

Mathematics 1A

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Part I

Week 1

1 The set theory

1.1 Definition of a set

A set is a collection of objects or elements.

Remark: The collection of all sets is not a set.

1.2 Logical symbols

1.2.1 Definition

Braces and the definition symbol “:=” are used to define a set giving all its elements:

$$A := \{a, b, c, d, e\}$$

1.2.2 Equal

In this case, the equal symbol means that the set A is equal to the set B :

$$A = B$$

1.2.3 Belongs to

The symbols \in and \ni describe an element which is part of the set:

$$a \in A \iff A \ni a$$

1.2.4 Does not belong to

The symbols \notin mean that an element does not belong to the set:

$$f \notin A$$

1.2.5 Inclusion and contains

The symbols \subset and \supset mean that a set has another set included in its set:

$$\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \iff \mathbb{Z} \supset \mathbb{N}$$

1.2.6 For all/any

The symbol \forall means that we are considering any type of element:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$$

In this case, we've defined a new set.

1.3 Numerical sets

- $\mathbb{N} :=$ Natural numbers (including 0);
- $\mathbb{Z} :=$ Integer numbers;
- $\mathbb{Q} :=$ Rational numbers;
- $\mathbb{R} :=$ Real numbers $:= \mathbb{Q} \cup \{\text{irrational numbers}\}$.

Notation: The “*” symbol means that the set does not include 0.

1.3.1 Inclusion of sets

$$\boxed{\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{C}}$$

$$B := \{\pi, 1, -1, 0\};$$

$$C := \{\pi, 1\};$$

$$D := \{\pi\}.$$

Then we write some examples: $\pi \in B$, $D \subset B$, $C \subset B$, $B \not\subset C$, $0 \in B$, $0 \notin C$.

2 Intervals in the real line

Intervals describe what happens between two or more elements.

2.1 Examples

2.1.1 Interval sets

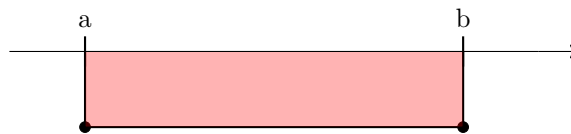
We have 4 cases:

- $(a, b) = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\};$
- $[a, b) = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x < b\};$
- $(a, b] = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x \leq b\};$
- $[a, b] = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}.$

Notation: a and b are often called the “end points” of the interval;

2.1.2 Graphical examples

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \in [a, b]$$

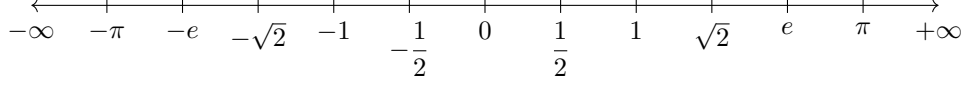


3 The extended line

In the real line \mathbb{R} we add $\pm\infty$.

Real line: $(-\infty, +\infty) = \mathbb{R}$

Extended real line: $[-\infty, +\infty] = \overline{\mathbb{R}}$



Remark: $\pm\infty \notin \mathbb{R}$

3.1 Properties

$$\boxed{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \infty > x \mid -\infty < 0}$$

3.2 Operation in the extended line

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then $a + b$, $a - b$, $a \cdot b$, $\frac{a}{b}$ (with $b \neq 0$) stay the same

3.2.1 Additions

Let $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$:

- $a + \infty := \infty$;
- $a - \infty := -\infty$;
- $+\infty + \infty := +\infty$;
- $-\infty - \infty := -\infty$;
- $+\infty - \infty := \text{undefined}$.

3.2.2 Multiplications

Let $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$:

- $+\infty \cdot +\infty := +\infty$;
- $-\infty \cdot +\infty := -\infty$;
- $-\infty \cdot (-\infty) := \infty$;
- $a \cdot \infty := \begin{cases} a > 0 & +\infty \\ a < 0 & -\infty \\ a = 0 & \text{undefined} \end{cases}$
- $a \cdot (-\infty) := \begin{cases} a > 0 & -\infty \\ a < 0 & +\infty \\ a = 0 & \text{undefined} \end{cases}$
- $\frac{a}{+\infty} = \frac{a}{-\infty} := 0$;
- $\frac{+\infty}{a} := \begin{cases} a > 0 & +\infty \\ a < 0 & -\infty \\ a = 0 & +\infty \end{cases}$
- $\frac{-\infty}{a} := \begin{cases} a > 0 & -\infty \\ a < 0 & +\infty \\ a = 0 & -\infty \end{cases}$

- $\frac{\infty}{\infty} := \text{undefined}$.

4 Intervals including $\pm\infty$

Intervals describe what happens between two or more elements, including $\pm\infty$.

4.1 Examples

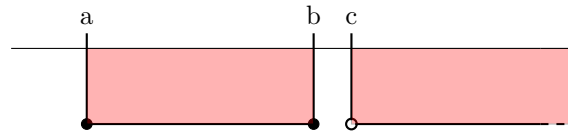
4.1.1 Interval sets

Let $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

- $(-\infty, a) = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < a\}$;
- $(a, +\infty) = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > a\}$;
- $(-\infty, a] = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq a\}$;
- $[a, +\infty) = \{\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq a\}$;
- $(-\infty, +\infty) = \mathbb{R}$;
- $[-\infty, +\infty] = \overline{\mathbb{R}}$.

