

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

Find the following values for each function:

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

$$f(0) =$$

$$f(1) =$$

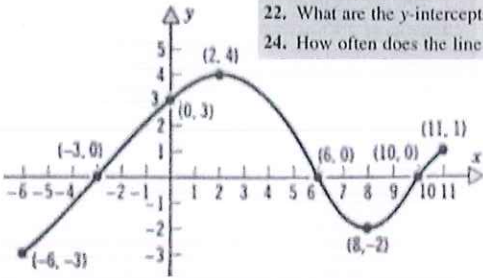
$$f(-1) =$$

$$f(2) =$$

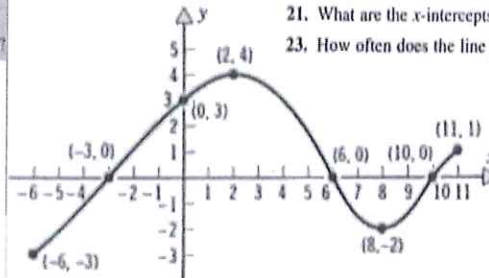
Finding Intercepts

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

- Find $f(8)$ and $f(-3)$.
- Is $f(-6)$ positive or negative?
- For what numbers x is $f(x) > 0$?
- What is the range of f ?
- What are the y -intercepts?
- How often does the line $y = 3$ intersect the graph?

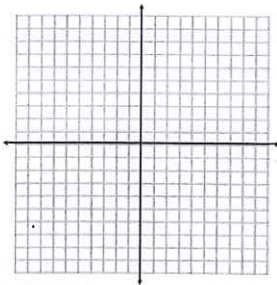


- Find $f(0)$ and $f(2)$.
- Is $f(11)$ positive or negative?
- For what numbers x is $f(x) = 0$?
- What is the domain of f ?
- What are the x -intercepts?
- How often does the line $y = \frac{1}{2}$ intersect the graph?

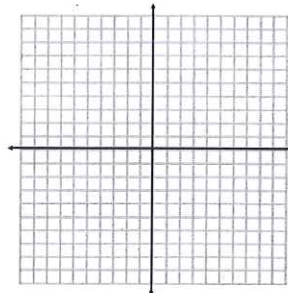


Graph each function. Find any intercepts.

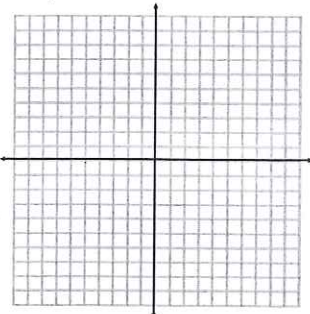
26. $y = 2x - 3$



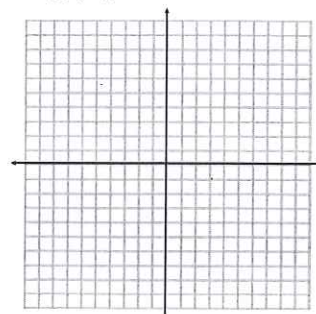
30. $y = -x^2 + 3$



34. $y = x^3 - 8$



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

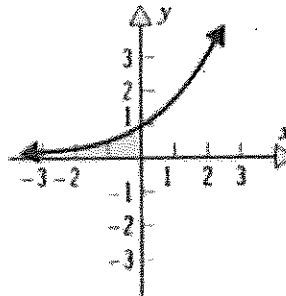


If the graph is a graph of a function, find its domain and range and intercepts

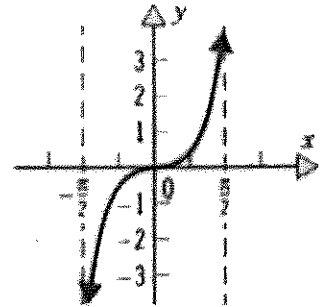
45. $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{x^4 + 1}$

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

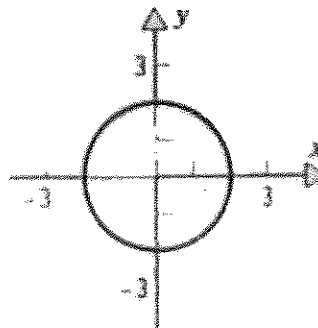
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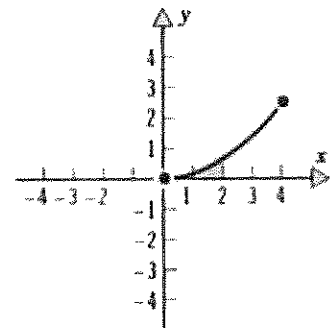
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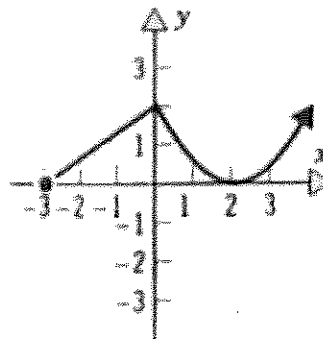


