

# REVIEW OF ALGEBRA, GEOMETRY, FUNCTIONS, & TRIGONOMETRY

Operations:  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{R}$

•  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$

•  $a \cdot \left(\frac{b}{c}\right) = \frac{ab}{c}$

•  $\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$

•  $\frac{a}{\left(\frac{b}{c}\right)} = \frac{ac}{b}$

•  $\frac{\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)}{\left(\frac{c}{d}\right)} = \frac{ad}{bc}$

•  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$

•  $\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}$

•  $\frac{a-b}{c-d} = \frac{b-a}{d-c}$

•  $\frac{a-b}{c-d} = -\left(\frac{b-a}{c-d}\right) = -\left(\frac{a-b}{d-c}\right)$

•  $\frac{ab+ac}{a} = b+c$

"petals"  $\frac{ab+ac}{a} = b+c$

\* Expressions in denominators are assumed non-zero \*

Exponent Rules:  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}, m, n \in \mathbb{Q}$

•  $a^n \cdot a^m = a^{n+m}$

•  $\frac{a^n}{a^m} = a^{n-m}$

•  $(a^n)^m = a^{n \cdot m}$

•  $a^0 = 1$  ( $a \neq 0$ )

•  $(a \cdot b)^n = a^n \cdot b^n$

•  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \frac{a^n}{b^n}$

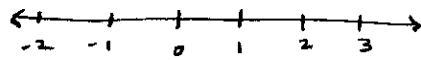
•  $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$

•  $\frac{1}{a^{-n}} = a^n$

•  $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^n = \left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{-n}$

•  $a^{m/n} = \left(a^{1/n}\right)^m = \left(\sqrt[n]{a}\right)^m$   
( $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

Real Numbers

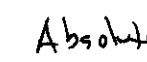
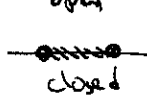


$\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty) = \{x \mid -\infty < x < \infty\}$

Intervals

• open  $(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a < x < b\}$

• closed  $[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid a \leq x \leq b\}$



• other:  $[a, b), (a, b], (-\infty, b], \text{etc...}$

Absolute Value:  $|a| = \begin{cases} a, & a \geq 0 \\ -a, & a < 0 \end{cases}$

Properties ①  $|a \cdot b| = |a| \cdot |b|$  ②  $|-a| = |a|$

③  $\left|\frac{a}{b}\right| = \frac{|a|}{|b|}$  ④  $|a^n| = |a|^n$

Inequalities:  $\forall a, b, c, d, k \in \mathbb{R}$ :

•  $a < b \wedge b < c \Rightarrow a < c$

•  $a < b \wedge c < d \Rightarrow a+c < b+d$

•  $a < b \Rightarrow a+k < b+k$

•  $a < b \wedge k > 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot k < b \cdot k$

•  $a < b \wedge k < 0 \Rightarrow a \cdot k > b \cdot k$  (notice: ineq. switches!)

•  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$

•  $|a| \leq k \iff -k \leq a \leq k$

•  $|a| < k \iff -k < a < k$

•  $|a| \geq k \iff a \geq k \vee a \leq -k$

TRIANGLE INEQ.  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$

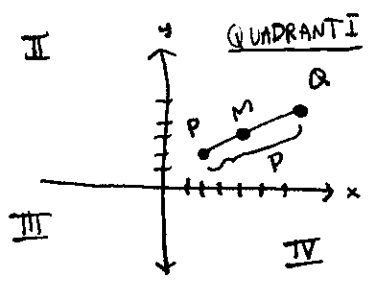
ARITHMETIC-GEOMETRIC MEAN:  $\sqrt{a \cdot b} \leq \frac{a+b}{2}$   
 $a, b > 0$

•  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}$

• Radicals:  $n \in \mathbb{N}, a \in \mathbb{R}$ . A radical is any real number that is a solution to the equation:

Eg  $\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$  since  $x^3 - a = 0$   
 $(\sqrt[3]{8})^3 - 8 = 0$

when it exists. Denoted  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  or  $a^{1/n}$ .



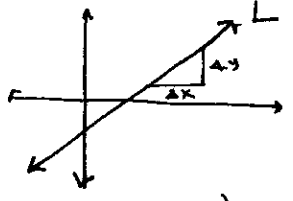
$P = (x_1, y_1)$  &  $Q = (x_2, y_2)$ .