4.1.2 Graphical examples

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x \in [a, b] \cup]c, +\infty[$



Notation: The union of two or more intervals where $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is denoted by the symbol \cup .

5 Propositional logic

Propositional logic is a branch of mathematics that deals with propositions and logical operations.

5.1 Logical connectives

A	B	$\neg B$	$A \wedge B$	$A \vee B$	$A \Rightarrow B$	$A \Leftrightarrow B$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	T	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T

5.1.1 Logical conjunction \wedge

Given two statements P and Q , $P \wedge Q$ is true if both P and Q are true.

Let $P = (x > 0)$ and $Q = (y > 0)$, then:

$$P \wedge Q = (x > 0 \wedge y > 0)$$

5.1.2 Logical disjunction \vee

Given two statements P and Q , $P \vee Q$ is true if at least one of P or Q is true.

Let $P = (x = 0)$ and $Q = (y \neq 0)$, then:

$$P \vee Q = (x = 0 \vee y \neq 0)$$

5.1.3 Logical negation \neg

The negation of a statement P , denoted as $\neg P$, is true if P is false, and false if P is true.

Let $P = (x \geq 5)$, then:

$$\neg P = (x < 5)$$

5.1.4 Implication \Rightarrow

The symbol \Rightarrow indicates that if statement P is true, then statement Q must also be true (i.e., P implies Q).

Warning: It does not require that Q implies P .

$$P = (x = 1) \Rightarrow Q = (x \in \mathbb{N})$$

5.1.5 Inference \Leftarrow

The symbol \Leftarrow means that a conclusion or result implies the truth of an earlier statement.

If Q is true, then P must be true.

$$Q = (x > 0) \Leftarrow P = (x \in \mathbb{R}^+)$$

5.1.6 If and only if \Leftrightarrow

The symbol \Leftrightarrow indicates that two statements P and Q are logically equivalent, meaning P is true if and only if Q is true.

$$P = (x \in \mathbb{N}, x \neq 0) \Leftrightarrow Q = (x \in \mathbb{N}^*)$$

6 Union \cup and Intersection \cap

6.1 Universe symbol

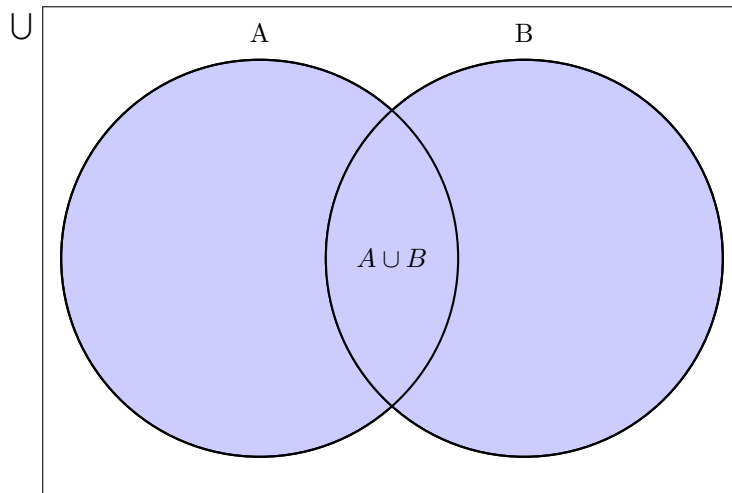
The symbol $\bigcup := \text{Universe}$ describes a big set which contains all sets involved in our discussions (not always).

6.2 Venn diagram

6.2.1 Union $A \cup B$

If A and B are sets, then their union is:

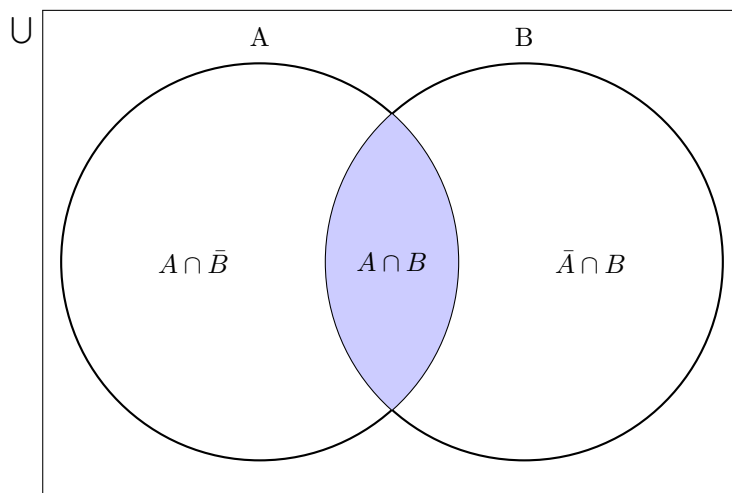
$$A \cup B = \{\forall x \in \bigcup \mid x \in A \vee x \in B\}$$



6.2.2 Intersection $A \cap B$

If A and B are sets, then their intersection is:

