

Pure Core 2

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1 Algebra

Polynomials

A polynomial is an expression of the form

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

where all the powers of x are positive integers or 0.

Addition, subtraction and multiplication of polynomials are easy, division must be done by long division.

Factorising

General examples of factorising:

$$2ab + 6ac^2 = 2a(b + 3c^2)$$

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 2)(x - 3)$$

$$x^2 - 6x = x(x - 6)$$

$$6x^2 - 11x - 10 = (3x + 2)(2x - 5)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2ax - 3by - 6ay + bx &= 2ax - 6ay + bx - 3by \\ &= 2a(x - 3y) + b(x - 3y) \\ &= (2a + b)(x - 3y) \end{aligned}$$

Standard results

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y), \quad \text{difference of two squares}$$

$$(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2,$$

$$(x - y)^2 = x^2 - 2xy + y^2$$

Long division

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 5x + 9 \\ 2x^2 + 3x - 1 \overline{) 6x^4 - x^3 + x - 3} \\ \underline{6x^4 + 9x^3 - 3x^2} \\ -10x^3 + 3x^2 + x - 3 \\ \underline{-10x^3 - 15x^2 + 5x} \\ 18x^2 - 4x - 3 \\ \underline{18x^2 + 27x - 9} \\ -31x + 6 \end{array}$$

\Rightarrow when $6x^4 - x^3 + x - 3$ is divided by $2x^2 + 3x - 1$,
the quotient is $3x^2 - 5x + 9$, and the remainder is $-31x + 6$.

Remainder theorem

If 627 is divided by 6 the quotient is 104 and the remainder is 3.

This can be written as $627 = 6 \times 104 + 3$.

In the same way, if a polynomial

$P(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$ is divided by $(cx + d)$ to give a quotient, $Q(x)$ with a remainder r , then r will be a constant (since the divisor is of degree one) and we can write

$$P(x) = (cx + d) \times Q(x) + r$$

If we now choose the value of x which makes $(cx + d) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -d/c$

then we have $P(-d/c) = 0 \times Q(x) + r$

$$\Rightarrow P(-d/c) = r.$$

Theorem: If we put $x = -d/c$ in the polynomial we obtain r , the remainder that we would have after dividing the polynomial by $(cx + d)$.

Example: The remainder when $P(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 9$ is divided by $(2x - 3)$ is -6 , and when $P(x)$ is divided by $(x + 2)$ the remainder is 1.

Find the values of a and b .

Solution: $(2x - 3) = 0$ when $x = 3/2$,

\Rightarrow dividing $P(x)$ by $(2x - 3)$ gives a remainder

$$P(3/2) = 2 \times (3/2)^3 + a \times (3/2)^2 + b \times (3/2) + 9 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 2b = -29 \quad \mathbf{I}$$

and $(x + 2) = 0$ when $x = -2$,

\Rightarrow dividing $P(x)$ by $(x + 2)$ gives a remainder

$$P(-2) = 2 \times (-2)^3 + a \times (-2)^2 + b \times (-2) + 9 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a - 2b = 8 \quad \mathbf{II}$$

$$\mathbf{I} + \mathbf{II} \Rightarrow 7a = -21$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -3$$

using \mathbf{I} we get $b = -10$

Factor theorem

Theorem: If, in the remainder theorem, $r = 0$ then $(cx + d)$ is a factor of $P(x)$

$$\Rightarrow P\left(\frac{-d}{c}\right) = 0 \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad (cx + d) \text{ is a factor of } P(x).$$

Example: A quadratic equation has solutions (roots) $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $x = 3$. Find the quadratic equation in the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

Solution: The equation has roots $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ and $x = 3$

\Rightarrow it must have factors $(2x + 1)$ and $(x - 3)$ by the factor theorem

\Rightarrow an equation is $(2x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 5x - 3 = 0.$ or any multiple

Example: Show that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $P(x) = 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 11x + 6$ and hence factorise the expression completely.

Solution: Choose the value of x which makes $(x - 2) = 0$, i.e. $x = 2$

\Rightarrow remainder $= P(2) = 6 \times 8 - 19 \times 4 + 11 \times 2 + 6 = 48 - 76 + 22 + 6 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x - 2)$ is a factor by the factor theorem.

We have started with a cubic and so the other factor must be a quadratic, which can be found by long division or by 'common sense'.

$$\Rightarrow 6x^3 - 19x^2 + 11x + 6 = (x - 2)(6x^2 - 7x - 3)$$

$$= (x - 2)(2x - 3)(3x + 1)$$

which is now factorised completely.

Choosing a suitable factor

To choose a suitable factor we look at the coefficient of the highest power of x and the constant (the term without an x).

Example: Factorise $2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6$.

Solution: 2 is the coefficient of x^3 and 2 has factors of 2 and 1.

6 is the constant term and 6 has factors of 1, 2, 3 and 6

\Rightarrow the possible linear factors of $2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6$ are

$$(x \pm 1), \quad (x \pm 2), \quad (x \pm 3), \quad (x \pm 6)$$

$$(2x \pm 1), \quad (2x \pm 2), \quad (2x \pm 3), \quad (2x \pm 6)$$

But $(2x \pm 2) = 2(x \pm 1)$ and $(2x \pm 6) = 2(x \pm 3)$, so they are not *new* factors.

We now test the possible factors using the factor theorem until we find one that works.

Test $(x - 1)$, put $x = 1$ giving $2 \times 1^3 + 1^2 - 13 \times 1 + 6 \neq 0$

Test $(x + 1)$, put $x = -1$ giving $2 \times (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 13 \times (-1) + 6 \neq 0$

Test $(x - 2)$, put $x = 2$ giving $2 \times 2^3 + 2^2 - 13 \times 2 + 6 = 16 + 4 - 26 + 6 = 0$
and since the result is zero $(x - 2)$ is a factor.

We now divide to give

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^3 + x^2 - 13x + 6 &= (x - 2)(2x^2 + 5x - 3) \\ &= (x - 2)(2x - 1)(x + 3). \end{aligned}$$

Cubic equations

Factorise using the factor theorem then solve.

N.B. The quadratic factor might not factorise in which case you will need to use the formula for this part.

Example: Solve the equation $2x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$.

Solution: Possible factors are $(x \pm 1)$ and $(2x \pm 1)$.

Put $x = 1$ we have $2 \times 1^3 + 1^2 - 3 \times 1 + 1 = 1 \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow (x - 1)$ is **not** a factor

Put $x = -1$ we have $2 \times (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 3 \times (-1) + 1 = 3 \neq 0$

$\Rightarrow (x + 1)$ is **not** a factor

Putting $x = \frac{1}{2}$ we have $2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 3 \times \frac{1}{2} + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow (2x - 1)$ is a factor

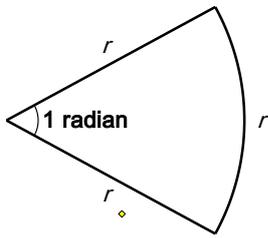
$\Rightarrow 2x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 1 = (2x - 1)(x^2 + x - 1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ - this will not factorise so we use the formula

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$ or $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (-1)}}{2 \times 1} = 0.618$ or -1.618 to 3 D.P.

2 Trigonometry

Radians



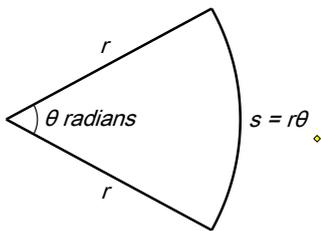
A radian is the angle subtended at the centre of a circle by an arc of length equal to the radius.

