

## MA 110 NOTES (GROUP B)

### TERM ONE NOTES

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## FUNCTIONS

### TYPES OF FUNCTIONS

#### 1. INTO AND ONTO FUNCTIONS

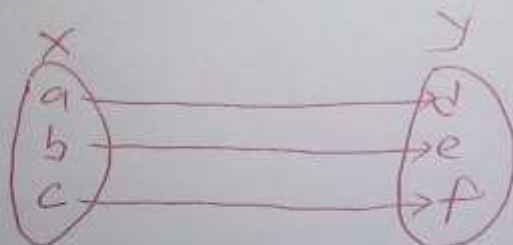
A function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is said to be ONTO if every  $y \in B$  is an image of some  $x \in A$



$f$  is a function of  $X$  ONTO  $Y$ .

#### 2. ONE TO ONE

$f: X \rightarrow Y$  is one to one if distinct elements in  $X$  have distinct images in  $Y$



#### 3. Many to ONE function.

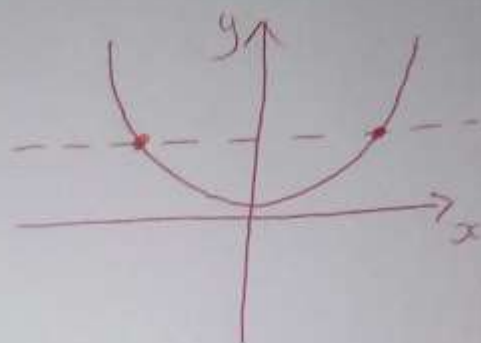
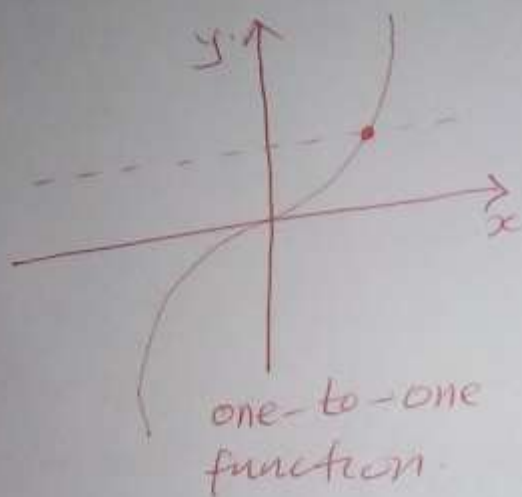
Many elements in set  $X$  have one image in set  $Y$



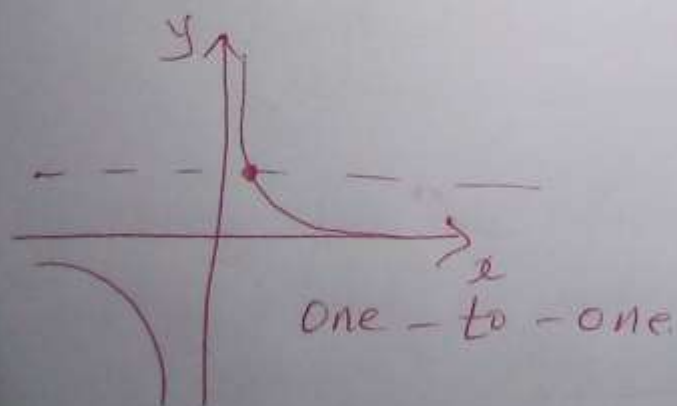
**NOTE:**

Any function whose graph is such that any horizontal line (parallel to the  $x$ -axis) intersect the graph at only one point, the function is one-to-one.

Example :-



many values of  $x$   
give one value of  $y$   
Hence it is a  
Many-to-one  
function



## EVEN AND ODD FUNCTIONS

$f: A \rightarrow B$  is even if

$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

odd if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Examples

Determine which of the following is even, odd or neither.

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

(c)  $h(x) = x^2 + 2x + 1$

Solution:

(a)  $f(x) = x^3 + x$

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

$$= -x^3 - x$$

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

$$= -f(x)$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is odd function

$$(b) \quad g(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$$

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

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

$$= g(x)$$

Hence  $g(x)$  is an even function

$$(c) \quad h(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$$

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

$$= x^2 - x - 1$$

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

$h(x)$  is Neither Even nor odd.

## COMPOSITION OF FUNCTIONS

Let  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  be functions with  $A$  and  $B$  being elements respectively. Then  $f$  and  $g$  can be combined to get new functions as follows:

$$1) (f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$

$$2) (f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

$$3) (f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$

$$4) \left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{f(x)}, \quad f(x) \neq 0$$

Example:

If  $f(x) = 3x - 1$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - x + 2$ , find

$$(a) (f+g)(x) \quad (b) (f-g)(x) \quad (c) (f \cdot g)(x)$$

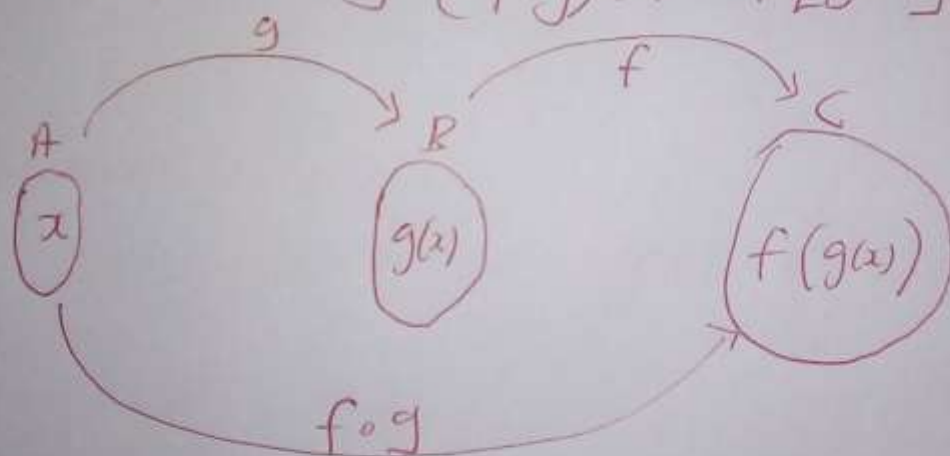
Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) (f+g)(x) &= f(x) + g(x) \\ &= (3x - 1) + (x^2 - x + 2) \\ &= x^2 + 2x + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (b) \quad (f-g)(x) &= f(x) - g(x) \\
 &= (3x-1) - (x^2-x+2) \\
 &= 3x-1-x^2+x-2 \\
 &= -x^2+4x-3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad (f \cdot g)(x) &= (3x-1)(x^2-x+2) \\
 &= -x^2+4x-3.
 \end{aligned}$$

The composition of functions  $f$  and  $g$  is defined by  $(f \circ g)(x) = f[g(x)]$



Example

If  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = 3x-4$ , find:

- $(f \circ g)(x)$  and its Domain;
- $(f \circ g)(2)$



Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} (a) (f \circ g)(x) &= [3x-4]^2 \\ &= 9x^2 - 12x - 12x + 16 \\ &= 9x^2 - 24x + 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) (f \circ g)(2) &= [3(2)-4]^2 \\ &= [6-4]^2 = \underline{\underline{4}} \end{aligned}$$

INVERSE OF A FUNCTION

Let  $f$  be a one-to-one function, with domain  $A$  and range  $B$ , then its inverse function  $f^{-1}$  has domain  $B$  and range  $A$ .

Example:

Find the Inverse of the following

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

$$\text{Let } y = 3(x+2)$$

$$y = 3x + 6$$

$$3x = y - 6$$

$$x = \frac{y-6}{3}$$

Now let  $x$  be  $f^{-1}(x)$  and  $y$  be changed to  $x$ , we have



$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-6}{3}$$

2) find inverses of  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$

first let  $y = x^2 + 2$

make  $x$  subject of formula

$$x^2 + 2 = y$$

$$x^2 = y - 2$$

$$x = \sqrt{y - 2}$$

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x - 2}}}$$

## CURVE SKETCHING

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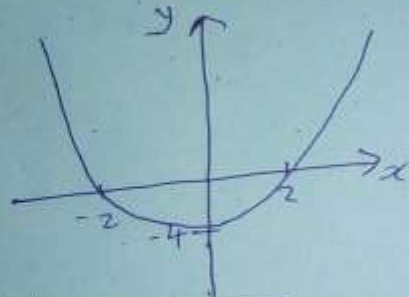
To sketch a graph of a function, we

- (i) Find intercepts
- (ii) Express given function in more explicitly form
- (iv) Set up table of values i.e. ordered pairs

Example


1. Sketch the graph  $y = x^2 - 4$

Intercepts,  $y = 0$ ,  $0 = x^2 - 4$ ,  $x = \sqrt{4} = \pm 2$   
 $x = 0$ ,  $y = -4$



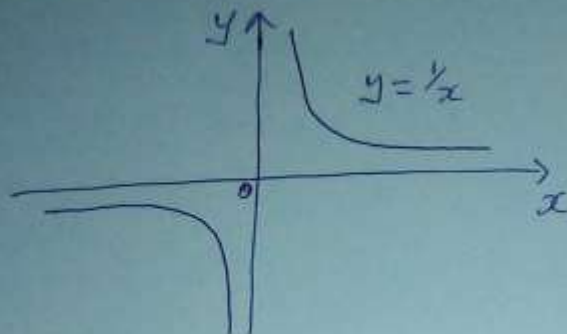
2. sketch  $y = \sqrt{x}$

$x \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  Domain  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} / x \geq 0\}$  or  $[0, \infty)$   
Range will be all non-negative numbers  
 $R_f = \{y \in \mathbb{R} / y \geq 0\}$



3. Sketch  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ .

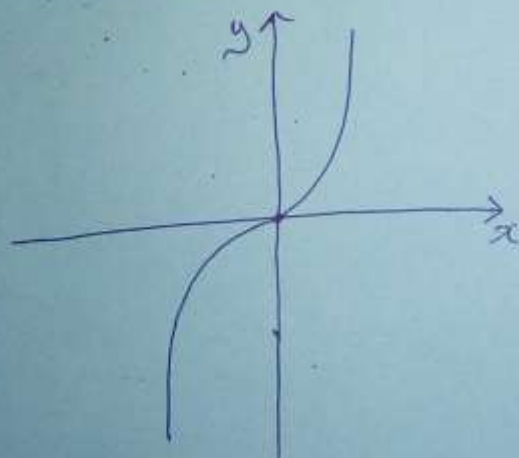
Here  $x \neq 0$  Domain  $D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} / x \neq 0\}$   
 $= (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$



4. Sketch  $y = x^3$

$x=0, y=0$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y$	-8	-1	0	1	8



TRANSFORMATION OF CURVES.