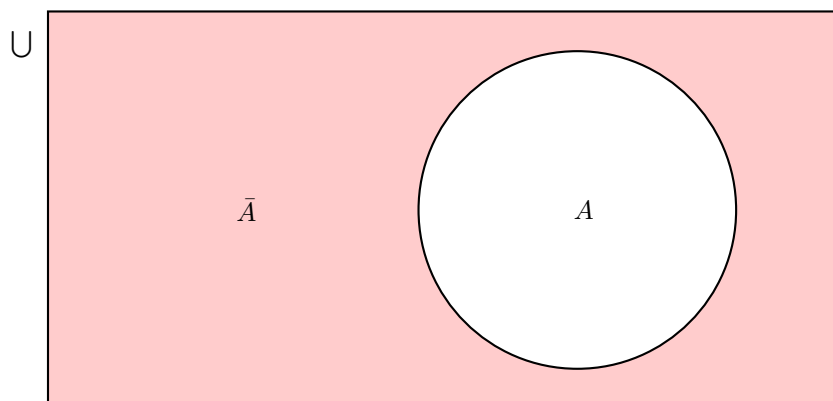
$$A \cap B = \{x \in U \mid x \in A \wedge x \in B\}$$



6.2.3 Complement \bar{A}

If A is a set, its complement is:

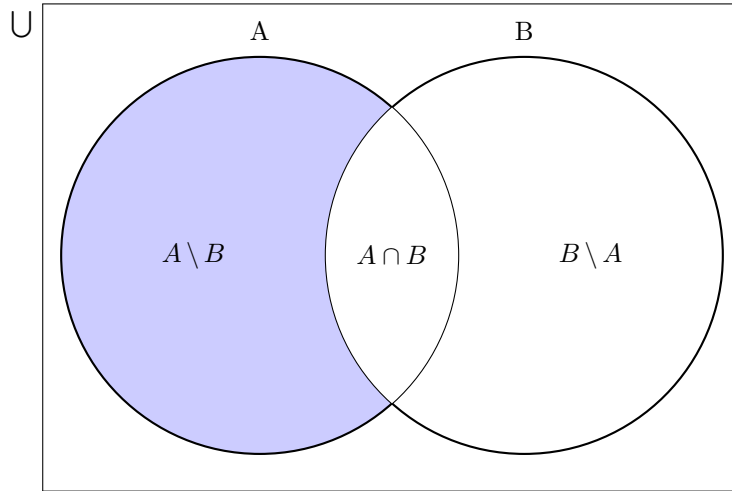
$$\bar{A} = \{x \in U \mid x \notin A\}$$



6.2.4 Difference between sets \setminus

If A and B are sets, then their difference is:

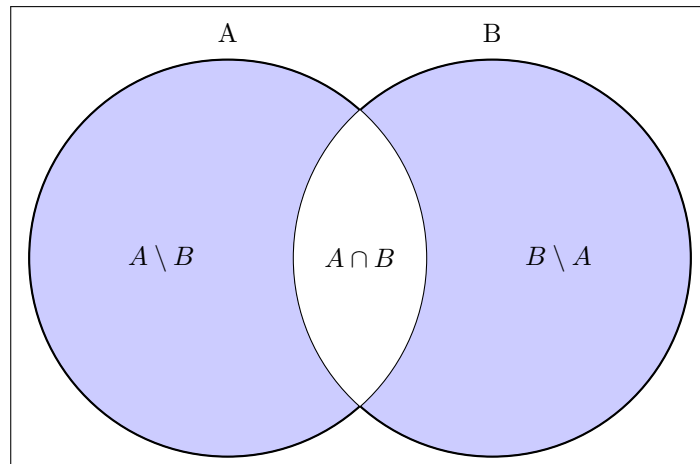
$$A \setminus B = \{\forall x \in \bigcup \mid x \in A, x \notin B\}$$



6.2.5 Symmetrical difference \triangle

If A and B are sets, then their symmetrical difference is:

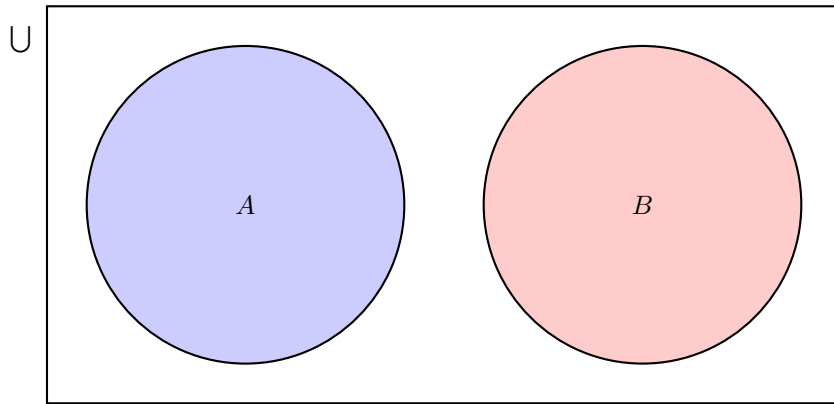
$$A \triangle B = (A \setminus B) \cup (B \setminus A)$$



