

# H Finite Mathematics – Lesson Notes: Unit 8 Precalculus Review (multiple chapters)

## Function Properties

### Facts about functions:

- $f(x)$  is the image of  $x$ , or the value of  $f$  at  $x$  when the rule  $f$  is applied to an  $x$  in the domain.
- To each  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ , there is one and only one image  $f(x)$  in the range.
- $f$  is the symbol we use to denote the function
  - $x$  - element of the domain - independent
  - $f(x)$  - element of the range - dependent
- Vertical line test

### Finding Intercepts

- To find the  $x$ -int., let  $y = 0$ . (Cover-up)
- To find the  $y$ -int., let  $x = 0$ . (Cover-up)

Find the following values for each function:

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 2x - 4$$

$$f(0) = -3(0)^2 + 2(0) - 4 = \boxed{-4}$$

$$f(1) = -3(1)^2 + 2(1) - 4 = \boxed{-5}$$

$$f(-1) = -3(-1)^2 + 2(-1) - 4 = \boxed{-9}$$

$$f(2) = -3(2)^2 + 2(2) - 4 = \boxed{-12}$$

$$f(8) = \boxed{-2}$$

$$f(-3) = \boxed{0}$$

14. Find  $f(8)$  and  $f(-3)$ .

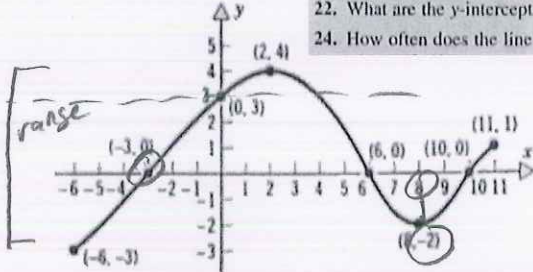
16. Is  $f(-6)$  positive or negative?

18. For what numbers  $x$  is  $f(x) > 0$ ?  $(-3, 6) \cup (10, 11)$

20. What is the range of  $f$ ?  $[-3, 4]$

22. What are the  $y$ -intercepts?  $(0, 3)$

24. How often does the line  $y = 3$  intersect the graph? **Twice**



13. Find  $f(0)$  and  $f(2)$ .

$$f(0) = \boxed{3} \quad f(2) = \boxed{4}$$

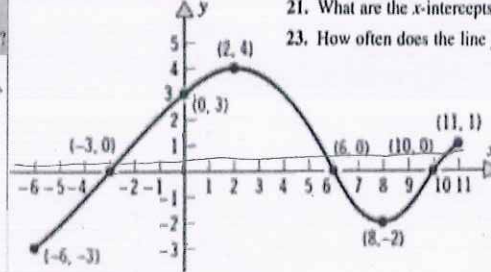
15. Is  $f(1)$  positive or negative?

17. For what numbers  $x$  is  $f(x) = 0$ ?  $y=0$  at  $x=-3$  and  $x=6, x=10$

19. What is the domain of  $f$ ?

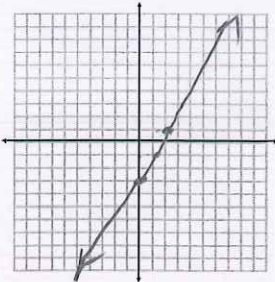
21. What are the  $x$ -intercepts?  $(-3, 0), (6, 0), (10, 0)$

23. How often does the line  $y = \frac{1}{2}$  intersect the graph? **3 times**



Graph each function. Find any intercepts.

26.  $y = 2x - 3$



$$y\text{-int}(x=0)$$

$$y = 2(0) - 3$$

$$y = -3$$

$$\boxed{(0, -3)}$$

$$x\text{-int}(y=0)$$

$$0 = 2x - 3$$

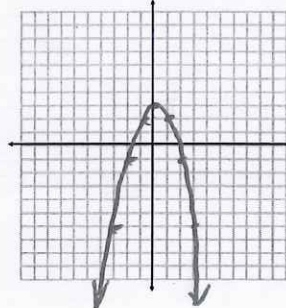
$$2x = 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\boxed{(\frac{3}{2}, 0)}$$

↑ always inform of a point

30.  $y = -x^2 + 3$



$$y\text{-int}(x=0)$$

$$y = -(0)^2 + 3$$

$$y = 3$$

$$\boxed{(0, 3)}$$

$$x\text{-int}(y=0)$$

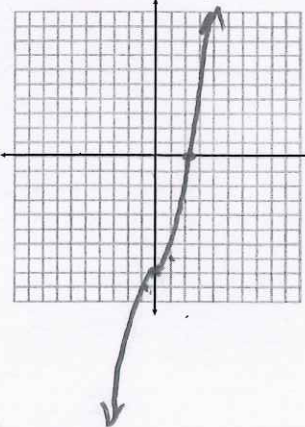
$$0 = -x^2 + 3$$

$$x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

$$\boxed{(\sqrt{3}, 0) \quad (-\sqrt{3}, 0)}$$

34.  $y = x^3 - 8$



$$y\text{-int}(x=0)$$

$$y = (0)^3 - 8$$

$$y = -8$$

$$\boxed{(0, -8)}$$

$$x\text{-int}(y=0)$$

$$0 = x^3 - 8$$

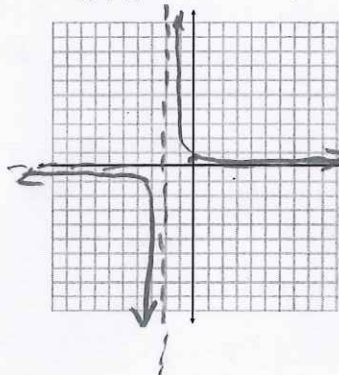
$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{8}$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\boxed{(2, 0)}$$

