

FCS  
Math: Functions  
First partial

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## Instructions

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**Exercise 1.** Given the function

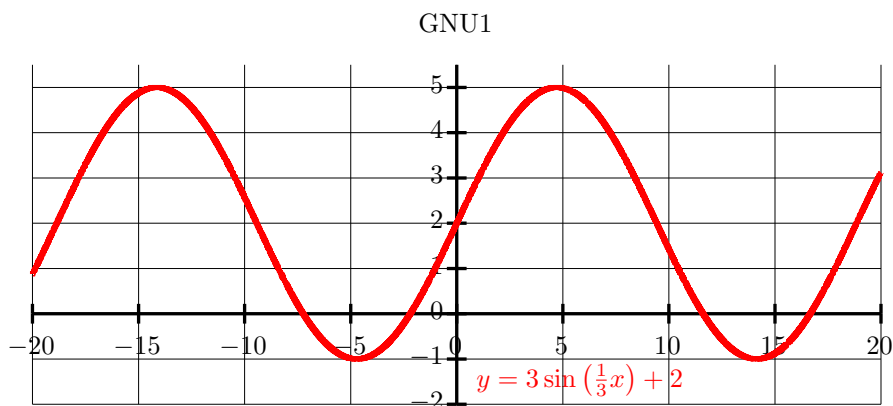
$$T: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) + 2$$

1. Draw the graph of  $T$ .
2. What is the PERIOD of  $T$ ?

*Solution:*

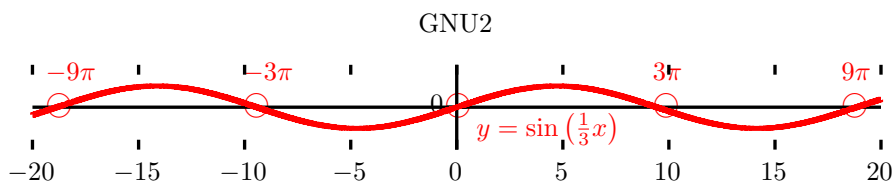
1. The graph is the graph of  $\sin(\cdot) : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\sin(\cdot)(x) = \sin(x)$  shifted by two up, amplified by a factor of 3 and with frequency multiplied by 1/3. For the frequency (period) more details below.



2. : the period of  $T$  is the same of the period of

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

$$x \mapsto 3 \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$$



*That is, the graph of  $\sin(x)$  stretched on the  $x$ -axis. We find the exact stretch by finding zeroes of this function, and that by solving the equation*

$$\sin(1/3x) = 0 \iff 1/3x = 0+2k\pi \text{ and } 1/3x = \pi+2k\pi \iff x = 0+6k\pi \text{ and } x = 3\pi+6k\pi$$

*the PERIOD of this function is thus  $6\pi$ , and the PERIOD of  $T$  is the same,  $6\pi$*

**Exercise 2.** Solve the equation

$$\sqrt{x+2} + x = 2$$

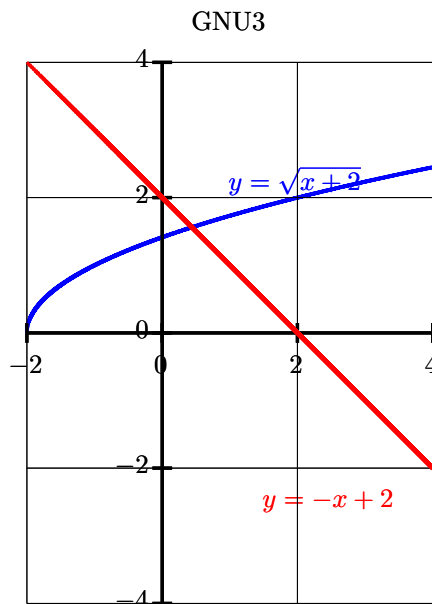
*Solution*

The existence field for the equation is the existence field of  $\sqrt{x+2}$ , so we need  $x+2 \geq 0$  and  $\text{EF} = [-2, +\infty)$ .