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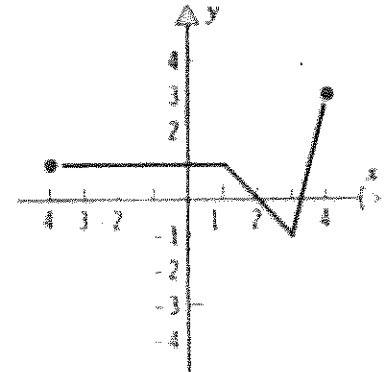


71. Find the domain. $f(x) = \sqrt{(x^2 - 9)}$

56.



58.



77. If $f(x) = \frac{(3x+8)}{(2x-A)}$ and $f(0) = 2$,
what is the value of A ?

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 .

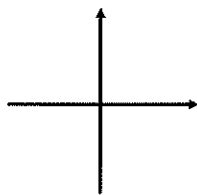
Function Families, Difference Quotient

Polynomials

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

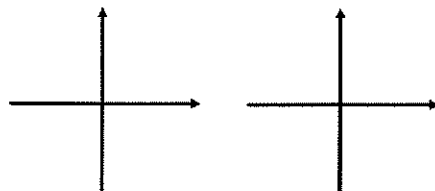
Highest exponent = degree

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



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

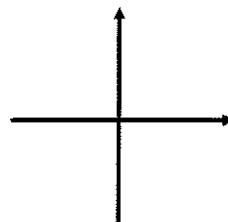
$f(x) = x$ "identity function"



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

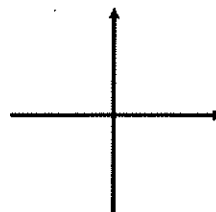
basic shape: $f(x) = x^2$

x	x^2
0	0
1	1
-1	1
2	4
-2	4

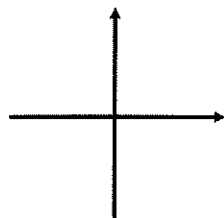


can use vertex and intercepts to sketch more complicated cases:

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



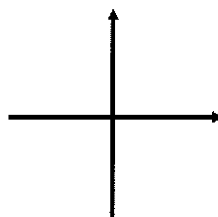
$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x$$



degree 3: "cubic function"

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

x	x^3
0	0
1	1
-1	-1
2	8
-2	-8



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').

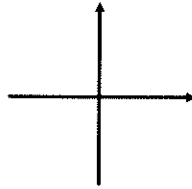
odd degree polynomials: left and right side move opposite
(positive leading coefficient = positive 'slope',
negative leading coefficient = negative 'slope')

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

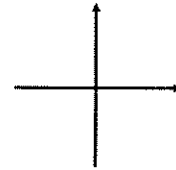
...but usually just graph in a calculator.

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

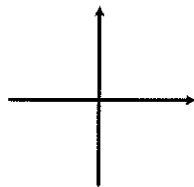
Sometimes you get lucky and can factor to find zeros:



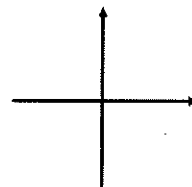
$$f(x) = -x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$$



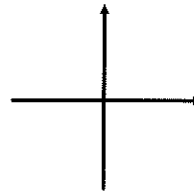
degree 4: $f(x) = 3x^4 - 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x + 2$
"quartic function"



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

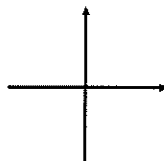


degree 5: $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 3x + 6$ "quintic function"

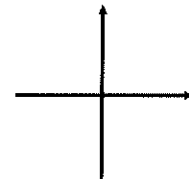


Other basic function shapes

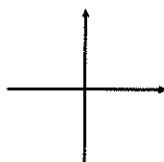
$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ "square-root function"



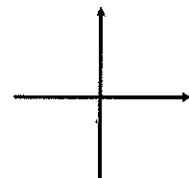
$f(x) = |x|$ "absolute-value function"