38.  $y = \frac{1}{x+2}$



Vertical Asymptote where denon  $\Rightarrow x = -2$

$$y\text{-int}(x=0)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{(0)+2}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{(0, \frac{1}{2})}$$

$$x\text{-int}(y=0)$$

$$0 = \frac{1}{x+2}$$

$$\text{no } x\text{-int}$$

when  $x \rightarrow \infty$  horizontal asymptote

$$y = \frac{1}{\text{largest}} \rightarrow 0$$

$$y = 0$$

If the graph is a graph of a function, find its domain and range and intercepts

45.  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^4 + 1}$

- a. Is the point  $(-1, 1)$  on the graph of  $f$ ?
- b. If  $x = 2$ , what is  $f(x)$ ?
- c. If  $f(x) = 1$ , what is  $x$ ?
- d. What is the domain of  $f$ ?

a)  $1 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2(-1)^2}{(-1)^4 + 1}$  b)  $f(2) = \frac{2(2)^2}{(2)^4 + 1} = \frac{8}{17}$   
 $1 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2}{1+1}$  c)  $1 = \frac{2x^2}{x^4 + 1}$  d)  $(-\infty, \infty)$  52.  
 $1 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{2}{2}$   $x^4 + 1 = 2x^2$   
 $1 = 1$   $x^4 - 2x^2 + 1 = 0$   
 $(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 1) = 0$   
 $x^2 - 1 = 0$   
 $x = \pm 1$   
**yes**

71. Find the domain.  $f(x) = \sqrt{(x^2 - 9)}$

$x^2 - 9 \geq 0$   
 $x^2 \geq 9$  outside case  
 $x \geq 3$  or  $x \leq -3$

$(-\infty, -3] \cup [3, \infty)$

77. If  $f(x) = \frac{(3x+8)}{(2x-A)}$  and  $f(0) = 2$ ,

what is the value of A?

$\frac{3(0)+8}{2(0)-A} = 2$   
 $\frac{8}{-A} = 2$   
 $8 = -2A$   
 $A = \frac{8}{-2} = -4$

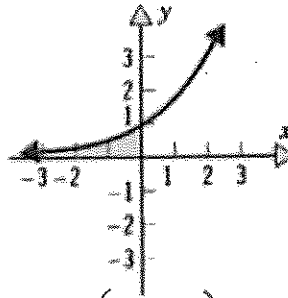
91. **Demand Equation** The price  $p$  and the quantity  $x$  sold of a certain product obey the demand equation

$p = -\frac{1}{5}x + 100 \quad 0 \leq x \leq 500$

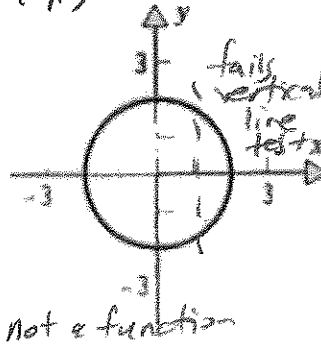
Express the revenue  $R$  as a function of  $x$ .

$R = px$   
 $R(x) = (-\frac{1}{5}x + 100)x$   
 $R(x) = -\frac{1}{5}x^2 + 100x$

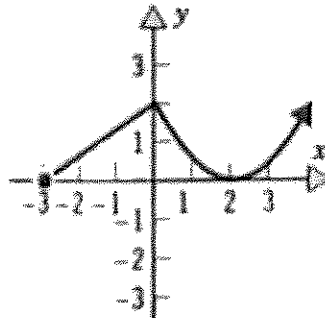
48.



D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
R:  $(0, \infty)$   
 $(0, 1)$

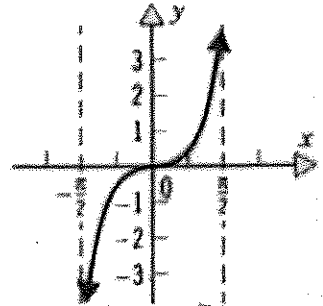


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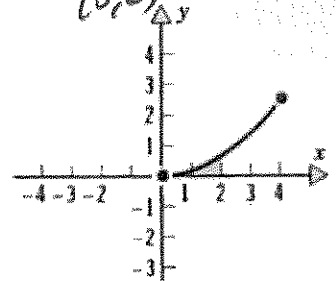
D:  $[-3, \infty)$   
R:  $[0, \infty)$   
 $(0, 2)$   $(-3, 0)$   $(2, 0)$

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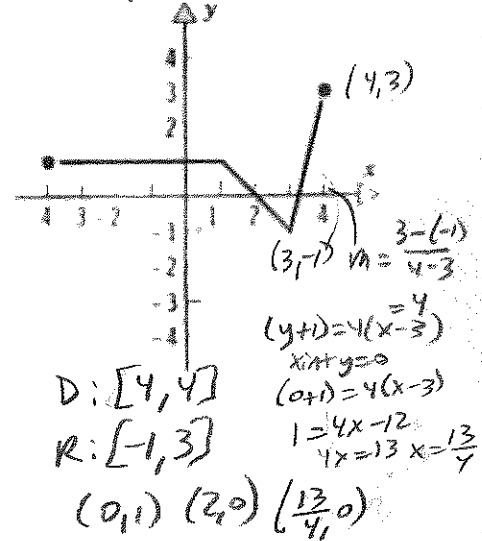
D:  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$   
R:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 $(0, 0)$

54.



D:  $[0, 4]$   
R:  $[0, 3]$   
 $(0, 0)$

58.