6.2.6 Disjoined sets (Empty sets) \emptyset

\emptyset := the set containing zero elements:

$$A \cap B = \emptyset$$



7 The absolute value function

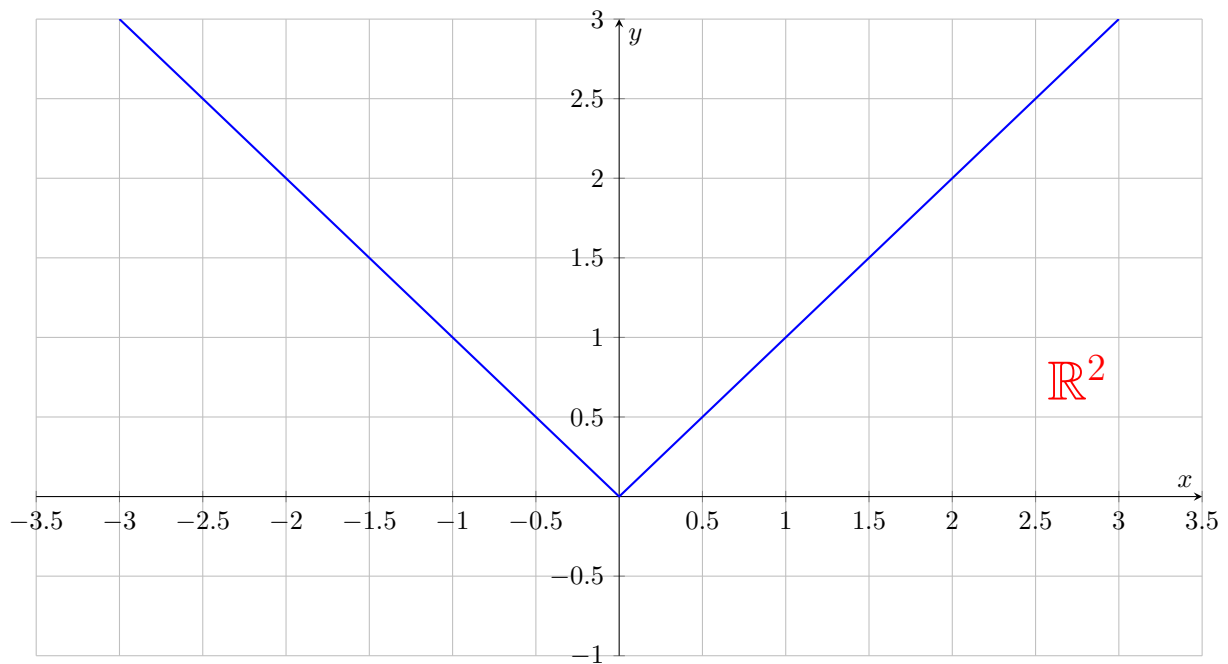
The absolute value is an operator that returns the positive value of a number, regardless of its original sign.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

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

7.1 Graph of absolute value functions

Let's plot the function $y = |x|$:



7.2 Properties

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

- $|a \cdot b| = |a| \cdot |b|$;
- $\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$ for $b \neq 0$;
- $|a \pm b| \neq |a| \pm |b|$.

7.3 Triangular inequalities

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

$$\begin{array}{l} |a| + |b| \geq |a + b| \\ |a| - |b| \leq |a - b| \end{array}$$

Part II

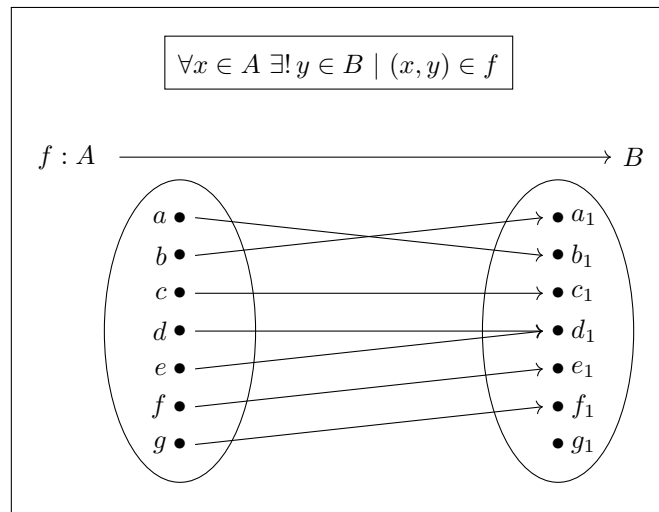
Week 2

8 Concept of functions

Let's take any two sets $A \{a, b, c, d, e, f, g\}$ and $B \{a_1, b_1, c_1, d_1, e_1, f_1, g_1\}$.

$$\begin{array}{l} f : A \rightarrow B \\ a \mapsto f(a) \end{array}$$

A function is a relation between the sets A and B , according to which we associate to each element of A one and only one element of B :



Notation: $f(a) = b_1$, $f(b) = a_1$, $f(c) = c_1$, $f(d) = d_1$, ...

Each point in set A is associated with one element of B . However, it is possible for more than two elements of A to point to the same element of B .

The set A is called *domain* of f . The set B is called the *codomain* of f .

8.1 Image (Range)

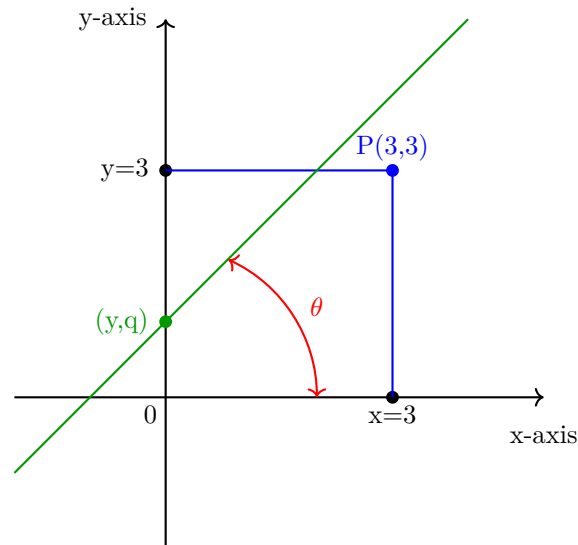
Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ be a function. The image of f is defined as:

$$\text{Im}(f) = \{y \in Y \mid y = f(x), x \in X\}$$

Easily, the image is the set containing all the elements of the set B associated with the elements of the set A .

