

Review
Fundamental Concepts and Techniques of Calculus

Detailed Solutions to Selected Exercises:
Basic Techniques of Algebra

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1. Perform Arithmetic Operations with Fractions:

- (a) We apply the rules for adding, subtraction, multiplying and dividing fractions and obtain step by step that

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\right) \div \frac{2}{7} &= \frac{5-1}{2} \div \frac{2}{7} = \frac{4}{2} \div \frac{2}{7} \\ &= \frac{2}{1} \div \frac{2}{7} = \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{7}{2} = \frac{2 \cdot 7}{1 \cdot 2} \\ &= \frac{14}{2} = 7 \end{aligned}$$

(b)

- (c) Here, we observe that the integers n is identified with the fraction $\frac{n}{1}$. Therefore, multiplying or dividing mixed terms can be easily reduced to working with fractions:

$$\begin{aligned} 12 \div \frac{1}{4} &= 12 \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{12}{1} \cdot \frac{4}{1} = \frac{12 \cdot 4}{1 \cdot 1} = \frac{48}{1} \\ &= 48 \end{aligned}$$

(d)

2. Simplify (and Rationalize) Expressions Involving Exponents and Radicals:

(a)

(b)

- (c) Here, we apply the laws of exponent and obtain step by step

$$\begin{aligned} \left(-\frac{125}{27}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} &= -\left(\frac{125}{27}\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= -\left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = -\frac{27^{\frac{1}{3}}}{125^{\frac{1}{3}}} = -\frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

(d)

(e)

(f)

(g)

(h)

- (i) We expand the fraction by $\sqrt{10}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} &= \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot 1 = \frac{5}{\sqrt{10}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{10}} = \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{10} \\ &= \frac{5\sqrt{10}}{10} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{10} \end{aligned}$$

- (j) We expand the fraction by $10^{2/3}$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{5}{\sqrt[3]{10}} &= \frac{5}{10^{1/3}} \cdot \frac{10^{2/3}}{10^{2/3}} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{2/3}}{10^{1/3} \cdot 10^{2/3}} \\ &= \frac{5 \cdot 10^{2/3}}{10^{1/3+2/3}} = \frac{5 \cdot 10^{2/3}}{10} = \frac{1}{2}\sqrt[3]{100}. \end{aligned}$$

- (k) We expand the fraction by $\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6}$ and use the identity $(a + b)(a - b) = a^2 - b^2$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{3}{\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6}} &= \frac{3(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6})}{(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{6})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6})} \\ &= \frac{3(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6})}{(\sqrt{5})^2 - (\sqrt{6})^2} \\ &= \frac{3(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6})}{5 - 6} \\ &= \frac{3(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6})}{-1} \\ &= 3(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5}) \end{aligned}$$

3. Simplify Expressions Involving Absolute Value:

- (a) Since $-5 < 0$, we have $|-5| = -(-5) = 5$. Moreover, since $5 > \sqrt{5}$, it follows that $\frac{1}{5} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$, since the function $x \mapsto \frac{1}{x}$ is order-reversing. Hence $\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} < 0$ and thus $|\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}| = -(\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}) = -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$. Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} \left|\frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right| &= -\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - 5 \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} - 5\frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{5} - 5\frac{1}{5}. \end{aligned}$$

(b)

(c)

4. Simplify Expressions Involving Factorials:

- (a) (b) (c)

5. Manipulate Logarithmic Expressions:

- (a)
 (b)
 (c) Recall that the base-2 exponential function \exp_2 is the inverse function of \log_2 . Applying \exp_2 on both sides of the equation, we see that $\log_2 4^3 = y \Leftrightarrow 2^y = 4^3 = (2^2)^3 = 2^6$. Since \exp_2 is one-to-one, it follows that $y = 6$.

