

FY - FCS - Homework 2

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Exercise 1. We have the function

$$F : \begin{array}{l} [-1, +\infty] \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \qquad \qquad \mapsto \log_e(x+1) + 2 \end{array}$$

1. Draw the graph of F . Mark the intersections with the axis and the vertex.
2. Determine $F([1, 4])$.
3. Determine $F^{-1}(1)$.
4. Determine $F^{-1}(1/2)$.
5. Determine $F^{-1}([-1, 1])$.
6. Solve, with approximation if necessary, the equation $F(x) = x^2$
7. Is F invertible? If it is, determine the formula for its inverse and draw its graph.

Solutions: we draw the graph F , remembering the graph of $\log_e : \mathbb{R}^+ \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and shifting it up by 2 and to the left by 1.

1. Since $F(1) = \log_e(2) + 2 \simeq 0.7 + 2 \simeq 2.7$ and $F(4) = \log_e(5) + 2 \simeq 1.6 + 2 = 3.6$, looking at the graph we have $F([1, 4]) = [F(1), F(4)] \simeq [2.7, 3.6]$.

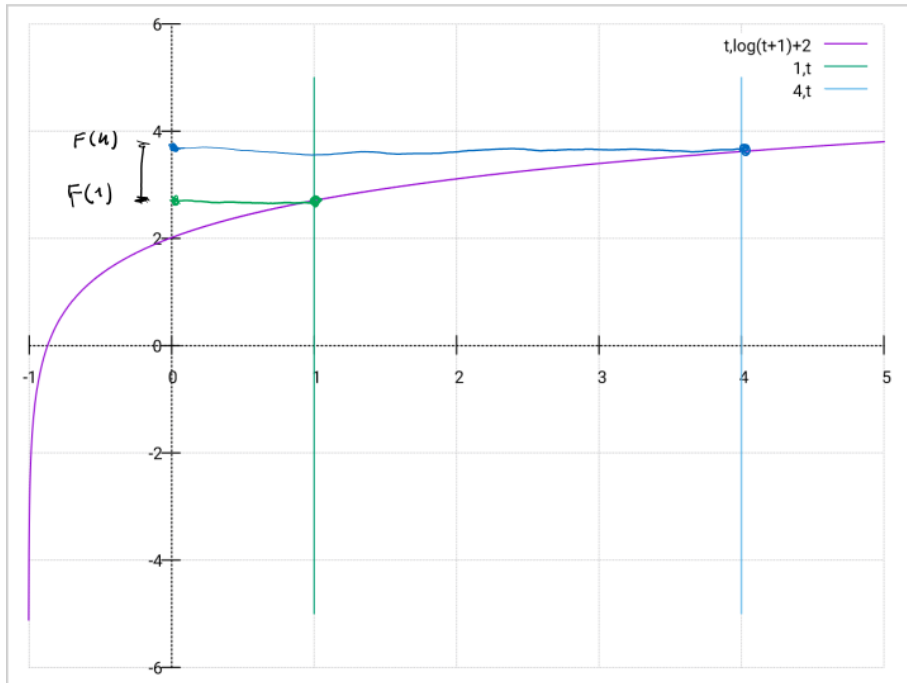


Figure 1: $F([1, 2])$

2. Determine $F^{-1}(1)$.

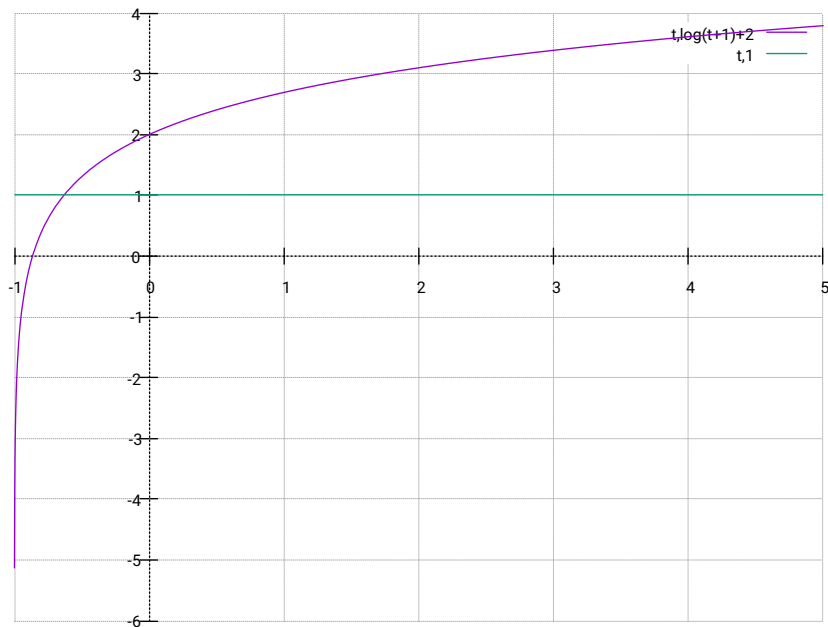


Figure 2: Intersection of the graph of F with the line $y = 1$

We have to solve

$$\begin{aligned}\log_e(x+1) + 2 &= 1 \\ \log_e(x+1) &= -1 \\ e^{\log_e(x+1)} &= e^{-1} \\ x+1 &= 1/e \\ x &= 1/e - 1 \\ x &\simeq 0.36 - 1 \\ x &\simeq -0.64\end{aligned}$$

3. Determine $F^{-1}(1/2)$.

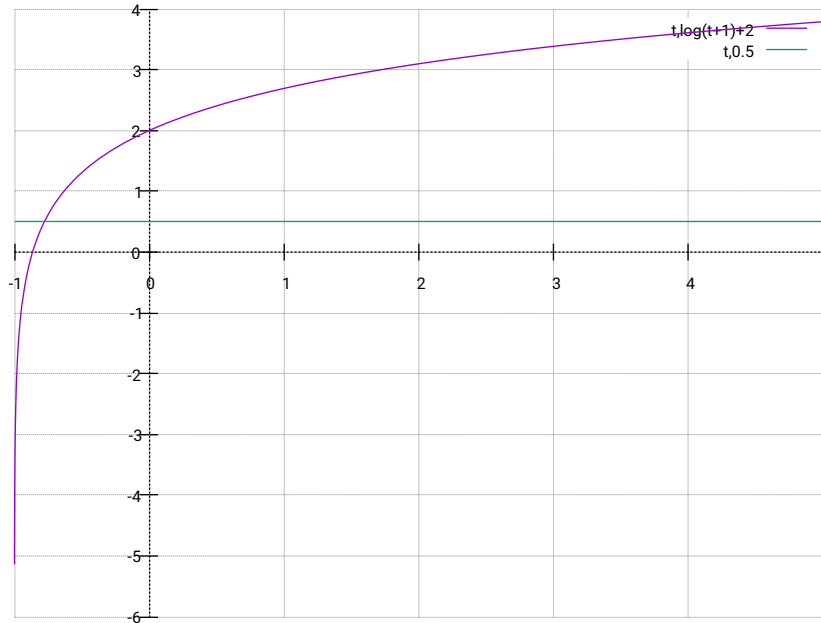


Figure 3: Intersection of the graph of F with the line $y = 1/2$

We solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_e(x+1) + 2 &= 1/2 \\
 \log_e(x+1) &= -3/2 \\
 e^{\log_e(x+1)} &= e^{-3/2} \\
 x+1 &= \frac{1}{e^{3/2}} \\
 x+1 &= \frac{1}{e\sqrt{e}} \\
 x+1 &= \frac{1}{e\sqrt{e}} - 1 \\
 x+1 &= 0.2 - 1 \\
 x &\simeq -0.8
 \end{aligned}$$