9 Linear function

9.1 Cartesian diagram



9.2 Straight line

Let A and B be any two distinct points, then there is one and only one line passing through A and B.

9.3 Slope-intercept equation

Let $m, q \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$$y = mx + q$$

- m : slope;
- q : vertical intercept.

9.3.1 Slope

The slope of a line can be calculated with the equation

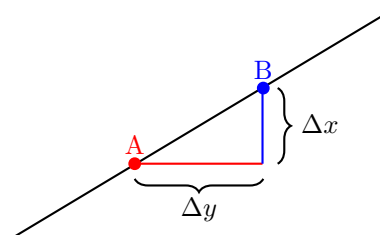
$$m = \frac{y_B - y_A}{x_B - x_A} = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan(\theta)$$

We have three different slope outcomes:

- $m > 0$, the line is increasing;
- $m = 0$, the line is stable;
- $m < 0$, the line is decreasing.

Warning: This works only if $x_B \neq x_A$.

9.3.2 Drawing



9.4 Vertical lines

The more the value of m increases, the closer the line will get to the vertical, without ever reaching it.

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, then $x = c$.

Vertical lines cannot be written as a function.

10 Equation of a line

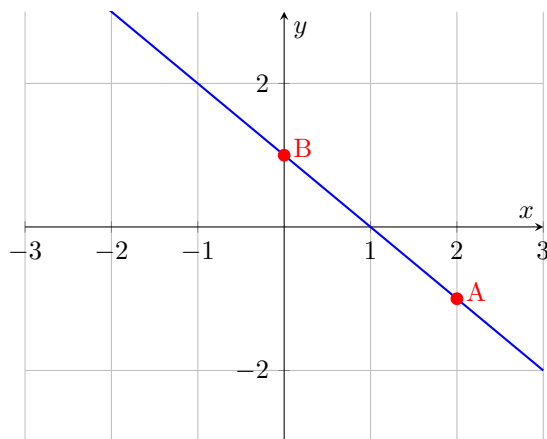
Let $m, x_A, y_A \in \mathbb{R}$ and $A(x_A, y_A)$, then

$$y - y_A = m(x - x_A)$$

e.g.: Find the line with $m = -1$ and $A(2, -1)$.

$$y - 1 = -1(x + 2) \Rightarrow y = -x + 1$$

Points: $A(2, -1)$; $B(0, 1)$



10.1 General equation in a cartesian diagram

$$ax + by + c = 0$$

Remark:

- All the lines can be described with this kind of equation;
- When $b = 0$, $a \neq 0$, then $ax = -c \Rightarrow x = \frac{-c}{a} \in \mathbb{R}$;
- When $b \neq 0$, then $y = -\frac{a}{b}x - \frac{c}{b}$, where $m = -\frac{a}{b}$ and $q = -\frac{c}{b}$.

11 Increasing and decreasing functions

Let $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Notation: if you replace $[a, b]$ with \mathbb{R} , you obtain the definition in the whole \mathbb{R} .

11.1 Increasing functions

- f is increasing if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b] \mid x_2 > x_1$, then $f(x_2) \geq f(x_1)$;
- f is strictly increasing if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b] \mid x_2 > x_1$, then $f(x_2) > f(x_1)$.

11.2 Decreasing functions

- f is decreasing if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b] \mid x_2 > x_1$, then $f(x_2) \leq f(x_1)$;
- f is strictly decreasing if $\forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b] \mid x_2 > x_1$, then $f(x_2) < f(x_1)$.

12 Inverse function

Let's take any two sets A and B .

A function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is invertible if there exists another function $f^{-1} : B \rightarrow A$, called the inverse function, such that:

$$\begin{array}{l} \forall x \in A, f^{-1}(f(x)) = x \\ \forall y \in B, f(f^{-1}(y)) = y \end{array}$$

Warning: A function is invertible if and only if it is bijective.

12.1 Facts about inverse functions

1)

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

f is invertible in D when:

- f is strictly increasing;
- f is strictly decreasing.

2)

Let $f : D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

f is invertible when $f^{-1} : \text{Im}(f) \rightarrow D$.

Part III

Week 3

13 Expressions and factorization

13.1 Expressions, terms and factors

13.1.1 Expressions

An expression is any formula containing numbers, variables, operations, and brackets.

$$y = ax^2 + bx \cdot c$$

13.2 Terms

A term is any part of the expression separated by “+” or “−”.

$$y = \underbrace{ax^2}_{\text{term}} + \underbrace{bx \cdot c}_{\text{term}}$$

13.2.1 Factors

Each term can be split into a product of factors.

$$x \cdot y \cdot (a - b) \cdot 24 = x \cdot y \cdot (a - b) \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$$

Notice: the process of splitting a term into several factors is called “factorization”.

The goal of a factorization is to factorize an expression as much as possible.