- (d)
 (e)
 (f) Using the logarithmic rules, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{3} [\log_8 y + 2 \log_8 (y + 4)] - \log_8 (y - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} [\log_8 y + \log_8 (y + 4)^2] - \log_8 (y - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \log_8 (y(y + 4)^2) - \log_8 (y - 1) \\ &= \log_8 \left(y(y + 4)^2 \right)^{1/3} - \log_8 (y - 1) \\ &= \log_8 \left(\frac{y^{1/3}(y + 4)^{2/3}}{y - 1} \right). \end{aligned}$$

- (g) We apply the well-known logarithmic rules step by step and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \ln 6 - 3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 3 - \ln 8 &= \\ &= 4 \ln(2 \cdot 3) - 3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 3 - \ln 2^3 \\ &= 4(\ln 2 + \ln 3) - 3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 3 - 3 \ln 2 \\ &= 4 \ln 2 + 4 \ln 3 - 3 \ln 2 + 2 \ln 3 - 3 \ln 2 \\ &= (4 - 3 - 3) \ln 2 + (4 + 2) \ln 3 \\ &= -2 \ln 2 + \ln 3. \end{aligned}$$

- (h) We apply the logarithmic rules and obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \ln 6 - \ln 30 + \ln \frac{1}{5} &= \\ &= 5 \ln 6 - \ln(5 \cdot 6) - \ln 5 \\ &= 5 \ln 6 - (\ln 5 + \ln 6) - \ln 5 \\ &= 5 \ln 6 - \ln 5 - \ln 6 - \ln 5 \\ &= 4 \ln 6 - 2 \ln 5. \end{aligned}$$

6. Factor a Polynomial and Solve:

- (a) We use the formula $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$ to factor the polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 9x^2 - 4 = (3x)^2 - 2^2 \\ &= (3x - 2)(3x + 2). \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $3x - 2 = 0$ or $3x + 2 = 0$ and thus $x = \frac{2}{3}$ or $x = -\frac{2}{3}$.

(b)

- (c) We use the formulae $a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = (a + b)^2$ and $a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$ to factor the polynomial:

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 4x^4 + 4x^2 + 1 \\ &= (2x^2)^2 + 2(2x^2) \cdot 1 + 1^2 \\ &= (2x^2 + 1)^2 = \left(2\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)\right)^2 \\ &= 4\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \\ &= 4\left(x + \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2 \left(x - \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{2}\right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

Hence, $x = -\frac{i}{2}\sqrt{2}$ or $x = \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{2}$ are double roots of the given polynomial.

(d)

(e)

7. Complete the Square and find the Vertex:

(a)

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 3x^2 - 6x + 12 = 3(x^2 - 2x) + 12 \\ &= 3((x - 1)^2 - (-1)^2) + 12 \\ &= 3(x - 1)^2 - 3 + 12 \\ &= 3(x - 1)^2 + 9. \end{aligned}$$

The vertex of a parabola is its local extremum, which is clearly attained when the term $(x - 1)^2$ has its minimum, hence $V = (1, 9)$.

(c)

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2x^2 + 20x + 3 = 2(x^2 + 10x) + 3 \\ &= 2((x + 5)^2 - 25) + 3 \\ &= 2(x + 5)^2 - 47, \end{aligned}$$

hence the vertex is $V = (-5, -47)$.

8. Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring or Using the Quadratic Formula:

(a)

- (b) We use the formula $x^2 + (a + b)x + ab = (x + a)(x + b)$ to factor the polynomial:

$$0 = x^2 - x - 2 = (x - 2)(x + 1),$$

hence, $x = 2$ or $x = -1$.

- (c) We use the formula $\alpha_1\alpha_2x^2 + (\alpha_1\beta_2 + \alpha_2\beta_1)x + \beta_1\beta_2 = (\alpha_1x + \beta_1)(\alpha_2x + \beta_2)$ to factor the polynomial:

$$0 = 2x^2 - 5x - 3 = (2x + 1)(x - 3),$$

hence, $2x + 1 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$ and thus $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ or $x = 3$.

- (d)
(e) Using the Binomial formula, we can easily factor the given polynomial

$$0 = x^2 - 6x + 9 = (x - 3)^2,$$

which implies that $x_1 = x_2 = 3$.

- (f) We use the “quadratic formula” to solve the quadratic equations, since it does not have a rational zero:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}}{2 \cdot 1} \\ &= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{-4}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2i}{2} = 1 \pm i. \end{aligned}$$

(g)

9. Solving Inequalities:

- (a)
(b)
(c)
(d)
(e) We consider the left side of the inequality as a rational function and set

$$\begin{aligned} r(x) &= \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{4}{x-6} = \frac{5x-10}{(x-1)(x-6)} \\ &= \frac{5(x-2)}{(x-1)(x-6)} \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, the domain of f is $D_r := \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 6\}$. As a rational function r is continuous on its domain D_r and by the Intermediate-value Theorem of Calculus can only change its sign (change from positive values to negative or vice versa) at its only zero $x_0 = 2$ or at its singularities $x_1 = 1$ and $x_2 = 6$.