Connection between radians and degrees

$$180^\circ = \pi^c$$

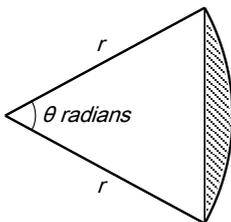
Degrees	30	45	60	90	120	135	150	180	270	360
Radians	$\pi/6$	$\pi/4$	$\pi/3$	$\pi/2$	$2\pi/3$	$3\pi/4$	$5\pi/6$	π	$3\pi/2$	2π

Arc length , area of a sector and area of a segment



$$\text{Arc length } s = r\theta$$

$$\text{Area of sector } A = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta.$$



Area of segment

= area sector – area of triangle

$$= \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta - \frac{1}{2} r^2 \sin \theta.$$

Trigonometric functions

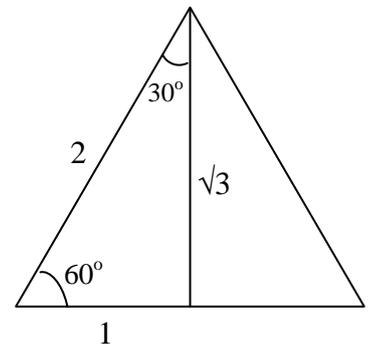
Basic results

$$\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}; \quad \sin(-A) = -\sin A; \quad \cos(-A) = \cos A; \quad \tan(-A) = -\tan A.$$

Exact values for 30°, 45° and 60°

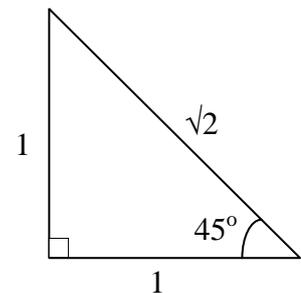
From the equilateral triangle of side 2 we can see that

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \\ \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} & \cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\ \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3} & \tan 30^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \end{array}$$

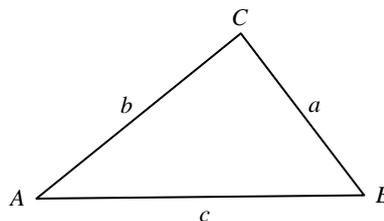


From the isosceles right-angled triangle with sides 1, 1, $\sqrt{2}$ we can see that

$$\begin{array}{l} \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \cos 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \tan 45^\circ = 1 \end{array}$$



Sine and cosine rules and area of triangle



Sine rule

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B} = \frac{c}{\sin C}$$

be careful – the sine rule always gives you two answers for each angle, so if possible do **not** use the **sine rule** to find the **largest** angle as it might be obtuse; you may be able to use the cosine rule.

Ambiguous case

Example: In a triangle PQR , $PQ = 10$, $\angle QPR = 40^\circ$ and $QR = 8$.

Find $\angle PRQ$.

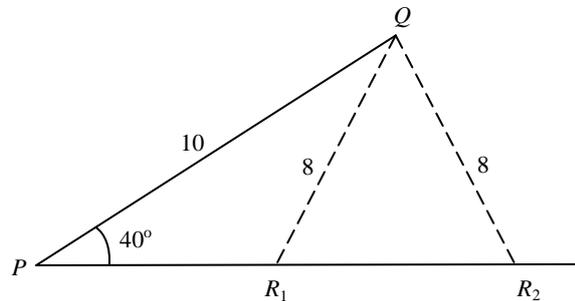
Solution: If we draw PQ and an angle of 40° , there are two possible positions for R , giving two values of $\angle PRQ$.

The sine rule gives

$$\frac{\sin 40}{8} = \frac{\sin R}{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin R = 0.80348\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 53.5^\circ \text{ or } 180 - 53.5 = 126.5^\circ$$



both answers are correct

Cosine rule

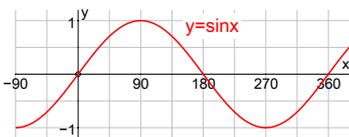
$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc \cos A$$

You will always have unique answers with the cosine rule.

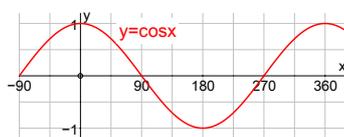
Area of triangle

$$\text{Area of a triangle} = \frac{1}{2}ab \sin C = \frac{1}{2}bc \sin A = \frac{1}{2}ac \sin B.$$

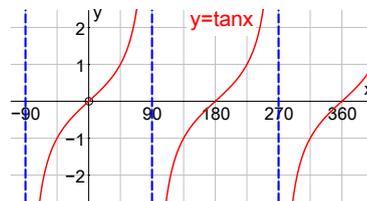
Graphs of trigonometric functions



$$y = \sin x$$



$$y = \cos x$$

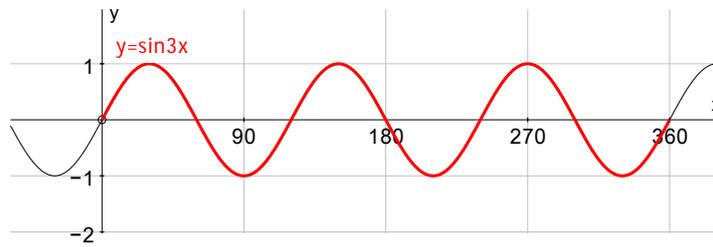


$$y = \tan x$$

Graphs of $y = \sin nx$, $y = \sin(-x)$, $y = \sin(x + n)$ etc.

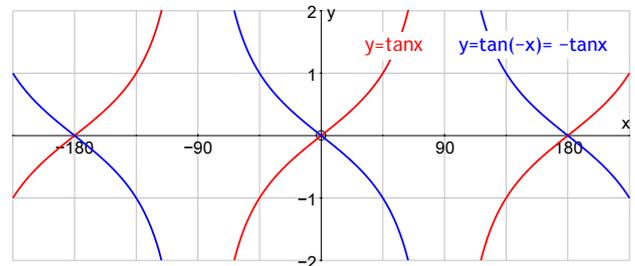
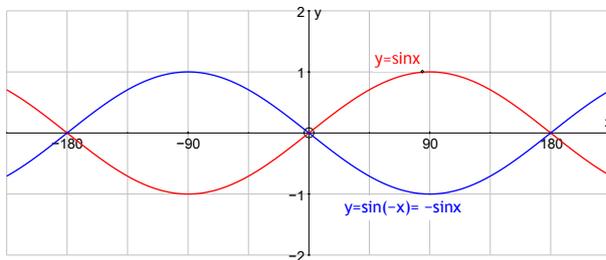
You should know the shapes of these graphs

$y = \sin 3x$



$y = \sin 3x$ is like $y = \sin x$

but repeats itself **3** times for $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$, or $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi^c$



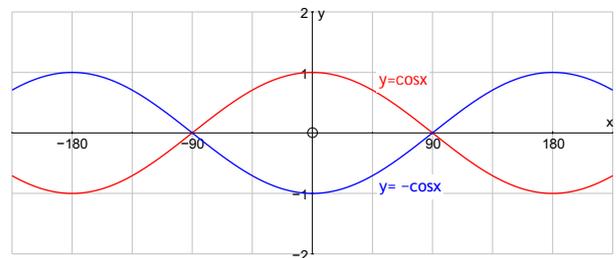
$y = f(x) = \sin x$
 \Rightarrow for a reflection in the y-axis,
 $f(-x) = \sin(-x) = -\sin x$,
 and for a reflection in the x-axis,
 $-f(x) = -\sin x$
 \Rightarrow same graph for both reflections

$y = f(x) = \tan x$
 \Rightarrow for a reflection in the y-axis,
 $f(-x) = \tan(-x) = -\tan x$,
 and for a reflection in the x-axis,
 $-f(x) = -\tan x$
 \Rightarrow same graph for both reflections

$y = \cos(-x)$ and $-\cos x$

$y = \cos(-x)$ is the same as the graph of $y = f(x) = \cos x$, since the graph of $y = \cos x$ is symmetrical about the y-axis, and $f(-x) = \cos(-x) = \cos x$.

