



# Calculus

## Course booklet

*Mathematics for university students.  
Contains polynomials, trigonometric  
functions, sequences and series,  
differentiation and more.*



# ABOUT & PRICING

## About SOWISO

SOWISO offers:

- a homework, practice and **learning environment**;
- personalised **feedback** on all answer attempts;
- different **testing and assessment** tools;
- customisable **mathematics courses** with explanations, examples, and endless **randomised practice exercises**;
- an authoring tool to **create original material**;
- **learning analytics** giving detailed insight into student performance;
- **integration** with your LMS/VLE.

Our learning environment guides students along as they solve problems. When doing exercises, students can enter open answer calculations or mathematical formulas. The software will analyse their answer and provide targeted feedback and hints helping the student understand the next step in the solution process, and/or highlight any mistakes they made.

***SOWISO increases student engagement and saves teachers time checking and grading!***

## Pricing

SOWISO partners with higher education institutions on a SAAS licensing basis.

The cost for the platform starts at € 5.50 per student per year, with an additional per student per year fee of € 7.50 per course.

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Our digital courses are a fully interactive alternative for paper books and offer a personalised and adaptive learning experience that fits today's generation of students.

## How are courses structured?

The courses are structured in chapters and subchapters consisting of units. The unit subjects are listed in more detail on the following pages.

Each unit consists of (at least) one theory page and one package of exercises.

**Theory pages** contain explanations, (randomised) examples and visualisations and (interactive) graphs.

The packages of **exercises** contain on average around 10 exercises. Each of these exercises are randomised, allowing for endless practicing, and include targeted hints and personalised feedback for the students while solving the exercises.

# COURSE CONTENT

## Chapter 1: Functions (14 topics)

### 1. *Sets (3 topics)*

- a. The notion of sets
- b. Operations for sets
- c. Intervals

### 2. *Functions (2 topics)*

- a. The notion of function
- b. Operations for functions

### 3. *Range (4 topics)*

- a. The range of a function
- b. Functions and graphs
- c. Transformations of the axes
- d. Symmetry of functions

### 4. *Injectivity (4 topics)*

- a. Injective functions
- b. The inverse of a function
- c. Power functions
- d. Equations and functions

### 5. *Applications (1 topic)*

- a. Applications of functions

## Chapter 2: Polynomials & rational functions (18 topics)

### 6. *Polynomials (3 topics)*

- a. The notion of polynomial
- b. Calculating with polynomials
- c. Division with remainder for polynomials

### 7. *Linear polynomials (1 topic)*

- a. Linear functions

## 8. *Quadratic polynomials (3 topics)*

- a. Quadratic functions
- b. Quadratic equations
- c. Quadratic inequalities

## 9. *Factorization of polynomials (7 topics)*

- a. The notions gcd and lcm for polynomials
- b. Rules of calculation for gcd and lcm of polynomials
- c. The Euclidean algorithm for polynomials
- d. Factorization of polynomials
- e. The fundamental theorem of algebra
- f. Polynomial interpolation
- g. The extended Euclidean algorithm for polynomials

## 10. *Rational functions (3 topics)*

- a. The notion of rational function
- b. Normal form for rational functions
- c. Partial fraction decomposition for rational functions

## 11. *Applications (1 topic)*

- a. Applications of polynomials and rational functions

## **Chapter 3: Trigonometric functions (9 topics)**

### 12. *Basics (3 topics)*

- a. Definitions of sin and cos
- b. Right triangles and trigonometric functions
- c. Periodicity of trigonometric functions

### 13. *Calculation (3 topics)*

- a. Special values of trigonometric functions
- b. Addition formulas for trigonometric functions
- c. Triangles and trigonometric functions

### 14. *More trigonometric functions (2 topics)*

- a. Tangent and cotangent
- b. Inverse trigonometric functions

**15. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of trigonometric functions

**Chapter 4: Exponential & logarithmic functions (8 topics)**

**16. Definition exp (3 topics)**

- a. The notion of exponential function
- b. Rules of calculation for exponential functions
- c. Equations with exponential functions

**17. Definition log (3 topics)**

- a. The notion of logarithm
- b. Rules of calculation for logarithms
- c. Equations with logarithms

**18. Growth (1 topic)**

- a. Exponential growth

**19. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of exponential and logarithmic functions

**Chapter 5: Limits (11 topics)**

**20. Definition (4 topics)**

- a. The notion of limit
- b. The notion of limit and infinity
- c. Limits of rational functions
- d. Vertical asymptotes

**21. Rules for calculating limits (4 topics)**

- a. Rules for limits
- b. Horizontal asymptotes
- c. Oblique asymptotes
- d. Squeeze theorem for limits

**22. Exp and gonio (2 topics)**

- a. Limits of exponential functions
- b. Trigonometric limits

# EXERCISE & THEORY EXAMPLE

## Feedback

Calculate the derivative  $h'(x)$  of  $h(x) = 7 \cdot \sin(8 \cdot x)$ .

$h'(x) = 7 \cdot \cos(8 \cdot x)$  ❌ No, you may have forgotten to multiply by  $g'(x)$ , in which  $g(x) = 8 \cdot x$ .

$h'(x) = 7 \cdot \cos(56 \cdot x)$  ❌ The chain rule indicates that the derivative contains  $f'(g(x))$ , in which  $f(x) = 7 \cdot \sin(x)$  and  $g(x) = 8 \cdot x$ . Thus, the argument of the cosine must be equal to  $g(x)$ . This is not the case in your answer.