In order to determine the set S of all such points $x \in D_r$ for which $r(x) > 0$, it suffices to determine the sign of r at one “test point” of each of the subintervals $(-\infty, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(2, 6)$ and $(6, \infty)$ of D_r obtained by removing the zeroes of the numerator and denominator of r from \mathbb{R} . We choose the points $0, \frac{3}{2}, 3, 7$ as test points on those intervals and find (please verify!) that

$r(0) < 0$, $r(\frac{3}{2}) > 0$, $r(3) < 0$ and $r(7) > 0$. Hence, we conclude that

$$r(x) \begin{cases} < 0, & x \in (-\infty, 1) \\ > 0, & x \in (1, 2) \\ < 0, & x \in (2, 6) \\ > 0, & x \in (6, \infty). \end{cases}$$

Thus, the solution set of the given inequality is $S := (1, 2) \cup (6, \infty)$.

(f)

10. Solving Inequalities Involving Absolute Values:

- (a)
(b)
(c) We are asked to find all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy the inequality $7 < |8x - 72|$. First note that

$$\begin{aligned} |8x - 72| &= \begin{cases} 8x - 72, & 8x - 72 \geq 0 \\ -(8x - 72), & 8x - 72 < 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} 8x - 72, & x \geq 9 \\ -8x + 72, & x < 9. \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

We will therefore solve the inequality on the subdomains $D_1 := [9, \infty)$ and $D_2 := (-\infty, 9)$, where $|8x - 72|$ can be expressed without $|\cdot|$, separately:

- (i) First, let $x \in D_1 = [9, \infty)$, then $|8x - 72| = 8x - 72$ and

$$7 < |8x - 72|$$

is equivalent to the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &< 8x - 72 \\ 79 &< 8x \\ \frac{79}{8} &< x, \end{aligned}$$

which implies that the solution set of the given inequality on D_1 is $S_1 := (\frac{79}{8}, \infty)$.

- (ii) Next, let $x \in D_2 = (-\infty, 9)$, then $|8x - 72| = -8x + 72$ and similar as in the preceding case

$$7 < |8x - 72|$$

is equivalent to the inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &< -8x + 72 \\ 8x &< 65 \\ x &< \frac{65}{8}, \end{aligned}$$

from which follows that the solution set of the given inequality on D_2 is $S_2 := (-\infty, \frac{65}{8})$.

The solution set of the inequality $7 < |8x - 72|$ on \mathbb{R} is therefore the union of the solution sets on the subdomains, i.e.

$$S := S_1 \cup S_2 = (\frac{79}{8}, \infty) \cup (-\infty, \frac{65}{8}).$$

- (d) We are to determine all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying the inequality $|x - 3| - |x + 1| \leq x$. To this end, we first observe that

$$\begin{aligned} |x - 3| &= \begin{cases} x - 3, & x - 3 \geq 0 \\ -(x - 3), & x - 3 < 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} x - 3, & x \geq 3 \\ -x + 3, & x < 3 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} |x + 1| &= \begin{cases} x + 1, & x + 1 \geq 0 \\ -(x + 1), & x + 1 < 0 \end{cases} \\ &= \begin{cases} x + 1, & x \geq -1 \\ -x - 1, & x < -1 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we will subdivide the domain \mathbb{R} into the subregions $D_1 := [3, \infty)$, $D_2 := [-1, 3)$ and $D_3 := (-\infty, -1)$ on which the terms $|x - 3|$ and $|x + 1|$ can be simultaneously replaced by absolute value free expressions. On these subdomains, the given inequality can be rewritten without absolute value expressions:

- (i) Let $x \in D_1 = [3, \infty)$, then $|x - 3| = x - 3$ and $|x + 1| = x + 1$ and

$$|x - 3| - |x + 1| \leq x$$

in turn is equivalent to

$$\begin{aligned} x - 3 - (x + 1) &\leq x \\ x - 3 - x - 1 &\leq x \end{aligned}$$

and thus to

$$-4 \leq x,$$

which implies that the solution set of the given inequality on D_1 is $S_1 := D_1 = [3, \infty)$.