D:  $[4, 4]$   
R:  $[-1, 3]$   
 $(0, 1)$   $(2, 0)$   $(\frac{13}{4}, 0)$   
 $(3, -1)$   $m = \frac{3 - (-1)}{4 - 3} = 4$   
 $(y+1) = 4(x-3)$   
 $x+1 = y=0$   
 $(0+1) = 4(x-3)$   
 $1 = 4x - 12$   
 $4x = 13$   $x = \frac{13}{4}$

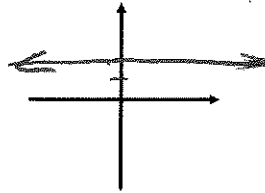
# Function Families, Difference Quotient

## Polynomials

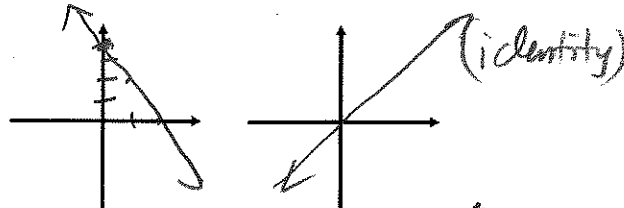
$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$$

Highest exponent = degree

degree 0:  $f(x) = 2$  "constant function"



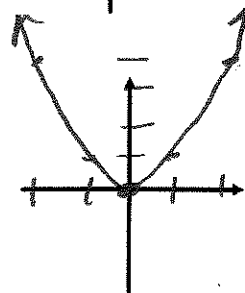
degree 1:  $f(x) = -2x + 4$  "linear function"  
 $f(x) = x$  "identity function"



degree 2:  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x + 7$  "quadratic function"

basic shape:  $f(x) = x^2$

x	x <sup>2</sup>
0	0
1	1
-1	1
2	4
-2	4



can use vertex and intercepts to sketch more complicated cases:

$$f(x) = -x^2 + 4x - 3$$

$$y = -x^2 + 4x - 3$$

$$y + 3 = -x^2 + 4x$$

$$y + 3 = (-1)(x^2 - 4x)$$

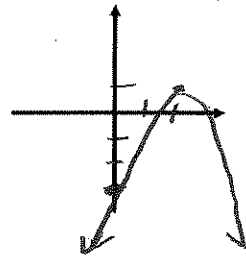
$$y + 3 = (-1)(x^2 - 4x + \frac{4}{1})$$

$$(y - 1) = (-1)(x - 2)^2$$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x$$

$$(y - 1) = -(x - 2)^2$$

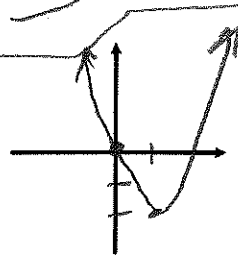
"vertex form"  
vertex at  $(2, 1)$



$$y \text{ int } (x=0)$$

$$y = -(0)^2 + 4(0) - 3$$

$$y = -3 \quad (0, -3)$$



$$y = 2x^2 - 4x$$

$$y = 2(x^2 - 2x)$$

$$y + 2 = 2(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

$$(y + 2) = 2(x - 1)^2$$

vertex at  $(1, -2)$

$$y \text{ int } (x=0)$$

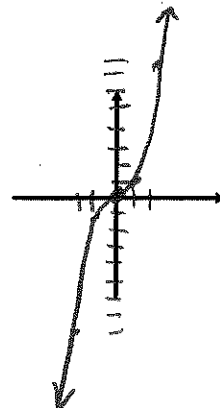
$$y = 2(0)^2 - 4(0) = 0$$

$$(0, 0)$$

degree 3: "cubic function"

basic shape:  $f(x) = x^3$

x	x <sup>3</sup>
0	0
1	1
-1	-1
2	8
-2	-8



"S shape"

For degree 3 or higher, complicated cases, could sketch using zeros and left/right hand behavior...

even degree polynomials: left and right side move together  
(positive leading coefficient = 'up',  
negative leading coefficient = 'down')

odd degree polynomials: left and right side move opposite  
(positive leading coefficient = positive 'slope',  
negative leading coefficient = negative 'slope')

zeros / multiplicities: odd multiplicities 'through', even multiplicities 'bounce'

...but usually just graph in a calculator.

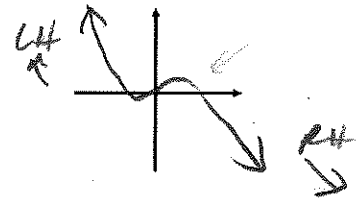
degree 3:  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$  "cubic function"

Sometimes you get lucky and can factor to find zeros:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^3 - 2x^2) + (-x + 2) &= 0 \\ x^2(x-2) - (x-2) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x^2-1) &= 0 \\ (x-2)(x+1)(x-1) &= 0 \\ \text{zeros at } x=2, x=-1, x=1 \end{aligned}$$

*odd*  
positive so  
left right

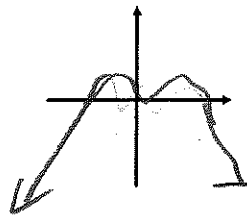
*neg odd*  
 $f(x) = -x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$



degree 4:  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$   
"quartic function"

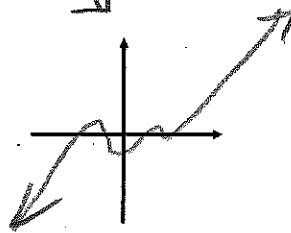
*pos even*  
Something more complex here

*neg even*  
 $f(x) = -3x^4 - x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$



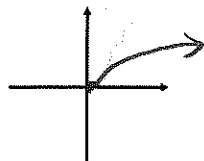
degree 5:  $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 6$  "quintic function"

*pos odd*

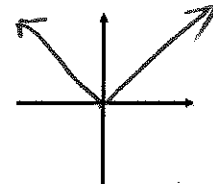


Other basic function shapes

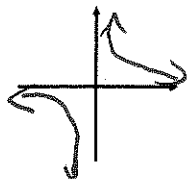
$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  "square-root function"



$f(x) = |x|$  "absolute-value function"

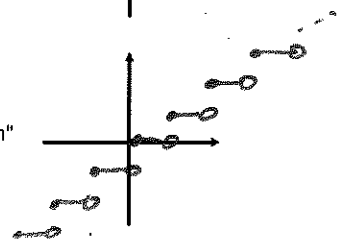


$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  "reciprocal function"



$f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$  "greatest-integer function"

