

(\*) The function  $f$  is defined as

$$f(n) = \begin{cases} -2n+1 & \text{if } -3 \leq n < 1 \\ 2 & \text{if } n=1 \\ n & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$

- Find  $f(-2)$ ,  $f(1)$  and  $f(2)$ .
- Determine the domain of  $f$ .
- Locate any intercepts.
- Graph  $f$ .
- Use the graph to find the range of  $f$ .
- Is  $f$  continuous on its domain?

Solution

- To find  $f(-2)$ , observe that when  $n=-2$  the equation for  $f$  is given by  $f(n) = -2n+1$ , so,

$$f(-2) = -2(-2) + 1$$

$$= 5$$

When,  $n=1$ , the equation for  $f$  is  $f(n) = 2^n$ , so,

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

$$\therefore f(1) = 2$$

When  $n=2$ , the equation for  $f$  is  $f(n) = n^2$ , so,

$$f(2) = 2^2$$

$$= 4$$

b)

To find the domain of  $f$ , look at its definition. Since  $f$  is defined for all  $n$  greater than or equal to  $-3$ , the domain of  $f$  is  $\{n | n \geq -3\}$ , or the interval  $[-3, \infty)$ .

c) Let us put  $n=0$  and solve the equation for  $y$ .

$$f(0) = -2 \cdot 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

$\therefore y$ -intercept is  $(0, 1)$

Let us put  $y=0$  and solve the equation for  $n$ .

$$f(n)=0 = -2n+1 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} f(n)=0=2 \\ 2n=1 \end{array} \right. \quad f(n)=0=n^2$$

$$\therefore n=1 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} n=0 \\ n>1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\therefore n=\frac{1}{2}$$

~~No solution~~

Not acceptable.

$\therefore$   $x$ -intercept is ~~at~~  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0)$ . ~~which is not~~ ~~at~~ at

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### Example - 4

a)

$$\text{charge} = \$ 5.50 + \$ (0.064471 \times 300)$$

$$= \$ 24.84$$

$$\text{b) charge} = \$ 5.50 + \$ (0.064471 \times 1000) + \$ (0.078391 \times 500)$$

$$= \$ 109.17$$

c)

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$$C(x) = \$5.50 + \$ (0.064471 \times 1000) + \$ (0.078391 \times (x-1000))$$

$$= 6.9971 + (0.078391 (x-1000))$$

$$= 0.078391 x - 8.42 \quad \text{if } x > 1000$$

if  $x$  is between 0 to 1000.

$$f(x) = 5.50 + 0.064471x \quad \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1000$$

$$\rightarrow C(x) = \begin{cases} 0.064471x + 5.50 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1000 \\ 0.078391x - 8.42 & \text{if } x > 1000 \end{cases}$$

## Chapter-3: Linear and Quadratic Function

Linear function.

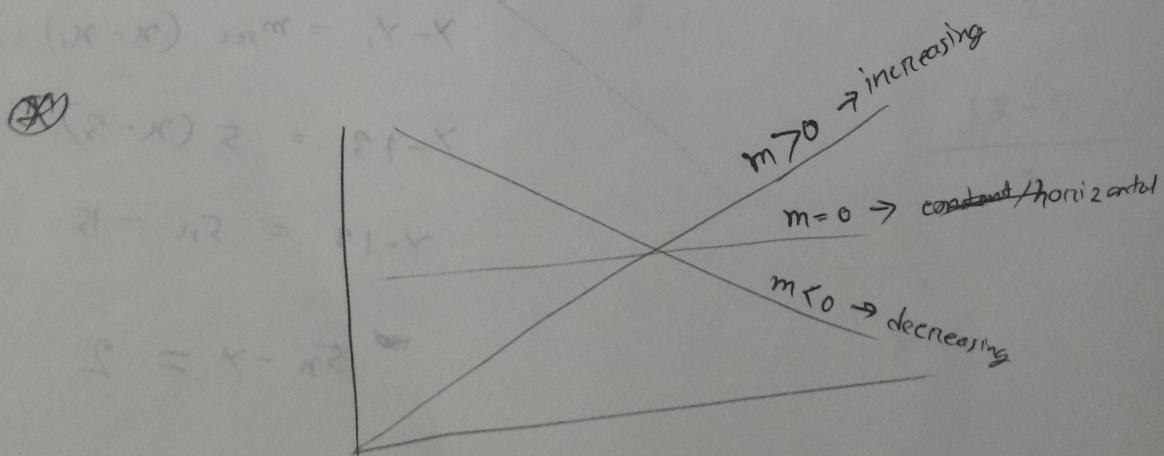
$$f(x) = mx + b$$

$$f(x) = y = mx + b$$

- ④ Average rate of change in linear function is constant.