4. Determine $F^{-1}([-1, 1])$.

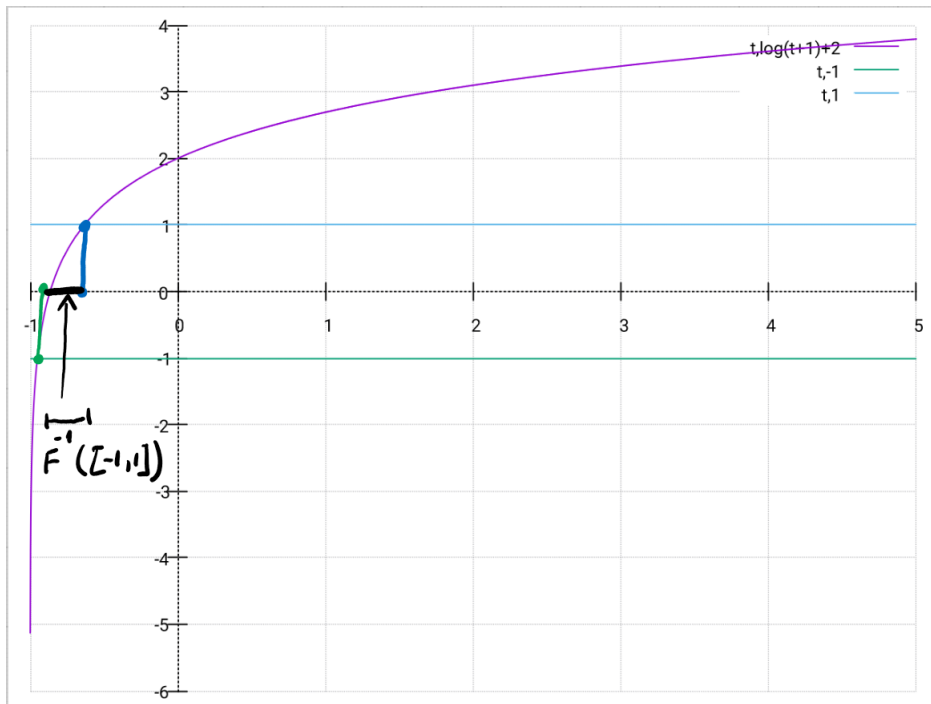


Figure 4: Intersection of the graph of F with the lines $y = -1, y = 1$

It is immediate from the graph that $F^{-1}([-1, 1]) = [a, b]$.

We have already computed b , that is $F^{-1}(1) \simeq -0.64$. To compute $a = F^{-1}(-1)$ We solve

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_e(x+1) + 2 &= -1 \\
 \log_e(x+1) &= -3 \\
 e^{\log_e(x+1)} &= e^{-3} \\
 x+1 &= \frac{1}{e^3} \\
 x &= \frac{1}{e^3} - 1 \\
 x &= 0.05 - 1 \\
 x &\simeq -0.95
 \end{aligned}$$

and so $a = -0.95$ and

$$F^{-1}([-1, 1]) \simeq [-0.95, -0.64]$$

5. Solve, with approximation if necessary, the equation $F(x) = x^2$.

We draw the graph of the function and the parabola $y = x^2$.