- 1)  $y = f(x) + a$  (Vertical ~~and horizontal~~ shift)  
 Shift up 'a' units if  $a > 0$   
 Shift down 'a' units if  $a < 0$

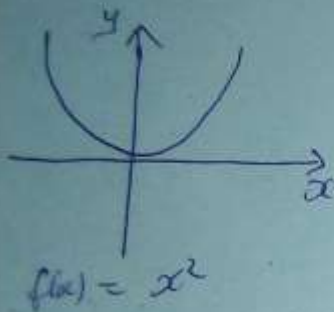
2)  $y = f(x+a)$  (Horizontal shift)

Shift "a" units left if  $a > 0$  and  
right if  $a < 0$ .

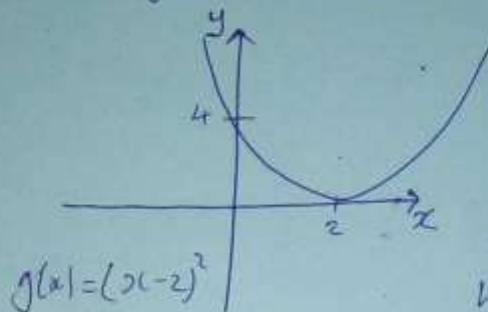
Example :-

Sketch the following

(a)  $f(x) = x^2$

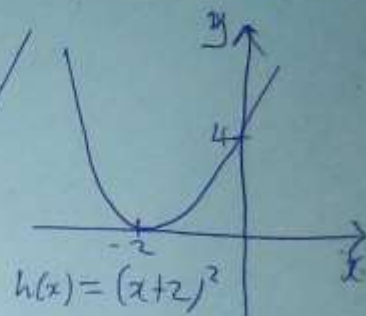


(b)  $g(x) = (x-2)^2$



$x=0, y=4$   
 $y=0, x=2$

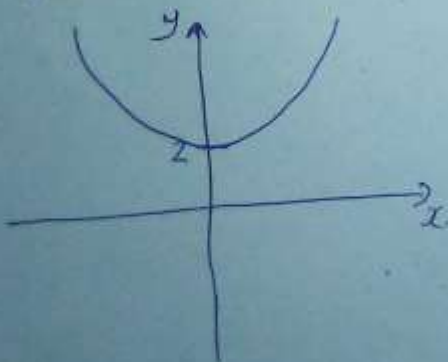
(c)  $h(x) = (x+2)^2$



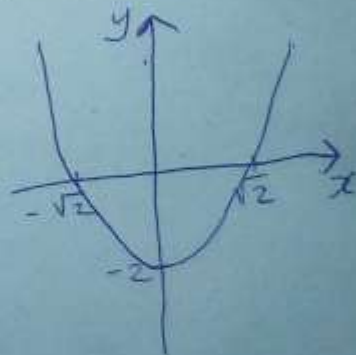
$x=0, y=4$   
 $y=0, x=-2$

3) sketch

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$



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

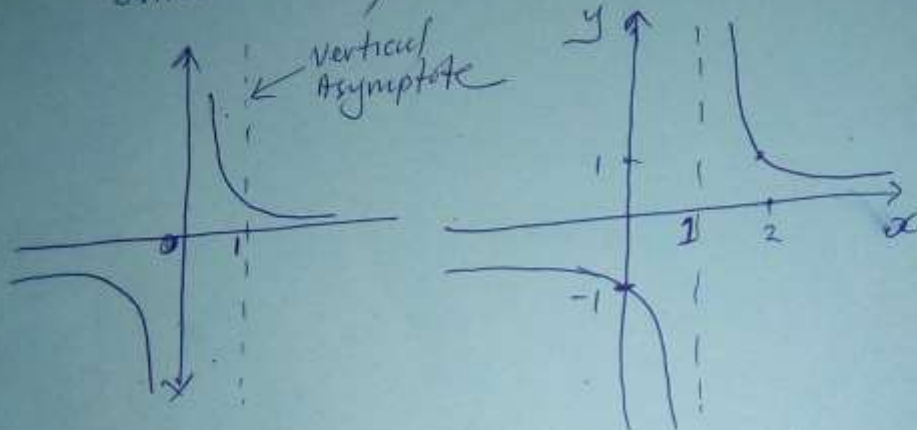


7) Sketch the graph  $y = \frac{1}{x-1}$

If we let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x-1) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

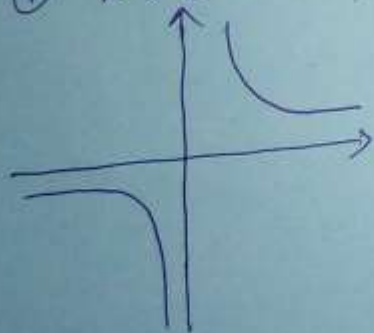
hence this is of the form  $f(x+a)$  (Horizontal shift)

Since  $a = -1$ , -ve, we shift Right 1 unit  
 $x \neq 1$

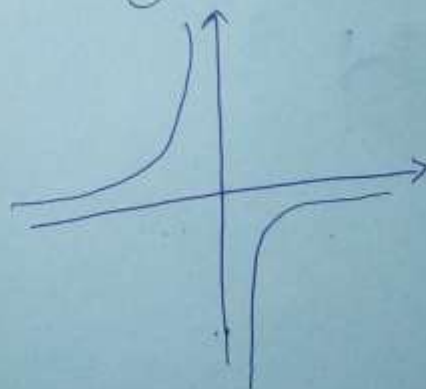


NB: for a curve  $y = \frac{k}{x}$

①  $k > 0$



②  $k < 0$





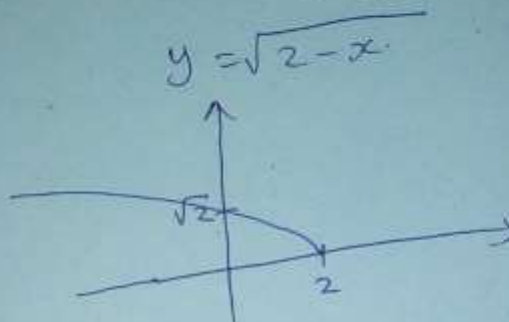
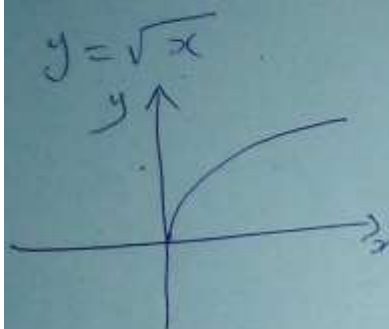
2) sketch (i)  $y = \sqrt{2-x}$

(ii)  $y = \sqrt{2x}$

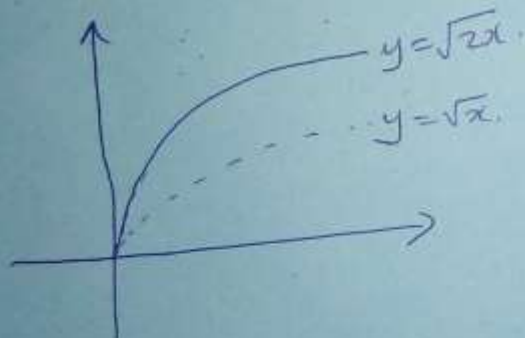
(iii)  $1 + \sqrt{x-2}$

$y = \sqrt{-x+2}$  (sketch to left)

(i) Domain  $2-x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 2$   
 $x=0, y=\sqrt{2}$



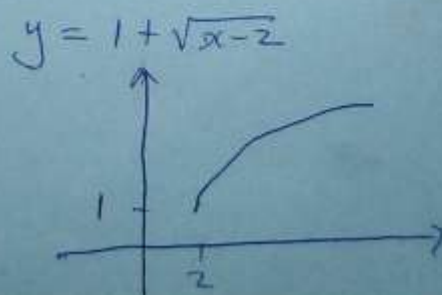
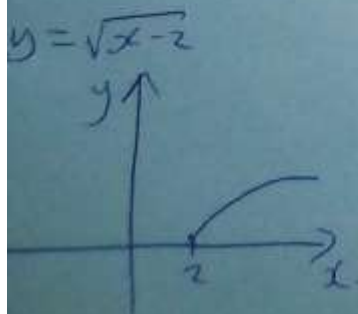
(ii)  $y = \sqrt{2x}$



(iii)  $y = 1 + \sqrt{x-2}$

Domain:  $x \geq 2$

at  $x=2, y=1$





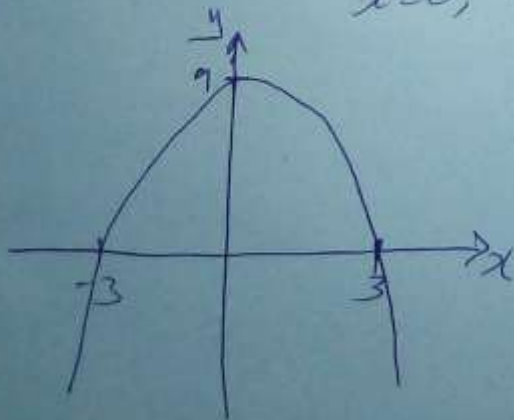
## STRETCHING AND REFLECTING

1. If  $a > 1$ ,  $y = af(x)$  is the graph of  $y = f(x)$  stretch by a scale factor  $a$  in vertical direction
2. for  $0 < a < 1$ ,  $y = \frac{1}{a}f(x)$ , compress the graph of  $f(x)$  by  $\frac{1}{a}$ .
3.  $y = f(ax)$  is a horizontal stretch by a factor  $\frac{1}{a}$
4.  $y = f(\frac{x}{a})$ , is a horizontal stretch by factor " $a$ ".
5.  $f(ax)$ , implies that  $f(-x)$  is a reflection about the  $y$ -axis.

