

EDE1011 ENGINEERING MATHEMATICS 1

Tutorial 1
Functions

1. Evaluate the domain and range of the following functions.

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

b) $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+1} - 5$

c) $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x-5}$

d) $f(x) = 1 - e^{-x}$

e) $f(x) = \ln(x+2)$ since $x+2 > 0$, D is $(-2, \infty)$, Range is \mathbb{R}

f) $f(x) = \cot(\pi x)$

ANS: **a)** \mathbb{R} , $(-\infty, 2]$. **b)** $[-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$, $[-5, \infty)$. **c)** $\{\mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 5/3\}$, $\{\mathbb{R} \mid y \neq 0\}$.
d) \mathbb{R} , $(-\infty, 1)$. **e)** $(-2, \infty)$, \mathbb{R} . **f)** $\{\mathbb{R} \mid x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, \mathbb{R} .

2. Evaluate the equation of a line in all three forms that has a slope of $-\frac{1}{2}$ and x-intercept at $x = -3$.

ANS: $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x+3)$, $y = -x/2 - 3/2$, $2y + x = -3$

3. (<https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-2-basic-classes-of-functions>)

A company purchases some computer equipment for \$20,500. At the end of a 3-year period, the value of the equipment has decreased linearly to \$12,300.

- a) Determine a function $V(t)$ that determines the value V of the equipment at the end of t years.
b) Interpret the meaning of the slope of $V(t)$. *Initial equipment value (when brand new) $V(0) = \$20.5k$*
c) Evaluate and interpret the meaning of the t and V intercepts of $V(t)$.
d) When will the value of the equipment be \$3000?

ANS: **a)** $V(t) = -2733.33t + 20500$. **b)** Equipment is depreciating at a rate of \$2733.33 per year.
c) $t = 7.5$ years (when the equipment has zero value), $V = \$20,500$ (initial equipment value).
d) Approx 6.4 years.

4. By completing the square on the quadratic function below, show that the vertex (max or min point) of the graph is at $x = -b/(2a)$.

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c = \dots = a\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + k$$

For $a > 0$, \uparrow min

Hence, state the coordinates of the vertex of

$$f(x) = -x^2 + 4x$$

For $a = -1, b = 4, x = -\frac{b}{2a} = 2$

$$f(2) = 2\left(4 - 2\right) = 4$$

$$f(x) = x(4 - x)$$

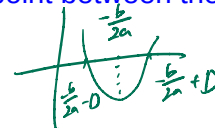
Since $\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 \geq 0, f(x) \geq k$
 min $f = k$ occurs at $\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

What do you observe about the vertex of a quadratic function in relation to its roots?

ANS: Vertex at $(2, 4)$. The vertex is always at the midpoint between the roots.

$$\text{roots} = \frac{-b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{b}{2a} \pm D$$

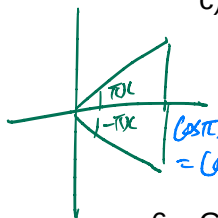


5. Evaluate the symmetry of each function below, if any.

a) $f(x) = x - \tan x$

b) $f(x) = x(2x - 1)$

c) $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - \cos(\pi x)}$



$$f(-x) = \sqrt{2 - \cos(-\pi x)}$$

$$= \sqrt{2 - (\cos(\pi x))} = f(x), \text{ so even}$$

ANS: a) Odd. b) Neither even nor odd. c) Even.

