

FCS  
Math: Functions  
First partial

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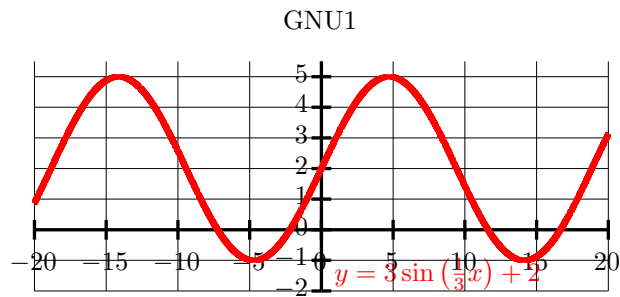
**Exercise 1.** Given the function

$$\begin{aligned} T: \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto 3 \sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

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

*Solution:*

1. The graph is the graph of  $\sin(x)$  multiplied by 3, shifted up by 2 and stretched by 3.



2. : the PERIOD of  $T$  is  $6\pi$ , since we stretch by 3 a function whose PERIOD is  $2\pi$ .

**Exercise 2.** Solve the equation

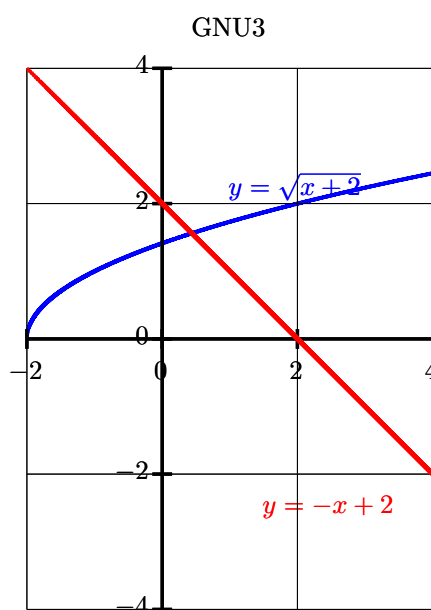
$$\sqrt{x+2} + x = 2$$

*Solution*

The existence field is  $\text{EF} = [-2, +\infty)$ . We consider the equivalent equation

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

The graphical solution



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

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

since  $\sqrt{17} \sim 4$ , looking at the graph we can say that

$$\frac{5 - \sqrt{17}}{2} \sim \frac{1}{2} \in [-2, 2] \text{ is acceptable } \frac{5 + \sqrt{17}}{2} \sim \frac{9}{2} \notin [-2, 2] \text{ is not acceptable}$$

**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

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

we get

$$|A| = |B|$$

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

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

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

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

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

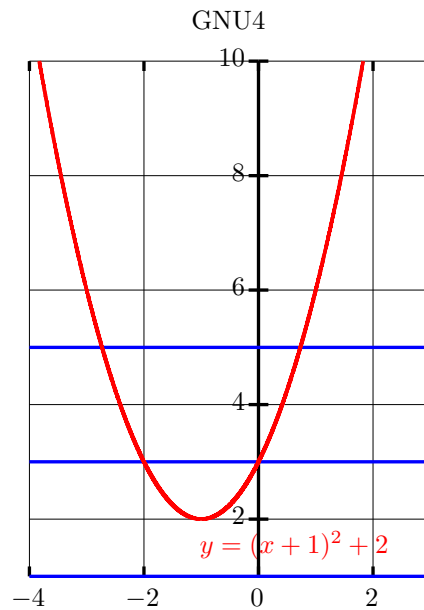
**Exercise 4.** We have the function

$$F : \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto (x + 1)^2 + 2$$

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*

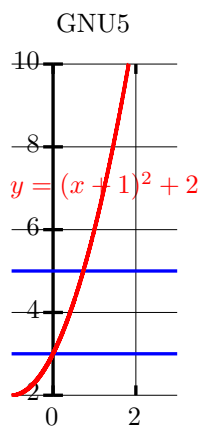
The graph of  $F$  is just the graph of the standard parabola shifted by 2 up and by 1 to the left.



1. So,  $F$  is not invertible by the horizontal line rule.
2. We restrict to domain and codomain of  $F$  to get the new function

$$F' : [-1, +\infty) \longrightarrow [2, +\infty) \\ x \mapsto (x + 1)^2 + 2$$

whose graph is



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

3. The inverse of

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

is

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

$$\begin{aligned} (x + 1)^2 + 2 &= y \\ x^2 + 2x + 3 - y^2 &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(3 - y^2)}}{2} \\ x &= -1 \pm \sqrt{y^2 - 2} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x \in [-1, +\infty)$  we take the positive root only.