Midpoint  $M = \left( \frac{x_1+x_2}{2}, \frac{y_1+y_2}{2} \right)$

Distance b/w P & Q:  $D = \sqrt{(x_1-x_2)^2 + (y_1-y_2)^2}$

**LINES**

"constant incline"  
 "increases (or decreases) by the same rate"



Slope Formula:  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$  "rise" / "run"

Standard Form of Eq of Line:

L:  $ax + by = c$  (a, b not both zero)

Slope-Intercept Form:

L:  $y = mx + b$  m-slope, (0, b) - y-int

Point-Slope Form:

L:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

Vertical Lines:  $x = c$  (b=0, a=1)

Horizontal Lines:  $y = c$  (a=0, b=1)

Parallel lines: two lines with same slope

$m_1 = m_2$  (or both vert. or both horiz)

Perpendicular lines: two lines with slopes are negative reciprocals of each other.

$m_1 = -\frac{1}{m_2}$  (or one vert. & one horiz. line)

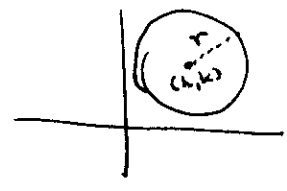
Important: Horizontal lines have slope 0!

**CIRCLES**

Standard Form:

$Ax^2 + Ay^2 + Bx + Cy + D = 0$

Graphing Form:  $(x-h)^2 + (y-k)^2 = r^2$



center: (h, k)  
radius: r

SEMICIRCLES: TOP  $y = k + \sqrt{r^2 - (x-h)^2}$

BOTTOM  $y = k - \sqrt{r^2 - (x-h)^2}$

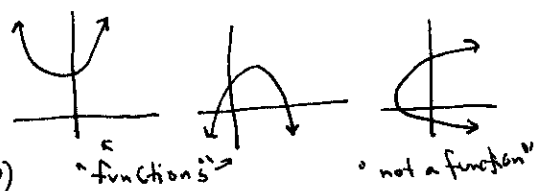
**PARABOLAS**

Up/Down

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$  (a ≠ 0)

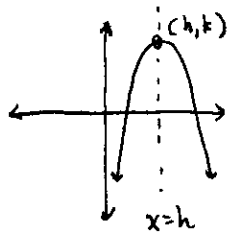
Left/Right

$x = ay^2 + by + c$  (a ≠ 0)



Standard Form (a ≠ 0)

$y = ax^2 + bx + c$   
 $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$



Vertex: (h, k)

Axis of Symmetry:  $x = h$

Effect of a:

$a > 0$  → opens up ☺

$a < 0$  → opens down ☹

$|a| > 1$  → thinner than  $y = x^2$

$|a| < 1$  → wider than  $y = x^2$

Vertex Formula

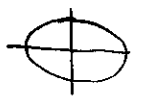
$h = -\frac{b}{2a}$

to find k, plug h into formula for y.  
 $k = f(h) = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$

if we set  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ .

**OTHER**

Ellipses:  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$



HYPERBOLAS:  $\frac{(x-h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y-k)^2}{b^2} = 1$



# FACTORIZING

- $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a+b)(a+b)$
- $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = (a-b)(a-b)$
- $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$
- $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

## SOLVING QUADRATIC EQs $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ (QE)

- try to factor, if applicable
- Use SRP, if applicable
- Use complete the square (C+S) if forced to
- Use Quadratic Formula:

$$(QF) \quad x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

NOTE: this formula gives the one or two solutions to the quadratic EQ (QE) above.

### SRP: Square Root Property: Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$

Solutions to  $x^2 = a$  are  $x = \pm\sqrt{a}$  but only for  $a \geq 0$ .

### Complete the Square: C+S

$$x^2 + Bx = (x + \frac{B}{2})^2 - (\frac{B}{2})^2$$

\* use to solve (QEs) & derive (QF)

### Connection between QE & functions

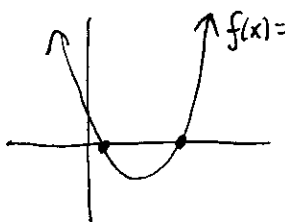
QE:  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  ← an equation (at most 2 solutions)

### Quadratic Function:

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \leftarrow \text{a function!}$$

input  $x$ , output  $f(x)$

Graph of Quadratic Function is parabola opening up/down:

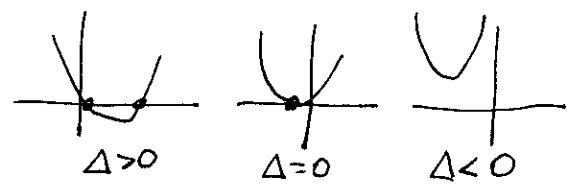


CONNECTION:  
zeros of the function are the solutions of the equation!

