

Differentiation of functions of single variable

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Definition

A proposition is a declarative sentence that is either true or false.

Given two propositions P and Q .

- Negation operator \bar{P} .
- Implication operator $P \Rightarrow Q$. The implication proposition is false when P is true, Q is false.

Ex: $P = \{x_n\}$ is a convergent sequence";

$Q = \{x_n\}$ is a bounded sequence".

- Biconditional operator $P \Leftrightarrow Q$.

Ex: $P = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$ ";

$Q = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (x_n + 1) = 1$ ".

Types of mathematical proof - Logical reasoning

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- Direct proof $P \Rightarrow Q$.

Ex. Prove that if a, b are consecutive integers, then $a + b$ is an odd number.

Transitivity philosophy: $(P \Rightarrow Q, Q \Rightarrow R) \Rightarrow (P \Rightarrow R)$.

- Proof by contradiction $(P \Rightarrow Q) \Leftrightarrow (\bar{Q} \Rightarrow \bar{P})$.

Ex. Prove that if n^2 is an odd number, then n is an odd number.

- Proof by induction.

We want to show the property $T(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

1 If $k = 1$, $T(1)$ is true.

2 If $T(k)$ is true, then $T(k + 1)$ is true.

Then $T(n)$ holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Ex. Show that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Absolute values and properties

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Definition

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

Proposition (Properties)

1 $|x| < a \Leftrightarrow -a < x < a.$

2 $|x| > b > 0 \Leftrightarrow (x > b) \text{ or } (x < -b).$

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Definition

Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}$. A **function** $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a rule that assigns to each element $x \in X$ a unique value $y = f(x) \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, x \mapsto y = f(x).$$

X is called the **domain** of f , and $f(X) = \{f(x), x \in X\}$ is called the **range** of f .

$\Gamma(f) = \{(x, f(x)) \mid x \in X\}$ is the **graph** of f .

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Notation:

$$\mathbb{R}_+ = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}, \mathbb{R}^* = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}.$$

- 1 $f(x) = a^x$, $0 < a \neq 1$, with the domain \mathbb{R} and the range \mathbb{R}_+^* .
- 2 $f(x) = \log_a x$, $0 < a \neq 1$, the domain is \mathbb{R}_+^* .
- 3 $f(x) = x^\alpha$ has domains that are dependent on $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

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3 $f(x) = x^\alpha$ has domains that are dependent on $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$.

- When $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$, the domain is \mathbb{R} .
- When $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_-$, the domain is \mathbb{R}^* .
- When $\alpha = \frac{1}{p}$, $p \in \mathbb{N}^*$, the domain is \mathbb{R}_+ when p is even, and is \mathbb{R} when p is odd.
- When $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, $\alpha > 0$, the domain is \mathbb{R}_+ . When $\alpha < 0$ the domain is \mathbb{R}_+^* .

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Find the domain of the following functions

1 $y = \sqrt{\log x}.$

2 $y = \frac{\log_2(3^x - 9)}{\sqrt[5]{3 - x}}.$

Bounded functions

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Definition

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **bounded** if there exists a constant M such that

$$\forall x \in X \Rightarrow -M \leq f(x) \leq M.$$

Example

1 $y = \sin x, x \in \mathbb{R}, y = \cos \frac{1}{x}, x \in \mathbb{R}^*,$ is bounded by 1.

2 $y = \tan x, y = \cot x$ are unbounded on their domains.

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Definition

Given a function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, an interval $I \subset X$.

f is called **increasing** on I if

$$f(x_1) \leq f(x_2) \text{ whenever } x_1 < x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in I.$$

f is called **decreasing** on I if

$$f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) \text{ whenever } x_1 < x_2, \forall x_1, x_2 \in I.$$

f is **strictly** increasing/decreasing if the strict inequality occurs.

- 1 $y = \sin x, x \in [0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$ is an increasing function.
- 2 $y = \sin x, x \in [\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi], y = \cot x, x \in (0, \pi)$ are decreasing functions.

Even functions. Odd functions

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Definition

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an **even function** if

- X is symmetric about the origin O .
- $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is called an **odd function** if

- X is symmetric about O .
- $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in X$.

Graphs of even functions are symmetric about O_y .

Graphs of odd functions are point symmetric with center O .

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Example

- $\sin x, \tan x, \cot x$ are odd functions. $\cos x$ is an even function.
- $y = x^{2n}$ are even functions, $y = x^{2n+1}$ are odd functions, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.
- $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{(1-x)^2} + \sqrt[3]{(1+x)^2}$.
- $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$.

Periodic functions

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Definition

A function $f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be **periodic** if there exists a $p > 0$ such that

- for all $x \in X$, $x + p \in X$,
- $f(x) = f(x + p)$ for all $x \in X$.

The smallest possible value of p is called the **period** T of f .

In literature, such p is also called "period", then T is called fundamental/primitive/basic period.

Graph of a periodic function

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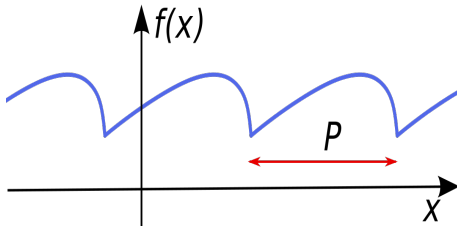


Figure: Graph of a periodic function. Source: wikipedia.

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- 1 $y = \sin x$, $y = \cos x$ are periodic functions with period 2π .
- 2 $y = \tan x$, $y = \cot x$ are periodic functions with period π .
- 3 $y = \sin 2x + \cos 3x$ is a periodic function whose period is the least common multiple of π and $\frac{2\pi}{3}$, $T = 2\pi$.

