Lecture 2

- 4. Intervals
- 5. Cartesian Coordinates
- 6. Functions
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4 Intervals

4. Intervals

Definition

A subset of $\mathbb{R}$ is called an *interval* if

1. it contains atleast 2 numbers; and
2. it doesn't have any holes in it.

4. Intervals

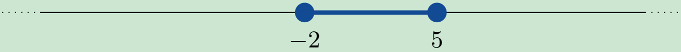
Example

The set $\{x \mid x \text{ is a real number and } x > 6\}$ is an interval.

Because 6 is not in this set, we use $\circ$ at 6.

Example

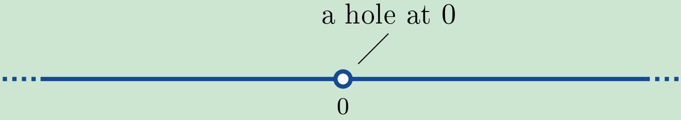
The set of all real numbers x such that $-2 \leq x \leq 5$ is an interval.



Because -2 and 5 are in this set, we use ● at -2 and 5.

Example

The set $\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x \neq 0\}$ is not an interval.



4. Intervals

A finite interval is

- *closed* if it contains both its endpoints;
- *half-open* if it contains one of its endpoints;
- *open* if it does not contain its endpoints;

4. Intervals

Notation	Set	Type	Picture
(a, b)	$\{x \mid a < x < b\}$	open	
$[a, b]$	$\{x \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$	closed	
$[a, b)$	$\{x \mid a \leq x < b\}$	half open	
$(a, b]$	$\{x \mid a < x \leq b\}$	half open	

An infinite interval is

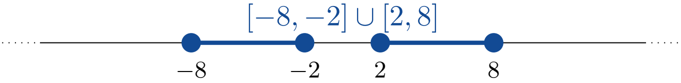
- *closed* if it contains a finite endpoint;
- *open* if it is not closed.

There is one exception to this rule: The whole real line is called both open and closed.

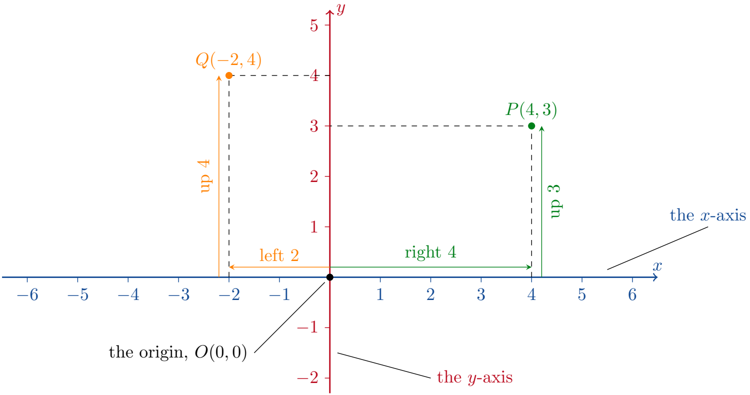
4. Intervals

Notation	Set	Type	Picture
(a, ∞)	$\{x \mid a < x\}$	open	
$[a, \infty)$	$\{x \mid a \leq x\}$	closed	
$(-\infty, b)$	$\{x \mid x < b\}$	open	
$(-\infty, b]$	$\{x \mid x \leq b\}$	closed	
$(-\infty, \infty)$	$\mathbb{R}$	both open and closed	

We can combine two (or more) intervals with the notation $\cup$.
For example, $[-8,-2] \cup [2,8]$ is called the *union* of $[-8,-2]$ and $[2,8]$ and is shown below.



5 Cartesian Coordinates



y
x
$Q(-2,4)$
$P(4,3)$
up 4
up 3
left 2
right 4
the x-axis
the origin, $O(0,0)$
the y-axis
−6 −5 −4 −3 −2 −1 1 2 3 4 5 6
5 4 3 2 1 −1 −2

Definition

The set

$$\{(x,y)|x,y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

is denoted by $\mathbb{R}^2$.

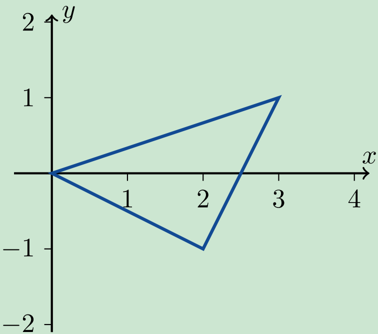
Definition

The point $O(0,0)$ is called the *origin*.

Example

Let $A(2, -1)$ and $B(3, 1)$be points in $\mathbb{R}^2$. Draw the triangle OAB.

solution:



Example

Draw the region of points which satisfy $1 \leq x \leq 3$.