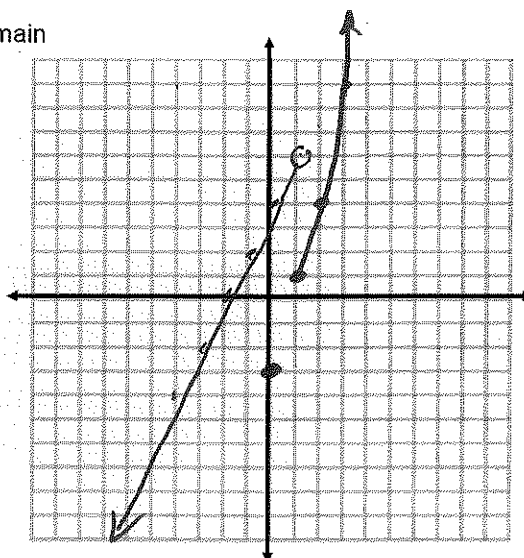
"round down to nearest integer"



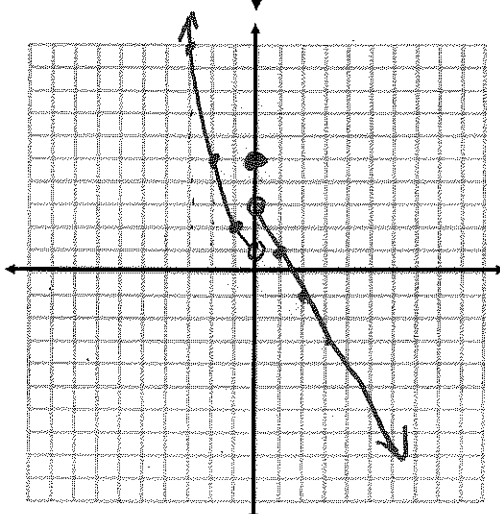
# Piece-wise defined functions

Different rules for different parts of the domain

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+4, & x < 1 \\ -3, & x = 1 \\ x^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2+1, & x < 0 \\ 4, & x = 0 \\ -2x+3, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

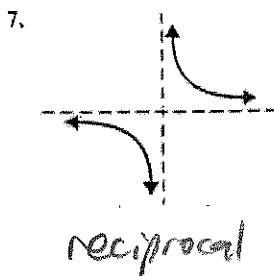
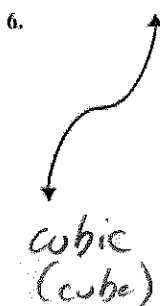
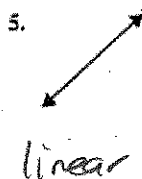
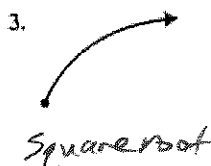
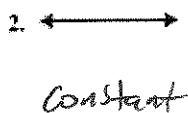
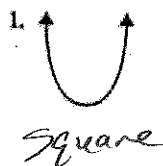


In Problems 1–8 match each graph to the function whose graph most resembles the one given.

- (a) Constant function
- (d) Cube function
- (g) Absolute value function

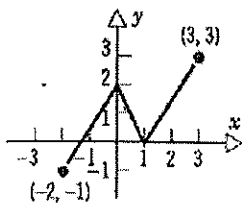
- (b) Linear function
- (e) Square root function
- (h) Greatest integer function

- (c) Square function
- (f) Reciprocal function



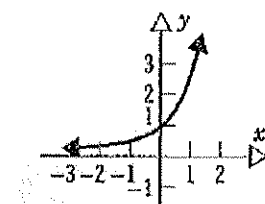
The graph of the following function is given: Find:

- Domain and Range.
- Intervals of increasing, decreasing, or constant.
- The intercepts, if any.

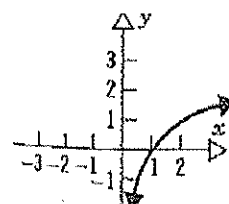


D:  $[-2, 3]$   
 R:  $[-1, 3]$   
 incr:  $(-2, 0) \cup (1, 3)$   
 decr:  $(0, 1)$

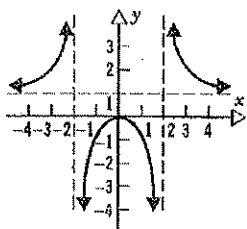
y.int (0, 2)  
 x.int  $(-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$   
 (1, 0)



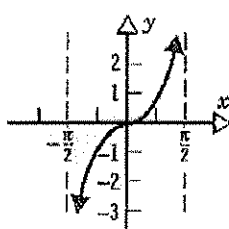
D:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 R:  $(0, \infty)$   
 incr:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 y.int (0, 1)  
 x.int none



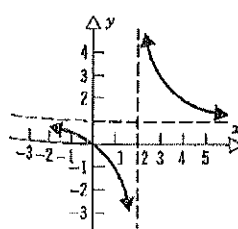
D:  $(0, \infty)$   
 R:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 incr:  $(0, \infty)$   
 y.int (none)  
 x.int (1, 0)



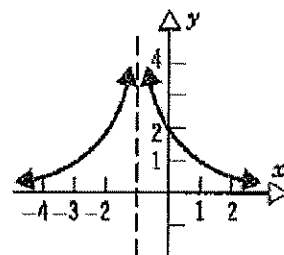
D:  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 R:  $[-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$   
 incr:  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0)$   
 decr:  $(0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 y.int (0, 0)  
 x.int (0, 0)



D:  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$   
 R:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 incr  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$   
 y.int (0, 0)  
 x.int (0, 0)



D:  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 R:  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$   
 decr  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 y.int (0, 0)  
 x.int (0, 0)



D:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$   
 R:  $(0, \infty)$   
 incr  $(-\infty, -1)$   
 decr  $(-1, \infty)$   
 y.int (0, 2)  
 x.int none

