Lesson: Exponents and the Order of Operations

Exponents

Label the parts of this exponent:

$$2^3$$

What does 2^3 literally mean?

Example 1

Evaluate the following exponents

a. 3^3

b. 5^3

c. 2^4

We need to understand exponents so that we can fully understand the order of operations. The order of operations is one of the handiest concepts in arithmetic that is often confused.

Order of Operations

Write down what the order of operations is:

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Classic Example of the Order of Operations

Evaluate: $10 \div 5 \times 6$

Example 2

Evaluate the following. This page and the next page are both blank so that you have plenty of space to work out your calculations by hand.

a. $3 + 2^3 - 6 \div 3 \times 7$

b. $2 + 3^2 + 4 \times 2 - 5 \times 2$

c. $3(1 + 2^2 - 3)^2$

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Examples: The Order of Operations

a. $10 - 3(1 + 2 \times 3) - 2^2 \times 4$

b. $3(1 + 2^2 - 3)^2 + 5(4 - 2 \times 3)$

c. $\frac{1}{2}(5 + 3) - 2^2(5 - 6)$

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Lesson: Advanced Notes on Exponents

Multiplicative Property of Negative One

Explain what is the difference between -5^2 and $(-5)^2$ from the standpoint of the order of operations:

Example 1

Evaluate the following.

a. $(-3)^2$

b. $(-3)^3$

c. -3^2

d. -3^3

e. -7^2

f. $(-2)^5$

Example 2

What is the sign on the following problems? Do not worry about the final answer, you only need to circle if the final answer is positive or negative.

a. $(-4)^7$ Positive Negative

b. $(-58)^{12}$ Positive Negative

c. -72^{57} Positive Negative

d. $(-13)^{72}$ Positive Negative

e. -64^{14} Positive Negative

f. $(-23)^{91}$ Positive Negative

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There is one final rule we need to discuss.

Zero Exponents
For any real number a,

Example 3
Evaluate the following:

a. 5^0

b. x^0

c. 35^0

d. -6^0

e. $(-7)^0$

f. $3^0 + 7^0$

g. $-5^0 + 2^0$

h. $\left(-3 + \sqrt{52}\right)^0$

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Lesson: Algebraic Expressions

First we will define the terminology, which is already written out for you.

- **Constant:** any real number in an expression that is not attached to a variable
- **Variable:** a letter than can stand for any set of real numbers, and we can substitute values in for it if desired
- **Coefficient:** a number that is being multiplied by a variable
- **Term:** this is a single number, variable, or a number and a variable multiplied together, often separated by a plus + or minus – sign.
- **Factor:** a number or variable that is being multiplied with another number or variable
- **Algebraic Expression:** a mathematical string of constants and terms that can be added, subtracted, multiplied or divided together

This terminology will be used often, so it's important to understand what it means.

Example 1

Classify each part of the expressions

Expression	Constants	Variables	Coefficients	Terms	Factors
a. $5x$					
b. $2x + y$					
c. 8					
d. x					
e. $2x^2 - 4x + 7$					

Algebraic expressions are often used in everyday situations; we just don't realize it.

Example 2

You want to go to the movies, and on Tuesdays a theatre runs a deal so that all tickets cost $8. How much would it cost for each of the following situations?

a. A ticket for only you?

b. A ticket for you and 2 of your friends?

c. Tickets for 5 people, a giant tub of popcorn that costs $20.

d. Tickets for z people?

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In the last part of this example, we wrote an algebraic expression where z represented some quantity. Notice that if you input any of the previous number of tickets from examples a, b, and c into z, you would get the same answers.

To evaluate expression, you can simply plug in the desired values for a variable.

Example 3

Evaluate each expression for $x = -2$, $y = 4$, and $z = \frac{1}{3}$ as applicable:

a. $3x - 7y$

b. $6z - x^2 + 2y$

c. $x + z^2$

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Lesson: The Commutative, Associative, and Distributive Properties

Your math homework and English homework are due on the same day. Does it matter which one you do first?

This situation illustrates the idea of the Commutative Law**,** which we can now state below:

Commutative Law

Let a and b represent any two real numbers. Now we can define the following properties:

- The Commutative Law for Addition:

- The Commutative Law for Multiplication:

Example 1

Rewrite the following using the commutative law.

a. $3 + y$

b. $3c$

c. $\frac{2}{5}k$

d. $2 - z$

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You are buying chips, a drink, and a notebook. Does it matter what order the cashier rings up this items in?

These situations illustrate the idea of the **Associative Law**, which we can now state below:

Let a, b, and c represent any three real numbers. Now we can define the following properties:

- The Associative Law for Addition:

- The Associative Law for Multiplication:

Example 2

Rewrite the following at least 2 different ways using the associative law.

a. $4xz$

b. $8 + 2 + 7 + 3$

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These rules are helpful when we are computing longer expressions.

How to Simplify Calculations Using the Commutative and Associative Laws

a. Suppose we want to calculate: $2 + 3 + 8 + 7$
Using the commutative law, we more cleverly group these numbers together like this:

$$2 + 8 + 3 + 7$$

Usually we recognize 10s faster than some other quantities, so from here we can rearrange and group like this to find the final answer:

b. How can you rearrange $\left(\frac{1}{5} * \frac{1}{3}\right) \times (10 * 6)$ to make the calculations simpler to work with?

The Distributive Law

Let a, b, and c represent any three real numbers. Then the following property holds:

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The distributive property effectively gives us permission to either add or multiply certain expressions in the order that simplifies the calculation.

Example 3
Use the distributive property as needed to simplify the following calculations.

a. $10\left(\frac{2}{5}-\frac{1}{2}\right)$

b. $\frac{2}{3}(6+9)$

c. $20\left(\frac{1}{4}+\frac{2}{5}\right)$

d. $\frac{2}{5}(14-4)$

The distributive law works in the opposite direction as well. If we start with $ab+ac$, according to the distributive law what would this equal?

Another name for this process is called **factoring.**

Example 4
Use the distributive law to factor the following:

a. $km+kn$

b. $5x+10y$

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There are a few other properties we need to mention:

The Additive Identity
For any number a, $0 + a = a + 0 = a$

The Multiplicative Identity
For any number a, $1 \times a = a \times 1 = a$

The Additive Inverse (aka the opposite of a number)
For any number a, the addition of its opposite will result in zero, ie: $a + (-a) = 0$.

The Multiplicative Inverse (aka the reciprocal)
For any number a, it's inverse can be written in the form $\frac{1}{a}$ and has the property: $a \times \frac{1}{a} = 1$

It is interesting to note that there exist number systems (not discussed in this class) where these properties do **not** exist!

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Lesson: Like Terms and Combining Like Terms

In algebra, we often want to simplify expressions if possible to make our lives easier. This is where the discussion of like terms comes into play.

Like Terms

Like terms are terms that share the exact same variables with the exact same exponents. Only like terms may be added.

Do like terms work in real life? Ie, can you come up with an example of like terms that could still be added in the real world?

Building off of your example, what wouldn't be like terms and could NOT be added in that scenario?

Example 1

In the following list below, classify which terms are like terms.

Discuss the two examples with the class to ensure they understand how to identify like terms. Students may color code, underline, or draw shapes around anything in the lists to indicate they are like terms.

a. $2x, 7y, 6x^2, 8y, x, -2x^2$

b. $3x^2y^2, 7x^2y, 2xy^2, 8x^2y, x^2y^2, -3x^2, 5xy^2$

The idea of like terms only comes up when we are talking about addition or subtraction. We do not worry about this when we want to multiply two things together. You may only add or subtract terms that are like terms.

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Example 2

Combine like terms. The next page is also left blank if you need more space.

a. $3x + 2y - 5x + 9y$

b. $4x^2 + 2x + 6y^2 + 2x^2 + 8x$

c. $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{2}{3}y - \frac{3}{2}x - 2\frac{1}{3}y$

d. $3x^2y^3 + 7x^2y^2 - 2x^2y^3 + x^2y^2$

e. $\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{2}{5}y - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{5}y$

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Lesson: Translating English into Math

As we move through this course, one major goal is to learn how to recognize and interpret certain situations as math problems. There are particular words in English that denote certain operations in mathematics, and we will classify those here.

Addition	**Subtraction**	**Multiplication**	**Division**

Example 1

Translate the following sentences into an algebraic expression. There is nothing to solve for you, you are merely setting up expressions.

a. 3 more than Lucy's height

b. Two less than a number

c. Three more than twice his salary.

d. Five less than three times a number.

e. Two-thirds of the cost.

f. Three more than twice his and her salary combined.

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Lesson: Basic Exponent Rules – Product, Power, and Quotient Rules

When working with rules of exponents, it is very important to be able to identify the base of each exponent. To begin, we will practice this.

Example 1

State the base for each exponent in the problems below.

Expression	Exponent	Base for this Exponent
5^3		
-5^4		
$-5x^6$		
$3y^7$		

Product Rule

First we want to remember what the actual definition of an exponent means.
We want to find: $2^3 * 2^2$. We will calculate this a few ways to understand the rules.

First we will work towards finding the exact answer. Evaluate each exponent below as you normally would with the **order of operations**, and then multiply the numbers together:

Now we will re-examine this result solely from the viewpoint of exponents. Write out each exponent as a multiplication problem, and notice the results you get from this exercise.

What do you notice about the exponents?

Product Rule (formal mathematical definition)

Let x be a real number, and let a and b be integers. Then:

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Example 2

Use the product rule to evaluate the following.

a. $x^2 * x^4$

c. $x^3 + x^7$

b. $3x^3 * -1x^4 * 2x$

d. $\frac{2}{3}x^4y^2z^5 * 6x^3y^2 * \frac{1}{2}y^3z^4$

Power Rule

Using the order of operations, first rewrite the expression inside the parentheses without exponents:
$(2^3)^2$ =

Now rewrite this entire result just utilizing what we know about the definition of exponents:

What is the relationship between the exponents in this case?

The Power Rule (formal mathematical definition)

Let x be a real number, and let a and b be integers. Then:

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Example 3

Use the power rule to evaluate the following:

a. $(x^3)^5$

b. $(x^2y^7z)^4$

c. $(3x^4y^5)^3$

d. $\left(\frac{2}{3}x^5y^2\right)^3$

Is there a difference between $(x+y)^n$ and $(xy)^n$? Explain.

The Quotient Rule

Using the order of operations, first rewrite the expression inside the parentheses without exponents:

$$\frac{2^5}{2^3}$$

First we will evaluate and find the final answer by using the order of operations below.

Notice the final answer of this question. How can we rewrite this number in its exponent form?

What relationship do you see between the exponents in the original question and the final answer?

The Quotient Rule (formal mathematical definition)

Let x be a real number, and let a and b be integers. Then:

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Example 4

Use the quotient rule to simplify the following:

a. $\frac{x^7}{x^3}$

b. $\frac{x^5y^8z^{10}}{xyz}$

c. $\frac{15x^4y^3z^{10}}{2x^2y^2z^5}$

d. $\frac{12x^7y^3}{8x^3z^4}$

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Examples: Exponent Rules, Basic Examples

Simplify the following using only the product, power, and quotient rules. Your final answer should not contain negative exponents.

a. $x^2y^7 * 5x^3y^5z$

b. $(4x^7y^3)^2$

c. $\frac{15x^7y^3}{10x^2y}$

d. $\frac{2}{5}x^2y^5 * \frac{1}{3}x^7yz^3$

e. $\left(\frac{5}{3}x^3y^2z^3\right)^3$

f. $(-3x^5)^2$

g. $(-3x^5)^3$

h. $(2x^4y^2z^6)^2 * 3x^2z^3$

i. $\frac{(x^3y^7)^2}{x^4y}$

j. $\frac{(x^4y^2)^3}{(x^2y)^2}$

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Examples: Exponent Rules, With Numbers Only

Simplify the following using only the product, power, and quotient rules. Your final answer should be a number.

a. $3^2 * 3$

b. $(-4)^2 * 2$

c. $\frac{2^7}{2^4}$

d. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 * 3^2$

e. $\frac{6^2}{2^3}$

f. $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 * 2^2$

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Examples: Exponent Rules, Trickier and Harder Examples

Simplify the following using only the product, power, and quotient rules. Your final answer should not include negative exponents.

a. $(3x^2y^4)^2 * (x^4y^5)^3$

b. $\frac{(2x^5y^2)^3}{(x^2yz^5)^2}$

c. $\left(\frac{2}{3}x^5y^7z^3\right)^2 * 9x^3y^3$

d. $\left(\frac{3}{5}x^5y^2z^7\right)^2 * \frac{xy^3}{z^5}$

e. $\frac{(3x^5y^2z^4)^3}{(6x^2yz^3)^2}$

f. $\frac{(4x^3y^2z^5)^2}{(2xz^2)^4}$

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Lesson: Negative Exponents

Simplify: $\frac{25}{125}$

If we wrote these numbers as exponents, this calculation would look like this:

$$\frac{5^2}{5^3} = \frac{1}{5}$$

Consider what would happen if we used the quotient rule on this problem:

$$\frac{5^2}{5^3} = 5^{2-3} - 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$$

This problem shows us that exponents can also be negative.

Three Rules for Negative Exponents

Let x and y be a real numbers, and let n be an integer. Then:

$$x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

$$\frac{1}{x^{-n}} = x^n$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{-n} = \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^{n} = \frac{y^n}{x^n}$$

In general your final answer cannot have a negative exponent, so it is essential that you understand what to do with it.

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Example 1

Rewrite the following expressions without negative exponents.

a. 4^{-2}

b. $\frac{1}{3^{-3}}$

c. $\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)^{-2}$

d. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2}$

One of the biggest challenges with negative exponents is identifying how to apply them to the proper base. As a quick review, remember how we identified the bases in the last section:

Example 2

Identify the base of the following exponents:

Expression	First Base	First Exponent	Second Base	Second Exponent
3^5				
$-2x^5$				
$5x^3y^7$				

This is extremely important to remember when working with negative exponents. In general, our final answer can't have negative exponents so you need to be used to reformatting your answers properly if negative exponents come up.

Example 3

Simplify the following expressions, and write your final answer without negative exponents.

a. $\frac{a^3b^{-2}}{c^{-4}d^6}$

b. $\frac{3a^{-3}b^4c^{-5}}{d^2e^{-2}f^5}$

c. $\frac{a^5b^3c^4}{4d^{-2}e^{-4}f^{-2}}$

d. $\frac{a^{-3}b^{-2}c^{-6}}{d^4e^7f}$

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With this in mind, we should now be able to work on combining all of the rules of exponents we've learned.

Example 4

Simplify the following. Your final answer cannot contain negative exponents.

a. $(3x^{-2}y^4)^3$

b. $\left(\frac{2x^{-4}y^6}{x^5y^{-3}}\right)^4$

c. $(-2x^3y^{-2}z)^{-3}$

d. $\left(\frac{2x^3y^{-4}}{3x^{-2}y^{-5}}\right)^{-3}$

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Examples: Negative Exponents, Basic Examples

Your final answer should not contain negative exponents.

a. $\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{-2}$

b. $3x^{-6}y^{4}z^{-2}$

c. $\frac{4x^{-4}y^{7}}{z^{-5}}$

d. $\frac{6x^{3}y^{-5}}{x^{7}y^{2}}$

e. $\frac{14x^{-3}y^{5}z^{3}}{21x^{-2}y^{-3}z^{9}}$

f. $(3x^{-4}y^{-2}z^{4})^{2}$

g. $\left(\frac{5x^{2}y^{-4}}{z^{2}}\right)^{5}$

h. $(x^{-3}y^{2}z^{-4})^{-3}$

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Examples: Negative Exponents, Tricky Examples

Your final answer should not contain negative exponents.

a. $(3x^{-4}y^{5}z^{-2})^{-3}$

b. $(-5x^{2}y^{-3}z^{4})^{-2}$

c. $\left(\frac{4x^{-5}y^{2}}{x^{-3}y^{-5}}\right)^{-2}$

d. $\left(\frac{3x^{3}y^{-3}z^{4}}{2x^{-2}y^{4}z^{-2}}\right)^{-3}$

e. $\frac{(2x^{-4}y^{5})^{4}}{x^{-3}y^{7}}$

f. $\frac{(3x^{-3}y^{2}z^{-3})^{-3}}{(2x^{4}y^{-5}z^{3})^{-4}}$

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Examples: Negative Exponents versus Negative Numbers

Examples Simplify:

a. 6^{-2}

b. -6^2

c. $(-6)^2$

d. $(-6)^{-2}$

Examples Simplify:

a. $5x^{-2}$

b. $(5x)^{-2}$

c. $-5x^2$

d. $(-5x)^{-2}$

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Examples Simplify

a. -7^2

b. $(-7)^{-2}$

c. 7^{-2}

d. -7^{-2}

Examples Simplify

a. $3x^{-2}$

b. $(-3x)^{-2}$

c. $(-3x)^{-3}$

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Lesson: Scientific Notation

Scientific Notation

A number in scientific notation is of the form: $A \times 10^n$ where $1 \leq |A| < 10$ and n is an integer

Before we can write numbers in this form, it is best if we can identify examples that are or are not in this format.

Example 1

Identify if the following examples are in scientific notation. If not, circle and explain why.

a. 5.34×10^7 Yes, it's in scientific notation No, it's not in scientific notation

b. $-2.7832 \times 10^{\frac{1}{2}}$ Yes, it's in scientific notation No, it's not in scientific notation

c. -4.5382×10^{-8} Yes, it's in scientific notation No, it's not in scientific notation

d. 0.8×10^{23} Yes, it's in scientific notation No, it's not in scientific notation

We will now examine how to rewrite the following example in scientific notation.

Example 1

Rewrite the following in scientific notation.

Example 2

Rewrite the following examples in their expanded form.

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Example 3

Use the rules of exponents to multiply the following results together.

a. $(2 \times 10^6) \times (3 \times 10^8)$

b. $(2 \times 10^{17}) \times (2.1 \times 10^{23})$

c. $(8 \times 10^7) \times (2 \times 10^{-3})$

Example 4

Use the rules of exponents to divide the following results.

a. $\frac{8 \times 10^{12}}{4 \times 10^3}$

b. $\frac{6 \times 10^7}{2 \times 10^{19}}$

c. $\frac{3 \times 10^{-12}}{6 \times 10^{-5}}$

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Example 5
Add the following:

a. $(5 \times 10^{78}) + (2 \times 10^{78})$

b. $(8 \times 10^{6}) + (2 \times 10^{6})$

c. $(3 \times 10^{4}) + (2 \times 10^{3})$

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Rational Exponents

Video 1: How to work with rules like $x^{\frac{1}{n}}$ or $x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ or $x^{-\frac{m}{n}}$

In this video, we will learn how to evaluate expressions that look like this:

$8^{\frac{1}{3}}$ or $25^{\frac{3}{2}}$

Define $x^{\frac{1}{n}}$ and show how to use this rule to evaluate $25^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Examples Evaluate the following:

a. $125^{\frac{1}{3}}$

b. $32^{\frac{1}{5}}$

c. $9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

d. $(-9)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

e. $-9^{\frac{1}{2}}$

f. $\left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

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Define $x^{\frac{m}{n}}$ and show how to use this rule to evaluate $25^{\frac{3}{2}}$

Examples Evaluate the following:

a. $27^{\frac{2}{3}}$

b. $4^{\frac{3}{2}}$

c. $16^{\frac{5}{4}}$

d. $-8^{\frac{2}{3}}$

e. $(-8)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

f. $(-16)^{\frac{3}{4}}$

g. $-81^{\frac{3}{4}}$

h. $\left(\frac{125}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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Define $x^{-\frac{m}{n}}$ and show how to use this rule to evaluate $25^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

Examples Evaluate the following:

a. $25^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

b. $27^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

c. $16^{-\frac{3}{4}}$

d. $4^{-\frac{5}{2}}$

e. $\left(\frac{25}{4}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

f. $(-25)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

g. $(-27)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

h. $-16^{-\frac{5}{4}}$

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Lesson: Using Exponent Rules with Rational Exponents

First, let's review the main exponent rules:

Next, let's do a quick review on operations with fractions. Complete the following operations:

a. $\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{6}$

b. $\frac{2}{5} \times 10$

c. $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{5}$

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Now we will combine all of these ideas into the following examples!

Examples Simplify the following. Your final answer should not include any negative exponents.

a. $x^{\frac{2}{3}} * x^{\frac{1}{5}}$

b. $\left(4x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{6}\right)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

c. $\frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}}y^{-\frac{1}{5}}}{x^{\frac{1}{6}}y^{\frac{2}{5}}}$

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d. $\left(\frac{125x^4y^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{x^{-\frac{1}{2}}y^{\frac{2}{5}}}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

e. $\left(\frac{4x^6y^{-\frac{1}{3}}}{x^{-3}y^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$

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Lesson: Simplifying Radicals with Rational Exponents

Convert the following radicals to rational exponents, simplify, and then rewrite in radical form.

a. $\sqrt{7^2}$

b. $\sqrt{9^2}$

c. $\sqrt[3]{x^{15}}$

d. $\sqrt[4]{x^2}$

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Rational Exponents
Video 3: Convert a radical expression to exponential form

Examples Convert the following expressions to exponential form, and then simplify if needed.

a. $\sqrt{7}$

b. $\sqrt[3]{8}$

c. $\sqrt{5^2}$

d. $\sqrt[3]{7^6}$

e. $\sqrt[4]{x^{16}}$

f. $\sqrt[6]{x^2}$

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Lesson: A Review of Exponent Rules for Algebra Students

Power Rule: $x^m * x^n =$

Product Rule: $(x^m)^n =$

Quotient Rule: $\frac{x^m}{x^n} =$

Negative Exponents

$x^{-n} =$ $\frac{1}{x^{-n}} =$

$\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{-n} =$

Simplify the following using exponent rules. Your final answer should not contain negative exponents.

a. $3x^7y^{-4} * 5x^{-2}y^9$

b. $\left(\frac{2x^4y^5}{3z^5}\right)^3$

c. $\frac{10x^4y^7}{2x^2y^3z^{-5}}$

d. $\frac{4x^3y^{-2}}{6x^{-4}y^{-5}}$

e. $\frac{8x^{-3}y^4z^{-3}}{10x^5y^{-2}z^{-7}}$

f. $\left(\frac{3x^{-3}y^{-2}}{6x^2y^4}\right)^{-2}$

g. $\left(\frac{2x^{-7}z^3}{3x^{-2}y^{-3}z^5}\right)^{-3}$

h. $\left(\frac{5x^{-2}y^{-3}z^3}{x^3y^4z^{-7}}\right)^{-2}$

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Lesson: An Intro to Polynomials

We can extend our knowledge of exponents to another algebraic topic – polynomials

Before we define what a polynomial is, it is usually easier to see a few examples of what is or is not a polynomial.

The following ARE polynomials:

- $x^2 - 3x + 8$
- $x^7 - 5x^4 + 2x^3 + x$
- 9
- $7x + \pi$
- $x^3 + \frac{2}{3}$

The following ARE NOT polynomials:

- $\sqrt{x} - 4$
- $4x^{-4} - 7x^{-3}$
- $\frac{4}{x} - \frac{2}{x+3}$

Now we can more formally define a polynomial.

Polynomial

An expression with real numbers, variables, and whole number exponents.

Descending Order

Ordering a polynomial from the largest exponent to the smallest exponent, and any freestanding number without a variable is last

Example 1

Put the polynomials in descending order.

a. $x^3 + 4x^5 - 2x^7 + 3x^2 + 5x^8$

b. $x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 - x^6 + 3$

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Term
Any part in a polynomial that is separated by a "+" or "-" sign is considered to be its own term

Variables
The letters in a polynomial that represent numbers

Coefficients
The numbers attached to the variables

Constant Term
The freestanding number within a polynomial that is not attached to any variables

Example 1
Examine the polynomials, then determine the variables, coefficients, and constant terms

Polynomial	Terms	Variable(s)	Coefficient(s)	Constant
$2x + 3$				
$3x^2 - x + 5$				
5				
$2x^2y + 3y - x$				

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Degree of a Term

The degree of a term is the sum of the exponents of that term.

Example 2

Identify the degree of each term

Term	Degree	Term	Degree
x^4		x^4y^3	
$3y^6$		x^7y^9	
x		$x^4y^2z^5$	
6		xy^4	

Degree of a Polynomial

The degree of a polynomial is the same as the degree of the term of highest degree within that polynomial

Leading Coefficient

The leading coefficient is the coefficient attached to the term of highest degree in a polynomial

Trinomial

A polynomial with 3 terms

Binomial

A polynomial with 2 terms

Monomial

A polynomial with 1 term

Example 3

Identify the degree of each polynomial and the type of polynomial it is.

Polynomial	Degree of Each Term, Respectively	Deg of Polynom	Leading Coefficient	Type of Polynomial
$x^5 + 4x^3 - 2x$				
$-5x^2 + 18x$				
$6x + 2x^4 - 3x^2$				
$x^5 + 2x^7 - 4$				
8				

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Evaluating Polynomials

Evaluating polynomials is not unlike evaluating other expressions we've seen in this course.

Example 4

Evaluate the polynomials for $x = -2$.

a. $x^2 + 3x + 1$

b. $x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 4$

c. $\frac{1}{4}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 5x$

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Lesson: How to Add and Subtract Polynomials

To add or subtract polynomials, combine like terms.

Examples

Perform the following operations.

a. $(2x + 4) + (5x^2 - 3x + 1)$

b. $(5x^2 - 3x + 1) - (x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 1)$

c. $(3x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x) + (4x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x)$

d. $(2x^2 + 5x - 4) - (x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 5)$

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Lesson: How to Multiply Polynomials

To begin, let's first focus on the process of distributing a monomial with a polynomial.

Examples Multiply the following:

a. $3x(4x^2 + 5x - 7)$

b. $x^2y^4(3x^2 + 2xy - 8y^4)$

c. $\frac{1}{2}x^3y^4(4xy^3 - 2x^3y + 8xy)$

Now write down the process for how to multiply $(x + 2)(x^2 + 3x)$

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Examples Multiply the following:

a. $(x+3)(x+2)$

b. $(3x+1)(x-6)$

c. $(x^2+4)(x-2y)$

d. $(x+4)(x-4)$

e. $(x+3)(x^2+4x+5)$

f. $(2x^2+3x+1)(3x^2-4x+2)$

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How do you multiply $(x+5)^2$?

Examples Multiply the following:

a. $(x+2)^2$

b. $(2x^2+1)^2$

c. $(3x^2+x+5)$

How do you multiply 3 polynomials together, such as $(x+2)(x+1)(x-3)$?

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Examples Multiply the following together:

a. $(x-3)(x+4)(x-1)$

b. $(2x+1)(x-2)(x-1)$

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Lesson: The Basics of Dividing Polynomials

In this section, we will discuss how to divide polynomials that are in these forms:

$\frac{x^2+3x}{x}$ or $(4x^7y^3 + 8x^4y^2 - 12x^5y^5) \div 2x^2y$

To divide in these cases, you can just use rules of exponents. Sometimes you will want to separate the problem into separate fractions.

Examples

a. $\frac{x^2+3x}{x}$

b. $\frac{5x^4-10x^3+15x^2}{5x}$

c. $(27x^4y^2 + 18x^3y) \div 9x^2y$

d. $(4x^7y^3 + 8x^4y^2 - 12x^5y^5) \div 2x^2y$

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Lesson: Long Division for Polynomials

In this section, we will discuss how to divide polynomials that are in these forms:

$(x^2 + 5x + 6) \div (x + 3)$ or $(2x^2 + 5x + 3) \div (2x + 3)$

In these types of problems, we need to use long division. In another video, we talked about how to divide polynomial problems like these:

$\frac{4x^3+2x^2}{2x}$

But we did not need long division. What is different about these types of problems that require long division?

Show how to use long division to divide $(x^2 + 5x + 6) \div (x + 3)$

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Examples Divide the following.

a. $(x^2 + 7x + 10) \div (x + 5)$

b. $(2x^2 + 5x + 3) \div (2x + 3)$

c. $\frac{x^2-11x+30}{x-5}$

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Now we will look at what to do when there is a remainder.

Divide the following: $(x^2 + 3x + 1) \div (x + 2)$

Now show how to divide when there are "missing" terms, such as with $(x^4 - 81) \div (x^2 - 9)$

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Examples Divide.

a. $(5x^2 - 10x^3 + 8 - 9x) \div (x + 2)$

b. $(x^3 + 1) \div (x + 1)$

c. $(5x^3 - 4x^2 + 1) \div (x + 2)$

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Lesson: The Greatest Common Factor

The Greatest Common Factor (GCF)

The Greatest Common Factor is the biggest common factor between a set of terms.

Examples

Find the greatest common factor in the following polynomials, then factor the polynomial.

a. Polynomial: $3x + 3y$

GCF:

Factor out the GCF:

b. Polynomial: $3xy + 6xz$

GCF:

Factor out the GCF:

c. Polynomial: $10x^2 - 25xy + 15xz$

GCF:

Factor out the GCF:

d. Polynomial: $3x^7y + 8x^3z^5 - 5y^4z^3$

GCF:

Factor out the GCF:

Examples

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Factor the following polynomials.

a. $12xy^2 + 10x^2y^4 - 14xy^5$

b. $5xy - 10yz + 12xz$

c. $3x + 6x^2 - 12x^3$

d. $5x^4y^2z^5 + 10x^2y^4z^6 - 25x^5yz^3$

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Lesson: Factoring by Grouping

Grouping can best be understood with the following example.

Factor $ax + ay + bx + by$ by grouping:

Examples

Finish the following examples where the grouping had been started.

a. $3(x - y) + 2z(x - y)$

b. $2a(3b + 2c) - 5(2c + 3b)$

c. $4x(y - z) - 3(z + y)$

d. $4z(4x - 7) - (4x - 7)$

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Examples

Factor the following.

a. $5x + 10y + xz + 2yz$

b. $10x^2 + 15x^3y - 2 - 3xy$

c. $3xy + 4y - 27x - 36$

d. $3xy + 6x + 21y + 42$

e. $3x^2 - 48y + 8x - 18xy$

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Lesson: The Basics of Factoring Trinomials of the Form $x^2 + bx + c$

Factoring trinomials will require us to multiply polynomials, so first we will review this skill.

Examples

Multiply.

a. $(x + 3)(x - 5)$

b. $(2x - y)(5x + 2y)$

Definition of a Trinomial

A trinomial is a polynomial with three terms.

How to Factor a Trinomial Using Trial and Error

Show how to factor $x^2 + 3x + 2$

Show how to factor $x^2 + 7x + 12$

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Examples

Factor the following.

a. $x^2 + 6x + 5$

b. $x^2 + 12x + 11$

c. $x^2 - 8x + 15$

d. $x^2 - 13x + 30$

e. $x^2 + 10x - 24$

f. $x^2 - 5x - 14$

g. $2x^2 + 16x + 30$

h. $5x^4 + 55x^3 - 45x^2$

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Lesson: The Basics of Factoring Trinomials of the Form $-x^2 + bx + c$

How can you factor $-x^2 - 5x - 6$?

What about $-x^2 - 15x - 36$?

Examples

Factor the following.

a. $-x^2 + 13x - 30$

b. $-x^2 + 16x - 55$

c. $-x^2 - 2x + 3$

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Lesson: The Basics of Factoring Trinomials of the Form $x^2 + bxy + cy^2$

How do you factor $x^2 + 5x + 6$?

How do you factor $x^2 + 5xy + 6y^2$?

Examples Factor the following.

a. $x^2 + xy - 12y^2$

b. $x^2 - 2xy + y^2$

c. $3x^2 + 21xy + 18y^2$

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Lesson: The Basics of Factoring Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$

In this lesson we will focus on trinomials that do not have a leading coefficient.

To begin, first let's get warmed up by factoring the following using trial and error:

a. $x^2 + 7x + 12$

b. $x^2 - 3xy + 10y^2$

How do you factor $2x^2 + 5x + 3$ using trial and error?

How do you factor $3x^2 + 16x + 5$ using trial and error?

Another way to factor $3x^2 + 16x + 5$ is by grouping. Show how to use this technique below:

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Examples Factor the following:

a. $7x^2 - 11x + 4$

b. $3x^2 + 10x + 8$

c. $5x^2 - 11x - 36$

d. $3x^2 - 17xy - 6y^2$

e. $-10x^2 + 19x - 6$

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Lesson: Factoring Special Trinomials

How do you factor $x^2 + 6x + 9$?

What's another way to write this factorization?

What do you call this type of trinomials?

Examples Factor the following:

a. $x^2 + 12x + 36$

b. $9x^2 - 12x + 16$

c. $x^2 - x + \frac{1}{4}$

d. $36x^2 - 60xy + 25y^2$

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How do you factor $x^2 - 4$?

What is this type of factoring called?

Examples Factor the following:

a. $x^2 - 25$

b. $x^2 - 16$

c. $x^2 - 1$

d. $25x^2 - 36$

e. $16x^2 - 81y^2$

f. $16 - x^2$

g. $25y^2 - 64x^2$

h. $\frac{49}{64} - x^2$

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Lesson: How to Factor The Sum and Difference of Cubes

Write down the formula for the sum of cubes

$a^3 + b^3 =$

Write down the formula for the difference of cubes

$a^3 - b^3 =$

Show how to factor $x^3 + 8$

Show how to factor $8x^3 - 27$

Examples Factor:

a. $x^3 - 1$

b. $x^3 - \frac{1}{8}$

c. $x^3 + 64$

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Review: An Overview of All the Types of Factoring

We will review all of the different types of factoring by presenting an example of each type.

Greatest Common Factor

1. $4x^2 + 8xy$

2. $6x^3y^2 - 8x^2y^5 + 10x^5y$

Grouping

3. $3x + 6y - xz^2 - 2yz^2$

4. $12x^2 - 2y + 3x - 8xy$

Basic Trinomials of the Form $x^2 + bx + c$

5. $x^2 + 7x + 10$

6. $x^2 - 2x - 15$

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Trickier or Special Forms of Trinomials of the Form $x^2 + bx + c$

7. $-x^2 - 3x + 28$

8. $6x^2 + 54x + 120$

9. $x^2 - 6xy + 8y^2$

10. $x^2 - 8x + 16$

11. $x^2 - 25$

12. $x^2 - \frac{9}{4}$

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Trinomials of the Form $ax^2 + bx + c$

13. $2x^2 + 11x + 5$

14. $7x^2 - 15x + 8$

15. $-3x^2 - 15x^2 + 198x$

16. $16x^2 - 24xy + 9y^2$

More Practice with the Difference of Squares

17. $x^2 - 81$

18. $25x^2 - 4$

19. $\frac{1}{4}x^2 - 9y^2$

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Sum and Difference of Cubes

20. $x^3 + 8$

21. $x^3 - 27$

22. $27x^3 - 1$

23. $8x^3 + 64y^3$

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Lesson: Factoring by GCF and Trinomials (the more memorable types of factoring)

How do you factor $3x + 3y$?

What type of factoring is this called?

Examples Show how to use the GCF to factor the following:

a. $4x + 12x^2 - 8x^3$

b. $5x^2y + 10x^7y^3 - 15x^5y^2$

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Examples Show how to use the GCF to factor the following:

a. $4x^2 + 12xy - 3y^2$

b. $15x^3y^4 - 25x^6y^2 + 20x^7y^8$

What is a trinomial?

Show how to multiply: $(x + 2)(x + 7)$

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Show how to factor $x^2 + 3x + 2$ using the *trial and error* method. Write down some reasoning explaining how this method works.