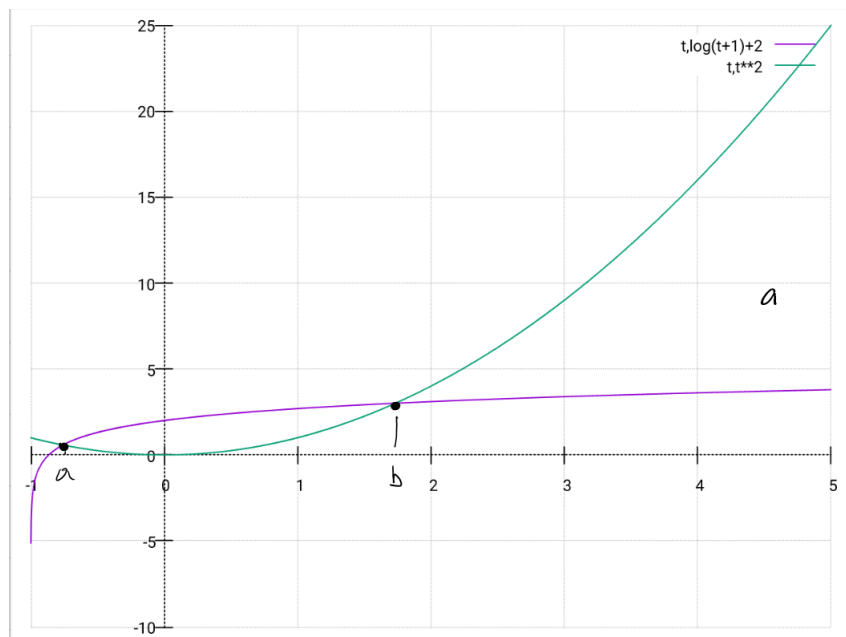


Figure 5: Intersection of the graph of F with the parabola $y = x^2$

It is clear that there are two intersections, a, b , with $a \in (-1, -0.5)$ and $b \in (1.5, 2)$

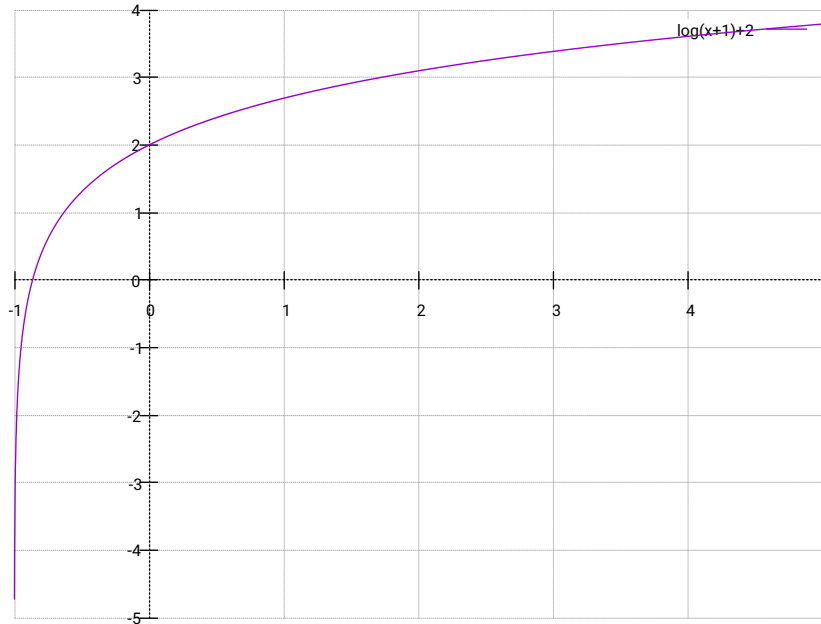


Figure 6: Graph of $F(x) = \log_e(x + 1) + 2$

6. By looking at the graph of F it is obvious that any horizontal line $y = a$, with $a \in \mathbb{R}$ intersects F once and only once. The function F is hence invertible, and there exists $F^{-1} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, +\infty)$. To get the inverse formula, we solve for x the equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 \log_e(x + 1) + 2 &= y \\
 \log_e(x + 1) &= y - 2 \\
 e^{\log_e(x+1)} &= e^{y-2} \\
 x + 1 &= e^{y-2} \\
 x &= e^{y-2} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

The third step is OK because the function e^x has as domain the whole \mathbb{R} , and we can hence apply it to both sides of the equation without regard to the values $\log_e(x + 1)$, $y - 2$. The fourth step is OK because the functions e^x and $\log_e(x)$ are inverses.

The inverse is so

$$\begin{aligned}
 F^{-1} : \mathbb{R} &\rightarrow (-1, +\infty) \\
 y &\mapsto e^{y-2} - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

