



MATHEMATICS EXTENSION 2

4 UNIT MATHEMATICS

TOPIC 1: GRAPHS

1.8 Problem solving using graphs and inequality

OPERATING ON GRAPHS OF BASIC FUNCTIONS

If you want to graph the function $y = x \log_e(x)$ how do you start?

- Step 1. Plot the graph of $y_1 = x$ and then $y_2 = \log_e(x)$ and consider the properties of each graph.
- Step 2. Plot the graph of $y = x \log_e(x) = y_1 y_2$ by considering that at each point x_1 that $y(x_1) = x_1 \log_e(x_1)$

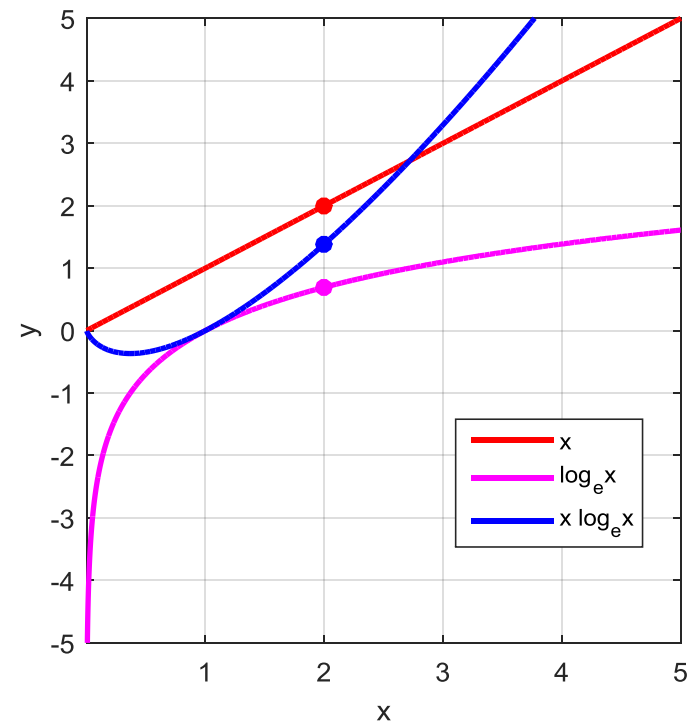
$$x_1 = 2$$

$$y_1 = x_1 = 2$$

$$y_2 = \log_e(x_1) = \log_e(2) = 0.6931$$

$$y = y_1 y_2 = (2)(0.6931) = 1.3862$$

Note: line $y = x$ is not at 45° because the X-axis and Y-axis have different scales



Graphing a function: The **domain** is the set of all first elements of ordered pairs (X-coordinates) and the **range** is the set of all second elements of ordered pairs (Y-coordinates).

Graph the function $y = 2\sin(3x) + x$ in the domain $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

How to approach the problem:

Find the zeros, max and min for $\sin(\theta)$ and for $\sin(3x)$ $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ $-2 \leq y \leq +2$

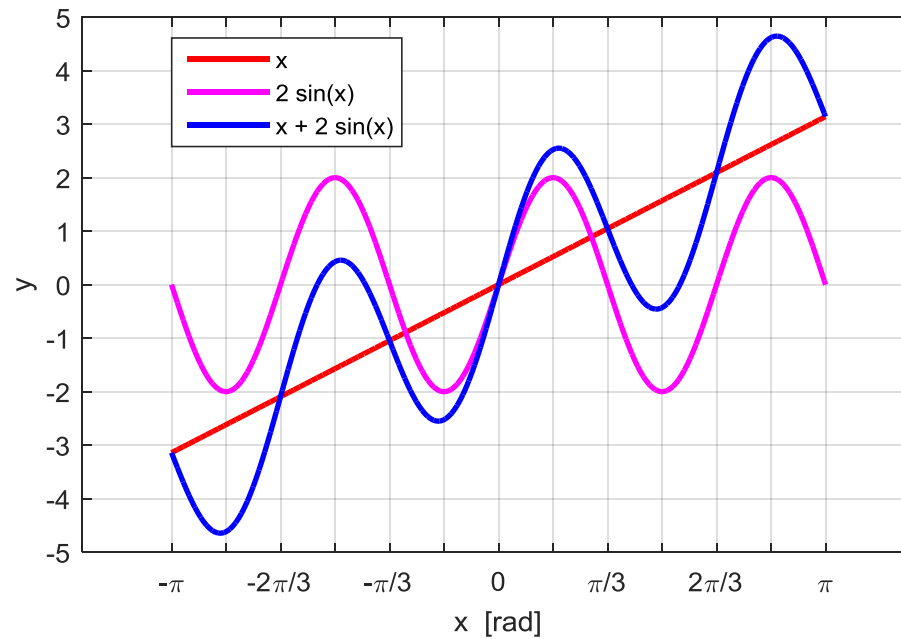
Graph $y_1 = 2\sin(3x)$ $y_2 = x \Rightarrow y = y_1 + y_2$

