

# Math 1510D Week 1

## Set

A set is a collection of elements

eg  $B =$  the set of first 4 even numbers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a set} &= \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \\ &= \{x : \underbrace{x \text{ is even, } 0 < x < 10}_{\text{condition}}\}_{\text{such that}} \end{aligned}$$

## Notations

$x \in A$  means  $x$  is an element of  $A$

$x \notin A$  means  $x$  is not an element of  $A$

$A \subseteq B$  means  $A$  is a subset of  $B$

(Every element of  $A$  is an element of  $B$ )

$A \not\subseteq B$  means  $A$  is not a subset of  $B$

$$\text{eg } A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\} \quad B = \{2, 8\} \quad C = \{2, 4\}$$

$$\therefore 8 \in A, B$$

$$B \subseteq A, C \subseteq A, B \not\subseteq C$$

Set Operations Let  $A, B$  be sets

## Intersection

$$\begin{aligned} A \cap B &= \{x : x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} \\ &= \text{the set of } x \text{ such that} \\ &\quad x \text{ is in } A \text{ and in } B \end{aligned}$$

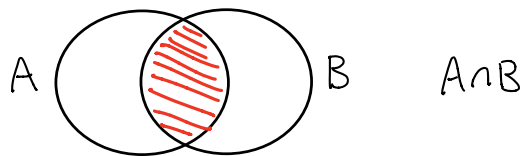
## Union

$$A \cup B = \{x : x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

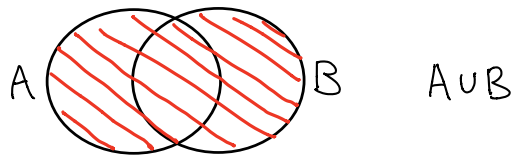
## Relative Complement of $B$ in $A$

$$\begin{aligned} A \setminus B &= \{x \in A : x \notin B\} \\ &= \text{the set of all } x \text{ in } A \\ &\quad \text{such that } x \text{ is not in } B \end{aligned}$$

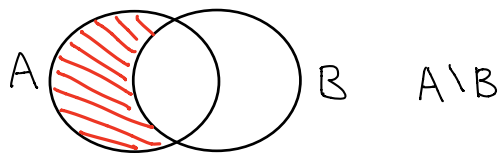
## Picture (Venn Diagram)



$$A \cap B$$



$$A \cup B$$



$$A \setminus B$$

eg  $A = \{2, 4, 6\}$   $B = \{3, 6, 9\}$

then  $A \cap B = \{6\}$

$$A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 6, 9\}$$

$$A \setminus B = \{2, 4\}$$

## Some important Sets

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{N} &= \text{the set of all natural numbers} \\ &= \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z} &= \text{the set of all integers} \\ &= \{\dots -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \\ &= \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Q} &= \text{the set of all rational numbers} \\ &= \left\{ \frac{m}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \neq 0 \right\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\mathbb{R} = \text{the set of all real numbers}$$

eg  $\frac{2}{3} \in \mathbb{Q}$  but  $\frac{2}{3} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

$$\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R}, \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$$

$$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$$

Intervals Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  or  $\pm\infty$

Open interval (Endpoints not included)

$$(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$$

Closed interval (Endpoints included)

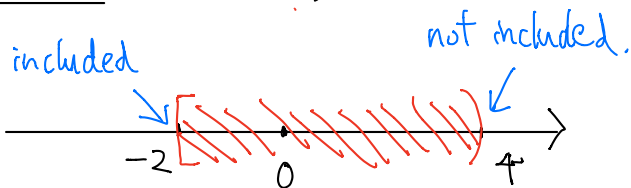
$$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x \leq b\}$$

Half-open interval

$$(a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$$

$$[a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}$$

Picture  $[-2, 4)$

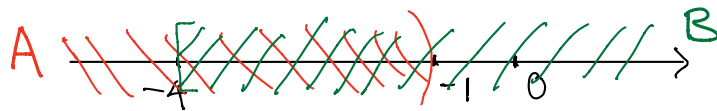


Ex Let  $A = (-\infty, -1)$ ,  $B = [-4, \infty)$

Express the followings as interval

i  $A \cup B$     ii  $A \cap B$     iii  $A \setminus B$

Ans  $(-\infty, \infty)$      $[-4, -1)$      $(-\infty, -4)$



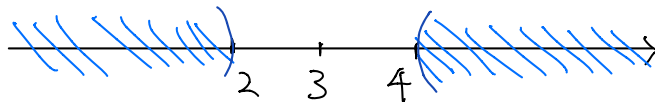
Ex Express  $C = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x-3| > 1\}$   
as a union of intervals

