec^2 \theta \\ 1 + \cot^2 \theta &= \csc^2 \theta\end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.4.2. The addition formulas hold for all angles A and B .

$$\begin{aligned}\cos(A \pm B) &= \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B \\ \sin(A \pm B) &= \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B\end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

Remarks. All other (basic) trigonometric identities derive from Eqs. (2) and Eqs. (3).

Definition 1.4.3. The double-angle formulas derive from substituting θ for A and B in Eqs (3) and give

$$\begin{aligned}\cos 2\theta &= \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \\ \sin 2\theta &= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta.\end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

Definition 1.4.4. The half-angle formulas derive by combining

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta &= 1 \\ \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta &= \cos 2\theta\end{aligned}$$

which give

$$\cos^2 \theta = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2} \rightarrow \cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{2}} \quad (5)$$

$$\sin^2 \theta = \frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2} \rightarrow \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos 2\theta}{2}} \quad (6)$$

Definition 1.4.5. The **Law of Cosines** (Cosine Law) is

$$c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos \theta. \quad (7)$$

1.5 Exponential Functions

Definition 1.5.1. The exponential function of base a is

$$f(x) = a^x, a > 0.$$

Where $f(x) = a^x$, the following rules apply:

1. $a^x \times a^y = a^{x+y}$
2. $\frac{a^x}{a^y} = a^{x-y}$
3. $(a^x)^y = (a^y)^x = a^{xy}$
4. $a^x \times b^x = (ab)^x$
5. $\frac{a^x}{b^x} = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^x$

Definition 1.5.2. The **euler's number** e is defined as

$$\begin{aligned} e &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{n}{n+1} \right)^n \\ &= 1 + \frac{1}{1!} + \frac{1}{2!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!} + \dots \end{aligned}$$

Definition 1.5.3. The **natural exponential function** refers to the function

$$f(x) = e^x$$

Definition 1.5.4. Given the function $y = y_0 e^{kx}$,

Exponential growth is when $k > 0$, and
Exponential decay is when $k < 0$.

1.6 Inverse Functions & Logarithms