- ④ Linear function have a constant average rate of change. That is, the average rate of change of a linear function  $f(x) = mx + b$  is,

$$\frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = m$$



⊗ Theorem:

A linear function  $f(x) = mx + b$  is increasing over its domain if its slope,  $m$ , is positive. It is decreasing over its domain if its slope,  $m$ , is negative. It is constant over its domain if its slope,  $m$ , is zero.

Quadratic Function

$$F(x) = 3x^2 - 5x + 1 \quad g(x) = -6x + 1 \quad H(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{2}{3}x$$

⊗ A quadratic function is a function of the form

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c ; a \neq 0$$

where,  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are real numbers and  $a \neq 0$ . The domain of a quadratic function is the set of all real numbers.

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$$f(x) = y = 2x^2 + 8x + 5$$

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

$$= 2x^2 + 8x + 8 - 3$$

$$= 2x^2 + 8x + 5$$

$$y = x^2$$

$$y = 2x^2$$

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

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

$$y = 2(x-h)^2 + k$$

$$= a(x-h)^2 + k$$

$$h = -2$$

~~h, k~~,  $(h, k) = (-2, -3)$   
 Vertex of the function.

The axis of symmetry is

$$x = h = -2$$

Upward opening

$$\textcircled{2} \quad f(x) = y = ax^2 + bx + c \quad \leftarrow \text{form of } f(x) \text{?}$$

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

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

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

$$= a(x-h)^2 + k \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \text{Hence, } h = \frac{-b}{2a} \\ k = \frac{4ac - b^2}{4a} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c = a(x-h)^2 + k}$$

since  $x = h + (n-x)$   $\Rightarrow$  (n-x) to drop SNT  $\textcircled{3}$

$$\text{vertex} = (h, k)$$

$$(n, y) \text{ in } f(n) = \left( n, f(n) \right)$$

$$= \left\{ \frac{-b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) \right\}$$

$n > 0$  much more  $0 < n$  than  $n$  large

$n = 10$  with 10 times as many lines

$$f(n) = 2n^2 + 8n + 5 \quad | \begin{array}{l} a=2 \\ b=8 \\ c=5 \end{array}$$

$$h = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-8}{2 \cdot 2} = -2$$

$\leftarrow f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f(-2) = 2 \cdot (-2)^2 + 8 \cdot (-2) + 5$

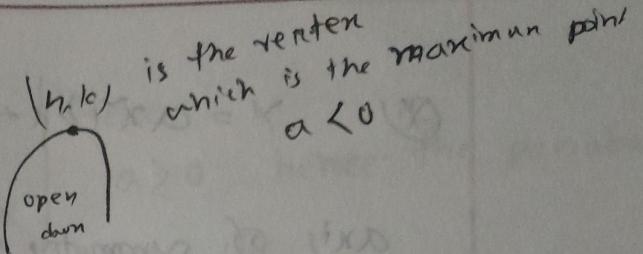
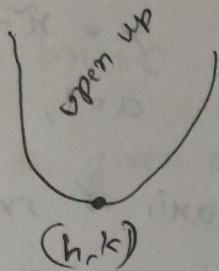
$$\left[ \frac{d-3x}{dx} \right] + \left[ \frac{d}{dx} + x \right] = 2 \cdot 4 - 16 + 5$$

$$= 8 - 16 + 5$$

$$\frac{d-}{dx} = d \quad \text{with} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} d + (d-x) \\ d + (d-x) \end{array} \right] = -3$$

vertex:  $(h, k) = (-2, -3)$ .

④ The graph of  $f(n) = a(n-h)^2 + k$  is the parabola  $y = an^2$  shifted horizontally  $h$  units (replace  $n$  by  $n-h$ ) and vertically  $k$  units (add  $k$ ). As a result, the vertex is at  $(h, k)$ , and the graph opens up if  $a > 0$  and down if  $a < 0$ . The axis of symmetry is the vertical line  $n = h$ .