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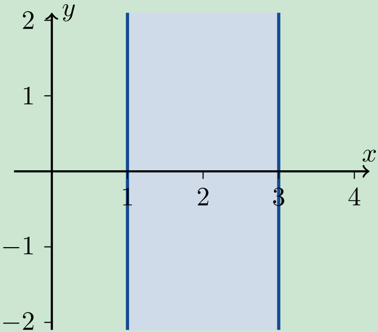
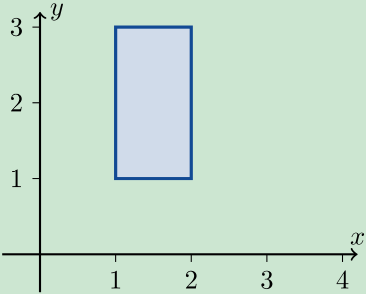


Example

Draw the region of points which satisfy $1 \leq x \leq 2$ and $1 \leq y \leq 3$.

solution:



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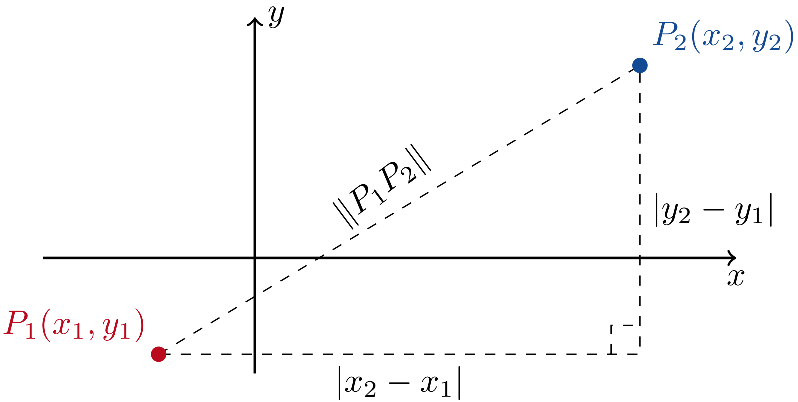


Definition

The *distance* between $P_1(x_1, y_1)$ and $P_2(x_2, y_2)$ is

$$\|P_1P_2\| = \sqrt{(x_2 - x_1)^2 + (y_2 - y_1)^2}.$$

Example

The distance between $A(1, 3)$ and $B(4, -1)$ is

$$\|AB\| = \sqrt{(4-1)^2 + (-1-3)^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + (-4)^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5.$$

6 Functions

6. Functions

$$y = f(x)$$

"y is equal to f of x"

dependent variable

$$y = f(x)$$

function

independent variable

"y is equal to f of x"

6. Functions

Definition

A *function* from a set D to a set Y is a rule that assigns a unique element of Y to each element of D.

Definition

The set D of all possible values of x is called the *domain* of f.

Definition

The set Y is called the *target* of f.

Definition

The set of all possible values of $f(x)$ is called the *range* of f.

6. Functions

If f is a function with domain D and target Y, we can write

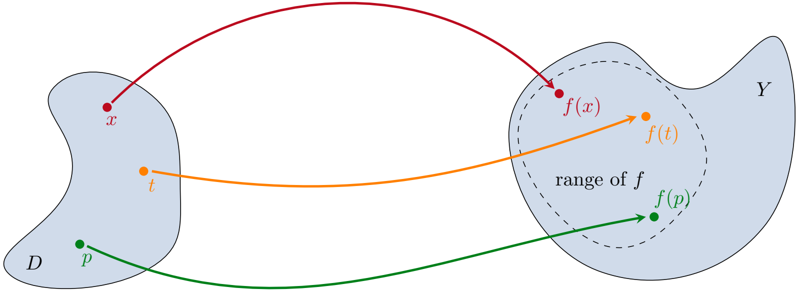
$$\underbrace{f : \underset{\text{domain}}{D} \to \underset{\text{target}}{Y}}$$

Example

$f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R},\ f(x) = x^2.$

Example

$f : (-\infty, \infty) \to [0, \infty),\ f(x) = x^2.$


x
t
p
D
$f(x)$
$f(t)$
$f(p)$
range of f
Y

6. Functions

$$x \in D \xrightarrow{\text{input}} \boxed{\quad f \quad} \xrightarrow{\text{output}} f(x) \in Y$$

function	domain (x)	range (y)
$y = x^2$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	
$y = \frac{1}{x}$	$\{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq 0\}$	
$y = \sqrt{x}$	$[0, \infty)$	
$y = \sqrt{4 - x}$		
$y = \sqrt{1 - x^2}$		

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$y = x^2$	$[2, \infty)$	$[4, \infty)$
$y = x^2$	$(-\infty, -2]$	$[4, \infty)$
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$y = 1 - \sqrt{x}$	$[0, \infty)$	

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Graphs of Functions

Definition

The *graph* of f is the set containing all the points (x, y) which satisty $y = f(x)$.

Example

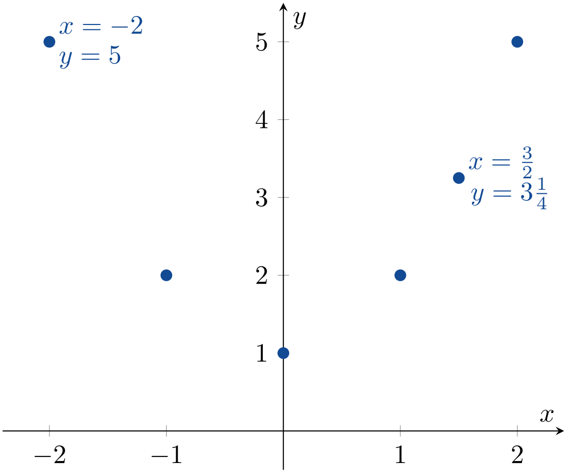
Graph the function $y = 1 + x^2$ over the interval $[-2, 2]$.

