

Mathematics

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**GCE Mathematics:
Algebra and Functions
Paper C2 and C3**

**Do you know how to
imagine functions as a
relationship between boys
and girls?**



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Functions: Paper C2

1. Relationship between Dividend, Divisor, Quotient and Remainder.

Andy wants to point out that  :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-a) / (ax-b) \times Q(x) + R(x) \\ \text{Dividend} &= \text{Divisor} \times \text{Quotient} + \text{Remainder} \end{aligned}$$

e.g. $(x^2 + 3) \div (x - 1)$, $(x^2 + 3) = (x - 1)(x + 1) + 4$ [Long Division]

e.g. $(2x^2 + 3) \div (2x - 1)$, $(2x^2 + 3) = (2x - 1)(x + \frac{1}{2}) + \frac{7}{2}$ [Long Division]

2. Remainder Theorem: Find Remainder of $f(x)$.

Remainder Theorem

When a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $x - a$, the remainder is equal to $f(a)$.

When a polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $mx - n$, the remainder is equal to $f\left(\frac{n}{m}\right)$.

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Remainder Theorem \Rightarrow Find Remainder

2. Divided by $x-a$, put $x = a$ in $f(x)$ Easy to Remember: $(x-a=0, x=a)$

3. Divided by $mx-n$, put $x = n/m$ in $f(x)$ Easy to Remember: $(mx-n=0, x=n/m)$

3. Factor Theorem: Find Factor of $f(x)$

Factor Theorem

$f(x)$ is a polynomial and $f(a) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x - a$ is a factor of the polynomial $f(x)$.

$f(x)$ is a polynomial and $f\left(\frac{n}{m}\right) = 0 \Leftrightarrow mx - n$ is a factor of the polynomial $f(x)$.

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Factor Theorem \Rightarrow Find Factor (linear factor) \Rightarrow By Guessing Only !!!

2. Meaning of a Factor: The remainder after division equals zero.

3. Factor Theorem is a special case of Remainder Theorem. i.e. the remainder = zero !!!

4. To Solve polynomial equations with degree = 3

Q: How to solve polynomial equations with degree = 3

A: Factor Theorem + Long Division + Factorization of quadratic polynomials.

Functions: Paper C3

1. Simplification of the following fractions:

$$\frac{1}{ax+b}, \frac{ax+b}{px^2+qx+r}, \frac{x^3+1}{x^2-1}$$

2. Definition of a function: $y = f(x)$ / $y = f : x \rightarrow \dots$

i. $\forall x \in D, \exists y \in R$ s.t. $f(x) = y$

(For all x belonging to the Domain, there exists a y belonging to the Range such that $f(x) = y$)

ii. $x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

(Same $x \Rightarrow$ Same y)

iii. Domain: x-restrictions / Range: y-restrictions

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Definition of Function \Rightarrow Imagine the relationship between boys and girls.

\Rightarrow x: Boys, y: Girls

i. $\forall x \in D, \exists y \in R$ s.t. $f(x) = y$

(i.e. Every boy (x) have to chase after girls (y) ! 所有男仔(x) 都要追女仔(y) !)

ii. $x_1 = x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) = f(x_2)$

(i.e. One boy(x) can chase after one girl(y) only! 一個男仔(x) 只可以追一個女仔(y) !)

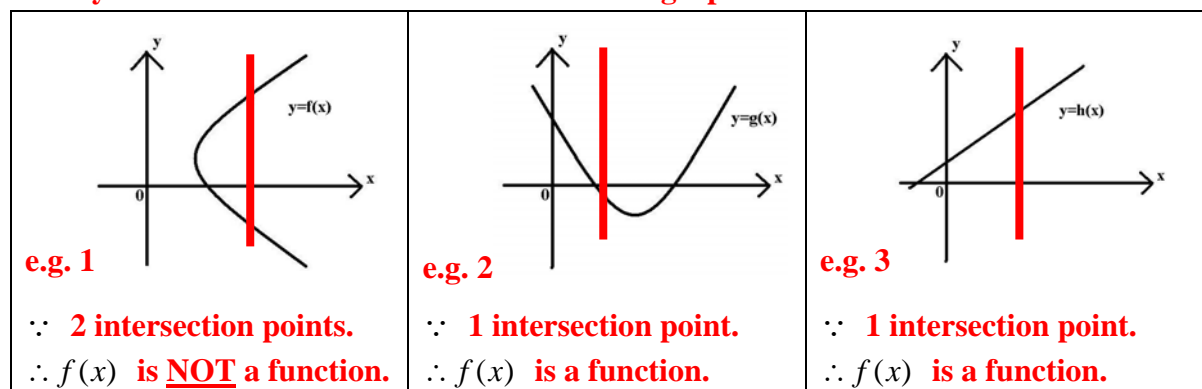
3. How to check whether it is a function?

Q: How to check whether is is a function.