To simplify the graph drawing, we transform the equation in the equation

$$\sqrt{x+2} = -x + 2$$

The graph of the first side is the graph of  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  shifted left by 2, the graph of the second side is, likewise, the graph of the line  $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x) = -x + 2$  shifted left by 2. We have



we have one solution. To determine it, we have to solve the equation

$$\sqrt{x+2} = -x + 2$$

We want to apply to both sides the function

$$\begin{aligned} (\cdot)^2 : \mathbb{R}_{+0} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{+0} \\ x &\longmapsto x^2 \end{aligned}$$

the inverse of the function

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{\cdot} : \mathbb{R}_{+0} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}_{+0} \\ x &\longmapsto \sqrt{x} \end{aligned}$$

To do that, we need both sides to be in the domain of  $(\cdot)^2$ , thus to be positive or null. The left side is always positive or null, the second only if  $-x + 2 \geq 0 \iff x \leq 2$ . So we examine the two cases separately, remembering that  $EF = [-2, +\infty]$

- If  $x > 2$  then the left side is positive or null, the right side negative. Equality is impossible and there are no solutions.
- If  $x \leq 2$ , and  $x \geq -2$  by the  $EF$ , we have  $x \in [-2, 2]$ . In this case we can apply the invertible function  $(\cdot)^2$  to both sides getting the equivalent equation

$$(\sqrt{x+2})^2 = (-x+2)^2 \iff x+2 = x^2 - 4x + 4 \iff x^2 - 5x + 2$$

we solve this with the formula and we get

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 8}}{2} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

since  $\sqrt{17} \sim 4$

$$\frac{5 - \sqrt{17}}{2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \in [-2, 2] \text{ and } \frac{5 + \sqrt{17}}{2} \sim \frac{9}{2} \notin [-2, 2]$$

we know, by the condition  $x \in [-2, 2]$  or by looking at the graph, that the equation has just the solution

$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{17}}{2}$$

**Exercise 3.** Given the sets  $A = \{3n + 5 \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $B = \{k^2 + 2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

1. Do we have  $|A| = |B|$ ?
2. If the answer is positive, determine explicitly an invertible function  $H : A \rightarrow B$ .
3. If such  $H$  exists, determine its inverse.

*Solution* We notice that  $B = \{k^2 + 2 \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{k^2 + 2 \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  since  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \ k^2 + 2 > 0$ . We remember that in a set there are no repetitions.

1. We have  $|A| = |\mathbb{N}|$  and  $|B| = |\mathbb{N}|$ , since the two functions

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F : \mathbb{N} & \longrightarrow & A \\ n & \mapsto & 3n + 5 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G : \mathbb{N} & \longrightarrow & B \\ n & \mapsto & n^2 + 2 \end{array}$$

are invertible with inverses

$$\begin{array}{ccc} F^{-1} : A & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{N} \\ n & \mapsto & \frac{n-5}{3} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ccc} G^{-1} : B & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{N} \\ n & \mapsto & \sqrt{n-2} \end{array}$$

determined by solving

$$3n + 5 = y \iff n = \frac{y-5}{3}$$

and

$$n^2 + 2 = y \iff n^2 = y - 2 \iff n = \sqrt{y-2}$$

in the last case we get the positive solution looking at the domains/codomains. Since

$$|A| = |\mathbb{N}| \text{ and } |B| = |\mathbb{N}|$$

we get

$$|A| = |B|$$

2. We build an invertible function  $H$  from  $A$  to  $B$  by composition,

$$A \xrightarrow{F^{-1}} \mathbb{N} \xrightarrow{G} B$$

$$H \equiv G \circ F^{-1} : \begin{array}{ccc} A & \longrightarrow & B \\ n & \mapsto & F^{-1}(G(n)) = \left(\frac{n-5}{3}\right)^2 + 2 = \frac{n^2-10n+43}{9} \end{array}$$

This is an invertible function since it is the composition of invertible functions