Sol  $|x-3| > 1$

$$\Rightarrow x-3 > 1 \quad \text{or} \quad x-3 < -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 4 \quad \quad \quad x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow C = (-\infty, 2) \cup (4, \infty)$$



# Function

Let  $A, B$  be sets

A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is a rule of assigning to each element of  $A$  an element of  $B$

$A =$  Domain of  $f$  (Set of inputs)

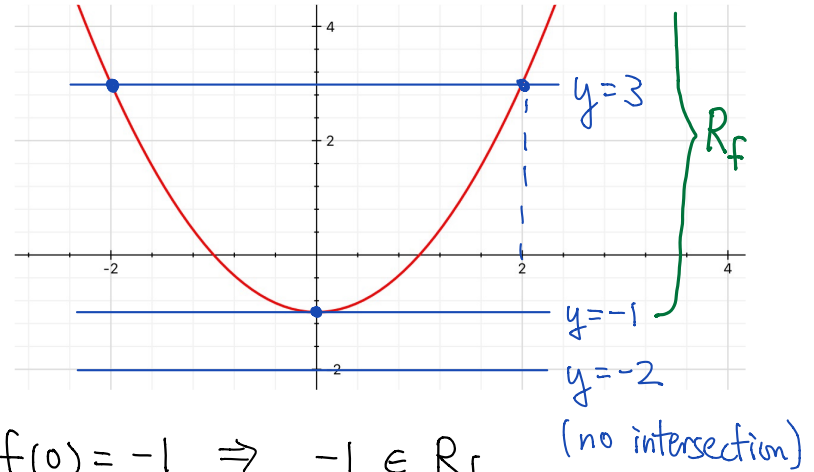
$B =$  Codomain of  $f$  (A set containing all outputs)

$R_f =$  Range of  $f$  (Set of outputs)  
 $= \{f(x) \in B : x \in A\}$

## Other notations

$D_f =$  domain of  $f$

eg  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$   
↑ domain    ↑ codomain    "rule of assignment"



$$f(0) = -1 \Rightarrow -1 \in R_f$$

$$f(2) = 3 \Rightarrow 3 \in R_f$$

$$f(x) \neq -2 \text{ for any } x \in D_f$$

$$\because x^2 \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) = x^2 - 1 \geq -1$$

$$R_f = [-1, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow -2 \notin R_f$$

## Implied domain

If a function  $f(x)$  is given by an expression without specifying its domain, then the domain will be assumed to be the largest subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that the expression makes sense.

That domain is called the Implied domain (or natural domain)

## Useful rules

- ① Denominator  $\neq 0$
- ② For  $\log g(x)$ , need  $g(x) > 0$
- ③ Let  $m$  be an positive even number  
For  $\sqrt[m]{h(x)} = [h(x)]^{\frac{1}{m}}$ ,  
need  $h(x) \geq 0$

Rmk For ③,

eg  $m=3$  (odd)

$$64^{\frac{1}{3}} = 4$$

$$(-64)^{\frac{1}{3}} = -4$$

No problem

eg  $m=4$  (even)

$$(64)^{\frac{1}{4}} = 8^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(-64)^{\frac{1}{4}} \text{ is not real!}$$

(fourth root of negative number)

eg Find implied domain of

a.  $\log(x^2 - 3x - 10)$

b.  $\frac{x-3}{\sqrt[4]{3-|x|}}$

c.  $(x+2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

d.  $f-g$ , where  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$   $g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$

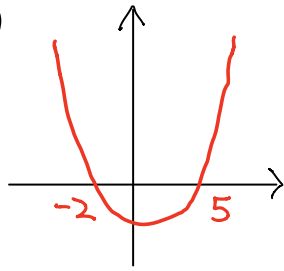
Sol

a. Need  $x^2 - 3x - 10 > 0$

$$(x-5)(x+2) > 0$$

$$\therefore x > 5 \text{ or } x < -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Implied domain} = (-\infty, -2) \cup (5, \infty)$$



b. Need  $3 - |x| \geq 0$  under  $\sqrt{\quad}$

$$\text{Also, } \sqrt{3 - |x|} \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 - |x| > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 > |x|$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 < x < 3$$

$$\text{Implied domain} = (-3, 3)$$

c.  $(x+2)^{\frac{2}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{(x+2)^2}$   
3 is odd!

