

# Trig Functions, Their Inverses and Derivatives

Math 102 Section 102

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## Due due due due due...

- ▶ Nov 26 (Today): Pre-lecture 13.1
- ▶ Nov 28 (Wednesday): Pre-lecture 13.2
- ▶ Nov 29 (Thursday): Assignment 12

Assignments due: 9:00 pm

- ▶ Dec 4 (Exam day), 3:30 pm: Assignment 13

# Ammoucement

## Final exam question sessions

- ▶ Nov 29 (Thu), 4-7 pm
- ▶ Nov 30 (Fri), 4-7 pm
- ▶ Location: SWNG 122

## Today: learning goals

- ▶ Fit trig functions to describe rhythmic processes
- ▶ Define and apply inverse trig functions
- ▶ Derivatives of trig functions (moved to Wednesday)

## 3. I Am My Own Grandpa

where by "grandpa" we mean "derivative"

**3a.** True or false: the function  $y = e^x$  satisfies the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$ .

**3b.** Find a constant function  $y = c$  that also satisfies the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$ .

**3c.** We define a function  $y(x)$  as the (infinite) sum below:

$$y(x) = 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} + \frac{x^4}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} + \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} + \dots$$

What is  $y(0)$ ?

**3d.** Does  $y(x)$  (the function defined above) satisfy the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = y$ ? Explain your reasoning.

**3e.** We want to generate approximate values of  $y(x)$  on the interval  $[-2, 2]$ . Since we can't add up infinitely many numbers, we'll use the function  $\tilde{y}$  instead of  $y$ , where  $\tilde{y}$  is only the sum of the first eleven terms:

$$\tilde{y} = 1 + \frac{x}{1} + \frac{x^2}{2 \cdot 1} + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} + \dots + \frac{x^{10}}{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$

Use a spreadsheet to generate the values  $\tilde{y}(x)$  for  $x$  in the interval  $[-2, 2]$ , with  $x$ -increments of 0.1. That is: find  $\tilde{y}(-2)$ ,  $\tilde{y}(-1.9)$ ,  $\tilde{y}(-1.8)$ , etc. Give a screenshot of your work.

**Hint:** the denominators are factorials, usually computed in spreadsheets as =FACT(n). So, for example, =FACT(3) will give you 6, because  $3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$  is 6.

**3f.** Use your spreadsheet to generate values of  $e^x$  for the same  $x$ -values you used above. Screenshot the values. What does this suggest about the function  $y(x)$ ?

# Application of trig functions

- ▶ Trig functions can be used to describe some rhythmic/periodic/oscillatory processes.

## Example (Fitting a trig function to a rhythmic process)

The level of a certain hormone in the bloodstream fluctuates between undetectable concentration at  $t = 7 : 00$  and  $100 \text{ ng/ml}$  (nanograms per millilitre) at  $t = 19:00$  hours. Approximate the cyclic variations in this hormone level with an appropriate periodic trigonometric function. Let  $t$  represent time in hours from  $0:00$  hrs through the day.

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## Inverse trig functions

## Recall: inverse functions

### Definition (Inverse function)

Given a function  $y = f(x)$ , its inverse function, denoted as  $f^{-1}$ , satisfies

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x.$$

Q1. The inverse function of  $f(x)$  is the mirror image of the graph of  $f(x)$  to the line  $y = x$ .

A. True.

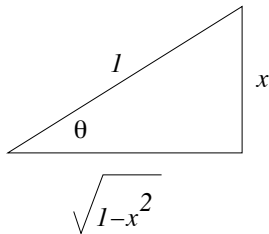
B. False.

- ▶ Only **one-to-one (or 1-1 or bijective) functions** are invertible.



# Inverse trig functions

- ▶  $f(x) = \sin x$
- ▶  $f^{-1}(x) = \arcsin(x)$  "the angle whose sine is  $x$ "



- ▶ Because  $\sin x$  is periodic, we need to restrict the domain to define an inverse function.
- ▶ <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/zx6c0htith>
- ▶ Inverse trig functions are only inverses of the trig functions on their restricted domains!