But $y = -\cos x = -f(x)$ is a reflection of $y = f(x) = \cos x$ in the x-axis.



$y = \sin(x + 30)$

$y = \sin(x + 30)$ is the graph of
 $y = \sin x$ translated through $\begin{pmatrix} -30 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$.



Solving trigonometrical equations

Examples: Solve (a) $\sin x = 0.453$, (b) $\cos x = -0.769$, (c) $\sin x = -0.876$,
 (d) $\tan x = 1.56$, for $0 \leq x < 360^\circ$.

Solutions:

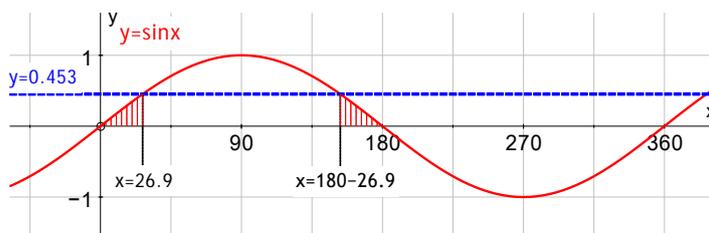
(a) $\sin x = 0.453$

$\Rightarrow x = 26.9$

using the graph we see that

$x = 180 - 26.9$

$\Rightarrow x = 26.9$ or 153.1



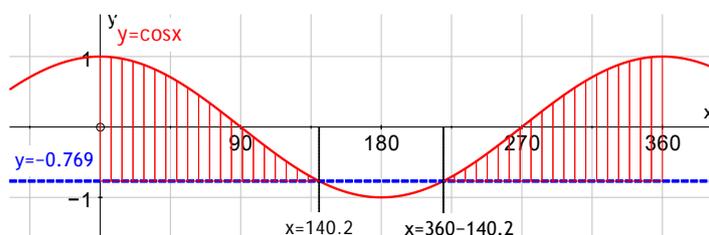
(b) $\cos x = -0.769$

$\Rightarrow x = 140.3$

using the graph we see that

$x = 360 - 140.3$

$\Rightarrow x = 140.3$ or 219.7



(c) $\sin x = -0.876$

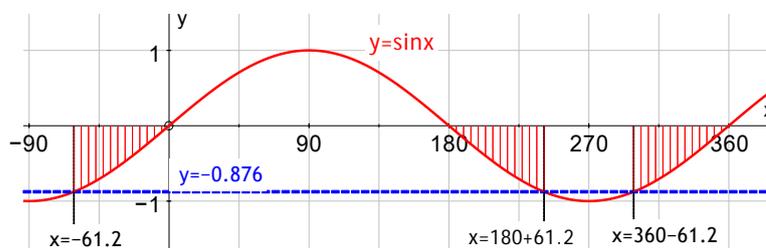
$\Rightarrow x = -61.2$

using the graph we see that

$x = 180 + 61.2$

or $x = 360 - 61.2$

$\Rightarrow x = 241.2$ or 298.8



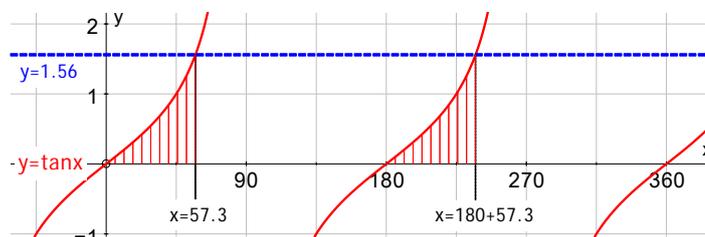
(d) $\tan x = 1.56$

$\Rightarrow x = 57.3$

using the graph we see that

$x = 180 + 57.3$

$\Rightarrow x = 57.3$ or 237.3



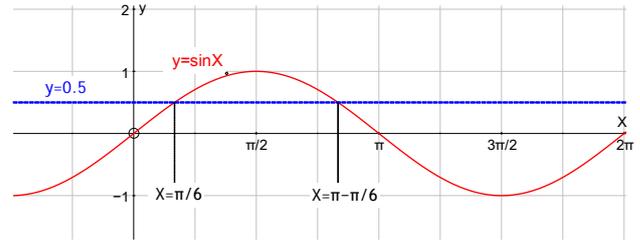
Example: Solve $\sin(x - \frac{\pi}{4}) = 0.5$ for $0^\circ \leq x \leq 2\pi^\circ$, giving your answers in radians in terms of π .

Solution: First put $X = x - \frac{\pi}{4}$

$$\sin X = 0.5 \Rightarrow X = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \pi - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow X = x - \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5\pi}{12} \text{ or } \frac{13\pi}{12}$$



Example: Solve $\cos 2x = 0.473$ for $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$, giving your answers to the nearest degree.

Solution: First put $X = 2x$ and find **all** solutions of $\cos X = 0.473$ for $0^\circ \leq X \leq 720^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow X = 61.77\dots, \text{ or } 360 - 61.77\dots = 298.22\dots$$

$$\text{or } 61.77\dots + 360 = 421.77\dots, \text{ or } 298.22\dots + 360 = 658.22\dots$$

$$\text{i.e. } X = 61.77\dots, 298.22\dots, 421.77\dots, 658.22\dots$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}X = 31^\circ, 149^\circ, 211^\circ, 329^\circ \text{ to the nearest degree.}$$

Using identities

(i) using $\tan A \equiv \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$

Example: Solve $3 \sin x = 4 \cos x$.

Solution: First divide both sides by $\cos x$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = 4 \Rightarrow 3 \tan x = 4 \Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 53.1^\circ, \text{ or } 180 + 53.1 = 233.1^\circ$$

(ii) using $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$

Example: Given that $\cos A = \frac{5}{13}$ and that $270^\circ < A < 360^\circ$, find $\sin A$ and $\tan A$.