Example Factor the following using trial and error.

a. $x^2 + 5x + 6$

b. $x^2 - 7x + 12$

c. $x^2 - 25$

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Show how we can factor $2x^2 + 5x + 3$ using *trial and error.*

Examples Factor the following.

a. $5x^2 + 7x + 2$

b. $3x^2 + 13x - 10$

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Lesson: Factoring by Grouping and the Sum and Difference of Cubes

Show how to use grouping to factor: $ax + ay + bx + by$

What are some key hints that you probably need to use the grouping technique?

Write out the steps of how to use grouping for this problem:

Example Show how to finish the factoring for the following:

a. $5(x - 2y) + z^2(x - 2y)$

b. $6x^2(3y - z) - (3y - z)$

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Examples Use grouping to factor the following:

a. $4x^3 - 12xy + x^2y - 3y^2$

b. $xy + 4x - y - 4$

For the next example we will use $12x^2 - 15y + 18x - 10xy$

What is the issue when we try to use grouping?

How can we resolve this issue and still use grouping?

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Write the sum and difference of cubes formulas below:

Examples Factor the following:

a. $x^3 + 8$

b. $y^3 - 1$

c. $8x^3 + 27y^3$

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Lesson: A Few More Tricks for Factoring

List all the types of factoring that you might have to use:

It is always possible that you will have to combine these methods. There are also a few other tricks you can try, which we will discuss in this lesson.

Using **Grouping** with Trinomials

Write out *instructions* on how to use grouping for $4x^2 + 16x + 15$

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Below are a few challenging examples of factoring. Write out any notes of how to work these out that might be helpful to you. Remember, you are expected to use these notes as a resource to help you finish your homework – take the time to write down reminders that will be meaningful and helpful to you!

a. $-x^2 - 15x - 36$

What trick can you use here? Show how to use it.

b. $4y^3 - 28y^2 + 48y$

What trick can you use here? Show how to use it.

c. $-6x^2 + 10x - 3$

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d. $x^2 + 7xy + 12y^2$

How should you deal with having the multiple variables?

Finally, let's work with a few trickier examples of the difference of squares. Follow the pattern:

a. $x^2 - 16$

b. $x^2 - 25$

c. $x^2 - \frac{16}{25}$

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d. $16 - x^2$

e. $25x^2 - 16y^2$

f. $\frac{16}{25}x^2 - \frac{4}{9}y^2$

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Lesson: Synthetic Division and the Remainder Theorem

The outcome of division can be restated using the division algorithm.

State the division algorithm:

Show how we use polynomial long division with $(x^2 - 3x - 1) \div (x + 2)$, and then restate the result using the format of the division algorithm.

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Now show how to do the operation $(x^2 - 3x - 1) \div (x + 2)$ with synthetic division:

Restate this result using the division algorithm:

Example Use synthetic division to perform: $\frac{4x^3-3x^2-7}{x+1}$. Rewrite the result using the division algorithm.

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So what are 3 keys about using synthetic division to remember?

What is the remainder theorem?

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Example Use the remainder theorem to find the desired functional values: $f(x) = -3x^4 + 5x^3 - 30x + 20, f(2)$. What is the equivalent division problem associated with this? Write the result of your division using the division algorithm.

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Example Use the remainder theorem to find the desired functional values: $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5, k = 3 - i$

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Lesson: Synthetic Division and Potential Zeros of Polynomials

What is a “zero” of a polynomial?

How does the remainder theorem help us to determine if we have a zero?

What are some other terms that we use for “zero” of a polynomial?

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Example Determine if the given k is a zero of the polynomial. If it is not, then what is the value of $f(k)$?

a. $f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5; k = 5$

b. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5; k = 1$

c. $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2; k = 1 + i$

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Rational Expressions
Video 1: The Basics

What are rational expressions?

What do rational expressions look like? Write down some examples:

Simplifying Rational Expressions
Take down some notes on this:

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Examples together:

a. $\frac{25x^7y^9}{15x^3y^2z^7}$

Examples on your own:

b. $\frac{21x^7y^9}{14y^8z^3}$

c. $\frac{16x^4y^7z^3}{15x^3y^4z^8}$

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Examples together:

a. $\frac{x^2+5x+6}{x^2-9}$

Examples on your own:

b. $\frac{x^2+7x+10}{x^2+10x+25}$

c. $\frac{x^2-x-6}{x^2-9x+14}$

d. $\frac{x^2+10x+16}{x^3+2x^2+x+2}$

Play the video and check your work.

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Examples on your own:

e. $\frac{x^3-8}{x^2-9x+14}$

f. $\frac{10x^3+15x^7}{10x^3+40x^2+40x}$

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Rational Expressions
Video 2: Other Things to Know

When it comes to fractions, where are you allowed to have a zero? In the numerator (top) or denominator (bottom)?

Therefore, what do we have to worry about with rational expressions?

Examples on your own:

Evaluate the following rational expressions for $x = 2$.

a. $\frac{x^2+6x+8}{x^2+8x+15}$

b. $\frac{x^2+9x+20}{x^2+3x-10}$

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Example on your own: (evaluate for x=2)

c. $\frac{x^2-4}{x^2+9x+14}$

To summarize…

When a rational expression has a zero in the numerator, what does this mean?

When a rational expression has a zero in the denominator, what does this mean?

Define the term **domain:**

What are we concerned with for the domain of rational expressions?

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A review of interval notation:

Examples:

Write the following in interval notation:

a.

b.

c.

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Example together:

Determine i) where the expression equals zero ii) where the expression is undefined iii) the domain of the expression

a. $\frac{x+3}{x-5}$

b. $\frac{2x+1}{x^2+7x+10}$

Examples on your own:

Determine i) where the expression equals zero ii) where the expression is undefined iii) the domain of the expression

c. $\frac{x-3}{x-1}$

d. $\frac{x^2-81}{x^2+5x+6}$

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Rational Expressions
Video 3: The Negative One Trick with Simplifying

In its current form, can you simplify: $\frac{x-3}{3-x}$? Why or why not?

Show how you can manipulate this expression to simplify it.

There is no formal name for this trick. Some might refer to it as a *multiplicative property of -1,* but I refer to as "that -1 trick." I know, it's not exactly formal sounding!

Let's do one more example of this. Simplify $\frac{5-x}{3x-15}$

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The first thing to get used to it how to rewrite expressions using this trick.

Examples

Rewrite the order of each expression by factoring out -1 first.

a. $4 - x$

b. $3x - 1$

c. $x - 6$

Now let's use this to simplify rational expressions.

Examples Simplify the following.

a. $\frac{6x-12}{2-x}$

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Examples Simplify the following.

b. $\frac{4x-20}{30x-6x^2}$

c. $\frac{x^2-4}{2-x}$

d. $\frac{x-6}{36-x^2}$

e. $\frac{5-x}{x^2-7x+10}$

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Examples Simplify the following.

f. $\frac{x^2-10x+25}{25-x^2}$

g. $\frac{27-x^3}{x^2-5x+6}$

h. $\frac{x^3-3x^2+5x-15}{6-3x}$

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Examples Simplify the following.

i. $\frac{54-9x}{x^2-36}$

j. $\frac{8-x^3}{x^2-9x+14}$

k. $\frac{y^3-x^3}{x^2-y^2}$

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Example/Question: Troubleshooting the -1 Trick

Explain the actual DETAIL behind WHY $\frac{4}{5-x} = -\frac{4}{x-5}$

Examples Write an equivalent fraction for the following:

a. $\frac{5}{x-8}$

b. $\frac{x-3}{x+2}$

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Lesson: Multiplying Rational Expressions

How do you multiply the fractions $\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d}$? Include a one-sentence explanation.

Examples Multiply the following.

a. $\frac{4}{5} \times \frac{7}{9}$

b. $\frac{2x^3}{7y^2} \times \frac{5x^5}{9y^7}$

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Show how to make cancellations before multiplying $\frac{12}{25} \times \frac{15}{16}$

We can apply this same logic to rational expressions.

Examples Multiply the following and simplify when possible.

a. $\frac{21x^7}{15y^3} \times \frac{5y^8}{42x^4}$

b. $\frac{2x^2+5x+3}{x^2-25} \times \frac{x^3+125}{4x^2+6x}$

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Lesson: Dividing Rational Expressions

How do you divide $\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d}$? Write a one sentence explanation of how to do this too.

Example Divide the following: $\frac{5x}{9} \div \frac{2}{7x^4}$

When can you make cancellations in the process?

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Examples Divide.

a. $\frac{12x^7}{45} \div \frac{42x^3}{15}$

b. $\frac{x^2+4x+4}{x+5} \div (x+2)^5$

c. $\frac{x^3+1}{6x^3-6x^2+6x} \div \frac{x^2-1}{8}$

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Explain why $\frac{\frac{5x+5y}{24}}{\frac{15x^2+15xy}{12}}$ is both a fraction and a division problem.

Example Divide: $\frac{\frac{16x^2-25}{x^5}}{\frac{36x-45}{9x^7}}$

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Lesson: Finding the Least Common Denominator for Addition and Subtraction – A Quick Review for Fractions (with only numbers)

We are going to work on adding and subtracting rational expressions with different denominators. Before we do that, we are going to remind ourselves how to find common denominators for fractions that only have numbers.

The simplest case: what is the least common denominator between the fractions $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$?

Why is that the common denominator?

Now let's look at something slightly more complicated. What is the least common denominator between $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$?

First, take a guess. It's totally fine if this guess is wrong, but just make a guess.

Why is this your guess? What did you do?

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There is a specific procedure that you want to use when finding least common denominators in this class. Write down instructions that were given in the video, but write them our in a way that makes sense to you.

Repeat this procedure to find the least common denominator $\frac{1}{15}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$.

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Repeat this procedure to find the least common denominator $\frac{1}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$.

Now we will focus on how to write fractions with this desired denominator.

The simplest case: using the least common denominator you found for $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{3}$, show how to write 2 equivalent fractions with the desired denominator. Write out instructions on how you do this. Summarize what was discussed in the explanation in the video.

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Using the least common denominator you found for $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{10}$, show how to write 2 equivalent fractions with the desired denominator. Write out instructions on how you do this. Summarize what was discussed in the explanation in the video.

Using the least common denominator you found for $\frac{1}{12}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$, show how to write 2 equivalent fractions with the desired denominator. Write out instructions on how you do this. Summarize what was discussed in the explanation in the video.

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Lesson: Finding the Least Common Denominator for Rational Expressions

The simplest case: what is the least common denominator between the fractions $\frac{1}{2x}$ and $\frac{1}{3y^2}$?

Examples Find the least common denominator between the following fractions.

a. $\frac{1}{2x^2}, \frac{1}{3xy^2}$

b. $\frac{1}{2x^2y^5}, \frac{1}{3x^7y^2}$

c. $\frac{1}{2x^3y^5z^2}, \frac{1}{3x^5y^7z^8}$

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Examples Find the least common denominator for the following.

a. $\frac{1}{14x^3y^2}, \frac{1}{21x^2y^7}$

b. $\frac{1}{24x^3y}, \frac{1}{12x^2y^5}$

What is the least common denominator between $\frac{1}{x+2}$ and $\frac{1}{x}$?

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What is the least common denominator between $\frac{1}{x^2-4}$ and $\frac{1}{x^2+5x+6}$?

Examples Find the least common denominator between the following fractions.

a. $\frac{3}{5x-10}, \frac{1}{7x-14}$

b. $\frac{1}{x^2-12x+35}, \frac{1}{x^2+x-20}$

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Examples Find the least common denominator between the following fractions.

a. $\frac{1}{x-3}, \frac{1}{3-x}$

b. $\frac{1}{x^2-4}, \frac{1}{2-x}$

c. $\frac{1}{x^2+9x+20}, \frac{1}{x^2-25}, \frac{1}{x^2-x-20}$

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Lesson: Writing Equivalent Rational Expressions with the Same Denominator

Examples Find the least common denominator between the following rational expressions, and then write each rational expression with it's equivalent and the LCD.

a. $\frac{2}{15x^2y^5}, \frac{4}{9x^3y^2}$

b. $\frac{5}{x+3}, \frac{4}{x}$

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Examples Find the least common denominator between the following rational expressions, and then write each rational expression with it's equivalent and the LCD.

a. $\frac{x}{x^2+9x+18}, \frac{2}{x^2+5x+6}$

b. $\frac{x}{5x^2-30x}, \frac{x-2}{2x^2-17x+30}, \frac{2}{2x^2-5x}$

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Lesson: Adding and Subtracting Rational Expressions

Show how to add or subtract the following:

a. $\frac{5}{x+2} - \frac{3}{x+2}$

b. $\frac{5}{x-4} + \frac{7}{x}$

c. $\frac{5}{12xy^2} - \frac{7}{8x^3y}$

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d. $\frac{x}{x+3} - \frac{2}{x^2-9}$

e. $\frac{x}{x^2-25} - \frac{5}{x^2-3x-40}$

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Example/Question: When Are You Allowed to Cancel with Rational Expressions?

What is the wrong way to cancel $\frac{(x+1)-3(x-3)}{2(x-3)+4(x+1)}$ and explain why you can't cancel like that? How can you tell it's wrong?

What is the difference between $\frac{(x+1)-3(x-3)}{2(x-3)+4(x+1)}$ and $\frac{3(x+1)(x-3)}{2(x-3)(x+1)}$?

How do you simplify $\frac{(x+1)-3(x-3)}{2(x-3)+4(x+1)}$?

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Lesson: Complex Fractions

First let's review how to simplify a complex fraction we've already discussed. Show how to simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{2x}{x+5}}{\frac{2}{x^2-25}}$$

Explain what makes the problem below different from the one we just reviewed above.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{5}{6}+\frac{1}{3}}$$

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Outline the steps required to simplify. Write out the instructions as they were explained in the video.

$$\frac{\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{5}{6}+\frac{1}{3}}$$

Example Simplify the following

$$\frac{\frac{7}{9}-\frac{1}{3}}{1+\frac{5}{9}}$$

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Examples Simplify the following.

a. $\dfrac{\frac{5}{x}+\frac{2}{y}}{\frac{1}{y}-\frac{3}{x}}$

b. $\dfrac{\frac{6}{x+3}-\frac{4}{x-1}}{\frac{2}{x-1}+\frac{5}{x+3}}$

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Example Simplify the following.

$$\frac{1-\frac{4}{t+5}}{\frac{4}{t^2-25}+\frac{t}{t-5}}$$

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Complex Fractions
Video 2: More Complicated Examples

Complex fractions look like this:

$$\frac{\frac{4x}{15y^2}}{\frac{6x^4}{25y^8}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\frac{1}{3}-\frac{1}{6}}{\frac{3}{2}+\frac{5}{6}} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\frac{4}{x^2}-\frac{4}{y^2}}{\frac{1}{xy}+\frac{5}{y}}$$

First we will discuss the basics.

Examples

a. $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}-\frac{1}{y}}{\frac{3}{x}-\frac{4}{y^2}}$

b. $\frac{\frac{3}{x}-x}{\frac{2}{x}+x}$

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Examples

a. $\dfrac{\frac{3}{x-1}-\frac{2}{x+3}}{\frac{5}{x+3}-\frac{2}{x-1}}$

b. $\dfrac{\frac{5}{x-2}-\frac{3}{x+5}}{\frac{1}{x+5}+\frac{2}{x-2}}$

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Examples

a. $\dfrac{1-\frac{1}{x+5}}{\frac{x}{x-5}+\frac{4}{x^2-25}}$

b. $\dfrac{1+\frac{12}{x^2-16}}{\frac{x}{x+4}-\frac{6}{x-4}}$

c. $\dfrac{\frac{1}{x+2}+\frac{4}{x^2-4}}{\frac{3}{x-2}+1}$

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Lesson: Solving Linear Equations, A Review of the Basics

To begin, let's review some of what we've learned about working with equations and using graphs to solve them.

Linear Equation in One Variable
An equation that can be written in the form ax+b=0 where a and b are real numbers

Solution
A value that when substituted into the variable of an equation makes the equation true

Example 1
Determine if $x = -1$ is a solution to the following equations.
a. $5 - 4x = 9$

b. $2x + 3 = 1 - 3x$

We will now work with some basic ideas of solving linear equations. There are two key concepts we must understand to do this.

The Addition Principle
Let a, b, and c be real numbers. If a=b then:

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Example 1

Use the addition principle to solve the following:

Choose at least one from each category. Label the examples you choose as a, b, c, etc to keep the class organized.

a. $x - 4 = 2$

b. $x + 3 = 3$

c. $x - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{2}$

The Multiplication Principle

Let a, b, c be real numbers. If a=b then:

Example 2

Use the multiplication principle to solve the following:

a. $3x = 15$

b. $5x = 0$

c. $-\frac{2}{5}x = 10$

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Example 3

Solve the following examples:

a. $5 - 4x = 33$

b. $3x + 2 = 2 + 4x - 8$

c. $3(4 - 2x) = 3x + 6$

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Lesson: Solving Linear Equations, No Solution and Infinite Solutions

There are 2 special outcomes we have to watch out for:

An Example Where There Is No Solution

$3(2x-1)=2(2x+1)-2(3-x)$

An Example Where There Are Infinite Solutions

$4x+5=3(2x+1)-2(x-1)$

A Summary of the 3 Possible Solution Types for Linear Equations

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Examples: Solving Linear Equations, Basic Examples with No Fractions or Decimals

a. $\mathbf{3x - 5 = 7}$

b. $\mathbf{6 - 2x = 6}$

c. $\mathbf{4x + 7 = 2x - 9}$

d. $\mathbf{3 - 4x - 7 + 2x = 4 - 6x - 8 + 4x}$

e. $\mathbf{4x + 7 + 6x = 7(1 - 2x)}$

f. $\mathbf{3(5 - 2x) - 6(3 - 2x) = 5(1 + 2x)}$

g. $\mathbf{4(2x - 1) - 2(6 - 3x) = 2(3x - 4)}$

h. $\mathbf{3(2x - 5) - 4x + 1 = 4(x - 3) - 2(1 - 3x)}$

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Lesson: Solving Linear Equations with Fractions

To begin, we will look at 3 examples to demonstrate how to clear fractions without parentheses. Take notes as shown in the video.

a. $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{6}{5}$

b. $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{10}x = 1 + \frac{3}{10}x - \frac{2}{5}$

c. $\frac{1}{2}x + 1 + \frac{1}{4}x = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{3}x$

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Now we will look at how to clear fractions in equations with parentheses.

a. $\frac{3}{4}(3+2x)-\frac{1}{2}(5-3x)=\frac{5}{4}$

b. $\frac{1}{2}(x+2)+\frac{1}{3}(2x-5)=\frac{1}{3}(4+2x)$

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Examples: Solving Linear Equations with Fractions (No Parentheses)

a. $\frac{1}{5}x - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$

b. $\frac{1}{3}x - 1 + \frac{1}{5}x + \frac{2}{5} = \frac{2}{5}x + \frac{1}{5}$

c. $\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{5}x - \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3}{20}x + \frac{1}{10} + \frac{3}{10}$

d. $\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{2}x = \frac{5}{6}x - \frac{1}{6} - \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{1}{2}$

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Examples: Solving Linear Equations with Fractions (With Parentheses)

a. $\frac{1}{2}(3x-2)-\frac{2}{5}(2x-3)=\frac{1}{5}(x+1)$

b. $\frac{3}{4}(4x+5)+\frac{1}{2}(2-3x)=\frac{3}{4}(2x+1)$

c. $\frac{1}{2}(2x+3)-\frac{1}{3}(2x-1)=\frac{1}{4}(x+7)$

d. $\frac{3}{4}(2x-1)+\frac{5}{8}(2-4x)=\frac{1}{4}(2-4x)$

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Lesson: Solving Linear Equations with Decimals

To begin, we will look at 3 examples to demonstrate how to clear decimals without parentheses. Take notes as shown in the video.

a. $0.03x + 0.04 = 0.19$

b. $0.05x + 0.1 - 0.03x = 0.08$

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Now we will look at 3 examples to demonstrate how to clear decimals with parentheses. Take notes as shown in the video.

a. $0.4(x+2)-0.3(2x+1)=0.09$

b. $0.1x+0.03(4-2x)=0.5(x+3)$

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Examples: Solving Linear Equations with Decimals (no parentheses)

a. $0.1x - 0.06 - 0.2x - 0.04 = 0.3$

b. $0.3x - 0.6 + x - 0.2 = 0.6x - 0.8 + 0.7x$

c. $1 + 0.2x - 0.7 + 2x = 0.5 - 0.4x + 1.8 + 0.6x$

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Examples: Solving Linear Equations with Decimals (with parentheses)

a. $0.4(3x + 1) - 1.5(2x + 1) = 0.6(3 - 3x)$

b. $0.2(3x + 1) - 0.05(2x + 8) = 0.1(2x + 4)$

c. $0.09(2 - 4x) - 0.1(2x - 1) = 0.2(2 - x) - 0.06(2 + 6x)$

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Lesson: A Quick Review of How to Solve Quadratic Equations

What is the form of a quadratic equation?

How is this different from a quadratic function?

What are the 4 ways you can solve a quadratic equation?

Which technique should you use when solve a quadratic equation?

We will review these 4 techniques on the next page!

What type of answers are possible when you solve a quadratic equation?

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Example Show how to use each of the 4 different techniques for solving quadratic equations by using each one at most once for the following examples.

a. $5x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

b. $(x + 4)^2 = 12$

c. $x^2 - 4x + 8 = 0$

d. $x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

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Optional extra help: If you need a more thorough (and more complete) review of the methods we discussed today, watch these:

- A review of ALL the different types of factoring (just factoring, nothing about solving quadratic equations): https://youtu.be/nrI7dJRXe5I and https://youtu.be/yGY5eqZkJcw
- How to solve a quadratic equations by factoring: https://youtu.be/5uof6OEyod0
- How to solve quadratic equations by the square root property: https://youtu.be/a1-smI3Xx5w
- How to solve quadratic equations by completing the square: https://youtu.be/6jXpMTozmhI
- How to solve quadratic equations by the quadratic formula: https://youtu.be/ryp2rdkhks8
- A review that compares all the techniques on the same problem: https://youtu.be/2ny9HbQ8doY

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A Quick Refresher of the 4 Ways to Solve Quadratics

For all of these examples, we will solve $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$.

Solving by Factoring

Solving by Completing the Square

Solving by Using the Quadratic Formula

The quadratic formula is: $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

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One final way we can solve quadratics is by using the square root property.
Use the square root property to solve $(x+3)^2 = 12$

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Choosing the Best Method to Solve a Quadratic

There are 4 ways we can solve quadratics:

1.	3.
2.	4.

Using each of these methods only once, determine the best way to solve these quadratics:

a. $x^2 + 6x = 2$

b. $x^2 + 3 = 2x$

c. $(2x + 1)^2 = 49$

d. $3x^2 + 2 = 3x$

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Examples Using each of these methods only once, determine the best way to solve these quadratics:

a. $(3x-2)^2=-24$

b. $2x^2+5x-1=0$

c. $x^2-12=x$

d. $x^2-2x+5=0$

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Lesson: A Quick Review of The Discriminant

What is the discriminant?

Fill in the table below:

If the discriminant is …	How many solutions are there?	What type of solution?
Positive and a perfect square		
Positive (not perfect square)		
Zero		
Negative		

Example Use the discriminant to determine how many solutions there are to: $x^2 - 4 = 0$.

Example Use the discriminant to determine how many solutions there are to: $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0$.

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Lesson: Solving for Quadratic Variables

Example Solve for t: $s = \frac{1}{2}gt^2$

Examples Solve for x: $kx^2 - tx = m$

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Solving Quadratic Equations with Factoring

In this video, we will look at how to solve equations by factoring, which looks like this:

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0 \rightarrow (x + 2)(x + 3) = 0$$

Quadratic equations are equations of the form:

Where a, b, and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$.

How would you solve the quadratic equation $x^2 + 7x + 6 = 0$ by factoring?

Examples Solve the following by factoring:

a. $x^2 - x - 12 = 0$

b. $x^2 + 9 = -6x$

c. $x^2 = 25$

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Examples Solve the following by factoring:

a. $x^2 + 7x = 0$

b. $\frac{1}{10}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{5} = 0$

c. $2x^3 + 28x^2 + 90x = 0$

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Solving Quadratic Equations using the Square Root Property

In this video, we will look at how to solve equations by using the square root property, which looks like this:

$$(x+2)^2 = 9 \quad \rightarrow \quad x+2 = \pm 3$$

Quadratic equations are equations of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where a, b, and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$.

What are the solutions to $x^2 = 25$?

In general, how do you solve equations of the form $Q^2 = k$, where Q is an expression and k is a constant? In other words, what is the **square root property**?

Examples Solve the following equations using the square root property:

a. $(x+3)^2 = 25$

b. $(x+3)^2 = 12$

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Examples Solve the following equations using the square root property:

a. $(5x-2)^2+5=29$

b. $(6x+7)^2+4=-41$

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Solving Quadratic Equations by Completing the Square

In this video, we will look at how to solve equations by factoring, which looks like this:

$x^2 + 6x = 7 \qquad b = 6, \quad \frac{1}{2}b = 3, \quad \left(\frac{1}{2}b\right)^2 = 9$

Quadratic equations are equations of the form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ where a, b, and c are real numbers and $a \neq 0$.

Before we begin, you should be familiar with the square root property. Solve $(2x + 1)^2 = 49$ using the square root property.

First let's talk about how to complete the square. Show how to complete the square on $x^2 + 6x$ below:

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Examples Complete the square on the following:

a. $x^2 + 8x$

b. $x^2 - 10x$

c. $x^2 + 3x$

d. $x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x$

e. $x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x$

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Show how to solve $2x^2 + 12x - 16 = 0$ by completing the square:

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Examples Solve the following by completing the square:

a. $x^2 + 4x - 6 = 0$

b. $x^2 + 5 = 2x$

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Examples Solve the following by completing the square:

a. $3x^2 + 15x = -6$

b. $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

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Examples: The Distance Formula

Find the distance between the following sets of points.

a. (6, 2) and (2, 11)

b. (3, -1) and (-4, -2)

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Solving Quadratic Equations by the Quadratic Formula

Complete the square on: $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

State the quadratic formula:

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Examples Use the quadratic formula to solve the following:

a. $x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$

b. $2x^2 + 3x = 5$

c. $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{5}{6} = 0$

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Lesson: The Discriminant

Restate the Quadratic Formula, and then label the discriminant.

Value of the Discriminant	Interpretation

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Examples Find the values of the discriminant for the following equations. Then solve the equations (using the most efficient method) to determine if this makes sense.

a. $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

b. $x^2 + 6x + 5 = 0$

c. $3x^2 + 2x + 5 = 0$

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Solving Equations that End Up Having Quadratics

In this lesson, we will review some techniques from previous lessons.

Solve $\frac{2}{x} - \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{2}{3}$

Solve $\sqrt{2x+8} = x+4$

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $\frac{4}{x-2}+\frac{x}{x-3}=\frac{2}{x-3}$

b. $\sqrt{3x+5}=x-3$

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Solving Equations that Are Similar to Quadratics

In this lesson, we will look at how to solve equations that look like this:

$$x^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 12 = 0 \qquad \text{or} \qquad (2x+3)^2 + 5(2x+3) + 6 = 0$$

Before we begin, what do the following equations have in common if you **look at their exponents**?

a. $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

b. $x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 5x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 6 = 0$

c. $x + 5x^{\frac{1}{2}} + 6 = 0$

d. $x^4 + 5x^2 + 6 = 0$

Explain how to solve $x^4 - 13x^2 + 36 = 0$

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 2x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 15 = 0$

b. $x - 2x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 8 = 0$

d. $x^{-2} + 8x^{-1} - 9 = 0$

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $(x+3)^2 - 4(x+3) - 5 = 0$

b. $(2x+1)^2 - 4(2x+1) - 21 = 0$

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Lesson: A Review of Imaginary Numbers

Please note: Knowing imaginary numbers if one of the "prerequisite" topics for this course. Ie – you should already know this (though I also realize you probably need a review!). If you have *never* seen imaginary numbers before, then I strongly suggest that you watch my series on imaginary numbers (because, yes, I have one). So if you felt like this went too fast and you want more details, please take responsibility for your education and go back to review this!

How do we represent an imaginary number?

What is i^2?

What is a complex number?

When are 2 complex numbers equal?

What does $\sqrt{-a}$ mean?

Examples Write using the definition of $\sqrt{-a}$

a. $\sqrt{-12}$

b. $\sqrt{-25}$

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Examples Complete the following operations.

a. $\sqrt{-5} * \sqrt{-3}$

b. $\frac{\sqrt{-12}}{\sqrt{-18}}$

c. $\frac{\sqrt{-50}}{\sqrt{9}}$

To add or subtract complex numbers, we can add/subtract the real parts and the imaginary parts similar to working with like terms.

Examples Find the sum or difference.

a. $(2 - 6i) + (8 + 2i)$

b. $(5 - 7i) - (-4 + 2i)$

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When multiplying complex numbers, recall that $i * i = i^2 = -1$!

Examples Multiply.

a. $(2 + 4i)(3 - 5i)$

b. $(4 - 5i)(3 - 2i)$

c. $(3 + 2i)(3 - 2i)$

Recall, the conjugate is found by using the opposite side for the second term!

Examples What is the conjugate of the following?

a. $4 + 2i$

b. $-3 - 4i$

c. i

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To find the quotient of 2 complex numbers, we multiply by the conjugate of the denominator.

Examples Find each quotient. Write your answer in *standard form,* ie $a + bi$ form

a. $\frac{3-4i}{2+i}$

b. $\frac{5}{i}$

How do the powers of i cycle through?

Examples Show how to simplify the following powers of i. Write your work in great detail so that you remember how to do this!

a. i^{17}	c. i^{-14}
b. i^{28}	d. i^{-5}

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Examples The following quadratic equations have imaginary solutions. Show how to solve them.

a. $x^2 = -25$ using the **square root property**

b. $x^2 + 75 = 0$ using the **square root property**

c. $2x^2 - 3x = -6$ using the **quadratic formula**

d. $x^4 - 16$ using **factoring** and also the **square root property**

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How to Evaluate Square Roots that Have Imaginary Number Answers and Dealing with Negatives in Square Roots

In this video, we will look at how to evaluate things like this:

$\sqrt{-4}$ or $\sqrt{-12}$ or $\sqrt{-3} * \sqrt{-6}$

What is an imaginary number?

What is a complex number?

How do you evaluate something like $\sqrt{-9}$?

Examples Compute the following:

a. $\sqrt{-25}$

b. $\sqrt{-81}$

c. $\sqrt{-12}$

d. $\sqrt{-7}$

e. $\sqrt{-\frac{25}{16}}$

f. $\sqrt[3]{-8}$

g. $\sqrt[4]{-16}$

h. $\sqrt{-32}$

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How do you evaluate problems like $\sqrt{-3} * \sqrt{-2}$?

Examples Evaluate the following:

a. $\sqrt{-6} * \sqrt{-5}$

b. $\sqrt{-6} * \sqrt{-2}$

c. $\sqrt{-10} * \sqrt{-15}$

d. $\frac{\sqrt{-6}}{\sqrt{-2}}$

e. $\frac{\sqrt{-50}}{\sqrt{-2}}$

f. $\frac{\sqrt{-7}}{\sqrt{-2}}$

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Operations with Imaginary Numbers

In this video, we will look at how to evaluate things like this:

$2i(3i-5)$ or $(4i+1)-(5i+3)$ or $\frac{4}{3+2i}$

Adding and Subtracting with Imaginary Numbers:
Use the example $(2i+3)+(5i-6)$ to show how to add or subtract with imaginary numbers.

Examples Simplify:
a. $(3i-2)-(4i-9)$

b. $(5i+3)+(2i-1)$

What can we say about i^2?

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With that in mind, explain what is unique about multiplying: $2i(3i + 1)$

Examples Simplify:

a. $4(2 - 3i)$

b. $6i(3i + 2)$

c. $5i(2 - 8i)$

d. $(5i + 1)(2i - 3)$

e. $(4i - 3)(6i + 7)$

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Examples Simplify:
a. $(5i + 2)^2$

b. $(3i - 5)^2$

Why do you need to rationalize $\frac{3}{2i+1}$? Explain how to do this.

Examples Rationalize the following:
a. $\frac{4}{2i+6}$

b. $\frac{7}{i+3}$

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Examples Rationalize the following:

a. $\frac{3i+1}{5i-2}$

b. $\frac{7i+3}{2i+1}$

c. $\frac{i-3}{5i+3}$

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Evaluating Higher Powers of Imaginary Numbers

In this video, we will look at how to evaluate things like this:

i^{21} or i^{54}

First we need to investigate the powers of i and the patterns with it. Write this down below:

Now that we can see a pattern, explain how to evaluate the following:

i^{15}

i^{22}

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Examples Evaluate the following:

a. i^{36}

b. i^{43}

c. i^{52}

d. i^{33}

e. i^{25}

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Lesson: Solving Rational Equations

Rational equations are equations that look like:

$\frac{2x}{x+1} - \frac{3}{x} = \frac{5}{x+1}$ or $\frac{3}{x^2-4} + \frac{2}{x^2+4x+4} = \frac{5}{x-2}$

What is the general strategy for solving a rational equation?

What do you have to watch out for with rational equations?

Examples Solve each equation.

a. $\frac{x}{x-4} - 4 = \frac{4}{x-4}$

b. $\frac{3}{x+2} + \frac{10}{x^2-6x-16} = \frac{5}{x-8}$

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Examples Solve each equation.

a. $-\frac{14}{3x^2+15x-18} = \frac{x}{x-1} + \frac{2}{3x+18}$

b. $\frac{x}{x^2+4x-32} + \frac{2}{x^2-14x+40} = \frac{6}{x^2-2x-80}$

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Lesson: A Review of Solving Radical Equations and Equations with Rational Exponents

What is the general strategy with solving radical equations?

What do you have to watch out for when solving radical equations?

Examples Solve each equation.

a. $x - 3\sqrt{x+2} = 2$

b. $\sqrt{6x+7} - 9 = x - 7$

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Examples Solve: $\sqrt{3x+4}-5=\sqrt{3x-11}$

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Example Solve each equation.

a. $\sqrt[3]{2x+1} = \sqrt[3]{3x+5}$

b. $\sqrt[4]{x+3} = 2$

Example Solve each equation.

a. $x^{\frac{5}{4}} = 32$

b. $(2x+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 36$

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Example Solve for x: $y = k\sqrt{x}$

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Lesson: A Review of Solving Equations Quadratic in Form (Using Substitution)

Examples Solve each equation.

a. $x^4 - 10x^2 + 9 = 0$

b. $(x+1)^{\frac{2}{5}} - 3(x+1)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 2 = 0$

c. $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} - x^{-\frac{1}{3}} - 6 = 0$

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Lesson: Solving Rational Equations

How do you know that you need to solve a problem versus simplify it?

Explain how to solve the rational equation. Include some instructions in your notes.

$$\frac{2}{x-1}+\frac{1}{x+4}=\frac{4}{x+4}$$

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What do we have to watch out for when solving rational equations?

