

Notes on Teaching-Learning at Eleventh Scolar Lever

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Summary: The study of the numerical function of a real variable already begins as early as the 4th grade (i.e. 13 or 14 old). In this paper, we will study the numerical functions of a real variable in first class. Many types of functions are already studied in 1st class, what interests us here is the function of the type $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$. On the teacher side, " how to have a function f , derived from the function f' , such that the numerator of f' has an obvious root discriminant? This article will attempt to answer them.

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I. INTRODUCTION

We provide education, while we teach mathematics, we aim without stop drawing attention from students to focus on the study. We are all trying to persuade children to be interested in mathematics (G. POLYA, 1965), (Kevin Houston, 2009), (O. Zaslavsky, 2008), (ÉduSCOL, 2009). Even if they find that mathematics is the most difficult discipline, we will have to convince them how much they are useful in life. We will have to reassure them by demonstrating the ease and necessity of this (Kolette E., Albert, I. Calin 1993), (S. Maury, 1994), (Jules Payot, 1913), (Cabassut Richard, 2005), (Gérard Dumont, 2004). Everyone is aware that mathematics is a subject to be taught obligatorily from the first class from primary to final, whatever the series or technical specialty. It is an unavoidable basic subject in the formation of a future citizen and in education. Afterwards, we are interested in this paper, more precisely to the basic numerical functions of a real variable of the level from the class of first. Among chapters of mathematics, the study of numerical function of a real variable is already started from the 4th grade, according to the school curriculum in force. This study has also become a fundamental tool of the mathematical discipline modern and development of human intelligence (Gilles ALDON, 2011), (UNESCO, 2011), M. (Wambst Y. Genzmer, 2008), (André Totohasina, 2011). The learning of the functions is one of the chapters which pose difficulties of comprehension, to know for example, determining the set of definition, finding meaning of variation and graphic representation, for first-year students. We were interested in the study of numerical function of a real variable in class of 1st. Many types of functions are already studied in 1st class, what interests us here is the function of the type $(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$, where $a \neq 0$, $\alpha \neq 0$ and $x \neq -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$. It is a kind of inverse problem that a teacher often poses to make exercises concerning the provisions of the functions fractions rational f0 derived from the function f such that the numerator of f' has a root discriminant obvious ? "

In the following, we study the function f under the conditions $a \neq 0$, $\alpha \neq 0$ and $x \neq -\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$. In what follows, our work is divided into three sections. Section II discusses the problem study classic (on the side of the students). Section III concerns the construction of a fractional function rational whose numerator of its derivative has an obvious root discriminator. The section IV, makes a conclusion.

II. STUDY OF A FUNCTION OF THE TYPE $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$

In this section, we will see "what are we used to do for the study of a function of this type in first class ?".

❖ Classical problem (on the side of students)

Let f be a numerical function of a real variable defined by: $(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$. We notice

by (G) the graphical representation of f in an Euclidean plan P provided with an orthonormal graft (O, \vec{i}, \vec{j}) of unity equal to 1cm.

1. Determine the set of definition of the function f .
2. Calculate the limits of f at the limits of its definition set and interpret all results obtained.
3. a- Show that the function f can be written in the form: $f(x) = Ax + B + \frac{D}{ax+\beta}$ where A, B, C are constants to be determined.
b- Deduce that the line of equation $y = Ax + B$ is an oblique asymptote of (G).

4. a- Determine the function f' derived from the function f and study its signs as a whole definition.
b- Show that the function f is derivable from a derived number to be determined at the abscissa x_0 and deduce the equation of the tangent at this point, for all x_0 as a whole definition.
c- Deduce from the question 4.a - the variations of the function f and draw up its table of variation.
5. Draw all the asymptotes to (\mathcal{C}) , the equation of the tangent and the shape of (\mathcal{C}) in the same mark.

III- ON THE TEACHER SIDE

This time, we propose to construct a function f of the type $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ whose derivative f' is such that $f'(x) = \frac{\alpha ax^2+2a\beta x+b\beta-\alpha c}{(ax+\beta)^2}$, so that the root of the discriminant (Δ) of the quantity $\alpha ax^2 + 2a\beta x + b\beta - \alpha c$ is obvious.