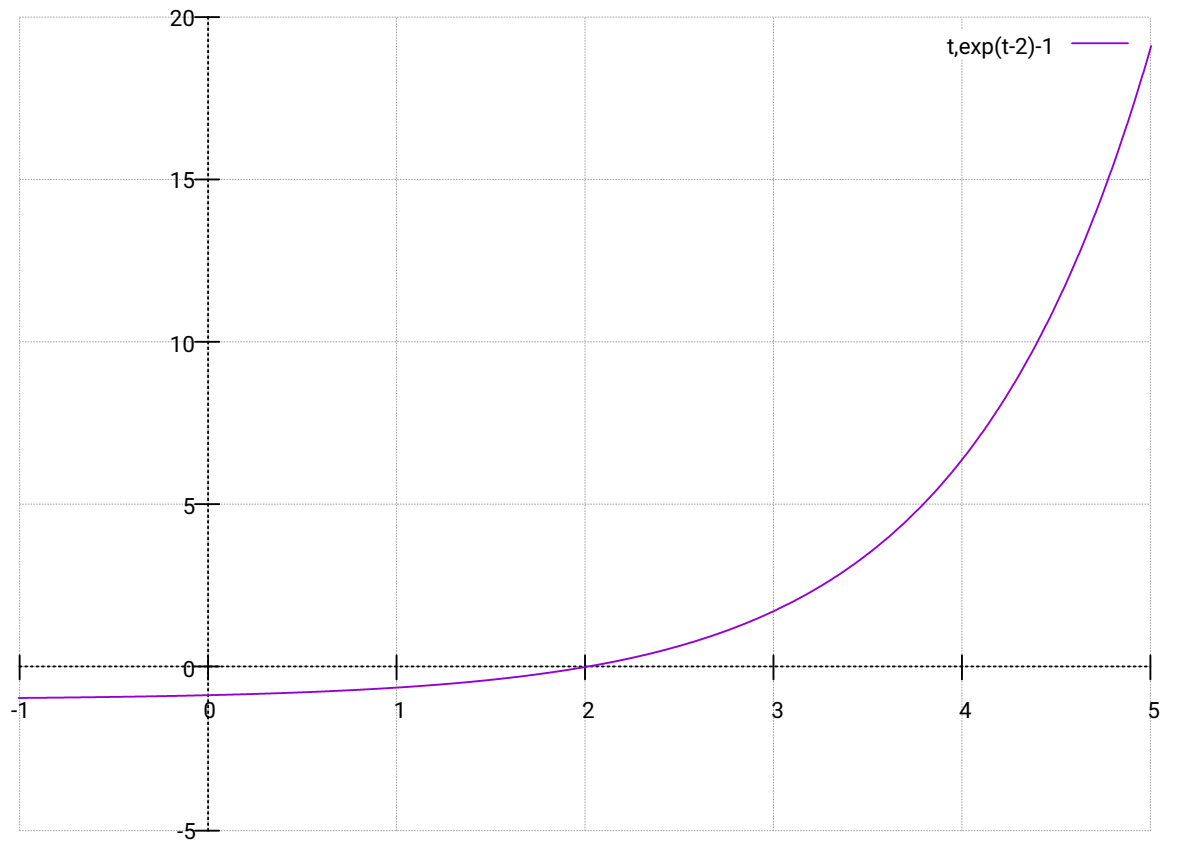


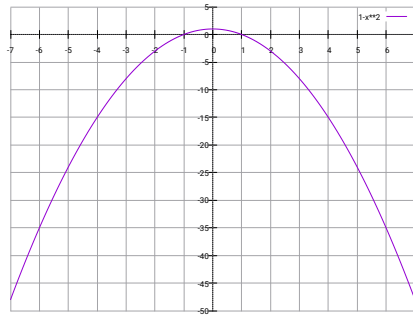
Figure 7: The graph of $F^{-1} : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow (-1, +\infty)$, $F^{-1}(x) = e^{y-2} - 1$

Exercise 2. Find the definition field for the formula

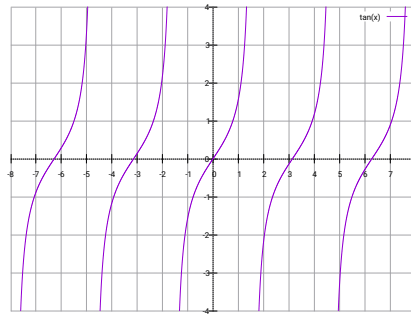
$$\begin{array}{rcl} h : [-2\pi, 2\pi] & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \longmapsto & \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \tan(x)}{(1-x^2) \sin(x)} \end{array}$$