- (ii) Next, let $x \in D_2 = [-1, 3)$, then $|x - 3| = -x + 3$ and $|x + 1| = x + 1$ and

$$|x - 3| - |x + 1| \leq x$$

is equivalent to the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 3 - (x + 1) &\leq x \\ -2x + 2 &\leq x \\ x &\leq 3x - \frac{2}{3} \leq x, \end{aligned}$$

from which follows that the solution set of the given inequality on D_2 is $S_2 := [\frac{2}{3}, 3)$.

- (iii) Finally, let $x \in D_3 = (-\infty, -1)$, then $|x - 3| = -x + 3$ and $|x + 1| = -x - 1$. Then

$$|x - 3| - |x + 1| \leq x$$

is again equivalent to the following inequalities

$$\begin{aligned} -x + 3 - (-x - 1) &\leq x \\ -x + 3 + x + 1 &\leq x \\ 5 &\leq x, \end{aligned}$$

from which follows that the solution set of the given inequality on D_3 is empty, i.e. $S_3 := \emptyset$.

The solution set of $|x - 3| - |x + 1| \leq x$ on \mathbb{R} is therefore, the union

$$\begin{aligned} S &= S_1 \cup S_2 \cup S_3 \\ &= [3, \infty) \cup [\frac{2}{3}, 3) \cup \emptyset \\ &= [\frac{2}{3}, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

11. Solve Exponential and Logarithmic Equations:

- (a) Since the (base-2) exponential function is one-to-one, the identity $2^{x^2+3x} = 1024 = 2^{10}$ implies

$$10 = x^2 + 3x$$

and therefore

$$0 = x^2 + 3x - 10 = (x + 5)(x - 2),$$

hence $x = -5$ or $x = 2$.

- (b) Clearly, the exponential equation

$$6(2^{3x-1}) - 7 = 9$$

is equivalent to

$$2^{3x-1} = \frac{16}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{2^3}{3}$$

and thus to

$$2^{3x-4} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Applying the logarithmic function \log_2 to this equations first yields

$$3x - 4 = -\log_2 3$$

and then

$$x = \frac{1}{3}(4 - \log_2 3).$$

(c) The exponential equation

$$0 = e^{2x} - 4e^x - 5$$

can be reduced to a quadratic equation by the substitution $y := e^x$:

$$0 = y^2 - 4y - 5 = (y - 5)(y + 1).$$

The solutions of the quadratic equation are $y = 5$ and $y = -1$. We have to resubstitute the permissible values of y back into the equation $y = e^x$. The first solution $y = 5$, produces the equation $5 = e^x$ which implies that $x = \ln 5$, while the second solution $y = -1$ yields the equation $-1 = e^x$ which has the complex solution $x = i\pi$.

(d)

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(f)

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(h) First, we observe that the given equation has domain $(0, \infty)$. Thus, if $x \in (0, \infty)$, we can conclude using the logarithmic rules that

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 2 \ln(x + 2) - \frac{1}{2} \ln x^4 \\ &= 2 \ln(x + 2) - 2 \ln x \\ &= 2 \left(\ln(x + 2) - \ln x \right) \\ &= 2 \ln \left(\frac{x + 2}{x} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Dividing the equation by 2, yields

$$\frac{1}{2} = \ln \left(\frac{x + 2}{x} \right)$$

Applying the natural exponential function \exp (which is the inverse function of \ln) on both sides of the equation yields

$$e^{\frac{1}{2}} = \exp \left(\ln \left(\frac{x + 2}{x} \right) \right) = \frac{x + 2}{x}$$

from which by multiplying the equation by x first follows that

$$x\sqrt{e} = x + 2$$

and then

$$x(\sqrt{e} - 1) = 2,$$

hence,

$$x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{e} - 1}.$$

(i)

(j)

12. Find the Equation of a Line:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e)

13. Find the Distance and Midpoint between Two Points:

(a)

(b)

(c)

14. Graph the Quadratic Equation (Conic):

(a) We transform the equation

$$x^2 - 6x + 2y + 9 = 0$$

into normal form by “completing the square”

$$\begin{aligned} (x - 3)^2 - 9 + 2y + 9 &= 0 \\ (x - 3)^2 + 2y &= 0, \end{aligned}$$

hence, $y = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 3)^2$, which is the equation of a parabola opened downwardly with vertex at $(3, 0)$.