solution:

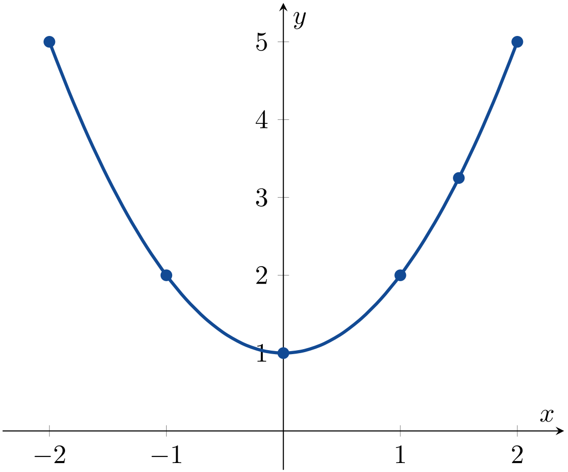
1. Make a table of (x, y) points which satisfy $y = 1 + x^2$.

x	y
-2	5
-1	2
0	1
1	2
$\frac{3}{2}$	$\frac{13}{4} = 3\frac{1}{4}$
2	5

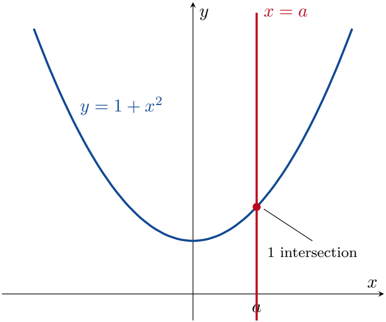
2. Plot these points.

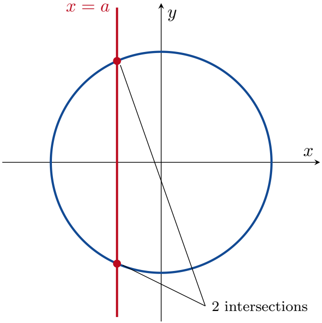


3. Draw a smooth curve through these points.



The Vertical Line Test





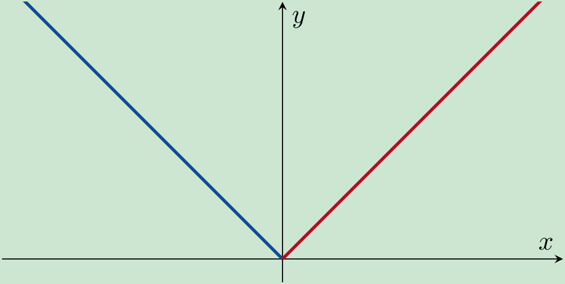
Not every curve that you draw is a graph of a function.

A function can have only one value $f(x)$ for each $x \in D$. This means that a vertical line can intersect the graph of a function at most once.
A circle can not be the graph of a function because some vertical lines intersect the circle at two points.
If $a \in D$, then the vertical line $x = a$ will intersect the graph of $f : D \to Y$ only at the point $(a, f(a))$.

Piecewise-Defined Functions

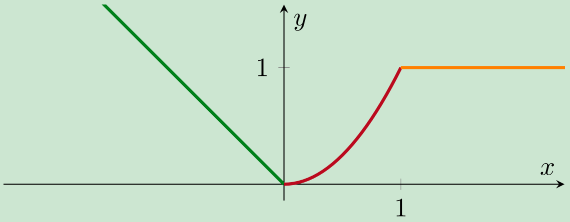
Example

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



Example

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & x < 0 \\ x^2 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

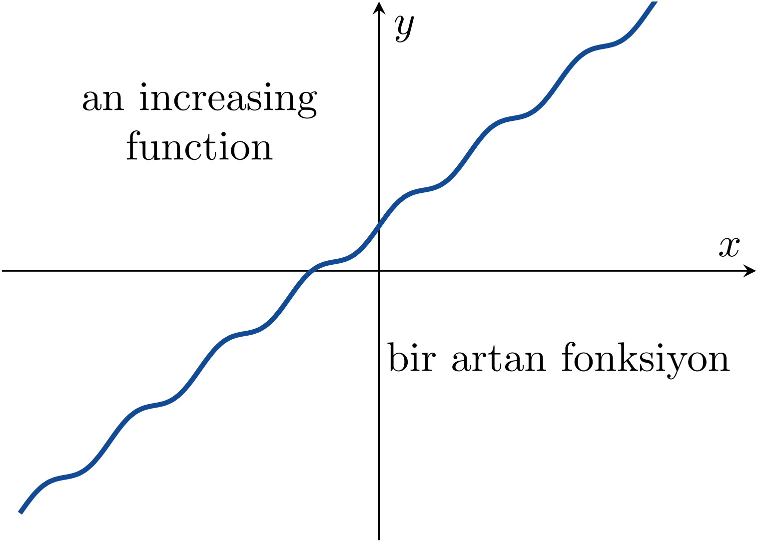


Increasing and Decreasing Functions

Definition

Let I be an interval. Let $f : I \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function.