Examples For the following, which solutions would NOT work for these rational equations?

a. $\frac{4}{x+1} - \frac{2}{x+3} = \frac{5}{x+7}$

b. $\frac{4}{x^2-9} + \frac{3}{x-3} = \frac{2}{x+3}$

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Examples Solve.

a. $1 - \frac{8}{x} = \frac{10}{x}$

b. $\frac{5}{x-3} - \frac{2}{x^2-9} = \frac{5x+13}{x^2-9}$

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c. $\frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{x^2-6x}{3}$

d. $\frac{4}{x+1} = \frac{10}{x^2-1} - \frac{5}{x-1}$

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Solving Equations with Rational Expression

We will learn how to solve equations that look like this:

$$z = \frac{x+3y}{4w} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{a} - \frac{2}{b} = \frac{3}{c}$$

Examples

a. Solve for y: $z = \frac{3xy}{5w}$

b. Solve for x: $w = \frac{7+2y}{xz}$

c. Solve for z: $y = \frac{4xw}{z-w}$

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Examples

a. Solve for x: $\frac{3}{x}+\frac{1}{y}=\frac{2}{z}$

b. Solve for b: $\frac{1}{a}-\frac{1}{b}=\frac{3}{c}$

c. Solve for z: $\frac{5}{x}-\frac{3}{y}=\frac{7}{z}$

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Lesson: Three Ways to Use the LCD with Rational Expressions

We have spent quite a bit of learning how to find the LCD between rational expressions and then using it in very different ways. We are going to compare the 3 techniques for how we used the LCD in this video.

First, simplify completely:

$$\frac{9}{x+5} - \frac{4}{x+1}$$

Before we begin, should x have a solution? Why or why not?

Now show your work below.

What type of problem is this? How did we leverage the LCD in this case?

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Simplify completely:

$$\frac{\frac{9}{x+5}-\frac{4}{x+1}}{\frac{10}{x^2+6x+5}-\frac{3}{x+1}}$$

Before we begin, should x have a solution? Why or why not?

Now show your work below.

What type of problem is this? How did we leverage the LCD in this case?

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Solve:

$$\frac{9}{x+5} - \frac{4}{x+1} = \frac{10}{x^2+6x+5}$$

Before we begin, should x have a solution? Why or why not?

Now show your work below.

What type of problem is this? How did we leverage the LCD in this case?

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Example/Question: When Can You Cross Multiply

Explain what a ratio is:

When can you cross-multiply?

Solve: $\frac{8}{x+2} - \frac{12}{x-4} = \frac{2}{x+2}$. Show that you CANNOT cross-multiply in this situation.

Now show why cross-multiplying works with $-\frac{x}{5} = \frac{3}{x+8}$

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Rational Expression Applications
Video 1: Proportion Type Problems

What is a proportion?

A bakery can make 300 cookies in 1.5 hours. How long would it take to make 525 cookies?

The ratio of patrons at a café who purchase coffee versus those who purchase tea is 5 to 3. On Monday, the café sold 45 teas. How many coffees were sold?

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A painter makes a particular shade of orange by using 3 parts red and 4 parts yellow. The painter has four more gallons of yellow paint than he has of red paint. How many gallons of red paint should he use?

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Rational Expression Applications
Video 3: Work Problems

What is the setup for work problems?

It takes Maria 3 hours to paint a room, while it takes her younger sister Lupe 5 hours to paint the same room. How long would it take if the girls painted the room together?

It takes Max 30 minutes to shovel the driveway, while it takes his brother Darrell 45 minutes to do the same job. How long would it take for the guys to do it together?

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Rational Expression Applications
Video 2: Distance, Rate, and Time Problems

In these types of problems, we need to use the equation:

$$d = rt$$

Where d=distance, r=rate/speed of a vehicle, and t=time

We can also see that we can rearrange this formula in a few ways:

A boat travels 30 miles downstream in the same time that it takes to travel 20 miles upstream. The current of the river is 5mph. How fast would the boat travel in still water?

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A boat travels 16 miles downstream in the same time that it travels 12 miles upstream. In still water, the boat can travel 6mph. What is the speed of the current?

A plane travels 550 miles with the wind. In the same amount of time, it travels 375 miles against the wind. If the wind is blowing at a speed of 25 mph, what is the speed of the plane when there is no wind?

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Solving Equations with Radicals
Part 1: One Square Root in the Equation

In this video, we will look at how to solving equations like this:

$\sqrt{3x+1}=2$ or $\sqrt{4x-2}=5-x$

Use the example $\sqrt{3x+1}=4$ to show the general procedure for solving these types of equations:

Why must we check the solutions?

Example Solve $\sqrt{3x+1}=8$

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Examples Solve

a. $\sqrt{5x-4}+2=8$

b. $\sqrt{1+3x}+5=2$

Explain what is different about solving $\sqrt{5x+4}=x+2$

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Examples Solve the following.

a. $\sqrt{3x-6} = x-2$

b. $\sqrt{2x+4} = x-2$

c. $\sqrt{5x+1} + 5 = 3x$

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Solving Equations with Radicals
Part 2: Two Square Roots in the Equation

In this video, we will look at how to solving equations like this:

$$\sqrt{4x-2} = 3\sqrt{2x+6} \quad \text{or} \quad \sqrt{3x-1} + 2 = \sqrt{4x-2}$$

Let's begin by explaining how to solve: $\sqrt{5x+2} = \sqrt{3x+6}$

Examples Solve:

a. $\sqrt{3-2x} = \sqrt{2x+7}$

b. $\sqrt{5+3x} = \sqrt{3+2x}$

c. $4\sqrt{3-2x} = 2\sqrt{1+3x}$

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Example Solve: $6\sqrt{x} = 4\sqrt{2x+1}$

Now write out the detailed explanation of how to solve $\sqrt{4x+1} - 2 = \sqrt{2x+1}$

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Examples Solve:

a. $\sqrt{3x+6} = 2 + \sqrt{2x-4}$

b. $\sqrt{3x+1} = 2 + \sqrt{2x-2}$

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Examples Solve:

a. $\sqrt{2x+4}+\sqrt{1-2x}=3$

b. $\sqrt{2x+4}=2+\sqrt{2x+3}$

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Solving Equations with Radicals
Part 3: Two Cube Roots of Higher in the Equation

In this video, we will look at how to solving equations like this:

$\sqrt[3]{3x+1}=2$ or $\sqrt[4]{2x-1}=5$

Explain how to solve: $\sqrt[3]{3x+1}=2$

Explain how to solve: $\sqrt[4]{3x+4}=2$

When is it more likely a solution will not work?

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $\sqrt[3]{4x+7} = 3$

b. $\sqrt[3]{3-5x} = 2$

c. $\sqrt[4]{3-2x} = 3$

d. $\sqrt[4]{4x-1} = -7$

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Lesson: A Review of Basic Inequalities

Please check out the examples video on how to graph on a number line, use interval notation, or use set notation in case you forgot!

The Inequality Signs

- $<$ Less than
- $\leq$ Less than or equal to
- $>$ Greater than
- $\geq$ Greater than or equal to

The Properties of Inequalities

If a, b, and c are real numbers then:

1. If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$

2. If $a < b$ and $c > 0$ then $ac < bc$

3. If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $ac > bc$

These properties also hold if you switch to $>, \leq, \geq$

Examples Solve the following. Put your final answer in interval notation.

$-2x + 8 < 10$

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Examples Solve the following. Put your final answer in interval notation.

a. $-\frac{1}{3}(x+3)+\frac{1}{3}x+\frac{2}{5}x \leq \frac{1}{10}$

b. $-5 \leq 1+2x < 13$

c. $2 \leq -6x-3 < 9$

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Lesson: Quadratic Inequalities

A quality inequality is an inequality in the form: $ax^2 + bx + c < 0$ where a, b, and c are real numbers. You can interchange $<$ with $\leq, >, \geq$.

There are 3 steps to solving a quadratic inequality. Write out each step as you solve the next example.

Example Write out the steps that you use to solve the following: $x^2 - x - 6 > 0$. Write your answer in interval notation.

Explain Step 1:

Explain Step 2:

Explain Step 3:

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Example Solve: $3x^2 - 4 \leq x$. Write your answer in interval notation.

Example Solve $x^2 \geq 25$. Write your answer in interval notation.

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Lesson: Rational Inequalities

Rational inequalities look like this:

$\frac{5}{x+3} > 3$ or $\frac{2x+5}{4x-1} \leq 2$

We will out the steps to solve a rational inequality by using the following example.

Example Solve $\frac{4}{x+2} \geq 6$ Put your final answer in interval notation.

Explain Step 1 and show how to do it:

Explain Step 2 and show how to do it:

Explain Step 3 and show how to do it:

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What do you have to watch out for with rational inequalities?

Example Solve $\frac{3}{x+6} \leq 2$ Put your final answer in interval notation.

Example Solve $\frac{x+3}{x-5} \geq 1$ Put your final answer in interval notation.

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Lesson: Number Lines, Interval Notation, and Set Notation

Show how to set up the number line, interval notation, and set notation for the following:

a. $x > 5$

b. $x \leq 7$

c. $x \geq 0$

d. $-3 < x < 5$

e. $-7 \leq x < -1$

f. $3 < x \leq 8$

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Lesson: How to Solve Linear Inequalities in One Variable

Linear inequalities in one variable have the form $ax + b < 0$. Alternatively, they could use the symbol $\leq, >, \geq$.

Solving linear inequalities has some similarities and some differences when compared to solving for linear equations.

The Addition and Subtraction Properties

Let a, b, c be real numbers. If $a < b$, then:

This also holds for $\leq . >, \geq$

Examples Solve the following. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $x + 4 > 9$

b. $x - 8 \leq 12$

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The Multiplication and Division Properties

Let a, b, c be real numbers. If $a < b$, then:

- if c is positive $(c > 0)$:

- if c is negative $(c < 0)$

This also holds for $\leq . >, \geq$

Why is this rule different? Use the following example.

To begin, is $-2 < 4$ a true statement? True False

Now multiply both sides of the inequality by 3 and write down the new result below:

This new statement is True False

Now multiply both sides of the inequality by -3 and write down the new result below:

This new statement is True False

Now divide both sides of the inequality by -2 and write down the new result below:

This new statement is True False

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Examples Solve the following. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $3x \leq 15$

b. $-2x > 8$

c. $5x < -10$

d. $-4x \geq -12$

e. $-9x \leq 27$

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From here, you can start to combine the rules to solve more types of inequalities.

Examples Solve the following. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $2x - 4 < 6$

b. $3x + 7 > 5x - 9$

c. $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{5} > \frac{3}{4}x + \frac{7}{10}$

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Examples: Solving Linear Inequalities – Basic Examples

Solve the following. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $2x + 7 \geq 13$

b. $4x - 6 < 6x - 10$

c. $3(5 - 2x) > 5(3 + 2x)$

d. $2(4 - 2x) - 3(4 - 4x) \leq 4(3x + 3)$

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Examples: Solving Linear Inequalities – Examples with Fractions Decimals

Solve the following. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $\frac{1}{3}x - \frac{1}{5} \leq \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{5}x$

b. $0.03x + 0.2 > 0.02$

c. $\frac{3}{5}(2x - 1) - \frac{3}{4}(2 - 3x) < \frac{1}{10}(4 - 3x)$

d. $0.2(2x - 4) + 0.03(6 - 10x) \geq 0.06(x + 9)$

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Lesson: Three-Part Inequalities

Show how to solve the following three-part inequalities. Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $4 < x + 2 \leq 10$

b. $-3 \leq 2x - 1 < 11$

c. $-5 < 3x + 4 < 19$

d. $4 \leq -1 - 5x < 14$

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Lesson: The Basics of Compound Inequalities

The word "and" has special implications in mathematic. One place it is often used is with sets, and we represent "and" with the intersection symbol ∩.

The word "or" also has special implications in mathematic. It is also used is with sets, and we represent "or" with the intersection symbol ∪.

Examples Given $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}, B = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}, C = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$, find the following:

a. $A \cap B$

b. $A \cap C$

c. $A \cup C$

d. $B \cup C$

We use similar ideas with compound inequalities.

Show how to represent a solution to $x \geq -2$ and $x < 5$

Example Represent the following with a number line and interval notation.

a. $x > 0$ and $x \leq 7$

b. $x > 8$ and $x \leq -2$

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Show how to represent a solution to $x \geq 4$ or $x < -3$

Example Represent the following with a number line and interval notation.

a. $x \leq 0$ or $x > 5$

b. $x > 0$ or $x \leq 5$

We can create more complicated problems where we first have to isolate x, but then we can represent in the same manner as shown above.

Example Represent the following with a number line and interval notation.

$3x - 1 > 5$ and $5x + 4 \leq 24$

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Examples: Compound Inequalities

Put your final answer both on a number line and in interval notation.

a. $x - 4 > 8$ or $x + 2 < -3$

b. $2x + 1 \geq 7$ and $5x - 10 < 20$

c. $4x + 2 > 18$ or $3x - 1 < 17$

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d. $2 - 3x > 8$ and $5x - 2 > 12$

e. $5x + 9 < 16$ or $4 - 3x > 14$

f. $3 - 2x > 9$ and $5 - x < -12$

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Lesson: A Review of Absolute Value Equations and Inequalities

We can summarize how to solve each case with the following chart:

Case (k is a number)	How to Setup
$\|x\| = k$	
$\|x\| < k$ (or $\leq k$)	
$\|x\| > k$ (or $\geq k$)	

Examples Solve the following. Put your answer on a number line and in interval notation when you have an inequality.

a. $|x + 3| = 5$

b. $|2x - 4| \geq 6$

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Examples Solve the following. Put your answer on a number line and in interval notation when you have an inequality.

a. $|4x - 2| = |6x + 8|$

b. $|5x - 2| + 1 < 9$

c. $|2 - x| - 1 > 9$

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Special Cases!

Example Explain what is special about each case below and how to solve the problem.

a. $|4x - 1| = -7$

b. $|4x - 1| = 0$

c. $|4x - 1| < -7$

d. $|4x - 1| > -7$

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Example Explain what is special about each case below and how to solve the problem.

a. $|4x - 1| \geq 0$

b. $|4x - 1| \leq 0$

c. $|4x - 1| < 0$

d. $|4x - 1| > 0$

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Absolute Value Equations
Video 1: The Basics

Absolute value equations look like this:

$$|x + 2| = 7 \quad \text{or} \quad |3x - 5| + 4 = 2$$

To understand how to solve these types of equations, first think about: what are the solutions to $|x| = 5$? Explain why.

From here, we can see that we must consider 2 possible solution sets to find all solutions to absolute value equations. Write down the general strategy for solving absolute value equations:

Solve: $|2x + 3| = 9$

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $|3x - 9| = 6$

b. $|7 - 4x| = 3$

To solve $|5x - 4| + 2 = 13$, what must we do first?

Solve:

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Examples Solve:

a. $|3x - 6| + 4 = 10$

b. $\left|\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{3}\right| + 5 = 10$

The next video will discuss a special situation and a more complicated equation type.

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Absolute Value Equations
Video 2: More Complicated Situations

In this video, we will discuss how to solve equations like:

$$|x+2| = -7 \quad \text{or} \quad |3x-5| = |2x+7|$$

What can we say about the solutions to $|x| = -5$?

Examples Solve the following:

a. $|2x-7| = -8$

b. $|3x+5| + 7 = 2$

Absolute value equations can also look like this: $|3x+1| = |2x-5|$. Explain how to solve this.

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Examples Solve the following:

a. $|5x - 10| = |10x + 15|$

b. $|3x - 5| = |5x + 7|$

c. $|4x - 6| = |3x - 8|$

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Example/Question: Why Do You Only Make One Side Negative with Solving $|ax + c| = |bx + d|$ type problems?

What is the approach for solving $|x + 1| = 5$?

What is key to notice here?

How would you solve $|x + 1| = |5x|$?

How would you solve $|x + 1| = |5x - 3|$?

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Lesson: Absolute Value Inequalities

Absolute value inequalities have 2 key aspects to solving them. What are those 2 key aspects?

Explain the setup to solve an absolute value inequality of the form $|P| \leq k$ (or $< k$).

Explain the setup to solve an absolute value inequality of the form $|P| \geq k$ (or $> k$).

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Let's try to understand why these are setup this way.

Explain the solutions to $|x| < 3$. Summarize what was explained in the video.

Explain the solutions to $|x| \geq 3$. Summarize what was explained in the video.

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Examples Solve the following inequalities. Graph your solution set on a number line and express your solution in interval notation.

a. $|2x - 4| < 6$

b. $|3x + 6| \geq 9$

c. $|x - 5| - 4 \leq 6$

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d. $5 \geq |3x - 4|$

e. $7 < 3 + |x - 4|$

f. $6 \leq 4 + |8 - 2x|$

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Lesson: Special Absolute Value Inequalities

We will discuss some special situations. Explain the reasoning for each of these situations:

a. $|2x + 3| + 7 < 4$

b. $|3x - 2| > -3$

c. $|5x + 1| \geq 0$

d. $|2x - 4| < 0$

e. $|6x + 2| \leq 0$

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Lesson: Applications and Modeling with Linear Equations

We will revolve a few different types of applications for linear equations.

Example Two sides of a triangle have the same length. The third side measures 8 inches less than twice the common length. The perimeter of the triangle of 20 inches. What are the lengths of the three sides?

Example Dan ran the 100-m dash with a time of 9.92 seconds. If this pace could be maintained for an entire 26-mile marathon, what would his time be? (Note: 1 m = 3.281 ft, 1 mi = 5280 ft)

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Example Sam earned $25,000 from royalties on his music. He set aside 20% of this for a down payment on a new home. The balance will be used for a new car (eventually). He invested a portion of the money in a CD account (bank certificate of deposit) that earns 2.25%, and the remainder in another CD account that earns 1.75%. If the total interest earned after 1 year is $405, how much money was invested in each account?

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Lesson: The Basics of Applications and Word Problems

As a reminder, here is a review of some of the key words that imply certain operations in math:

Words That Imply Addition	**Words That Imply Subtraction**	**Word That Imply Multiplication**	**Words That Imply Division**
Add	Subtract	Multiplied by	Divided by
Increased by	Difference	Times	Quotient of
Altogether	Less than	Of	Out of
Sum	Fewer	Product of	Ratio
Longer than	Decrease	Twice	
Plus	Minus		
Above	Take away		
More than	Shorter than		

Example Juan is memorizing a list of names for a history class quiz. So far, he has memorized 8 of the names, which is one-fourth of the list. How many names are on this list?

Example Corey wants to rent a truck for the day. It costs $30 for the base fee, plus $0.23 for each mile driven. When he returned the truck, he owed $41.19. How many miles did he drive?

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Example A café serves both tea and coffee. On Sunday, the café sold 95 teas and coffees combined. The café sold 9 more coffees than teas. How many teas were sold on Sunday?

Example Latoya bought a new sweater and a pair of jeans for $64. The jeans cost $8 less than the sweater. How much was the sweater? How much were the jeans?

Example There are red, orange, and green balls in a ball pit. There are 12 more orange balls than red balls, and there are 9 more green balls than red balls. How many are there of each color?

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Lesson: Consecutive Integer Word Problems

How do you represent consecutive integers with variables?

Example The sum of 2 consecutive integers is 73. Find the integers.

Example The sum of 3 consecutive integers is -33. Find the integers.

How do you represent even consecutive integers with variables?

How do you represent odd consecutive integers with variables?

What is noteworthy about how you represent even or odd consecutive integers?

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Example The sum of 2 consecutive even integers is 110. Find the integers.

Example The sum of 3 consecutive odd integers is -87. Find the integers.

Example Find 3 consecutive odd integers such that their sum is seven more than four times the largest integer.

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Lesson: Solving a Linear Equation with Multiple Variables

Examples

a. Solve for x: $x + y = 7$

b. Solve for y: $4y = z$

c. Solve for a: $3a - 6b = 2c$

d. Solve for b: $4a + 8b = 16c$

e. Solve for k: $\frac{1}{3}k = m$

f. Solve for a: $3(a - 2b) = 6c$

g. Solve for b: $\frac{2}{3}(3a + 2b) = c$

h. Solve for a: $-\frac{2}{5}(2a - 4b) = 4$

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Lesson: Ratios and Proportions

What is a ratio?

Example The unit price of an item is the ratio of the price of an item to the amount of the item. Find the unit price if 5oz of peanuts costs $1.

Example Express the ratio of 12 boys to 14 girls.

What is a proportion?

Examples Solve the following proportions:

a. $\frac{x}{5} = \frac{6}{10}$

b. $\frac{x+2}{12} = \frac{x-4}{8}$

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Examples: Proportions

a. $\frac{3}{x} = \frac{9}{21}$

b. $\frac{3x+10}{15} = \frac{2}{5}$

c. $\frac{2x-1}{6} = \frac{4x}{10}$

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Lesson: Proportion Word Problems

It 3 cookies cost $1.36, how much will 7 cookies cost?

At a motorcycle race, the ratio of parents to children was 5 to 3. If 500 children attended the motorcycle race, how many parents were at the race?

One euro is equivalent to $1.18 US dollars. How many euro would you get for $25?

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Lesson: Distance, Rate, and Time Problems

Two cars leave Glen Ellyn, IL, with one driving north and the other driving south. The northbound car is traveling 8mph faster than the southbound car, and after 2 hours they are 420 miles apart. Find the speed of each car.

Marshall and Lilly live together. Marshall leaves the house at 2pm, and then Lilly leaves the house at 2:30pm. If Marshall is driving 30 mph and Lilly is driving 35 mph in the same direction, how long will it be until their cars meet?

A Lamborghini and a Ferrari pass one another at noon on a highway in California. The cars are going opposite directions. If the Lamborghini is traveling 75 mph, and the Ferrari is traveling 80 mph, how long will it take for the cars to be 310 miles away from one another?

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Lesson: Money Word Problems

Sarah has five more nickels than quarters. When combined, the coins are worth $4.75. How many nickels and quarters does she have?

Maria has $75 worth of $1 and $5 bills. In total, she has 27 bills. How many $5 bills does she have?

Tickets at the movie theater course $15 for an adult and $10 for a child. In the last hour, sales were $550. How many adult tickets versus child tickets were sold?

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Lesson: Applications of Quadratic Equations

Example Find the problem of 2 pairs of 2 consecutive integers whose product is 156.

Example You want to buy a rug for a room that is 18ft x 26ft. You want to have a uniform strip of floor around the rug, and you can afford 384 square feet of carpeting. What dimensions should the rug have?

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Example The area of a square is 32 more than its perimeter. Find the length of a side.

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Solving Formulas with Squares and Square Roots

In this lesson, we will look at how to solve for formulas that look like this:

$$y = 3x^2 \qquad \text{or} \qquad M = \sqrt{\frac{AB}{C}} \qquad \text{or} \qquad kx^2 + cx - n = 0$$

Solving Formulas with Squares

Solve the following for the indicated letters:

a. for x: $y = \frac{4x^2}{z}$

b. for k: $b = \frac{3}{k^2}$

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Solving Formulas with Square Roots

Solve the following for the indicated letters:

a. for b: $a = \sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}$

b. for z: $x = \sqrt{\frac{3y}{z}}$

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Solving Formulas in other forms

Solve the following for the indicated letters:

a. for x: $kx^2 + cx - d = 0$

b. for b: $ab^2 - 5b + m = 0$

c. for k: $\frac{1}{2}k^2 - 5nk + m = 0$

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Solving Applications of Quadratic Equations

An object is thrown upwards off a cliff that is 48 feet above the ground. The height of the object t seconds after the object is released is given by:

$$h = -16t^2 + 32t + 48$$

How long does it take the object to hit the ground?

How long does it take the object to reach a height of 20 feet?

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A 12 ft by 16 ft pond is going to be surrounded by a border of grass of uniform width all the way around. If the area of the enclosure must be 480 feet squared, what is the width of the grass border?

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Lesson: Applications of Quadratic Equations

The area of a rectangle is 15ft squared, and the length of the rectangle is 7ft less than twice the width. Find the dimensions of the rectangle.

An 12ft ladder leans against the side of a house. The bottom of the ladder is 6ft from the side of the house. How high is the top of the ladder from the ground? If necessary, round your answer to the nearest tenth.

A kite flying in the air has a 14ft line attached to it. Its line is pulled taut and casts a 9ft shadow. Find the height of the kite. If necessary, round your answer to the nearest tenth.

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The longer leg of a right triangle is 2in longer than the shorter leg. The hypotenuse is 4in longer than the shorter leg. Find the side lengths of the triangle.

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Lesson: A Quick Review of Some Things About Graphing

Remind yourself how to graph the following points. Draw your own graph.

Point 1: $(-3, 4)$ Point 2: $(0, -2)$

Draw another rectangular coordinate system below and label the quadrants and origin.

Often when graphing, we use equations in two variables.

Example Find the ordered pair associated with the equation $3x + y^2 = 7$ when $x = 1$

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Example Find at least 3 ordered pairs for the following equations.

a. $y = \sqrt{x + 2}$

b. $2x + 3y = 6$

Finding 3 points can be a strategy for graphing.

Example Sketch a graph for the previous 2 examples.

What is the x-intercept? And how do you find it?

What is the y-intercept? And how do you find it?

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Examples Find the x- and y-intercepts for the following equations.

a. $y = 3x - 1$

b. $x = \sqrt{y - 1}$

c. $x^2 - 3x + 2 = y$

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Lesson: The Distance Formula

Graph the points $(2, 4)$ and $(-4, -6)$. Explain how you can find the distance between these points by summarizing the explanation given in the video (make a decent effort to explain this – you will have an easier time remembering the formula if you understand WHY it works).

State the distance formula:

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Example Find the distance between the following points: $(4, -1)$ and $(7, 3)$

There are 2 ways we can use the distance formula.

Example Show how to use the distance formula to determine whether the following points are the vertices of a right triangle.

a. $(0, -2), (-4, 3)$ and $(5, 1)$

b. $(-2, -8), (0, -4)$ and $(-4, -7)$

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What does it mean for 3 points to be collinear?

Example Show how to use the distance formula to determine if the 3 points are collinear.

a. $(-1, 4), (-2, -1), (1,14)$

b. $(-2, -4), (-6, 11), (0, -12)$

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Lesson: The Midpoint Formula

What is the midpoint formula?

So what is the midpoint formula effectively doing?

Example Find the midpoint between the points $(-5, -6)$ and $(-3, 2)$

Example The midpoint of a line segment is $(5, 8)$ and the endpoint of that line segment is $(11, 10)$. What is the OTHER endpoint on this line segment?

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Example The midpoint of a line segment is $(3, 1)$ and the endpoint of that line segment is $(6, 8)$. What is the OTHER endpoint on this line segment?

Example The midpoint of a line segment is $(2a, 5b)$ and the endpoint of that line segment is $(-1a, 9b)$. What is the OTHER endpoint on this line segment?

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Lesson: Graphs of Basic Functions

In this section, we will review some basic graphs that are vital to know for this class and calculus. Knowing the "basic shapes" of certain graphs will make your life much easier and give you greater intuition when graphing.

Show hot to graph the following and highlight the **key points** and **key patterns.** This will come in handy for the next lesson. Take your time to sketch your own NEAT CLEAN CLEAR graphs.

$f(x) = x$

$f(x) = x^2$

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$f(x) = x^3$

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

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$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

$f(x) = |x|$

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Lesson: Piecewise Functions

What is a piecewise function? Draw an example of what they look like.

Example Given the function: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 1, & x \geq 2 \\ \frac{1}{2}x - 4, & x < 2 \end{cases}$, evaluate the following:

a. $f(3) =$

b. $f(-1) =$

c. $f(2) =$

Example Given the function: $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & x > 3 \\ 4x - 2, & -2 < x \leq 3 \\ x^2 - 5, & x \leq -2 \end{cases}$ evaluate the following:

a. $f(4) =$

b. $f(-5) =$

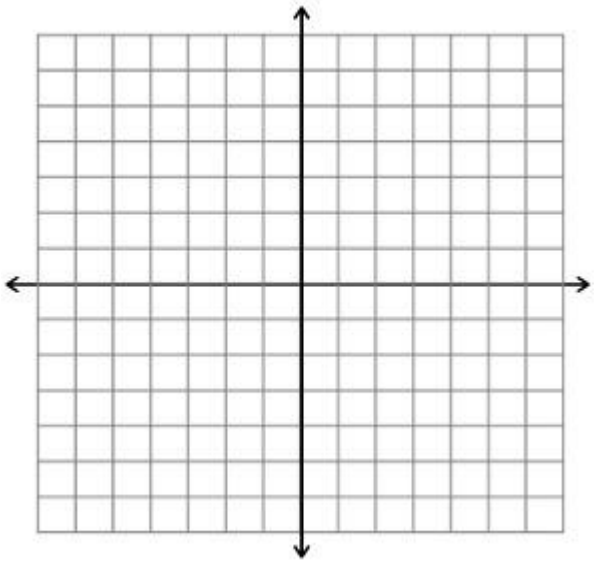
c. $f(-2) =$

d. $f(3) =$

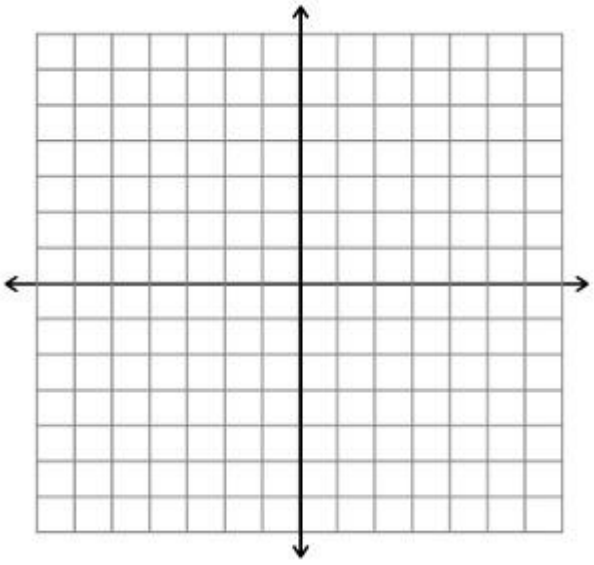
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Example Show how to graph the following piecewise functions.

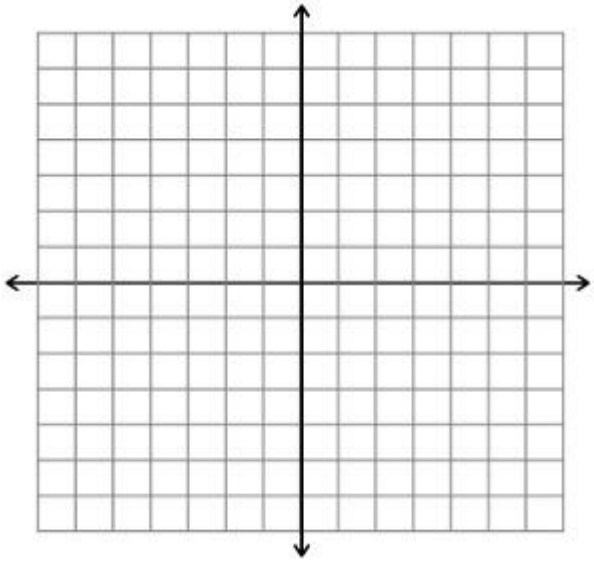
a. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & x > 5 \\ -1, & x \leq 5 \end{cases}$



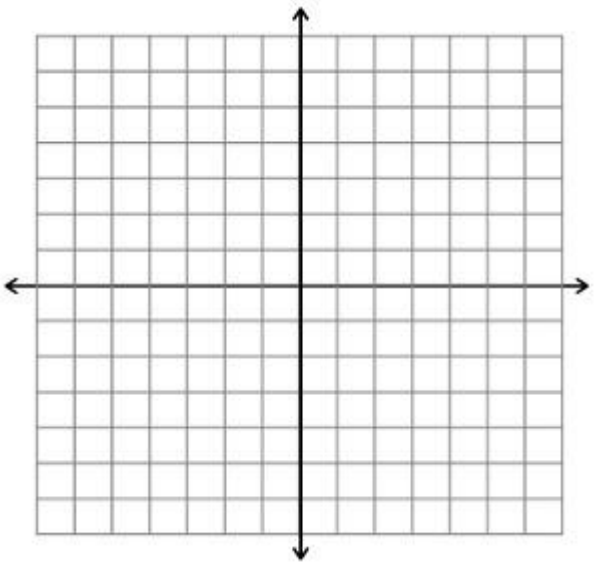
b. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + 1, & x > -3 \\ -2x, & x \leq -3 \end{cases}$



c. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & x > 2 \\ 2x, & -1 < x \leq 2 \\ -x + 3, & x \leq -1 \end{cases}$



d. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + 1, & x \geq 1 \\ 6, & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ x^2, & x < -1 \end{cases}$



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Lesson: The Greatest Integer Function

Show how to graph the greatest integer function $f(x) = [\![x]\!]$

Example Graph $f(x) = \left[\!\left[\frac{1}{2}x - 2\right]\!\right]$

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Lesson: A Few Basic Graphs

There are a few graphs that are helpful to immediately know as we move forward. Let's break these down.

The Parabola: $f(x) = x^2$

Create table of relevant points and then sketch your own graph.

Absolute Value: $f(x) = |x|$

Create table of relevant points and then sketch your own graph.

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X cubed: $f(x) = x^3$

Create table of relevant points and then sketch your own graph.

Square Root: $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Create table of relevant points and then sketch your own graph.

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Cube Root: $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

Create table of relevant points and then sketch your own graph.

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Lesson: Review of Lines and Linear Functions

What makes a function **linear?** What are 2 forms of a linear function? How do you interpret this equation?

Examples What is the domain and range of $f(x) = 4x + 1$. Show how to graph it.

Examples What is the domain and range of $f(x) = 5$. Show how to graph it.

Examples What is the domain and range of $x = -4$. Show how to graph it.

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What is the **standard form** of a line?

Examples Give the domain and range of $3x - y = 6$. Show how to graph it.

How do you find the **slope** of a line?

What is the slope of a vertical line?

What is the slope of a horizontal line?

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Examples Find the slopes between the following sets of points.

a. $(5, 6)$ and $(-3, 2)$

b. $(-4, 7)$ and $(2, 7)$

c. $(6, 2)$ and $(6, -1)$

Example Find the slope of the following lines:

a. $4x - 2y = 8$

b. $-5x + 3y = -15$

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Lesson: The Slope of a Line

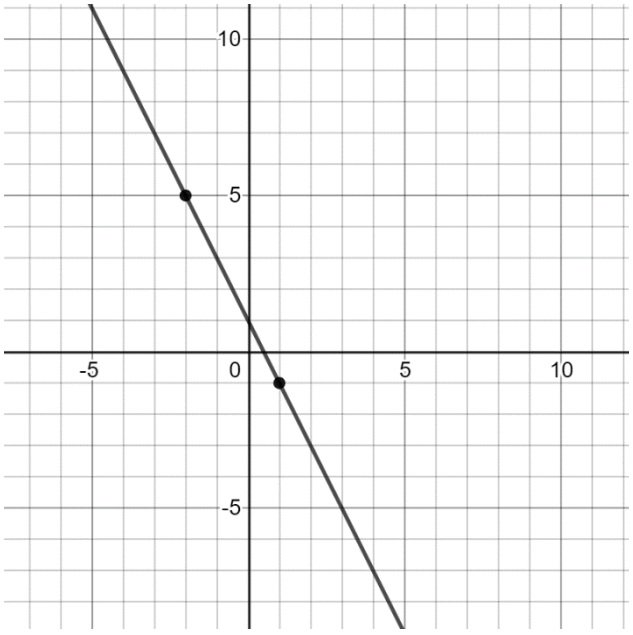
What does slope represent?