④ is the vertex

⑤ If  $a > 0$

$$a > 0$$

⑥ It is easier to obtain the vertex of a quadratic function  $f$  by remembering that its  $x$ -coordinate is

$h = -\frac{b}{2a}$ . The  $y$ -coordinate  $k$  can then be found

by evaluating  $f$  at  $-\frac{b}{2a}$ . That is,  $k = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$ .

⑦ The graph of the parabola represented by the quadratic

function  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  has an axis of symmetry

represented by the equation of the vertical line  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

axis of symmetry:  $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$

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

$$a=1, b=-4, c=3$$

axis of symmetry:  $n=2$

$$n = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-(-4)}{2(1)}$$

$$= 2$$

\textcircled{2}

$$y = a(x - r_1)(x - r_2)$$

$$0 < a$$

axis of symmetry:  $x = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}$

$$y = a(x - 1)(x - 3)$$

$$a=1, r_1=1, r_2=3$$

$$x = \frac{r_1 + r_2}{2} = \frac{1+3}{2} = 2$$

axis of symmetry:  $n=2$

\textcircled{3} Without graphing, locate the vertex and axis of symmetry of the parabola defined by

$f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1$ . Does it open up or down?

$$a = -3, b = 6, c = 1$$

$a < 0 \Rightarrow$  open down

$$\therefore \textcircled{4} \quad x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{-6}{2(-3)} = \frac{-6}{-6} = 1$$

vertex,  $(1, f(1)) = (1, 9)$

→ higher point

(\*)

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

Set,  $x=0$  in the given equation and solve it for  $y$ .

$$f(0) = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c$$

$$f(0) = c$$

Set,  $y=0$  in the given equation and solve it for  $x$ .

$$f(x) = 0 = ax^2 + bx + c$$

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

here,  $b^2 - 4ac = \Delta$ ; is called discriminant.

$$\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

If,  $\Delta > 0$ ; if  $\Delta$  is positive then,

$$x = \frac{-b + \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} ; x = \frac{-b - \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

Two real solutions

Two  $x$ -intercepts.

Hence,

$a > 0$ , hence the parabola

opens up.

vertex  $(h, k)$

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

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

The axis of symmetry

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

The  $y$ -intercept is  $c$ .

If  $\Delta = 0$ , then

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

If  $\Delta < 0$ ; if  $\Delta$  is negative then,

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{-\Delta}}{2a}$$

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} + i \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}, \quad x = -\frac{b}{2a} - i \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

Two complex roots. No real solutions.

(\*) Graph  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1$  using its properties.

Determine the domain and the range of  $f$ .

Determine where  $f$  is increasing and where it is decreasing.

$\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1$$

Hence,

$$a = -3$$

$$b = 6$$

$$c = 1$$

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = 1$$

$$k = f(h) = f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right) = f(1) = 4$$

Set,  $x=0$  in  $f(x)$

$$f(0) = y = 1$$

Set,  $y=0$  in  $f(x)$  and solve for  $x$ .

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 48 > 0$$

The discriminant is positive, Hence the function has two real

solutions and two x-intercepts.

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

$$\therefore x_1 = -0.15$$

$$x_2 = \frac{2+2\sqrt{3}}{2} = 2.15$$

Hence,  $a < 0$ , hence the parabola opens down.

$$\text{vertex } (h, k) = \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right) = (1, 4)$$

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = 1$$

$$k = f(1) = 4$$

The axis of symmetry

$$x = h = -\frac{b}{2a} = 1$$

The y-intercept is 1

The x-intercept are

$$-0.15 \text{ and } 2.15$$

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

Range:  $(-\infty, 4]$

Increasing:  $(-\infty, 1)$

Decreasing:  $(1, \infty)$

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a) Graph  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9$  by determining whether

the graph opens up or down and by finding

its vertex, axis of symmetry, y-intercept, and x-intercept

(if any).

b) Determine the domain and the range of  $f$ .

c) Determine where  $f$  is increasing and where it is

decreasing.

$\Rightarrow$

a)

$$f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9$$

Here,  $a = 1$

$$b = -6$$

$$c = 9$$

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = (-6)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 9 = 36 - 36 = 0$$

$$\approx 36 - 36$$

$$= 0$$

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-6}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

Here,  $a > 0$ , hence the parabola opens up.  
vertex,  $(h, k) = \left(-\frac{b}{2a}, f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)\right)$

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = 3$$

The axis of symmetry

$$n = h = \frac{-b}{2a} = 3$$

y-intercept is 9

x-intercept is 3

Thus discriminant is equal to zero, hence it has one real solution.