### Example:

1.  $f(x) = 9 - x^2$ , sketch the curve with equations  
~~(a)  $y = f(2x)$~~  ~~(b)  $y = 2f(x)$~~

$$f(x) = 9 - x^2, \Rightarrow y = 0, x = \pm 3$$
$$x = 0, y = 9.$$



## PIECE-WISE FUNCTIONS

These are functions defined by formulae in different parts of the domain of formula

eg  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x^2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

Evaluate  $f(0)$ ,  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$

$f(0) \Rightarrow x=0$  thus  $x \leq 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1-x$   
 $f(0) = 1-0$   
 $= 1$

$f(1) \Rightarrow x=1$  thus  $x \leq 1$ ,  $f(x) = 1-x$   
 $f(1) = 0$

$f(2) \Rightarrow x=2$  thus  $x > 1$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$   
 $f(2) = 2^2 = 4$

2. Given

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 5-2x, & x < 1 \\ x^2+3, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(a) sketch  $g(x)$  stating its range.

(b) Find the values of  $a$  such that  $g(a) = 19$

Sol.

$$g(x) = 5-2x,$$

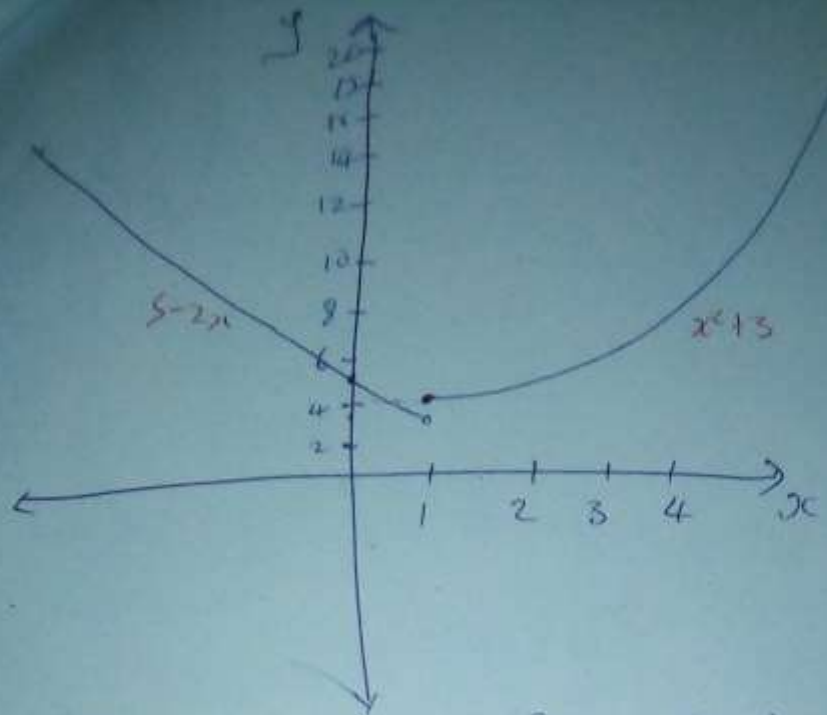
$$y = 5, x = 0$$

$$y = 0, x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$y = 3, x = 1$$

$$g(x) = x^2+3$$

$$y = 4, x = 1$$



Range :  $\{y / y > 3\}$  or  $(3, \infty)$

(b)  $g(a) = 19$

for  $g(x) = 5 - 2x$  ,  $x \leq 1$

$$g(a) \Rightarrow 5 - 2a = 19$$

$$-2a = 19 - 5$$

$$-2a = 14$$

$$a = -7$$

for  $g(x) = x^2 + 3$  ,  $x > 1$

$$g(a) = a^2 + 3 = 19$$

$$a^2 = 16$$

$$a = \pm 4 \Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$a \in \{4, -7\}$$

## BINARY OPERATIONS

## PRODUCT OF SETS AND BINARY OPERATION

Let  $B$  and  $D$  be any two sets, the product of  $B$  and  $D$ , denoted  $B \times D$  consist of all ordered pairs  $(b, d)$  such that  $b \in B$  and  $d \in D$ .

Example:

Let  $B = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $D = \{a, c\}$

(i) Find  $B \times D$  and (ii)  $D \times B$ .

$$B \times D = \{(2, a), (2, c), (3, a), (3, c), (4, a), (4, c)\}$$

$$D \times B = \{(a, 2), (a, 3), (a, 4), (c, 2), (c, 3), (c, 4)\}$$

$$B \times D \neq D \times B$$

BINARY OPERATION:

A binary operation on a non-empty set  $S$  denoted by " $*$ " is a rule that associate a pair of elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $S$  to a unique element  $a * b$  of  $S$ .

Remarks **PROPERTIES**

From the definition:

- (i) The operator  $*$  must be defined for every pair  $(a, b)$  where  $a \in S$  and  $b \in S$ .
- (ii) The order of  $a$  and  $b$  may be important <sup>since</sup>  $a * b$  may not be equal to  $b * a$ .
- (iii)  $a * b$  must be an element of  $S$ .
- (iv) The set  $S$  is "closed (under)" with respect to the operator  $*$ , i.e.  $a * b \in S$ .



(2)

Solution

Since  $1+3=4 \notin A$ , then  $A$  is not closed under +  
also  $(2 \times 3 = 6 \notin A)$ , " " " " " "

2) let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $*$  be such that for any pair  $(a, b)$ ,  $a * b = a + b$ . Is  $*$  a binary operator  $S$ ?

Solution:

Solution:-  
 "  $*$  " is not a binary operator on  $S$  since for  
 $(1, 4)$ ,  $1 * 4 = 1 + 4 = 5 \notin S$   
 $\therefore$  Addition is not binary on  $S$ .

## PROPERTIES

Definition  
A binary operation on a set  $S$  is said to be

(a) Commutative if for every pair of elements  $(a, b)$ ,  $a * b = b * a$

(b) Associative if for all  $a, b, c \in S$   
 $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$ .

## Examples 2

1) let "o" be an operator defined by  $a \circ b = 2^{a^2+b}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

i) is the operator a binary operation of the set  $\mathbb{R}$

(ii) Is it commutative

(2)  $\text{Emb}(\text{code}) = 104$

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### Solution

i) Given  $a \circ b = 2^{a^2+b}$  if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $a^2+b$  is also a real number i.e.  $2^{a^2+b} \in \mathbb{R}$ . So "o" is defined for all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , so  $a \circ b = 2^{a^2+b}$  is a binary operation on  $\mathbb{R}$ . (3)

ii) The operator is commutative iff

$$a \circ b = b \circ a$$

$$a \circ b = 2^{a^2+b}$$

$$b \circ a = 2^{b^2+a}$$

$a \circ b = b \circ a$  if and only if  $a^2+b = b^2+a$  i.e.  $a=b$

Therefore  $2^{a^2+b} \neq 2^{b^2+a}$

Not commutative.

(iii)  $-1 \circ 4 \Rightarrow a \circ b = 2^{a^2+b}$ ,  $-1 \circ 4 = 2^{(-1)^2+4} = 2^5 = 32$

### Q 2

$*$  is an operation defined by  $a * b = a^b + 1$   
 $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

(i) Is this operation binary on the set of real numbers

(ii) Evaluate  $(2 * -1) * 5$

### Solut.

(i)  $a * b = a^b + 1$ , Given  $a = -1$  and  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ .

$$(-1 * \frac{1}{2}) = (-1)^{\frac{1}{2}} + 1 = \sqrt{-1} + 1 = i + 1 \notin \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore a * b$  is not a binary operation on  $\mathbb{R}$ .

(ii)  $(2 * -1) * 5 = (2^{-1} + 1) * 5 = (\frac{1}{2} + 1) * 5$   
 $= \frac{3}{2} * 5$

## RADICAL EQUATIONS

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$$1) \sqrt{3x+13} = x+1$$

$$[\sqrt{3x+13}]^2 = (x+1)^2$$

$$3x+13 = x^2+2x+1$$

$$x^2+2x-3x+1-13=0$$

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

$$(x+3)(x-4)=0$$

$$x=-3 \text{ and } x=4$$

$$2. \sqrt[3]{7x-1} = 3$$

$$[\sqrt[3]{7x-1}]^3 = 3^3$$

$$7x-1 = 27$$

$$7x = 28$$

$$x = 4$$

$$3.) \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-5} = 1$$

$$\sqrt{x} - 1 = \sqrt{x-5}$$

$$[\sqrt{x} - 1]^2 = x-5$$

$$x - 2\sqrt{x} + 1 = x-5$$

$$-2\sqrt{x} + 1 = -5$$

$$-2\sqrt{x} = -6$$

$$\sqrt{x} = 3$$

$$x = 3^2 = 9$$

$$4) \sqrt{y+7} + 3 = \sqrt{y+4}$$

Square both sides

$$(y+7) + 6\sqrt{y+7} + 9 = y+4$$

$$6\sqrt{y+7} = y+4-9-y-7$$

$$6\sqrt{y+7} = -12$$

$$\sqrt{y+7} = -2$$

$$y+7 = 4$$

$$y = \underline{\underline{-3}}$$

$$5) x - \sqrt{x} - 6 = 0$$

We know that

$$(\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$

$$\therefore (\sqrt{x})^2 - \sqrt{x} - 6 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } y = \sqrt{x}$$

$$y^2 - y - 6 = 0$$

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

$$y = -2 \quad y = 3$$

Since  $y = \sqrt{x}$

Replacing  $y$  we have

$$\sqrt{x} = -2$$

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

$$\underline{\underline{x = 4}}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = 3$$

$$x = 3^2$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 9}}$$

$$6) \quad 2x^{4/5} - 47 = 115$$

$$2x^{4/5} = 162$$

$$x^{4/5} = 81$$

$$[x^{4/5}]^{5/4} = [81]^{5/4}$$

$$x = (81^{1/4})^5$$

$$x = (\pm 3)^5$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = \pm 243}}$$