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



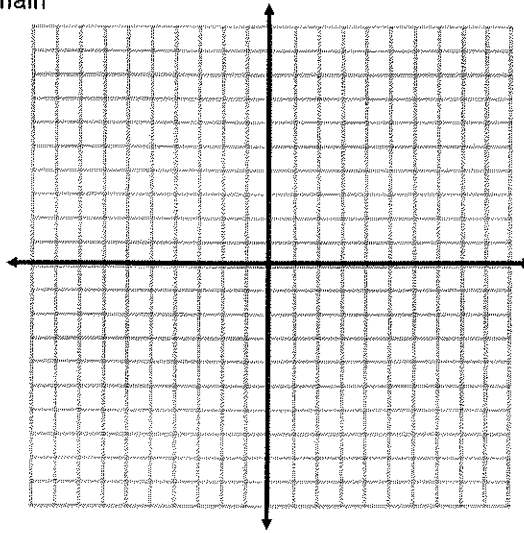
$f(x) = \llbracket x \rrbracket$ "greatest-integer function"



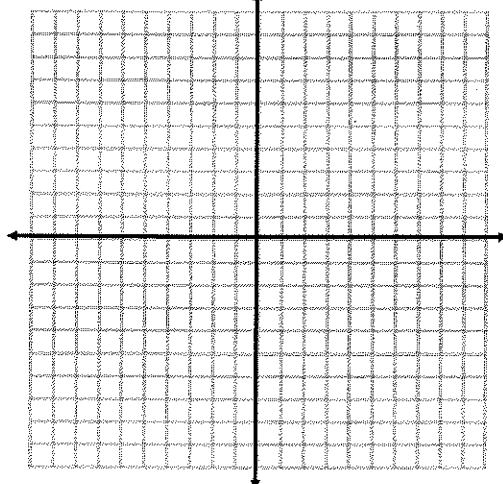
Piece-wise defined functions

Different rules for different parts of the domain

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



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

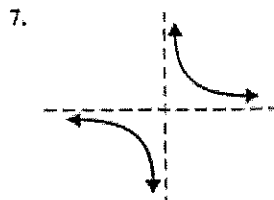
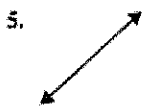
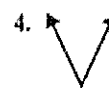


In Problems 1–8 match each graph to the function whose graph most resembles the one given.

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

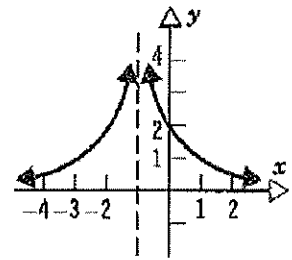
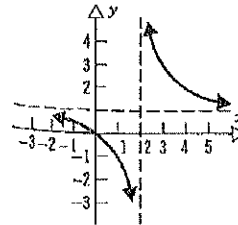
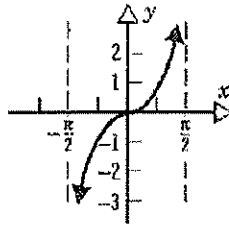
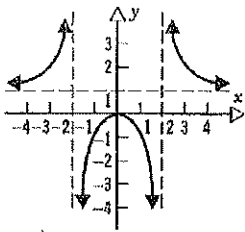
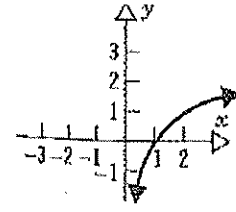
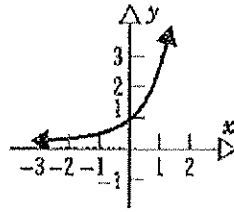
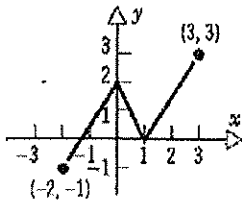
- (b) Linear function
- (e) Square root function
- (h) Greatest integer function

- (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.



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

a. $f(-x)$ b. $-f(x)$ c. $f(2x)$

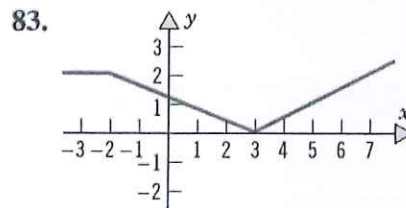
d. $f(x - 3)$ e. $f(1/x)$ f. $\frac{1}{f(x)}$

g. $f(x^2)$

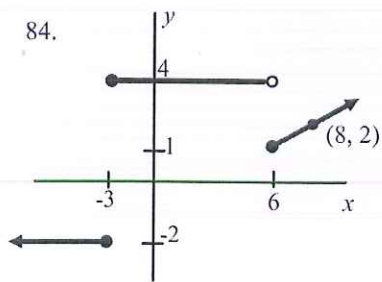
66. (a) Find the domain of the function
 (b) Locate any intercepts
 (c) Graph the function
 (d) Based on the graph, find the range

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

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



84.



