

An Outline of Topics and Concepts for Review¹

Chapter One

- Function definition
input and output
- Vertical line test
- Average rate of change
- Linear functions
- y changes at a constant rate
- Three forms of a linear function
 $y = b + mx$
 $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$
 $Ax + By + C = 0$
- Properties of linear functions
Interpretation of slope and intercepts
Solutions of equations
Parallel lines: $m_1 = m_2$
Perpendicular lines: $m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$
- Fitting lines to data

Chapter Two

- Input and output
- Evaluating functions: finding $f(a)$
for a given a
- Solving equations: finding x if
 $f(x) = b$
- Domain and range
Domain: the set of input values
Range: the set of output values
- Inverse functions
If $y = f(x)$ then $f^{-1}(y) = x$
evaluating $f^{-1}(b)$ for a given value
of b
Interpretation of $f^{-1}(b)$
Formula for $f^{-1}(y)$ given a formula
for $f(x)$

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Chapter Three

- Exponential functions
Value of $f(t)$ changes at a constant *percent rate* with respect to t .
- General formulas for exponential functions
 $f(t) = ab^t, b > 0$
 $f(t)$ increasing if $b > 1$
 $f(t)$ decreasing if $0 < b < 1$
Growth factor: $b = 1 + r$
Growth rate: r , percent change as a decimal
- Comparing linear and exponential functions
An increasing exponential function eventually becomes larger than any linear function.
- Graphs of exponential functions
Concavity
Asymptotes
Effects of parameters a and b
Finding equations of exponential functions
Solving exponential equations graphically
Fitting exponential functions to data
- The number e
Continuous growth $f(t) = ae^{kt}$
If $k > 0$, f is increasing
If $k < 0$, f is decreasing
The continuous growth rate is k
- Compound interest
If you compound n times per year,
then balance is $B = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n} \right)^{nt}$
Nominal rate versus effective rate
- Horizontal asymptotes and limits to infinity

Chapter Four

- Logarithms
 $y = \log x$ means $10^y = x$
 $\log 10 = 1, \log 1 = 0$
 $y = \ln x$ means $e^y = x$
 $\ln e = 1, \ln 1 = 0$
- Properties of logs
 $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$
 $\log(a/b) = \log a - \log b$
 $\log b^t = t \log b$
 $\log 10^x = 10^{\log x} = x$
 $\log_e e^x = e^{\ln x} = x$
- Converting between base b and base e
If
 $Q = ab^t$ and $Q = ae^{kt}$, then $k = \ln b$, or
- Solving equations using logs
- Logarithmic functions
Graph
Domain
Range
Concavity
Asymptotes
- Applications of logarithms
Half life
- Doubling times
Half life
Doubling time

Chapter Five

- Vertical shifts: $y = f(x) + k$
Upward if $k > 0$
Downward if $k < 0$
- Horizontal Shifts: $y = f(x + k)$
Left if $k > 0$
Right if $k < 0$
- Reflections
Across the x -axis: $y = -f(x)$
Across the y -axis: $y = f(-x)$
- Symmetry
About the y -axis: $f(-x) = f(x)$:
this is an even function
About the origin: $f(-x) = -f(x)$:
this is an odd function
- Stretches and compressions
Vertical: $y = kf(x)$:
If $k > 0$, it is a stretch
If $k < 0$, it is a compression
Horizontal: $y = f(kx)$:
If $k > 0$, it is a compression
If $0 < k < 1$, it is a stretch
If $k < 0$, it is a reflection across
the y -axis
- Quadratic functions
Standard form: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
Vertex form: $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
If $a > 0$, it opens upward
If $a < 0$, it opens downward
Vertex is at (h, k)
Axis of symmetry at $x = h$
- Maximum value
- Minimum value
- Completing the square

Chapter Six

- Periodic functions
Period: the smallest c such that
 $f(x + c) = f(x)$
- Sine and Cosine
Angular rotation correspond to
points on a circle of radius r
 $x = r \cos \theta$
 $y = r \sin \theta$
- Radians
Definition
 2π radians = 360 degrees
Arc length: $s = r\theta$
- Sinusoidal Functions
 $f(x) = A \sin(B(t - h)) + k$
 $f(x) = A \cos(B(t - h)) + k$
Amplitude = $|A|$
Period = $\frac{2\pi}{|B|}$
Midline: $y = k$
Phase shift: Bh
Horizontal shift: h
- Other Trigonometric functions
Tangent
Secant
Cosecant
Cotangent
- Identities
 $\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$, $\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$
- Inverse trigonometric functions
 $\sin^{-1} y = t$ means $y = \sin t$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
 $\cos^{-1} y = t$ means $y = \cos t$, $0 \leq t \leq \pi$
 $\tan^{-1} y = t$ means $y = \tan t$, $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
- Reference angles
- Solving trigonometric equations

Chapter Eight

- Composition of functions
Notation: $h(x) = f(g(x))$
Domain and range: Decomposition
- Inverse functions
Definition:
 $f^{-1}(Q) = t$ if and only if $Q = f(t)$
Invertibility: horizontal line test
Domain and range
Restricting domain of a function to construct an inverse
- Combinations of functions
Sums
Differences
Products
Quotients

Chapter Nine

- Proportionality
Direct
Indirect
- Power functions
- Polynomials
$$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

All terms have non-negative, integer exponents
Long-run behavior is like $y = a_n x^n$
Short-run behavior:
Zeros correspond to factors
Multiple zeros
- Rational functions
Ratio of polynomials: $r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$
Long-run behavior: Horizontal asymptote is ratio of highest power terms
Short-run behavior: Vertical asymptote at zeros of $q(x)$, provided $p(x) \neq 0$
Zeros of $r(x)$ are at $p(x)$, provided $q(x) \neq 0$
- Using limits to understand short- and long-run behavior
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