## INEQUALITIES

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Solve the following inequalities

i)  $3(2x-1) \leq 2$

$$6x - 3 \leq 2$$

$$6x \leq 5$$

$$\underline{x \leq \frac{5}{6}}$$

(ii)  $-3 < \frac{5-3x}{4} \leq 2$

make  $x$  subject of formula

$$-3(4) < 5-3x \leq 2(4)$$

$$-12 < 5-3x \leq 8$$

$$-12-5 < -3x \leq 8-5$$

$$-17 < -3x \leq 3$$

$$\underline{\underline{\frac{17}{3} > x \geq -1}}$$

(iii)  $1 < 2x-5 \leq 7$

$$1+5 < 2x \leq 7+5$$

$$6 < 2x \leq 12$$

$$\underline{\underline{3 < x \leq 6}} \quad \text{or} \quad (3, 6]$$

$$(iv) \frac{x-3}{6} \leq \frac{2x+6}{3}$$

$$3(x-3) \leq 6(2x+6)$$

$$x-3 \leq 2(2x+6)$$

$$x-3 \leq 4x+12$$

$$-3x \leq 15$$

$$\underline{\underline{x \geq 5}}$$

(v) Solve the following quadratic inequality

$$x^2 - 2x - 15 > 0$$

$$(x+3)(x-5) > 0$$

Critical values are

$$x = -3 \text{ and } x = 5$$

	$\leftarrow$	$-4$	$-3$	$0$	$5$	$6$	$\rightarrow$
$x+3$		-		+		+	
$x-5$		-		-		+	
$f(x)$		+		-		+	
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$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (5, \infty)$$



## Quotient Inequalities

(4)

1) Solve the following Inequalities

(a)  $\frac{x+9}{x-6} \leq 0$

Write down the critical values

$x = -9$  and  $x = 6$

	$\leftarrow$	$-9$	$0$	$6$	$\rightarrow$
$x+9$		-	+	+	
$x-6$		-	-	+	
$f(x)$		+	-	+	

$\therefore x \in \cancel{(-\infty, -9]} \cup (6, \infty) \quad x \in [-9, 6)$

(b)  $\frac{x+1}{x+3} \leq 2$

$\frac{x+1}{x+3} - 2 \leq 0$

$\frac{x+1-2(x+3)}{x+3} \leq 0$

$\frac{x+1-2x-6}{x+3} \leq 0$

$\frac{-x-5}{x+3} \leq 0$

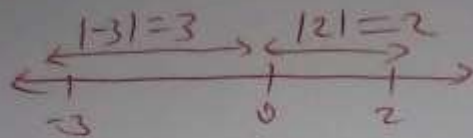
Critical values

$-x-5=0$   
 $-x=5$   
 $x=-5$   
 $x=-3$

	$\leftarrow$	$-5$	$-3$	$\rightarrow$
		+	-	-
		-	-	+
$f(x)$		-	+	-
		✓	?	✓
$x \in \cancel{(-\infty, -3)} \cup (-5, \infty)$				
$x \in (-\infty, -5] \cup (-3, \infty)$				

## EQUATION OF ABSOLUTE VALUES

Absolute value of any number is the distance between the number and zero



$$\text{In general} \\ |x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

~~In general~~

$$\del{|x| = |x| = x}$$

Example 1

1)  $|x + 2| = 5$

$$\begin{cases} x + 2 = 5 \Rightarrow x = 3 \\ x + 2 = -5 \Rightarrow x = -7 \end{cases}$$

2)  $|2x + 5| - 3 = 8$

$$|2x + 5| = 11$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 5 = -11 \Rightarrow x = -8 \\ 2x + 5 = 11 \Rightarrow x = 3 \end{cases}$$

(3)  $|5x - 7| = |4x + 7|$

$$\begin{cases} 5x - 7 = 4x + 7 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 14}} \\ 5x - 7 = -(4x + 7) \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{x = 0}} \end{cases}$$



3)  $\left| \frac{x-2}{x+3} \right| < 4$

(7)

$$\begin{cases} \frac{x-2}{x+3} < 4 \\ \frac{x-2}{x+3} > -4 \end{cases}$$

Solve each part:

$$\frac{x-2}{x+3} < 4$$

$$\frac{x-2}{x+3} - \frac{4}{1} < 0$$

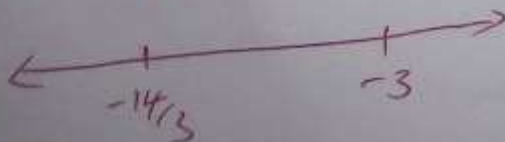
$$\frac{x-2-4(x+3)}{x+3} < 0$$

$$\frac{x-2-4x-12}{x+3} < 0$$

$$\frac{-3x-14}{x+3} < 0$$

Critical values

$x = -\frac{14}{3}$  and  $x = -3$



$$\frac{x-2}{x+3} > -4$$

$$\frac{x-2}{x+3} + \frac{4}{1} > 0$$

$$\frac{(x-2)+4(x+3)}{(x+3)} > 0$$

$$\frac{x-2+4x+12}{x+3} > 0$$

$$\frac{5x+10}{x+3} > 0$$

$x = -2$ ,  $x = -3$



## QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

MA 110 GROUP B ①  
LESSON 1

### QUADRATIC EQUATION

These are functions of the form  
 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  where  
 $a, b, c$  are Real Numbers

A function of the form  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$   
is called a quadratic Equation

The values of  $x$  which satisfy  
 $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are called roots,  
Zeros or solutions

### METHOD OF SOLVING QUADRATIC EQUATION

(a) Factorization

Every quadratic Equation has two  
roots,  
e.g if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of the  
equation, then

$$(x - \alpha)(x - \beta) = 0$$

e.g The solution of the equation...



$$x^2 + 7x + 12 = 0 \quad (2)$$

$$(x+4)(x+3) = 0$$

$$\therefore x+4=0 \quad \text{and} \quad x+3=0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x=-4}} \qquad \qquad \underline{\underline{x=-3}}$$

(b) COMPLETING THE SQUARE METHOD

Given the equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Complete the square in  $x$ .

Solution

Step 1

Divide through by 'a'  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{so that the} \\ \text{coefficient of} \\ x^2 \text{ is 1} \end{array} \right\}$

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} = 0$$

Step 2

Find the square of half of the coefficient of  $x$ .

\* Coefficient of  $x$  is  $\frac{b}{a}$

\* half of  $\frac{b}{a}$  is  $\frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{b}{a}\right) = \frac{b}{2a}$

\* Square of  $\frac{b}{2a} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$



Step 3:

③

Add  $\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$  on both sides of the equation

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{c}{a} = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2$$

\* Take  $\frac{c}{a}$  to RHS:

$$x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{c}{a}$$

Step 4

LHS is perfect square hence can be written as

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} - \frac{c}{a}$$

write RHS as a single fraction

$$\left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 = \frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}$$

To solve for  $x$ , square root both sides of equation

$$x + \frac{b}{2a} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}}$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \sqrt{\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{4a^2}} \quad (4)$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} \pm \frac{\sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

∴ The solution of equation is

$$x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Examples ÷

Solve the following using completing the square method

1)  $x^2 + 8x - 2 = 0$

Solution

$$x^2 + 8x = 2$$

Take half of coefficient of  $x$  and square it.

$$\frac{1}{2}(8) = 4 \quad 4^2 = 16$$

Add  $4^2$  both sides of equation

$$x^2 + 8x + 4^2 = 2 + 4^2$$

⑤  
The LHS is a perfect square

$$(x+4)^2 = 2 + 4^2$$

$$(x+4)^2 = 18$$

$$x+4 = \pm \sqrt{18}$$

$$x = -4 \pm \sqrt{18}$$

$$\underline{x = -4 \pm 3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{aligned} \sqrt{18} &= \sqrt{9 \cdot 2} \\ &= 3\sqrt{2} \end{aligned} \right\}$$

(b) Solve  $2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$

Solution

$$2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$$

NOTE:- ENSURE that coefficient of  $x^2$  is 1, hence divide through by 2.

$$2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$$

$$x^2 + \frac{6}{2}x - \frac{3}{2} = 0$$

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

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

Find half of coefficient of  $x$  and square it:

$$\frac{1}{2}(3) = \frac{3}{2}, \quad \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

⑥ Add  $(\frac{3}{2})^2$  both sides of equation

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

LHS is perfect square

$$(x + \frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{3}{2} + \frac{9}{4}$$

$$(x + \frac{3}{2})^2 = \frac{15}{4}$$

$$x + \frac{3}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{15}{4}}$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \sqrt{\frac{15}{4}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{15}}}$$

2) Using the quadratic formula  
Solve  $4x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$

formula is:

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$a=4, b=-4, c=3$$



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$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4(4)(3)}}{2(4)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 48}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{-32}}{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} * \sqrt{32} &= \sqrt{16} \cdot \sqrt{2} \\ &= 4\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm i 4\sqrt{32}}{8}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \pm i \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

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## DISCRIMINANT OF A QUADRATIC EQ. (8)

$$\text{If } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

The expression  $b^2 - 4ac$  is called the discriminant of  $ax^2 + bx + c$ . It determines the NATURE of roots of the equation.

(i) If  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$ , then  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  have two distinct roots.

(ii) If  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$ , then we have two equal roots (Repeated roots)

(iii) If  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ , then the equation have two distinct ~~roots~~ complex roots (conjugate roots)



Example:

For what value of  $P$  will the equation  $3x^2 + Px + 3 = 0$  have two distinct roots

Solution.

We have two distinct roots if

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$\text{for } 3x^2 + Px + 3 = 0$$

$$a=3, \quad b=P, \quad c=3$$

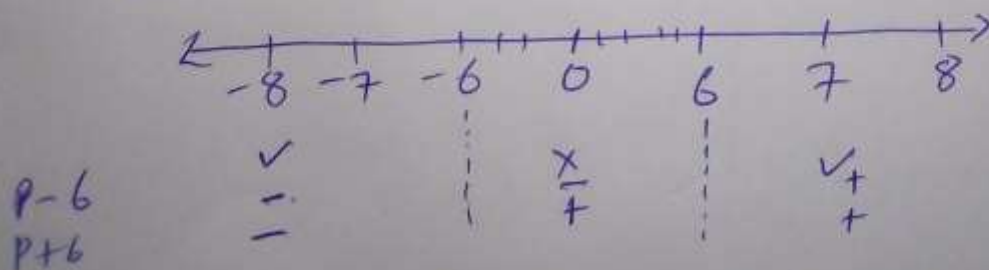
$$\therefore b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

$$P^2 - 4(3)(3) > 0$$

$$P^2 - 36 > 0$$

$$(P-6)(P+6) > 0$$

Critical Values are 6 and -6



$$\therefore P \in (-\infty, -6) \cup (6, \infty)$$

The LHS is a perfect square (10)

$$(x+4)^2 = 2 + 4^2$$

$$(x+4)^2 = 18$$

$$x+4 = \pm\sqrt{18}$$

$$x = -4 \pm \sqrt{18}$$

$$x = -4 \pm 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\underline{x = -4 + 3\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{and} \quad \underline{x = -4 - 3\sqrt{2}}$$