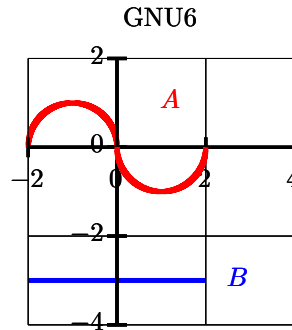
The explicit inverse is

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

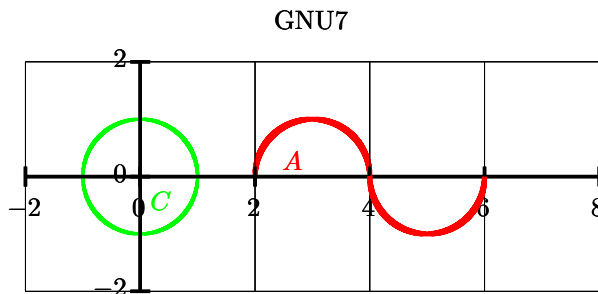
$$x \mapsto -1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 2}$$

**Exercise 5.**

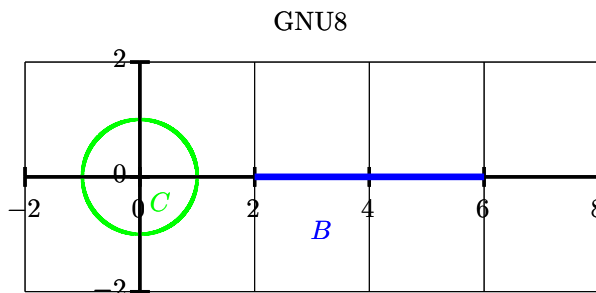
1. Do the subsets  $A, B$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality? Detail the answer.



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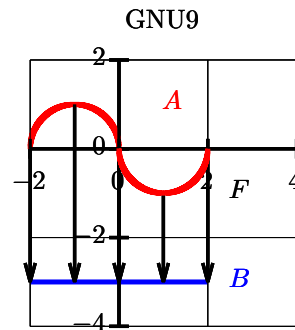


Do the subsets  $B, C$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  have the same cardinality? Detail the answer.

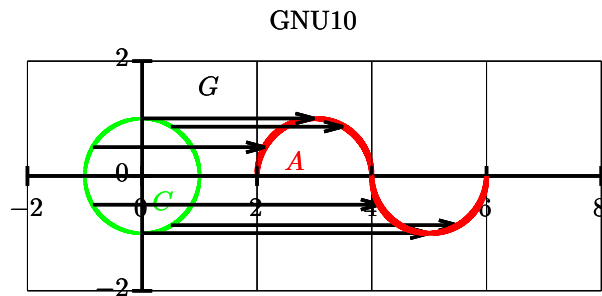


*Solution*

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

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

2. Draw the function

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

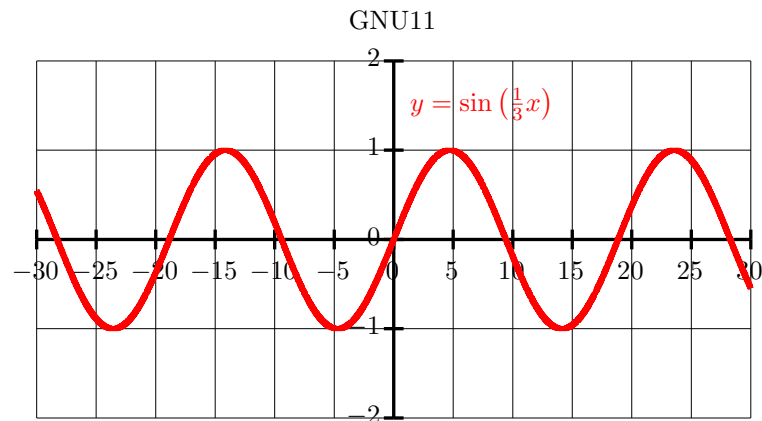
3. Determine the PERIOD of  $f$ .

4. Determine the PERIOD of  $g$ .

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

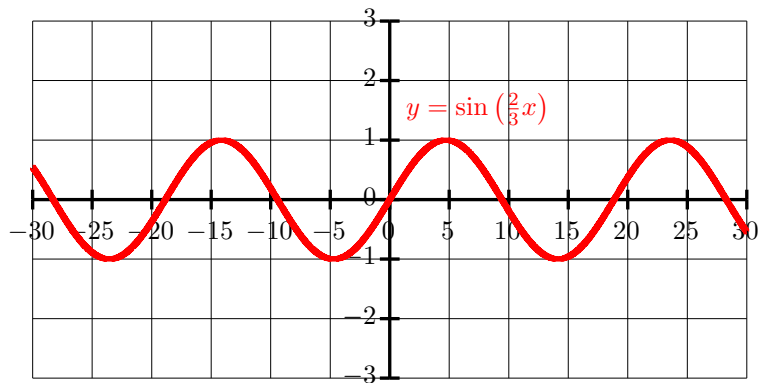
*Solution*

1. The graph of  $\sin\left(\frac{1}{3}x\right)$  is the graph of  $\sin(x)$ , but stretched by 3.



2. The graph of  $\sin\left(\frac{2}{3}x\right)$  is the graph of  $\sin(x)$ , but stretched by  $3/2$ .

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3. The PERIOD of  $f$  is, for the same reasons as in exercise 1,  $6\pi$ .
4. The PERIOD of  $g$  is, for the same reasons as in exercise 1,  $3\pi$ .
5. A period of  $f + g$  is thus  $\text{lcm}(3\pi, 6\pi) = 6\pi$ .