3. Since  $H \equiv G \circ F^{-1}$  is invertible, its inverse is

$$H^{-1} \equiv (G \circ F^{-1})^{-1} \equiv (F^{-1})^{-1} \circ G^{-1} \equiv F \circ G^{-1}$$

and since

$$F \circ G^{-1}(n) = F(G^{-1}(n)) = F(\sqrt{n-2}) = 3(\sqrt{n-2}) + 5$$

we have

$$H^{-1} : \begin{array}{ccc} B & \longrightarrow & A \\ n & \mapsto & 3(\sqrt{n-2}) + 5 \end{array}$$

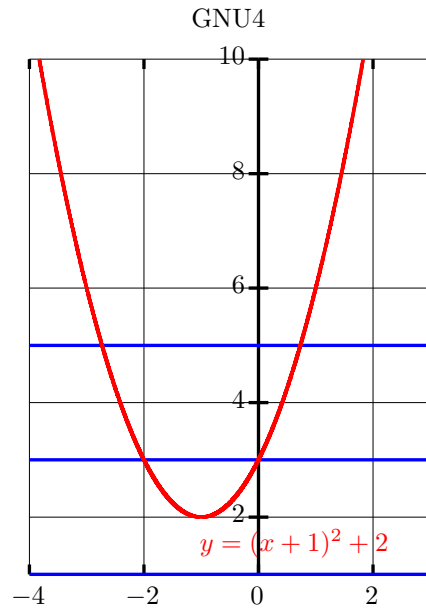
**Exercise 4.** We have the function

$$F : \begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{R} & \longrightarrow & \mathbb{R} \\ x & \mapsto & (x+1)^2 + 2 \end{array}$$

1. Is  $F$  invertible?
2. If the answer is no, determine a domain/codomain restriction of  $F$  that makes it invertible. Proceed with the new  $F$ .
3. Determine explicitly the inverse of  $F$

*Solution*

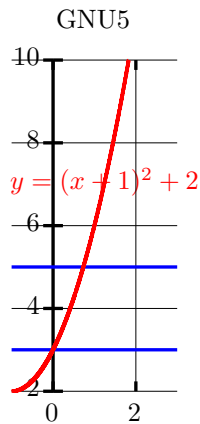
*We can easily draw the graph of  $F$ , since it is just the standard parabola shifted by 2 up and by 1 to the left.*



1. *Looking at the graph of  $F$  we see that there are horizontal lines that don't intersect it, and there are horizontal lines that intersect it twice. So,  $F$  is not invertible.*
2. *We restrict to domain and codomain of  $F$  to get the new function*

$$F' : \begin{array}{ccc} [-1, +\infty) & \longrightarrow & [2, +\infty) \\ x & \mapsto & (x + 1)^2 + 2 \end{array}$$

*whose graph is*



and  $F'$  is clearly invertible by the horizontal line rule

3. The inverse of

$$F' : [-1, +\infty) \longrightarrow [2, +\infty)$$

is

$$F'^{-1} : [2, +\infty) \longrightarrow [-1, +\infty)$$

To determine explicitly the formula for the inverse, we solve with respect to the unknown  $x \in [-1, +\infty)$  (the domain of  $F'$ ) and the parameter  $y \in [2, +\infty)$  (the codomain of  $F'$ ) the equation

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 1)^2 + 2 &= y \\ x^2 + 2x + 1 + 2 - y &= 0 \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 - y &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

and by the formula we get

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(3 - y)}}{2} \\ x &= \frac{-2 \pm 2\sqrt{1 - (3 - y)}}{2} \\ x &= -1 \pm \sqrt{y - 2} \end{aligned}$$

We remark that since  $y \in [2, +\infty)$ ,

- the root does exist;
- that the  $x$  has to actually range between  $-1$  and  $+\infty$ , so we take the positive root.