1. f is called *increasing on I* if
$$f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$
for all $x_1, x_2 \in I$ which satisfy $x_1 < x_2$;
2. f is called *decreasing on I* if
$$f(x_1) > f(x_2)$$
for all $x_1, x_2 \in I$ which satisfy $x_1 < x_2$.



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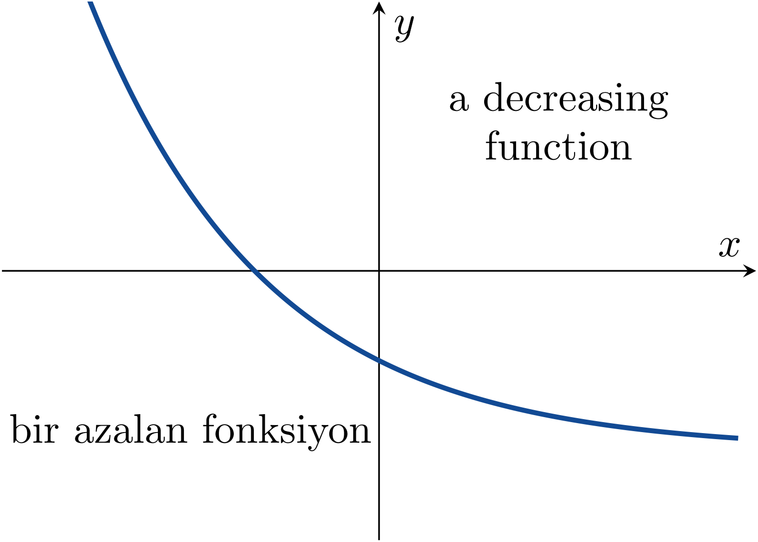
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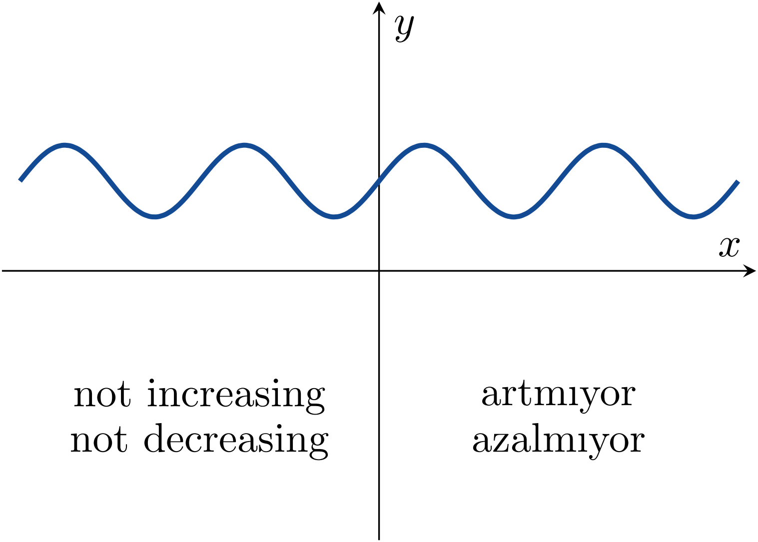

not increasing
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azalmıyor

Even Functions and Odd Functions

Recall that

- $2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \ldots$ are even numbers; and
- $1, 3, 5, 7, 9, \ldots$ are odd numbers.

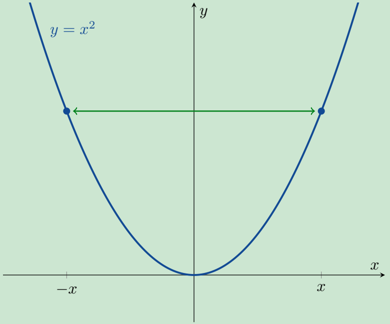
Definition

1. $f : D \to \mathbb{R}$ is an *even function* if $f(-x) = f(x)$ for all $x \in D$;
2. $f : D \to \mathbb{R}$ is an *odd function* if $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in D$.

Example

$f(x) = x^2$ is an even function because

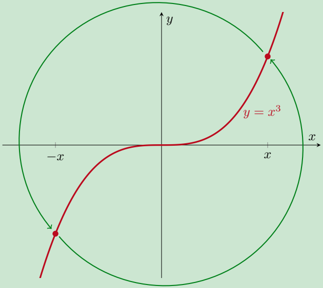
$$f(-x) = (-x)^2 = x^2 = f(x).$$



Example

$f(x) = x^3$ is an odd function because

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



Example

Is $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ even, odd or neither?

solution: Since

$$f(-x) = (-x)^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1 = f(x),$$

f is an even function.

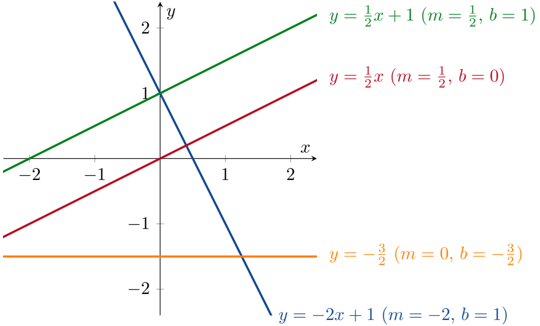
Example

Is $g(x) = x + 1$ even, odd or neither?

solution: Since $g(-2) = -2 + 1 = -1$ and $g(2) = 3$, we have $g(-2) \neq g(2)$ and $g(-2) \neq -g(2)$. Hence g is neither even nor odd.