(b) We transform the equation

$$16x^2 + 16y^2 - 16x + 24y - 3 = 0$$

into normal form by “completing the square”

$$\begin{aligned} 16(x^2 - x) + 16(y^2 + \frac{3}{2}) &= 3 \\ 16((x - \frac{1}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{4}) + 16((y + \frac{3}{4})^2 - \frac{9}{16}) &= 3 \\ 16(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + 16(y + \frac{3}{4})^2 &= 16. \end{aligned}$$

Division by 16 yields

$$(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 + (y + \frac{3}{4})^2 = 1,$$

which is the equation of a circle of radius 1 and center $(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{4})$.

(c) We transform the equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 31 = 0$$

into normal form by “completing the square”

$$\begin{aligned}(x^2 - 2x) + y^2 - 31 &= 0 \\(x - 1)^2 - 1 + y^2 - 31 &= 0 \\(x - 1)^2 + y^2 &= 32,\end{aligned}$$

which is the equation of a circle of radius $4\sqrt{2}$ and center $(1, 0)$.

(d) We first transform the equation

$$-9x^2 - 24x + 4y^2 - 8y + 16 = 0$$

into normal form by “completing the square”

$$\begin{aligned}-9(x^2 + \frac{8}{3}x) + 4(y^2 - 2) &= -16 \\-9((x + \frac{4}{3})^2 - \frac{16}{9}) + 4((y - 1)^2 - 1) &= -16 \\-9(x + \frac{4}{3})^2 + 16 + 4(y - 1)^2 - 4 &= -16 \\-9(x + \frac{4}{3})^2 + 4(y - 1)^2 &= -28 \\ \frac{(x + \frac{4}{3})^2}{\frac{28}{9}} - \frac{(y - 1)^2}{7} &= 1.\end{aligned}$$

Clearly,

$$\frac{(x + \frac{4}{3})^2}{\frac{28}{9}} - \frac{(y - 1)^2}{7} = 1. \quad (1)$$

is the equation of a hyperbola obtained from the hyperbola

$$\frac{x^2}{\frac{28}{9}} - \frac{y^2}{7} = 1, \quad (2)$$

which is in standard position, by a shift by the vector $(-\frac{4}{3}, 1)$.

We will first determine the asymptotes, vertices, center and foci of the hyperbola (2). Recall that the asymptotes of (2) can be easily determined from the modified equation

$$\frac{x^2}{\frac{28}{9}} - \frac{y^2}{7} = 0$$

by solving for y . Clearly, $y^2 = \frac{7 \cdot 9}{28} x^2 = \frac{9}{4} x^2$. Therefore, the asymptotes of the hyperbola (2) are given by the equations

$$y = \pm \frac{3}{2} x.$$

Moreover, the foci $(\pm c, 0)$ can be determined from the equation $c^2 = a^2 + b^2$, where $a^2 =$

$\frac{28}{9}$ and $b^2 = 7$. Since $c = \sqrt{\frac{28}{9} + 7} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{28 + 63} = \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91}$, the foci of (2) are given by

$$F_1 = (-\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91}, 0), \quad F_2 = (\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91}, 0).$$

The vertices $(\pm a, 0)$ are obtained from $a = \sqrt{\frac{28}{9}} = \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7}$ and are

$$V_1 = (-\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7}, 0), \quad V_2 = (\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7}, 0).$$

Clearly the center C of the hyperbola (2) is at $(0, 0)$ and constitutes the midpoint of the transverse axis determined by the foci F_1 and F_2 .

In order to find the asymptotes, foci, vertices and center of the hyperbola (1), we only have to shift the corresponding equations or points, respectively.