We have the following constraints

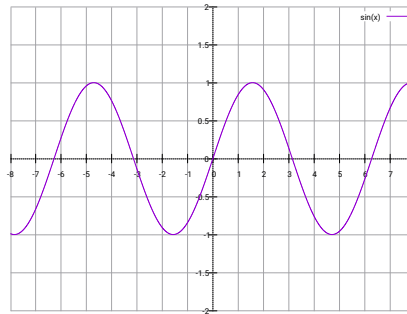
$$\left\{ \begin{array}{ll} 1 - x^2 \geq 0 & \text{root existence} \\ x \neq k\pi/2, k \in \mathbb{Z} & \text{tangent existence} \\ 1 - x^2 \neq 0 & \text{denominator} \neq 0 \\ \sin(x) \neq 0 & \text{denominator} \neq 0 \end{array} \right.$$



(a) $y = 1 - x^2$



(b) $y = \tan(x)$



(c) $y = \sin(x)$

Figure 8: The elementary function graphs

Looking at the graphs we easily see that

1. $1 - x^2 \geq 0 \implies x \in [-1, 1]$.
2. $x \neq k\pi/2, k \in \mathbb{Z} \implies x \notin \{\dots, -5/2\pi, -3/2\pi, -\pi/2, \pi/2, 3/2\pi, 5/2\pi, \dots\}$.
And since, $x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$ this is equivalent to $x \notin \{-3/2\pi, -\pi/2, \pi/2, 3/2\pi\}$.
3. $1 - x^2 \neq 0 \implies x^2 \neq 1 \implies x \neq \pm 1$.
4. $\sin(x) \neq 0 \implies x \neq \pi + k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z} \implies x \notin \{\dots, -3\pi, -2\pi, \pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi, \dots\}$.
And since, $x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$ this is equivalent to $x \notin \{-2\pi, \pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi\}$

Since $\pi \simeq 3,14$ we have $\pi/2 \simeq 1.57$ and the four conditions, that have to hold at the same time, give as final constraint

$$x \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$$

And this is the definition set of the formula h. The associated function is

$$h' : \begin{array}{ccc} (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \longmapsto & \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \tan(x)}{(1-x^2) \sin(x)} \end{array}$$

and since, for $x \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$ we have that

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \tan(x)}{(1-x^2) \sin(x)} &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}}{(1-x^2) \sin(x)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} \frac{1}{\cos(x)}}{(1-x^2)} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{(1-x^2) \cos(x)} \end{aligned}$$

we have that h' is equal, e.g., to the simpler function

$$\begin{array}{ccc} h' : & (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) & \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ & x & \longmapsto \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{(1-x^2) \cos(x)} \end{array}$$