$h'(x) = 56 \cdot \cos(8 \cdot x)$  ✅ Great job

Practise example

## Multivariate Functions: Stationary points Minimum, maximum, and saddle

The function

$$f(x, y) = -3$$

has a local maximum. Which point is it?

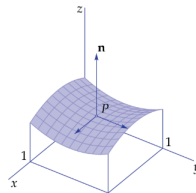
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### Example

Below is the graph of the function

$$f(x, y) = \frac{1}{2}((1 - (x - \frac{1}{2})^2) + (y - \frac{1}{2})^2)$$



This function has the following partial derivatives:

$$f_x(x, y) = \frac{1}{2} - x \quad \text{and} \quad f_y(x, y) = y - \frac{1}{2}$$

At the point  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$  both derivatives are zero again. But the coordinate line in the direction of the  $x$ -axis is a downward parabola, and the coordinate line in the direction of the  $y$ -axis is an upward parabola. Therefore, the point  $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2})$  must be a saddle point.

### Example

The function

$$f(x, y) = -3 \cdot x^2 + 2 \cdot y \cdot x - 9 \cdot y^2 + 14$$

has a local maximum. Which point is it?

**Solution**  
 $[0, 0]$

Since a local maximum of a multivariate differentiable function is

Theory example

### **23. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of limits

## **Chapter 6: Sequences & series (11 topics)**

### **24. Definition (3 topics)**

- a. The notions of sequence and series
- b. Arithmetic series
- c. Geometric series

### **25. Convergence (3 topics)**

- a. Convergence
- b. Monotonic sequences
- c. Divergence

### **26. Rules (1 topic)**

- a. Rules for limits of sequences

### **27. Power series (2 topics)**

- a. Power series
- b. Convergence criteria

### **28. Length (1 topic)**

- a. Length

### **29. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of sequences and series

## **Chapter 7: Continuity (8 topics)**

### **30. Definition of continuity (3 topics)**

- a. The notion of continuity
- b. Global minimum and maximum
- c. Continuous extension

### **31. Min-max and Intermediate Value Theorem (2 topics)**

- a. The Min-Max Theorem
- b. Intermediate Value Theorem



### **32. Limits (2 topics)**

- a. Limits of continuous functions
- b. Rules for continuity

### **33. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of continuity

## **Chapter 8: Differentiation (14 topics)**

### **34. Definition (3 topics)**

- a. The notion of difference quotient
- b. The notion of differentiation
- c. A simple derivative

### **35. Simple rules (4 topics)**

- a. The derivative of a sum function
- b. The derivative of a polynomial
- c. The product rule for differentiation
- d. Tangent lines

### **36. More rules (4 topics)**

- a. The chain rule for differentiation
- b. Derivatives of trigonometric functions
- c. The quotient rule for differentiation
- d. Derivatives of inverse functions

### **37. Exp and log (2 topics)**

- a. The natural logarithm
- b. Derivatives of exponential and logarithmic functions

### **38. Applications (1 topic)**

- a. Applications of differentiation

## **Chapter 9: Analysis of functions (10 topics)**

### **39. Minima and maxima (3 topics)**

- a. Local minima and maxima
- b. The Mean Value Theorem

c. Monotonicity

**40. Higher derivatives (1 topic)**

a. Higher derivatives

**41. Implicit derivatives (1 topic)**

a. Implicit derivatives

**42. Approximation with polynomials (3 topics)**

a. Linear approximation

b. Taylor series

c. Taylor series of some known functions

**43. De L'Hôpital (1 topic)**

a. The De L'Hôpital rule

**44. Applications (1 topic)**

a. Applications of analysis of functions

**Chapter 10: intergration (11 topics)**

**45. Antiderivation (3 topics)**

a. The notion of an antiderivative

b. Antiderivatives of some known functions

c. Integration by parts

**46. Area (1 topic)**

a. Area

**47. Integral (3 topics)**

a. Riemann sums

b. The integral of a function

c. Rules of calculation for integrals

**48. Estimates (2 topic)**

a. Estimates of integrals

b. Mean Value Theorem for Integrals

## 49. The Fundamental Theorem of Calculus (1 topic)

a. The fundamental theorem of calculus

## 50. Applications (1 topic)

a. Applications of integration

We are currently expending our Calculus course with two new chapters: Logic and Set Theory

Missing something? SOWISO allows teachers to create their own content in our authoring environment.

# THEORY EXAMPLE

Trigonometry: Trigonometric functions

## Inverse trigonometric functions

We have seen that the sine, cosine and tangent are periodic functions. Therefore, if we want to solve the equation  $\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ , we will find infinitely many solutions. Now we will limit the domain of the functions so that we can define an inverse function. This inverse function can help us solve equations.

**Inverse function sine, cosine and tangent**

We define the inverse functions of sine, cosine and tangent as follows:

$$x = \arcsin(y) \Leftrightarrow y = \sin(x) \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$
$$x = \arccos(y) \Leftrightarrow y = \cos(x) \text{ and } 0 \leq x \leq \pi$$
$$x = \arctan(y) \Leftrightarrow y = \tan(x) \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Example**

$$\arcsin\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

because

$$\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \text{ and } -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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**Properties of the arcsin, arccos and the arctan**

Theory example

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