(b) Solve  $2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$

Solution

$$2x^2 + 6x - 3 = 0$$

$$2x^2 + 6x = 3$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(6) = 3, \quad \cancel{3^2 + 18} \quad 3^2 = 9$$

Add  $3^2$  both sides of equation

2) For what value of  $k$  will the equation  $kx^2 + (k+1)x + k = 0$  have real and equal roots. (11)

Solution

To have equal roots,

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$a = k, \quad b = (k+1), \quad c = k$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$(k+1)^2 - 4(k)(k) = 0$$

$$(k+1)^2 - 4k^2 = 0$$

$$(k^2 + 2k + 1) - 4k^2 = 0$$

$$-3k^2 + 2k + 1 = 0$$

$$k = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= -3 \\ b &= 2 \\ c &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$k = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{2^2 - 4(-3)(1)}}{2(-3)}$$

$$k = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{16}}{-6} = \frac{-2 \pm 4}{-6}$$

$$k = \frac{-2+4}{-6} \quad \text{or} \quad k = \frac{-2-4}{-6}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3} \quad k = 1$$

## (12)

### ROOTS OF A QUADRATIC EQUATION

Consider a quadratic equation whose solutions are

$$\alpha = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

let  $\alpha = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$  and  $\beta = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

be two roots of the equation

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0.$$

(i) The sum of the two roots is

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} + \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac} - b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-2b}{2a}$$

$$= -\frac{b}{a}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}}$$

ii) The product

(13)

$$\alpha \cdot \beta = \left( \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right) \left( \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \right)$$

$$= \frac{b^2 - (b^2 - 4ac)}{(2a)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4ac}{4a^2} = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\therefore \boxed{\alpha \cdot \beta = \frac{c}{a}}$$

Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then

This equation is equal to

$$(x - \alpha)(x - \beta) = 0$$

$$x^2 - x\alpha - x\beta + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$\therefore$

$$ax^2 - bx + c = x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta$$

$\uparrow$   
Sum

$\uparrow$   
product



Example:-

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be roots of  $7x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$   
find

(a)  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$       (b)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$       (c)  $\alpha - \beta$

Solution.

a) we know that

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \\ \alpha \cdot \beta = \frac{c}{a} \end{cases}$$

Given  $7x^2 + 2x - 5 = 0$ , then

$$a = 7, b = 2, c = -5$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{2}{7} \\ \alpha \beta = \frac{c}{a} = -\frac{5}{7} \end{cases}$$

$$\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha \beta} = \frac{(-\frac{2}{7})}{(-\frac{5}{7})} = \underline{\underline{\frac{2}{5}}}$$

b)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$

We need to write this expression in form of sum(s) or products of roots of the equation. To achieve that we make the following expressions



The expansion of  $(\alpha + \beta)^2$  is

$$(\alpha + \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2$$

Now express the above equation in terms of  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$

$$\alpha^2 + 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \alpha^2 + \beta^2 &= \left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 - 2\left(-\frac{5}{7}\right) \\ &= \frac{4}{49} + \frac{10}{7} \\ &= \frac{4 + 70}{49} = \underline{\underline{\frac{74}{49}}} \end{aligned}$$

(C) We need to write  $\alpha - \beta$  in form of products and sum of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 - 2\alpha\beta + \beta^2$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - 2\alpha\beta \quad \dots (i)$$

From solution (b), we found

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \quad \dots (ii)$$

Replacing (ii) in (i) we get

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = [(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta] - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$$

$$\alpha - \beta = \pm \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta}$$

Since  $\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = -2/7 \\ \alpha\beta = -5/7 \end{cases}$ , then

$$\alpha - \beta = \pm \sqrt{\left(-\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 - 4\left(-\frac{5}{7}\right)}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{49} + \frac{20}{7}}$$

$$= \pm \sqrt{\frac{144}{49}}$$

$$= \pm \frac{12}{7}$$

2. Find an equation whose roots are squares of the roots of the equation  $2x^2 - x + 3 = 0$

Solution.

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be roots of  $2x^2 - x + 3 = 0$

then 
$$\begin{cases} \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{1}{2} \\ \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{3}{2} \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} a=2 \\ b=-1 \\ c=3 \end{cases}$$

The roots of the required equation are square of roots of  $2x^2 - x + 3 = 0$   
Hence roots are  $\alpha^2$  and  $\beta^2$

The sum of the "new" roots is

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ \text{product is } \alpha^2\beta^2 = (\alpha\beta)^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \\ \quad = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \\ \quad = \frac{1}{4} - 3 = -\frac{11}{4} \\ (\alpha\beta)^2 = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4} \end{cases}$$

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The required equation is of the form

$$(x - \alpha^2)(x - \beta^2) = 0$$

$$x^2 - \alpha^2 x - \beta^2 x + \alpha^2 \beta^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 - (\alpha^2 + \beta^2)x + (\alpha\beta)^2 = 0$$

↑  
sum

↑  
product

$$\therefore x^2 - \left(-\frac{11}{4}\right)x + \frac{9}{4} = 0$$

$$\underline{4x^2 + 11x + 9 = 0}$$

- 3) Given the equation  $3x^2 + 8x + d = 0$  find the value of  $d$  if the roots of this equation differ by 2.

Solution

Since the roots differ by 2, if one of the roots is  $\alpha$ , the other root is  $\alpha + 2$

Sum of the roots is

$$(\alpha + 2) + \alpha = -\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{8}{3}$$



Solving for  $x$  we get (19)

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

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

$$x = -\frac{7}{3}$$

Since the two roots are  
 $x$  and  $x+2$ ,

$$x = -\frac{7}{3} \quad \text{therefor} \quad x+2 = -\frac{7}{3} + 2 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

The product of roots is

$$x \cdot (x+2) = \frac{c}{a} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\left(-\frac{7}{3}\right)\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\frac{7}{9} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$d = \frac{7}{3}$$



GRAPHS OF QUADRATIC FUNCTIONS<sup>20</sup>  
Every quadratic function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$   
can be written in the "Standard Form"

$$f(x) = a(x+h)^2 + k, \quad a \neq 0$$

Example: By completing the square  
write  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  in standard  
form.

Solution:

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

\*NOTE: make sure the coefficient of  
 $x^2$  is one. Factorise "a".

DO NOTE DIVIDE THROUGH BY "a".

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$= a \left[ x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \frac{c}{a} \right]$$

$$= a \left[ x^2 + \frac{b}{a}x + \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{c}{a} \right]$$

$$= a \left[ \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 + \frac{c}{a} \right]$$

$$= a \left[ \left(x + \frac{b}{2a}\right)^2 - \frac{b^2}{4a^2} + \frac{c}{a} \right]$$

$$= a \left[ \left( x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{-b^2 + 4ac}{4a^2} \right] \quad (24)$$

multiply through by "a", we get

$$f(x) = a \left( x + \frac{b}{2a} \right)^2 + \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

$$\text{let } h = \frac{b}{2a} \quad \text{and} \quad k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

$$\text{Then } \underline{f(x) = a(x+h)^2 + k}$$

Example:

Express the equation  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 23$   
in the form  $a(x+p)^2 + q$

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 23$$

$$f(x) = 2 \left[ x^2 - 6x + \frac{23}{2} \right]$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} \text{coefficient of } x \text{ is } -6, \\ \therefore \frac{1}{2}(-6) = -3, \quad (-3)^2 = 9 \end{array} \right.$$

$$f(x) = 2 \left[ x^2 - 6x + (-3)^2 - (-3)^2 + \frac{23}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ (x-3)^2 + \frac{23}{2} - 9 \right]$$

$$f(x) = 2[(x-3)^2 + \frac{5}{2}]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2(x-3)^2 + 5}}$$

(b)  $f(x) = 1 - 6x - x^2$

$$f(x) = -x^2 - 6x + 1$$

$$f(x) = -[x^2 + 6x - 1]$$

$$f(x) = -[\underbrace{x^2 + 6x + (3)^2}_{(x+3)^2} - (3)^2 - 1]$$

$$f(x) = -[(x+3)^2 - 9 - 1]$$

$$= -[(x+3)^2 - 10]$$

$$= -(x+3)^2 + 10$$

REMARKS :

Given a quadric function in the form

$f(x) = a(x+h)^2 + k$ , where

$$h = \frac{b}{2a}, \quad k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

The graph of  $f(x)$  is a parabola with:

$$f(x) = 2[(x-3)^2 + \frac{5}{2}]$$

$$= \underline{\underline{2(x-3)^2 + 5}}$$

(b)  $f(x) = 1 - 6x - x^2$

$$f(x) = -x^2 - 6x + 1$$

$$f(x) = -[x^2 + 6x - 1]$$

$$f(x) = -[\underbrace{x^2 + 6x + (3)^2}_{(x+3)^2} - (3)^2 - 1]$$

$$f(x) = -[(x+3)^2 - 9 - 1]$$

$$= -[(x+3)^2 - 10]$$

$$= -(x+3)^2 + 10$$

REMARKS :

Given a quadric function in the form

$$f(x) = a(x+h)^2 + k, \text{ where}$$

$$h = \frac{b}{2a}, \quad k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}$$