Answer:

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x = 0, \pm\pi, \pm2\pi, \pm3\pi \Rightarrow x = 0, \pm\pi/3, \pm2\pi/3, \pm\pi$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x) = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x = \pi/2, \pi/2 \pm 2\pi \Rightarrow x = \pi/6, 5\pi/6, -\pi/2$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x) = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x = -\pi/2, -\pi/2 \pm 2\pi \Rightarrow x = -\pi/6, -5\pi/6, \pi/2$$



Graph the function $y = 2\sin(3x-3) + x$ in the domain $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

How to approach the problem:

Find the zeros, max and min for $\sin(\theta)$ and for $\sin(3x-3)$ $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$ $-2 \leq y \leq +2$

Graph $y_1 = 2\sin(3x-3)$ $y_2 = x \Rightarrow y = y_1 + y_2$

Answer:

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = 0, \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, 1 + \pi/3, 1 + 2\pi/3 \Rightarrow x = 1, 2.0472, 3.0944$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = -\pi, -2\pi, -3\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - \pi/3, 1 - 2\pi/3, 1 - \pi \Rightarrow x = -0.1472, -1.0944, -2.1416$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = \pi/2 \Rightarrow x = 1 + \pi/6 = 1.5236$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = -3\pi/2, -7\pi/2$$

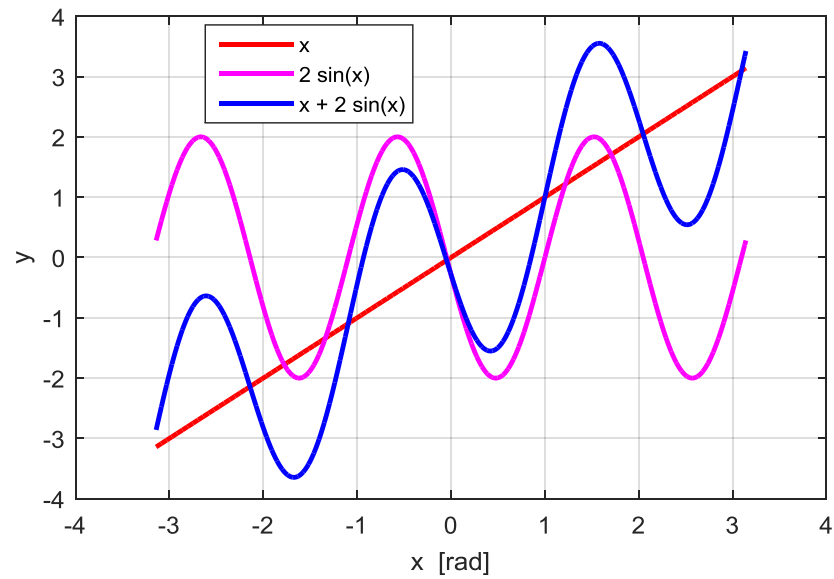
$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - 3\pi/6, 1 - 7\pi/6 \Rightarrow x = -0.5708, -2.6652$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = -\pi/2, 3\pi/2$$

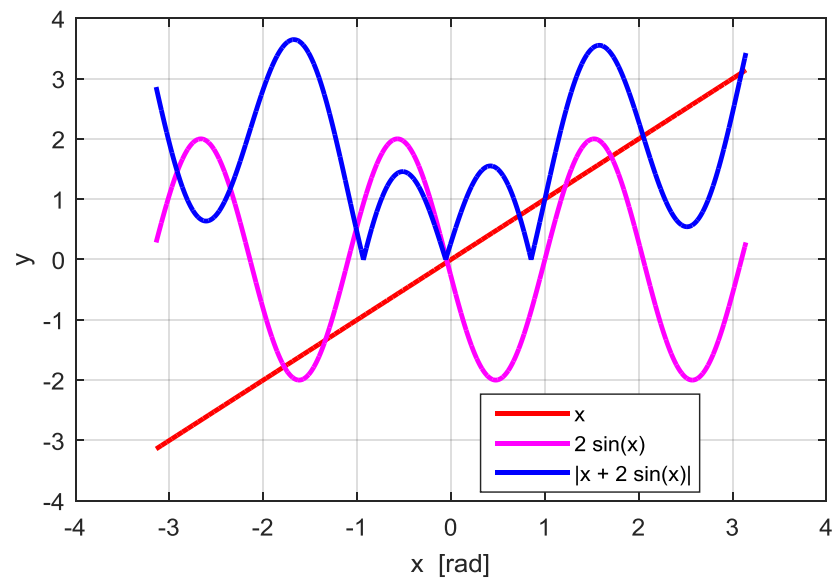
$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - \pi/6, 1 + \pi/2 \Rightarrow x = 0.4764, 2.5708$$