Solution: We know that $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A \equiv 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A = 1 - \cos^2 A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A = 1 - \left(\frac{5}{13}\right)^2 = \frac{144}{169}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = \pm \frac{12}{13}$$

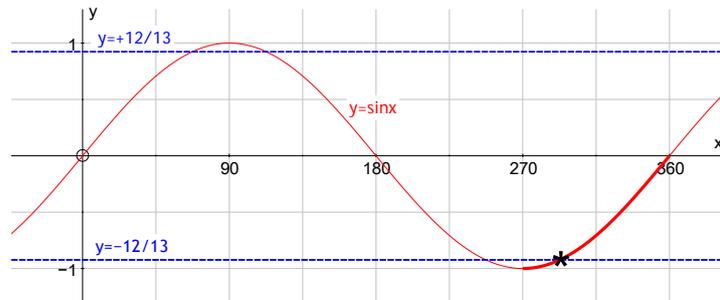
But $270^\circ < A < 360^\circ$

$\Rightarrow \sin A$ is negative

$$\Rightarrow \sin A = -\frac{12}{13}$$

Also $\tan A = \frac{\sin A}{\cos A}$

$$\Rightarrow \tan A = \frac{-\frac{12}{13}}{\frac{5}{13}} = \frac{-12}{5} = -2.4$$



Example: Solve $2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - \cos^2 x = 1$

Solution: Rewriting $\cos^2 x$ in terms of $\sin x$ will make life easier

Using $\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x \equiv 1$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 1 - \sin^2 x$$

$$2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - \cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \sin^2 x + \sin x - (1 - \sin^2 x) = 1$$

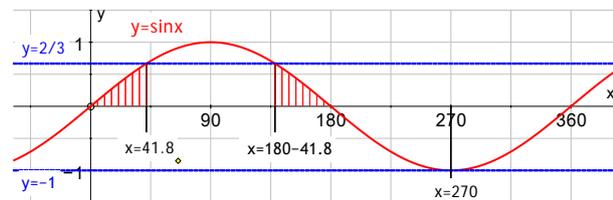
$$\Rightarrow 3 \sin^2 x + \sin x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3 \sin x - 2)(\sin x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow x = 41.8^\circ,$$

$$138.2^\circ,$$

$$\text{or } \sin x = -1 \Rightarrow x = 270^\circ.$$



N.B. If you are asked to give answers in radians, you are allowed to work in degrees as above and then convert to radians by multiplying by $\frac{\pi}{180}$

So the answers in radians would be

$$x = 41.8103 \times \frac{\pi}{180} = 0.730, \text{ or } 138.1897 \times \frac{\pi}{180} = 2.41, \text{ or } 270 \times \frac{\pi}{180} = \frac{3\pi}{2}.$$

Under no circumstances should you use the

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 diagram.

You need to understand the graphs and their symmetries, so get used to using them.

3 Coordinate Geometry

Mid point

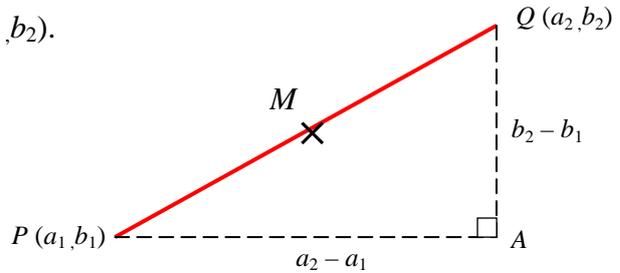
The mid point, M , of the line joining $P(a_1, b_1)$ and $Q(a_2, b_2)$ is $(\frac{1}{2}(a_1 + a_2), \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2))$.

Distance between two points

Let P and Q be the points (a_1, b_1) and (a_2, b_2) .

Using Pythagoras's theorem

$$PQ = \sqrt{(a_2 - a_1)^2 + (b_2 - b_1)^2}$$



Perpendicular lines

Two lines with gradients m_1 and m_2 are perpendicular $\Leftrightarrow m_1 \times m_2 = -1$

Example: Find the equation of the line through $(1, -5)$ which is perpendicular to the line with equation $y = 2x - 3$

Solution: The gradient of $y = 2x - 3$ is 2

\Rightarrow Gradient of perpendicular line is $-\frac{1}{2}$

\Rightarrow equation of perpendicular line is $y - (-5) = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 1)$ using $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

$\Rightarrow x + 2y + 9 = 0$

Circles

Centre at the origin

Take any point, P , on a circle centre the origin and radius 5.

Suppose that P has coordinates (x, y)

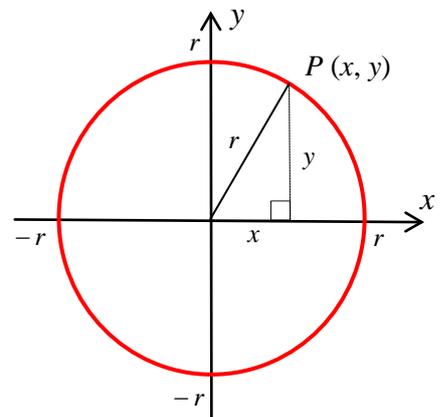
Using Pythagoras' Theorem we have

$$x^2 + y^2 = 5^2 \Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 25$$

which is the equation of the circle.

and in general the equation of a circle centre $(0, 0)$ and radius r is

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2.$$



General equation

In the circle shown the centre is $C, (a, b)$, and the radius is r .

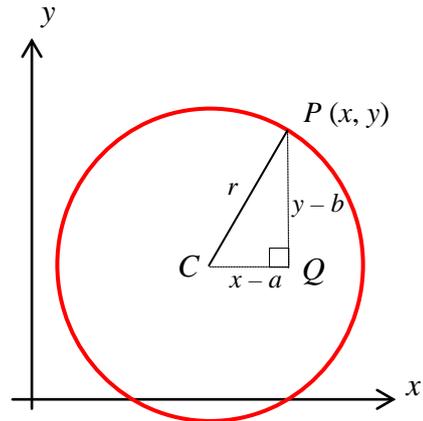
$$CQ = x - a \quad \text{and} \quad PQ = y - b$$

and, using Pythagoras

$$\Rightarrow CQ^2 + PQ^2 = r^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2,$$

which is the general equation of a circle.



Example: Find the centre and radius of the circle whose equation is

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0.$$

Solution: First complete the square in both x and y to give

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 + 6y + 9 = 12 + 4 + 9 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 5^2$$

which is the equation of a circle with centre $(2, -3)$ and radius 5.

Example: Find the equation of the circle which has diameter AB , where A is $(3, 5)$, and B is $(8, -7)$.

Solution: The centre is the mid point of AB is $(\frac{1}{2}(3+8), \frac{1}{2}(5-7)) = (5\frac{1}{2}, -1)$

$$\text{and the radius is } \frac{1}{2}AB = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{(8-3)^2 + (-7-5)^2} = 6.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{equation is } (x - 5.5)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 6.5^2.$$

Equation of tangent

Example: Find the equation of the tangent to the circle $x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 4y = 20$ at the point $(-4, 6)$.

Solution: First complete the square in x and in y

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 &= 20 + 1 + 4 \\ (x + 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 &= 25.\end{aligned}$$

Second find the gradient of the radius from the centre $(-1, 2)$ to the point $(-4, 6)$

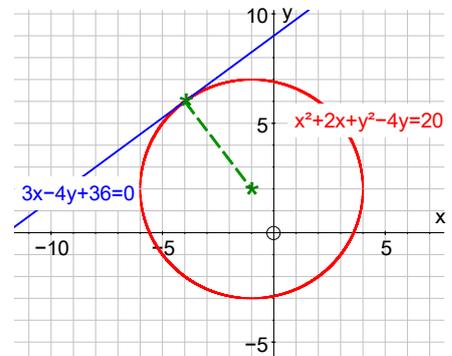
$$\text{gradient of radius} = \frac{6-2}{-4--1} = -\frac{4}{3}$$

\Rightarrow gradient of the tangent at that point is $\frac{3}{4}$, since the tangent is perpendicular to the radius

and product of gradients of perpendicular lines is $-1 = -\frac{4}{3} \times \frac{3}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow \text{equation of the tangent is } y - 6 = \frac{3}{4}(x - -4)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x - 4y + 36 = 0.$$



Intersection of line and circle

Example: Find the intersection of the line $y = 2x + 4$ with the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 5$.

