

# Lecture 3, Sep 15, 2021

## Review

1. Absolute value  $|a| = \begin{cases} a & a \geq 0 \\ -a & a < 0 \end{cases}$ 
  - Easier to work with:  $|a| = \sqrt{a^2}$ 
    - Note: Square roots are zero or positive or does not exist in the reals; e.g.  $\sqrt{4}$  is **only** 2, not  $\pm 2$
    - Different question: What  $x$  satisfies  $x^2 - 4 = 0$ ? This is a *different question* and is  $\pm 2$
2. Intervals of  $x$  values
  1.  $x \in [a, b]$  – closed interval ( $a \leq x \leq b$ ), which is a set of numbers; filled dots on the number line
  2.  $x \in (a, b)$  – open interval ( $a < x < b$ ); open dots on the number line
  3.  $x \in [a, b), x \in (a, b]$  – mixed open/close intervals
  4.  $x \in (-\infty, b]$  – all  $x \leq b$ 
    - Infinity is only okay to use inside an expression when the whole expression is defined, because  $\infty$  is not a number
    - Closed brackets on infinity, e.g.  $[a, \infty]$ , is undefined because there is no useful definition for it
3. Functions: Given two sets of numbers  $x$ -set and  $y$ -set, a function is a rule that we specify that relates each  $x$  to *one*  $y$  value (very general)
  - $x$  *independent* variable,  $y$  *dependent* variable;  $x$  could be anything as long as it produces a defined  $y$
  - Note the asymmetry: each  $x$  can only relate to one  $y$ , but this requirement does not exist for  $y$
  - Example: A table of  $x$  and  $y$  values could be a function
  - The span of the set of  $x$  values is the *domain*; the span of the set of  $y$  values is the *range*
  - Functions do not have to be **well-behaved**: e.g.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 10x + 5 & x \neq 0 \\ DNE & x = 0 \end{cases}$  is a perfectly good function; so is  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \text{ rational} \\ 0 & x \text{ irrational} \end{cases}$
4. Trigonometric functions:
  - Prefer algebraic definitions over geometric definitions
  - Prefer angles to be in radians where  $2\pi$  rad is a full revolution (geometric definition of  $\pi$ )
    - For radius  $r$  the arc length corresponding to angle  $x$  is just  $rx$  (check: if  $x = 2\pi$  then  $rx = 2\pi r$ )
5. Composition of functions:  $f(g(x))$ 
  - e.g. if  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2$  and  $g(x) = \sin x$  then  $f(g(x)) = 3\sin^2 x + 2$  and  $g(f(x)) = \sin(3x^2 + 2)$
6. Increasing/decreasing functions
  - Given  $x_1 > x_2$  for any two values of  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in some interval, if  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ , define  $f(x)$  to be **increasing** on this interval; if  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ , define  $f(x)$  to be **decreasing** on this interval
  - Example: Prove  $x^2 + 2$  is increasing for  $x > 0$ 
    - Take any  $x_1 > x_2 > 0$
    - $0 < x_1^2 < x_1x_2$  and  $0 < x_1x_2 < x_2^2 \implies x_1^2 < x_2^2 \implies x_1^2 + 2 < x_2^2 + 2 \implies f(x_1) < f(x_2)$
7. Even/odd functions
  - $f(x) = f(-x)$  is an even function;  $f(x) = -f(-x)$  is an odd function
8. Basic Arithmetic Theorem (BAT1)
  - Prove a true equality: e.g.  $1 + 2 = 6 - 3$ 
    - You can add, subtract, multiply, and divide both sides of an equality by the same factor and get another true equality
    - This is a theorem and can be proven
  - Prove a true inequality: e.g.  $3 < 5$ 
    - Get another true inequality by applying the same operations, **except** if multiplication or division is involved *and* the factor is negative, then the direction of the inequality changes
    - Also a theorem that can be proved using axioms