Addition, square, cubic root are defined for any real numbers

$$\text{Implied domain} = \mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$$

d.  $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{(x-1)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)}$$

$x \neq -1$        $x \neq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Implied domain} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{\pm 1\}$$

$$= (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

## Operations on functions

Let  $f(x), g(x)$  be functions. Define

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

$$(fg)(x) = f(x)g(x)$$

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \quad \text{if } g(x) \neq 0$$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) \quad (\text{Composition})$$

$$x \xrightarrow{f} f(x) \xrightarrow{g} (g \circ f)(x)$$

$$D_{f+g} = D_{f-g} = D_{fg} = D_f \cap D_g$$

$$D_{\frac{f}{g}} = (D_f \cap D_g) \setminus \{x \in D_g : g(x) = 0\}$$

$$D_{g \circ f} = \{x \in D_f : f(x) \in D_g\}$$

eg let  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ ,  $g: (2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

a. Find  $(f \circ f)(3)$ .

b. Find the implied domain of  $g \circ f$ .

Sol

a.  $(f \circ f)(3) = f(f(3)) = f(6) = 30$

b.  $g \circ f(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2 - x)$

$$D_g = (2, \infty) \Rightarrow x^2 - x \in (2, \infty)$$

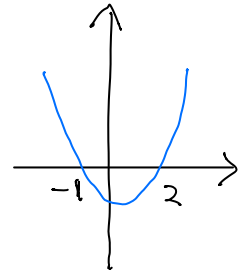
$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x > 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(x+1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x < -1$$

$$D_{g \circ f} = (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$$



# Inverse of a function

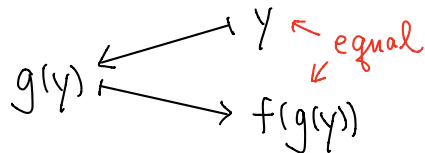
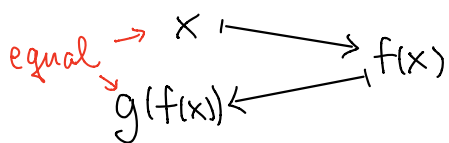
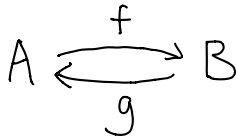
Suppose  $f: A \rightarrow B$ ,  $g: B \rightarrow A$

Then  $f, g$  are said to be inverse of each other if

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = x \quad \forall x \in A \quad \leftarrow \text{for any}$$

$$(f \circ g)(y) = f(g(y)) = y \quad \forall y \in B$$

We write  $f^{-1} = g$  and  $g^{-1} = f$



eg  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$   $f(x) = x^2$

$g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$   $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2} = x \text{ for } x \geq 0$$

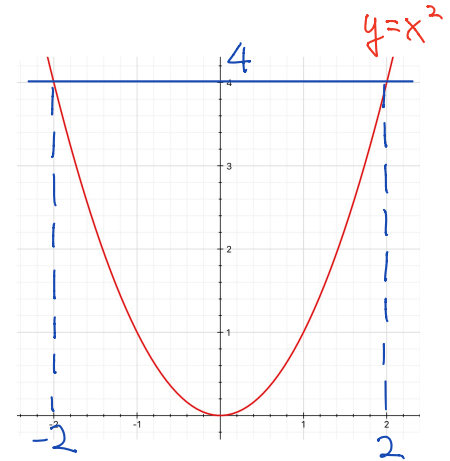
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x \text{ for } x \geq 0$$

$$\therefore f^{-1} = g \quad g^{-1} = f$$

Rmk

If  $x < 0$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x^2} &= |x| \\ &= -x \\ &\neq x \end{aligned}$$

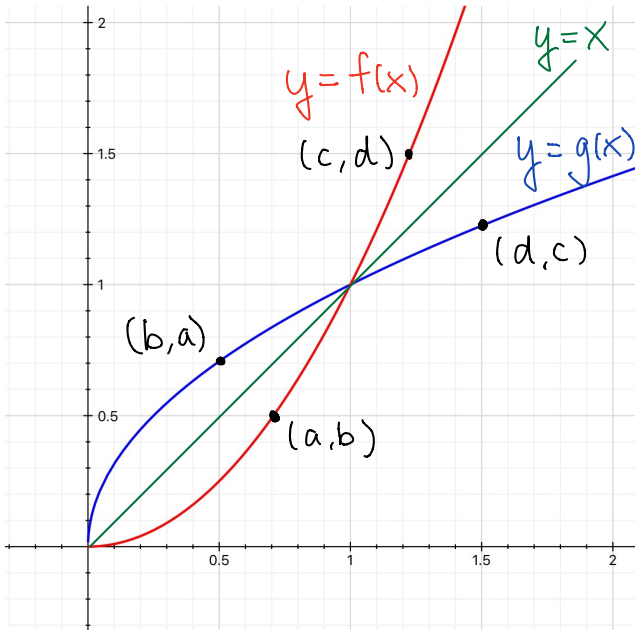


We need to be careful about domain when we talk about inverses



## Graph of Inverse Functions

In last example  $f(x) = x^2$   
 $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$