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Discriminant:  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$

- $\Delta > 0 \implies$  QE has 2 real solutions
- $\Delta = 0 \implies$  QE has 1 real solution only
- $\Delta < 0 \implies$  QE has no real solutions (but has



### Cube Roots Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Solutions to  $x^3 = a$  are  $x = a^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{a}$ .  
Note:  $a$  can be negative!

### Radicals

Given  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$ , denoted  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  or  $a^{1/n}$ , is the <sup>real</sup> solution to the equation:  $x^n - a = 0$ , if it exists.

Or it can be defined by: it is the real number whose  $n^{\text{th}}$  power is  $a$  (ie  $(\sqrt[n]{a})^n = a$ )

### Note $n^{\text{th}}$ roots don't always exist!

- $a \geq 0, n > 0$ :  $x^n - a = 0$  has only one non-negative solution denoted  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  or  $a^{1/n}$ .
- $a \geq 0, n > 0, n$  odd:  $x^n - a = 0$  has only one solution.
- $a > 0, n > 0, n$  even:  $x^n - a = 0$  has two solutions:  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  and  $-(\sqrt[n]{a})$ .
- $a < 0, n$  odd:  $x^n - a = 0$  has one solution &  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  is negative
- $a < 0, n$  even:  $x^n - a = 0$  has no real solutions so  $\sqrt[n]{a}$  is undefined!

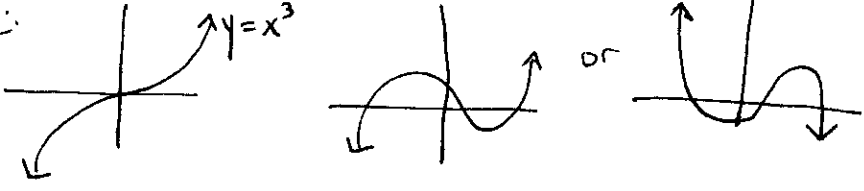
# Polynomials

$p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$ ,  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0 \in \mathbb{Q}$   
 -  $n$  - highest power of  $x$  - called degree of polynomial  
 - defined for all real values of  $x$   
 called coefficients

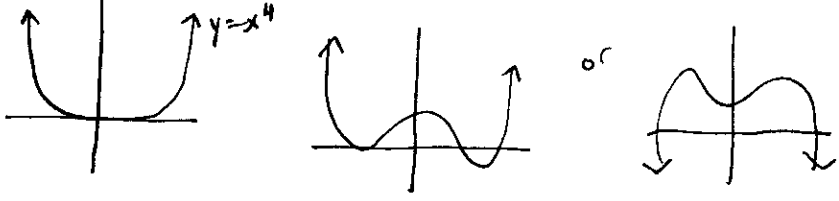
Degree 1:  $p(x) = a_1 x + a_0$  linear function (Graph line)

Degree 2:  $p(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$  Quadratic Function (Graph parabola up/down)

Degree 3:



Degree 4:



# Rational Functions

$r(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$  where  $p(x)$  &  $q(x)$  are two polynomials  
 - defined only for values of  $x$  such that  $q(x) \neq 0$ .  
 - Graphs can be complicated! Study in Ch 3!

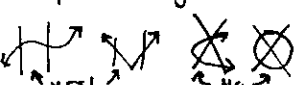
# Roots

roots of a polynomial are when  $p(x) = 0$ , i.e. zeros of  $p(x)$ .  
 roots of a rational function when  $r(x) = 0$ , but only need to solve for numerator = 0

# FUNCTIONS

FORMAL DEF.  
 a function  $f$  is a set of ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  any two ordered pairs with same  $x$ -values must have the  $y$ -value.  
 So  
 since we can represent  $(x, y)$  as points on the plane, graphically a function can ~~only have one point~~ intersect a vertical line only once!  
 This condition is called VLT - Vertical Line Test

## FOUR WAYS

<p>① formal def ordered pairs with only one <math>x</math>-value allowed</p>	<p>② Graphs passing VLT</p> 
<p>③ Equations in 2 variables where for each <math>x</math>, only one solution for <math>y</math>              Eg. <math>4x + y = 6</math>  <math>x^2 = 2y</math>  <math>x^5 + 3y = 0</math></p>	<p>④ FUNCTION NOTATION  <math>x</math> = input  <math>f(x)</math> = output  <math>f: X \rightarrow Y</math>  <math>x \mapsto f(x)</math>              Eg <math>f(x) = 6 - 4x</math>  <math>f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2</math>  <math>f(x) = \frac{ x-4 }{x-4}, x \neq 4</math></p>