13.2.2 Common factor

Any expression made of terms is composed of several factors.

$$x^2 + x^3 + x = x(x + x^2 + 1), \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

13.3 Notable products

- $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$ (square of a binomial);
- $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$ (square of a binomial);
- $(a - b)(a + b) = a^2 - b^2$ (difference of squares);
- $(a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) = a^3 + b^3$ (sum of cubes);
- $(a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) = a^3 - b^3$ (difference of cubes).

Remark: notable products are useful to factorize expressions when we don’t know a common factor.

14 Polynomial function

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$, then a polynomial is the sum or difference of n-monomials.

15 Classification of polynomials

Polynomials can be classified using two criteria:

1. the number of **terms**;
2. the **degree** of the polynomial.

Number of Terms	Name	Example	Degree
One	Monomial	ax^2	1
Two	Binomial	$ax^2 - bx$	2
Three	Trinomial	$ax^2 - bx + c$	3
Four or more	Polynomial	$a_nx^n - a_1x^{n-1} + a_2x^{n-2} \dots a_0$	n-degree

Remark: The degree of a polynomial is the largest exponent of its monomials.

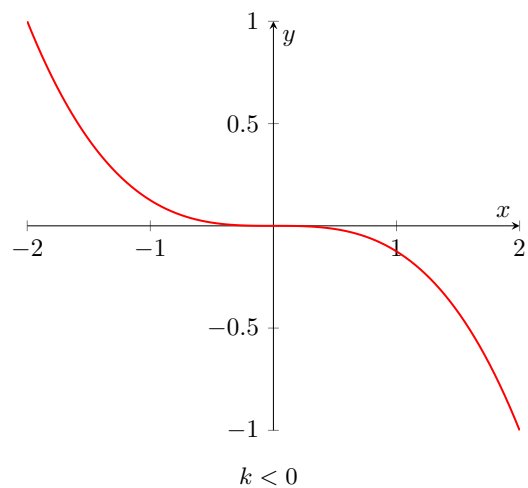
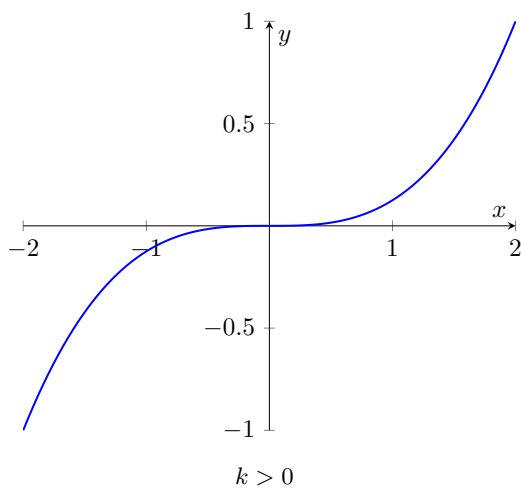
16 Symmetrical functions

Let $y = kx^n$, then we plot:

16.1 n odd

$$f(-x) = -f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

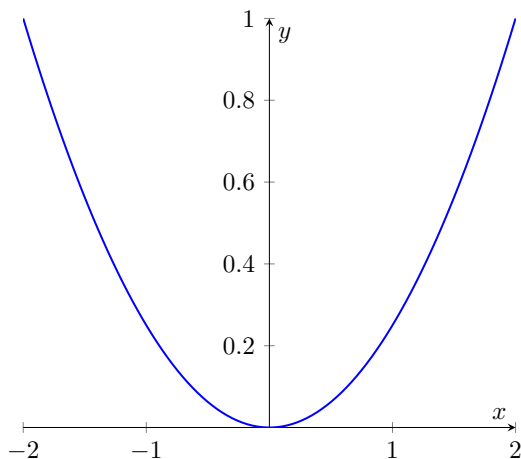
16.1.1 Graph examples



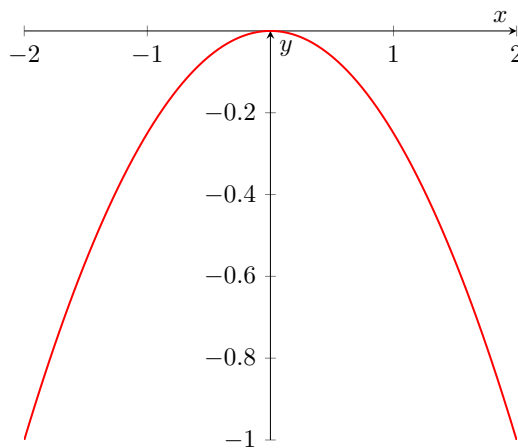
16.2 n even

$$f(-x) = f(x), \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

16.2.1 Graph examples



$k > 0$
Concave up



$k < 0$
Concave down

Definition:

- a function $y = f(x)$ is called **odd** if it is symmetric with respect to the origin;
- a function $y = f(x)$ is called **even** if it is symmetric with respect to the y-axis.

16.3 General case

Let $y = p(x)$, where $p(x)$ is any polynomial with real coefficients:

$$p(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 \cdot x^2 + a_1 \cdot x^1 + a_0$$

where:

- $n \in \mathbb{N}$;
- $n = \deg(p(x))$;
- $a_n =$ leading coefficient.

$$p(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \cdot x^i$$

16.4 Symmetry of a polynomial

Let $y = p(x)$ be a polynomial function, then:

1)

$y = p(x)$ is odd iff all the degrees of all the terms of $p(x)$ are odd;

2)

$y = p(x)$ is even iff all the degrees of all the terms of $p(x)$ are even;

3)

$y = p(x)$ has mixed degrees, $p(x)$ is neither odd nor even.

