

(Week 12) Class Handout: Relations and max/min of some trigonometric functions

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The points here are sketchy. You may have to fill in a lot of details.

1 Relations

1. The cartesian product of two sets A and B is the set of all ordered pairs with the first element from A and second element from B .

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

Example: Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ and $B = \{a, b, c\}$. Then, the cartesian product is $\{\{a, 1\}, \{a, 2\}, \{a, 3\}, \{b, 1\}, \{b, 2\}, \{b, 3\}, \{c, 1\}, \{c, 2\}, \{c, 3\}\}$

2. A relation from set A to set B is a subset of the cartesian product $A \times B$.
If $a \rightarrow b$, we say ${}_aR_b$

3. A relation is a generalization of function, in sense that we do not have the restrictions:

- Every element in the domain is mapped to some element of the co-domain.
- Every element in the domain maps to exactly one element of the co-domain.

4. Properties of a relation $R: S \rightarrow S$:

- relation is reflexive if $aR_a \forall a \in S$
- relation is symmetric if $aR_b \Rightarrow bR_a$
- relation is transitive if aR_b and $bR_c \Rightarrow aR_c$

5. A relation which is reflexive, symmetric and transitive is called 'equivalence' relation.

6. Examples: Test whether the relations are reflexive, symmetric and transitive

- Let R be a relation on \mathbb{R} such that aR_b if $ab \geq 0$.

(a) Note that $a^2 \geq 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$. Hence, R is reflexive.

(b) If $ab \geq 0 \Rightarrow ba = ab \geq 0$. Hence, R is symmetric.

(c) $1R_0$ and $0R_{-1}$, but $1R_{-1}$ is not true. Hence, not transitive.

What happens if we replace $ab \geq 0$ by $ab < 0$

- Let R be a relation on \mathbb{R} such that aR_b if $|a - b| > 1$

(a) Note that $|a - a| < 1$. Hence, the relation is not reflexive.

(b) If $|a - b| > 1$, we have $|b - a| = |a - b| > 1$. Hence, the relation is symmetric.

(c) Note that $1R_2$ and $2R_{0.5}$, but $1R_{0.5}$ is not true. Hence, the relation is not transitive.

What happens if we replace $|a - b| > 1$ by $|a - b| \leq 1$

- Let R be a relation on \mathbb{N} such that aR_b if $a + 5b$ is even.

(a) $a + 5a = 6a$ is always even. Hence, the relation is reflexive.

(b) Let $a + 5b$ is even.

Case 1: Let a be even. Then, $5b$ should be even too. Hence, b is even. Further, $5a + b$ is even.

Case 2: Let a be odd. Then, $5b$ should be odd too. Hence, b is odd. Further, $5a + b$ is even.

Hence, the relation is symmetric. (the essence the argument was in recognising the fact that a and b have same parity)

(c) Let $a + 5b$ and $b + 5c$ be even. Note that all of them (a, b, c) are of same parity. Hence, its transitive.

7. Let R be an equivalence relation on set S . We define 'the equivalence class of an element $a \in S$ ' denoted by $[a]$ as the set of all elements related to a . Note that $[a] \neq \emptyset$ as $a \in [a]$.
8. Some facts without a proof: Let R be an equivalence relation on set S . If aRb , then $[a] \cap [b] = [a] = [b]$. If $a \not R b$, then $[a] \cap [b] = \emptyset$. The set all equivalence classes partition the set S .
9. Exercises: Test whether the relations are reflexive, symmetric and transitive
 - Let R be a relation on \mathbb{N} such that aRb if $hcf(a, b) = 1$
 - Let R be a relation on \mathbb{N} such that aRb if $lcm(a, b) > max(a, b)$
 - Let R be a relation on set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} except the emptyset such that $A R B$ if $n(A \cap B) \geq 1$ (where $n(X)$ stands for the number elements in set X)

2 Finding maximum and minimum of some trigonometric functions

1. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Find the maximum and minimum value of $f(x) = a \sin x + b \cos x$

$$\begin{aligned}
a \sin x + b \cos x &= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \left(\frac{a}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \sin x + \frac{b}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \cos x \right) \\
&= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} (\cos \theta \sin x + \sin \theta \cos x) \\
&= \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} \sin(\theta + x)
\end{aligned}$$

where $\tan \theta = \frac{b}{a}$

Hence, the maximum and minimum values of the function are $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ and $-\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ respectively.

2. Examples: Find the max/min of these functions.

- $f(x) = 4 \sin x \cos x + 6(1 - 2 \cos^2 x)$

Observe that $f(x) = 2 \sin 2x - 6 \cos 2x$. Hence, $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{4 + 36} = 2\sqrt{10}$.

The max and min are $2\sqrt{10}$ and $-2\sqrt{10}$ respectively.

- $f(x) = \cos 2x + \cos x$

Note that both $\cos x$ and $\cos 2x$ equal to 1, when $x = 0$. Hence, the max value is 2.

To find the minimum:

$\cos 2x + \cos x = 2 \cos^2 x - 1 + \cos x$ (here is an invitation to complete the square)

$$\begin{aligned}
&= (\sqrt{2} \cos x)^2 + 2 \times \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \times \sqrt{2} \cos x - 1 + \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 \\
&= \left(\sqrt{2} \cos x + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \right)^2 - \left(1 + \frac{1}{8} \right) \\
&= 2 \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{4} \right)^2 - \frac{9}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

Note that term with the square acquires its minimum value, 0 when $\cos x = -\frac{1}{4}$. Hence the minimum value of the function is $-\frac{9}{8}$.

We can find the maximum value by maximizing the square term, by putting $\cos x = 1$.