Thus the asymptotes of (1) are

$$y - 1 = \pm \frac{3}{2} (x + \frac{4}{3}),$$

the foci

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{F}_1 &= (-\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91} - \frac{4}{3}, 0 + 1) \\ &= (-\frac{4}{3} - \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91}, 1) \\ \tilde{F}_2 &= (\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91} - \frac{4}{3}, 0 + 1) \\ &= (-\frac{4}{3} + \frac{1}{3}\sqrt{91}, 1)\end{aligned}$$

the vertices

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{V}_1 &= (-\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7} - \frac{4}{3}, 0 + 1) \\ &= (-\frac{4}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7}, 1) \\ \tilde{V}_2 &= (\frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7} - \frac{4}{3}, 0 + 1) \\ &= (-\frac{4}{3} + \frac{2}{3}\sqrt{7}, 1)\end{aligned}$$

and the center

$$\tilde{C} = (0 - \frac{4}{3}, 0 + 1) = (-\frac{4}{3}, 1).$$

15. Find the Composition of Two Functions:

- (a)
- (b)

16. Find the Inverse of a Function:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

(d) Clearly, the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 + 9x + 5 = \left(x + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4}$$

(note that its graph is a parabola!) is not injective (one-to-one), since, for example,

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4} \\ &= 5^2 - \frac{29}{4} = (-5)^2 - \frac{29}{4} \\ &= \left(-\frac{19}{2} + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4} = f\left(-\frac{19}{2}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, f is not invertible on \mathbb{R} . However, we can, for example, restrict it to the subinterval $[-\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$. This restriction, which we will also denote by f , constitutes a bijection $f : [-\frac{9}{2}, \infty) \rightarrow [-\frac{29}{4}, \infty)$ as can be easily verified. We will determine its inverse: To this end, first set $y = \left(x + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4}$. Next interchange x and y , which leads to the equation $x = \left(y + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4}$. Then solve for y : Taking the square root of

$$\left(y + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 = x + \frac{29}{4}$$

yields

$$\left|y + \frac{9}{2}\right| = \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4}}$$

and

$$y + \frac{9}{2} = \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4}}$$

since $y \in [-\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$, implies $\left|y + \frac{9}{2}\right| = y + \frac{9}{2}$. Thus

$$y = -\frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4}}.$$

Hence, the inverse function

$$f^{-1} : \left[-\frac{29}{4}, \infty\right) \rightarrow \left[-\frac{9}{2}, \infty\right)$$

is given by

$$f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4}}$$

for $x \in [-\frac{29}{4}, \infty)$.

We conclude by showing that f^{-1} is indeed inverse to f on $[-\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$: Let $x \in [-\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(f(x)) &= f^{-1}\left(\left(x + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4}\right) \\ &= -\frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{\left(x + \frac{9}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4} + \frac{29}{4}} \\ &= -\frac{9}{2} + \left|x + \frac{9}{2}\right| \\ &= -\frac{9}{2} + x + \frac{9}{2} \\ &= x. \end{aligned}$$

Conversely, let $x \in [-\frac{29}{4}, \infty)$ then

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= f\left(-\frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4}}\right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{9}{2} + \sqrt{x + \frac{29}{4} + \frac{9}{2}}\right)^2 - \frac{29}{4} \\ &= x + \frac{29}{4} - \frac{29}{4} \\ &= x. \end{aligned}$$

(e)

17. Find the Domain and Range of a Function:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(d)

(e) (i) Domain of f : The domain of f is the largest subset of \mathbb{R} for which

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{x^2-3x+2} = \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{(x-2)(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{9-x^2}}{\left(x-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{1}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

is well-defined. Therefore, we have to eliminate those $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $0 = x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x-1)(x-2)$, i.e. $x = 1$ and $x = 2$, and confine ourselves to those $x \in \mathbb{R}$ for which $0 \leq 9 - x^2 = (3-x)(3+x)$, i.e. $x \in [-3, 3]$. Thus

$$D_f = [-3, 3] \setminus \{1, 2\}.$$

(ii) Range of f : To determine the range of f , we will first compute the range of its restrictions to each of the subdomains given by the intervals $[-3, 1)$, $(1, 2)$ and $(2, 3]$. Note that the *only* zeroes of f are the boundary points -3 , and 3 and also note that f is continuous on its domain. We can therefore apply the Intermediate-value Theorem to each closed subinterval of its domain:

We begin with the subinterval $[-3, 1)$. Since $f(-3) = 0$, $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in [-3, 1)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \infty$, as can be easily verified, we conclude using the Intermediate-value Theorem that the range of the restriction of f to the interval $[-3, 1)$ is $[0, \infty)$.