Given:  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$  Find:

a.  $f(-x)$   

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

b. ~~f(x)~~  $-f(x)$   

$$\frac{-x}{x^2 + 1}$$

c.  $f(2x)$   

$$\frac{f(2x)}{(2x)^2 + 1} = \frac{2x}{4x^2 + 1}$$

d.  $f(x-3)$   

$$\frac{(x-3)}{(x-3)^2 + 1} = \frac{(x-3)}{x^2 - 6x + 10}$$

e.  $f(1/x)$   

$$\frac{(\frac{1}{x})}{(\frac{1}{x})^2 + 1} = \frac{(\frac{1}{x})x^2}{(\frac{1}{x^2} + 1)x^2} = \frac{x}{1 + x^2}$$

f.  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$   

$$\frac{1}{\frac{x}{x^2 + 1}} = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x}$$

g.  $f(x^2)$   

$$\frac{f(x^2)}{(x^2)^2 + 1} = \frac{x^2}{x^4 + 1}$$

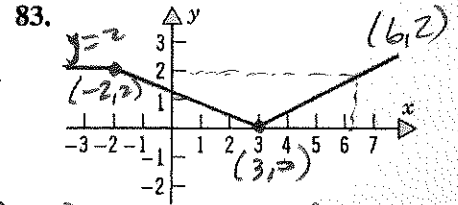
66. (a) Find the domain of the function  
 (b) Locate any intercepts  
 (c) Graph the function  
 (d) Based on the graph, find the range

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3+x & \text{if } -3 \leq x < 0 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ \sqrt{x} & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

(a) D:  $[-3, \infty)$       (b)  $(0, 3)$   $(-3, 0)$

(c) (d) R:  $[0, \infty)$

83. Find a piecewise-defined function whose graph is shown in the given figure. Note that each graph is made up of line segments.



$$m = \frac{2-0}{-2-3} = -\frac{2}{5}$$

$$(y-0) = -\frac{2}{5}(x-3)$$

$$y = -\frac{2}{5}x + \frac{6}{5}$$

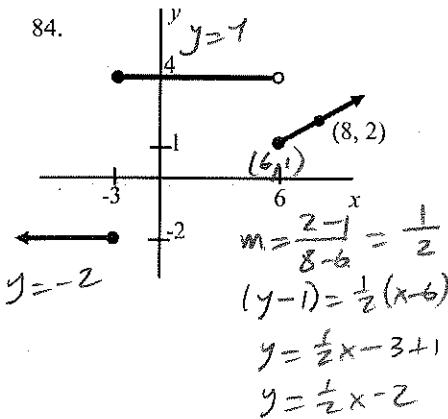
$$m = \frac{2-0}{6-3} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$(y-0) = \frac{2}{3}(x-3)$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & x < -2 \\ -\frac{2}{5}x + \frac{6}{5}, & -2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ \frac{2}{3}x - 2, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

84.



$$m = \frac{2-(-1)}{8-6} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$(y-(-1)) = \frac{3}{2}(x-6)$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 9 + 1$$

$$y = \frac{3}{2}x - 8$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & x < -3 \\ -2, & -3 \leq x < 6 \\ \frac{3}{2}x - 8, & x \geq 6 \end{cases}$$

79. Determine whether the given function opens upward or downward. Find the vertex, the y-intercept, and the x-intercepts, if any. Graph the function.

$$y = f(x) = x^2 - 7x + 12$$

$$y - 12 + \frac{49}{4} = x^2 - 7x + \frac{49}{4}$$

$$y - \frac{49}{4} + \frac{49}{4} = (x - \frac{7}{2})^2$$

$$(y + \frac{1}{4}) = (x - \frac{7}{2})^2$$

vertex at  $(\frac{7}{2}, -\frac{1}{4})$

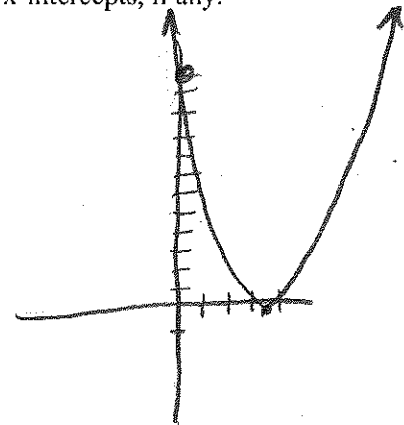
y-int (x=0)

$$y = (0)^2 - 7(0) + 12$$

$$y = 12$$

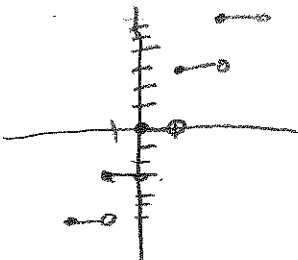
$$(0, 12)$$

$$(\frac{7}{2} = 3\frac{1}{2})$$



70. Graph

$$f(x) = 3 \llbracket x \rrbracket$$



## Rational Functions

Fraction ('ratio') of polynomials:

$$f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_0}$$

May have one horizontal asymptote and/or one or more vertical asymptotes.

Horizontal asymptote:

Occurs if the function approaches a specific y-value as x gets large in the positive or negative direction.

Vertical asymptotes:

Occur at any uncanceled zeros in the denominator.

(Finding x, and y-intercepts also helpful for sketching.)

Find asymptotes and intercepts

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

$$\text{V.A. denom} \Rightarrow$$

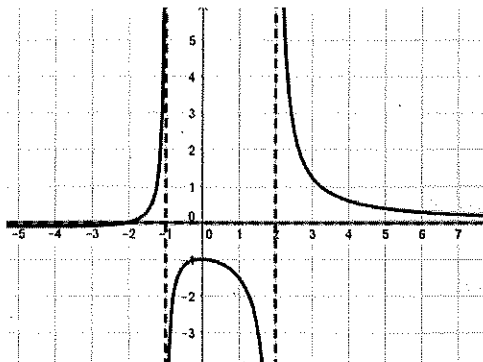
$$x^2-x-2 \Rightarrow$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{x=2 \quad x=-1}$$

H.A. when  $x \rightarrow \text{large}$

$$f(x) \approx \frac{x}{x^2-x} = \frac{x(1)}{x(x-1)} = \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{\text{large}} = 0 \quad \boxed{y=0}$$



Find asymptotes and intercepts

$$f(x) = \frac{x-6}{x^2-x-6}$$

$$\text{V.A. } x^2-x-6 \Rightarrow (x+2)(x-3) \Rightarrow \boxed{x=-2 \quad x=3}$$