Draw the various possible slopes of lines:

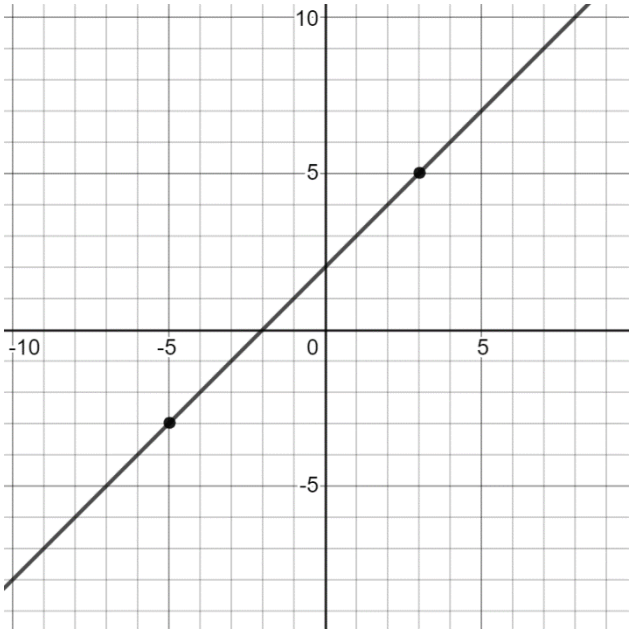
How do find the slope of a line?

Examples Find the slope of the following lines:

a.



b.



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What is the slope formula?

Examples Use the slope formula to find the slope between the pairs of points:

a. $(3, 5)$ and $(4, 8)$

b. $(6, -2)$ and $(-2, 4)$

c. $(7, 2)$ and $(7, 4)$

d. $(2, 4)$ and $(-1, 4)$

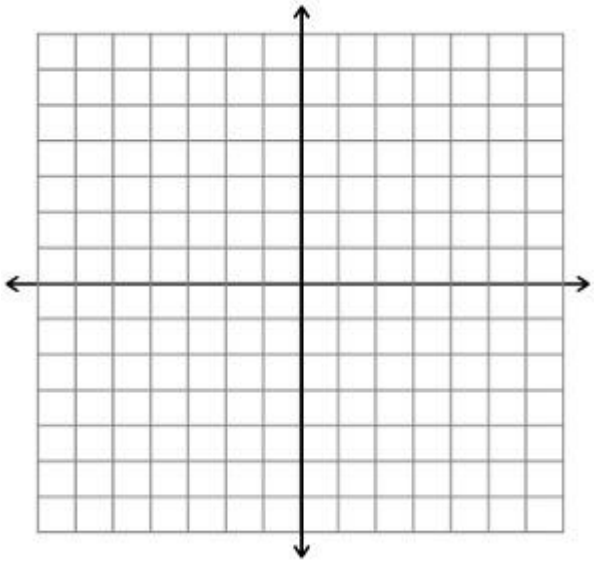
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Lesson: Using Slope to Graph Lines; Intro to Slope-Intercept Form

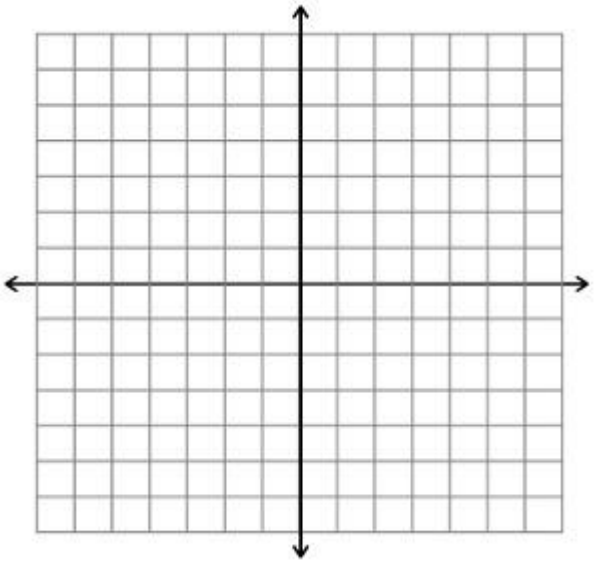
When the slope of a line and a point are known, a line can be easily graphed.

Examples Given the slope and the point, graph the following lines:

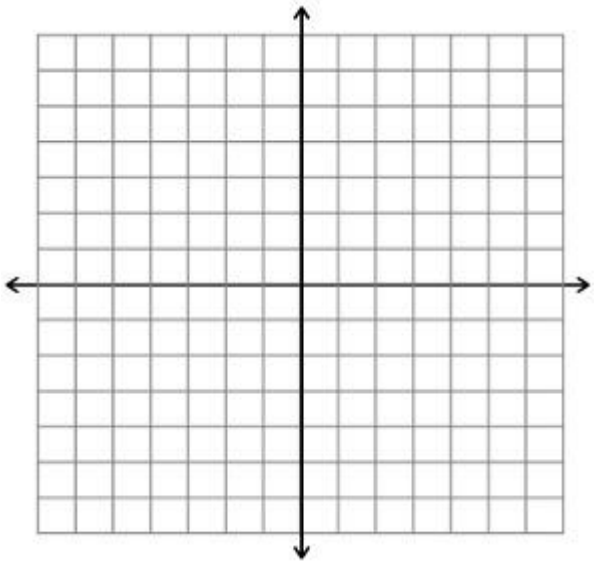
a. $m = 2$ and $(-1, 2)$



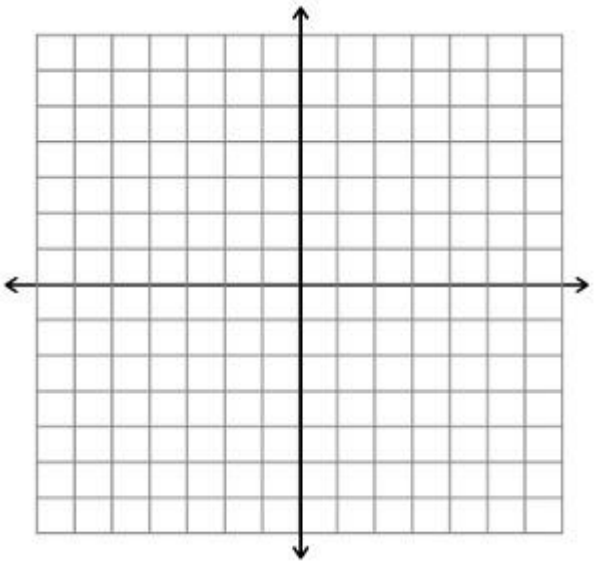
c. $m = 1$ and $(2, -1)$



b. $m = -\frac{1}{3}$ and $(-3, 4)$



d. $m = \frac{2}{3}$ and $(0, -3)$



What is the slope-intercept form of a line?

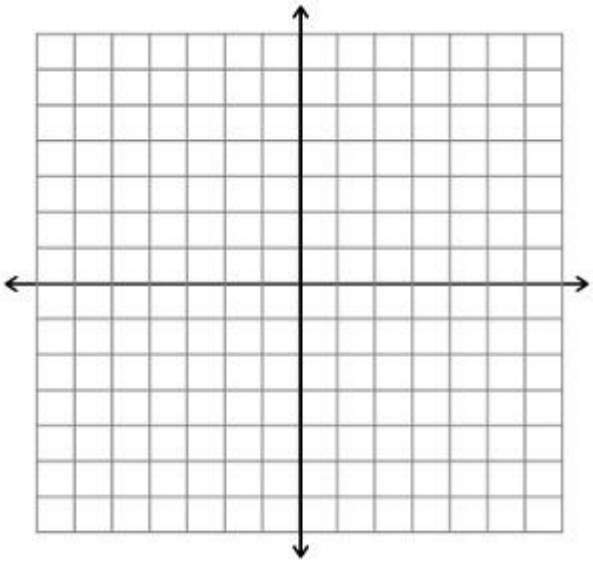
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Examples Identify the slope m and the y-intercept $(0, b)$ in each of the following equations:

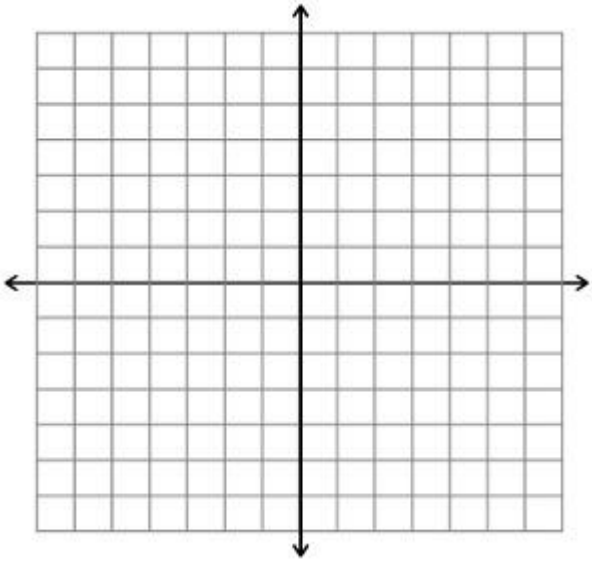
Equation	Slope, m	What stands for b	State the y-intercept (as a point)
a. $y = -2x + 3$			
b. $y = \frac{1}{4}x - 7$			
c. $y = 3x + 9$			
d. $y = x$			

Examples Graph the following lines:

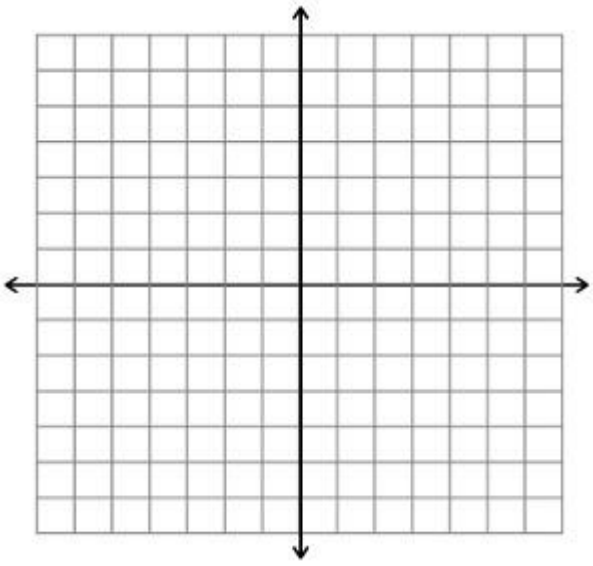
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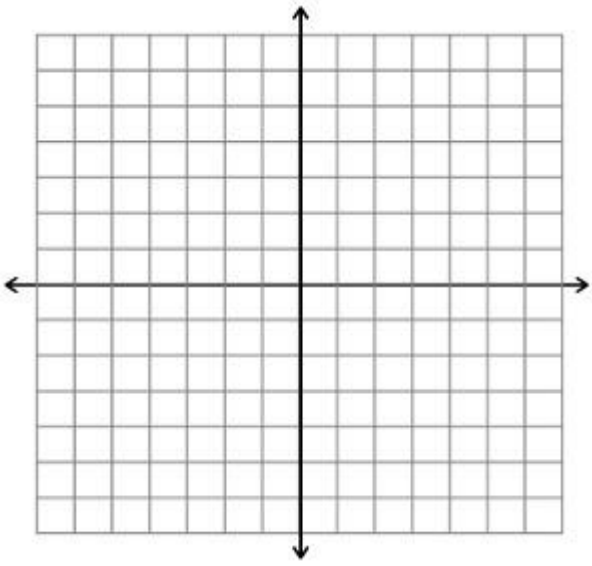
c. $y = \frac{1}{3}x - 4$



b. $y = -x + 4$



d. $y = 3x$



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Lesson: Review of Writing Equations of Lines

What is the point-slope form of a line?

Example Write the equation of a line through the point $(4, 3)$ with slope $m = -2$.

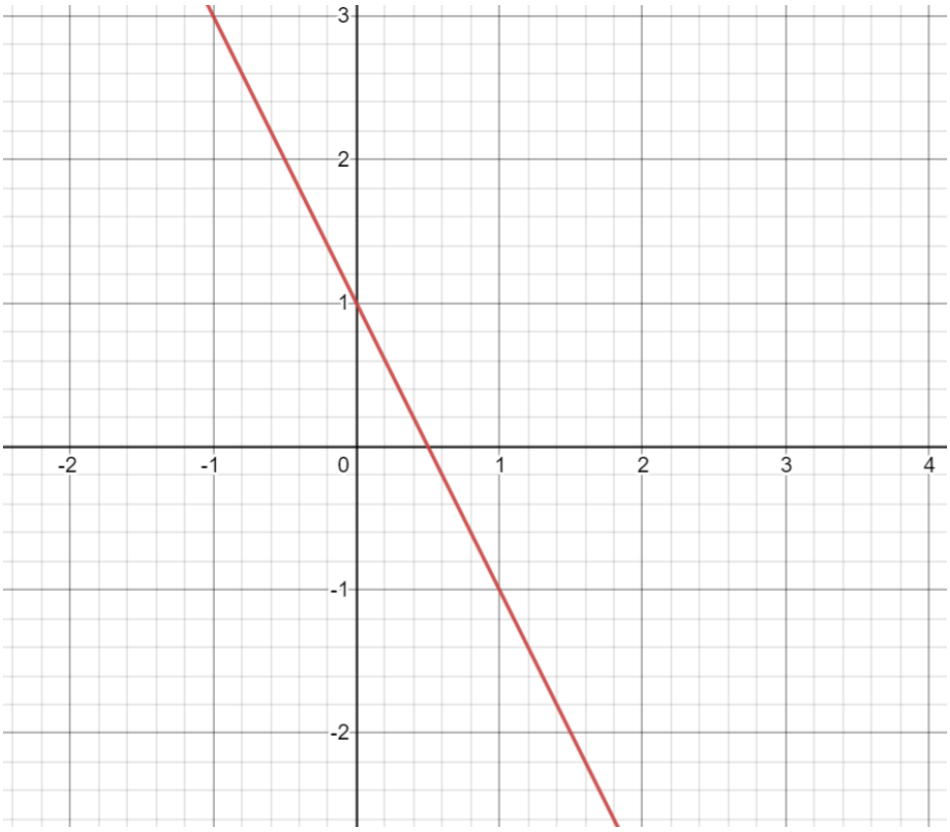
Example Write the equation of a line that goes through the points $(2, 4)$ and $(-4, 10)$. Put your answer in standard form.

What is the slope-intercept form of a line?

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Example Show how to write $4x - 6y = 12$ in slope-intercept form.

Example Find the slope, x- and y-intercept, and equation of the line:



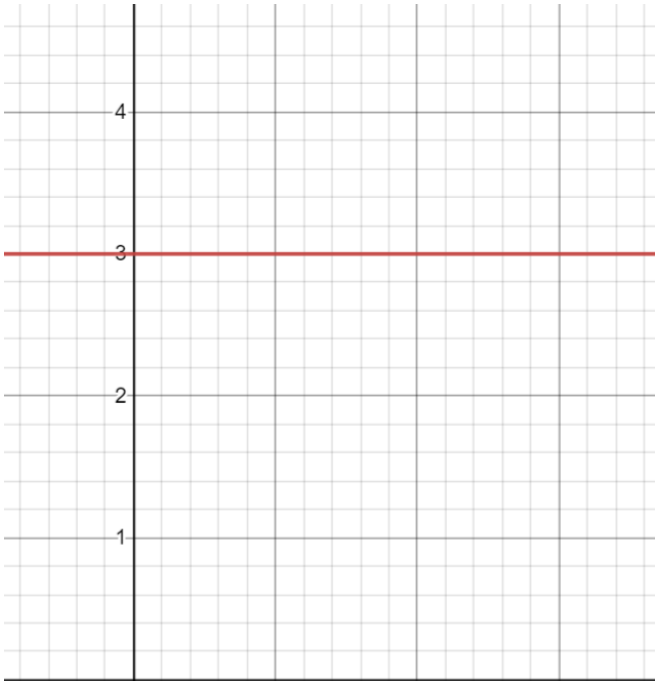
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What is the form of a vertical line?

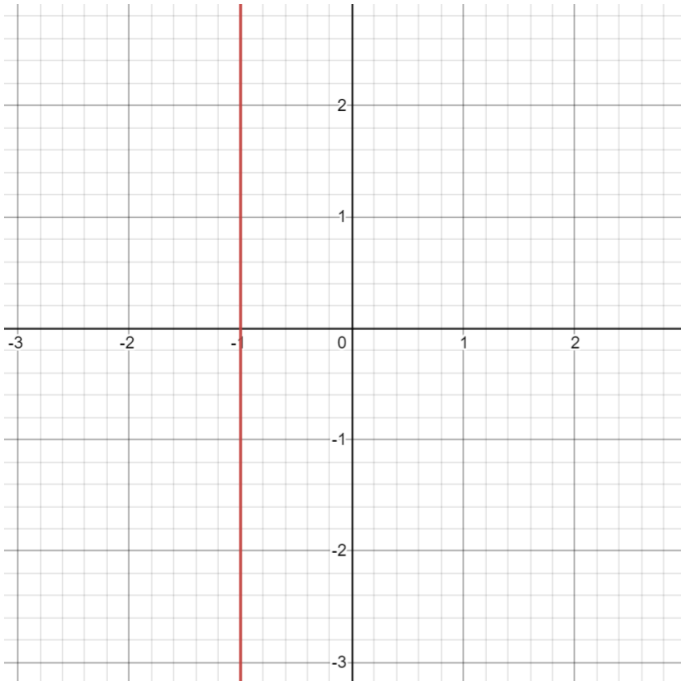
What is the form of a horizontal line?

Example Determine the equation of the following lines.

a.



b.



What makes 2 lines parallel?

What makes 2 lines perpendicular?

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Examples Write the equation of a line that goes through $(-2, -5)$ that satisfies the conditions:

a. parallel to the line: $3x - 2y = -6$

b. perpendicular to the line: $x - 2y = -4$

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Quick Reference of Line Formulas

Slope-Intercept Form

Standard Form

Point-Slope Form

Slope Formula

Form of a Horizontal Line

Form of a Vertical Line

What makes 2 lines parallel?

What makes 2 lines perpendicular?

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Examples: Writing the Equation of a Line Through 2 Points

Example Write the equation of a line through the given 2 points. Put your answer in standard form, and your standard form should not include any fractions or decimals.

a. $(4, 5)$ and $(2, 9)$

b. $(2, 7)$ and $(-4, 7)$

c. $(-4, 2)$ and $(2, 5)$

d. $(3, 5)$ and $(3, 8)$

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Examples: Writing the Equation of a Line Through 2 Points

Example Write the equation of a line through the point $(2, 3)$ that satisfies the given conditions. Your final answer should be in standard form with no fractions or decimals.

a. Parallel to $5x - 2y = 10$

b. Perpendicular to $4x - 2y = 1$

c. Parallel to $y = 5$

d. Perpendicular to $x = 7$

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Lesson: Rewriting Linear Equations into Slope-Intercept Form of a Line

What is the slope-intercept form of a line?

Explain how to put the equation $2x - 4y = 8$ into slope-intercept form.

Examples Put the following equations in slope-intercept form:

a. $6y - 3x = 12$

b. $-5x + 2y = -4$

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Lesson: Determining Whether Two Lines are Parallel or Perpendicular

What makes 2 lines parallel?

Examples Are the equations $y = \frac{2}{3}x + 5$ and $2x - 3y = 6$ parallel?

What makes 2 lines perpendicular?

Examples Determine the negative reciprocal of each of the following:

a. $\frac{2}{3}$

b. $-\frac{1}{5}$

c. -7

d. 1

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Example Are the equations $y = \frac{3}{5}x + 2$ and $-3x + 5y = -15$ perpendicular?

Examples Are the following pairs of lines parallel, perpendicular, or neither?

a. $3x - 2y = 6$ and $4y = -6x - 8$

b. $y - 3x = 0$ and $12x - 4y = 24$

c. $y = 3$ and $x = -2$

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Examples Lines A and B contain the given points. Determine whether the lines are parallel, perpendicular, or neither.

a. Line A: $(2, 11), (5, 10)$ Line B: $(1, 3), (-6, -18)$

b. Line A: $(-5, 5), (-7, -2)$ Line B: $(0, 11), (-4, 9)$

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Lesson: Putting Equations in Standard Form

What is the standard form of a line?

Examples Write the following equations in standard form:

a. $y = 2x - 4$

b. $y = -5x + 3$

c. $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$

d. $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$

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Lesson: Writing Equations of Lines with The Point-Slope Form

What is the point-slope form of a line?

Examples Given the point and the slope, write the point-slope form of a line.

a. $m = -2, (1, 3)$

b. $m = -\frac{2}{3}, (5, -2)$

What is the slope-intercept form of a line?

What is the standard form of a line?

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Examples Given the point and the slope, write the equation of the line in the desired format.

a. $m = -1, (2, -5)$ in slope-intercept form

b. $m = 3, (5, -4)$ in standard form

c. $m = -\frac{1}{2}, (6, 3)$

d. $m = \frac{2}{3}, (-5, -1)$

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Lesson: Writing the Equation of a Line from Two Points

Write the equation of the line that contains the following 2 points in the desired format.

a. $(4, 2)$ and $(5, 5)$ in slope-intercept form

b. $(-2, 4)$ and $(-4, -2)$ in standard form

c. $(5, -3)$ and $(3, 5)$ in slope-intercept form

d. $(-1, -3)$ and $(1, 5)$ in standard form

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Lesson: Writing the Equation of a Line Parallel/Perpendicular to Another Line

What makes 2 lines parallel?

What makes 2 lines perpendicular?

Examples Write the equation of a line with the given conditions.

a. Parallel to $y = 3x + 1$ that goes through $(-2, -5)$ in slope-intercept form

b. Perpendicular to $y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 5$ that goes through $(6, -2)$ in standard form

c. Parallel to $2x - 3y = 6$ that goes through $(1, -2)$ in slope-intercept form

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Examples Write the equation of a line with the given conditions.

a. Perpendicular to $2x - 4y = 8$ that goes through $(-4, -2)$ in standard form

b. Parallel to $3x - y = 12$ that goes through $(-1, -5)$ in slope-intercept form

c. Perpendicular to $-2x + 3y = 12$ that goes through $(2, -5)$ in standard form

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Lesson: Equations of Circles and How to Graph Circles

Draw the circle in the video and label the relevant parts of it.

Using your sketch above, explain how the distance formula can be used to help us determine the equation of a circle (you will need to summarize the explanation in your own words).

What is the **Center-Radius Form** of the equation of a circle?

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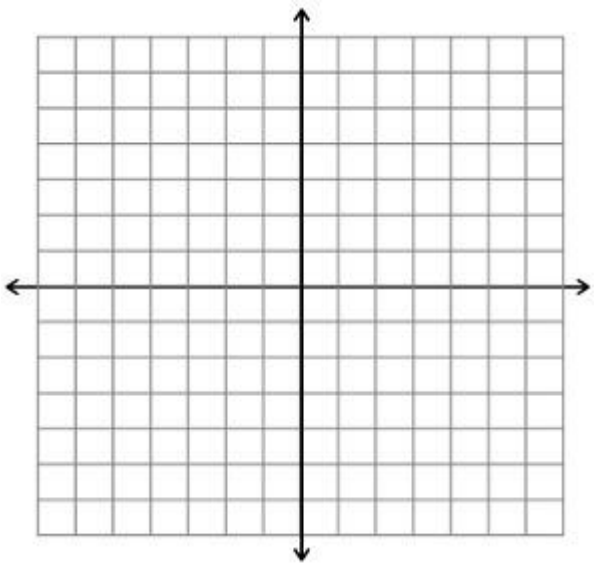
Example Find the center radius form of a circle using the given information.

a. center $(-2, 3)$ and radius 4

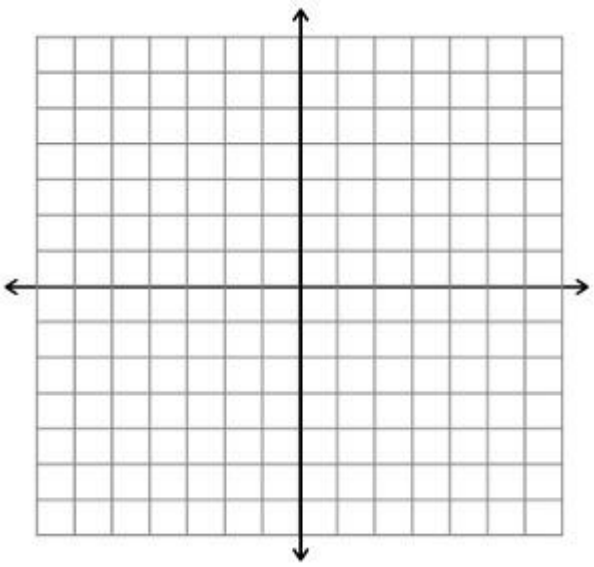
b. center $(0, -1)$ and radius 2

Example Graph the following circles.

a. $(x-1)^2 + (y+3)^2 = 4$



b. $x^2 + y^2 = 9$



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Expand $(x-1)^2+(y+3)^2=4$ and show how this creates the general form.

What is the **General Form** of the equation of a circle?

Example Review how to use completing the square with the equation: $x^2-6x+4=0$.

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Example Show how to use completing the square to write each in the center-radius form, and then sketch a graph of the circle.

a. $x^2 - 4x + y^2 + 8y - 44 = 0$

b. $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y + 14 = 0$

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Examples: Working with the General Form Equation of a Circle

Example Show how to use completing the square to write in the center-radius form, and then sketch a graph of the circle if possible.

a. $4x^2 + 4y^2 + 4x + 16y - 19 = 0$

b. $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 4y + 8 = 0$

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c. $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y + 18 = 0$

d. $9x^2 + 9y^2 + 12x - 18y - 23 = 0$

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Examples: Graphing Circles Using Technology

You can use this page to take notes for how to solve the following 2 examples:

a. Find all coordinates of points whose distance from (-3, 2) and (-2, 1) is $\sqrt{5}$.

b. There's an earthquake! There are 2 receiving stations with the following coordinates:

$$A = (-1, 1), B = (-2, 1), C = (-3, -1)$$

The epicenter of the earthquake is 2 units from stations A and C, and $\sqrt{5}$ units from B. Where is the epicenter?

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Lesson: Review of Functions

How do you represent a function?

What is a function often interchangeable with? How can you rewrite $f(x) = 3x + 8$?

So what IS a function? What does it actually represent?

What's another handy feature of functions?

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What are the domain and range?

Does domain and range only work for functions?

Examples Are the following functions, and what is the domain and range?

a. $\{(2,3), (5, -1), (-3, 7)\}$

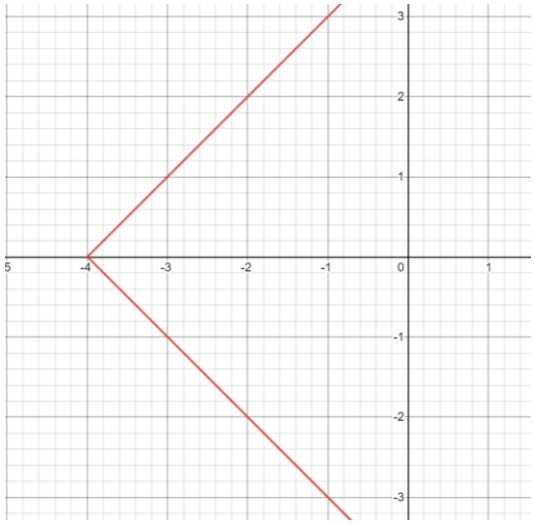
b. $\{(-1, 5), (-8, 3), (-1, 6)\}$

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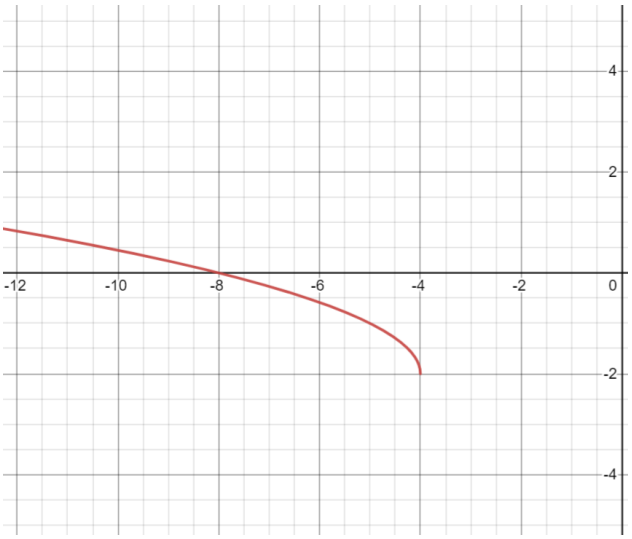
What is the Vertical Line Test, and how does it help you determine if you have a function?

Example State the domain and range of the following, and use the vertical line test to determine if the graph represents a function.

a.



b.



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Examples Determine if the following represent functions.

a. $y = 3x^2$

b. $x = y^2$

c. $y = \frac{5}{x^2}$

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Example Write the following in function notation: $3x + 2y = 6$

Example Suppose $f(x) = 3x - 5$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 4x - 1$ and $h(x) = \{(2, 5), (6, -3), (-1, -4)\}$. Find the following:

a. $f(7) =$

b. $g(3) =$

c. $f(k) =$

d. $g(x + h) =$

e. $h(6) =$

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Lesson: Increasing, Decreasing, and Constant Functions

Below are the "formal math" definitions of whether a function is increasing, decreasing, or constant. Let I be an open interval and let x_1 and x_2 be two points in that interval.

- A function is **increasing** over I if when $x_1 < x_2, f(x)_1 < f(x_2)$
- A function is **decreasing** over I if when $x_1 < x_2, f(x)_1 > f(x_2)$
- A function is **constant** over I if when $x_1 < x_2, f(x)_1 = f(x_2)$

While these are the formal definitions, what we really want to know are the intuitive meanings of these definition.

Sketch a graph that is increasing:

Decreasing:

And constant:

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Example Sketch the graph in the video, and then identify where the graph is increasing, decreasing, or constant.

a.

b.

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Lesson: An Intro to Functions

Define a relation:

Define a domain:

Define a range:

Example In the set of ordered pairs $\{(2,3), (4, -1), (7, 2)\}$, define the domain and range of the relation.

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Define a function:

What is the visual explanation that explains what a function is or is not?

Example In the set of ordered pairs $\{(2,3), (4, -1), (7, 2)\}$, is this a function?

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Example Are the following functions?

a. $\{(4,-1),(3,2),(7,-1)\}$

b. $\{(2,4),(3,5),(2,-1)\}$

What is the notation for a function? How do we describe/use this notation?

Example In the set of ordered pairs $\{(2,3),(4,-1),(7,2)\}$, what is $f(4)$?

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Example Suppose $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 3$. Find the value of the following:

a. $f(2)$

b. $g(1)$

c. $f(a)$

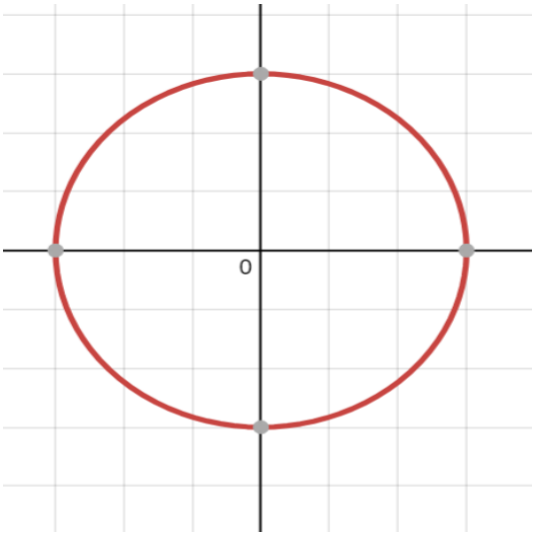
d. $g(h + k)$

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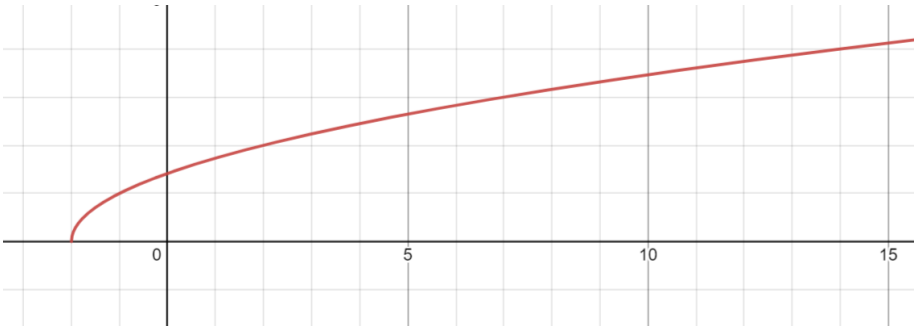
What is the vertical line test?

Example Do the following graphs represent a function?

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b.



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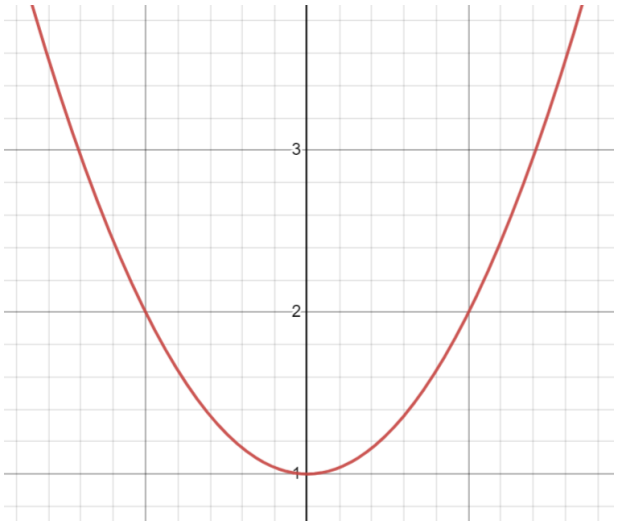
Lesson: Determining the Domain and Range of Functions In General

How do you determine the domain and range of a set of points like $\{(2,4), (5,8), (4,6)\}$?

What is the domain and range of that set of points?

In general, it is easiest to determine the domain and range when we have the graph in front of us.

For the following graph, write out how you should determine the domain and range.



Write a sentence on how you should find the domain:

State the domain:

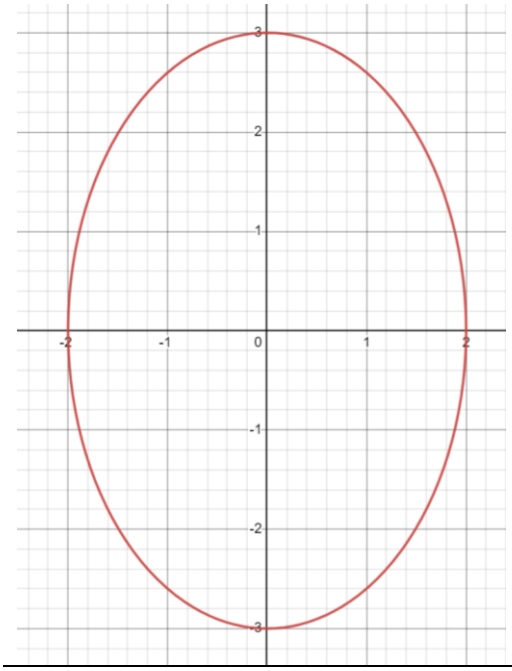
Write a sentence on how you should find the range:

State the range:

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Examples Determine if the following graphs represent functions, and then state the domain and range.