17 Intersection with axis

17.1 Vertical intersection

Let $y = f(x)$ be any function, then we solve for y :

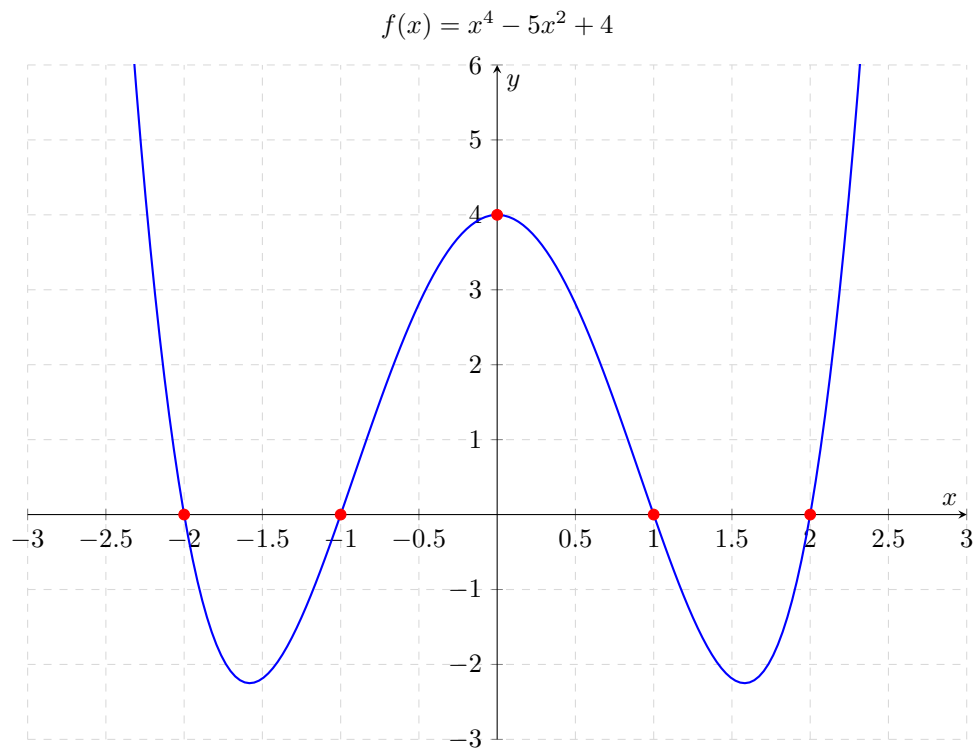
$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \\ y = f(0) \end{cases}$$

17.2 Zeros of a function

Let $y = f(x)$ be any function, then we solve for x :

$$\begin{cases} y = 0 \\ 0 = f(x) \end{cases}$$

17.3 Graph example



18 Dominant elements in a function approaching $\pm\infty$

As x approaches $\pm\infty$, the term with the highest degree in a polynomial function dominates the behavior of the function.

$$p(x) \text{ has, as a dominant, the element } a_n \text{ with the highest degree } x^n$$

18.1 Order of dominance

18.1.1 Approaching to $+\infty$

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $2 < n < m$, then:

$$\ln(x) < x < x^n < x^m < n^x < m^x < x^x$$

In these cases, we always have $x \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow p(x) \rightarrow +\infty$

18.1.2 Approaching to $-\infty$

Let $\lambda > 2$ and odd, $k > 2$ and even.

$$\begin{array}{l} x^\lambda < -x^2 < x^1 < 0 \\ -x^k < -x^2 < x^1 < 0 \end{array}$$

Functions like x^λ (with λ odd) and $-x^k$ (with k even) both approach $-\infty$, but at different rates.

18.1.3 Dominance in rational functions

When the dominant element is at the numerator:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{x^{n-1}} = \infty$$

When the dominant element is at the denominator:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{n-1}}{x^n} = 0$$

When we have the same degree either in the numerator and in the denominator:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ax^n}{bx^n} = \frac{a}{b}$$

Definition: **horizontal asymptote** appears when x approaches to ∞ , which implies that y approaches to a number A different from $\pm\infty$

19 Exponential and logarithm functions

The relationship between exponentials and logarithms is based on the following formula:

$$a^{\log_a(x)} = x \iff \log_a(a^x) = x$$

19.1 Exponentials

19.1.1 Euler's number

Euler's number is defined by the limit:

$$e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \approx 2.718 \dots$$

Alternatively, it can be expressed as:

$$e = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n!}$$

19.2 Logarithms

19.2.1 Natural logarithm

The inverse function of the Euler's exponential function:

$$f(x) = e^x \iff h(x) = \ln(x)$$

Remark: the domain of $\ln(x)$ is $D_n : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}_+^*$