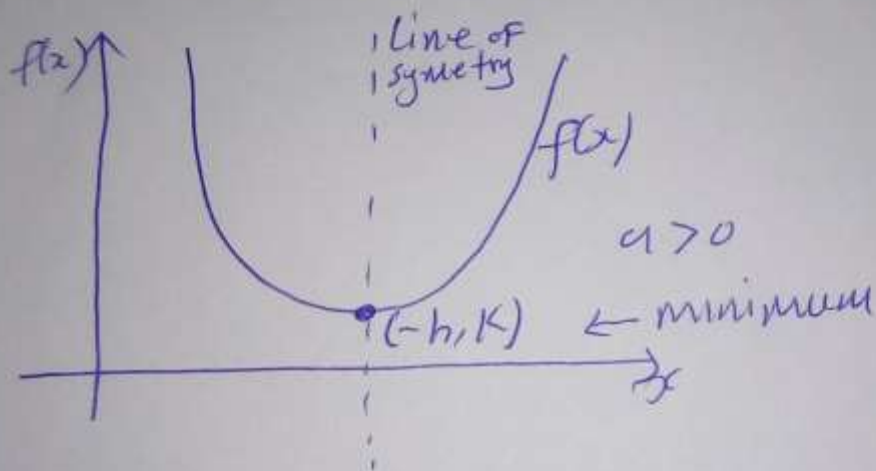
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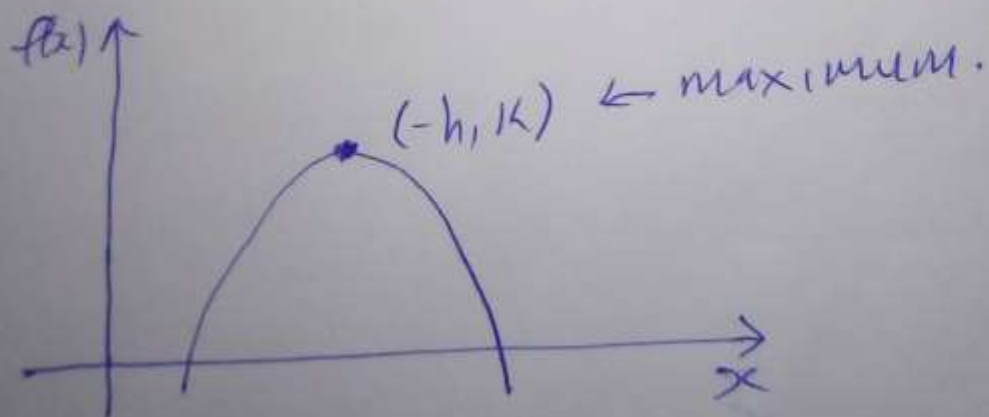
(23)

the vertex (turning point)  $(-h, k)$   
or  $(-h, k) = \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a}\right)$

for the function  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$   
if  $a > 0$ ,  $(-h, k)$  is a minimum



if  $a < 0$ , then  $(-h, k)$  is a maximum





Example:

Sketch the graph of

(a)  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 19$   
in standard form.

Solution:

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 12x + 19$$

$$= 2 \left[ x^2 - 6x + \frac{19}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ x^2 - 6x + (-3)^2 - (-3)^2 + \frac{19}{2} \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[ (x-3)^2 - 9 + \frac{19}{2} \right]$$

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

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

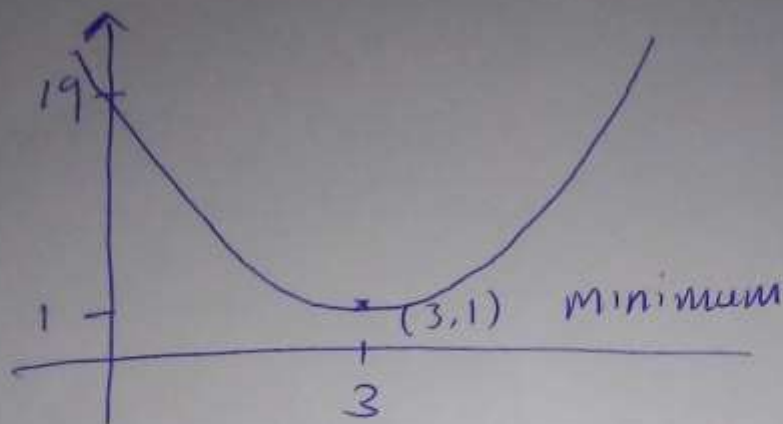
$$f(x) = 2(x-3)^2 + 1$$

$a > 0$

$x-3=0$   
 $x=3$

(Graph shift  
3 unit to right)

moves up  
one unit



$$\text{turning point} = (-h, k) = (-(-3), 1) \\ = \underline{\underline{(3, 1)}}$$

(b) Graph  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 12x - 7$

line of symmetry

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-12}{2(-3)} = 2 \\ 2 = -h$$

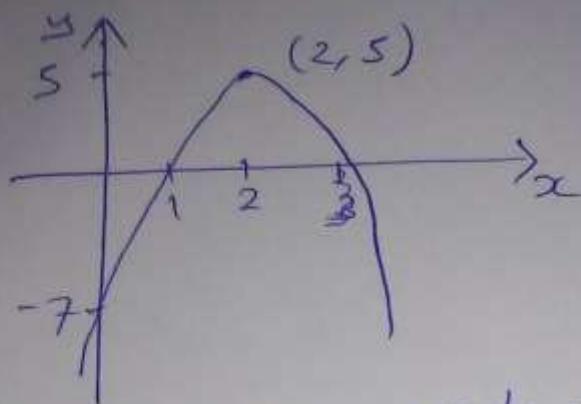
$$k = f(-h) = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f(2) = 5$$

Graph cut the x-axis at

$$f(x) = 0$$

cut the y-axis at  $x = 0$

$$f(0) = -7 \quad \text{or at } (0, -7)$$



(26)

Alternative, we can write the equation in standard form

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= -3x^2 + 12x - 7 \\
 &= -3\left[x^2 - 4x + \frac{7}{3}\right] \\
 &= -3\left[x^2 - 4x + (-2)^2 - (-2)^2 + \frac{7}{3}\right] \\
 &= -3\left[(x-2)^2 - 4 + \frac{7}{3}\right] \\
 &= -3(x-2)^2 + 5
 \end{aligned}$$

vertex is (2, 5),  $a < 0$

(C) Sketch  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}(x+1)^2 - 3$

## POLYNOMIALS AND GRAPHS OF RATIONAL FUNCTIONS

### ALGEBRA OF POLYNOMIALS

A polynomial function  $P(x)$  is an algebraic expression that takes the form

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x^1 + a_0$$

where  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$  are real numbers and the powers  $n, n-1, \dots$  are positive integers

The degree of a polynomial is the highest power of  $x$  in the expression

Example:

1.  $P(x) = 5x^4 + 2x^2 + x - 7$  degree is 4

2.  $4x^3 + 6x^5 - x^2 + 12$  degree is 5

### DIVISION OF POLYNOMIALS

Recall:  $\frac{11}{4} = 2 + \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow 11 = 4 \times 2 + 3$

Here 11 is the dividend, 4 is the divisor, 2 is the quotient and 3 is the remainder.

In general if  $P(x)$  and  $D(x)$  are two polynomials with degree  $P(x) \geq \text{degree } D(x)$ , There exist a polynomial  $Q(x)$  and  $R(x)$  such that

$$P(x) = D(x) \times Q(x) + R(x)$$

$\uparrow$  dividend     $\uparrow$  divisor     $\uparrow$  quotient     $\uparrow$  Remainder

→ The process of polynomial division is equivalent to that of long division of real numbers.

e.g. 
$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \overline{) 11} \\ \underline{- 8} \phantom{0} \\ 3 \phantom{0} \end{array}$$
 2 ← quotient  
 3 ← Remainder



Examples

1. Divide  $P(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 1$  by  $(x-2)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 - 2x + 1 \leftarrow \text{Quotient} \\
 x-2 \overline{) x^3 - 4x^2 + 5x - 1} \\
 \underline{-(x^3 - 2x^2)} \phantom{-1} \\
 -2x^2 + 5x - 1 \\
 \underline{-(-2x^2 + 4x)} \\
 x - 1 \\
 \underline{-(x-2)} \\
 \underline{\underline{1}} \leftarrow \text{Remainder}
 \end{array}$$

Therefore  $P(x) = (x-2)(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 1$

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

Divide  $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 13$  by  $2x^2 + x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x+2 \\
 2x^2+x-2 \overline{) 2x^3+5x^2-13} \\
 \underline{-(2x^3+x^2-2x)} \phantom{-13} \\
 4x^2+2x-13 \\
 \underline{-(4x^2+x-4)} \\
 \underline{\underline{-9}}
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{2x^3 + 5x^2 - 13}{2x^2 + x - 2} = (x+2) + \frac{-9}{2x^2 + x - 2}$$



## SYNTHETIC DIVISION

Suppose a polynomial  $A(x)$  is divided by  $(x-k)$  where  $k$  is a constant. The long division can be simplified into a process called synthetic division.

Example:-

Divide  $x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 4$  by  $(x-2)$

Step 1

Write out the coefficients of the dividend in decreasing powers of  $x$

	1	2	-3	4
2				

$$(x-2) \Rightarrow x=2$$

Step 2

Place the leading coefficient in the last row.

	1	2	-3	4
2				
	1			

Step 3

Multiply 1 by 2 i.e.  $k$  and write the answer under second coefficient.

	1	2	-3	4
2		2	8	10
	1	4	5	14

Then Add  $2 + 2 = 4$ .

The last row indicate a quotient  $x^2 + 4x + 5$  remainder 14.

Example 2: Divide  $p(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 13x - 2$  by  $D(x) = x + 4$ .

	2	5	-13	-2
-4		-8	12	4
	2	-3	-1	2

Last Row represent the quotient  $2x^2 - 3x - 1$  remainder 2.

THE REMAINDER THEOREM.

For any polynomial  $p(x)$ , the remainder when divided by  $(x - k)$  is  $p(k)$ .

Example 1:

1) If  $p(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 1$  is divided by  $x - 2$ , Find the remainder

$$p(2) = (2)^3 + 2(2)^2 - 5(2) - 1$$

$$= 8 + 8 - 10 - 1 = 5$$

$\therefore$  Remainder is 5

2) Find the value of  $k$  if the remainder of  $w = x^3 + kx^2 - x + 2$  when divided by  $x + 2$  is 20

$$w(-2) = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (-2)^3 + k(-2)^2 - (-2) + 2 = 20$$

$$-8 + 4k + 2 + 2 = 20$$

$$4k = 24$$

$$\underline{k = 6}$$

### THE FACTOR THEOREM :



$(x - \alpha)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$  if and only if  $p(\alpha) = 0$

That is to say if  $(x - \alpha)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , the remainder  $p(\alpha) = 0$

#### Example

Determine which of the following are factors of  $p(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 7x + 2$

- i)  $(x - 3)$ ,  $p(3) = 2(3)^3 + 7(3)^2 + 7(3) + 2 \neq 0$
- ii)  $(x - 1)$ ,  $p(1) = 2(1)^3 + 7(1)^2 + 7(1) + 2 \neq 0$
- iii)  $(x + 2)$ ,  $p(-2) = 2(-2)^3 + 7(-2)^2 + 7(-2) + 2$   
 $= -16 + 28 - 14 + 2 = 0$

THEREFORE,  $(x - 3)$  and  $(x - 1)$  are NOT factors

$(x + 2)$  is a factor.