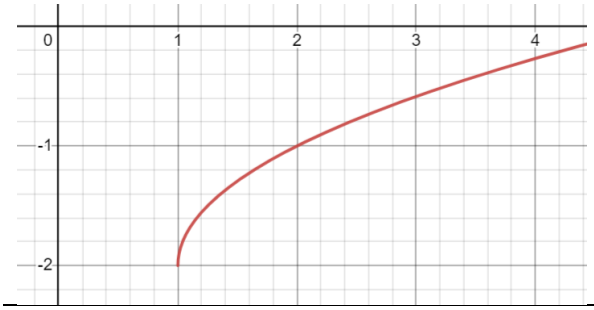
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Domain:

Range:

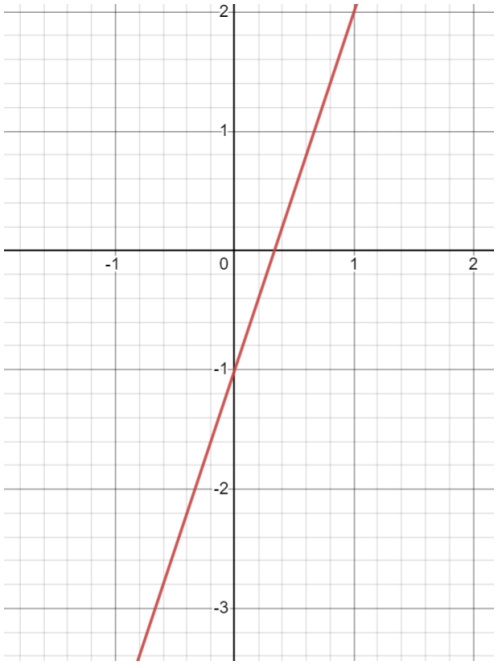
b.



Domain:

Range:

c.



Domain:

Range

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Lesson: The Domain of Some Specific Types of Functions

What is a polynomial? Write some examples.

What is the domain of any polynomial function?

What is a rational function?

What is the domain of any rational function?

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Examples Determine the domain of the following.

a. $f(x) = 3x - 1$

b. $g(x) = \frac{4}{x+2}$

c. $h(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1$

d. $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2-9}$

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What is a square root function?

What is the domain of a square root function?

Examples Find the domain of the following:

a. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$

b. $g(x) = \sqrt{4x-1}$

c. $h(x) = \sqrt{4-x}$

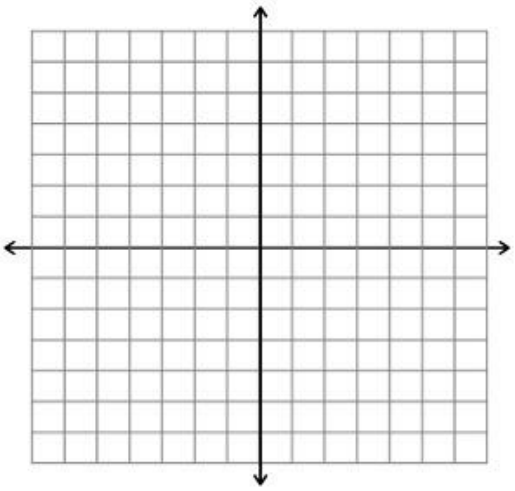
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Lesson: How to Graph a Function

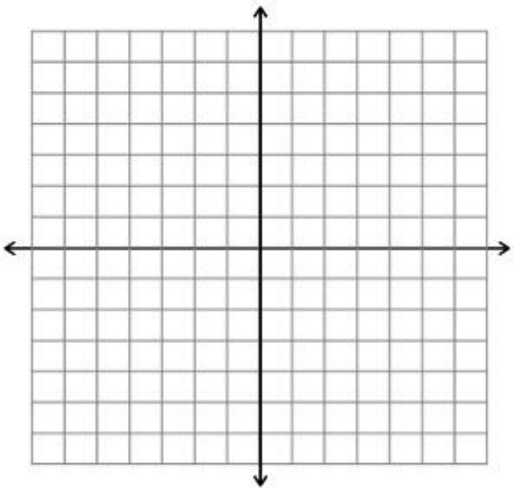
How do you graph a function?

Examples Graph the following functions.

a. $f(x) = 3x + 1$



b. $g(x) = 4$



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Lesson: Translations and Reflections of Functions

Using the graph $f(x) = |x|$ as the "base function," sketch how vertical translations work (summarize what was discussed in the video).

How do you describe vertical translations in function notation?

Using the graph $f(x) = x^2$ as the "base function," sketch how horizontal translations work (summarize what was discussed in the video).

How do you describe horizontal translations in function notation?

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Use the graph $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ to show how reflections over the x- and y-axis work (summarize what was discussed in the video).

How do you describe reflections over the x-axis and y-axis using function notation.

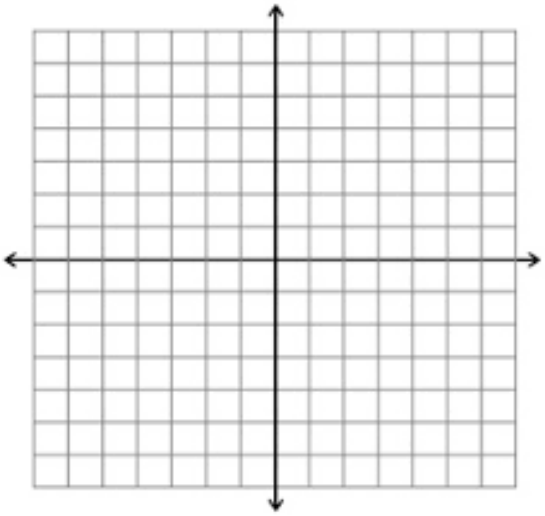
Use the graph $f(x) = |x|$ to show how stretching and shrinking works (summarize what was discussed in the video).

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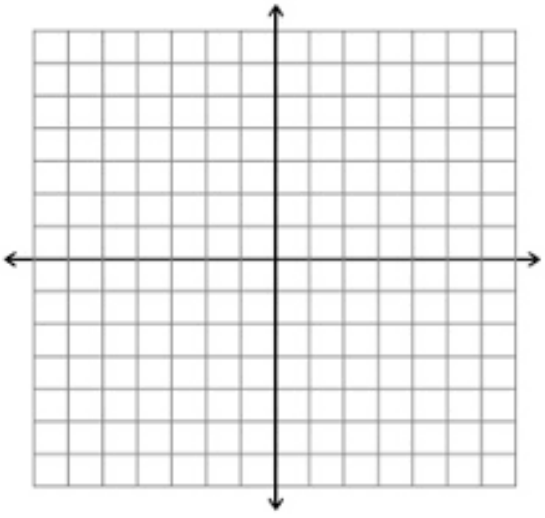
Explain how stretching and shrinking works with function notation.

Example Describe any translations / reflections / stretching / shrinking and sketch a graph of each of the following.

a. $f(x) = -x^2 + 3$



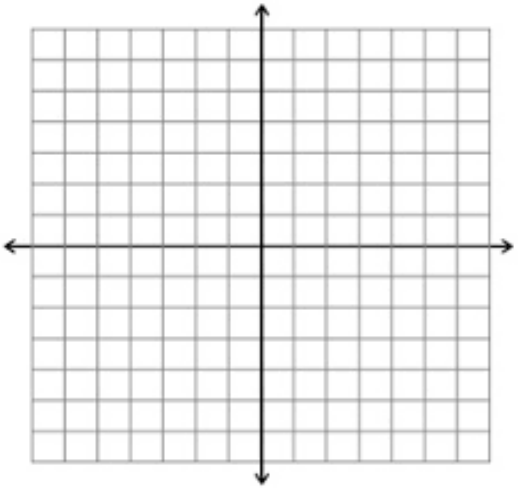
b. $g(x) = (x + 2)^3 - 3$



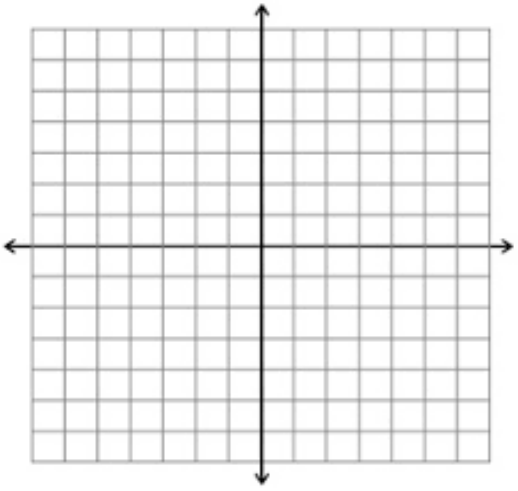
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Example Describe any translations / reflections / stretching / shrinking and sketch a graph of each of the following.

a. $g(x) = -2(x+1)^2 - 5$



b. $h(x) = 2\sqrt{-x} + 1$



Examples Write the equation of the given functions with the following characteristics.

a. The function $f(x) = x^2$ moved 3 units left and 5 units down.

b. The function $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ reflected over the y-axis, translated 2.5 units right and 1.75 units up.

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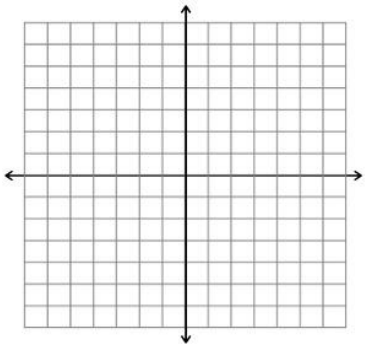
Transformations of Functions

These are looking at graphs of things like:

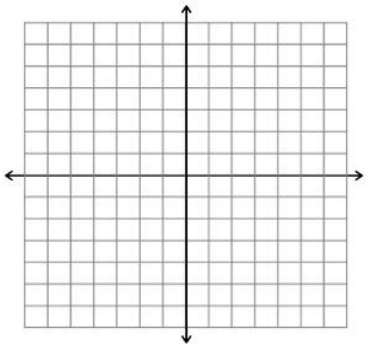
$$f(x) = x^2 - 5 \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) = |x + 3| - 2 \quad \text{or} \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x - 3}$$

First we need to discuss the shape of a few basic functions. Write these down and note the important points.

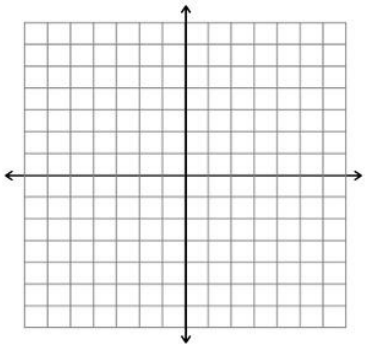
a. $f(x) = x^2$



b. $f(x) = |x|$



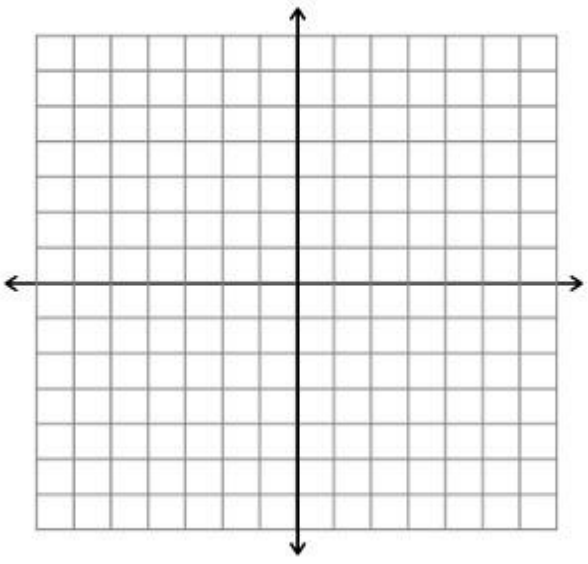
c. $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$



Using a few different colors, sketch out what the graphs of

a. $f(x) = x^2$ versus b. $g(x) = x^2 + 3$ versus c. $h(x) = x^2 - 1$

look like all on the same graph below:



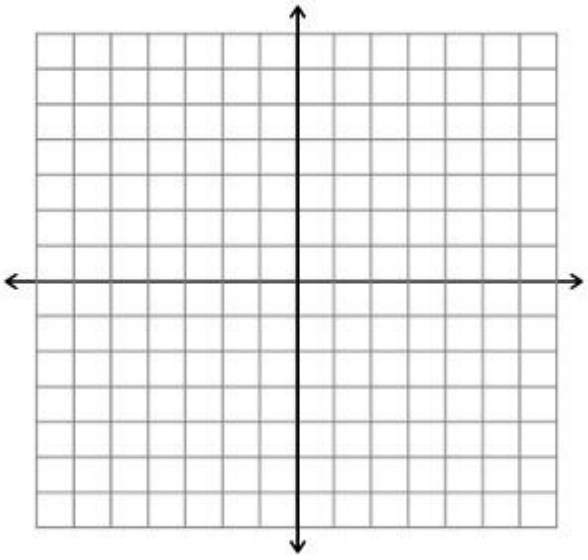
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This is an example of a vertical shift. Explain what this means in mathematical terms:

Using a few different colors, sketch out what the graphs of

a. $f(x) = |x|$ versus b. $g(x) = |x - 1|$ versus c. $h(x) = |x + 2|$

look like all on the same graph below:



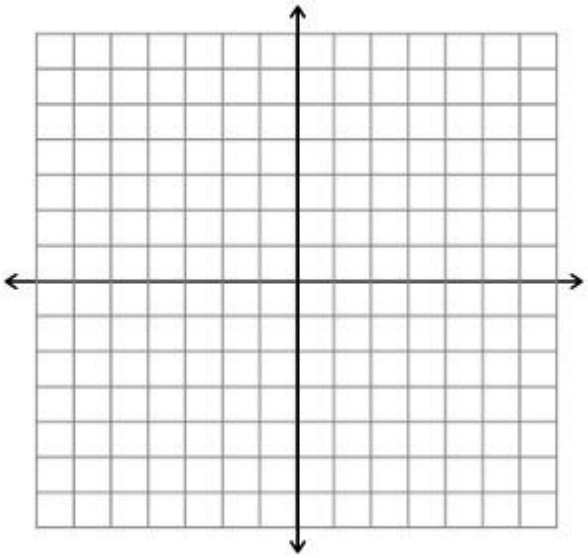
This is an example of a horizontal shift. Explain what this means in mathematical terms:

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Using a few different colors, sketch out what the graphs of

$$\text{a. } f(x) = |x| \text{ versus b. } g(x) = -|x|$$

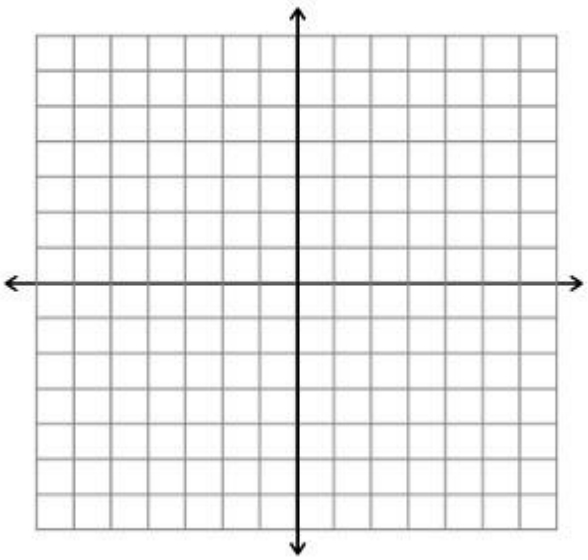
look like all on the same graph below:



This is an example of a reflection over the x-axis. Explain what this means in mathematical terms:

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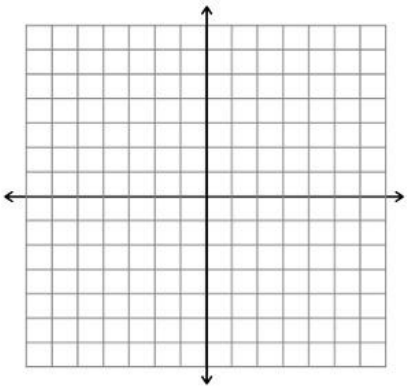
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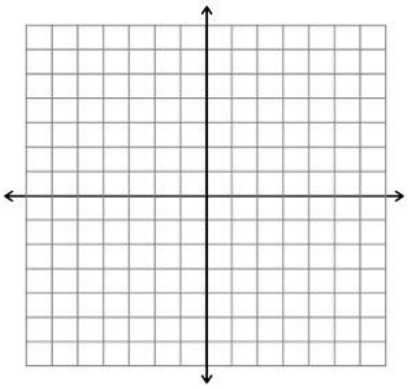
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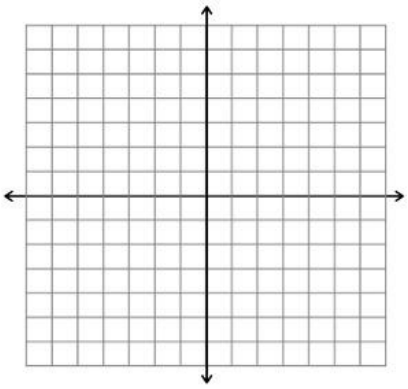
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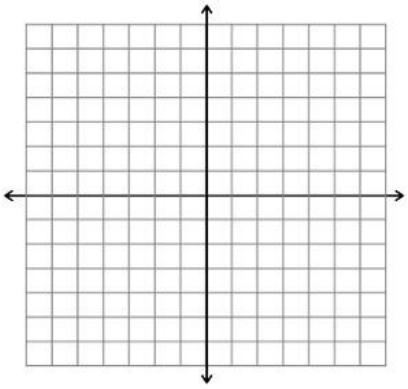
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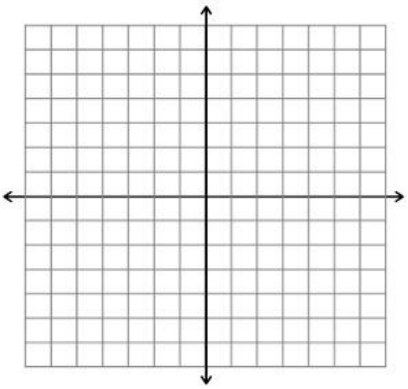
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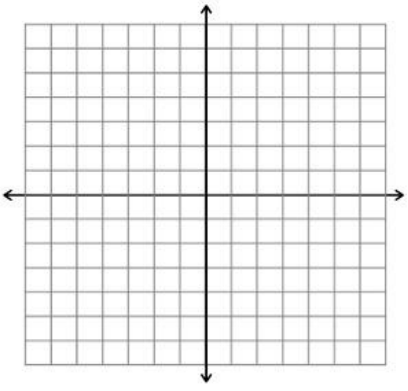
d. $k(x) = (x-2)^2 + 4$



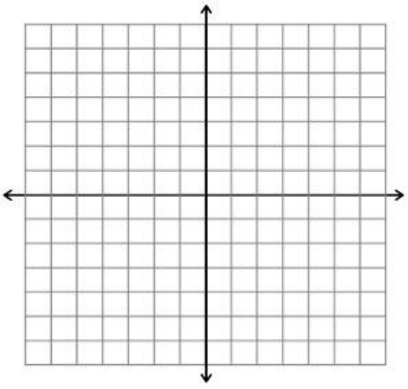
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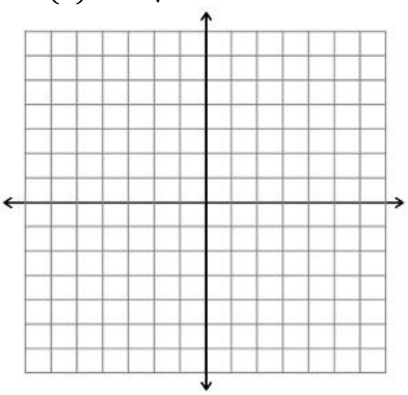
f. $g(x) = -|x+3| - 1$



g. $h(x) = -\sqrt{x-2}$



h. $k(x) = -\sqrt{x+1} - 3$



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Examples Write the equations that represent the listed transformations.

a. A function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ is shifted 7 units down.

b. A function $g(x) = x^3$ is shifted 3 units left and 2 units up.

c. A function $h(x) = |x|$ is shifted 2.5 units right and reflected over the x-axis.

d. A function $f(x) = e^x$ is shifted 4 units up and reflected over the x-axis.

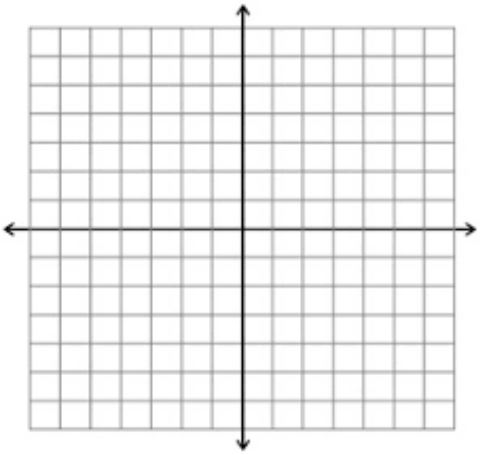
e. A function $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ is shifted 3.2 units right, 5.7 units up, and reflected over the x-axis

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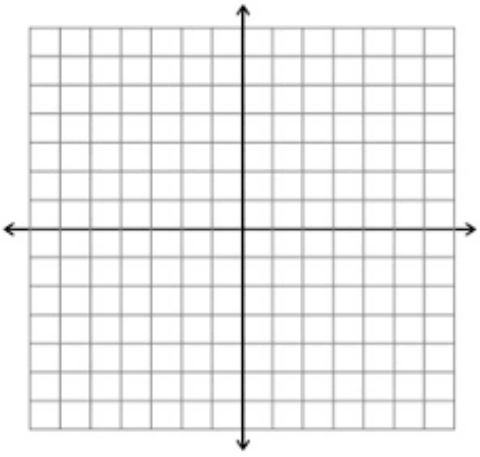
Examples: Translations and Reflections of Functions

Describe any translations / reflections / stretching / shrinking and sketch a graph of each of the following.

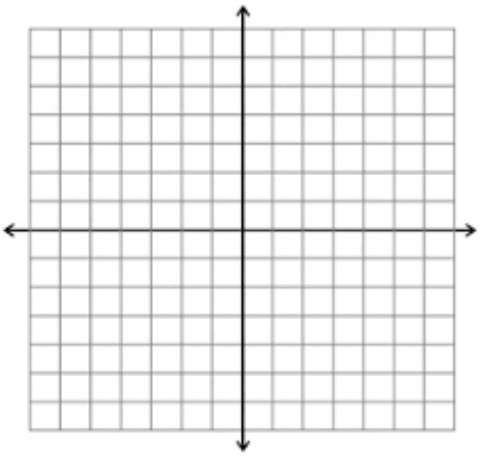
a. $f(x) = -(x+2)^2 - 3$



b. $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)^3 + 2$



c. $h(x) = -\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{x+1} + 1$



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Lesson: Symmetry and Even or Odd Functions

Explain when a graph is symmetric with respect to the y-axis:

Explain when a graph is symmetric with respect to the x-axis:

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Explain when a graph is symmetric with respect to the origin:

What makes a function odd?

What makes a function even?

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So what is the test for even or odd functions?

Examples Determine what type of symmetry the following functions have:

a. $y = x^2 + 4$

b. $x^2 + y^2 = 25$

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Examples Determine what type of symmetry the following functions have:

a. $y = x^3 - 5$

b. $y = 7x^2 + 2x - 4$

c. $y = 2x^{\frac{1}{3}} - 3x$

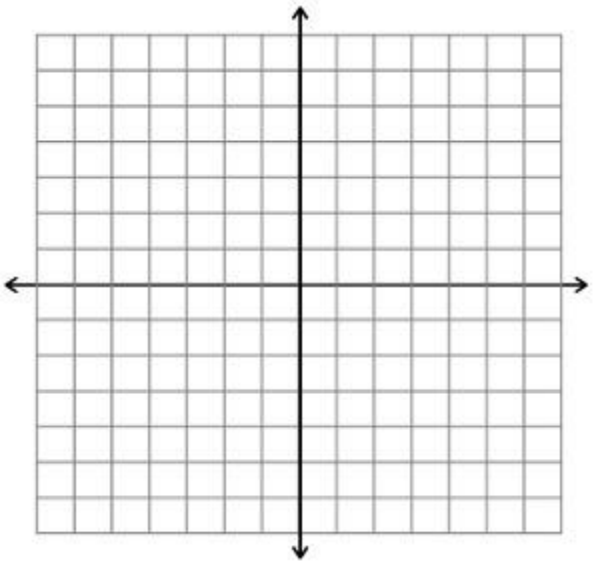
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Lesson: An Intro to Translations and Reflections of Graphs

We are going to develop the intuition for this concept before we actually graph anything.

Vertical Translations

Draw the base graph of $f(x) = x^2$ in one color and then use some other colors to show how the translations work. Label the graphs.



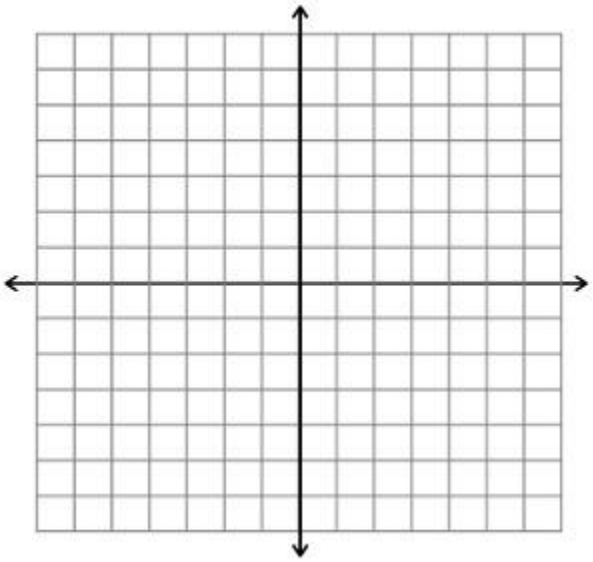
Explain the general way that vertical shifts work:

Example How does $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + 6$ shift?

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Horizontal Translations

Draw the base graph of $f(x) = |x|$ in one color and then use some other colors to show how the translations work. Label the graphs.



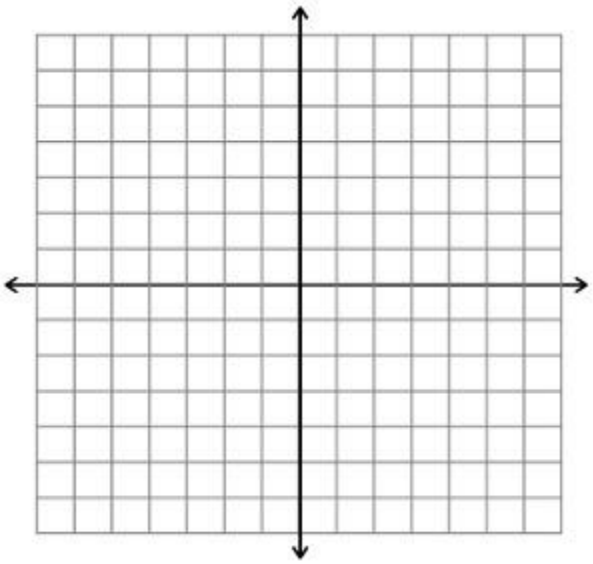
Explain the general way that horizontal shifts work:

Example How does $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+3}$ shift?

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Reflections Over the X-Axis

Draw the base graph of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and then graph the reflection in another color. Label the graph of the reflection. Label the graphs.



Explain the general way that reflections over the x-axis work:

Example How does $f(x) = -x^2$ look?

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Example Describe the translations and reflections of the following.

a. $f(x) = -x^2 + 3$

b. $g(x) = \sqrt{x+2} - 1$

c. $h(x) = (x-5)^3 + 2$

d. $f(x) = -|x+2| + 5$

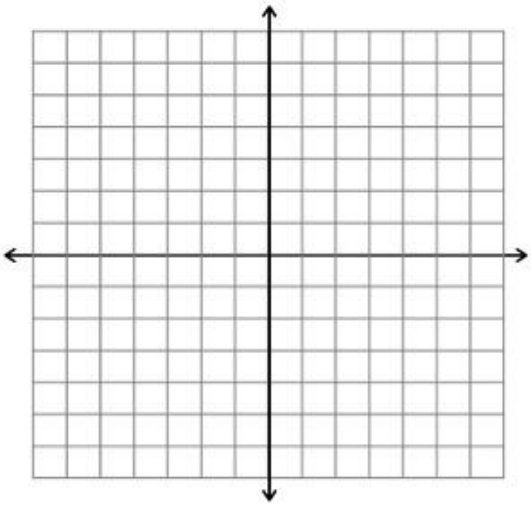
e. $g(x) = -\sqrt[3]{x-1} - 4$

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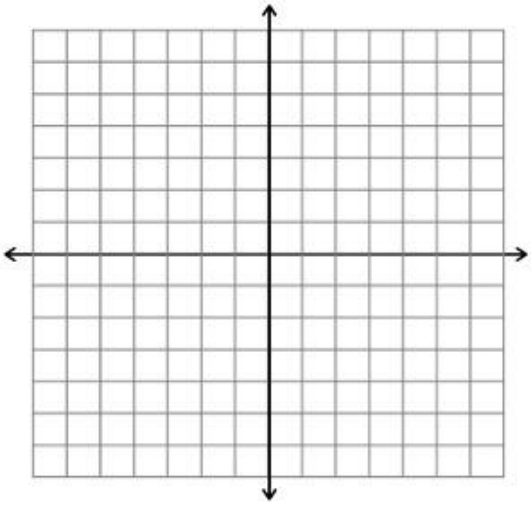
Lesson: Graphing with Translations and Reflections

Examples For each of the following, describe the translations and reflections. Then graph with 2-3 points.

a. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$
Describe any translations or reflections:

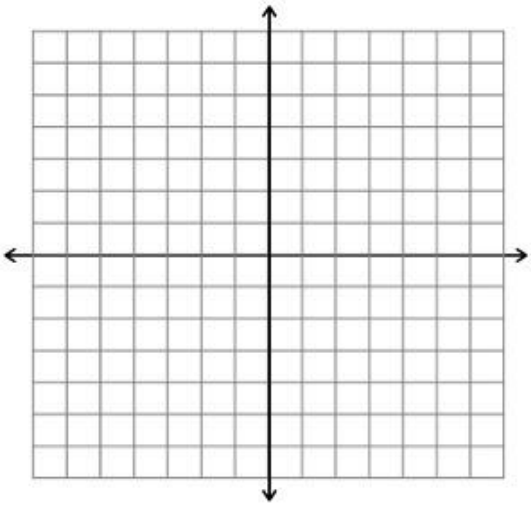


b. $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 2}$
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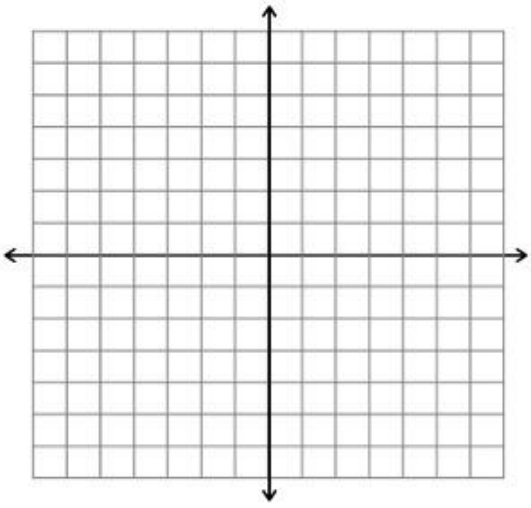


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c. $f(x) = (x + 2)^3 - 1$
Describe any translations or reflections:

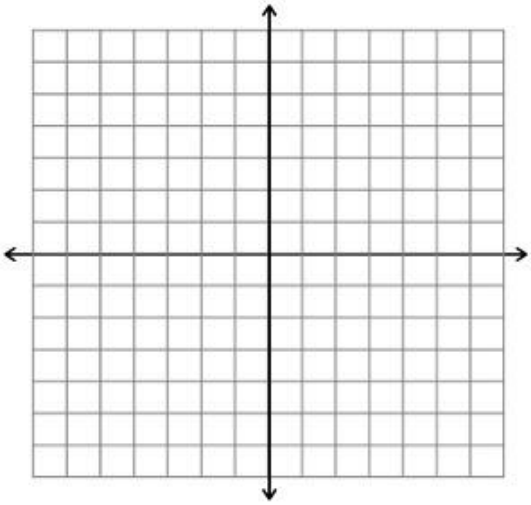


d. $h(x) = |x - 3| + 2$
Describe any translations or reflections:

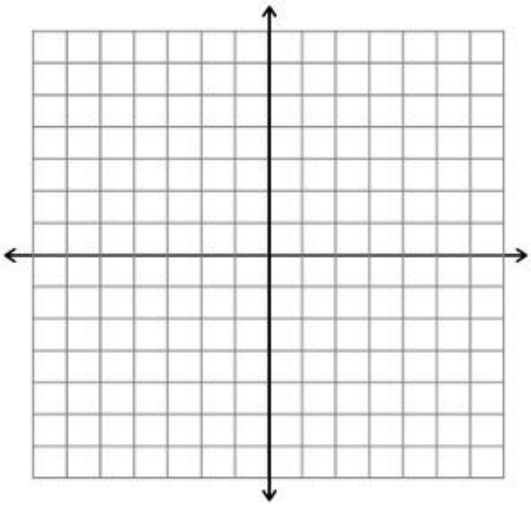


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e. $f(x) = -|x - 3| - 2$
Describe any translations or reflections:



f. $f(x) = -\sqrt{x + 3} + 1$
Describe any translations or reflections:



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Lesson: Writing Equations of Functions with Translations and Reflections

Example Write the equation of a function $g(x)$ where the following transformations are performed on the graph of $f(x)$

a. $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$ is shifted 3 units down and 2 units right

b. $f(x) = x^2$ is shifted 2.5 units up and π units left

c. $f(x) = e^x$ is reflected about the x-axis, shifted 4 units down and 1 unit left

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Lesson: Review of Quadratic Functions

A polynomial function of degree n is a function of the form

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 x + a_0$$

Where $a_n, a_{n-1}, \ldots, a_1, a_0$ are any complex or real number, $a_n \neq 0$, and n is a nonnegative integer.

What do we call n in this equation?

What do we call a_n in this equation?

What do we call $a_n x^n$ in this equation?

Example What is the degree, leading coefficient, and dominating term in the following?

a. $f(x) = 4x^4 - 5x^2 + x^7 + 100$

b. $g(x) = x\sqrt{3} - 5$

c. $h(x) = 7$

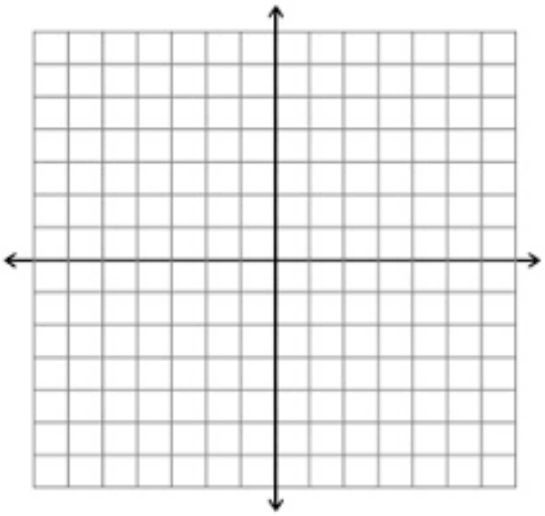
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What is a quadratic function?

What do we call the graph of a quadratic function?

Draw and label the parts of a parabola.

Example Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -(x+4)^2 - 2$



What is the **vertex form** of the equation of the parabola?

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Example Show how to use completing the square to put $f(x) = x^2 + 6x - 4$ in vertex form. Write out clear directions.

Example Use completing the square to write $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x + 2$ in vertex form, then sketch the graph.

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Example Find the intercepts of $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x + 2$

How many x-intercepts can a parabola have? Draw a little sketch of each situation.

How can you tell how many intercepts a parabola will have if the parabola is in the form: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

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What is the vertex formula for a parabola in the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$?