19.2.2 Logarithms with arbitrary bases

The inverse function of any arbitrary exponential function:

$$f(x) = n^x \iff h(x) = \log_n(x)$$

Alternatively, it can be expressed as:

$$\log_a(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(a)}$$

19.2.3 Common logarithm

The common logarithm uses base 10:

$$\log_{10}(x) = \frac{\ln(x)}{\ln(10)}$$

Part IV

Week 4

20 Trigonometry

20.1 Conversion table of degrees and radians

Angles (in Degrees)	0°	30°	45°	60°	90°	180°	270°	360°
Angles (in Radians)	0 ^c	$\pi/6^c$	$\pi/4^c$	$\pi/3^c$	$\pi/2^c$	π^c	$3\pi/2^c$	$2\pi^c$
$\sin(\theta)$	0	1/2	$\sqrt{2}/2$	$\sqrt{3}/2$	1	0	-1	0
$\cos(\theta)$	1	$\sqrt{3}/2$	$\sqrt{2}/2$	1/2	0	-1	0	1
$\tan(\theta)$	0	$\sqrt{3}/3$	1	$\sqrt{3}$	∞	0	∞	0

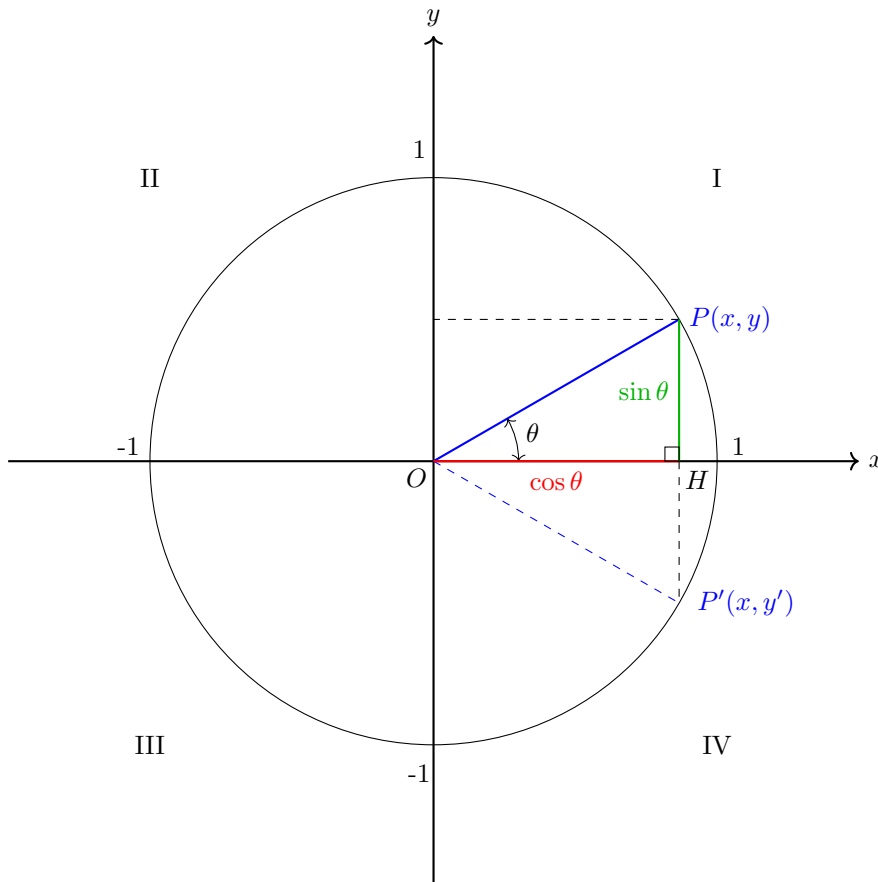
Remark:

$$\cos(2\pi + \theta) = \cos(\theta) \quad | \quad \sin(2\pi + \theta) = \sin(\theta)$$

Remark: Let $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$, then:

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

20.2 Trigonometric functions in the unit circle



Remark: the circle has center in the origin O , radius = 1 and function $x^2 + y^2 = 1$

Trigonometric functions can be extended to angles beyond 0 and 90° using the unit circle. For an angle θ in the unit circle:

$$\sin \theta := y \quad | \quad \cos \theta := x \quad | \quad \tan \theta := \frac{y}{x}$$

20.2.1 Property 1

Because we are inside a circle of radius 1:

- $-1 \leq \cos(\theta) \leq 1$;
- $-1 \leq \sin(\theta) \leq 1$.

20.2.2 Property 2

Because we have a 90° angle, we can use Pythagoras:

$$\overrightarrow{OH}^2 + \overrightarrow{PH}^2 = \overrightarrow{OP}^2$$

Let $\forall \theta \in \mathbb{R}$, then we can compute that:

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

20.2.3 Example with $\frac{\pi}{4}$

When $\theta = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then $\sin(\theta) = \cos(\theta) \Rightarrow 2 \cos^2(\theta) = 1 \Rightarrow \cos(\theta) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}} \Rightarrow \sin(\theta) = \cos(\theta) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

20.3 Tangent

A tangent of an angle is exactly the slope of a line:

$$m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \tan(\theta) = \frac{\sin(\theta)}{\cos(\theta)}$$

Remark: the tangent is not defined when the angle is $\frac{\pi}{2}$ or $\frac{3\pi}{2}$, that is when we have a vertical line.

20.4 Trigonometric functions

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \cos(x), & x^c &\in \mathbb{R} \\ y &= \sin(x), & x^c &\in \mathbb{R} \\ y &= \tan(x), & x^c &\in \mathbb{R} \setminus \left\{ \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \right\} \end{aligned}$$