

MAT 1330, Fall 2016 Assignment 1  
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QUESTION 1. For any function  $f$ , we denote by  $D_f$  the maximal domain. Consider the two functions

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}, \quad g(x) = \cot(x).$$

Find the domains of the functions  $f$ ,  $g$ ,  $f \circ g$ , and  $g \circ f$ .

For  $f$ : Denominator  $\neq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq -1$ .      For  $g$ :  $\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$   
 $\sin(x) = 0 \iff x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

For  $f \circ g$ : Avoid all  $x$  s.t.  $g(x) \notin D_f$ , i.e.  $g(x) \neq -1$   
 $g(x) \neq -1 \Leftrightarrow \cos(x) \neq -\sin(x) \Leftrightarrow x \neq \frac{3\pi}{4} + n\pi$

Answer:

$$D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -1\}$$

$$D_g = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$D_{f \circ g} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq n\pi, x \neq \frac{3\pi}{4} + n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$D_{g \circ f} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq -1, x \neq \frac{n\pi}{1-n\pi}, n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

For  $g \circ f$ : Avoid all  $x$  s.t.  $f(x) \notin D_g$ , i.e.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1} \neq n\pi$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \neq \frac{n\pi}{1-n\pi}$

QUESTION 2. (a) Solve the following inequality.

$$\left| \frac{2}{5x^2 + 6x + 7} \right| < \frac{1}{3}$$

Answer:  $x < -1$  or  $x > -\frac{1}{5}$

Check the denominator:  $5x^2 + 6x + 7 = 0$  if  $x = \frac{1}{10} [-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 140}]$   
not a real number,

$\Rightarrow$  denominator is positive.

$\Rightarrow$  Cross-multiply to get  $5x^2 + 6x + 7 > 6$  or  $5x^2 + 6x + 1 > 0$ .

Solve for  $= 0$ :  $x = \frac{1}{10} [-6 \pm \sqrt{36 - 20}] = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} -1 \\ -\frac{1}{5} \end{array} \right.$

Since it is an upward parabola:  $5x^2 + 6x + 1 > 0$  if  $x \notin [-1, -\frac{1}{5}]$

(b) Solve the following inequality.

$$\frac{1}{x+1} < \frac{1}{x^2 + 4x + 3}$$

Answer:  $x < -3$  or  $-2 < x < -1$

Notice:  $x^2 + 4x + 3 = (x+1)(x+3)$

Case 1: If  $x > -1$  then  $x+1 > 0$ . Multiply by  $(x+1)$ :  $1 < \frac{1}{x+3}$

Since  $x > -1$ ,  $x+3 > 0$ . Multiply:  $x+3 < 1 \Rightarrow x < -2$   
incompatible with  $x > -1$ .

Case 2:  $x < -1$  then  $x+1 < 0$ . Multiply by  $(x+1)$ :  $1 > \frac{1}{x+3}$

If  $x > -3$  then  $x+3 > 0$  or  $x > -2 \Rightarrow -2 < x < -1$

If  $x < -3$  then  $x+3 < 0$  or  $x < -2 \Rightarrow x < -3$

QUESTION 3. Suppose that a population of bacteria is monitored daily. Its volume is multiplied by the same number every day. Hence, the volume  $V_t$  on day  $t$  satisfies the DTDS

$$V_{t+1} = rV_t.$$

Suppose that the initial volume is  $V_0 = 8\text{ml}$  and the volume at day 17 is  $V_{17} = 16\text{ml}$ .

(a) Find the value of  $r$ .

$$\begin{aligned} V_{t+1} &= rV_t \Rightarrow V_t = r^t V_0 \Rightarrow V_{17} = r^{17} \cdot V_0 \\ \Rightarrow r^{17} &= 2 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt[17]{2} \end{aligned}$$

Answer:

$$r = \sqrt[17]{2}$$

(b) On which day is the volume equal to 64ml?

$$V_t = 64 = r^t \cdot 8. \text{ solve for } t \text{ where } r = \sqrt[17]{2}$$

$$8 = (2^{1/17})^t = 2^{t/17}$$

$$\text{require } t/17 = 3$$

$$\text{or } t = 3 \cdot 17 = 51$$

Answer:

$$V_{51} = 64$$

QUESTION 4. Suppose that when you finish your studies and it is time to pay back your loans, you have a debt of \$ 100,000. From now on, every month, the bank adds 0.5% of the current value in interest. At the end of each month, you pay \$1,000. You receive a monthly statement of the remaining value of your loan, denoted  $L_t$ , immediately after your  $t$ -th payment. (In particular,  $L_0 = 100,000$ .)

(a) Write down the DTDS for  $L_t$  and the updating function.

The DTDS is:  $L_{t+1} =$   $1.005 L_t - 1000$

The updating function is:  $f(L) =$   $1.005 L - 1000$

(b) When you receive the statement for  $L_{16}$ , you realize that you have lost the statement for  $L_{15}$ . Find the formula that calculates  $L_{15}$  from  $L_{16}$ .

$$L_{t+1} = 1.005 L_t - 1000 \quad \Rightarrow \quad L_{t+1} + 1000 = 1.005 L_t$$

$$L_t = \frac{1}{1.005} (L_{t+1} + 1000)$$

$L_{15} =$   $(L_{16} + 1000) / 1.005$

(c) Write down the general solution formula for the DTDS.

Answer:  $L_t = (1.005)^t (L_0 - L^*) + L^*$   $L^* = \frac{-1000}{-0.005}$

(d) How many months does it take to pay down the entire loan? Calculate the smallest  $t$  for which  $L_t \leq 0$ .

$$0 = (1.005)^t (L_0 - L^*) + L^* \quad \text{solve for } t$$

$$(1.005)^t = -\frac{L^*}{L_0 - L^*} \quad t = \frac{\ln(-\frac{L^*}{L_0 - L^*})}{\ln(1.005)} = \frac{\ln(2)}{\ln(1.005)} \approx 138.97$$

Answer:  $t = 139$

(e) Your bank changes its mailing policies: To save money, they only send out a statement every other month. Your payment schedule does not change. Find the corresponding updating function.

$$L_{t+2} = 1.005 (1.005 L_t - 1000) - 1000$$

Answer:  $L_{t+2} =$   $(1.005)^2 L_t - 2005$

$f(x) = (1.005^2)x - 2005$  est la fonction itérative