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.

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

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.

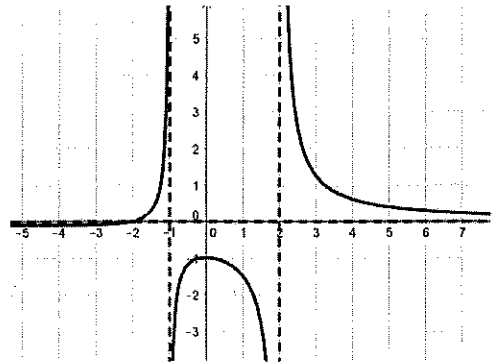
Vertical asymptotes:

Occur at any uncanceled zeros in the denominator.

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

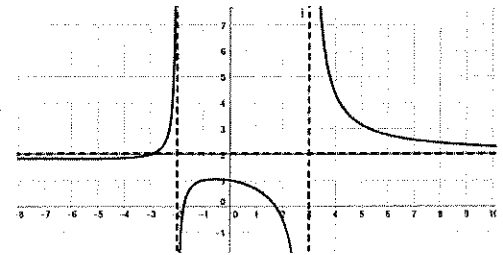
Find asymptotes and intercepts

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



Find asymptotes

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

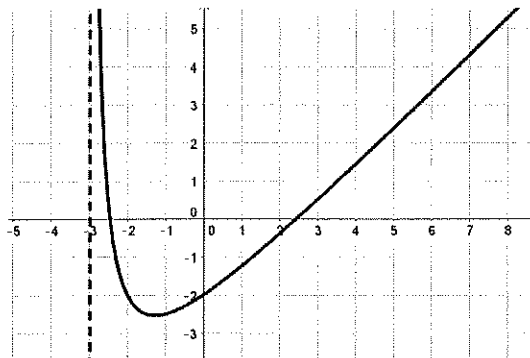


Find asymptotes and intercepts

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

Find asymptotes

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



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

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

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

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

Laws of exponents

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

$$a^{-n} = (ab)^m =$$

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

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

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

domain $(-\infty, \infty)$

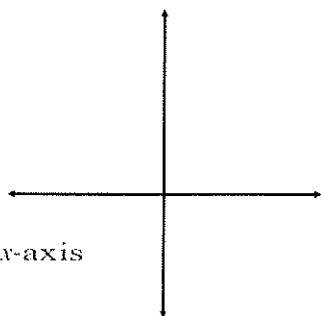
range $(0, \infty)$

x-int. none

y-int. $(0, 1)$

horizontal asymptote: x-axis

increasing function



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

domain $(-\infty, \infty)$

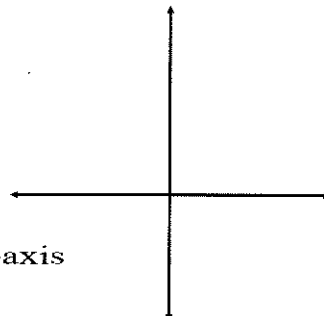
range $(0, \infty)$

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

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$

Evaluate each expression.

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

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

Solve each equation.

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

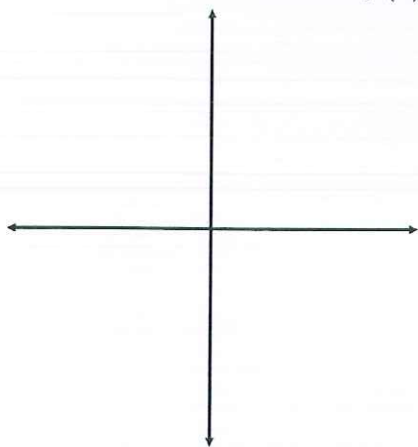
#51 $e^{2x+1} = e^3$

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 $f(x) = \log_a x$



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

domain:

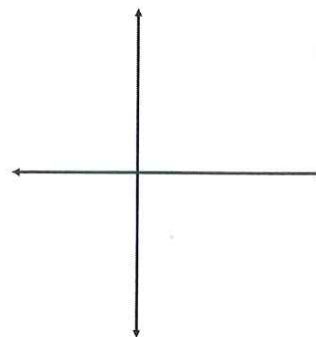
range:

x-int.:

y-int.:

hor/vert asym.:

inc./dec.:



Log form / exponential form

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

REMEMBER: "LOGS ARE EXPONENTS"

Write each logarithm expression using exponential notation.

