

## Sets

Definition A set is a collection of numbers, either finite and infinite

Example:

rational number

Remark The real numbers came up all the time and we denote them by  $\mathbb{R}$

Definition A special kind of set are intervals, which are all the real numbers between 2 numbers.

For example

• an open bracket ( or ) indicates an endpoint is not included

$(0,1)$  不含 0 和 1

$[, ]$  闭区间

use  $\pm\infty$  to denote +ve or -ve with open bracket

$(-\infty, +\infty) \setminus \{0\}$   $\mathbb{R}$  不含 0

all elements of set can be written between set containing brackets

set  $\{1,2,3\}$ .  $[0,1]$  equals to  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$  " " such that

" $\in$ " means "in" or "an elements of"

$[-20, \pi] \Rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -20 \leq x < \pi\}$

$(-\infty, -4) \Rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -\infty < x < -4\} \Rightarrow \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < -4\}$   $x \in \mathbb{R}$  可省略

## Functions

Def: A function is a map between 2 sets that assigns a unique

output to each input

The domain of a function is the set of all valid inputs

The range of a function is the set of all valid outputs

Notation we often call names like  $f$  or  $g$

$f: X \rightarrow X^2$  sends  $x$  to  $x^2$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$

Domain  $D(f)$ , Range  $R(f) = \{ \}$

$f(x) = x^2$ ,  $D(f) = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $R(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq 0\}$  ✖

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $D(f) = \{x \geq 0\}$ ,  $R(f) = \{x \geq 0\}$  ✖

$g(t) = \frac{1}{t}$ ,  $D(g) = \{t \neq 0\}$ ,  $R(g) = \{t \neq 0\}$  ✖

$h(t) = \sqrt{t-1}$ ,  $D(h) = \{t \geq 1\}$ ,  $R(h) = \{t \geq 0\}$

Definition: Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be 2 func: the range of  $g$  is contained in domain of  $f$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

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

$$(f \circ g)(x) = (x - 2)^2 + 1$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = x^2 + 1 - 2 = x^2 - 1$$

Definition: If  $f$  and  $g$  are two functions, such that  $f(g(x)) = x$  and  $g(f(x)) = x$ , then we say  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse func, and write  $g = f^{-1}$

$$f(x) = x^2, g(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

$$f(g(x)) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x, g(f(x)) = \sqrt{x^2} = |x|$$

Function Review

Polynomial:  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$

$D(f) = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a_n \neq 0$  highest power = degree

A polynomial of deg 1 is a line

$$f(x) = mx + b$$

$m$ : slope of line,  $b$ : intercept

A polynomial of deg 2 is a quadratic (2项式)

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

parabola goes up if  $a > 0$

goes down if  $a < 0$

roots/zeros:  $f(x) = 0$  的  $x$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad b^2 - 4ac = 0, 1 \text{ root}$$

$b^2 - 4ac > 0, 2 \text{ roots}$

$b^2 - 4ac < 0, 0 \text{ root}$

$$f(x) = x^2 + x - 6 \quad \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-6)}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{-1 \pm 5}{2} = 2 / -3$$

$$f(x) = -x^2 - 1 \quad \frac{\pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4 \times (-1) \times (-1)}}{2 \times (-1)} \quad 0 \text{ root}$$

Definition A func  $f$  is <sup>线性的</sup> one-to-one if  $f(a) = f(b)$  implies  $a = b$

A func is onto or surjective if the func achieves every value in the range 满射的值域是  $\mathbb{R}$

Exponential Function

Let  $b > 0, b \neq 1$ , be a real number

$$f(x) = b^x, b = 3, \text{ graph}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ graph}$$

In general,  $b^0 = 1, \forall b > 0$

$$b^x \neq 0, \forall b > 0$$

$$b^x > 0, \forall b > 0$$

$$R(b^x) > 0, D(b^x) = \mathbb{R}$$

$$\text{if } b > 1, x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{if } 0 < b < 1, x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow 0, x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$b^{x_1} b^{x_2} = b^{x_1 + x_2}$$

$$(b^{x_1})^{x_2} = b^{x_1 x_2}$$


$b = e = 2.718$ ,  $e^x$ : natural exponential func

Logarithms: The inverses of  $b^x$  is the logarithms base  $b$  written  $\log_b(x)$

If  $b = e$ ,  $\log_b(x) = \ln(x) = \log_e(x)$

If  $b > 1$ ,  $\log_b(x)$  is always increasing and only

$b > 1$ ,  $D(\log_b(x)) = \{x > 0\}$ ,  $R = \mathbb{R}$



$\log_b x$  and  $b^x$  are inverses

$$\log_b(b^x) = x, b^{\log_b x} = x$$

$$\log_b(1) = 0$$

$$\log_b(xy) = \log_b(x) + \log_b(y)$$

$$\log_b(x^r) = r \log_b(x)$$

$$\log_b\left(\frac{x}{y}\right) = \log_b x - \log_b y$$

$$\log_b(x) = \frac{\log_a(x)}{\log_a(b)}$$