Solution: Put $y = 2x + 4$ in $x^2 + y^2 = 5$ to give $x^2 + (2x + 4)^2 = 5$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x^2 + 16x + 16 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x^2 + 16x + 11 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x + 11)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2.2 \quad \text{or} \quad -1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -0.4 \quad \text{or} \quad 2$$

\Rightarrow the line and the circle intersect at $(-2.2, -0.4)$ and $(-1, 2)$

Showing a line is a tangent to a circle

If the two points of intersection are the *same point* then the line is a *tangent*.

Example: Show that the line $3x + 4y - 10 = 0$ is a tangent to the circle

$$x^2 + 2x + y^2 + 6y = 15.$$

Solution: Find the intersection of the line and circle

$$3x + 4y - 10 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = \frac{10-4y}{3}$$

Substituting in the equation of the circle

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{10-4y}{3}\right)^2 + 2\left(\frac{10-4y}{3}\right) + y^2 + 6y = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 - 80y + 16y^2 + 60 - 24y + 9y^2 + 54y = 135$$

$$\Rightarrow 25y^2 - 50y + 25 = 0$$

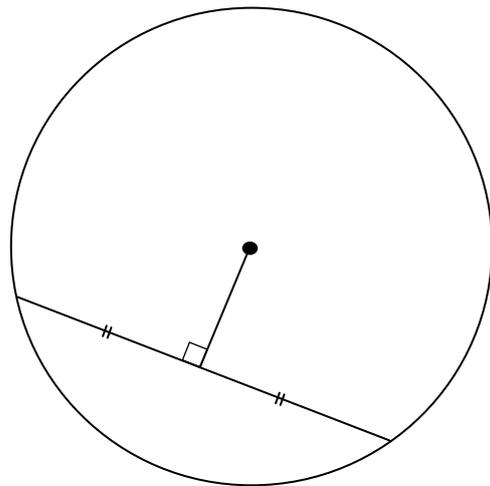
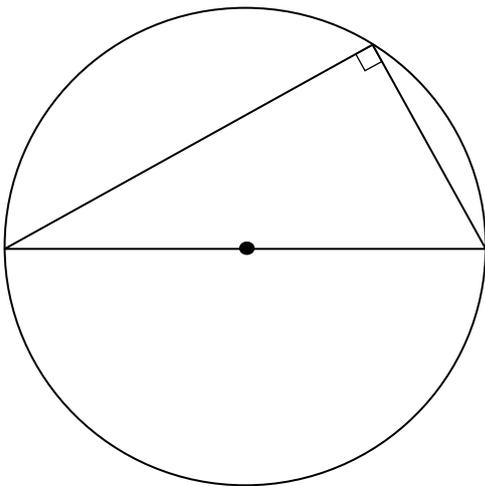
$$\Rightarrow y^2 - 2y + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1 \text{ **only**, } \Rightarrow x = 2$$

\Rightarrow line is a tangent at $(2, 1)$, since there is only one point of intersection

Note. You should know that the angle in a semi-circle is a right angle and that the perpendicular from the centre to a chord bisects the chord (cuts it exactly in half).



4 Sequences and series

Geometric series

Finite geometric series

A *geometric series* is a series in which each term is a constant amount times the previous term: this *constant amount* is called the *common ratio*.

The common ratio can be any non-zero real number.

Examples: 2, 6, 18, 54, 162, 486, with common ratio 3,
 40, 20, 10, 5, 2½, 1¼, with common ratio ½,
 ½, -2, 8, -32, 128, -512, with common ratio -4.

Generally a geometric series can be written as

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4 + \dots + ar^{n-1}, \text{ up to } n \text{ terms}$$

where a is the first term and r is the common ratio.

The n th term is $u_n = ar^{n-1}$.

The sum of the first n terms of the above geometric series is

$$S_n = a \frac{(1-r^n)}{1-r} = a \frac{(r^n-1)}{r-1}.$$

Proof of the formula for the sum of a geometric series

You **must** know this proof.

$$\begin{array}{lcl} S_n & = & a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-2} + ar^{n-1} & \text{multiply through by } r \\ \Rightarrow r \times S_n & = & ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots + ar^{n-1} + ar^n & \text{subtract} \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n - r \times S_n = a + 0 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 + 0 - ar^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (1-r) S_n = a - ar^n = a(1-r^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n = a \frac{(1-r^n)}{1-r} = a \frac{(r^n-1)}{r-1}.$$

For an *infinite* series, if $-1 < r < +1 \Leftrightarrow |r| < 1$ then $r^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$, and

$$S_n \rightarrow S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}.$$

Example: Find the n^{th} term and the sum of the first 11 terms of the geometric series whose 3rd term is 2 and whose 6th term is -16.

Solution: $x_6 = x_3 \times r^3$ multiply by r 3 times to go from the 3rd term to the 6th term

$$\Rightarrow -16 = 2 \times r^3$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = -8$$

$$\Rightarrow r = -2$$

Now $x_3 = x_1 \times r^2$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_3 \div r^2 = 2 \div (-2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } x_n = ar^{n-1} = \frac{1}{2} \times (-2)^{n-1}$$

and the sum of the first 11 terms is

$$S_{11} = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{(-2)^{11}-1}{-2-1} = \frac{-2049}{-6}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{11} = 341 \frac{1}{2}$$

Infinite geometric series

When the common ratio is between -1 and +1 the series converges to a limit.

$$S_n = a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + ar^4 + \dots \text{ up to } n \text{ terms}$$

$$S_n = a \frac{(1-r^n)}{1-r} .$$

Since $|r| < 1$, $r^n \rightarrow 0$ as $n \rightarrow \infty$ and so

$$S_n \rightarrow S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r}$$

Example: Show that the geometric series

$$S = 16 + 12 + 9 + 6 \frac{3}{4} + \dots$$

converges to a limit and find its sum to infinity.

Solution: Firstly the common ratio is $\frac{12}{16} = \frac{3}{4}$ which lies between -1 and +1 therefore the sum converges to a limit.

$$\text{The sum to infinity } S_\infty = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{16}{1-\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_\infty = 64$$

Binomial series for positive integral index

Pascal's triangle

When using Pascal's triangle we think of the top row as **row 0**.

row 0				1											
row 1			1		1										
row 2			1		2		1								
row 3			1		3		3		1						
row 4			1		4		6		4		1				
row 5			1		5		10		10		5		1		
row 6			1		6		15		20		15		6		1

To expand $(a + b)^6$ we first write out all the terms of 'degree 6' in order of decreasing powers of a to give

$$\dots a^6 + \dots a^5 b + \dots a^4 b^2 + \dots a^3 b^3 + \dots a^2 b^4 + \dots a b^5 + \dots b^6$$

and then fill in the coefficients using **row 6** of the triangle to give

$$\begin{aligned} & \mathbf{1}a^6 + \mathbf{6}a^5b + \mathbf{15}a^4b^2 + \mathbf{20}a^3b^3 + \mathbf{15}a^2b^4 + \mathbf{6}ab^5 + \mathbf{1}b^6 \\ = & a^6 + 6a^5b + 15a^4b^2 + 20a^3b^3 + 15a^2b^4 + 6ab^5 + b^6 \end{aligned}$$

Factorials

Factorial n , written as $n! = n \times (n - 1) \times (n - 2) \times \dots \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$.