Exercise 3. Find the number of solutions of the equation

$$4\sin(x) + 2 = x^2 - 5$$

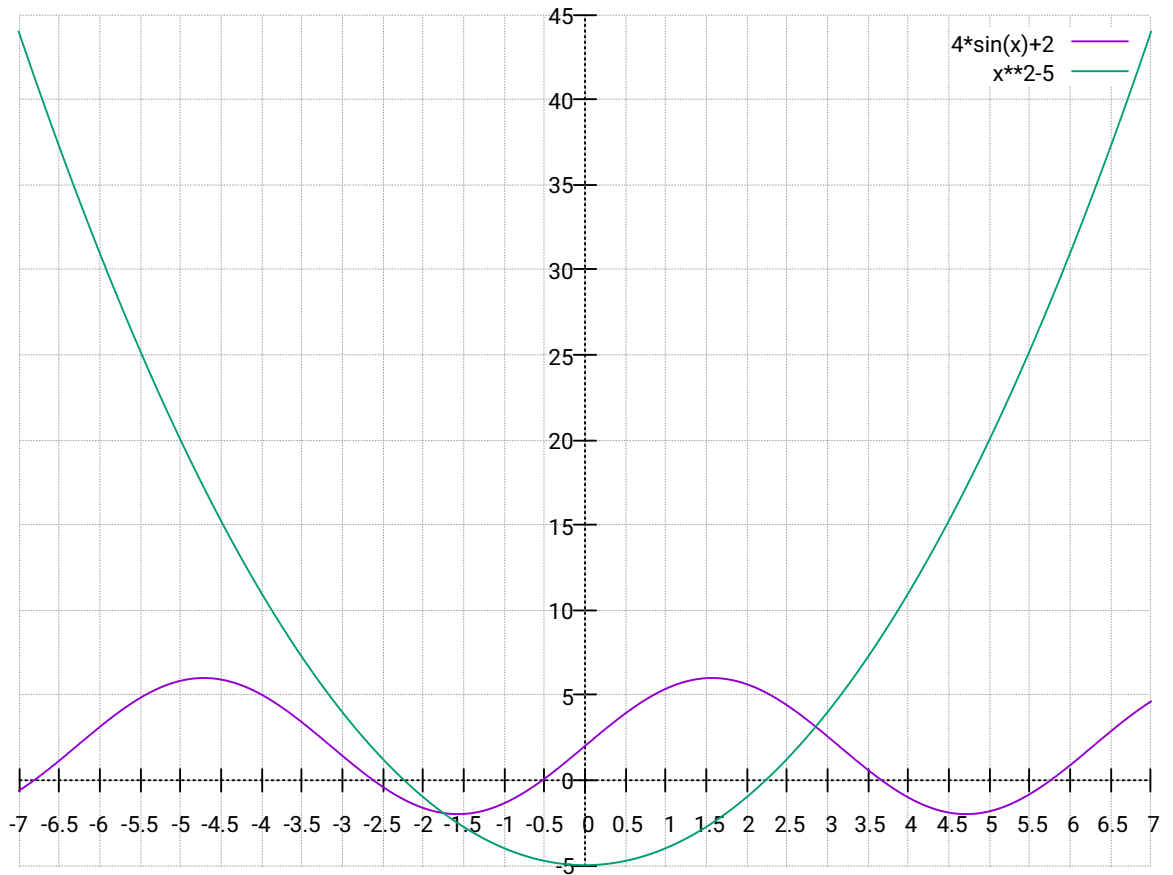


Figure 9: Intersections of $y = 4\sin(x) + 2$ and $x^2 - 5$

From the graph it is immediate that there are two solutions $x = a, b$ and $a \in (-2, -1.5)$, $b \in (2.5, 3)$.

Exercise 4. Draw the graph of the function

$$F: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \begin{cases} \frac{2^{x+1} + 1}{2} & x \in [-5, 1) \\ \frac{x^2 + 2}{2} & x \in [1, 2] \\ \frac{\sqrt{x} + 8}{2} & x \in (2, 8) \end{cases}$$

Is the function

1. Injective?
2. Surjective?
3. Invertible?

Restrict the domain, codomain of F to obtain an invertible function.

The purple curve is for $\frac{2^{x+1}+1}{2}$, the green curve is for $\frac{x^2+2}{2}$ and the blue curve is for $\frac{\sqrt{x}+8}{2}$.

Solution:

From the graph of the function it is clear that

1. F is not injective because, for example, the red horizontal line $y = 2$ intersects the graph of F twice.
2. F is not surjective, because the magenta horizontal line $y = 4$ does not intersect the graph of F .
3. F is thus not invertible.

If, for example, we restrict the domain of F to $(-5, 1]$ and the codomain to

$$[F(-5), F(1)] = \left[\frac{2^{-4} + 1}{2}, \frac{2^2 + 1}{2} \right] = \left[\frac{1/16 + 1}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right] = \left[\frac{1\frac{17}{16}}{2}, \frac{5}{2} \right] = \left[\frac{17}{32}, \frac{5}{2} \right] = [17/32, 4] = [0.5125, 2.5]$$

we get the function

$$F_{|_{(-5,1]}}: \begin{array}{ccc} [-5, 1] & \longrightarrow & [0.5125, \frac{5}{2}] \\ x & \mapsto & F(x) \end{array}$$

that is clearly invertible