A: If one x is mapped to 2 values of y , then it is not a function

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Easy to Remember: Vertical Line Test on the graph.



4. One-to-One mapping and Many-to-one mapping

Q: What is one-to-one mapping from domain to range?

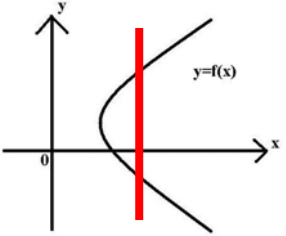
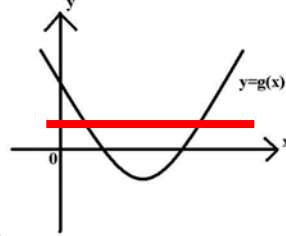
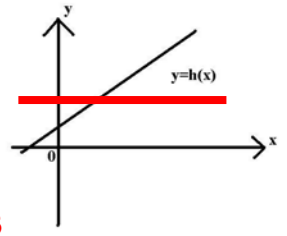
A: Same $y \Rightarrow$ Same x

Q: What is many-to-one mapping from domain to range?

A: Same $y \Rightarrow$ More than one x

Andy wants to point out that  **:**

1. Easy to Remember: Horizontal Line Test on the graph.

 <p>e.g. 1</p> <p>$\therefore f(x)$ is not a function. (even V.L.T. can't be passed !!!) \therefore We can ignore it.</p>	 <p>e.g. 2</p> <p>\therefore 2 intersection points $\therefore f(x)$ is a <u>many-to-one</u> mapping</p>	 <p>e.g. 3</p> <p>\therefore 1 intersection point. $\therefore f(x)$ is a <u>one-to-one</u> function.</p>
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5. Composite Functions

Q: What is composite functions $fg(x)$?

A: $fg(x)$ means "Do g first then f "

6. Inverse function f^{-1}

Q: What is inverse functions f^{-1} ?

A: Reverse the relationship of x and y .

Andy wants to point out that  **:**

1. Easy to Remember: Change of subject (i.e. x in terms of y)

2. Domain of $f =$ Range of f^{-1}

3. Range of $f^{-1} =$ Domain of f

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

5. Pay attention to find the Domain and Range of $f(x)$.

$f(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}, \quad x \in R, x \neq 1$ $\Rightarrow f(x) \in R$	$y = \frac{1}{x}, \quad x \in R, x \neq 0$ $\Rightarrow f(x) \in R$	$y = (x-1)^2, \quad x \in R$ $\Rightarrow f(x) \in R, f(x) \geq 0$
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6. Standard procedures for solving functions questions:

a. Find the range of a given $f(x)$ with domain.

b. Find the inverse function $f^{-1}(x)$ with domain and Range specified.

c. Sketch the function. (refer to point 7)

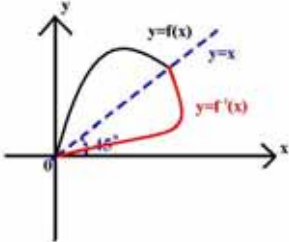
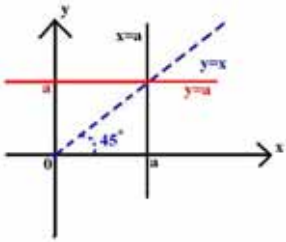
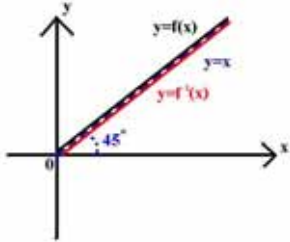
7. Symmetric Properties between $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ about the $y = x$

Q: What is the relationship between $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ on the graph?

A: They are symmetrical about $y = x$.

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Easy to Remember: $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$ are symmetrical about $y = x$.

 <p>e.g. 1 $y = x$: Dotted straight line $f(x)$: curve black in-color $f^{-1}(x)$: curve red-in-color</p>	 <p>e.g. 2 $y = x$: Dotted straight line $f(x)$: curve black in-color $f^{-1}(x)$: curve red-in-color</p>	 <p>e.g. 3 $y = x$: Dotted straight line $f(x)$: curve black in-color $f^{-1}(x)$: curve red-in-color</p>
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8. The meaning of modulus.

Q: What is the meaning of modulus?

A: Modulus means “make every thing positive”.

Strictly Speaking: $|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$

e.g.1 $|7| = 7$

e.g.2 $|-7| = -(-7) = 7$

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Easy to Remember: $|a| = a$ if a is positive, $|a| = -a$ if a is negative.