So $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$

Binomial coefficients or ${}^n C_r$ or $\binom{n}{r}$

If we think of row 6 in Pascal's triangle starting with the 0th term we use the following notation

0 th term	1 st term	2 nd term	3 rd term	4 th term	5 th term	6 th term
1	6	15	20	15	6	1
${}^6 C_0$	${}^6 C_1$	${}^6 C_2$	${}^6 C_3$	${}^6 C_4$	${}^6 C_5$	${}^6 C_6$
$\binom{6}{0}$	$\binom{6}{1}$	$\binom{6}{2}$	$\binom{6}{3}$	$\binom{6}{4}$	$\binom{6}{5}$	$\binom{6}{6}$

where the *binomial coefficients* ${}^n C_r$ or $\binom{n}{r}$ are defined by

$${}^n C_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{(n-r)! r!}$$

or

$${}^n C_r = \binom{n}{r} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3) \times \dots \text{ up to } r \text{ numbers}}{r!}$$

This is particularly useful for calculating the numbers further down in Pascal's triangle.

Example: The 'fourth' number in row 15 is

$${}^{15} C_4 = \binom{15}{4} = \frac{15!}{(15-4)! 4!} = \frac{15!}{11! \times 4!} = \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 1365.$$

You can also use ${}^n C_r$ button on your calculator.

Example: Find the coefficient of x^3 in the expansion of $(3 - 2x)^5$.

Solution: The term in x^3 is ${}^5 C_3 \times 3^2 \times (-2x)^3$ since ${}^5 C_3 = 10$
is $10 \times 9 \times (-8x^3) = -720x^3$
so the coefficient of x^3 is -720 .

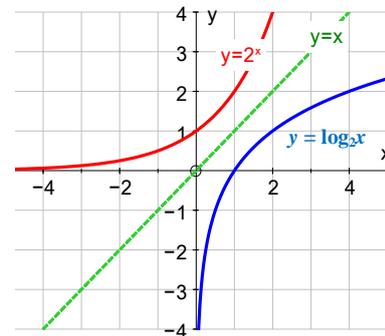
For more ideas on using the binomial coefficients, see the appendix.

5 Exponentials and logarithms

Graphs of exponentials and logarithms

$y = 2^x$ is an *exponential* function
and its inverse is the *logarithm* function
 $y = \log_2 x$.

Remember that the graph of an inverse function is the reflection of the original graph in $y = x$.



Rules of logarithms

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

$$\log_a xy = \log_a x + \log_a y$$

$$\log_a (x \div y) = \log_a x - \log_a y$$

$$\log_a x^n = n \log_a x$$

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

Example: Find $\log_3 81$.

Solution: Write $\log_3 81 = y$

$$\Rightarrow 81 = 3^y \quad \Rightarrow y = 4 \quad \Rightarrow \log_3 81 = 4.$$

To solve 'log' equations we can either use the rules of logarithms to end with

$$\log_a \blacksquare = \log_a \blacksquare \Rightarrow \blacksquare = \blacksquare$$

$$\text{or} \quad \log_a \blacksquare = \blacksquare \Rightarrow \blacksquare = a^{\blacksquare}$$

Example: Solve $\log_a 40 - 3 \log_a x = \log_a 5$

Solution: $\log_a 40 - 3 \log_a x = \log_a 5$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a 40 - \log_a x^3 = \log_a 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a (40 \div x^3) = \log_a 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{40}{x^3} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2.$$

Example: Solve $\log_2 x + \log_2(x + 6) = 3 + \log_2(x + 1)$.

Solution: $\log_2 \frac{x(x+6)}{(x+1)} = 3 \Rightarrow \frac{x(x+6)}{(x+1)} = 2^3 = 8$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x = 8x + 8 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ or } -2$$

But x cannot be negative (you cannot have $\log_2 x$ when $x \leq 0$)

$$\Rightarrow x = 4 \text{ only}$$

Changing the base of a logarithm

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_c b}{\log_c a}$$

Example: Find $\log_4 29$.

Solution: $\log_4 29 = \frac{\log_{10} 29}{\log_{10} 4} = \frac{1.4624}{0.6021} = 2.43$.

A particular case

$$\log_a b = \frac{\log_b b}{\log_b a} = \frac{1}{\log_b a} \quad \text{This gives a source of exam questions.}$$

Example: Solve $\log_4 x - 6 \log_x 4 = 1$

Solution: $\Rightarrow \log_4 x - \frac{6}{\log_4 x} = 1 \Rightarrow (\log_4 x)^2 - \log_4 x - 6 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_4 x - 3)(\log_4 x + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_4 x = 3 \text{ or } -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4^3 \text{ or } 4^{-2} \Rightarrow x = 64 \text{ or } \frac{1}{16}$$

Equations of the form $a^x = b$

Example: Solve $5^x = 13$

Solution: Take logs of both sides

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} 5^x = \log_{10} 13$$

$$\Rightarrow x \log_{10} 5 = \log_{10} 13$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\log_{10} 13}{\log_{10} 5} = \frac{1.1139}{0.6990} = 1.59$$

6 Differentiation

Increasing and decreasing functions

y is an *increasing* function if its gradient is *positive*, $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$;

y is a *decreasing* function if its gradient is *negative*, $\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$

Example: For what values of x is $y = f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 7$ an increasing function.

Solution: $y = f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x + 7$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 1$$

For an increasing function we want values of x for which $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 1 > 0$

Find solutions of $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (3x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

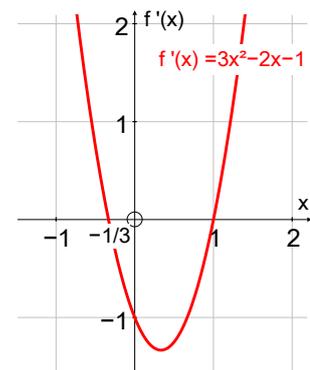
$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } 1$$

so graph of $3x^2 - 2x - 1$ meets x -axis at $-\frac{1}{3}$ and 1

and is above x -axis for

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

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x < -\frac{1}{3} \text{ or } x > 1$$



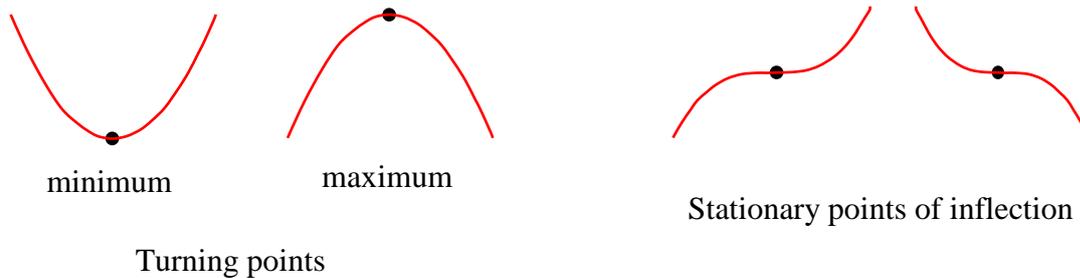
So $y = x^3 - x^2 - x + 7$ is an increasing function for $x < -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x > 1$.

Stationary points and local maxima and minima (turning points).

Any point where the gradient is zero is called a *stationary point*.

Local maxima and minima are called *turning points*.

The gradient at a local maximum or minimum is 0 .



Therefore to find *max* and *min*

first – differentiate and find the values of x which give gradient, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, equal to zero:

second – find second derivative $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ and substitute value of x found above –

second derivative positive \Rightarrow minimum, and

second derivative negative \Rightarrow maximum:

N.B. If $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$, it does not help! In this case you will need to **find the gradient just before and just after** the value of x .