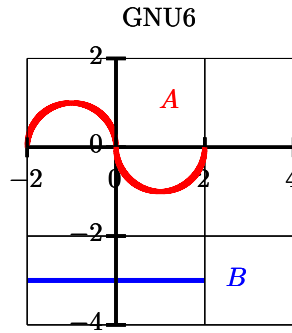


*The explicit inverse is*

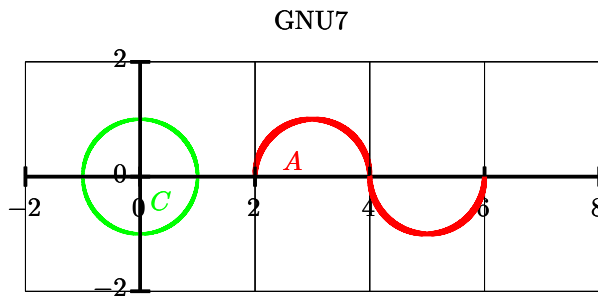
$$F'^{-1} : \begin{array}{ccc} [2, +\infty) & \longrightarrow & [-1, +\infty) \\ x & \mapsto & -1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 2} \end{array}$$

**Exercise 5.**

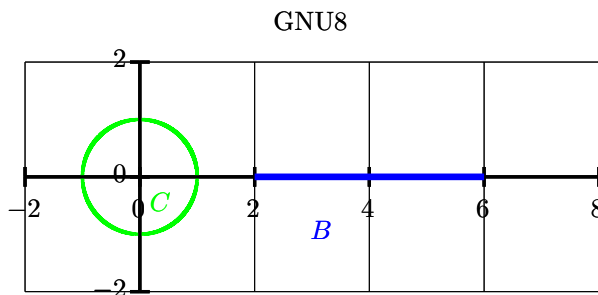
1. Do the subsets  $A, B$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality? Detail the answer.



2. Do the subsets  $A, C$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality? Detail the answer.

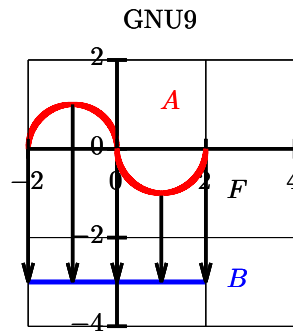


- Do the subsets  $B, C$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality? Detail the answer.