# THE RATIONAL ROOT THEOREM:

If the polynomial

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

has any rational roots, then they must be of the form

$$\pm \left\{ \frac{\text{factors of } a_0}{\text{factors of } a_n} \right\}$$

Example:

Use the rational root theorem to find all rational solutions of;

$$3x^3 + 8x^2 - 15x + 4 = 0$$

$$\pm \left\{ \frac{\text{factors of } a_0}{\text{factors of } a_n} \right\}$$

Constant  
Leading Coefficient

$$a_0 = 4 \quad \text{factors are } \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4$$

$$a_n = 3 \quad \text{factors are } \pm 1, \pm 3.$$

$$\frac{a_0}{a_n} \Rightarrow \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{4}{3}$$

By Testing above numbers

$$f(1) = 0$$

Synthetic Division:

	3	8	-15	4
1		3	11	-4
	3	11	-4	0

Thus  $(x-1)$  is a factor and  $Q(x) = 3x^2 + 11x - 4$   
 $(x+4)(3x-1)$

$$\therefore P(x) = (x-1)(x+4)(3x-1)$$

$$\text{or } (x-1)=0, \quad x+4=0, \quad 3x-1=0$$

$$x=1, \quad x=-4, \quad x=\frac{1}{3}$$

~~Q. 11. The given polynomials~~

2. Determine  $m$  and  $n$  so that  $3x^3 + mx^2 - 5x + n$  is divisible by both  $(x-2)$  and  $(x+1)$ .

$$P(2) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad P(-1) = 0$$

$$P(2) = 3(2)^3 + m(2)^2 - 5(2) + n = 0$$

$$4m + n = -14 \quad \dots \quad (I)$$

$$P(-1) = -3 + m + 5 + n = 0$$

$$m + n = -2 \quad \dots \quad (II)$$

Solving simultaneously

$$3m = -12$$

$$\underline{\underline{m = -4}}$$

$$-4 + n = -2$$

$$\underline{\underline{n = 2}}$$



## GRAPHS OF POLYNOMIALS

Sketch the graph

(a)  $f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)(x-4)$

Key points:

If  $p(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots$  and  $x = r$  is a zero of  $p(x)$

(i) If  $n$  is even and  $a_n$  is positive

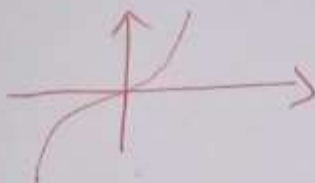
The graph increases without bound positively at both ends.

i.e.  $y = x^2$



(ii) If  $n$  is odd and  $a_n$  is positive, then  $p(x)$  increases without bound at the right end and decreases without bound at the left end.

i.e.  $y = x^3$



(iii) If  $n$  is even and  $a_n < 0$ , graph decreases without bound at both ends

$y = -x^2$



(iv) If  $n$  is odd and  $a_n < 0$  then  $p(x)$  will decrease without bound positively at the right end and increase at left end.

(v) Determine the multiplicity of ~~zeros~~ <sup>Zeros</sup>

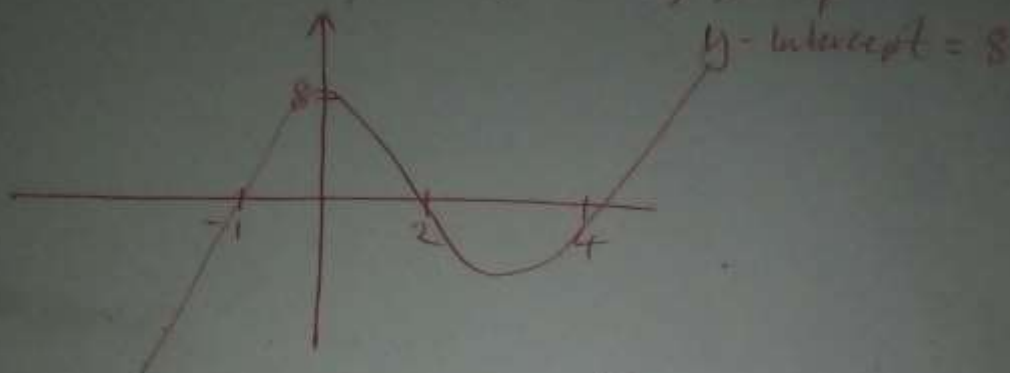
Examples

Sketch

(a)  $f(x) = (x+1)(x-2)(x-4)$

Note:  $dx x^n \Rightarrow x^3$ ,  $dx$  is +ve,  $n$  is odd

Zeros are  ~~$x=1$~~ ,  $x=-1$ ,  $x=2$ ,  $x=4$



(b)  $f(x) = (x+3)(x+2)(x-1)^3$

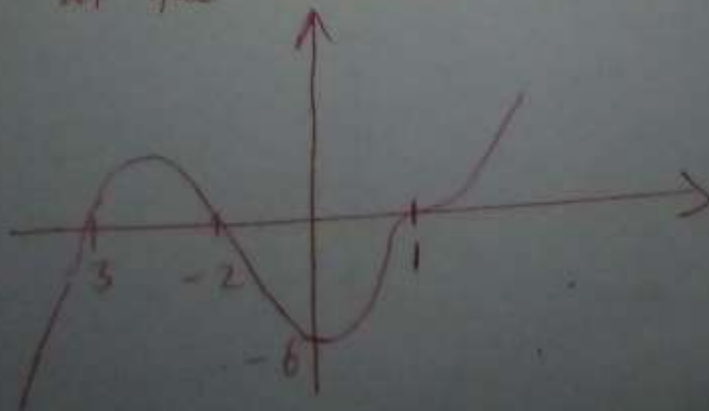
Zeros are  $x=-3$ ,  $x=-2$

$x=1$  (multiplicity = 3)

NOTE \* If multiplicity of a zero is even it just touch  $x$ -axis without crossing

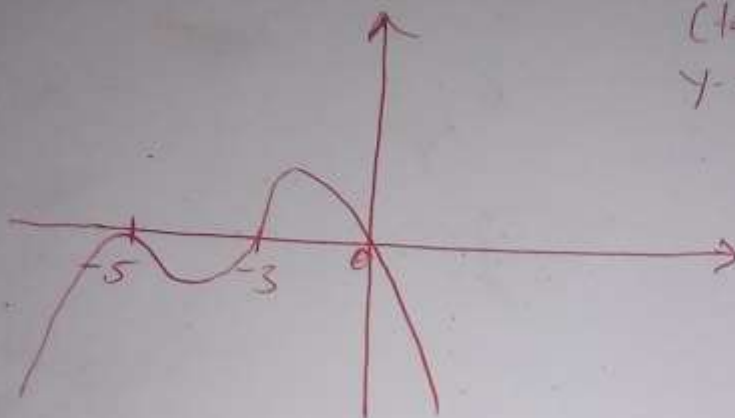
\* If it is odd it crosses and flares at the  $x$ -axis

Intercept  
 $y = -6$



(c)  $f(x) = -x(x+5)^2(x+3)$   
 $\ln x^n = -x^4$

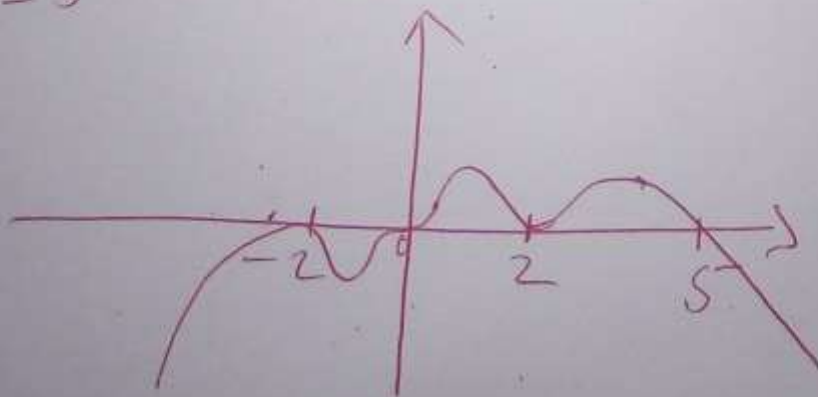
Zeros  $x=0$ ,  $x=-3$ ,  $x=-5$  (multiplicity 2)  
 (touch x-axis)  
 y-intercept = 0



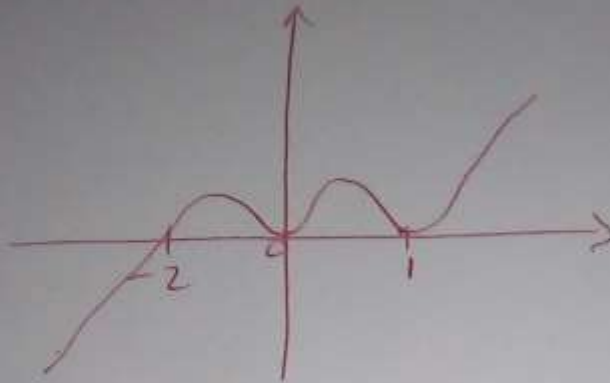
(d)  $-x^3(x+2)^2(x-2)^2(x-5) = f(x)$

$\ln x^n = -x^3 \cdot x^2 \cdot x^2 \cdot x = -x^8$

$x=0$  (multiplicity = 3)      y-intercept = 0  
 $x=2$  (multiplicity = 2)  
 $x=-2$  (multiplicity = 2)  
 $x=5$



④  $f(x) = x^2 (x-1)^2 (2+x)$



$x = 0 \quad m = 2$

$x = 1 \quad m = 2$

$x = -2$

Intercept = 0

$ax^n = x^5$





## GRAPHS OF RATIONAL FUNCTIONS

A rational function is of the form

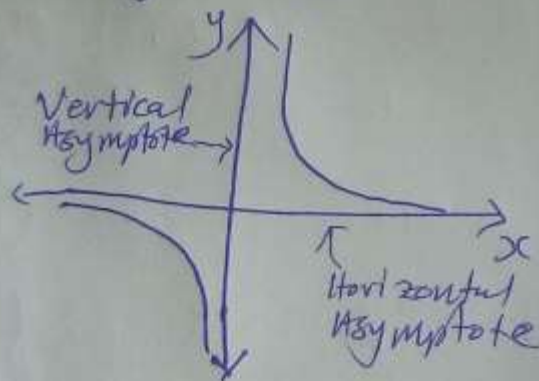
$$y = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad \text{where } q(x) \neq 0 \text{ and}$$

$p(x)$  and  $q(x)$  are polynomials.