$$\sin(\theta) = \sin(3x-3) = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = 3x-3 = -5\pi/2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 - 5\pi/6 = -1.6180$$



Now graph $y = |2 \sin(3x - 3) + x| \Rightarrow y \geq 0$



Graph the function $y = x e^{-x}$ in the domain $-\pi \leq x \leq \pi$

How to approach the problem:

$$y = ? \quad x = 0 \quad x \rightarrow +\infty \quad x \rightarrow -\infty$$

Find the critical points (turning points) $dy/dx = 0$

Use your calculator to find y for a few values of x .

Answer:

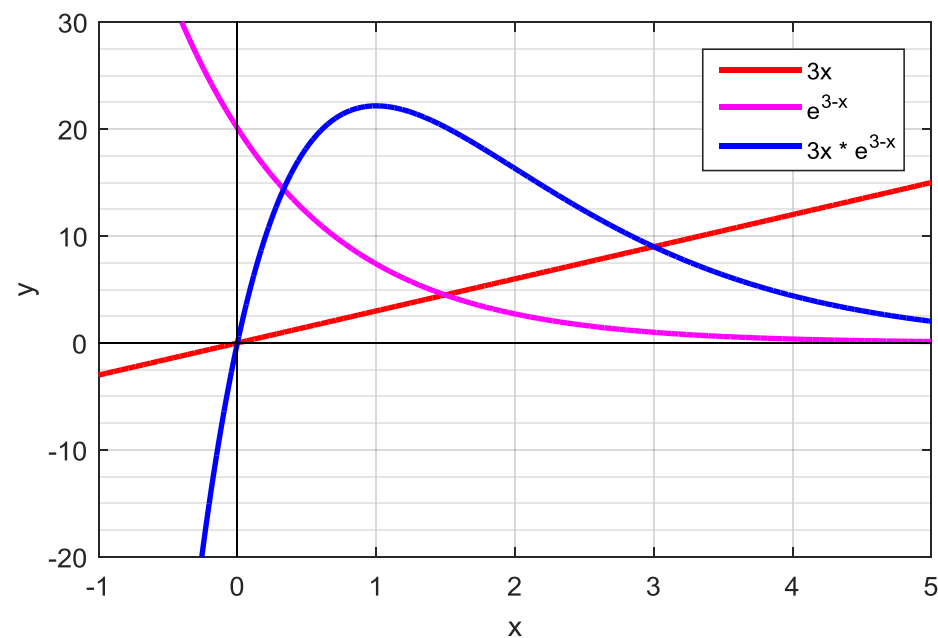
critical point $dy/dx = 0$ ($x = 0$ $y = 0$) ($x \rightarrow +\infty$ $y \rightarrow 0$) ($x \rightarrow -\infty$ $y \rightarrow -\infty$)

$$y = x e^{-x} \quad dy/dx = 3e^{3-x} (1-x) \quad d^2y/dx^2 = (3x-6)e^{3-x}$$

$$dy/dx = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 22.1672$$

$$d^2y/dx^2|_{x=1} = (-3)e^2 < 0 \Rightarrow \text{critical point is a maximum at } x = 1 \quad y = 22.1672$$

Using calculator for $(x, y) \Rightarrow (-1, 164) (0, 0) (1, 22.2) (2, 16.30) (3, 9.0) (4, 4.4) (5, 2.0)$



Graph the function $y = \frac{x^2 + 10x}{x - 2}$ How to approach the problem:

$$y = ? \quad x = 0 \quad x \rightarrow +\infty \quad x \rightarrow -\infty$$

Find the critical points (turning points) $dy/dx = 0$

Use your calculator to find y for a few values of x .