Linear Functions

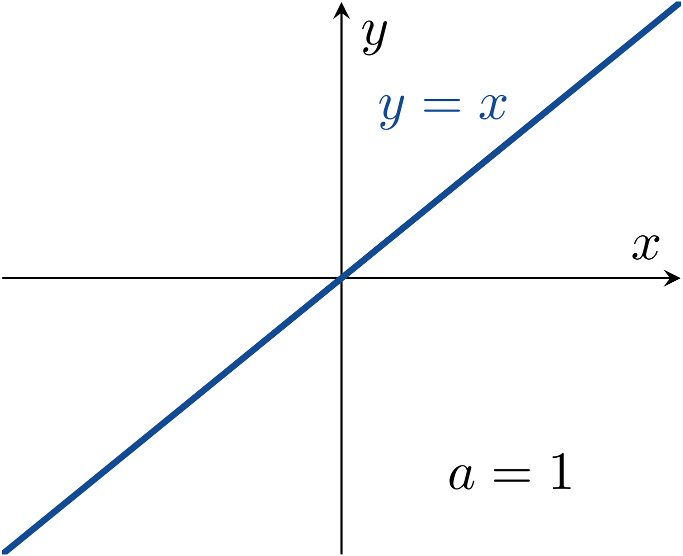
$$f(x) = mx + b$$
$$(m, b \in \mathbb{R})$$

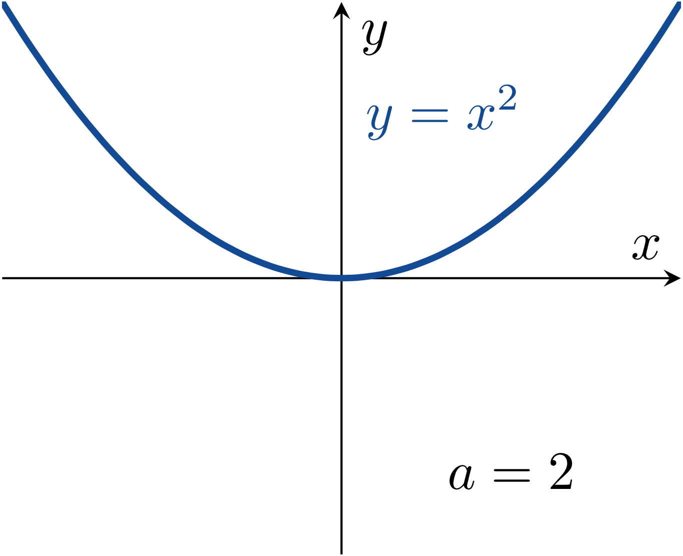


Power Functions

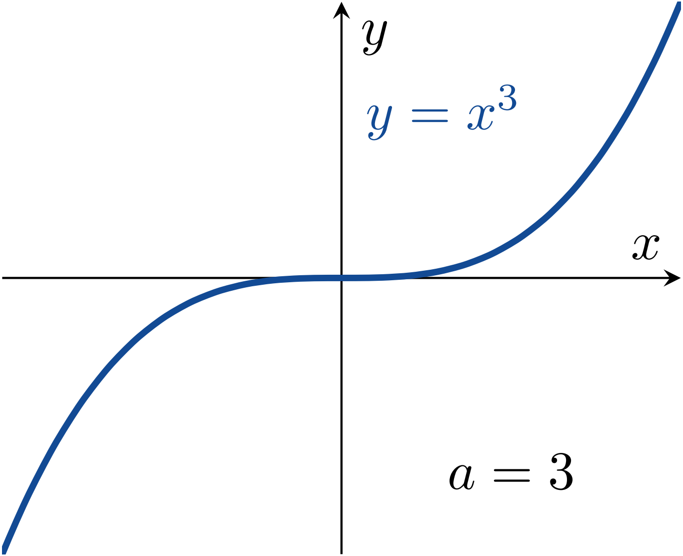
$$f(x) = x^a$$

$(a \in \mathbb{R})$
"x to the power of a"