H.A.  $x \rightarrow \text{large}$

$$f(x) \approx \frac{x}{x^2-x} = \frac{x(1)}{x(x-1)} = \frac{1}{x-1} = \frac{1}{\text{large}} = 0 \quad \boxed{y=0}$$

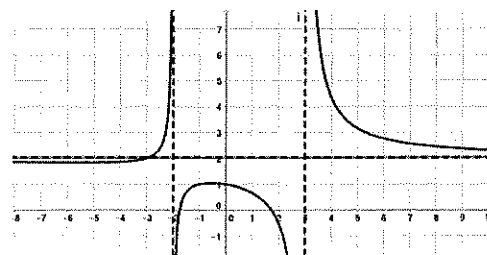
V.A.  $x^2-x-6 \Rightarrow$

$$(x+2)(x-3) \Rightarrow$$

$$\boxed{x=-2 \quad x=3}$$

H.A.  $x \rightarrow \text{large}$

$$f(x) \approx \frac{2x^2}{x^2-x} = \frac{x(2x)}{x(x-1)} = \frac{2x}{x-1} \approx \frac{2x}{x} = 2 \quad \boxed{y=2}$$



Find asymptotes

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2-6}{x+3}$$

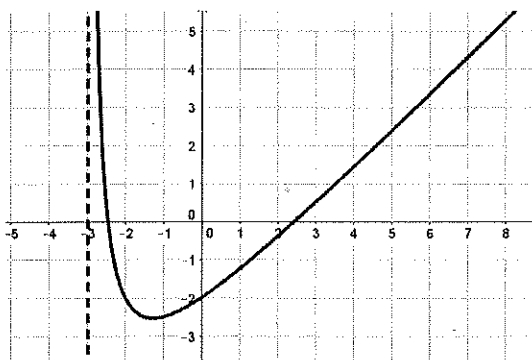
$$\text{V.A. } x+3 \Rightarrow \boxed{x=-3}$$

H.A.  $x \rightarrow \text{large}$

$$f(x) \approx \frac{x^2}{x} = \frac{x}{1} = \text{large}$$

$$x \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{then } y \rightarrow \infty \quad \boxed{\text{no H.A.}}$$





## Difference Quotient

A specific multiple function structure used frequently in calculus

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad (h \neq 0)$$

Find the difference quotient for  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{[2(x+h)^2 - 4(x+h)] - [2(x)^2 - 4(x)]}{h} \\ & \frac{2(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 4x - 4h - 2x^2 + 4x}{h} \\ & \frac{2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - 4x - 4h - 2x^2 + 4x}{h} \\ & \frac{4xh + 2h^2 - 4h}{h} \\ & \frac{h(4x + 2h - 4)}{h} = \boxed{4x + 2h - 4} \end{aligned}$$

Find the difference quotient for  $f(x) = 3x + 4$

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{[3(x+h) + 4] - [3(x) + 4]}{h} \\ & \frac{3x + 3h + 4 - 3x - 4}{h} \\ & \frac{3h}{h} \\ & \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

# The Exponential Function

## Exponential function

- $a$  is a positive real number
- $a \neq 1$
- domain = set of all real numbers

$$f(x) = a^x$$

## The base $e$

$$e = \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n$$

as  $n$  increases without bound

$$e \approx \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \approx 2.718$$

**Summary** of info on:  $f(x) = a^x$   $a > 1$

domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$

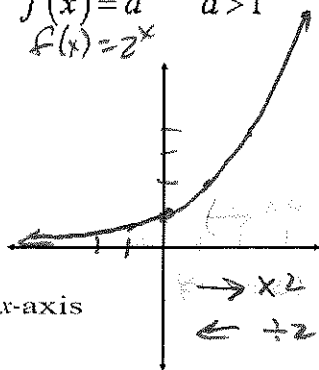
range  $(0, \infty)$

x-int. none

y-int.  $(0, 1)$

horizontal asymptote: x-axis

increasing function



## Laws of exponents

$$a^0 = 1 \quad \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^m = \frac{a^m}{b^m}$$

$$a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n} \quad (ab)^m = a^m b^m$$

$$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

$$(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$$

$$a^{m/n} = \left(a^{1/n}\right)^m$$

but:  
 $(a+b)^m \neq a^m + b^m$   
 $(a+b)^3 = (a+b)(a+b)(a+b)$

**Summary** of info on:  $f(x) = a^x$   $0 < a < 1$

domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$

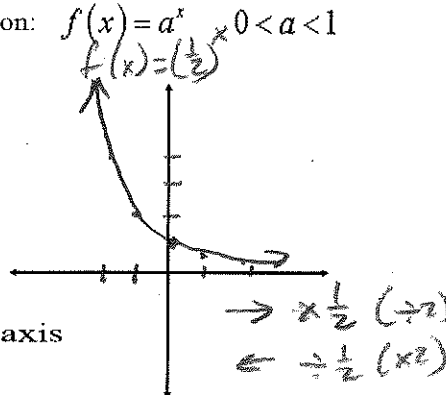
range  $(0, \infty)$

x-int. none

y-int.  $(0, 1)$

hor. asymptote: x-axis

decreasing function



## Exponential equations

If  $a^u = a^v$ , then  $u = v$   
 (1:1 property)

## Compound interest

$$A = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

## Continuous interest

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$P$  = principal (initial amt)  
 $r$  = annual interest rate (decimal)  
 $t$  = years invested  
 $n$  = number of times compounded per year

Evaluate each expression.

#14  $(27^{3/2}) \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{3/2}$

$$\left(\frac{27}{3}\right)^{3/2}$$

$$(9)^{3/2} = (9^{1/2})^3 = (\sqrt{9})^3 = 3^3 = \boxed{27}$$

15.  $\left[(8^{-1})(8^{1/3})\right]^3$

$$\left[\frac{8^{1/3}}{8^1}\right]^3$$

$$\left(\frac{\sqrt[3]{8}}{8}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{2}{8}\right)^3 = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{4^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{64}}$$

Solve each equation.