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

Properties of logs:

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

$$\log_a (mn) =$$

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

$$\log_a m^r =$$

Evaluate each expression.

11. $\log_2 32$

15. $\log_2 24 - \log_2 12$

More about logs

$$\log_a 1 =$$

$$\log_a a =$$

$$\log_a a^x =$$

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

If

$$\log_a u = \log_a v$$

then

$$u = v$$

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

18. $\log_{10} 250$

22. $\log_{10} 30$

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

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

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

Find x or y .

34. $\log_2 64 = y$

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

Use the properties of logs to solve for x .

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

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

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

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:

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

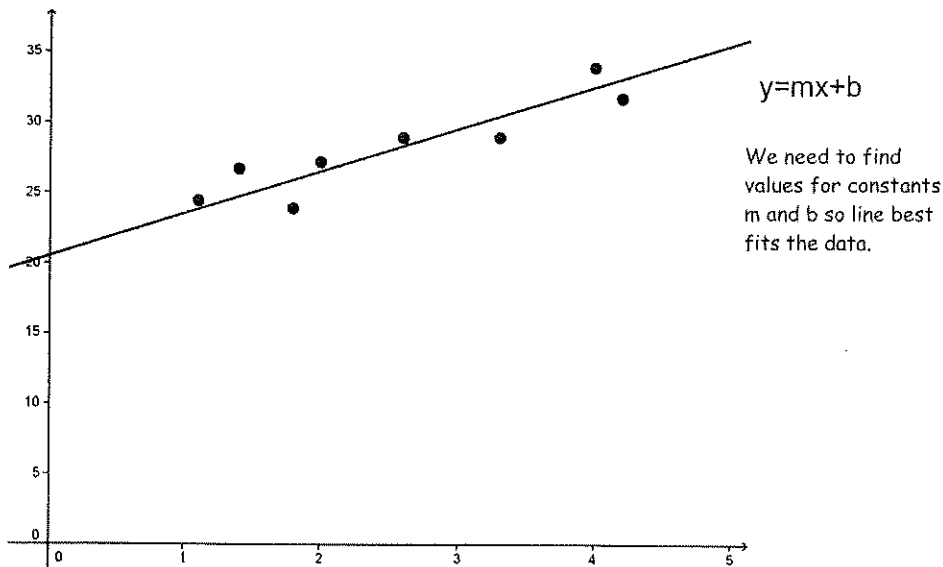
- What is the initial quantity?
- What is the half-life?

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:

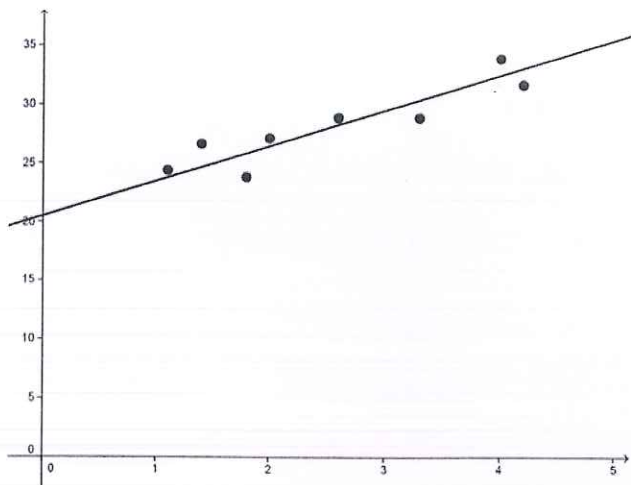
(x, y)	'x': Cricket chirps per second 'y': Air Temperature (C)
(1.1, 24.4)	
(1.5, 26.7)	
(1.8, 23.9)	
(2.0, 27.2)	
(2.6, 28.9)	
(3.3, 28.9)	
(4.0, 33.9)	
(4.2, 31.7)	



Linear Regression using Ti83/84

- | | |
|-------------|--|
| (x, y) | |
| (1.1, 24.4) | |
| (1.5, 26.7) | 1) Clear any $y=$ entries |
| (1.8, 23.9) | 2) Clear your lists (Stat, Edit, up arrow to top of column clear, enter) |
| (2.0, 27.2) | 3) Enter 'x' values in L1 and 'y' values in L2 |
| (2.6, 28.9) | 4) Run Linear Regression (Stat, Calc, LinReg) |
| (3.3, 28.9) | LinReg L1, L2, Y1 |
| (4.0, 33.9) | 5) Record equation produced |
| (4.2, 31.7) | 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-high-light).



$$y = 2.7x + 21.3$$

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

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: $y = \frac{c}{1 + a(e)^{-bx}}$