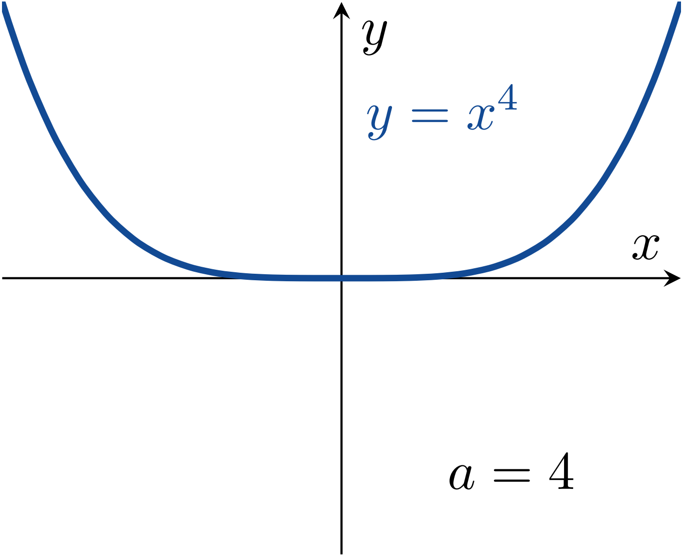

y
$y = x$
x
$a = 1$



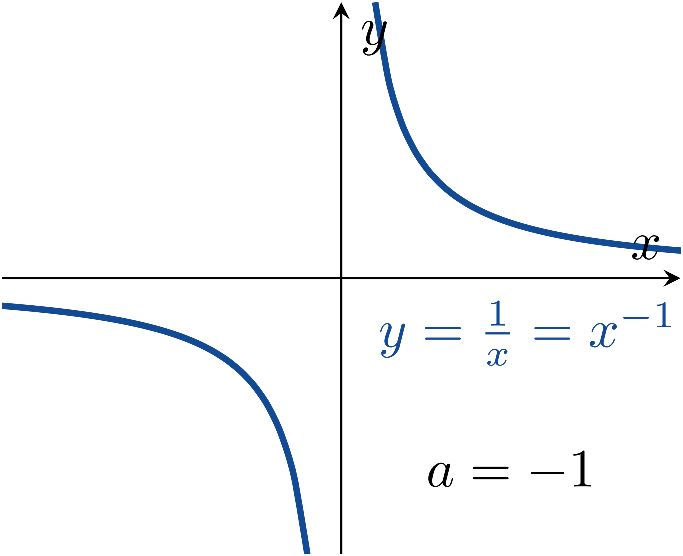
$$a = 2$$



$a = 3$

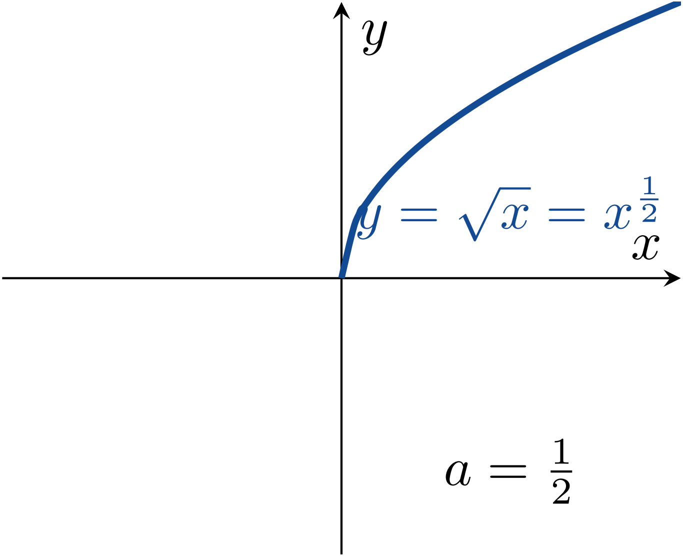


$a = 4$



$$y = \frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$$

$$a = -1$$



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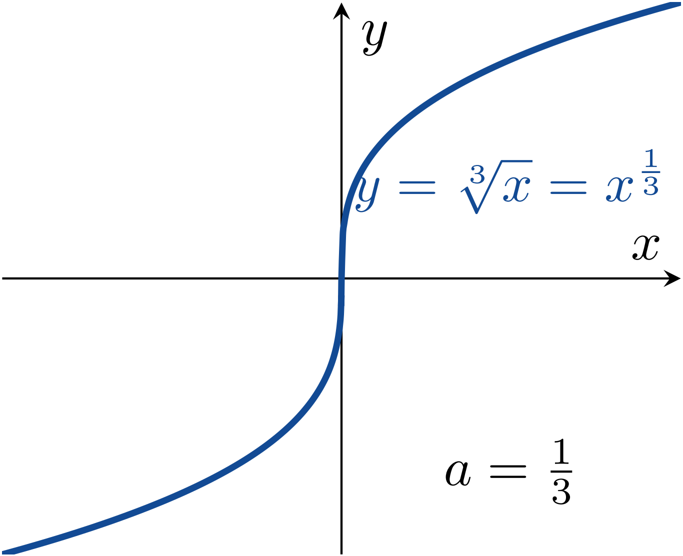
y
$y = \sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$
x
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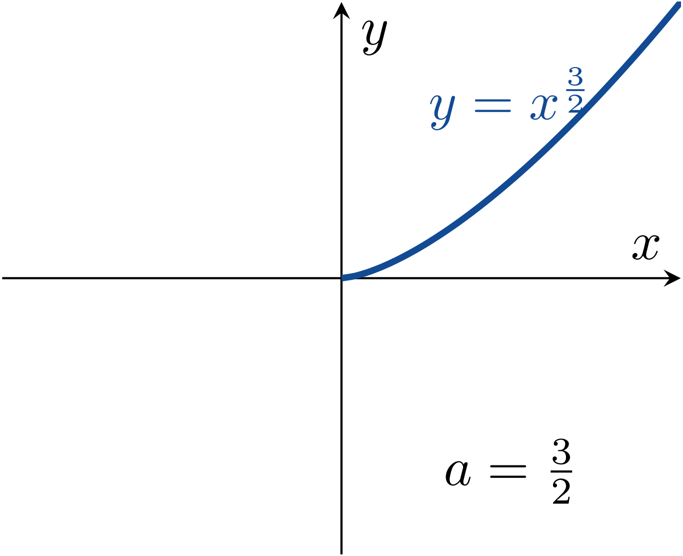
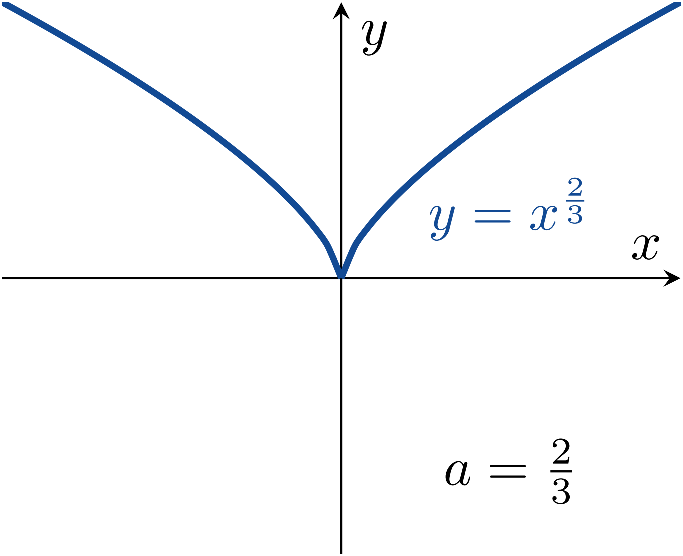