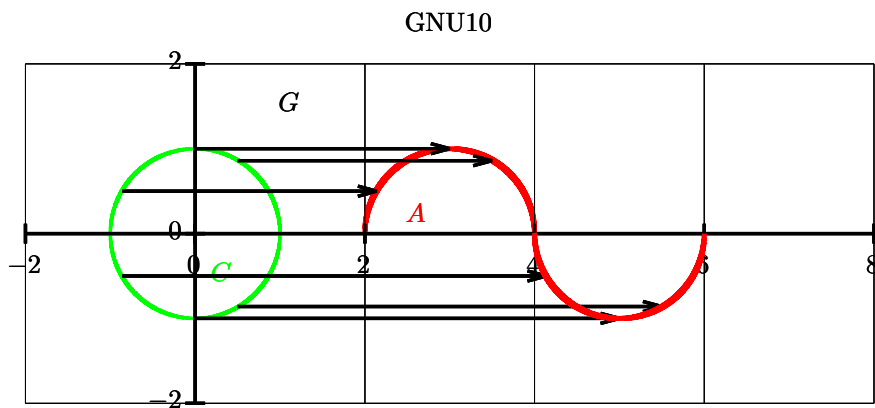


*Solution*

1. We have  $|A| = |B|$  since the function  $F$  detailed below is a one-to-one correspondence.



2. We have  $|A| = |C|$  since the function  $G$  detailed below is a one-to-one correspondence.



3. Since  $|A| = |B|$  and  $|A| = |C|$ , we have  $|B| = |C|$ .

**Exercise 6.**

1. Draw the function

$$f: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$$

2. Draw the function

$$g: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)$$

3. Determine the PERIOD of  $f$ .

4. Determine the PERIOD of  $g$ .

5. Determine a period of  $f + g$ .

*Solution*

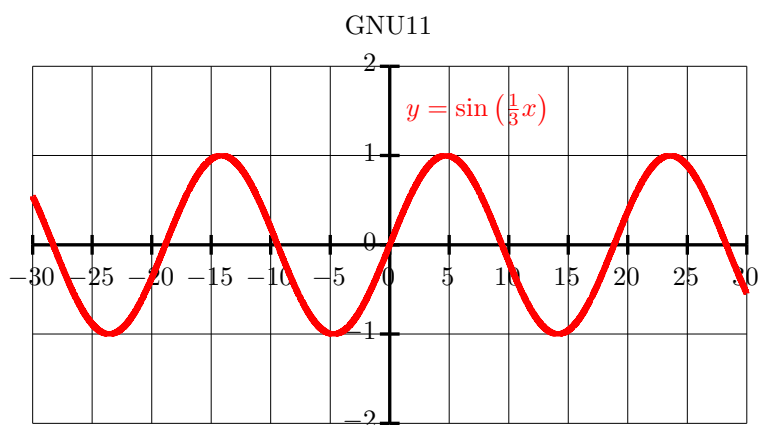
1. The graph of  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$  is the graph of  $\sin(x)$ , but stretched. Let's determine the stretch. The zeroes in the solutions of

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) = 0$$

$$\text{Since } \sin(x) = 0 \iff x = 0 + 2\pi, \pi + 2\pi$$

$$\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) = 0 \iff \frac{1}{3}x = 0 + 2k\pi, x = \pi + 2k\pi \iff x = 0 + 6k\pi, 3\pi + 6k\pi$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$



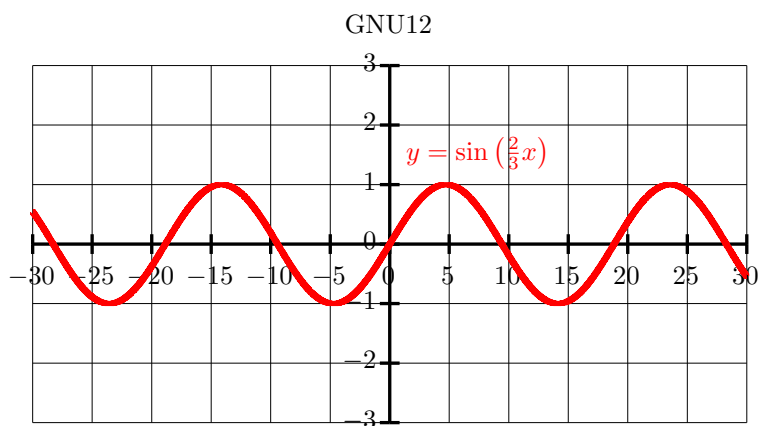
2. The graph of  $\sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)$  is the graph of  $\sin(x)$ , but stretched. Let's determine the stretch. The zeroes in the solutions of

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$$\sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right) = 0 \iff \frac{2}{3}x = 0 + 2k\pi, x = \pi + 2k\pi \iff x = 0 + 3k\pi, 3\pi + 3k\pi$$

for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$



3. The PERIOD of  $f$  is, looking at the graph,  $6\pi$ .
4. The PERIOD of  $g$  is, looking at the graph,  $3\pi$ .
5. A period of  $f + g$  is thus  $6\pi = \text{lcm}(3, 6)\pi$ .

**Exercise 7** (Optional). *Hint: draw the sets  $A_1, A_2, A_3$  in  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ , the positive integer grid on the plane.*

1. Find a set  $B_1$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  with the same cardinality of the set

$$A_1 = [0, 1] \times [0, 1] = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (1, 0), (1, 1)\} \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

Find a one-to-one correspondence between  $A_1$  and  $B_1$ .

2. Find a set  $B_2$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  with the same cardinality of the set

$$A_2 = [0, 2] \times [0, 2] = \{(0, 0), (0, 1), (0, 2), (1, 0), (1, 1), (1, 2), (2, 0), (2, 1), (2, 2)\} \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$$

Find a one-to-one correspondence between  $A_2$  and  $B_2$ .

3. Find a set  $B_3$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  with the same cardinality of the set  $A_3 = [0, 3] \times [0, 3] \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Find a one-to-one correspondence between  $A_3$  and  $B_3$ .
4. Find a set  $B_n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$  with the same cardinality of the set  $A_n = [0, n] \times [0, n] \subset \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ . Find a one-to-one correspondence between  $A_n$  and  $B_n$ .
5. Is it true that  $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}|$ ? Detail the answer.
6. Is it true that  $|\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{Q}|$ ? Detail the answer.

*This exercise will be fully discussed in class.*