Example Use the vertex formula to find the vertex of the following: $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 1$

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Examples: Finding Intercepts, Vertices, Etc of Quadratic Functions

Find the vertex, axis of symmetry, domain, range, intercepts, and intervals of increasing and decreasing. If the function is in $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ form, put it in vertex form. Sketch the graph. If the function is in $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ form, put it into standard form.

a. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 3x - \frac{1}{2}$

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b. $f(x) = 2(x-1)^2 + 3$

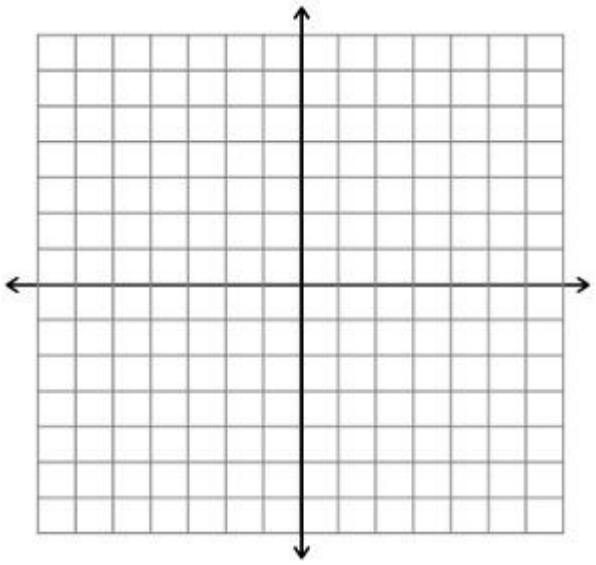
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Lesson: Understanding the Graphs of Quadratic Functions

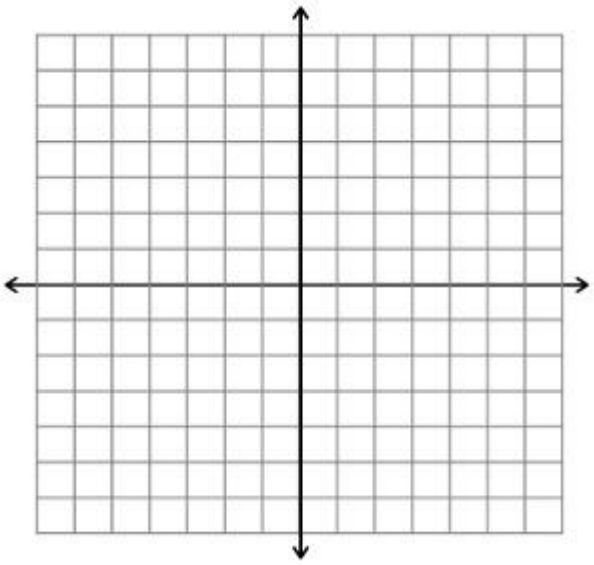
Quadratic functions are functions of the form _____, where $a \neq 0$. But in previous lessons we worked on graphing quadratic functions, ie parabolas in another way. Let's review that first.

Examples Graph the following:

a. $f(x) = (x+2)^2 - 3$



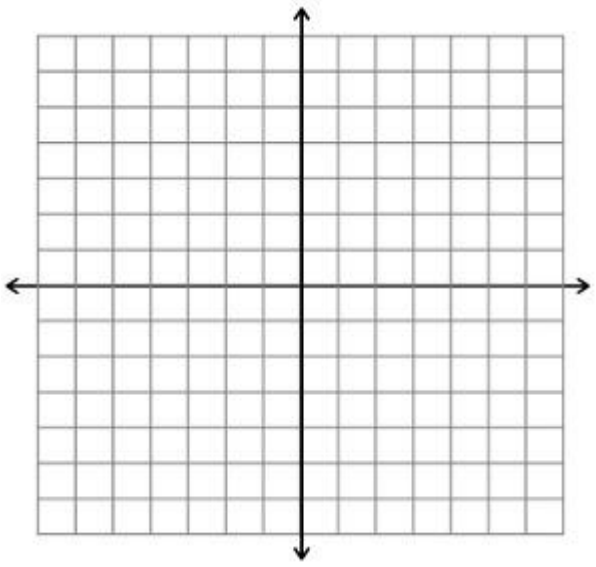
b. $g(x) = -(x-3)^2 + 1$



To begin, we will add on one more way to manipulate the graph of a parabola. Explain how to graph the follow:

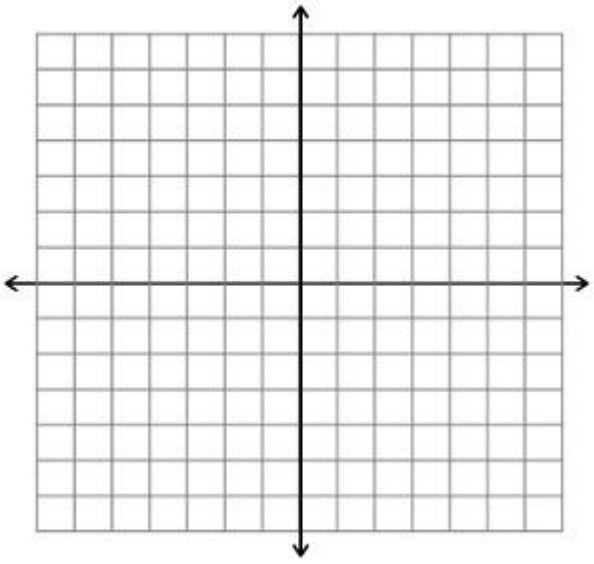
a. $f(x) = 3x^2$

How do you interpret the 3?



b. $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 + 1$

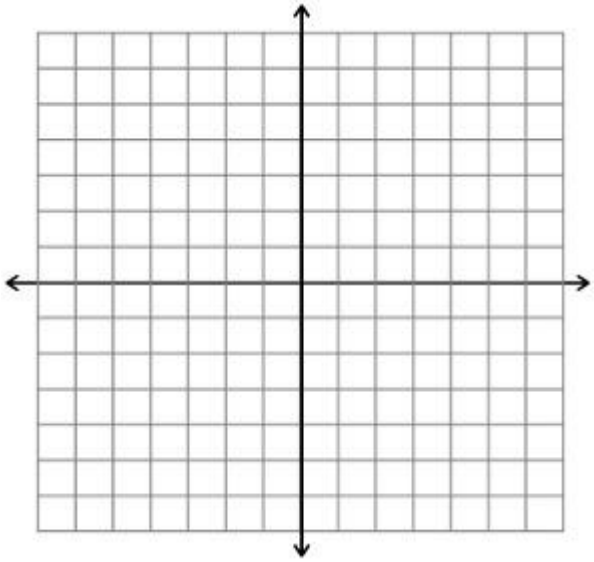
How do you interpret the $-\frac{1}{2}$?



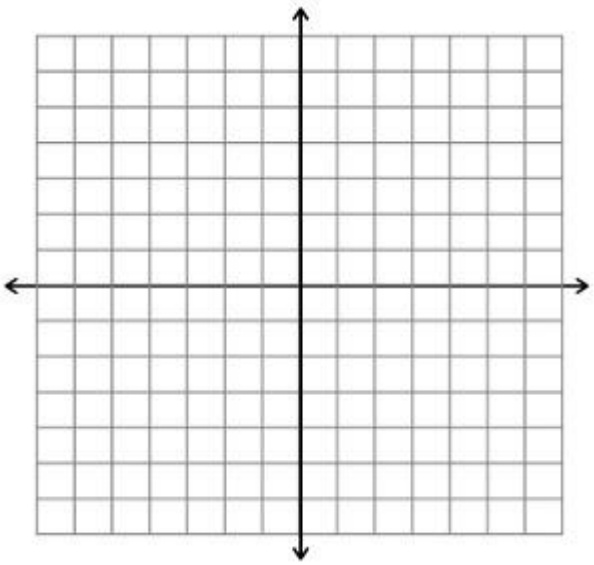
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Examples Graph the following:

a. $f(x) = -2(x+1)^2 + 3$



b. $g(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x-2)^2 - 2$



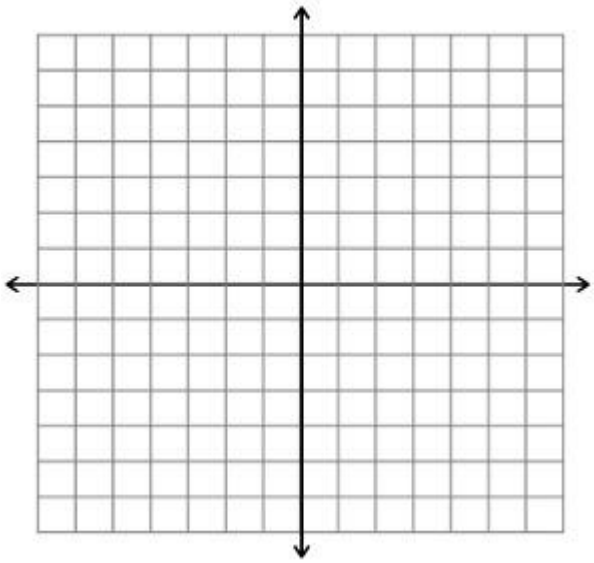
Using all of the examples we have discussed, what is another equation form for the parabola?

Explain some of the characteristics of a parabola that we get from this format:

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Examples For each of the following functions, find and state: (i) the vertex (ii) axis of symmetry (iii) x-intercepts (iv) y-intercepts (v) and then graph the function

a. $f(x) = (x-3)^2 - 4$



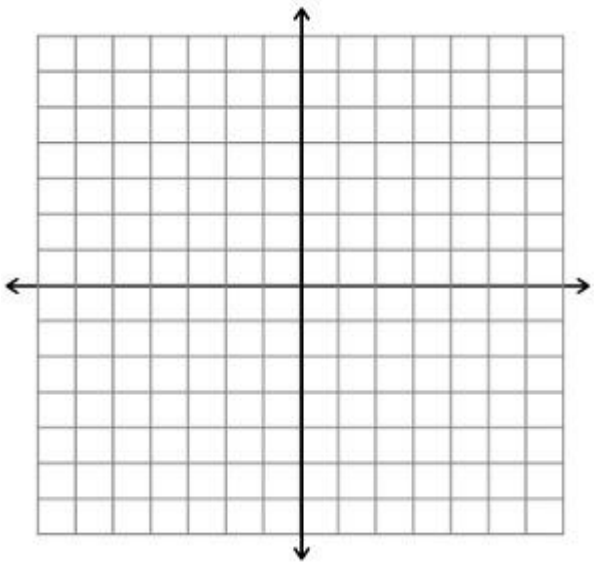
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Axis of Symmetry:

X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

b. $f(x) = -2(x-3)^2 + 8$



Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

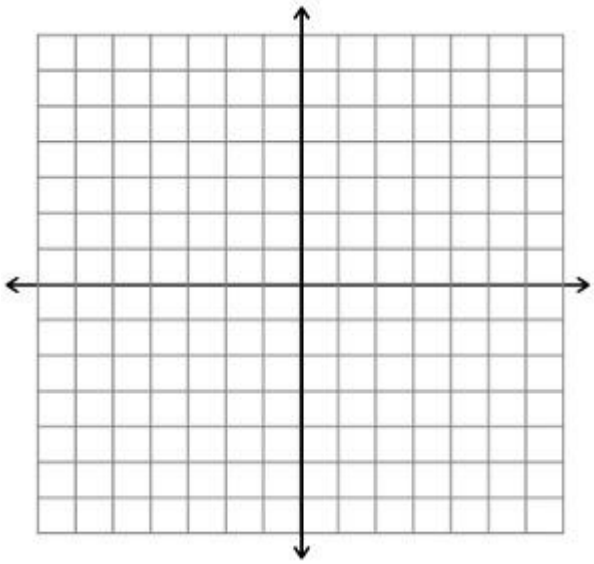
X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

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a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}(x+2)^2 - 3$



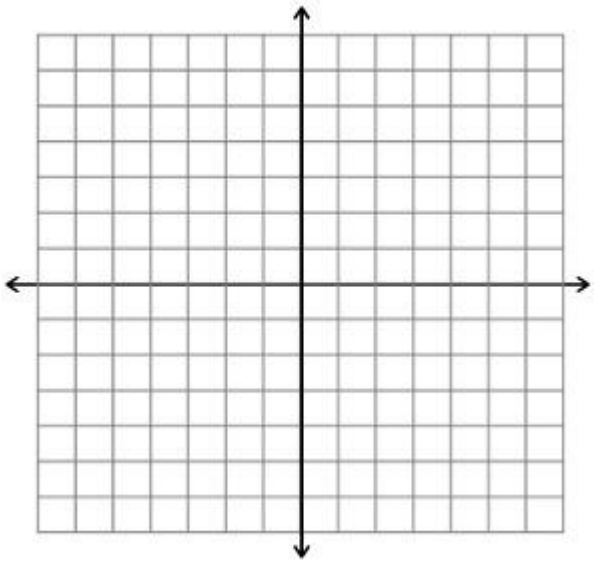
Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

b. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{3}(x-1)^2 + 3$



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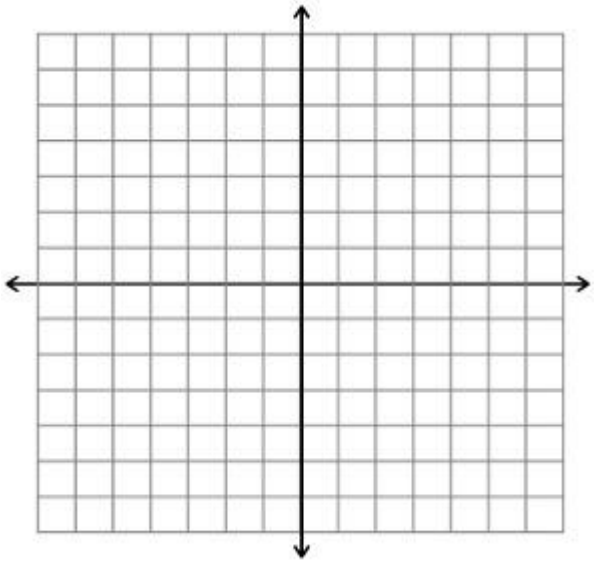
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Examples: Understanding How Many X-Intercepts There Are

Examples For each of the following functions, find and state: (i) the vertex (ii) axis of symmetry (iii) x-intercepts (iv) y-intercepts (v) and then graph the function

a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2 - 8$



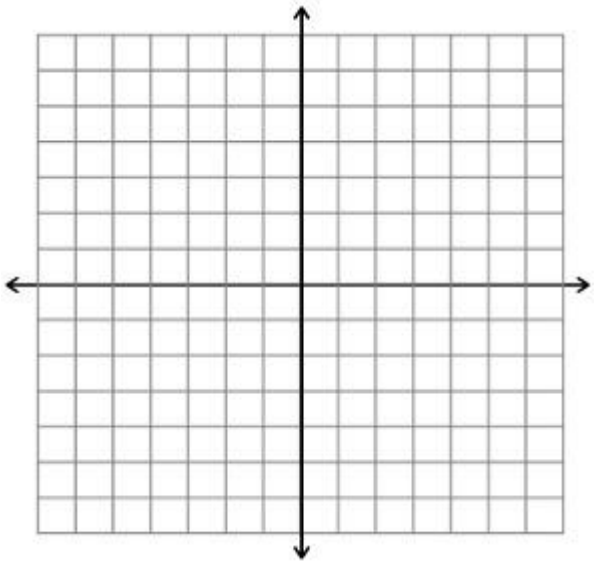
Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

b. $f(x) = -2(x-3)^2$



Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

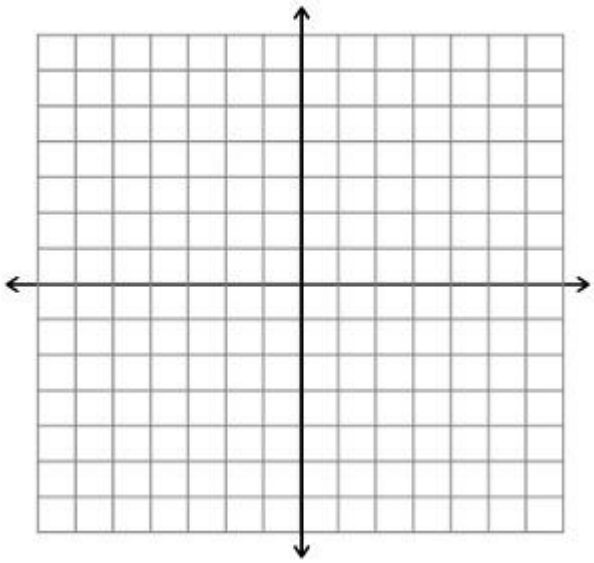
X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

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Examples For each of the following functions, find and state: (i) the vertex (ii) axis of symmetry (iii) x-intercepts (iv) y-intercepts (v) and then graph the function

a. $f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 1$



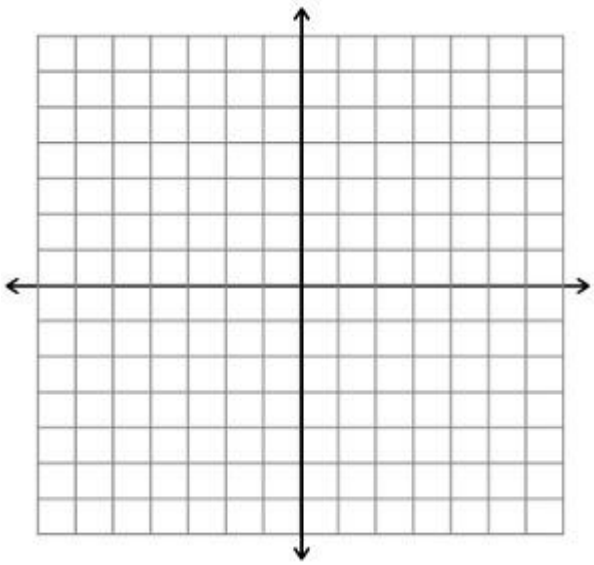
Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

b. $f(x) = -(x+3)^2 - 1$



Vertex:

Axis of Symmetry:

X-intercepts:

Y-intercepts:

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Lesson: Finding the Vertex of Quadratic Equations in the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

What is the vertex formula?

Show how to use the vertex formula for $f(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 2$

Examples Find the vertex of the following:

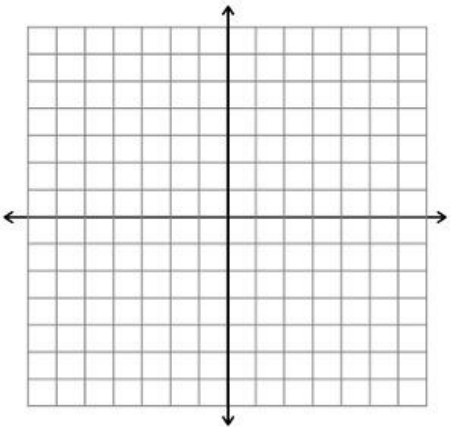
a. $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 2$

b. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 + 3x - 1$

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Lesson: Putting Quadratics into the $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ Form

Before you begin this lesson, you should already feel comfortable graphing an equation like $f(x) = 2(x-1)^2 + 3$. Graph this below:



Now show all the steps to put $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 2$ into $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ form:

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Examples Put the following quadratic functions into $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ form:

a. $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 2$

b. $g(x) = x^2 + 6x + 10$

c. $h(x) = -x^2 + 2x - 4$

d. $y = 3x^2 + 6x - 12$

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Examples: Putting Quadratics into the $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ Form

Examples Put the following quadratic functions into $f(x) = a(x-h)^2 + k$ form:

a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + x - 3$

b. $g(x) = -\frac{1}{3}x^2 + 4x - 2$

c. $y = x^2 + 3x + 2$

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Lesson: Determining Whether a Quadratic Function will have a Minimum or a Maximum

Using the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$, explain what determines whether the parabola opens up or down:

Examples Determine whether the following quadratics open upwards or downwards, and then determine their vertex:

a. $f(x) = -2x^2 + 4x - 2$ upwards downwards

b. $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 2$ upwards downwards

c. $h(x) = x^2 + 6x + 1$ upwards downwards

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Lesson: Applications of Quadratic Functions 1

A ball is thrown upwards from a cliff 24 feet about the ground. The height h of the ball, in feet, t seconds after it is thrown is given by:

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + 32t + 24$$

How long does it take the ball to reach its maximum height?

What is the maximum height attained by the ball?

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Lesson: Graphs of Basic Polynomial Functions and Translations of the Basic Graphs

Explain the graphs of $f(x) = x^2, f(x) = x^4, f(x) = x^6$, etc.

Explain the graphs of $f(x) = x^3, f(x) = x^5, f(x) = x^7$, etc.

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If we multiply the polynomial like so: $f(x) = ax^n$, what happens to the graph?

What happens if we have $f(x) = a(x-h)^n + k$?

Example Sketch the graphs:

a. $f(x) = (x-5)^5 + 3$

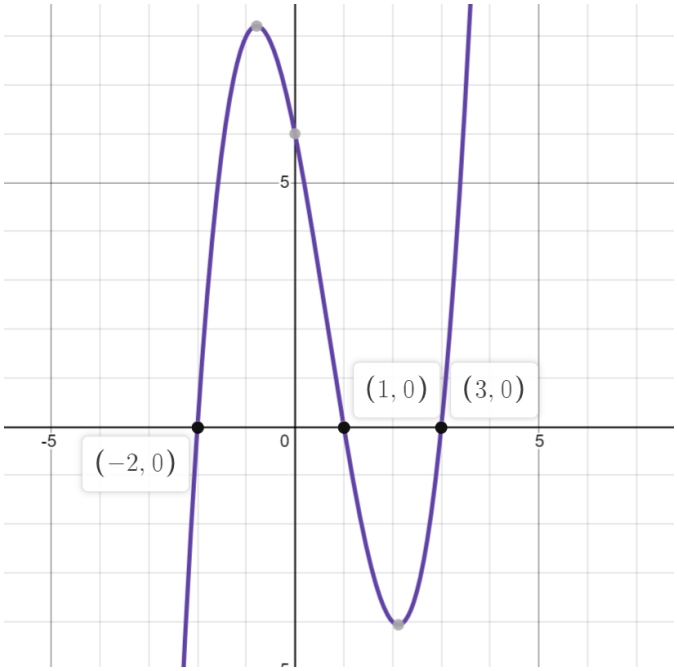
b. $f(x) = -2(x+1)^6 - 4$

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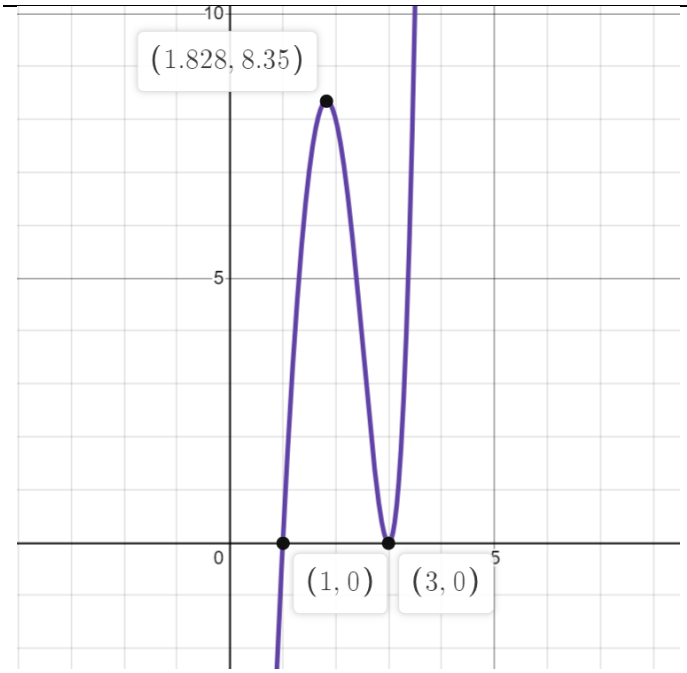
Lesson: Graphs of Polynomial Functions, Turning Points, and End Behavior

In the last video, we discuss the graphs of basic polynomials and translations. In this video, we will look at more complicated possibilities.

Below are the graphs of a few polynomials. What patterns do you notice?

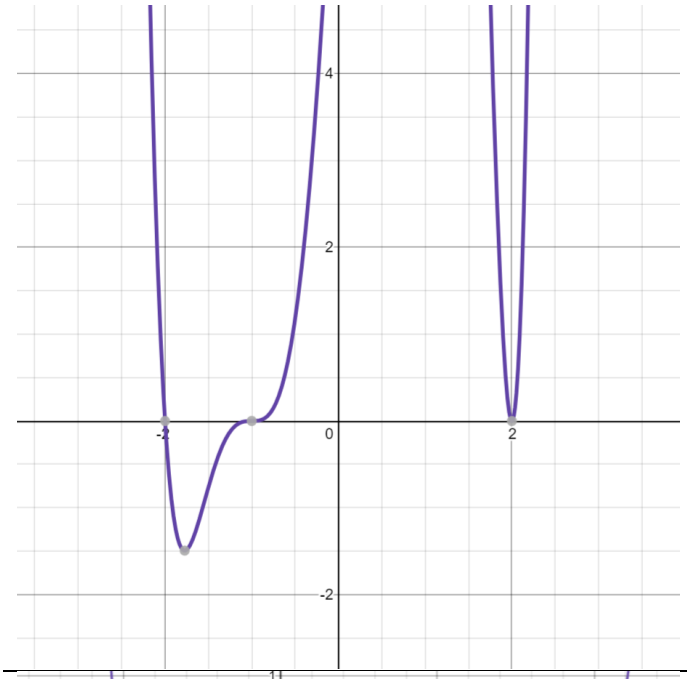


$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 1)(x + 2)(x - 3)$$

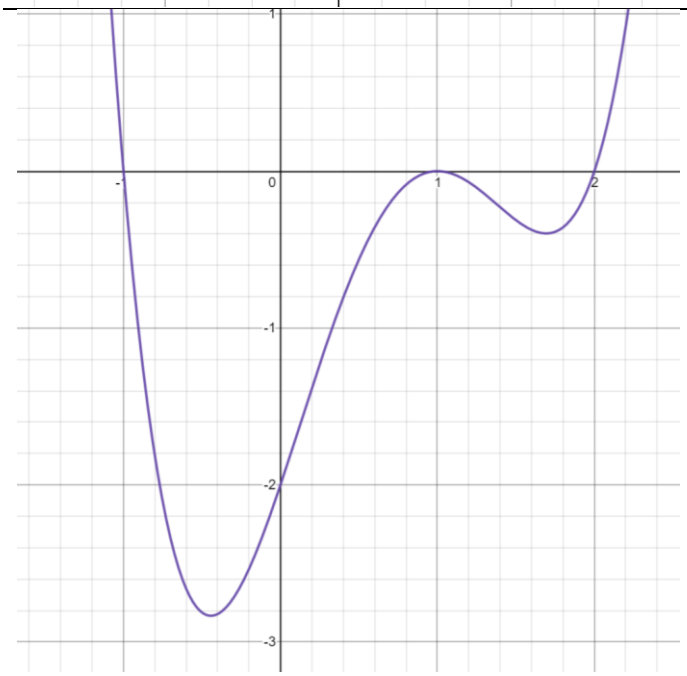


$$f(x) = x^5 - 7x^4 + 19x^3 - 37x^2 + 60x - 36$$
$$= (x - 3)^2(x - 1)(x - 2i)(x + 2i)$$

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$f(x) = (x-2)^2(x+1)^3(x+2)$



$f(x) = (x-1)^2(x+1)(x-2)$

What do you notice about the behavior of these graphs at zeros? Summarize this in your own words, it was discussed as a general pattern in the video.

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What are turning points and how many will a degree n polynomial have?

What is the end behavior of a polynomial and how do you determine it?

Example What are the number of turning points of the following and what is the end behavior of each?

a. $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 2$

b. $f(x) = (x+1)^2(x-2)$

c. $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x(x-3)^4(x+1)^3(x+2)$

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List the steps required to graph a polynomial:

Example Graph $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4$

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Example Graph $f(x) = -(x+1)(x-2)^2(x-3)$

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What is the relationship between x-intercepts, zeros, solutions, and factors of polynomials????

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Examples: Graphs of Polynomial Functions, Turning Points, and End Behavior

Graph the following polynomials:

a. $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 8$

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b. $f(x) = 3x^4 + 5x^3 - 2x^2$

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c. $f(x) = (x-1)^3(x+2)^2$

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Lesson: The Intermediate Value Theorem and the Boundedness Theorem

State the Intermediate Value Theorem

Example Using synthetic division to show $f(x) = -x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x + 5$ has a real zero between 1 and 2.

Example Using synthetic division to show $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - x + 3$has a real zero between 0.5 and 1.

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State the Boundedness Theorem

Example Show that $f(x) = x^4 + 5x^2 + 3x - 7$ has no real zero less than -3.

Example Show that $f(x) = 2x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 4$ has no real zero greater than 2

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Lesson: The Basic Graphs of Rational Functions

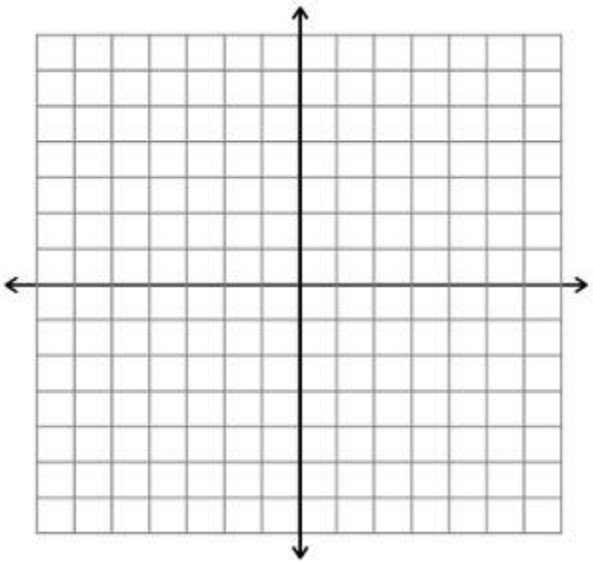
A rational function is a function of the form:

$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, $g(x) \neq 0$

Where $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are polynomials.

There are 2 graphs that we view as the most basic version of rational functions.

Make a table and graph $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



What is the domain and range?

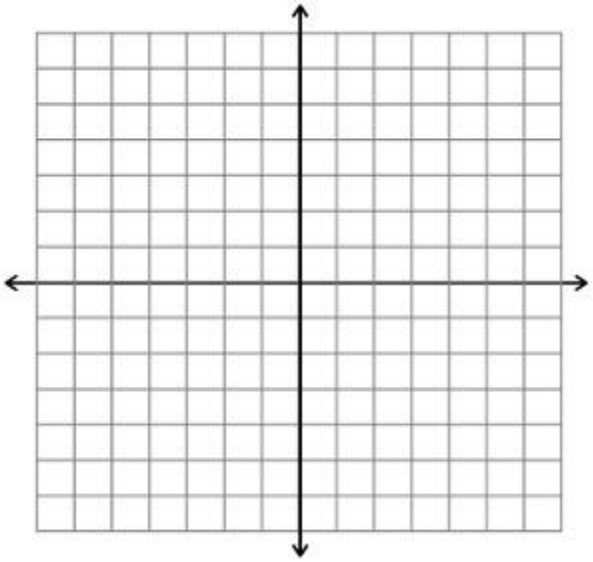
Where does the graph not exist (ie where is it discontinuous)

What are the y-axis and x-axis for this graph?

What kind of symmetry does this graph have?

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Make a table and graph $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$



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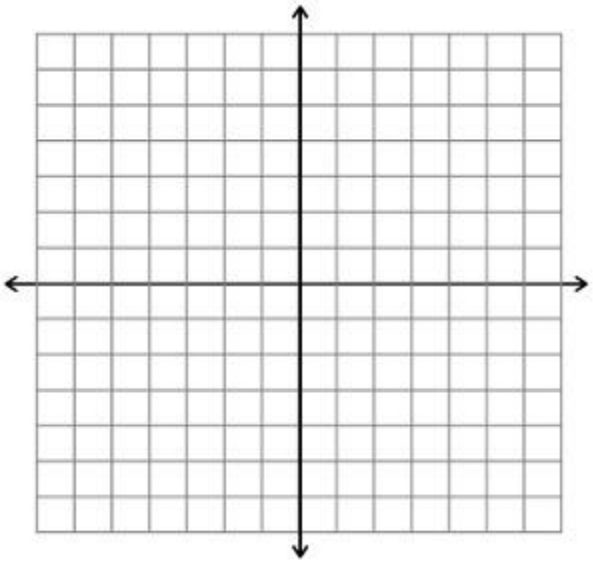
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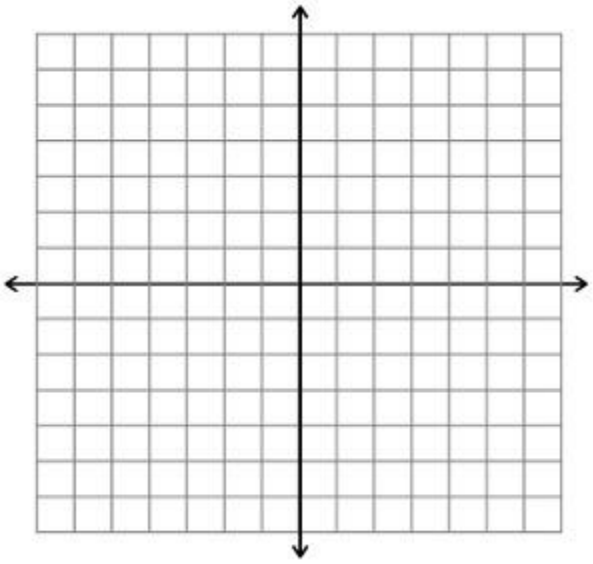
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Example Describe the translations for the following graphs, and then draw an approximate sketch of the graph.

a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} - 2$



b. $g(x) = -\frac{2}{x} + 1$



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Sketch what happens for odd powers of n for: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^n}$, ie just draw a sketch of $y = \frac{1}{x^3}, y = \frac{1}{x^5}, y = \frac{1}{x^7}$

Sketch what happens for higher even powers of n for: $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^n}$, ie just draw a sketch of $y = \frac{1}{x^4}, y = \frac{1}{x^6}, y = \frac{1}{x^8}$

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Lesson: Asymptotes of Rational Functions

What is an informal definition of asymptotes?

Is it possible that a graph would graph an asymptote?

Here are the formal definitions of asymptotes:

A graph $f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ $(q(x) \neq 0)$ has a

- **Vertical asymptote** if $|f(x)| \to \infty$ as $x \to a$. The asymptote is x=a.
- **Horizontal asymptote** if $f(x) \to b$ as $|x| \to \infty$. The asymptote is y=b.

What is super important about asymptote?

Where do you typically find vertical asymptotes?

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How can you determine horizontal asymptotes? Describe the two ways, and also explain how oblique asymptotes. (In other words, explain what we talked about in the video).

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Examples Find any vertical, horizontal, or oblique asymptotes.

a. $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2+7x+12}$

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b. $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{4x-2}$

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c. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2-9}$

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d. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x}{x+3}$

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Examples: Finding Oblique Asymptotes

Find all the asymptotes for the following functions.

a. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x}{2x+1}$

b. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+2}{x+1}$

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Lesson: Graphing Rational Functions

To learn how to graph rational functions, we will outline the steps and then graph. **Clearly write directions for each step as we go through this process!!!**

Graph $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x^2+7x+10}$. Outline all the relevant steps discussed in the video.