Graphs symmetric about  $y = x$ ?

Note

$(a, b)$  is on  $y = f(x)$

$$\Leftrightarrow b = f(a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a = g(b)$$

$(b, a)$  is on  $y = g(x)$

Graphs of inverse functions  
are mirror image of each other  
about the line  $y = x$

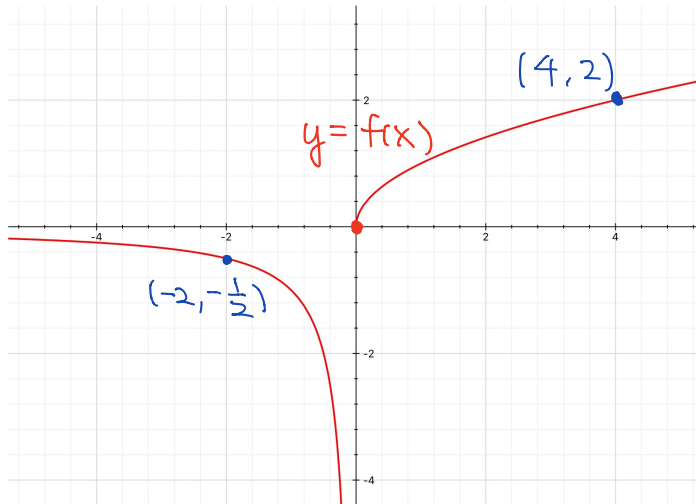
## Piecewise Function

eg

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\cdot f(4) = \sqrt{4} = 2 \quad (\because 4 \geq 0)$$

$$\cdot f(-2) = \frac{1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (\because -2 < 0)$$



Q If  $|h| < 1$ ,  $f(1+h) = ?$

Note  $-1 < h < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < 1+h < 2$

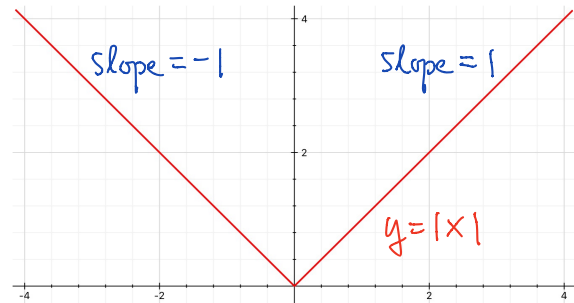
$$\therefore f(1+h) = \sqrt{1+h}$$

## Absolute Value

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

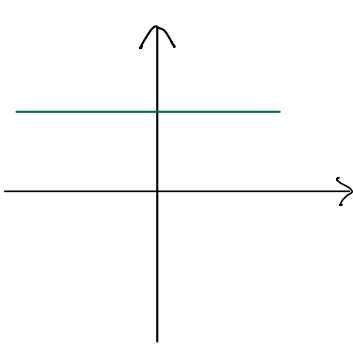
eg.  $3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow |3| = 3$

$$-2 < 0 \Rightarrow |-2| = -(-2) = 2$$

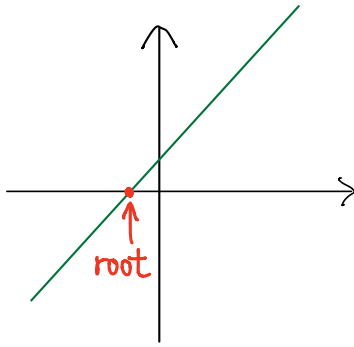


# Graphs of some Elementary Functions

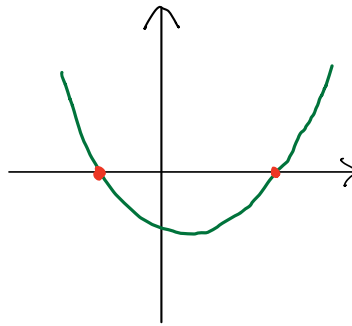
Polynomials  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$  (If  $a_n \neq 0$ , then  $\deg f = n$ )