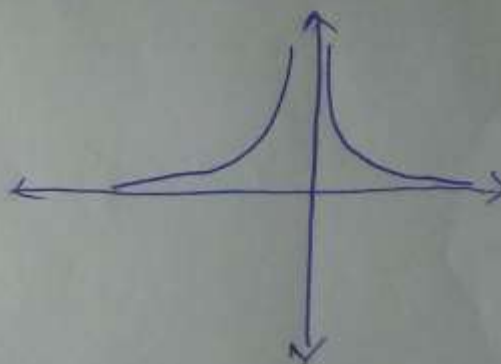
Example:-

Sketch the graph of

(a)  $y = \frac{1}{x}$



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



If the functions  $p(x)$  and  $q(x)$

have NO common FACTORS, the graph

$$y = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} \quad \text{has a vertical}$$

asymptote at the line  $x = a$   
for each value "a" at which  
 $q(a) = 0$

∴ vertical asymptotes are found by solving the equation  
$$\phi(x) = 0$$

### HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTES

$$\text{If } y = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)} = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots}$$

where  $a_n$  and  $b_m \neq 0$ .

The graph of  $y$  has horizontal asymptotes: ~~up~~

(a) at  $y=0$  if  $n < m$

(b) at  $\frac{a_n}{b_m}$  if  $n = m$

The graph have oblique asymptote  
if  $n > m$

### Example:

Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of

(i)  $y = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$

(ii)  $y = \frac{x^2-1}{x^3+8}$

Solution:

(i)  $y = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$

Since  $(x+1)$  and  $(x-1)$  have no common factors the VERTICAL Asymptote of  $y$  is at

$$x-1=0$$

$$\underline{x=1}$$

Graph have horizontal asymptote at  $y = \frac{a_n}{b_m} = \frac{1}{1} = \underline{1}$

Since powers  $\frac{x^1+1}{x^1-1}$  Equal powers

(ii)  $y = \frac{x^2-1}{x^3+8}$

Vertical Asymptote is at

$$x^3+8=0$$

$$x^3=-8$$

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

$$\underline{x=-2}$$

HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE IS AT

$$\underline{y=0}$$

Since  $x^{(2)}$   $x^{(3)}$   
 $\{2 < 3\}$

Sketch the graph of the function

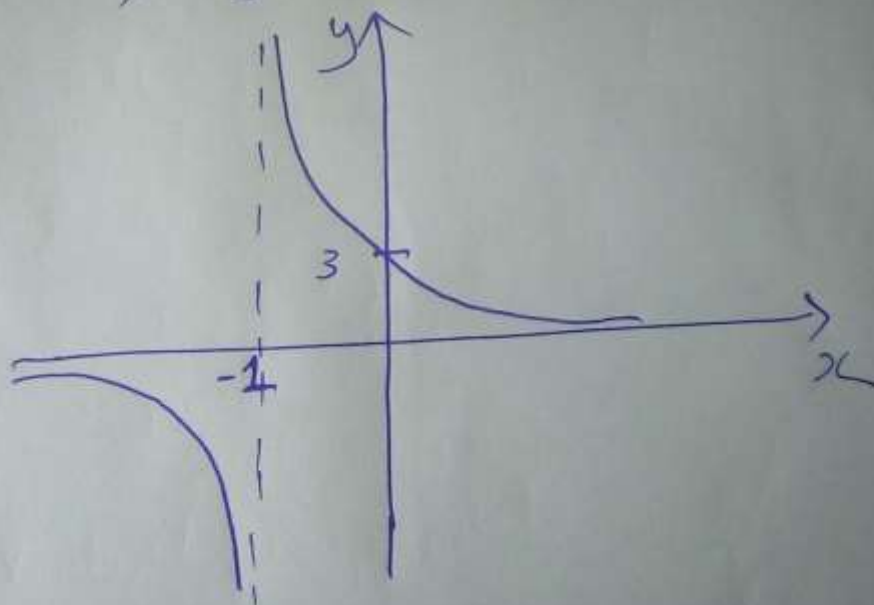
①  $y = \frac{3}{x+1}$

Vertical Asymptote:  $x+1=0$   
 $x = -1$

Horizontal Asymptote  
 $y = 0$

cuts axes at

$x=0, y = \frac{3}{0+1} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$



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

Vertical Asymptote:

$$x-1=0 \Rightarrow \underline{x=1}$$

Horizontal Asymptote:

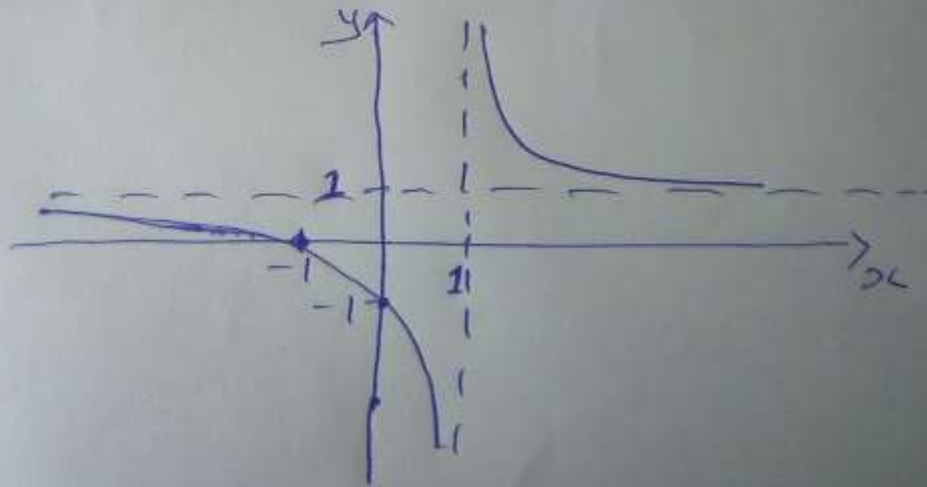
$$y=1 \quad \text{Since } y = \frac{0x+1}{0x-1}, \quad \frac{1}{-1} = -1 = y$$

Cuts Axes at

$$x=0, \quad y = \frac{0+1}{0-1} = -1$$

$$y=0 \quad 0 = \frac{x+1}{x-1} \Rightarrow x+1=0, \quad x=-1$$

$(0, -1)$  and  $(-1, 0)$





③ Sketch  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{x^2 - 4}$

Vertical Asymptote:  $x^2 - 4 = 0$   
 $x^2 = 4$   
 $x = \pm 2$

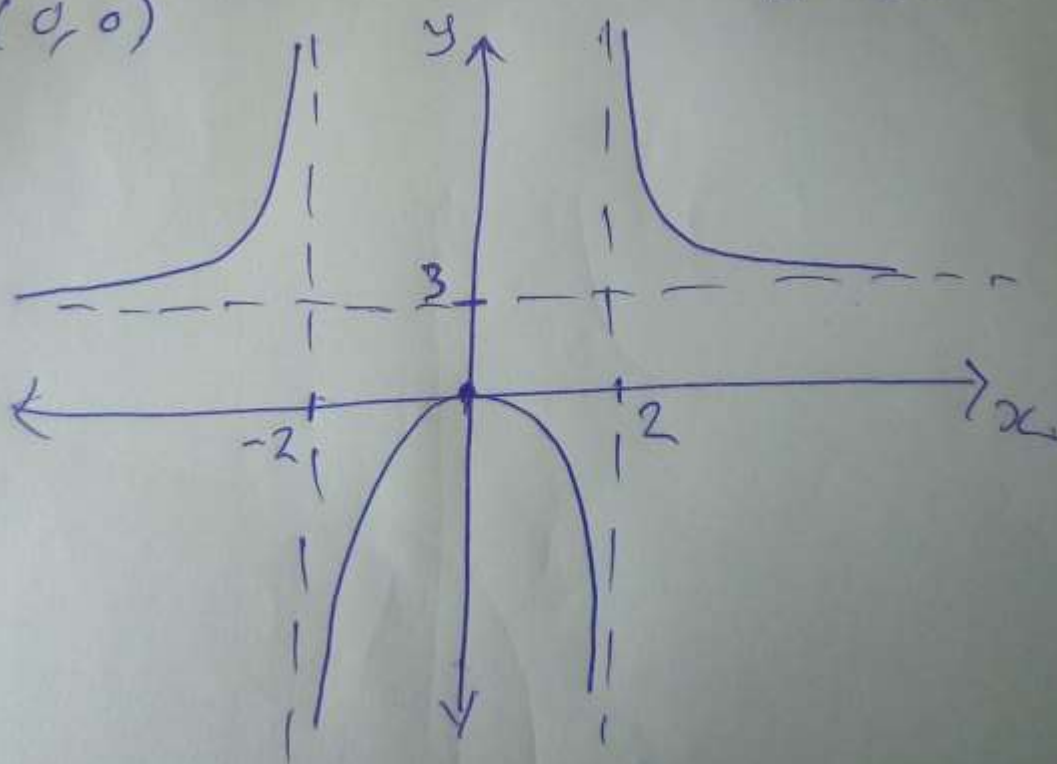
Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = \frac{3}{1}$

Since  $x^{\textcircled{2}} = x^{\textcircled{2}}$   
 Highest powers  
 of  $x$  are  
 equal in  
 numerator  
 and Denominator

Cuts axes at

$x=0, y=0$

$(0,0)$



$$(4) y = \frac{5x^2 - 2}{1 - x}$$

Graph will have slant (oblique) and vertical Asymptotes.

It is an IMPROPER fraction so divide  $(1-x)$  into  $5x^2 - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 -5x - 5 \\
 \hline
 -x + 1 \overline{) 5x^2 - 2} \\
 \underline{-(5x^2 - 5x)} \phantom{-2} \\
 5x - 2 \\
 \underline{-(5x - 5)} \\
 \hline
 3 \leftarrow \text{Remainder}
 \end{array}$$

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

The oblique Asymptote is  
 $y = -5x - 5$

Vertical Asymptote is

$$1 - x = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

Intercepts

at  $y=0$ ,

$$0 = \frac{5x^2 - 2}{1 - x}$$

$$(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}, 0)$$

$$0 = 5x^2 - 2$$

and

$$x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}$$

$$x=0, y=-2$$

$$(\sqrt{\frac{2}{5}}, 0)$$

$$(0, -2)$$

You need to sketch the oblique  
Asymptote ( $y = -5x - 5$ ). Full graph of  
 $y = \frac{5x^2 - 2}{1 - x}$  is