Be careful: you might have a stationary point of inflection

third – substitute x to find the value of y and give both coordinates in your answer.

Using second derivative

Example:

Find the local maxima and minima of the curve with equation $y = x^4 + 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 7$.

Solution:

$$y = x^4 + 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 7.$$

First find $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 + 12x^2 - 16x$.

At maxima and minima the gradient = $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 + 12x^2 - 16x = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x(x^2 + 3x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x+4)(x-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -4, 0 \text{ or } 1.$$

Second find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 + 24x - 16$

When $x = -4$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12 \times 16 - 24 \times 4 - 16 = 80$, *positive* \Rightarrow min at $x = -4$

When $x = 0$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -16$, *negative*, \Rightarrow max at $x = 0$

When $x = 1$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12 + 24 - 16 = 20$, *positive*, \Rightarrow min at $x = 1$.

Third find y -values: when $x = -4, 0$ or $1 \Rightarrow y = -135, -7$ or -10

\Rightarrow **Maximum** at $(0, -7)$ and **Minimums** at $(-4, -135)$ and $(1, -10)$.

N.B. If $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$, it does not help! You can have any of max, min or stationary point of inflection.

Using gradients before and after

Example: Find the stationary points of $y = 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 + 7$.

Solution: $y = 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 + 7$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^3 - 24x^2 + 12x = 0$ for stationary points

$x(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x(x - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$ or 1 .

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 36x^2 - 48x + 12$

which is 12 (positive) when $x = 0 \Rightarrow$ minimum at $(0, 7)$

and which is 0 when $x = 1$, so we must look at gradients before and after.

x	=	0.9	1	1.1
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	=	+0.108	0	+0.132

\Rightarrow stationary point of inflection at $(1, 2)$

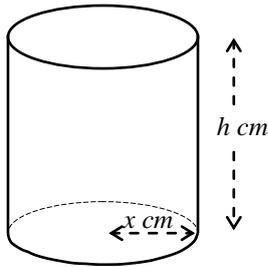
N.B. We could have *max, min or stationary point of inflection* when the second derivative is zero, so we **must** look at gradients before and after.

Maximum and minimum problems

Example:

A manufacturer of cans for baked beans wishes to use as little metal as possible in the manufacture of these cans. The cans must have a volume of 500 cm^3 : how should he design the cans?

Solution:



We need to find the radius and height needed to make cans of volume 500 cm^3 using the minimum possible amount of metal.

Suppose that the radius is $x \text{ cm}$ and that the height is $h \text{ cm}$.

The area of top and bottom together is $2 \times \pi x^2 \text{ cm}^2$ and the area of the curved surface is $2\pi x h \text{ cm}^2$

\Rightarrow the total surface area $A = 2\pi x^2 + 2\pi x h \text{ cm}^2$. **I**

We have a problem here: A is a function not only of x , but also of h .

But the volume is 500 cm^3 and the volume can also be written as $V = \pi x^2 h \text{ cm}^3$

$$\Rightarrow \pi x^2 h = 500 \quad \Rightarrow \quad h = \frac{500}{\pi x^2}$$

and so **I** can be written $A = 2\pi x^2 + 2\pi x \times \frac{500}{\pi x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow A = 2\pi x^2 + \frac{1000}{x} = 2\pi x^2 + 1000 x^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dx} = 4\pi x - 1000x^{-2} = 4\pi x - \frac{1000}{x^2}$$

For stationary values of A , the area, $\frac{dA}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 4\pi x = \frac{1000}{x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow 4\pi x^3 = 1000 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x^3 = \frac{1000}{4\pi} = 79.57747155 \quad \Rightarrow \quad x = 4.301270069$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4.30 \text{ to 3 S.F.} \quad \Rightarrow \quad h = \frac{500}{\pi x^2} = 8.60$$

We do not know whether this value gives a maximum or a minimum value of A or a stationary point of inflection

so we must find $\frac{d^2A}{dx^2} = 4\pi + 2000x^{-3} = 4\pi + \frac{2000}{x^3}$

Clearly this is positive when $x = 4.30$ and thus this gives a *minimum* of A

\Rightarrow minimum area of metal is 349 cm^2

when the radius is 4.30 cm and the height is 8.60 cm .

7 Integration

Definite integrals

When limits of integration are given.

Example: Find $\int_1^3 6x^2 - 8x + 1 \, dx$

Solution: $\int_1^3 6x^2 - 8x + 1 \, dx = [2x^3 - 4x^2 + x]_1^3$ no need for +C as it cancels out
 $= [2 \times 3^3 - 4 \times 3^2 + 3] - [2 \times 1^3 - 4 \times 1^2 + 1]$ put top limit in first
 $= [21] - [-1] = 22.$

Area under curve

The integral is the area between the curve and the x -axis, **but** areas **above** the axis are **positive** and areas **below** the axis are **negative**.

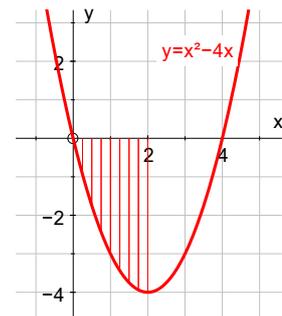
Example: Find the area between the x -axis, $x = 0$, $x = 2$ and $y = x^2 - 4x$.

Solution:

$\int_0^2 x^2 - 4x \, dx$
 $= \left[\frac{x^3}{3} - 2x^2 \right]_0^2 = \left[\frac{8}{3} - 8 \right] - [0 - 0] = \frac{-16}{3}$ which is negative

since the area is below the x -axis

\Rightarrow required area is $\frac{+16}{3}$



Example: Find the area between the x -axis, $x = 1$, $x = 4$ and $y = 3x - x^2$.

Solution: First sketch the curve to see which bits are above (positive) and which bits are below (negative).

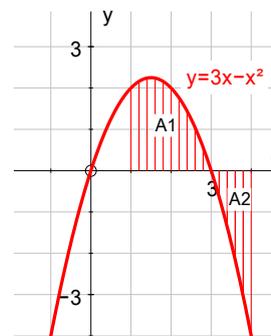
$$y = 3x - x^2 = x(3 - x)$$

\Rightarrow meets x -axis at 0 and 3.

Area A_1 , between 1 and 3, is above axis:

area A_2 , between 3 and 4, is below axis

so we must find these areas separately.



$$A_1 = \int_1^3 3x - x^2 dx$$

$$= \left[\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^3 = [4 \cdot 5] - [1 \frac{1}{6}] = 3 \frac{1}{3}.$$

$$\text{and } \int_3^4 3x - x^2 dx = \left[\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_3^4 = [2 \frac{2}{3}] - [4 \cdot 5] = -1 \frac{5}{6}$$

and so area A_2 (areas are positive) = $+1 \frac{5}{6}$
 so total area = $A_1 + A_2 = 3 \frac{1}{3} + 1 \frac{5}{6} = 5 \frac{1}{6}$.

Note that $\int_1^4 3x - x^2 dx \left[\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_1^4 = [2 \frac{2}{3}] - [1 \frac{1}{6}] = 1 \frac{1}{2}$

which is $A_1 - A_2$ ($= 3 \frac{1}{3} - 1 \frac{5}{6} = 1 \frac{1}{2}$).