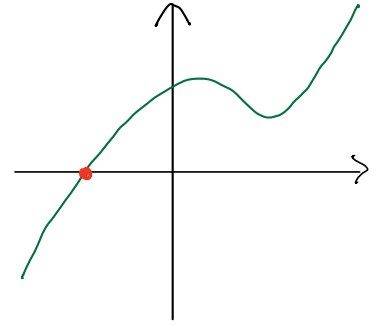
$\deg f = 0$   
(constant)



$\deg f = 1$   
(linear)



$\deg f = 2$   
(quadratic)



$\deg f = 3$   
(cubic)

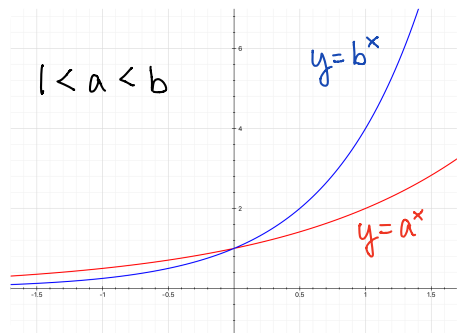
Fact A non-zero polynomial of degree  $n$   
has at most  $n$  real roots

# Exponential Functions

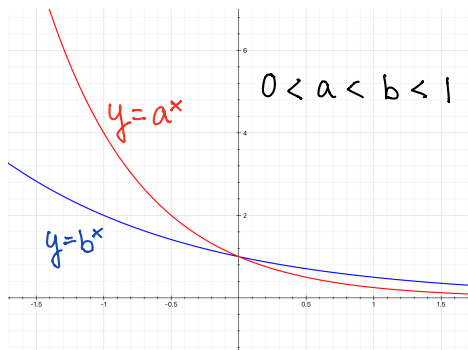
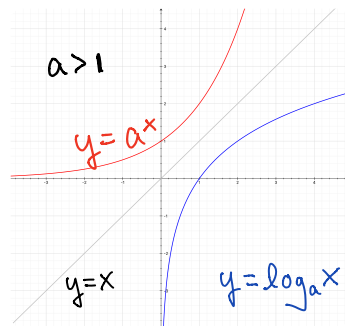
$$f(x) = a^x, \text{ where } a > 0$$

*← variable*  
*← constant*

Inverse of each other

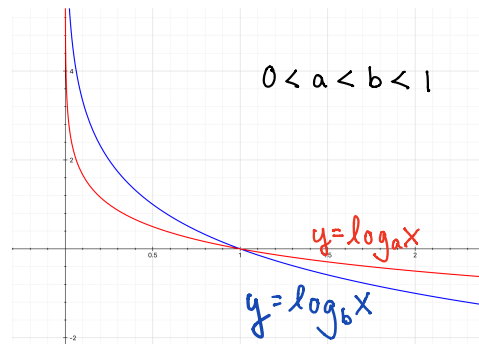
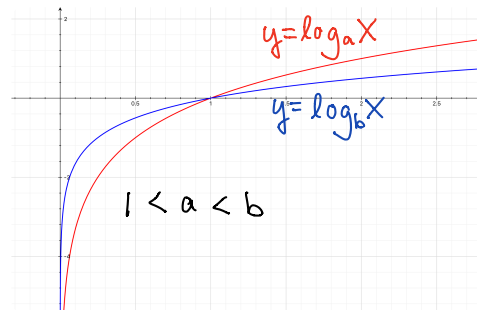


Symmetric about  $y = x$

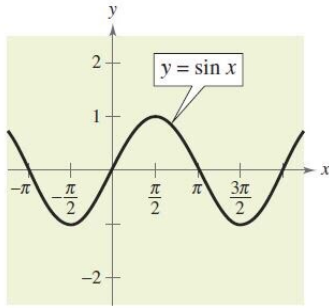


# Logarithmic Functions

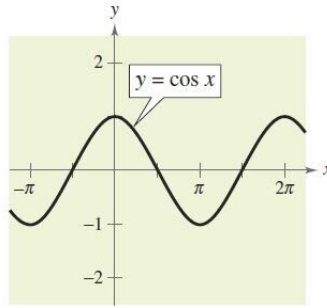
$$f(x) = \log_a x, \text{ where } a > 0$$