We will now consider the behavior of f on the subinterval $(1, 2)$. Clearly, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} = -\infty$ and $f(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (1, 2)$. It can be easily verified that f attains its global maximum on the subinterval $(1, 2)$ where the denominator of f which is given by

the parabola $(x - \frac{3}{2})^2 - \frac{1}{4}$ has its smallest value which is precisely at $\frac{3}{2}$ where the parabola has its vertex. The corresponding function value of f is

$$f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{9 - \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2}}{-\frac{1}{4}} = -6\sqrt{3}.$$

Hence, again by the Intermediate-value Theorem, the range of the restriction of f to the interval $(1, 2)$ is given by the interval $[-6\sqrt{3}, -\infty)$. Finally, consider the interval $(2, 3]$. Clearly, $f(x) \geq 0$ for all $x \in (2, 3]$, $f(3) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \infty$, as can be easily verified. Hence, again by the Intermediate-value Theorem, the range of the restriction of f to the interval $(2, 3]$ is $[0, \infty)$.

The range of f on its total domain $D_f = [-3, 1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, 3]$ is therefore the union of the ranges of the restrictions of f . Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \text{range}(f) &= [0, \infty) \cup [-6\sqrt{3}, -\infty) \cup [0, \infty) \\ &= [-6\sqrt{3}, -\infty) \cup [0, \infty). \end{aligned}$$

(f)

18. Determine Whether a Function is Even, Odd or Neither:

(a)

(b) We compute $f(-x)$ and check whether it equals $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ or neither:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= (-x)\sqrt{1 - (-x)^3} \\ &= \left(-x\sqrt{1 - x^2}\right) \\ &= -f(x) \end{aligned}$$

Since, $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, f is odd on \mathbb{R} .

(c)

(d)

(e) We compute $f(-x)$ and check whether it equals $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ or neither:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= \frac{3(-x)^3 - 7(-x)}{(-x)^4 - 2(-x)^2 - 7} \\ &= \frac{-3x^3 + 7}{x^4 - 2x^2 - 7} \\ &= -\frac{3x^3 - 7}{x^4 - 2x^2 - 7} \\ &= -f(x). \end{aligned}$$

Since $f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, f is odd on \mathbb{R} .

(f)

(g) We compute $f(-x)$ and check whether it equals $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ or neither:

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 - 5 = -x^3 - 5$$

which is clearly not equal to either $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$: Choose for example $x = 1$. Then, $f(-1) = -6$ while $f(1) = -4$. Hence, f is neither odd nor even on \mathbb{R} .

(h) We compute $f(-x)$ and check whether it equals $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ or neither:

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= 1 + (-x)^2 \cos(2(-x)) + (-x) \\ &= 1 + x^2 \cos(2x) - x \end{aligned}$$

Again, we see that $f(-x)$ is not equal to either $f(x)$ or $-f(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$: Choose, for instance, $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then $f(-\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1 - \frac{\pi}{4}$, while $f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1 + \frac{\pi}{4}$. Hence f is neither odd nor even on \mathbb{R} .

19. Graph Exponential and Logarithmic Functions:

(a)

(b)

(c)

20. Manipulate Complex Numbers:

(a)

(b)

(c) We expand the fraction by the conjugate of the denominator $1 - 2i$:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6 - 7i}{1 - 2i} &= \frac{6 - 7i}{1 - 2i} \cdot \frac{1 + 2i}{1 + 2i} \\ &= \frac{6 \cdot 1 + (-7i)(2i) + 6 \cdot 2i + (-7i)1}{1 - (2i)^2} \\ &= \frac{6 + 14 + i(12 - 7)}{1 + 4} \\ &= \frac{20 + 5i}{5} = 4 + i. \end{aligned}$$

(d) We first simplify the fraction and then expand by the conjugate of the denominator:

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

- (e) We first add the two fractions and then transform the sum into standard form by expanding by the conjugate of its denominator:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{i}{3-2i} + \frac{2i}{3+8i} &= \frac{i(3+8i) + 2i(3-2i)}{(3-2i)(3+8i)} \\ &= \frac{3i - 8 + 6i + 4}{9 + 16 + i(24 - 6)} \\ &= \frac{-4 + 9i}{25 + 18i} \\ &= \frac{-4 + 9i}{25 + 18i} \cdot \frac{25 - 18i}{25 - 18i} \\ &= \frac{-100 + 162 + i(72 + 225)}{625 + 324} \\ &= \frac{62 + 297i}{949} \\ &= \frac{62}{949} + \frac{297}{949}i \end{aligned}$$

21. Finding Powers and Roots of Complex Numbers Using D'Moivre's Theorem:

- (a)
 (b) We will first transform $-1 - \sqrt{3}i$ into polar form. Since the point represented by the complex number $-1 - \sqrt{3}i$ is located in the 4th quadrant, we can compute its argument by

$$\begin{aligned} \arg(-1 - \sqrt{3}i) &= \arctan\left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{-1}\right) \\ &= \arctan \sqrt{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Its modulus or absolute value is

$$|-1 - \sqrt{3}i| = \sqrt{(-1)^2 + (-\sqrt{3})^2} = 2.$$

Therefore, $-1 - \sqrt{3}i$ has the polar representation

$$-1 - \sqrt{3}i = 2e^{\frac{\pi}{3}i}$$

and by d'Moivre's Theorem

$$\begin{aligned} (-1 - \sqrt{3}i)^3 &= \left(2e^{\frac{\pi}{3}i}\right)^3 = 2^3 e^{3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{3}i} \\ &= 8e^{\pi i} = 8(\cos \pi + i \sin \pi) \\ &= 8((-1) + 0i) = -8. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Recall that if $n = 4k + r$ with $0 \leq r < 4$ then

$$\begin{aligned} i^n &= i^{4k+r} = i^{4k} i^r = (i^4)^k i^r = 1^k i^r \\ &= i^r, \end{aligned}$$

and thus

$$i^n = \begin{cases} 1 & n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ i & n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -1 & n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ -i & n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}. \end{cases}$$

In particular, since $39 = 4 \cdot 9 + 3$, we have

$$i^{39} = i^3 = -i.$$

- (d) We first transform $16 + 12i$ into polar form. Since the point corresponding to the complex number $16 + 12i$ is located in the 1st quadrant, its argument is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \varphi &= \arg(16 + 12i) = \arctan\left(\frac{12}{16}\right) \\ &= \arctan\left(\frac{3}{4}\right). \end{aligned}$$

Its modulus or absolute value is

$$\begin{aligned} |16 + 12i| &= 4|4 + 3i| = 4\sqrt{4^2 + 3^2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{25} = 20. \end{aligned}$$

Thus

$$16 + 12i = 20e^{i\varphi}.$$

By d'Moivre's Theorem, the two square roots of $16 + 12i$ are given by

$$z_0 = \sqrt{20}e^{\frac{\varphi}{2}i} = 2\sqrt{5}e^{\frac{\varphi}{2}i}$$

and

$$z_1 = \sqrt{20}e^{\frac{\varphi}{2}i + \frac{2\pi}{2}} = 2\sqrt{5}e^{\frac{\varphi}{2}i + \pi}.$$

- (e) Since $64 = 2^6$ is a real number, its argument $\arg(64) = 0$. Thus its polar representation is

$$64 = 2^6 e^{0i}.$$

By d'Moivre's Theorem, the six roots of 64 are given by the equations

$$z_k = 2e^{\frac{0i}{6} + \frac{2\pi ki}{6}} = 2\left(\cos \frac{\pi k}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi k}{3}\right)$$

for $k = 0, 1, \dots, 5$

Explicitly

$$\begin{aligned} z_0 &= 2 \\ z_1 &= 2\left(\cos \frac{\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= 2\left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{3}\right) = 1 + i\sqrt{3} \\ z_2 &= 2\left(\cos \frac{2\pi}{3} + i \sin \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) \\ &= 2\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{i}{2}\sqrt{3}\right) = -1 + i\sqrt{3} \\ z_3 &= -2 \\ z_4 &= -1 - i\sqrt{3} \\ z_5 &= 1 - i\sqrt{3}. \end{aligned}$$

Note that the six roots of 64 are equally spaced around the circle of radius 2 starting with the angle 0 with counterclockwise increments of $\pi/3$.