It is thus a question of looking for the real ones αa , $2a\beta$, $b\beta - \alpha c$ so that the real $\Delta = (2a\beta)^2 - 4\alpha a(b\beta - \alpha c)$ is a perfect square.

Hence the theorem that follows.

Théorème. For all real λ and γ fixed such as $\lambda \neq \gamma$, if f is a function defined by:

$f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ has for derived function f' of expression : $f'(x) = \frac{\alpha ax^2+2a\beta x+b\beta-\alpha c}{(ax+\beta)^2}$, with

$$\begin{cases} a = 1 \\ \alpha = 1 \\ \beta = \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2} \\ b = \frac{4\lambda\gamma}{\lambda+\gamma} \\ c = \lambda\gamma \end{cases} \quad (I)$$

then the discriminant $\Delta = (2a\beta)^2 - 4\alpha a(b\beta - \alpha c)$ is a perfect square.

Recall in passing that under equality (1) λ and γ are two real checking equality $\alpha ax^2 + 2a\beta x + b\beta - \alpha c = (x + \lambda)(x + \gamma)$ and we forbid that $\lambda \neq \gamma$, because the corresponding derived function would be constant.

Prove

Let f be the function defined by : $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ for $a = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}$, $b = \frac{4\lambda\gamma}{\lambda+\gamma}$, and $c = \lambda\gamma$ we have

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + \frac{4\lambda\gamma}{\lambda+\gamma}x + \lambda\gamma}{x + \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}} = \frac{2}{\lambda+\gamma} \frac{(\lambda+\gamma)x^2 + 4\lambda\gamma x + \lambda\gamma(\lambda+\gamma)}{2x + \lambda + \gamma} \quad (2)$$

It is very easy to check that the function f' has for expression:

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + (\lambda+\gamma)x + \lambda\gamma}{\left(x + \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}\right)^2} \quad (3)$$

Moreover, the quantity $(\lambda + \gamma)^2 - 4\lambda\gamma = (\lambda - \gamma)^2$. Hence the stated theorem.

Remark: We find that if $\lambda = \gamma$, then the expression (3) becomes:

$$f(x) = x + \lambda \quad (4)$$

and according to (4) or (5) we have : $f'(x) = 1$ (5)

Corollary. For all real λ and γ fixed, with $\lambda \neq \gamma$, there are infinitely many fractional function $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ such that $a = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}$, $b = \frac{4\lambda\gamma}{\lambda+\gamma}$, and $c = \lambda\gamma$ which has the function f' of expression $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + (\lambda+\gamma)x + \lambda\gamma}{\left(x + \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}\right)^2}$.

We now have a method to construct a rational fraction function of the type $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ such that, $a = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = \frac{\lambda+\gamma}{2}$, $b = \frac{4\lambda\gamma}{\lambda+\gamma}$, and $c = \lambda\gamma$.

Example: We want to have a rational fraction function of the type $f(x) = \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{ax+\beta}$ such that its derivative f' has for expression: $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + (2+3)x + 2*3}{(?)^2}$.

Applying the previous theorem, we have $a = 1$, $\alpha = 1$, $\beta = \frac{5}{2}$, $b = \frac{24}{5}$, and $c = \lambda$ we have the expression of the function f defined by: $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + (48/5)x + 6}{2x + 5}$ and we easily function check that the function f' derived from f has for expression: $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{(x + \frac{5}{2})^2}$.

IV. CONCLUSION

In pedagogy, we must group together a set of scientific and practical knowledge, and a competence relational to design and implement an effective teaching strategy: this work allowed us to better control the construction of his own subject through the study of a digital function in first class. Whenever we are in class, let's have time to show them that a mathematician is a man with a minimum of audacity and always having the courage to face problems all his life. It is also important to train students to solve situations of various problems to be determined, sought, calculate and justify the subjects. We also tried to make some reflections didactics on the numerical functions of a real variable. We believe that this approach elementary functions starting from the general to the particular for each class of functions is more instructive than the opposite. It would facilitate the classification of mental images of reference functions with their respective representative curves. Moreover, this work allowed us mathematics teachers to leave the practice of doing the exercises routine for the study of a numerical function corresponding to the school curriculum.

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