Composite functions

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Definition

Let X, Y be subsets of \mathbb{R} and $f: X \rightarrow Y$, $g: Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two functions. Then the rule assigning x to $g[f(x)]$ is the so-called the **composition** of g and f

$$g \circ f: X \rightarrow \mathbb{R},$$
$$x \mapsto z = g[f(x)].$$

Inverse functions

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Definition

Let $f: X \rightarrow Y$ be a bijection. Then to each element $y \in Y$, there exists a unique element $x \in X$ such that $y = f(x)$.

Therefore, $y \mapsto x$ determines a function

$$\begin{aligned} g: Y &\rightarrow X, \\ y &\mapsto x, y = f(x). \end{aligned}$$

g is called the **inverse function** of f .

Example (Inverse trigonometric functions)

- 1 $y = \sin x: \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ is a bijection, its inverse is the function $\arcsin x: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.
- 2 $y = \cos x: [0, \pi] \rightarrow [-1, 1]$ is a bijection, its inverse is the function $\arccos x: [-1, 1] \rightarrow [0, \pi]$.
- 3 $y = \tan x: \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bijection, its inverse is the function $\arctan x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.
- 4 $y = \cot x: (0, \pi) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a bijection, its inverse is the function $\operatorname{arccot} x: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (0, \pi)$.

$y = \arcsin x$ and $y = \arctan x$ are increasing functions.

$y = \arccos x$ and $y = \operatorname{arccot} x$ are decreasing functions.

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The graphs of f and g are symmetric about the line $y = x$.

$$(x, f(x)) \in \Gamma(f) \Leftrightarrow (g(y), y) \in \Gamma(f).$$

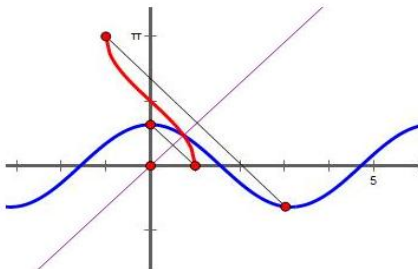


Figure: Graphs of $y = \cos x$ and $y = \arccos x$. Source: Wikipedia

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Essential functions: exponential, logarithmic, power, trigonometric and inverse trigonometric functions.

$$a^x, x^\alpha, \log_a x,$$

$$\sin x, \cos x, \tan x, \cot x,$$

$$\arcsin x, \arccos x, \arctan x, \operatorname{arccot} x.$$

Hyperbolic functions

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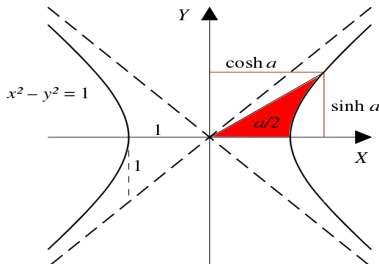
Definition

Hyperbolic sine: $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$.

Hyperbolic cosine: $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$.

Hyperbolic tangent: $\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$.

Hyperbolic cotangent: $\coth x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}}, x \neq 0$.



Source: Wikipedia

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Elementary functions are functions of one variable built from essential functions using the four elementary operations (sum, subtraction, product, division), composition of mappings and inverse functions.

Example

$$1 \quad f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\tan x} + x\sqrt{x}e^x$$

$$2 \quad g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{\cos x}}{\tan \sqrt{x}}$$

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Definition

A number sequence is a function $f: \mathbb{N}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $n \mapsto f(n) =: a_n$.

We denote $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$.

Definition

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to converge to $L < \infty$ when $n \rightarrow \infty$ if and only if for all $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N_0(\varepsilon)$ such that $|a_n - L| < \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N_0$.

We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L < \infty$.

Properties

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- 1 If the limit $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ exists, then it is unique.
- 2 If the sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent, then it is bounded, i.e. there exists $M > 0$ such that $|a_n| \leq M$, for all n .
- 3 If $a_n \geq A$ for all n , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq A$.
- 4 If $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \neq 0$, then $a_n \neq 0$ for n large enough.

Limits law

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Proposition

Assume that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = L_1$, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L_2$, then we have

- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n \pm b_n) = L_1 + \pm L_2.$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \cdot b_n = L_1 \cdot L_2.$
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}, (L_2 \neq 0, b_n \neq 0).$

We can also define infinite limits, i.e. $L = \infty$.

Squeeze theorem

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Theorem

Let $\{a_n\}, \{b_n\}, \{c_n\}$ be sequences that $a_n \leq b_n \leq c_n$ for $n \geq N_0$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} c_n = L$. Then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n = L$.

Convergence criterion

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Theorem (Cauchy's criterion)

The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent if and only if it is a Cauchy sequence, i.e.

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N_0(\varepsilon) \text{ such that } |a_m - a_n| < \varepsilon, \forall m, n \geq N_0.$$

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Definition

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be **increasing** if $a_n \leq a_{n+1}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

A sequence $\{a_n\}$ is said to be **decreasing** if $a_n \geq a_{n+1}$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Theorem (Monotone convergence theorem)

If a sequence is increasing and bounded from above, then it is convergent.

If a sequence is decreasing and bounded from below, then it is convergent.

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Test for convergence of the following sequences

$$1 \quad a_n = \frac{\sin n}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}}.$$

$$2 \quad a_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \cdots \frac{1}{n^2}.$$

$$3 \quad a_n = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n.$$

This sequence is increasing and converges to
 $e = 2,7182\dots$