$$a = \frac{3}{2}$$



$$a = \frac{2}{3}$$

Polynomials

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

$$(n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},\ a_j \in \mathbb{R}).$$

The domain of a polynomial is always $(-\infty, \infty)$. If $n > 0$ and $a_n \neq 0$, then n is called the *degree* of $p(x)$.

Rational Functions

$$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$$

polynomial

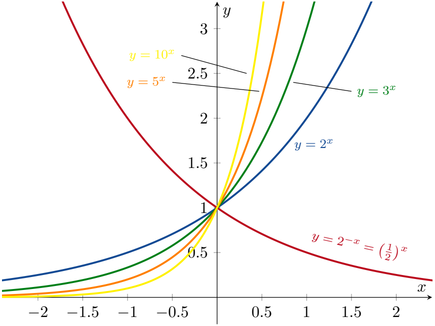
rational function

Example

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^3 - 3}{7x + 4}$$

Exponential Functions

$$f(x) = a^x$$
$$(a \in \mathbb{R},\ a > 0,\ a \neq 1)$$



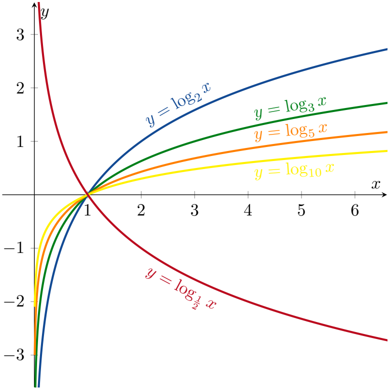
The domain of an exponential function is $(-\infty, \infty)$.

Logarithmic Functions

$$y = \log_a x \iff x = a^y$$

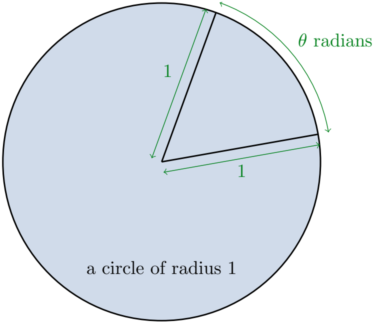
$$(a \in \mathbb{R},\ a > 0,\ a \neq 1)$$

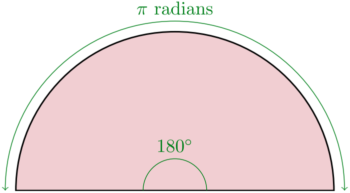
"log base a of x"



Angles

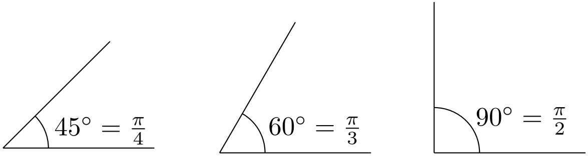
There are two ways to measure angles. Using degrees or using radians.





We have that

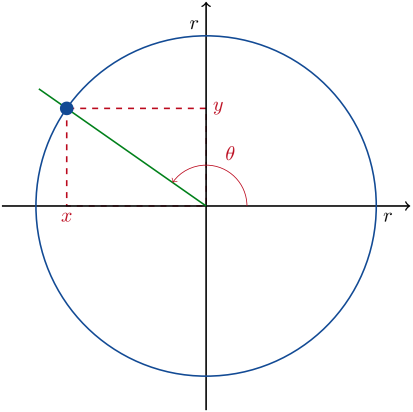
$$\pi \text{ radians} = 180 \text{ degrees}$$
$$1 \text{ radian} = \frac{180}{\pi} \text{ degrees}$$
$$1 \text{ degree} = \frac{\pi}{180} \text{ radians.}$$



Remark

In Calculus, we use radians!!!! If you see an angle in Part IV of this course, it will be in radians. Calculus doesn't work with degrees!!