#47  $\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^x = 16$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2^3}\right)^x = 2^4$$

$$(2^{-3})^x = 2^4$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{-3x} &= 2^4 \\ -3x &= 4 \\ x &= \frac{-4}{3} \end{aligned}$$

#51  $e^{2x+1} = e^3$

$$2x+1=3$$

$$2x=2$$

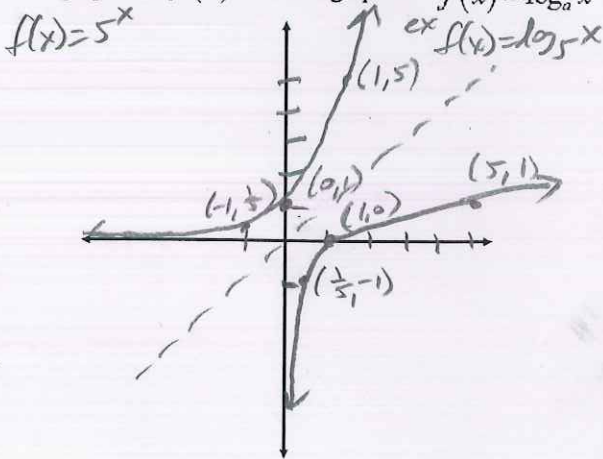
$$\boxed{x=1}$$

## The Logarithmic Function

If you invest money in an account and your money doubles in 10 years, what was the account's interest rate? (assume continuous compounding)

### Logarithm / exponential are inverses

graph of  $f(x) = a^x$  to graph of  $f(x) = \log_a x$



$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$2P = Pe^{r(10)}$$

$$2 = e^{10r}$$

$$e^{10r} = 2$$

↑ need inverse to "undo"  $e^x$

t	A
0	P
10	2P

$$\log_a(e^{10r}) = \log_a(2)$$

$$10r = \ln(2)$$

$$r = \frac{\ln(2)}{10} = 0.0693$$

**Logarithmic function:**  $f(x) = \log_a x$   $a > 0, a \neq 1$

domain:  $(0, \infty)$   
no log of a negative

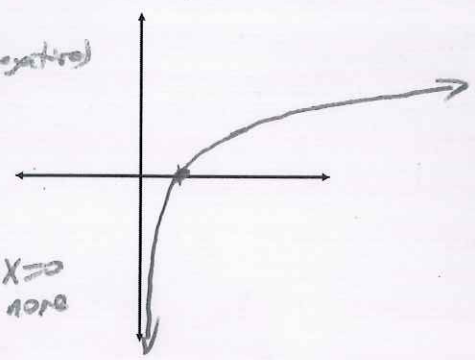
range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

x-int.:  $(1, 0)$

y-int.: none

hor/vert asym.: V.A.  $x=0$   
H.A. none

inc./dec.: increasing everywhere



### Log form / exponential form

$y = \log_a x$  means  $a^y = x$   
(log form) (exponential form)

REMEMBER: "LOGS ARE EXPONENTS"

### Properties of logs:

If  $m$  and  $n$  are positive real numbers and  $r$  is any real number, then

$$\log_a(mn) = \log_a(m) + \log_a(n)$$

$$\log_a\left(\frac{m}{n}\right) = \log_a(m) - \log_a(n)$$

$$\log_a m^r = r \log_a(m)$$

Evaluate each expression.

11.  $\log_2 32 = x$   
 $2^x = 32$   
 $x = 5$

15.  $\log_2 24 - \log_2 12 = \log_2\left(\frac{24}{12}\right) = \log_2(2) = 1$

Use  $\log_{10} 2 = 0.3010$ ,  $\log_{10} 3 = 0.4771$ ,  $\log_{10} 5 = 0.6990$   
To compute each quantity.

18.  $\log_{10} 250$

$$\log_{10}(5 \cdot 5 \cdot 10)$$

$$\log_{10} 5 + \log_{10} 5 + \log_{10} 10$$

$$0.6990 + 0.6990 + 1.0000 = 2.398$$

22.  $\log_{10} 30 = \log_{10}(5 \cdot 3 \cdot 2)$

$$= \log_{10} 5 + \log_{10} 3 + \log_{10} 2$$

$$= 0.6990 + 0.4771 + 0.3010 = 1.4771$$

Write each logarithm expression using exponential notation.

#4.  $\log_{1/2}\left(\frac{1}{16}\right) = 4$

"circle of logs"

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{16}$$

exp. form

"circle of logs"

$$\log_2 8 = 3$$

$$2^3 = 8$$

### More about logs

$$\log_a 1 = 0$$

$$\log_a a = 1$$

$$\log_a a^x = x$$

$$a^{\log_a x} = x$$

logs exp. are inverses

If

$$\log_a u = \log_a v$$

then

$$u = v$$

(1:1 property)

Use the properties of logs to write each expression as a single log.

26.  $\ln x^6 - \ln x^3$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{x^6}{x^3}\right)}{\ln(x^3)}$$

28.  $\ln 2 - \ln x + \ln 4$

$$\frac{\ln\left(\frac{(2)(4)}{x}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{2}{x}\right)}$$

Find x or y.

34.  $\log_2 64 = y$

$$2^y = 64$$

$$y = 6$$

36.  $\log_{16} x = \frac{1}{2}$

$$16^{1/2} = x$$

$$\sqrt{16} = x$$

$$4 = x$$

Use the properties of logs to solve for x.

42.  $\ln x - \ln(x-1) = \ln 2$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \ln(2)$$

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

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

$$x = 2x - 2$$

$$2 = x$$

check:

$$\ln(2) - \ln(2-1) = \ln 2$$

$$.6931 = .6931$$

47.  $6 + (3)2^{(x+1)} = 8$

$$-6$$

$$-6$$

$$3(2)^{x+1} = 2$$

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

$$\log_2(2)^{x+1} = \log_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$x+1 = \log_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$x = \log_2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) - 1$$

$$x = \frac{\log_{10}\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)}{\log_{10}(2)} - 1 = -1.585$$

53. If  $3^x = e^{cx}$ , find c.

$$\ln(3^x) = \ln(e^{cx})$$

$$x \ln(3) = cx$$

if  $x \neq 0$

$$c = \ln(3)$$

## 6. Half-life

- exponential decay

- time required for **half** the amount present to decay

Example: The quantity of a given radioactive substance which remains after t years is given by:

$$Q = 100e^{-0.24t}$$

(a) What is the initial quantity?