6. Given $f_e(x)$ and $f_o(x)$ are even and odd functions respectively, show that

a) $p(x) = f_e(x) \cdot f_e(x)$ is even.

b) $q(x) = f_o(x) \cdot f_o(x)$ is even.

c) $r(x) = f_e(x) \cdot f_o(x)$ is odd.

d) $u(x) = f_e(x) + f_e(x)$ is even.

e) $v(x) = f_o(x) + f_o(x)$ is odd.

f) $w(x) = f_e(x) + f_o(x)$ is neither even nor odd.

$$w(-x) = f_e(-x) + f_o(-x)$$

$$= f_e(x) - f_o(x) \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \neq w(x) \\ \neq -w(x) \end{array} \right.$$

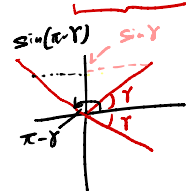
For even functions,

$$f_e(-x) = f_e(x)$$

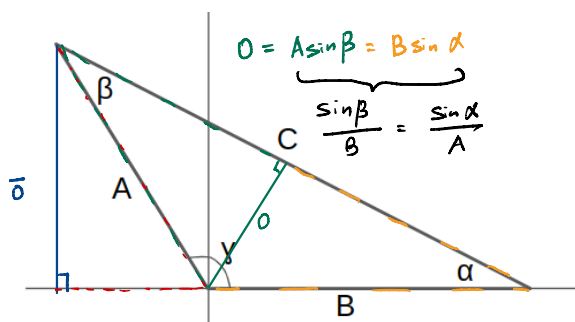
For odd functions, $f_o(-x) = -f_o(x)$

7. From the triangle shown below, derive the following triangle laws.

$$0 = C \sin \alpha = A \sin(\pi - \gamma) = A \sin \gamma$$



$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{A} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{C}$$



- a) Law of sines.

$$\frac{\sin \alpha}{A} = \frac{\sin \beta}{B} = \frac{\sin \gamma}{C}$$

- b) Law of cosines. (Hint: Use the Pythagoras theorem to find length C.)

$$C^2 = A^2 + B^2 - 2AB \cos \gamma$$

8. Evaluate each composition / combination of functions below and its domain. What is the relation between $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ in (b)?

a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 1$, $g(x) = \ln(x - 2)$, $h(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + 1$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$, $h(x) = f(g(x))$

ANS: a) $h(x) = \frac{x \ln(x-2)}{1+x}$, $(2, \infty)$. b) $h(x) = x$, $\{\mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 1\}$. $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are inverse functions of each other.

9. Evaluate the inverse of each function below and its domain and range.

a) $f(x) = 7e^{-3(x+1)} - 1$

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x-3}}$

c) $f(x) = 2 \sin(x/2) + 5$, $0 \leq x \leq \pi$

for $f(x)$ to be 1-to-1

ANS: a) $f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{7}\right) - 1$, $(-1, \infty)$, \mathbb{R} . b) $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2x^2} + \frac{3}{2}$, $(0, \infty)$, $(3/2, \infty)$.

c) $f^{-1}(x) = 2 \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x-5}{2}\right)$, $[5, 7]$, $[0, \pi]$.

10. When an initial investment P is compounded at an annual interest of r percent, the accumulated amount A at the end of year t is

$$A(t) = P(1+r)^t$$

$A(0) = P$
 $A(1) = P(1+r)$
 $A(2) = (1+r)A(1) = P(1+r)^2$

Determine the inverse function of $A(t)$ and describe its use in layman.

ANS: $t(A) = \log_{1+r} \left(\frac{A}{P} \right) = \frac{\ln(A/P)}{\ln(1+r)}$. $t(A)$ calculates the number of years required for the accumulated amount to reach A , given parameters r & P .

11. Obtain the graph of $y(x)$ by transformations from $f(x)$ for each function below and state its domain and range.

- a) $f(x) = |x|$, $y(x) = -|2x - 4| - 1$
 b) $f(x) = e^x$, $y(x) = 2e^{1-x} - 3$

ANS: **a)** \mathbb{R} , $(-\infty, -1]$. **b)** \mathbb{R} , $(-3, \infty)$.

For more practice problems (& explanations), check out:

- 1) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-1-review-of-functions>
- 2) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-2-basic-classes-of-functions>
- 3) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-3-trigonometric-functions>
- 4) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-4-inverse-functions>
- 5) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-5-exponential-and-logarithmic-functions>
- 6) <https://openstax.org/books/calculus-volume-1/pages/1-review-exercises>

End of Tutorial 1

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