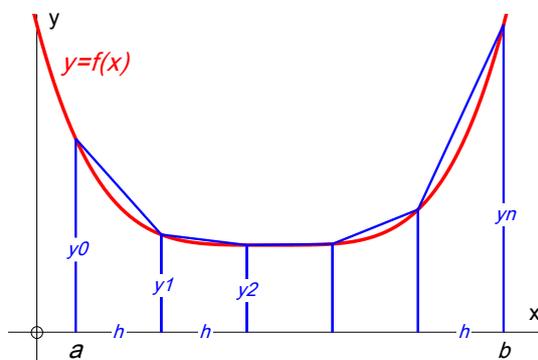
Numerical integration: the trapezium rule

Many functions can **not** be ‘anti-differentiated’ and the trapezium rule is a way of estimating the area under the curve.

Divide the area under $y = f(x)$ into n strips, each of width h .

Join the top of each strip with a straight line to form a trapezium.

Then the area under the curve
 \approx sum of the areas of the trapezia



$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h(y_0 + y_1) + \frac{1}{2}h(y_1 + y_2) + \frac{1}{2}h(y_2 + y_3) + \dots + \frac{1}{2}h(y_{n-1} + y_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h(y_0 + y_1 + y_1 + y_2 + y_2 + y_3 + y_3 \dots + y_{n-1} + y_{n-1} + y_n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_a^b f(x) dx \approx \frac{1}{2}h(y_0 + y_n + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + \dots + y_{n-1}))$$

\Rightarrow area under curve $\approx \frac{1}{2}$ width of each strip \times (‘ends’ + $2 \times$ ‘middles’).

8 Appendix

Binomial coefficients, ${}^n C_r$

Choosing r objects from n

If we have n objects, the number of ways we can choose r of these objects is ${}^n C_r$.

$${}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r}$$

Every time r objects from n must, therefore, be the same as the number of ways of leaving $n - r$ behind. If $n - r$ objects are chosen from n , there are r objects left behind; the number of ways of choosing r objects

$$\Rightarrow {}^n C_r = {}^n C_{n-r} .$$

This can be proved algebraically.

$${}^n C_{n-r} = \frac{n!}{(n-(n-r))!(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{(n-n+r)!(n-r)!} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} = {}^n C_r$$

$(a + b)^n$

In the expansion of $(a + b)^n = (a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)(a + b)\dots(a + b)(a + b)$, where there are n brackets,

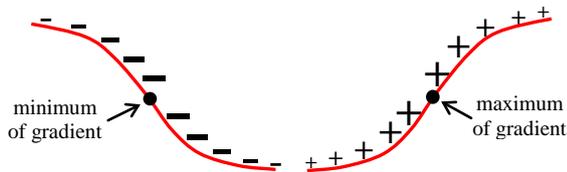
we can think of forming the term $a^{n-r}b^r$ by choosing the r letter b s from the n brackets in ${}^n C_r$ ways.

Thus the coefficient of $a^{n-r}b^r$ is ${}^n C_r$.

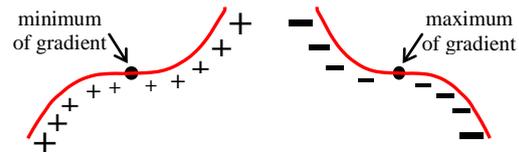
Points of inflexion

A point of inflexion is a *maximum* or *minimum* of the gradient.

When the gradient is also zero, in which case we have a *stationary point of inflexion*, otherwise we have an *oblique (sloping) point of inflexion*.



Oblique points of inflexion



Stationary points of inflexion

To find a point of inflexion

- Find the value(s) of x for which $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0$, $x = \alpha, \beta, \dots$
- Either show that $\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} \neq 0$ for these values of x
or show that
either $x = \alpha^- \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is +ve and $x = \alpha^+ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is -ve
or $x = \alpha^- \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is -ve and $x = \alpha^+ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is +ve
 $\Leftrightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ changes sign from $x = \alpha^-$ to $x = \alpha^+$.

Example: Find the point(s) of inflexion on the graph of $y = x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 1$.

Solution: $y = x^4 - x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 - 6x - 6$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 6(2x^2 - x - 1) = 6(2x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } 1.$$

$$\frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 24x - 6$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = -18 \neq 0, \text{ and } x = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d^3y}{dx^3} = 18 \neq 0$$

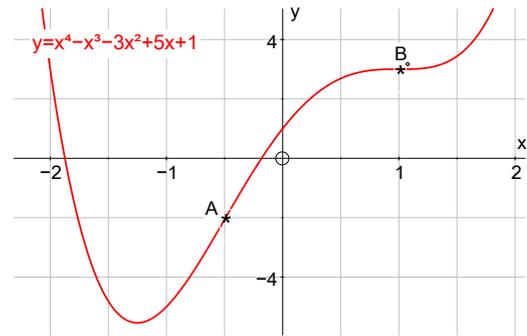
\Rightarrow points of inflexion at A, $(-\frac{1}{2}, -2\frac{1}{16})$, and B, (1, 3).

Notice that $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ when $x = 1$,

but $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1\frac{3}{4} \neq 0$ when $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

\Rightarrow A, $(-\frac{1}{2}, -2\frac{1}{16})$, is an oblique point of inflexion, and

B, (1, 3), is a stationary point of inflexion.



Integration

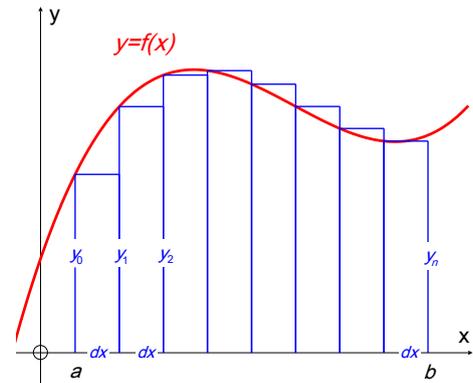
Area under graph – sum of rectangles

In any continuous graph, $y = f(x)$, we can divide the area between $x = a$ and $x = b$ into n strips, each of width δx .

The area under the graph (between the graph, the x -axis and the lines $x = a$ and $x = b$) is approximately the area of the n rectangles, as shown.

\Rightarrow the area under the graph

$$A \cong \sum_{i=1}^n y_i \delta x, \text{ and as } \delta x \rightarrow 0, A = \int_a^b y \, dx$$



Integration as ‘anti-differentiation’

A = area under the curve from $x = a$ to x

δA = increase in area from x to $x + \delta x$

$\delta A \cong$ area of the rectangle shown

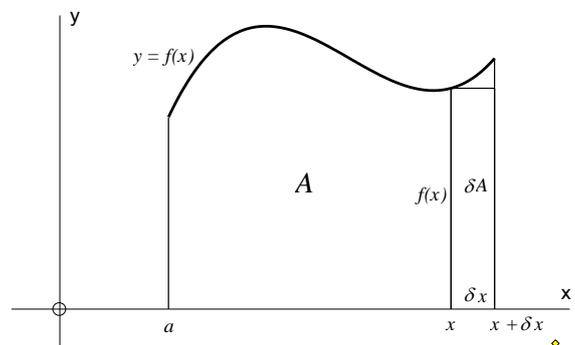
$$\Rightarrow \delta A \approx f(x) \times \delta x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\delta A}{\delta x} \approx f(x)$$

As $\delta x \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{we have } \frac{dA}{dx} = f(x)$$

\Rightarrow to find the integral we ‘anti-differentiate’ $f(x)$.



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