(如果 a 是正數 \Rightarrow 不變，如果 a 是負數 \Rightarrow 比個負號佢。)

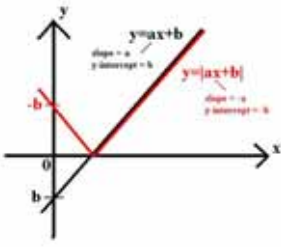
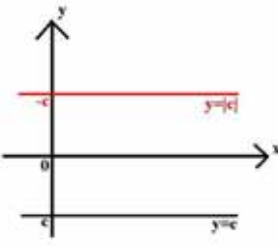
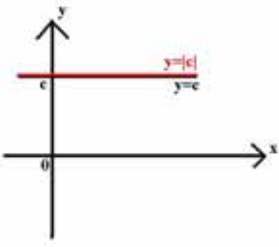
9. The modulus functions $y = |ax + b|$, $|f(x)|$ and $f(|x|)$

Q: What is the meaning of modulus function $y = |ax + b|$?

A: $y = |ax + b|$ means “make all y-coordinates on the straight line become positive”

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Easy to Remember: Change all “-y” to “+y”.
(將所有“-y”變“+y”.)

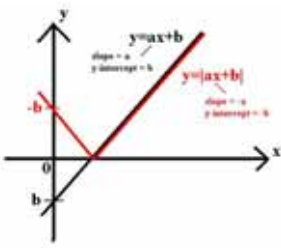
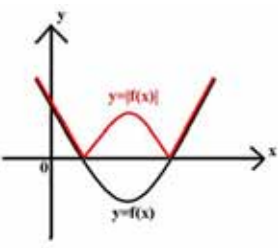
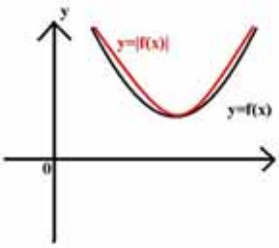
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Q: What is the meaning of modulus function $|f(x)|$?

A: $|f(x)|$ means “make all y-coordinates on the curve/straight line become positive”

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. Easy to Remember: Reflect all “-y” side about x-axis and then delete all “-y” side
(將所有“-y”變反上去變“+y”，再消滅所有“-y”)

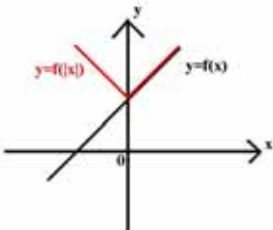
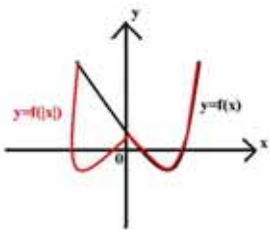
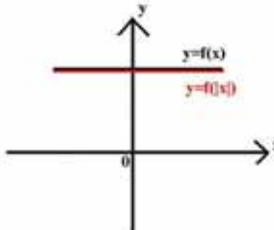
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Q: What is the meaning of modulus function $y = f(|x|)$?

A: $y = f(|x|)$ means “make all y-coordinates of negative x-coordinates become the y-coordinates of corresponding positive x-coordinates”

Andy wants to point out that  :

**1. Easy to Remember: Delete all “-x” side and then reflect all “+x” side about y-axis.
(消滅所有“-x”, 再將所有“+x”反過去變“-x”)**

 <p>e.g. 1 $y = f(x)$: black in-color $y = f(x)$: red-in-color</p>	 <p>e.g. 2 $y = f(x)$: black in-color $y = f(x)$: red-in-color</p>	 <p>e.g. 3 $y = f(x)$: black in-color $y = f(x)$: red-in-color</p>
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10. Transformation of functions $y = \pm c \bullet f(\pm ax \pm b) \pm d$.

$\pm d \Leftrightarrow$ 上/下移動 Shift upwards / downwards

$\pm b \Leftrightarrow$ 左/右移動 Shift to left / right

$y = \pm c \bullet f(\pm ax \pm b) \pm d$

$0 < +a < 1, +a > 1 \Leftrightarrow$ 拉長/夾扁 scaling

$-a \Leftrightarrow$ 左右反轉 reflect about y-axis

$+c > 1, 0 < +c < 1 \Leftrightarrow$ 拉高/壓扁 scaling

$-c \Leftrightarrow$ 上下反轉 reflect about x-axis

<p>$f(x) = \sin x$</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin x + 1$ 上移 ↑</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin x - 1$ 下移 ↓</p>
<p>$f(x) = -\sin x$ 上下反轉 ↑↓</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin(x + 1)$ 左移 ←</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin(x - 1)$ 右移 →</p>
<p>$f(x) = \sin(-x)$ 左右反轉 →←</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin 2x$ 夾扁 →←←</p>	<p>$f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{2} x$ 拉長 ↔</p>
	<p>$f(x) = 2 \sin x$ 拉高 ↑↓</p>	<p>$f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin x$ 壓扁 ↑↓</p>

Andy wants to point out that  :

1. You have to know how to do more than one transformation for a given $f(x)$.
2. For Trigo. Functions, e.g. $4 \cos(-x) \Leftrightarrow$ know to sketch the original $f(x)$ too.

The End.