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Graph $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-3}$. Outline all the relevant steps discussed in the video.

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Graph $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{x-3}$. Outline all the relevant steps discussed in the video.

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Examples: Graphing Rational Functions

Graph $f(x) = \frac{(x+2)^2}{(x-1)(x+3)}$. Outline all the relevant steps discussed in the video.

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Graph $f(x) = \frac{2x^2-3x+1}{x-2}$. Outline all the relevant steps discussed in the video.

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Examples: Equations of Rational Functions

Copy the graphs from the video and then describe how to find the equations of those graphs.

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Lesson: The Factor Theorem

What does the factor theorem say?

Example Determine whether $(x-1)$ is a factor of each polynomial:

a. $f(x) = 9x^4 - 13x^2 + 4$

b. $f(x) = 4x^3 + 10x^2 + 2x - 4$

Given the above, what can we say is also a zero for example a?

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Example Factor $f(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 - 17x - 6$ into linear factors given that -3 is a zero.

Example Factor $f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 4$ into linear factors given that $\frac{1}{2}$ is a zero.

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Lesson: The Rational Zeros Theorem

The rational zeros theorem is a way to determine *possible* candidates for *rational* zeros of a polynomial function.

State the Rational Zeros Theorem:

Example Find all the possible rational zeros for $f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 4$ and then factor into linear factors.

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Example Find all the possible rational zeros for $f(x) = 5x^4 - 19x + x^2 + 31x + 6$ and then factor into linear factors.

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Lesson: The Fundamental Theorem of Algebra and the Number of Zeros Theorem

What does the Fundamental Theorem of Algebra state?

What is the number of zeros theorem?

Example What is the maximum number of zeros that each polynomial could possibly have?

a. $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 1$

b. $f(x) = x^{17} - 3x + 1$

c. $f(x) = 9$

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Example Find a polynomial $f(x)$ that has zeros $-3, 3$, and 1, where $f(2) = -10$

Example Find a polynomial $f(x)$ that has zeros $6, -3$, and -2, where $f(1) = 20$

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Lesson: Conjugate Zeros Theorem

Before we can discuss the theorem, let's review a few properties of conjugates.

What is the conjugate of the following:

a. $3 + 2i$ b. $5 - 3i$ c. $-7 + i$

What is another way that we denote conjugates? Summarize the explanation in the video. Give an example of how this notation works.

What are some properties of conjugates?

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What is the conjugate zeroes theorem?

Example Find a polynomial function of least degree with only real coefficients and zeros 2 and $(3 - i)$.

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Example Suppose $k = -i$ is one zero of $f(x) = x^4 + 26x^2 + 25$. What are the other zeros?

Example Factor $f(x) = 2x^3 + (3 - 2i)x^2 + (-8 - 5i)x + (3 + 3i)$ into linear factors given $k = 1 + i$ is a factor.

Before you begin, what is unique about this problem?

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Lesson: Finding Zeros of a Polynomial Function

In previous videos we discussed:

- The factor theorem
- The rational zeros theorem
- The fundamental theorem of algebra
- The number of zeros theorem
- The conjugate zeros theorem

Using all of these theorems, we can combine them to find the zeros of *any* polynomial.

What can we say about a polynomial function of odd degree with real coefficients?

What can we say about a polynomial function of even degree with real coefficients?

What if a polynomial doesn't have only real coefficients?

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Example Find all zeroes of the following polynomials.

a. $f(x) = x^3 - 21x - 20$

b. $f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 7x^2 - 4x - 4$

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Examples: Finding Zeros of a Polynomial Function

Find all the zeros of the polynomials.

a. $f(x) = x^4 + 13x^2 + 36$

b. $f(x) = 2x^4 - 11x^3 + 4x^2 + 29x + 12$

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c. $f(x) = x^4 - 7x^3 + 17x^2 - x - 26$

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Lesson: Descartes' Rule of Signs

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial function with real coefficients and a nonzero constant term, with terms in descending powers of x. Explain how to use Descartes' Rule of Signs:

Example Determine the number of different possibilities for the number of positive, negative, and nonreal complex zeroes:

a. $f(x) = 3x^5 + 4x^4 - x^3 + 2x - 1$

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b. $f(x) = x^6 + x^5 - x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - x + 1$

c. $f(x) = 3x^5 - 7x^3 + 6x + 8$

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Lesson: Review of Function Operations

Given that f and g are functions, how do we define the function operations?

$(f+g)(x) =$

$(f-g)(x) =$

$(fg)(x) =$

$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) =$

Example Let $f(x) = 3x+1, g(x) = x^2-4, h(x) = 3x^2+7x+2$, and $k(x) = x^2+6x+9$. Find each of the following:

a. $(f+g)(x) =$

b. $(f+g)(3) =$

c. $(g-k)(1) =$

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Example Let $f(x) = 3x + 1, g(x) = x^2 - 4, h(x) = 3x^2 + 7x + 2$, and $k(x) = x^2 + 6x + 9$. Find each of the following:

a. $\left(\frac{h}{f}\right)(x) =$

b. $(gh)(x) =$

c. $\left(\frac{k}{h}\right)(1) =$

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Lesson: Review of Composition of Functions

For two functions f and g, what is the composition $(f \circ g)(x)$?

Example Let $f(x) = 3x + 1, g(x) = x^2 - 4, h(x) = \sqrt{x}$, and $k(x) = x^2 + 6x + 9$. Find each of the following:

a. $(f \circ g)(x) =$

b. $(g \circ f)(x) =$

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Example Let $f(x) = 3x + 1, g(x) = x^2 - 4, h(x) = \sqrt{x}$, and $k(x) = x^2 + 6x + 9$. Find each of the following:

a. $(k \circ f)(1) =$

b. $(g \circ h)(4) =$

c. $(h \circ k)(x) =$

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Lesson: The Difference Quotient

Explain what the difference quotient is and draw some sketches to explain how it works. In other words, watch the video explanation and then explain it in your own words on this page.

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State the formula for the difference quotient here:

Example Calculate the different quotient for the following.

a. $f(x) = 4x + 5$

b. $f(x) = x^2 - 1$

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Lesson: The Difference Quotient

Find the difference quotient.

a. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$

b. $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 1$

c. $f(x) = -x^2 + 3$

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Lesson: A Review of Inverse Functions

What is a one-to-one function?

Examples Are the following one-to-one functions? If no, why not?

a. $f(x) = x^2$

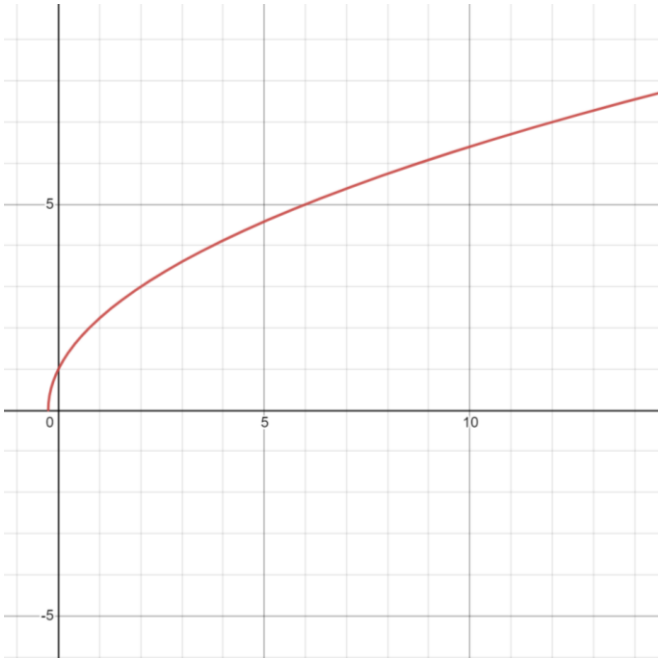
b. $g(x) = 2x + 1$

What is the horizontal line test?

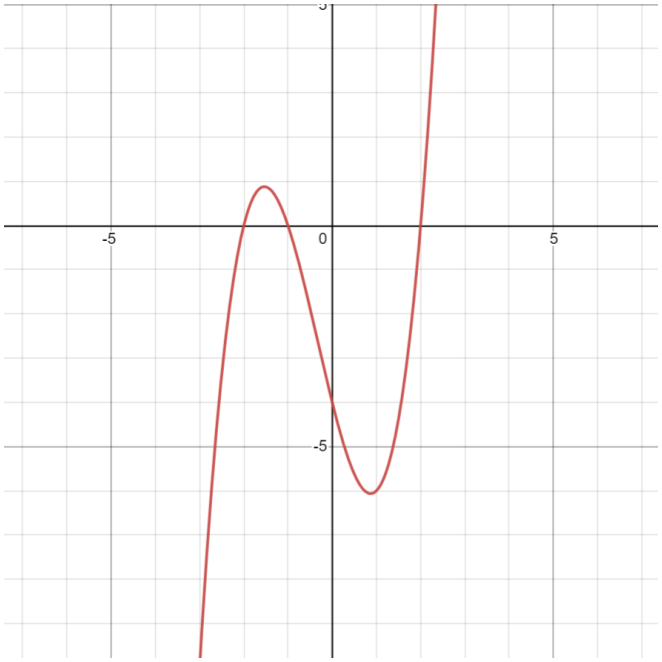
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Example Use the horizontal line test to determine if the functions are one-to-one:

a.



b.



What is an inverse function?

What does an inverse function have to do with one-to-one functions?

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Describe how to use composition to determine if 2 functions are inverses of one another.

Example Use composition to determine if the functions $f(x) = 2x - 4$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 2$ are inverses.

Example Use composition to determine if the functions $f(x) = \frac{2}{x+6}$ and $g(x) = \frac{6+x}{2}$ are inverses.

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Using $f(x) = 4x + 2$, outline the steps for how to find the inverse of a function.

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Example Find the inverse of the following functions.

a. $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{3x+1}$

b. $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-1}$

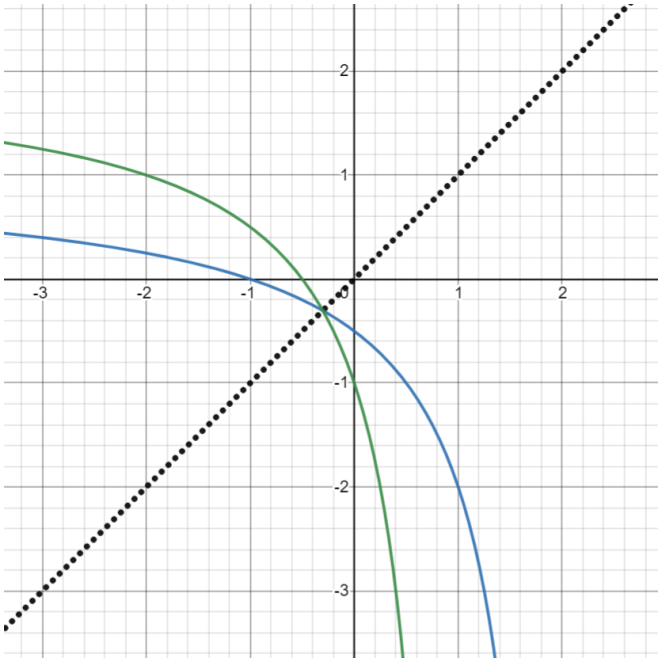
c. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$

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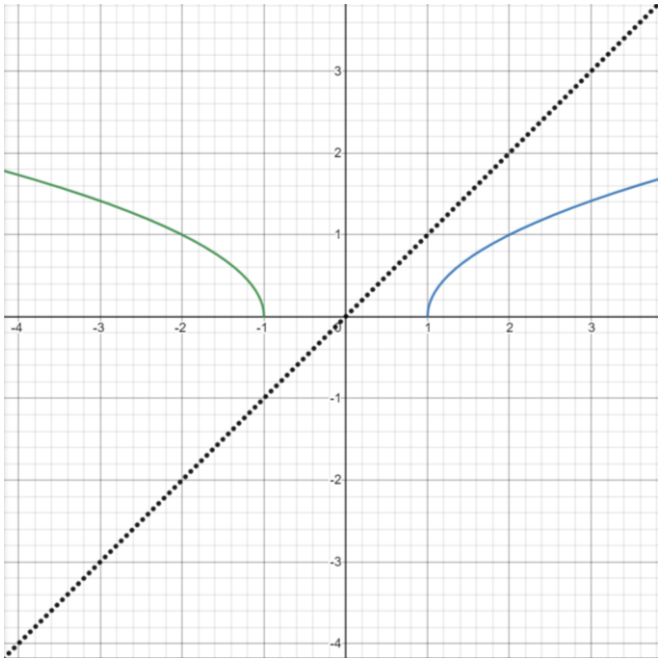
How can we tell on a graph if 2 functions are inverses of one another?

Examples Are the following graphs inverses of one another?

a.

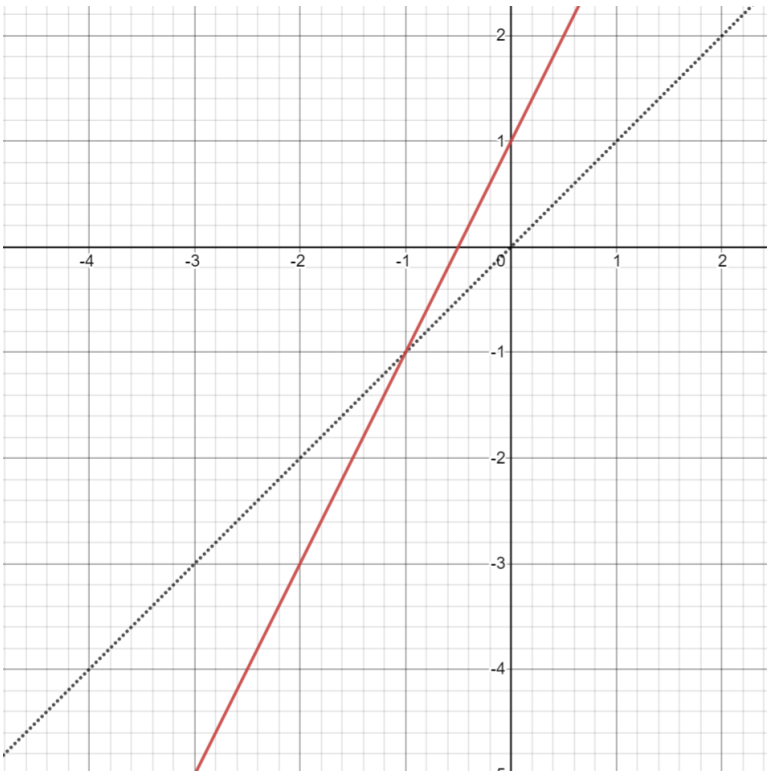


b.



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Example Draw the inverse of the following graph.



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Lesson: Determining if Functions are One-to-One

Before we begin, you should already be familiar with the concept of functions and the vertical line test. First let's do some review.

Review Determine whether the following relations are functions, then determine the domain and range.

a. $\{(2,3),(5,7),(2,4)\}$

b.

Now we will discuss a specific type of function: a one-to-one function. Define this below:

How can we visualize this?

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Example Determine if any of the following are i) functions and ii) one-to-one functions

a. $\{(2,4),(-1,7),(3,7)\}$

b. $\{(3,6),(-1,2),(-3,-4)\}$

Similar to how we have a test to determine if a graph represents a function, we have another test to determine if a function is one-to-one.

Describe the horizontal line test below:

Examples Determine whether the following graphs represent i) functions and ii) one-to-one functions (draw your own):

a. b. c.

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Lesson: Finding the Inverse of Functions

One-to-one functions have inverses. Describe what the inverse of a function is:

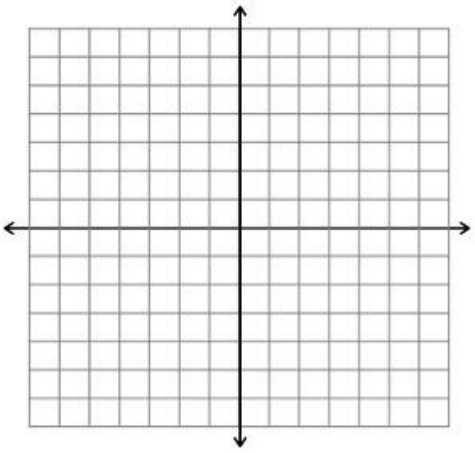
Example Find the inverse of the following function: $\{(1,4),(7,8),(3,-2)\}$

Describe the steps to find the inverse of a function:

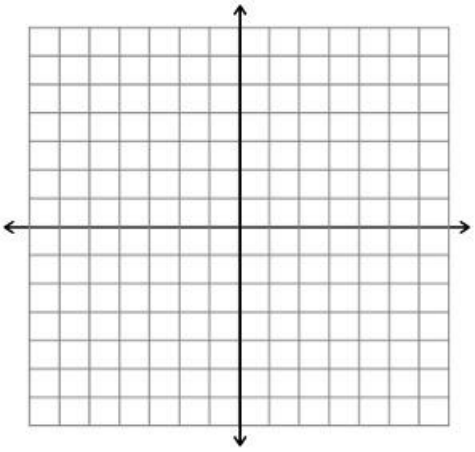
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Examples Find the inverse of the following one-to-one functions. Then plot the original function on the graph with its inverse.

a. $f(x) = 3x + 1$



b. $g(x) = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$



What is the relationship of a graph with its inverse?

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Examples Find the inverse of the following one-to-one functions.

a. $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

b. $f(x) = x^2, x \geq 0$

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Lesson: A Review of Exponential Functions and their Graphs

What is the form of a general exponential equation?

Example Let $f(x) = 3^x$ and $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$. Find the following.

a. $f(-2)$

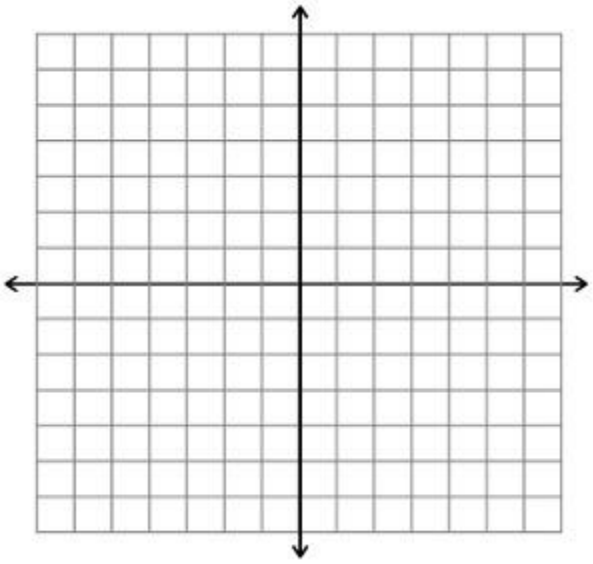
b. $f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$

c. $g(-3)$

d. $g(3.2)$

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Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2^x$ and create a table to go with it.



When will an exponential function $f(x) = a^x$ take this shape?

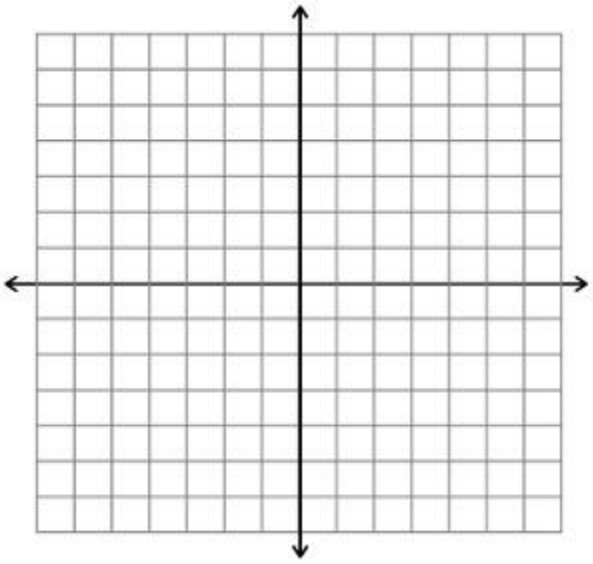
What is the x-axis for this graph?

What are 3 standard points to note here?

What is the domain and range?

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Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ and create a table to go with it.



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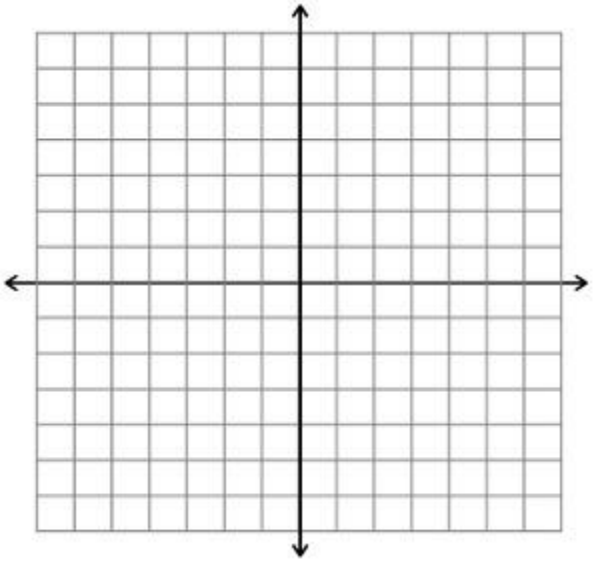
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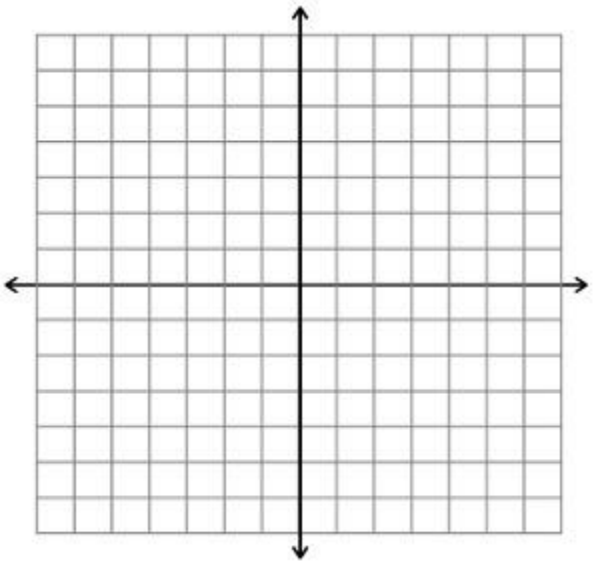
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Examples Describe the translations and sketch the following graphs.

a. $f(x) = -3^x + 1$



b. $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x+1} - 2$



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Lesson: Solving Basic Exponential Equations

Outline the general steps to solve $3^{x+1} = 81$.

Outline the general steps to solve $4^{x-2} = 8^{x+1}$.

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Examples Solve the following.

a. $27^{2x} = 9^{x-1}$

b. $e^{3-x} = (e^2)^{-x}$

c. $\left(\sqrt{3}\right)^{x+3} = 9^x$

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Examples Solve the following.

a. $x^{\frac{3}{2}} = 8$

b. $x^{\frac{5}{2}} = 4$

c. $x^{-4} = \frac{1}{16}$

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Lesson: Compound Interest

What is the formula for compound interest and what does it mean?

Example Suppose $2000 is invested into an account paying 2.5% interest per year compounded monthly. How much is in the account after 10 years, and how much interest is earned in that time?

What else do we call the A from the compound interest formula?

What else do we call the P from the compound interest formula?

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Example In 5 years, you want to have $8000 in cash to buy a car (including taxes). Let's use savings to help us reach this goal.

a. You find an account with a 3.25% interest rate compounded biannually (2x a year). What amount would you have to deposit today to ensure you have $8000 in 5 years?

b. Let's pretend that as of today, you have $5000. What interested rate would you need to ensure that this will grow to $8000 in 5 years?

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What is the number e?

What is the formula for continuous compounding?

Example Suppose $2000 is invested into an account paying 2.5% interest per year compounded continuously. How much is in the account after 10 years, and how much interest is earned in that time?

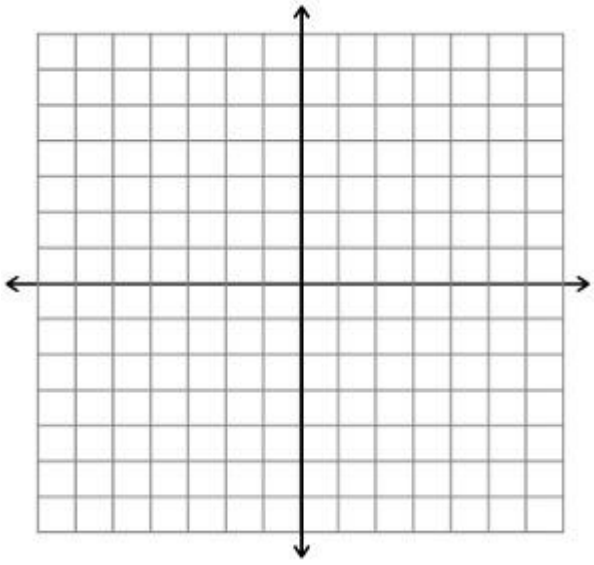
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Lesson: Exponential Functions

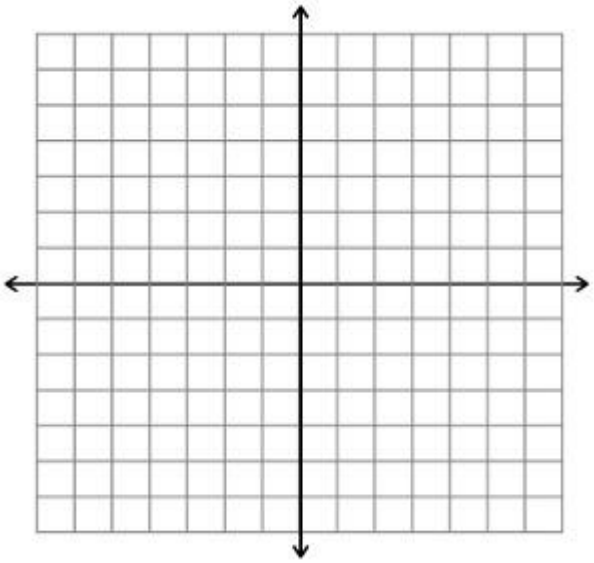
An exponential function is a function of the form _____ where $a > 0, a \neq 1$.

Examples Graph the following functions, then determine their domain and range.

a. $f(x) = 2^x$



b. $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$

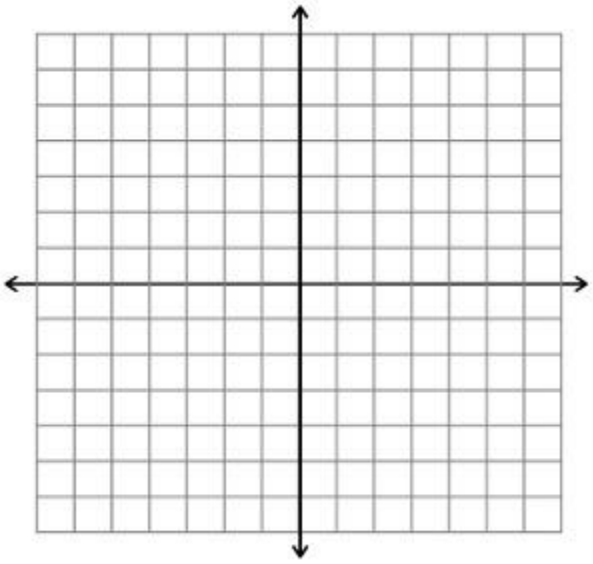


Using the graphs above, summarize some of the characteristics of these graphs:

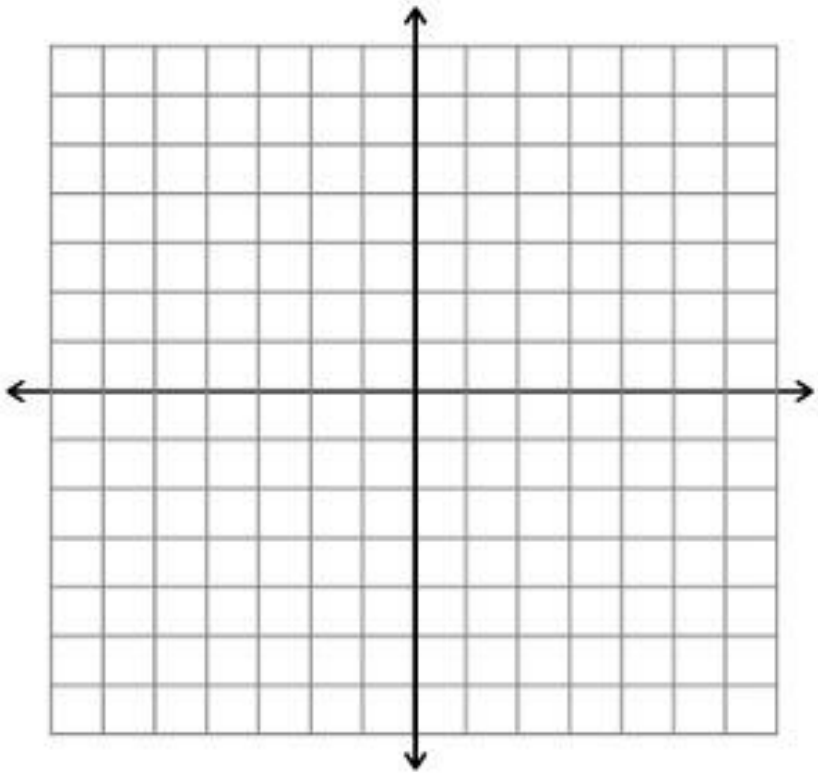
The number e is an irrational number that is frequently used in math. What is an approximation of e?

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Example Graph $f(x) = 2^x, g(x) = e^x, h(x) = 3^x$ all on the same graph below for comparison:



Translations work similarly to other graphs we have discussed. Using the graph of $f(x) = 2^x$ as a "base graph", draw the following graphs together on the same graph: $f(x) = 2^x, g(x) = 2^x + 3, h(x) = 2^{x-1}$



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Lesson: Solving Exponential Equations

In this lesson, we will solve equations that look like this:

$$3^x = 27 \qquad \text{or} \qquad 4^{x+3} = 8^{x-2}$$

To do this, we will write directions around the following example: $2^{3x} = 8^{x+1}$

Examples Solve:

a. $49^{x-3} = 7^{2x}$

b. $9^{4x} = 27^{x+4}$

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Examples Solve:

a. $5^{x-2} = \frac{1}{25}$

b. $\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^{2x} = \left(\frac{27}{125}\right)^{x+2}$

c. $27^{3x+1} = 9^{4x+2}$

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Lesson: Review of the Basics of Logarithmic Functions

Explain how to find the inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$, and explain how this relates to logarithms.

Define a logarithm:

Example Write the following in logarithmic form.

a. $3^2 = 9$ b. $5^0 = 1$ c. $4^{-2} = \frac{1}{16}$

Example Write the following in exponential form.

a. $\log_3 1 = 0$ b. $\log_5 125 = 3$ c. $\log_3 81 = 4$

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Example Show how to solve the following basic logarithmic equations.

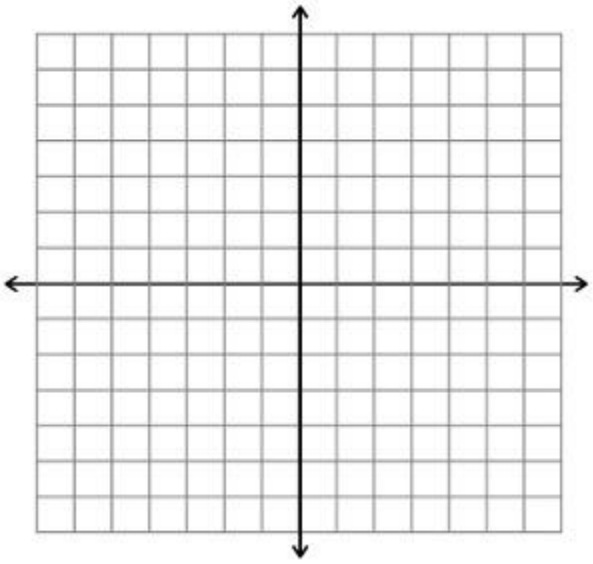
a. $\log_x 8 = 3$

b. $\log_3 x = -2$

c. $\log_{49} 7 = x$

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Create a table and show how to graph $f(x) = \log_2 x$



What 3 points can you easily find on the graph?

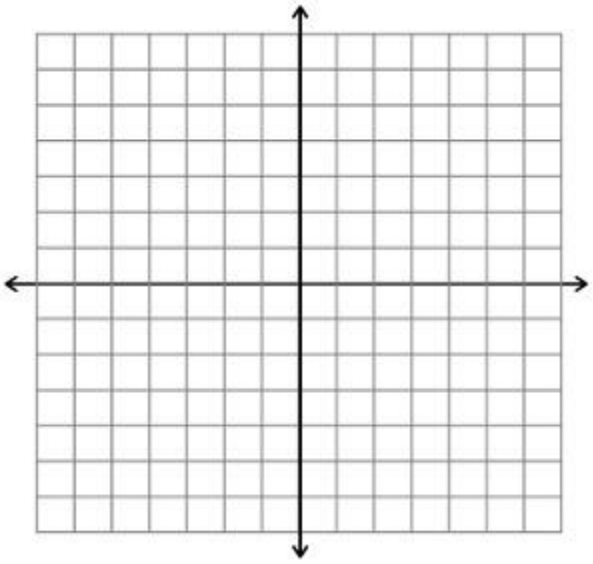
When does the graph take a shape like this for $f(x) = \log_a x$?

What is the y-axis for this graph?

What are the domain and range?

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Create a table and show how to graph $f(x) = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} x$



What 3 points can you easily find on the graph?

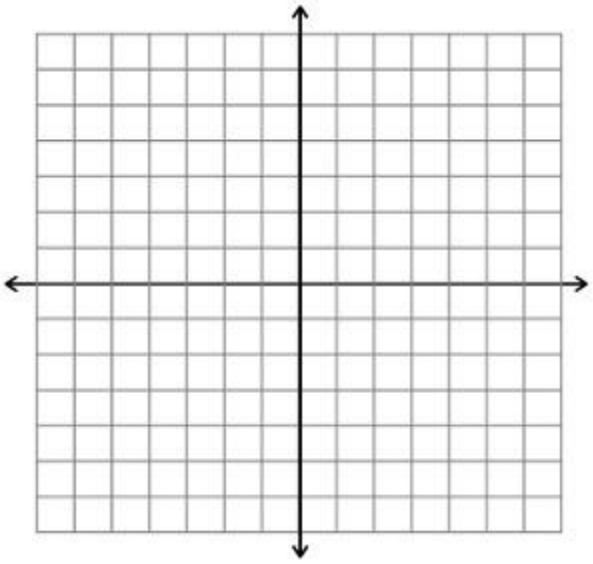
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Examples Graph the following: $g(x) = \log_2(x - 1) + 1$



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Lesson: Review of the Basics of Properties of Logarithsm

List the major properties of logarithms.