③ If using equations to define a function, VLT can be phrased as:  
 for each fixed  $x$ -value there's only one  $y$ -solution.  
 $x^2 = 2y \rightarrow y = x^2/2$  ✓ (pass)  
 $x^2 = 2y^2 \rightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{x^2}/\sqrt{2}$  ✗ (fail)  
 ④ input  $x$  → output  $f(x)$   
 Notation  $f: X \rightarrow Y$   
 DOMAIN RANGE

DOMAIN: set of  $x$ -values either  $D(f)$  implicitly or explicitly given

RANGE: set of  $y$ -values, i.e. outputs, corresponding to the domain  $R(f)$

## CONNECTION

$(x, y) \in f \Leftrightarrow y = f(x) \Leftrightarrow (x, f(x)) \in f$   
 $x \in D(f)$   
 $y \in R(f)$

Domains: implied domain  $\rightarrow$  means all allowed values of  $x$ . Eg  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}$  implied domain is  $D(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 1, -1\}$   
 explicit domain  $\rightarrow$  means it's restricted by choice

Eg  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}, x > 5$ .

so  $D(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 5\}$ .

### Piece-wise Functions

useful way to represent different pieces of different formulas but of course must be careful that VLT is passed.

Eg  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 1 \\ \sqrt{x-1}, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

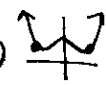
Note ~~do~~  
 two expressions don't overlap!  
 $x < 1$  &  $x \geq 1$  no intersection

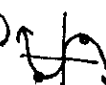
Eg  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1+x, & x \leq 1 \\ \sqrt{x-1}, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

NOT A FUNCTION!

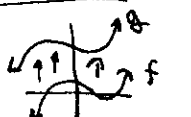
Since  $1+1=2$  &  $2 \neq 0$   
 $\sqrt{1-1} = 0$

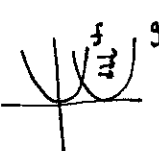
problem  $x=1$ : the two formulas  $1+x$  &  $\sqrt{x-1}$  don't agree here!

EVEN  $f(-x) = f(x)$  (ie symmetry across y-axis) 

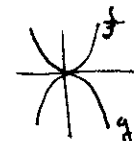
ODD  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  (ie symmetry across origin) 


### TRANSFORMATIONS

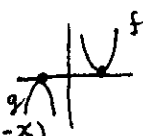
Vertical Shifts:   
 original:  $f(x)$   
 new:  $g(x) = f(x) + a$   
 (a constant)  $a > 0$  shift up  
 $a < 0$  shift down

Horizontal Shifts:   
 original:  $f(x)$   
 new:  $g(x) = f(x-a)$   
 $a > 0$  shift right  $\Rightarrow$   
 $a < 0$  shift left  $\Leftarrow$

### Reflection

Across x-axis:  
 original:  $f(x)$   
 new:  $g(x) = -f(x)$  

Across y-axis:  
 original:  $f(x)$   
 new:  $g(x) = f(-x)$  

Across origin:  
 original:  $f(x)$   
 new:  $g(x) = -f(-x)$  

### COMBINING FUNCTIONS

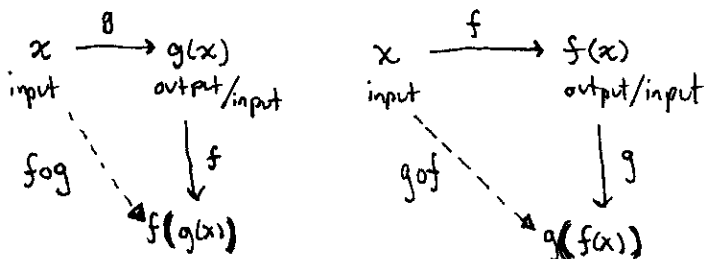
Given two functions  $f$  &  $g$ : can form new functions

- $(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  Domain =  $D(f) \cap D(g)$
- $(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$
- $(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$
- $(\frac{f}{g})(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, g(x) \neq 0$ .

FUNCTION COMPOSITION:  $f \circ g$  &  $g \circ f$

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

Best described by the input/output schematics:



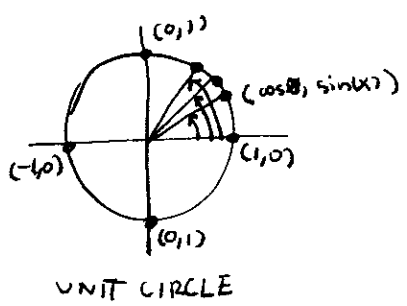
- composition "chains" together two functions
- MUST BE CAREFULL WITH DOMAIN!