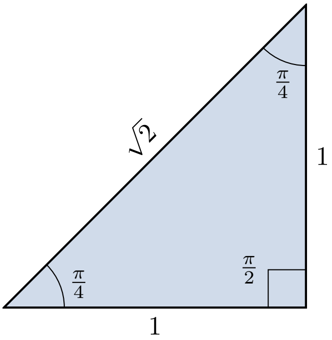
Trigonometric Functions



sine	$\sin\theta = \dfrac{y}{r}$
cosine	$\cos\theta = \dfrac{x}{r}$
tangent	$\tan\theta = \dfrac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta}$
secant	$\sec\theta = \dfrac{1}{\cos\theta}$
cosecant	$\operatorname{cosec}\theta = \csc\theta = \dfrac{1}{\sin\theta}$
cotangent	$\cot\theta = \dfrac{1}{\tan\theta}$

Remark

Note that $\tan\theta$ and $\sec\theta$ are only defined if $\cos\theta \neq 0$; and $\operatorname{cosec}\theta$ and $\cot\theta$ are only defined if $\sin\theta \neq 0$.



$$\sin 45^\circ = \sin\frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

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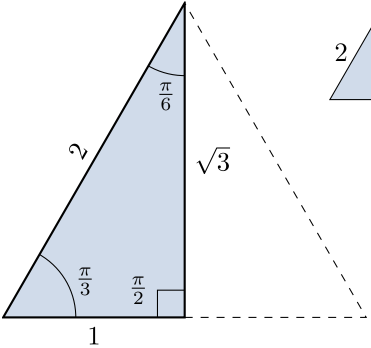

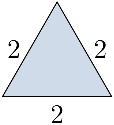

$$\sin 60^\circ = \sin\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\cos 60^\circ = \cos\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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$$\sec 60^\circ = \sec\frac{\pi}{3} = 2$$

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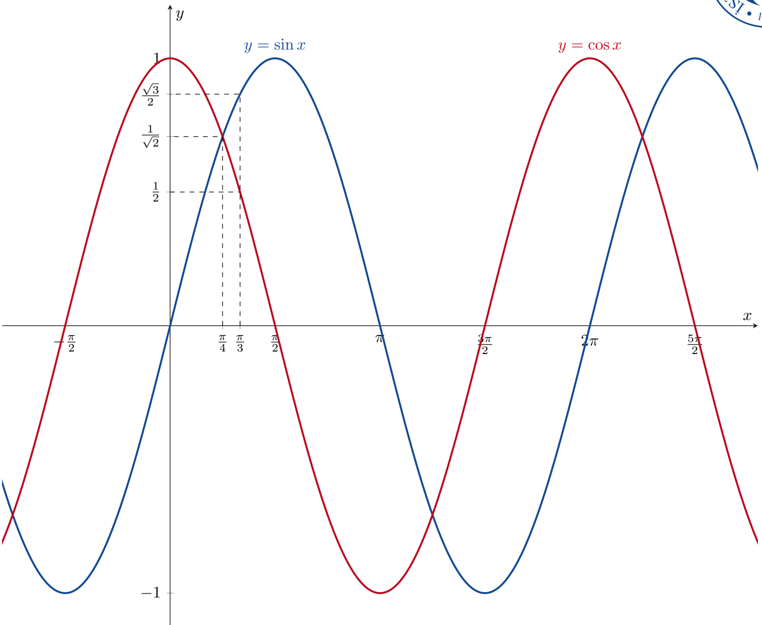
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π
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2π
$\frac{5\pi}{2}$
-1

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Example

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + 5^2 + 6^2 + 7^2 + 8^2 + 9^2 + 10^2 + 11^2 = \sum_{k=1}^{11} k^2$$

$$f(1) + f(2) + f(3) + \ldots + f(99) + f(100) = \sum_{k=1}^{100} f(k)$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{5} k = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15$$

Example

$$\sum_{k=1}^{3}(-1)^k k = (-1)(1) + (-1)^2(2) + (-1)^3(3) = -1 + 2 - 3 = -2$$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{2}\frac{k}{k+1} = \frac{1}{1+1} + \frac{2}{2+1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{7}{6}$$

$$\sum_{k=4}^{5}\frac{k^2}{k-1} = \frac{4^2}{4-1} + \frac{5^2}{5-1} = \frac{16}{3} + \frac{25}{4} = \frac{139}{12}$$

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 & 1 & + & 2 & + & 3 & + & 4 & + & 5 & + & \ldots & + & (n{-}1) & + \ n \\
+ & n & + & (n{-}1) & + & (n{-}2) & + & (n{-}3) & + & (n{-}4) & + & \ldots & + & 2 & + \ 1
\end{array} \\
&\quad = (n{+}1) + (n{+}1) + (n{+}1) + (n{+}1) + (n{+}1) + \ldots + (n{+}1) + (n{+}1) \\
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&\qquad = n(n+1).
\end{aligned}$$

Therefore

$$\boxed{\sum_{k=1}^{n} k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.}$$

Similarly (but more difficult) we can find that

$$\boxed{\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}}$$

and

$$\boxed{\sum_{k=1}^{n} k^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2.}$$

Next Week

- 8. Polar Coordinates
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