Explain what the common logarithms mean:

$\log x =$

$\ln x =$

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Examples Expand the following as much as possible.

a. $\log_3\left(\frac{3x^3y^7}{\sqrt{z}}\right)$

b. $\ln\left(\sqrt[3]{x^2y}\right)$

c. $\log_3\sqrt{6}$

d. $\log_5\frac{25x^3y^2}{p^7r^3}$

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Example Write as a single logarithm.

a. $\log(x+2)+\log(x-2)-\log(x+3)$

b. $3\log_2 3+2\log_2 y-5\log_2 x$

c. $\frac{1}{2}\log_5 16+3\log_5 y^2-\log_5 x^7-\log_5 y$

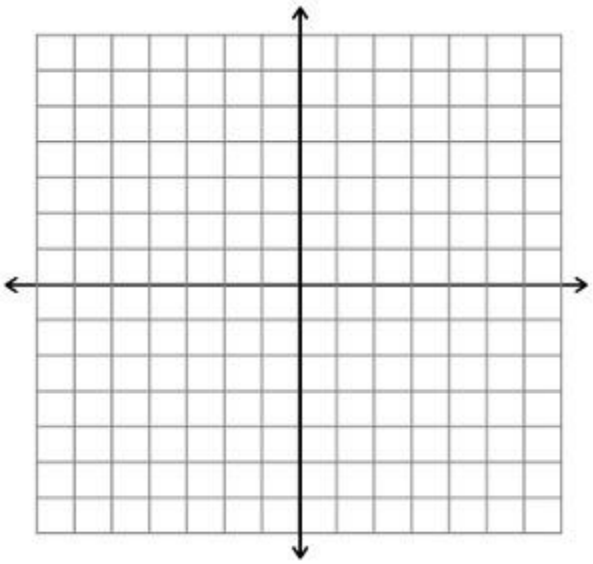
d. $4\ln 2+\ln x^6-2\ln y^3-3\ln x^2$

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Lesson: Intro to Logarithmic Functions

First, we want to review how to function inverses of functions. Find the inverse of: $f(x) = 2x + 8$

Graph the exponential function $f(x) = 3^x$ below:



Recall the exponential functions are one-to-one, which means that they have inverses. Attempt to find the inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$ below:

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As we can see, there is an issue with finding the inverse – we have no way to solve for y! As such, we need new mathematics to help solve this.

Write down the definition of a logarithm:

Examples Write the following in exponential form:

a. $\log_3 81 = 4$

b. $\log_2 \frac{1}{8} = -3$

c. $\log_5 125 = 3$

d. $\log_9 9 = 1$

Examples Write the following in logarithmic form:

a. $2^4 = 16$

b. $3^0 = 1$

c. $6^{-2} = \frac{1}{36}$

d. $8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2$

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Now we can finally determine what is the inverse of $f(x) = 3^x$:

There are a few common logarithms:

- $\log x$ means:

- $\ln x$ means:

There are also 2 key properties of logarithms:

1. $\log_a a = 1$: explain why this makes sense

2. $\log_a 1 = 0$: explain why this makes sense:

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Lesson: Basics of Solving Logarithmic Equations and Evaluating Logarithms

We want to solve equations that look like:

$$\log_3 x = 4 \qquad \text{or} \qquad \log_x 36 = 2$$

Before you begin, you should already be able to do the following:

a. Put 3^5 in logarithmic form:

b. Put $\log_5 5 = 1$ in exponential form:

Now we can explain how to solve logarithmic equations using the example $\log_3(2x + 1) = 3$

Example Solve: $\log_x 16 = 4$

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Example Solve:

a. $\log_9 x = 2$

b. $\log_6(2x + 4) = 2$

Now we can also discuss how to evaluate logarithms. Explain how to evaluate: $\log_3 27$:

Examples Evaluate:

a. $\log_5 \frac{1}{25}$

b. $\log 100$

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Examples Evaluate:

a. $\ln e$

b. $\log_3 27$

c. $\log_{25} 5$

d. $\log \frac{1}{10}$

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Lesson: How to Graph a Logarithm

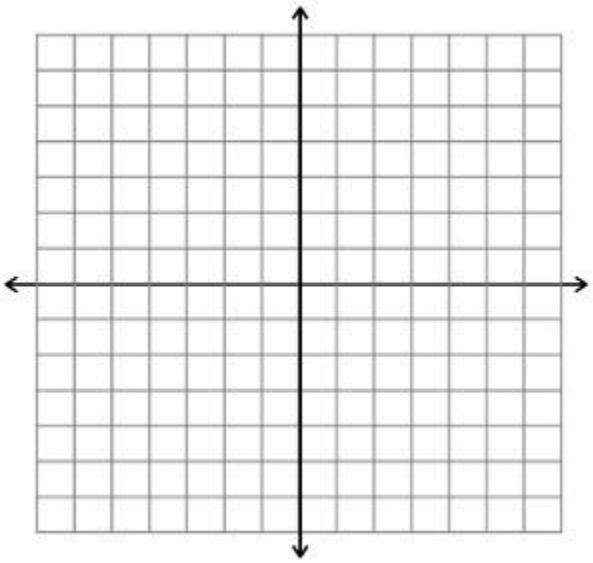
Before we begin, you should be able to do the following:

a. Convert to logarithmic form: $25 = 5^2$

b. Convert to exponential form: $\log_2 8 = 3$

c. Find the inverse of $y = 2^{\mathrm{x}}$

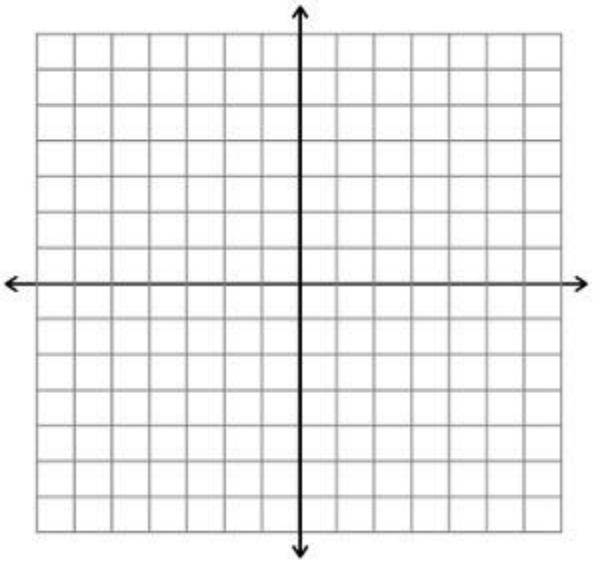
Now we can explain how to graph $y = \log_3 x$



For comparison, also graph $f(x) = 3^x$ on the same graph above.

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Example Graph $y = \log_{\frac{1}{2}} x$ below:



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Lesson: Change of Base Theorem

State the change of base theorem:

Example Show how to evaluate the following:

a. $\log_5 17$

b. $\log_2 3$

c. $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 5$

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Lesson: Solving Exponential Equations

Outline the steps to solve: $2^{x+3} = 7^{3x}$

Examples Solve the following.

a. $e^{x^2} = 100$

b. $e^{2x-3} * e^{3x} = 5e$

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Examples Solve.

a. $3(2)^{x+2} + 6 = 105$

b. $e^{2x} + 8e^{x} + 15 = 0$

c. $3^{2x} + 2(3^{x}) = 24$

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Lesson: Solving Logarithmic Equations

Outline the steps to solve: $\log(3 - x) = 0.75$

Compare these steps to: $\log(x + 20) = \log(x + 10) + \log(6)$. How are these problems different?

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Examples Solve the following.

a. $\log_4(x^3 + 37) = 3$

b. $\log x + \log x^3 = 4$

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Examples Solve the following.

a. $\log(x^2 - 4) - \log(x - 2) = \log(8)$

b. $\log(5 + 4x) - \log(3 + x) = \log 3$

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Lesson: Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Formulas

Examples Solve for the desired variable.

a. for b: $p = a + \frac{c}{\ln b}$

b. for n: $A = \frac{Pr}{1-(1+r)^{-n}}$

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c. for A: $\log A = \log B - C \log D$

d. for x: $D = 100 + 5 \log x$

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Lesson: Models of Exponential Growth and Decay

Explain the equation for the general model:

Some examples of growth can come from populations or investments. Some examples of decay can come from half-life/radioactive decay, or carbon dating.

Define the following:

Doubling time:

Half-life:

What is the formula for continuous compounding?

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Example A sample of 400g of radioactive lead decays to polonium according to the function: $A(t) = 400e^{-0.03t}$.

a. Find the amount of lead remaining after 5 years.

b. Find the half-life.

Example The amount of carbon-14 present in a paint after t years if given by $y = y_0 e^{-0.0002t}$. The paint contains 37% of its carbon-14. How old are the paintings?

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Example Find the doubling time of an investment earning 5% interest if interest is compounded continuously.

Example During an epidemic, the number of people who have never had a particular virus and are not immune decreases exponential, where this decline is modeled by the function: $f(x) = 20{,}000e^{-0.025t}$, where t is time in days.

a. How many people were susceptible at the beginning of the epidemic?

b. How many people are susceptible after 2 weeks?

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Lesson: A Quick Review of the Basics of Solving Systems of Linear Equations

Systems of equations are 2 or more equations in 2 or more variables. They can look like:

$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 6 \\ x - 3y = 3 \end{cases}$ or $\begin{cases} 2x - y + z = 8 \\ 5x + 2y - z = 9 \\ x - 4y + z = 10 \end{cases}$ or $\begin{cases} 3x + 2y - z = 7 \\ x - 4y + 2z = 8 \end{cases}$

A solution of a system is an ordered pair that is true in each equation of the system. Some systems have no solutions, and some systems have infinite solutions.

In this lesson, we will briefly review the main techniques to solve systems. We will focus on systems that have a solution.

Example Use the substitution method to solve: $\begin{cases} 3x - y = -4 \\ x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$

Example Use the elimination method to solve: $\begin{cases} 3x - y = -4 \\ x + 3y = 12 \end{cases}$

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Example Solve: $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{3}y = 4 \\ \frac{3x}{2} + \frac{3y}{2} = 15 \end{cases}$

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Example Solve: $\begin{cases} 2x + y + z = 9 \\ -x - y + z = 1 \\ 3x - y + z = 9 \end{cases}$

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Examples: Systems of 3 Linear Equations with 3 Variables

Solve: $\begin{cases} x + y + z = 2 \\ 2x + y - z = 5 \\ x - y + z = -2 \end{cases}$

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Solve: $\begin{cases} x + 2y + 3z = -11 \\ 3x - y + z = 0 \\ -2x + 3y - z = 4 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: Systems with No Solutions or Infinite Solutions

Example Solve: $\begin{cases} x + 4y - 3z = 2 \\ 2x - 5y + 2z = -8 \\ -3x - 12y + 9z = 7 \end{cases}$

Example Solve: $\begin{cases} 7x + 2y = 6 \\ 14x + 4y = 12 \end{cases}$

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Example Solve: $\begin{cases} 5x - 4y + z = 9 \\ y + z = 15 \end{cases}$

Example $\begin{cases} 3x - 2y + z = 15 \\ x + 4y - z = 11 \end{cases}$

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Example Solve: $\begin{cases} 2x + y - 3z = 0 \\ 4x + 2y - 6z = 0 \\ x - y + z = 0 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: Solving Systems of Equations by Graphing

We will now turn our attention to systems of equations.

System of Equations

A system of equations refers to 2 or more equations that share 2 or more variables.

Solution of a System of Equations

A solution of a system of equations is an ordered pair that is true in all equations.

Determine if the following pairs are solutions to the systems.

a. $(1,3)$
$x - 2y = -5$
$2x - 3y = -4$

b. $(-4, 3)$
$x + 3y = 5$
$2x + 3y = 1$

There are several ways to solve systems. The first method we will focus on is how to solve by graphing.

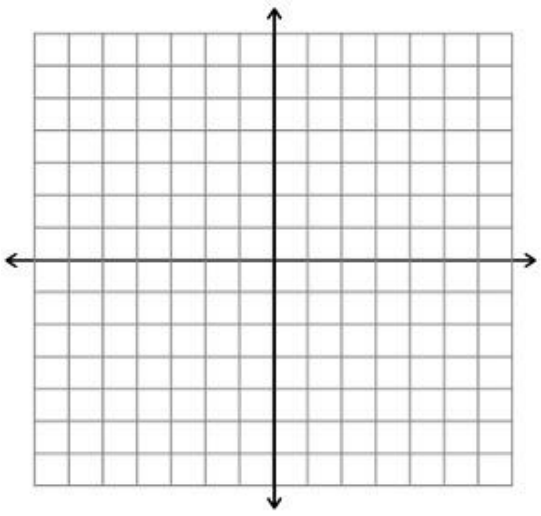
Solving by Graphing

In this method, we graph both lines and determine the point of intersection if possible. We will examine all the possibilities.

Example

Graph each line and determine the point of intersection to find the solution.

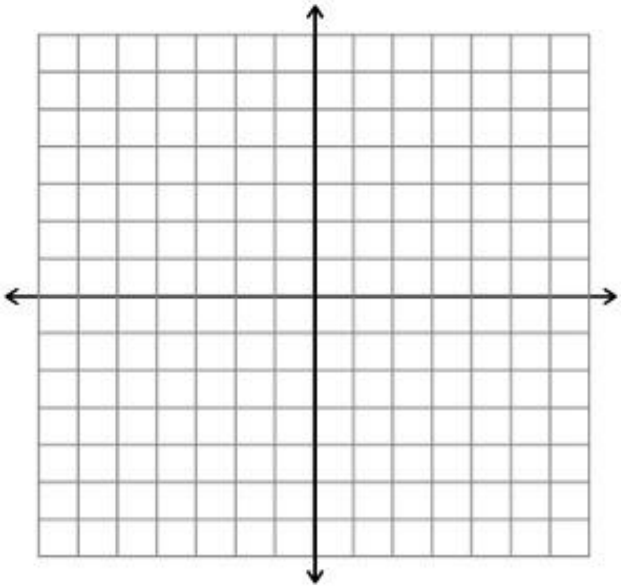
$y = 2x + 3$
$y = -\frac{1}{2}x - 2$



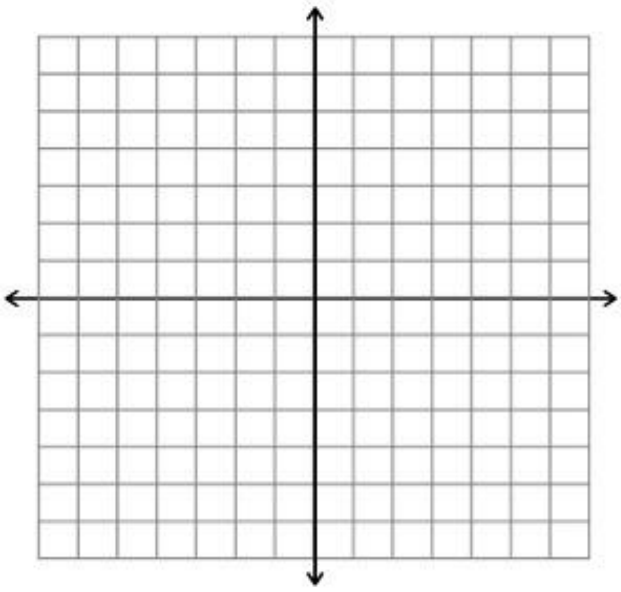
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Example

a. $y = -3x + 1$
$y = 2x - 4$



b. $y - \frac{1}{2}x = -4$
$y + 2x = 1$

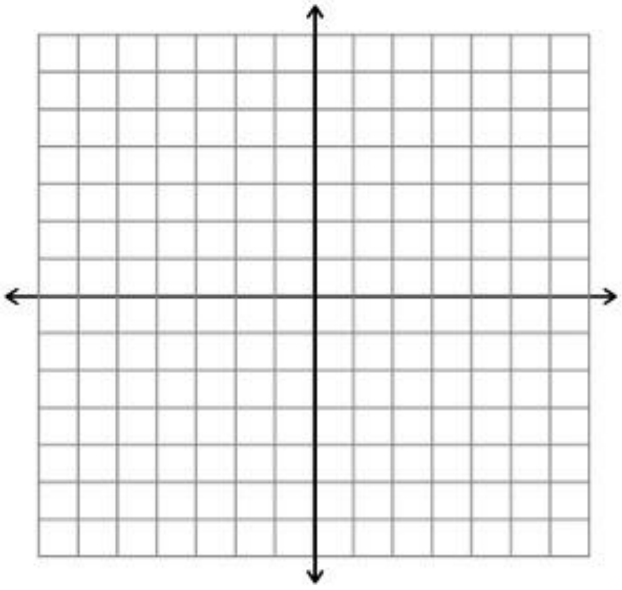


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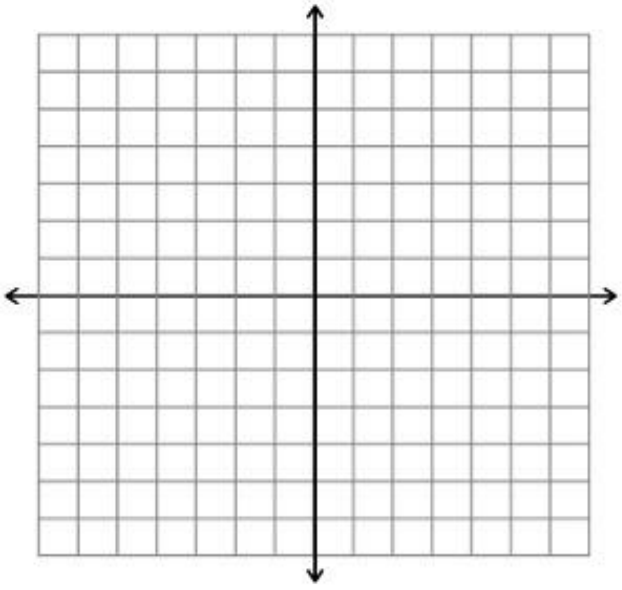
There are two special situations that can occur with graphing.

Example

a. $y = -3x + 2$
$9x + 3y = 6$



b. $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$
$2x + 4y = 12$



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Lesson: Solving Systems of Equations by Substitution

In this lesson, we will focus on the second method for solving systems: substitution.

Show how to use substitution with this example:

$2x + y = 6$

$3x + 5y = 9$

Example Solve the system using substitution

$x - 2y = 10$

$5x - 7y = 20$

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Below are 2 more complicated problems using substitution. Outline the steps shown in the video:

$-2x + 4y = 4$

$-2x + 6y = 6$

$2x - 5y = -4$

$8x - 9y = 6$

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Now let's see what happens when we get a problem with no solution or infinite solutions.

a. $9y - 18x = 5$

$2x - y = 3$

b. $x + 2y = -3$

$4x + 12 = -8y$

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Lesson: Solving Systems of Equations by Elimination

In this lesson, we will focus on the third method for solving systems: elimination.

Show how to use elimination with this example:
$3x - y = 8$

$2x + y = -3$

Example Use elimination to solve the system.

$4x + 2y = -6$
$3x - 2y = 6$

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Now let's examine a more complicated case of elimination. Write down how to approach these problems:

a. $3x - 6y = 12$

$5x - 2y = -4$

b. $5x - 10y = 5$

$2x - 3y = 6$

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Now let's investigate what happens in the situation where there is no solution or infinite solutions.

a. $5x - 2y = 1$
$-10x + 4y = 3$

b. $3x + y = 5$
$-9x - 3y = -15$

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Lesson: Solving Systems of Equations that Require Clearing of Fractions

Examples

a. $\frac{1}{6}x - \frac{1}{3}y = \frac{1}{2}$
$\frac{2}{5}x - \frac{3}{5}y = -\frac{6}{5}$

b. $-\frac{1}{2}x - \frac{3}{4}y = 1$
$\frac{1}{3}x + \frac{3}{2}y = -\frac{2}{3}$

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c. $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{5}y = 6$

$\frac{1}{4}x - \frac{1}{2}y = -9$

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Lesson: Solving Systems of Equations that Require Clearing of Decimals

Examples

a. $0.02x + 0.1y = 0.05$
$4x + 20y = 10$

b. $0.1x - 0.05y = 0.2$
$0.3x - 0.25y = 0.2$

c. $-0.4x + 1.3y = 1.$
$1.6x - 0.9y = 6.9$

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Lesson: Applications of Systems

The top of a rectangular desk is twice as long as it is wide. The perimeter of the desk is 180 inches. What are the dimensions of the desk?

Sarah bought 3 shirts and a scarf for $53. Marie bought 2 shirts and 3 scarves for $54. Find the cost of each item.

How many milliliters of a 5% acid solution and how many milliliters of a 17% acid solution must be mixed to obtain a 60 mL solution that is 15% acid?

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Lesson: Systems of Equations with 3 Equations

Show how to solve the system:

$x + 2y + 3z = -11$

$3x - y + z = 0$

$-2x + 3y - z = 4$

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Sometimes you will have missing variables. Show how to solve the following system that is missing some variables:

$x - 2y = -3$

$x + 6z = 3$

$2y - 4z = 6$

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Now let's look at an example where there is no solution versus infinite solutions:

$8x + 20y - 4z = 16$

$-2x - 5y + z = -4$

$10x + 25y - 5z = 20$

$x + 4y - 3z = 2$

$2x - 3y + 2z = -5$

$3x + 12y - 9z = 2$

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Examples: More Examples of Systems of 3 Equations

Example Solve the system:

$x + 3y - z = -2$

$-x + 3y - 2z = 5$

$2x + 4y + 2z = 4$

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Example Solve the following system:

$x - 2z = 2$

$-4y + 2z = -2$

$-x + 3y = -3$

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Example Solve the following system:

$x - 4y + 2z = -7$

$3x - 8y + z = 7$

$6x - 12y + 3z = 12$

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Lesson: Using Matrices to Solve Systems of Linear Equations

What is a matrix?

Show how to setup the associated **augmented matrix** for the system: $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 4 \\ x - y = 13 \end{cases}$

What are the dimensions of this matrix?

In general, how do we state dimensions of a matrix (circle): rows x columns columns x rows

Example What is the dimension of

a.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 4 & 1 \\ 7 & 8 & 1 & 2 \\ 9 & 5 & -2 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

b.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 3 \\ 8 & 3 \\ -1 & -4 \end{bmatrix}$$

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With matrices, there are 3 **row transformations** that we can make. We are not allowed to do anything else to a matrix. Write down these 3 transformations.

Now, recall, our goal in this lesson is to use a matrix to solve systems of linear equations. What do we call this specific solving process?

What do we call the "ideal form" of a matrix in its solved form?

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The Gauss-Jordan method has a goal of transforming a matrix into reduced-row echelon form or diagonal form. Draw a few examples of how the FINAL matrix should look after we transform it:

When we use the Gauss-Jordan method, which direction do we want to work on the matrix?

What is the general strategy to remember with this method?

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Example Outline the steps for the Gauss-Jordan method for the system: $\begin{cases} -2x + 4y = -4 \\ x - y = 4 \end{cases}$

Example Use Gauss-Jordan method for the system: $\begin{cases} 3x + 4y = 4 \\ x - y = 13 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: Using The Gauss-Jordan Method for a System with 3 Equations

Example Use the Gauss-Jordan method for the system: $\begin{cases} x + y + z = 2 \\ 2x + y - z = 5 \\ x - y + z = -2 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: Using Matrices to Solve Systems of Linear Equations when There is No Solution or Infinite Solutions

Example Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve: $\begin{cases} 3x + 5y - z = -2 \\ 4x - y + 2z = 1 \\ -6x - 10y + 2z = 0 \end{cases}$

Example Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve: $\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = -2 \\ 9x + 15y = -6 \end{cases}$

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Example Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve: $\begin{cases} x - 2y + 3z = 6 \\ 2x - y + 2z = 5 \end{cases}$

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Example Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve: $\begin{cases} 5x - 4y + z = 0 \\ x + y = 0 \\ -10x + 8y - 2z = 0 \end{cases}$

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Examples: Using Matrices to Solve Systems of Linear Equations (any type of solutions)

Use the Gauss-Jordan method to solve the following.

a. $\begin{cases} x + 4y - z = 6 \\ 2x - y + z = 3 \\ 3x + 2y + 3z = 9 \end{cases}$

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b. $\begin{cases} 2x + y - 3z = 0 \\ 4x + 2y - 6z = 0 \\ x - y + z = 0 \end{cases}$

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c. $\begin{cases} 3x - 2y + z = 15 \\ x + 4y - z = 11 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: How to Calculate the Determinate of a Matrix

Every n x n matrix has a real number associated with it called the **determinant.** What is the notation to represent this?

Example Show, in detail, how to calculate the determinants of the following matrices.

a. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ -5 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

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Example Show, with illustrations, how to calculate the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ -2 & 1 & -3 \\ 3 & 4 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$

The 2x2 "sub" matrices that we calculate are called minors. The symbol M_{ij} represents the minor that results when row i and column j are eliminated. Using the matrix above, describe the following minors.

$M_{11} =$ $M_{32} =$

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The number that we multiply the minor against is called the **cofactor.** Draw an illustration to show whether a cofactor will be positive or negative:

Example Using the matrix below, describe the minor associated with each cofactor AND determine whether the cofactor is positive or negative. You do not need to calculate the determinant.

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ -3 & -5 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

a. 2

b. 3

c. -3

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Example Show how to efficiently calculate the determinants of the following matrices. EXPLAIN YOUR REASONING FOR WHY YOU DID IT THE WAY THAT YOU DID.

a. $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 & 8 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $B = \begin{bmatrix} 9 & -3 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Lesson: Determinant Theorems

Theorem 1: If every element (or column) of a matrix is 0, then the determinant will be 0.

Example: find the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 2 & 8 & 9 \\ 3 & 2 & 8 & 4 \\ 9 & 3 & 1 & 7 \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem 2: If the rows of a matrix A are the corresponding columns of a matrix B, then the determinants are equal.

Example: Calculate both determinants: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

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Theorem 3: If any 2 rows (or columns) of a matrix are interchanged, then the determinants are negatives of one another.

Example Find the determinants of: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem 4: Suppose matrix B is formed by multiplying every element in a row or columns in a matrix A by a real number k. Then the determinant is $|B| = k|A|$.

Example: Find the determinants of: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} 8 & 4 \\ 3 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$

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Theorem 5: If two rows (or columns) of a matrix are identical, then the determinant will be 0.

Example Find the determinant of: $A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 \\ 4 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

Theorem 6: Changing a row (or column) or a matrix by adding it to a constant times another row (or column) does not change the determinant of the matrix.

Example Find the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$. Then create a matrix B by taking adding $3 *$ (row 3) to row 1. Find the new determinant.

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Theorem 7: If a matrix is in triangular form (all 0s either above or below the diagonal), then the determinant is found by multiplying the elements down the diagonal.

Example: Find the determinant of $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 5 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & 7 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

Examples Use the determinant theorems to find the following determinants.

a. $\begin{vmatrix} -4 & 1 & 4 \\ 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

b. $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 8 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 0 & 8 \end{vmatrix}$

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Lesson: Properties of Matrices: Equality, Addition, Subtraction, and Scalar Multiplication

When are 2 matrices equal?

Example What values of x, y, z, and w will make the matrices equal?

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2+x & 3-w \\ 7 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 4 \\ 2-y & 2+z \end{bmatrix}$$

When can you add 2 matrices?

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What is the definition of matrix subtraction?

What is scalar multiplication with a matrix?

List the properties of scalar multiplication for matrices:

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Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Complete the following operations, if possible.

a. $A + C$

b. $B - D$

c. $B - E$

d. $2B + E$

e. $2A - 3C$

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Lesson: Matrix Multiplication

First, let's review dimension. What is the dimension of the following matrices?

$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$

$B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

To understand how to multiply matrices, let's use the following 2 examples:

a. $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 7 \\ -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

b. $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 0 \\ 7 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

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Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Complete the following operations, if possible.

a. AC

b. CA

Using the above example, what can we say about matrix multiplication and commutativity?

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List the properties of matrix multiplication:

Example Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 8 \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix}, C = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 7 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}, D = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, E = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$. Complete the following operations, if possible.

a. BC

b. ED

c. CB

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Lesson: Inverse Matrices

What is the 2x2 identity matrix?

What is the 3x3 identity matrix?

How do we describe the general nxn identity matrix?

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Example Multiply $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 8 & 1 & 7 \\ 3 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ by the identity matrix as follows:

a. AI

b. IA

What can we generalize about the identity matrix?

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How do we describe a multiplicative inverse of a real number?

Some matrices have inverses. For a matrix A, what notation denotes its inverse?

What is the property of inverse matrices?

What are the steps for finding an inverse matrix?

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Example Find the inverses of the following matrices. Prove your answer by checking it: $\begin{bmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ 2 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

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Example Find the inverses of the following matrices. Prove your answer by checking it: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

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Example Find the inverses of the following matrices. Prove your answer by checking it: $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$

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Lesson: Using Inverse Matrices to Solve Systems

We've previously talked about using matrices to solve systems. We will look at another way to do that in this lesson. Show another way to set up the system using matrices (as well as the relevant notation):

$$\begin{cases} x + y + z = 6 \\ 2x + 3y - z = 7 \\ 3x - y - z = 6 \end{cases}$$

Now, using our setup above, explain the reasoning for how inverse can help solve a system:

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Example Use inverse matrices to solve: $\begin{cases} -x + y = 1 \\ 2x - y = 1 \end{cases}$

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Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} x+y+z=6 \\ 2x+3y-z=7 \\ 3x-y-z=6 \end{cases}$ using inverse matrices.

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Lesson: Nonlinear Systems of Equations

Nonlinear systems of equations involve at least one equation that is not linear. Some examples look like this:

$\begin{cases} x^2 - y = 8 \\ x + y = -4 \end{cases}$ or $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 4 \\ |x| + y = 2 \end{cases}$

Similar to systems of linear equations, we can still use substitution or elimination to solve the system. However, the best method to use tends to depend on the type of system you are trying to solve. Additionally, you might have to use both methods.

What is one potential issue that can happen with solving systems of nonlinear equations and what should you do about this?

When one equation is linear and the other is not, it is usually best to use the substitution method.

Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} x^2 + y = 8 \\ x - y = -2 \end{cases}$

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When both variables in both equations are squared, it's usually best to use elimination.

Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 25 \\ x^2 + 2y^2 = 9 \end{cases}$

Sometimes you will have to use both the substitution and elimination methods.

Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} x^2 - xy + y^2 = 5 \\ 2x^2 + xy - y^2 = 10 \end{cases}$

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Now let's look at a few other examples to get a sense of how to use these methods!

Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} x^2 + y^2 = 9 \\ -|x| + y = 0 \end{cases}$

Example Solve the system: $\begin{cases} 3x^2 + y^2 = 3 \\ 4x^2 + 5y^2 = 26 \end{cases}$

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Lesson: Sequences

Define a sequence.

Examples Write the first five terms of each sequence.

a. $a_n = \frac{1}{n}$

b. $a_n = \frac{n \mp 1}{n+3}$

c. $a_n = (-1)^{n+1} * (2n + 1)$

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What does it mean for a sequence to converge?

What does it mean for a sequence to diverge?

What is a recursively defined sequence?

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Examples Find the first four terms in the sequence.

a. $a_1 = 3; a_n = 2a_{n-1} - 4$

b. $a_1 = 2; a_n = a_{n-1}^2 + n - 2$

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Lesson: Series

What is the summation sign and what does it mean? What do we called the “i” in this formula?

Define a finite series.

Define an infinite series.

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Examples Evaluate the following sums.

a. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{4}(3^i + 1)$

b. $\Sigma_{j=3}^{6} a_j$

c. $\Sigma_{k=1}^{4}(4x_k - 1)$ if $x_1 = 2, x_2 = 3, x_3 = 5, x_4 = 8$

d. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{3} f(x_i)\Delta x$, if $f(x) = 3x, x_1 = 1, x_2 = 4, x_3 = 7, \Delta x = 3$

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What are the summation properties?

What are the summation rules for summing up terms?

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Examples Use the summation properties and rules to evaluate each series.

a. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{50} 3$

b. $\Sigma_{k=1}^{25} 3k$

c. $\Sigma_{j=1}^{33} (4j^2 + 1)$

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Lesson: Arithmetic Sequences

What is an arithmetic sequence?

Give some examples of an arithmetic sequence.

Example Determine the common difference, d, for the arithmetic sequence:

$$-7, -5, -3, -1, \ldots$$

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Example Find the first five terms of each arithmetic sequence.

a. The first term is 3, and the common difference is -2.

b. $a_1 = -5, d = 7$

How do we define the general nth term of an arithmetic sequence?

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Example Determine a_{11} and a_n for the arithmetic sequence $-2, 2, 6, 10, \ldots$

Example Determine a_n and a_{20} for the arithmetic sequence having $a_3 = 9$, and $a_4 = 16$.

Example An arithmetic sequence has $a_7 = -15$ and $a_{14} = -35$. Determine a_1.

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Lesson: Arithmetic Series

When we sum up the terms of an arithmetic sequence, how can we define that sum? (sum of an arithmetic sequence)

Example Consider the arithmetic sequence $-7, -3, 1, 5, \ldots$

a. Evaluate S_{10}

b. Evaluate the sum of the first 50 positive integers.

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Example The sum of the first 15 terms of an arithmetic sequence is 345. If $a_{15} = 65$, find a_1 and d.

Examples Evaluate each sum.

a. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{19}(-3 - 5i)$

b. $\Sigma_{k=4}^{15}(2 + 4k)$

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Lesson: Geometric Sequences and Series

Define a geometric sequence:

Example Determine a_6 and a_n for the geometric sequence 4, 12, 36, 108, ….

Example Determine r and a_1 for the geometric sequence with $a_2 = -18$ and $a_5 = 486$

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How do we define the sum of the first n terms of a geometric sequence?

Example Evaluate: $\Sigma_{i=1}^{8} 3 * 2^i$

If we start with 2 and use a common ratio of $\frac{1}{2}$, what eventually happens as the series continues infinitely? Summarize the explanation below.

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Examples Evaluate the following infinite sums.

a. The first term is 1 and the common ratio is $\frac{1}{3}$

b. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{\infty}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^{i-1}$

c. $\Sigma_{i=1}^{\infty}\left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^{i}$

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Lesson: The Binomial Theorem

Below we can observe the pattern for binomial expansion:

$(x+y)^0 = 1$

$(x+y)^1 = x+y$

$(x+y)^2 = x^2+2xy+y^2$

$(x+y)^3 = x^3+3x^2y+3xy^2+y^3$

$(x+y)^4 = x^4+4x^3y+6x^2y^2+4xy^3+y^4$

$(x+y)^5 = x^5+5x^4y+10x^3y^2+10x^2y^3+5xy^4+y^5$

Focusing on the VARIABLES x and y only, how can we generalize the exponents for the variables?

Pascal's Triangle can explain how to find the coefficient. Draw out Pascal's triangle below.

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Having to draw out this pattern would be very difficult for larger expansions, so we will explore a few ways to simplify how to expand this pattern.

First, we need to understand factorials.

n-factorial: for any positive integer n,

$$n! = n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(3)(2)(1)$$

By definition: $0! = 1$

Examples Evaluate:

a. $5!$

b. $8!$

Now that we understand factorials, we can discuss the formula to find binomial coefficients.

For nonnegative integers n and r, $r \leq n$, the binomial coefficient is defined as follows:

Examples Evaluate each binomial coefficient:

a. $\binom{5}{2}$

b. $\binom{6}{0}$

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We can summarize how to expand $(x + y)^n$ as follows:

1. There are n+1 terms in the expansion

2. The first and last terms are x^n and y^n respectively

3. In each succeeding term, the exponent on x decreases by 1 and the exponent on y increase by 1

4. The sum of the exponents on x and y in any term is n.

5. The coefficient of the term with $x^r y^{n-r}$ or $x^{n-r} y^r$ is $\binom{n}{r}$

These observations are captured in the binomial theorem.

State **The Binomial Theorem:**

Example Find the first, last, and seventh term of the binomial expansion: $(3x + 2y)^{10}$

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Example Use the binomial theorem to expand: $(a-b)^5$

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