Answer:

numerator – parabola $u = x^2 + 10x$

denominator- straight lines $v = x - 2$

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$$

$$y = \frac{x^2 + 10x}{x - 2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{x + 10/x}{1 - 2/x} \quad \text{if } x \text{ is very large} \quad y \approx x$$

$$x \rightarrow +\infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow +\infty \quad x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$x = 2 \Rightarrow y \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad \text{vertical asymptote}$$

\Rightarrow the y is not a continuous function, there is a discontinuity at $x = 2$

$$x = 1.90 \quad y = -226 \quad x = 1.99 \quad y = -2386 \Rightarrow x^- \rightarrow 2 \quad y \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$x = 2.10 \quad y = 254 \quad x = 2.01 \quad y = 2414 \Rightarrow x^+ \rightarrow 2 \quad y \rightarrow +\infty$$

Need to find any **critical points**

$$dy/dx = 0 \quad d^2y/dx^2 < 0 \Rightarrow \max \quad d^2y/dx^2 > 0 \Rightarrow \min$$

$$y = uv \quad dy/dx = u dv/dx + v du/dx$$

$$u = x^2 + 10x \quad du/dx = 2x + 10$$

$$v = (x-2)^{-1} \quad dv/dx = -1/(x-2)^2$$

$$dy/dx = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 20}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$dy/dx = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 4x - 20 = 0 \Rightarrow x_1 = 6.89898 \quad x_2 = -2.89898$$

$$dy/dx = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 20}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$u = x^2 - 4x - 20 \quad du/dx = 2x - 4$$

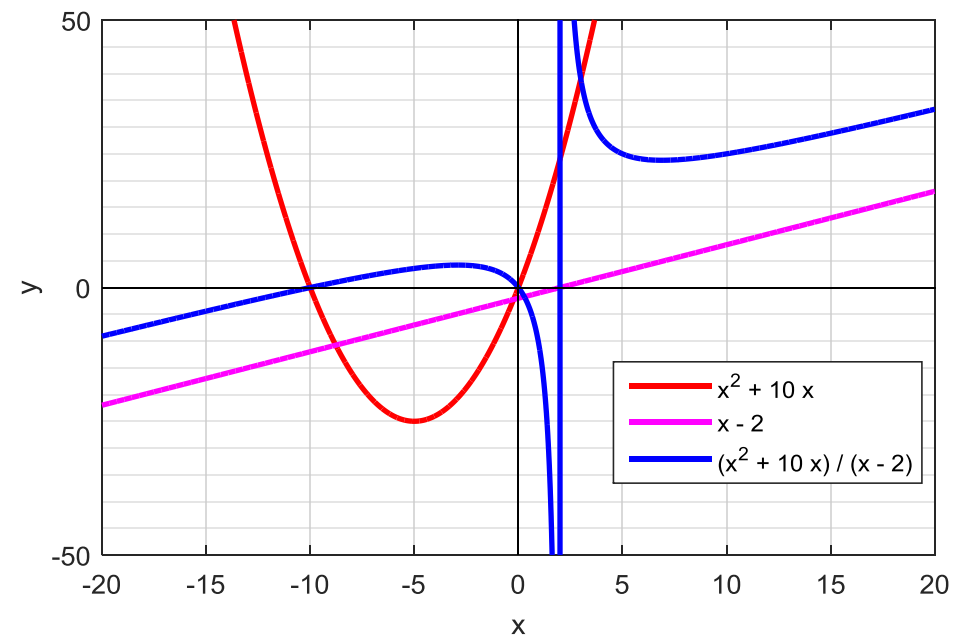
$$v = (x-2)^2 \quad dv/dx = 2/(x-2)$$

$$d^2y/dx^2 = u dv/dx + v du/dx$$

$$d^2y/dx^2 = \frac{48}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$x_1 = 6.89898 \quad d^2y/dx^2 = 0.4082 > 0 \Rightarrow \min \quad y_1 = 23.8$$

$$x_2 = -2.89898 \quad d^2y/dx^2 = -0.4082 < 0 \Rightarrow \max \quad y_2 = 4.2$$



INEQUALITIES

In the manipulation of inequalities, one has to take care and a little thought.

- $a > b \Rightarrow b < a$
- $a - b > c \Rightarrow a > b + c$
- $a > b \Rightarrow -a < -b$
- $a > 0 \Rightarrow 1/a > 0 \quad a < 0 \Rightarrow 1/a < 0$
- $a > b > 0 \Rightarrow 1/b > 1/a > 0$
- $a > b \quad c \geq d \Rightarrow a + c > b + d$
- $a > 0 \quad b > 0 \Rightarrow ab > 0$
- $a > 0 \quad b < 0 \Rightarrow ab < 0$
- $a < 0 \quad b < 0 \Rightarrow ab > 0$

Example

Show three different XY graphs, the lines or regions for the relationships:

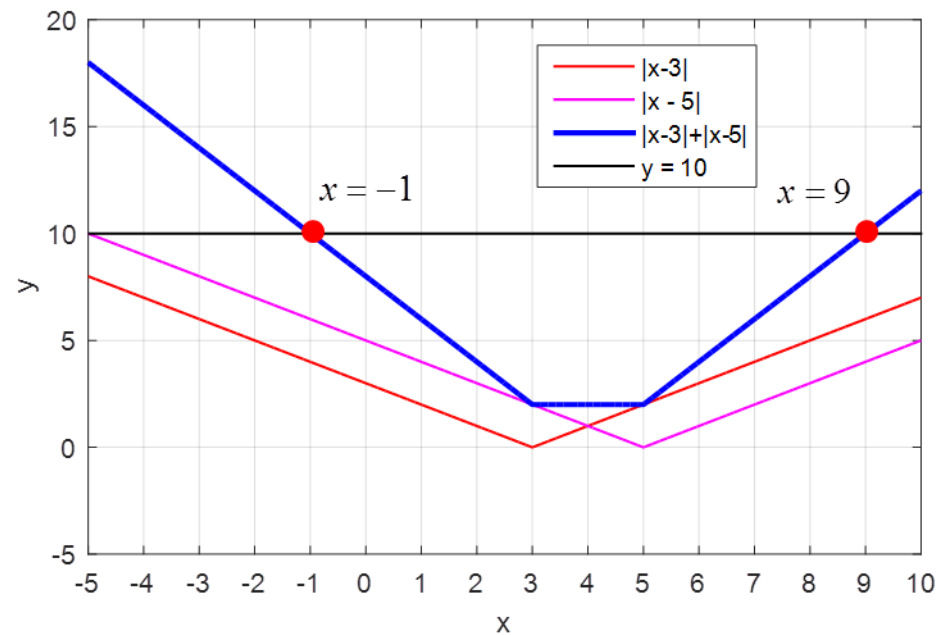
$$|x-3|+|x-5|=10 \quad |x-3|+|x-5|\leq 10 \quad |x-3|+|x-5|>10$$

Answers

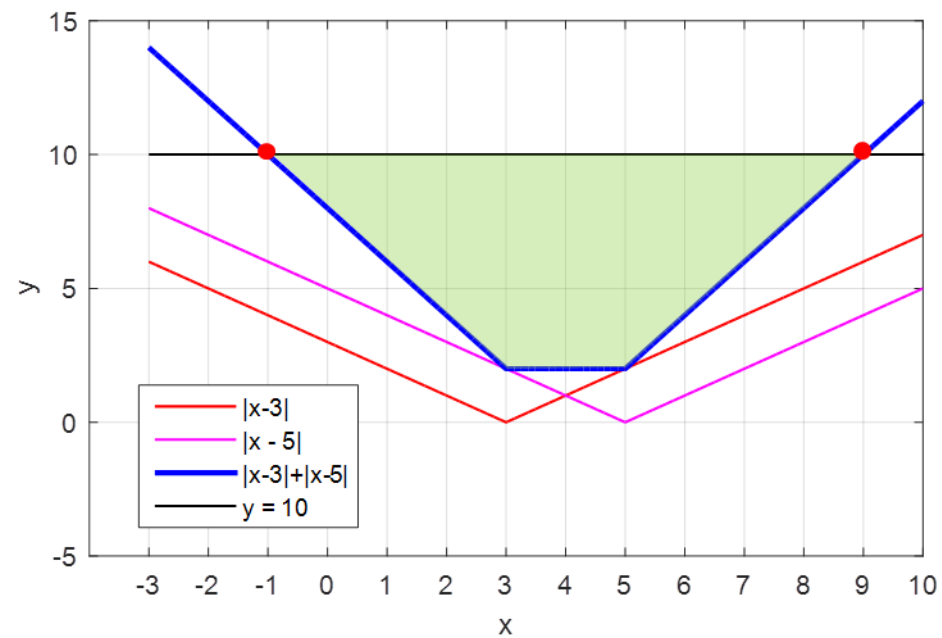
We can find the answers by graphical methods. Plot the functions

$$y_1 = |x-3| \quad y_2 = |x-5| \quad y_{12} = |x-3| + |x-5| \quad y_3 = 10$$

The x values for $|x-3| + |x-5| = 10$ are given by the points of intersection of the functions y_{12} and $y_3 \Rightarrow x = -1 \quad x = 9$



$$|x-3|+|x-5|\leq 10 \Rightarrow |x-3|+|x-5|\leq y\leq 10$$



$$|x-3|+|x-5|\geq 10 \Rightarrow |x-3|+|x-5|\geq y\geq 10$$