### Intercepts

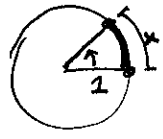
x-intercepts: when  $f(x) = 0$  ie the roots or zeros of  $f$

y-intercept:  $y = f(0)$ . only one intercept

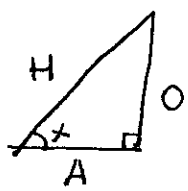
# TRIGONOMETRY



•  $x$  = measure of length of the arc on unit circle from  $(1,0)$  to the point  $(\cos(x), \sin(x))$ .  
denoted like an angle but units are radians not degrees!



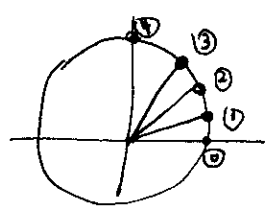
• DEGREE TO RADIAN CONVERSION:  
 $360^\circ = 2\pi$ , or  $180^\circ = \pi$  radians,  
or  $\frac{\pi \text{ radians}}{180 \text{ degrees}} = 1$  (unit-less).



• For right triangle w/ angle  $0 < x < \pi/2$ , define

$\sin(x) = \frac{O}{H}$	$\cos(x) = \frac{A}{H}$	$\tan(x) = \frac{O}{A}$
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## SPECIAL VALUES

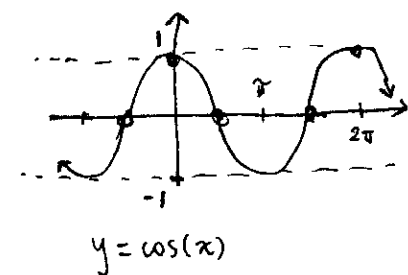
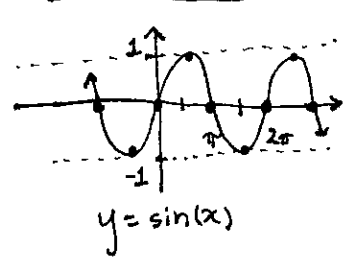


- ①  $30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}$  radians :  $(\cos(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{6}) = \frac{1}{2})$
- ②  $45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}$  radians :  $(\cos(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{4}) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$
- ③  $60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$  radians :  $(\cos(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{1}{2}, \sin(\frac{\pi}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$
- ④  $0^\circ = 0$  radians :  $(\cos(0) = 1, \sin(0) = 0)$
- ⑤  $90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}$  radians :  $(\cos(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0, \sin(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1)$

## OTHER TRIG FUNCTIONS:

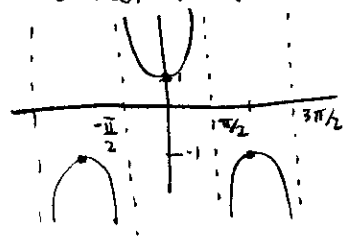
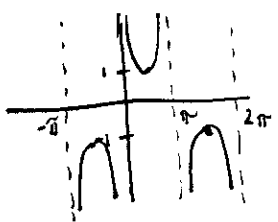
$\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$	$\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$
$\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$	
$\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$	

## GRAPHS



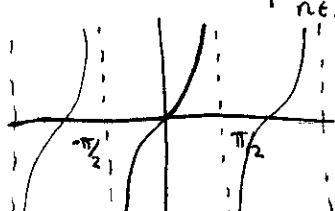
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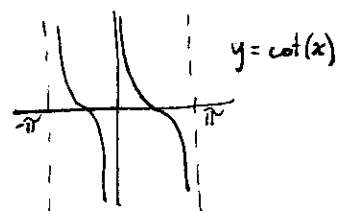


Domain:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq \pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Domain:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$



Domain: same as  $\sec(x)$ ,  
ie when  $\cos(x) \neq 0$



## INEQUALITIES:

$-1 \leq \sin(x) \leq 1$
$-1 \leq \cos(x) \leq 1$

## IDENTITIES:

$\sin^2(x) + \cos^2(x) = 1$
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essentially same:

$1 + \tan^2(x) = \sec^2(x)$   
 $1 + \cot^2(x) = \csc^2(x)$

SINE ODD: $\sin(-x) = -\sin(x)$
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COSINE EVEN: $\cos(-x) = \cos(x)$
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