

Advanced Calculus

Session 1
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Organization:

- see syllabus on campusnet
- website
- class: Mon, Wed: 11:15-12:30, 2H Res. I
- weekly homework sheets (starting Mon, Sep. 10)
 - ↳ new sheet on Mondays, due Mondays before class
 - ↳ graded (two worst sheets disregarded for grading)
- weekly tutorial
- TAs: Maria Oprea, Benedikt Stock
- 2 exams:
 - midterm (Wed, Oct. 24)
 - final (in final exam period, Dec)

- grade: 20% HW (final > midterm)
30% midterm => midterm grade = final grade)
50% final

- Topics:
1. Introduction (function, limits, continuity, power series, complex numbers)
 2. Differentiation
 3. Integration
 4. Differential Equations
 5. Fourier series
 6. Many variable (higher dimension)

1. Introduction

1.1 Polynomials

Definition: a polynomial of degree n ($n > 0$) is

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

with some $a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{R}$ (\mathbb{R} = real numbers) ($a_n \neq 0$)

polynomial equation: $x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$

($a_n = 1$ here by convention)

↳ solutions are called roots of the eq.
= zeroes of the polynomial

$n=1$: linear eq.: $x + a_0 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{sol.}: x = -a_0$

\Rightarrow there is always exactly one solution

$n=2$: quadratic eq.: $x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = 0$

$$\text{solution: } x^2 + a_1 x + \left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 - a_0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(x + \frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 - a_0$$

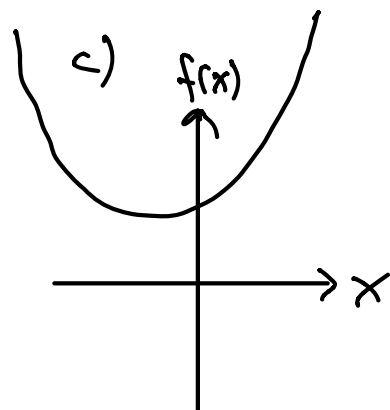
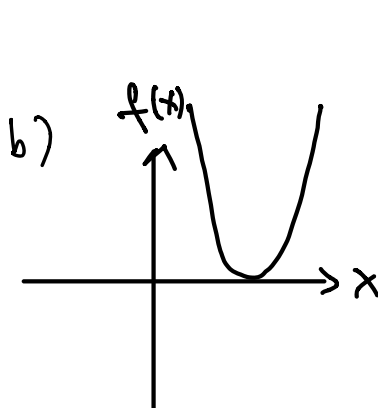
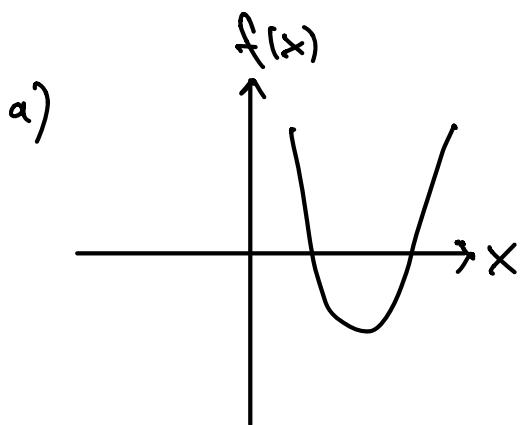
$$\Rightarrow \text{zeroes: } x_{\pm} = -\frac{a_1}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 - a_0}$$

a) $\left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 > a_0 \Rightarrow$ two real roots

b) $\left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 = a_0 \Rightarrow$ one real root

c) $\left(\frac{a_1}{2}\right)^2 < a_0 \Rightarrow$ no real root (but two complex roots
↳ later)

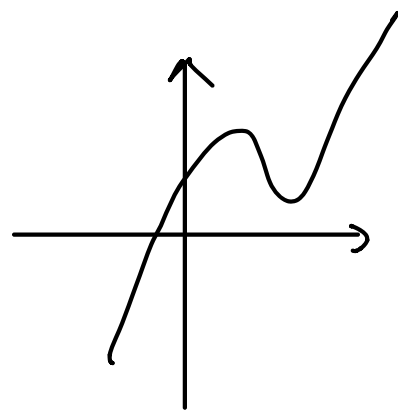
graphs of $f(x) = x^2 + a_1x + a_0$



n=3: cubic eq.: $x^3 + a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0 = 0$

↳ no explicit formula, but recipes

↳ there is at least one real root



recipe: simplify eq. by setting $y = \frac{a_2}{3} + x$ ($x = y - \frac{a_2}{3}$)

$\left(y - \frac{a_2}{3}\right)^3 + a_2\left(y - \frac{a_2}{3}\right)^2 + a_1\left(y - \frac{a_2}{3}\right) + a_0 = 0$

\Rightarrow compute ...

note:
 $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$
 $(a+b)^3 = a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3$

$\Leftrightarrow y^3 + \underbrace{\left(-\frac{a_2}{3} + a_1\right)}_p y + \underbrace{\left(\frac{2}{27}a_2^3 - \frac{a_1a_2}{3} + a_0\right)}_q = 0$

\Rightarrow only need to solve $y^3 + py + q = 0$

solution trick (Vieta): set $y = z - \frac{p}{3z}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(z - \frac{p}{3z}\right)^3 + p\left(z - \frac{p}{3z}\right) + q = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow z^6 + qz^3 - \frac{p^3}{27} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (z^3)^2 + q(z^3) - \frac{p^3}{27} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sol.} \therefore z^3 = -\frac{q}{3} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{q}{3}\right)^2 + \frac{p^3}{27}}$$

\Rightarrow depending on p and q there can be 1, 2, 3 real roots
(need complex numbers \rightarrow later)

$n > 3$: - for $n=4$ there is a solution recipe

• for $n > 4$ no general recipe (Abel, Galois, 19th century)

\hookrightarrow numerical methods necessary (later)

Theorem: any polynomial of degree n has exactly n possibly complex roots.

(no proof here)

\hookrightarrow note: counted multiplicity, as in,
e.g., $(x-1)^4 = 0$