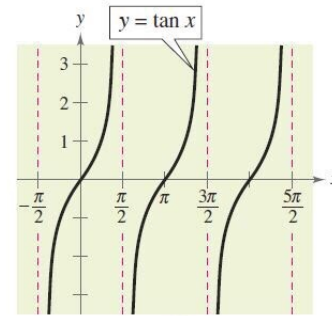
# Trigonometric Functions



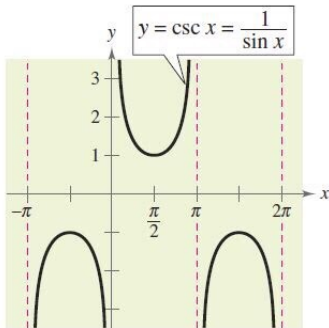
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 RANGE:  $[-1, 1]$   
 PERIOD:  $2\pi$



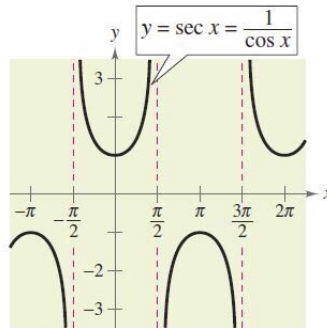
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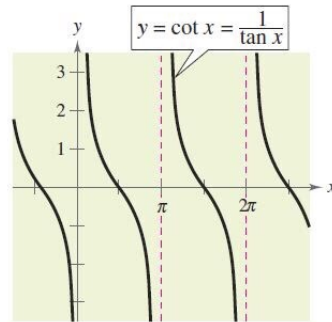
DOMAIN: ALL  $x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + n\pi$   
 RANGE:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 PERIOD:  $\pi$



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Rmk All "angles" here are measured in radian

$(180^\circ = \pi \text{ rad})$

# Graphing a vector-valued function

We can graph

$$\vec{r}(t) = x(t)\hat{i} + y(t)\hat{j}$$

on the  $xy$ -plane:

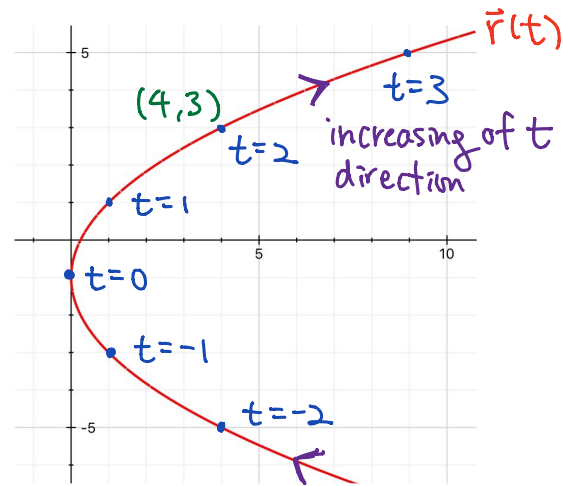
$x(t)$ ,  $y(t)$  are called components of  $\vec{r}(t)$ .

$t$  is called parameter

eg  $\vec{r}(t) = t^2\hat{i} + (2t-1)\hat{j}$ , then

$$\begin{cases} x(t) = t^2 \\ y(t) = 2t - 1 \end{cases} \quad \text{called parametric equations}$$

$t$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$x(t)$	4	1	0	1	4
$y(t)$	-5	-3	-1	1	3



Q How to plot  $\vec{r}(t)$  above accurately?

A Note  $x = x(t) = t^2$

$$y = y(t) = 2t - 1 \Rightarrow t = \frac{y+1}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \left(\frac{y+1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{4}(y+1)^2 \quad (\text{Parabola})$$

Q Graph  $\vec{r}(t) = (2\cos t^\circ)\hat{i} + (2\sin t^\circ)\hat{j}$   
for  $0 \leq t \leq 180$ .

Sol  $x = 2\cos t^\circ$   $y = 2\sin t^\circ$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore x^2 + y^2 &= (2\cos t^\circ)^2 + (2\sin t^\circ)^2 \\ &= 4(\cos^2 t^\circ + \sin^2 t^\circ) \\ &= 4\end{aligned}$$

$\therefore \vec{r}(t)$  lies on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$

Also, as  $t$  increases from 0 to 180,

$x(t)$  decreases from 2 to -2

$y(t)$  increases from 0 to 2 and

then decreases from 2 to 0

$\therefore$  Graph of

$$\vec{r}(t) = (2\cos t^\circ)\hat{i} + (2\sin t^\circ)\hat{j}$$