(b) What is the half-life?

(a) initial:  $t=0$

$$Q = 100e^{-0.24(0)}$$

$$Q = 100e^0$$

$$Q = 100(1)$$

$$Q = 100$$

(b) half-life is t when quantity is half

t	Q
0	100
$t_{HL}$	50

$$Q = 100e^{-0.24t}$$

$$50 = 100e^{-0.24t}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = e^{-0.24t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \ln(e^{-0.24t})$$

$$-0.24t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

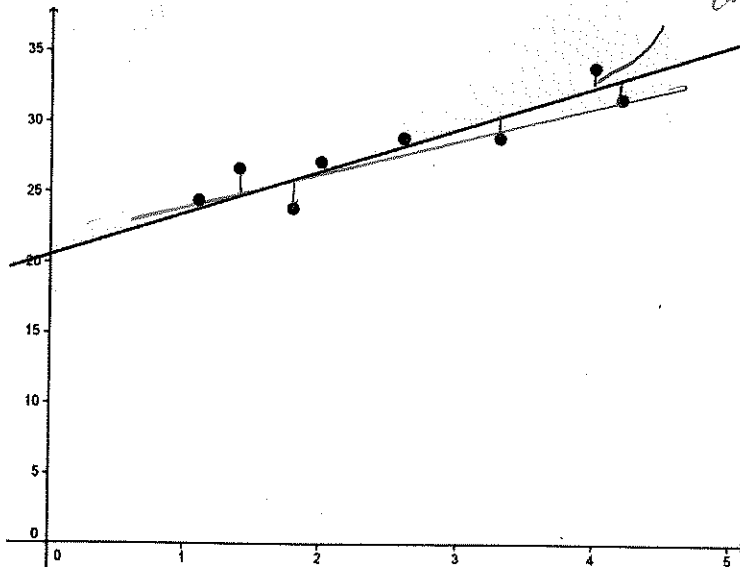
$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-0.24} = 2.89 \text{ years}$$

## Curve fitting and Regression

Why do we spend time studying the graphs of different families of functions? One reason is so that we can determine an equation which models real-world data.

Let's try to find an equation of a function which closely matches these data:

(x, y)	'x': Cricket chirps per second
(1.1, 24.4)	'y': Air Temperature (C)
(1.5, 26.7)	
(1.8, 23.9)	
(2.0, 27.2)	
(2.6, 28.9)	
(3.3, 28.9)	
(4.0, 33.9)	
(4.2, 31.7)	



$$y = \underline{m}x + \underline{b}$$

We need to find values for constants  $m$  and  $b$  so line best fits the data.

Could fit curve to 2 points:

$$y = mx + b \quad (4.2, 31.7)$$

$$m = \frac{31.7 - 24.4}{4.2 - 1.1} \quad (1.1, 24.4)$$

$$m = 2.355$$

$$y = 2.355x + b$$

$$(24.4) = 2.355(1.1) + b$$

$$b = 21.8$$

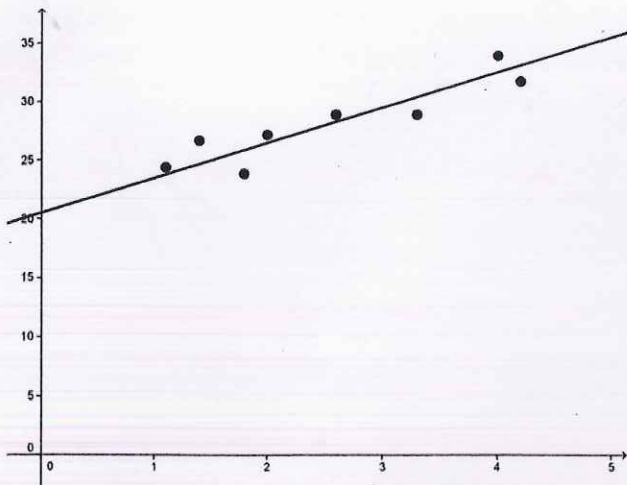
$$y = 2.355x + 21.8$$

(x, y)
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(2.0, 27.2)
(2.6, 28.9)
(3.3, 28.9)
(4.0, 33.9)
(4.2, 31.7)

### Linear Regression using Ti83/84

- 1) Clear any  $y=$  entries
- 2) Clear your lists (Stat, Edit, up arrow to top of column clear, enter)
- 3) Enter 'x' values in L1 and 'y' values in L2
- 4) Run Linear Regression (Stat, Calc, LinReg)  
LinReg L1, L2, Y1
- 5) Record equation produced
- 6) Turn on statistics plot (2nd Y=, just turn on 1st plot)
- 7) Zoom 9

(To turn off data point plotting, in Y=, up arrow to Plot1 and 'enter' to un-highlight).



$$y = 2.7x + 21.3$$

Now use model to predict temperature if observe 3 chirps per second:

$$y = 2.7(3) + 21.3$$

$$= 29.4^{\circ}\text{C}$$

Your calculator can do regression analysis with a variety of functions:

- Linear - LinReg:  $y = ax + b$
- Quadratic - QuadReg:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$
- Cubic - CubicReg:  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$
- Quartic - QuartReg:  $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$
- Natural Logarithmic - LnReg:  $y = a + b \ln(x)$
- Exponential - ExpReg:  $y = a \cdot (b)^x$
- Power - PwrReg:  $y = a \cdot (x)^b$
- Sine - SinReg:  $y = a \sin(bx + c) + d$
- Logistic - Logistic:  $y = \frac{c}{1 + a(e)^{-bx}}$