# Inverse trig functions

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## Inverse trig functions

Q2. Simplify the expression  $y = \tan(\arcsin(x))$

A.  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$

B.  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

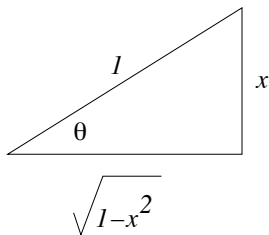
C.  $\frac{1}{x}$

D.  $x$

E.  $\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$

# Inverse trig Functions

$$y = \tan(\arcsin(x))$$



▶  $\theta = \arcsin(x)$

▶  $y = \tan \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

# Inverse trig Functions

Q3.

$$\arcsin \left( \sin \left( \frac{5\pi}{6} \right) \right) =$$

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

D.  $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

E.  $\frac{7\pi}{6}$

$$\sin(5\pi/6) = 1/2$$

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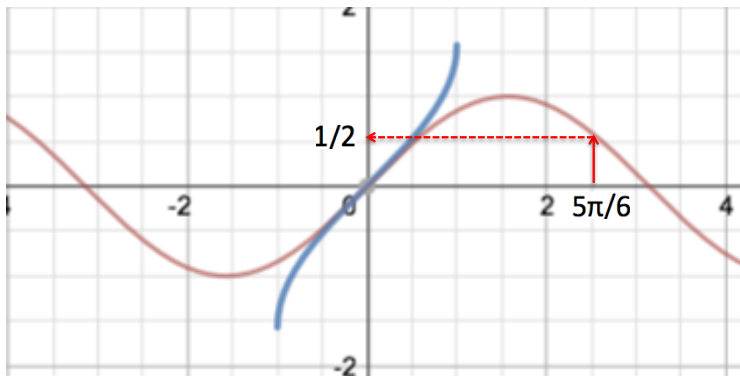


$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$

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$$g(x) = \arcsin(x)$$



$$\text{Arcsin}(1/2) = \pi/6$$

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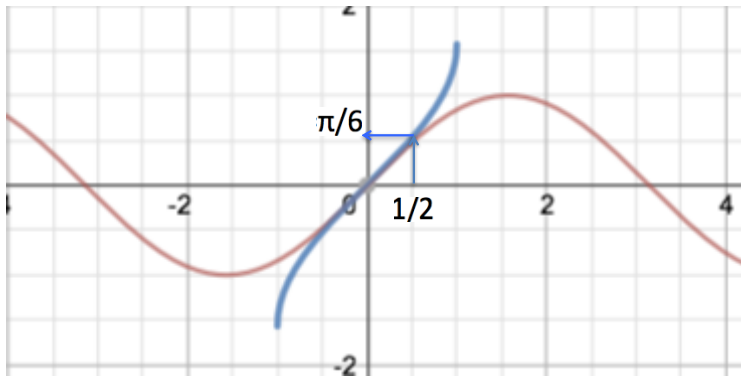


$$f(x) = \sin(x)$$



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$$g(x) = \arcsin(x)$$



$$\arcsin(\sin(x)) \neq x$$

1		$f(x) = \sin(x)$
2		$g(x) = \arcsin(x)$

In this example, we found that:

$$\arcsin(\sin(5\pi/6)) = \pi/6 \neq 5\pi/6$$

However, on the restricted domains,

$$-\pi/2 \leq x \leq \pi/2 \quad \text{and} \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\arcsin(\sin(x)) = x \quad \text{and} \quad \sin(\arcsin(x)) = x.$$

Inverse trig functions are only inverses of the trig functions on their restricted domains!



# Summary

- ▶ Trigonometric functions can be used to describe rhythmic processes. To do that, one just needs to figure out the amplitude, frequency and phase shift.
- ▶ To be invertible, trig functions have to be restricted to certain domains.
- ▶ Triangles and identities are useful when simplifying inverse trigonometric relationships and calculating derivatives.

# Answers

1. B
2. B
3. C