Set,  $x=0$  in  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 0^2 - 6 \cdot 0 + 9 \\&= 0 - 0 + 9\end{aligned}$$

Set,  $y=0$  in  $f(x)$  and solve for  $x$ .

$$f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 3x + 9 = 0$$

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

$$(x-3)^2 = 0$$

$$x-3 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

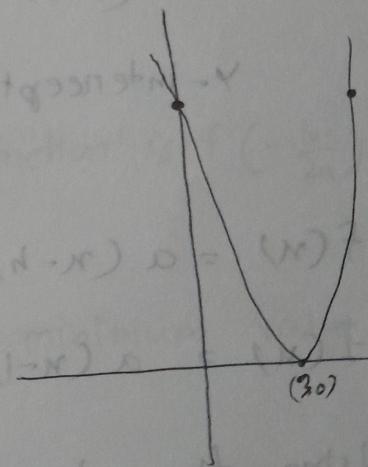
$$f(3) = 3^2 - 6 \cdot 3 + 9$$

$$= 9 - 18 + 9$$

$$= 0$$

b) Domain =  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range =  $(0, \infty)$



c) If the graph of a function is increasing with  
increasing  $\Rightarrow$   $(-\infty, 3)$

Decreasing  $\Rightarrow (-\infty, 3)$

✳ Determine the quadratic function whose vertex is  $(1, -5)$  and whose y-intercept is  $-3$ .

$\Rightarrow$

vertex  $(1, -5) = (h, k)$

y-intercept  $= -3$

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

$$f(x) = a(x-1)^2 - 5 \quad \dots \text{ii}$$

Using the value of y-intercept we get

$$f(0) = -3.$$

$$\Rightarrow a(0-1)^2 - 5 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a - 5 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -3 + 5$$

$$\therefore a = 2$$

Substitute the value of 'a' in equation ①.

$$f(x) = 2(x-1)^2 - 5 \quad 2 - x^2 - 2x = (x)^2$$

$$= 2(x^2 - 2x + 1) - 5 \quad 0 < 1 = 0$$

$$= 2x^2 - 4x + 2 - 5 \quad 0 < 0 \text{ min}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 2x^2 - 4x - 3 \quad \frac{D}{B} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

⊗ Theorem,

1. If  $a < 0$ , the function has a maximum value (highest point)

The maximum value of the function is  $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$

2. If  $a > 0$ , the function has a minimum value (lowest point)

The minimum value of the function is  $f\left(-\frac{b}{2a}\right)$

⊗ Determine whether the quadratic function

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5$$

has a maximum or minimum value. Then find the maximum or minimum value.

$\Rightarrow$

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$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5 \quad \rightarrow -2(1-x)x = (x)^2$$

$$a = 1 > 0 \quad \rightarrow f(1+xs-N)x =$$

Since  $a > 0$ , the function has the minimum value.

$$\frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{4}{2 \cdot 1} = 2 \quad \rightarrow x^2 - 4x - 5 = (x)^2$$

$$f(2) = 2^2 - 4 \cdot 2 - 5$$

minimum (X)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{minimum value} &= 4 - 8 - 5 \\ &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

So, the minimum value of the function is  $-9$ .

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

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$$R = np \quad \dots \text{ (i)} \Rightarrow \text{Demand Equation}$$

$$n = 21000 - 150p \quad \dots \text{ (ii)}$$

$$R = (21000 - 150p)p$$

$$R = 21000p - 150p^2 \quad \dots \text{ (iii)}$$

Here,

$$a = 150$$

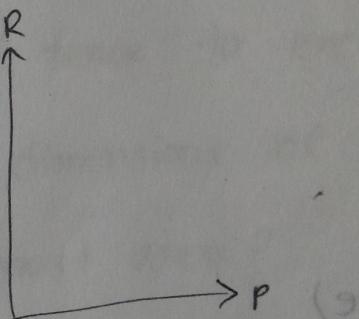
$$b = 21000$$

$$c = R$$

Here,  $n$  is the total number of calculators sold at a price  $P$ .

$P$  is price per calculator.

$R$  is revenue earn by the company.



b)

$$p > 0$$

$$\text{and } n \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 21000 - 150p \geq 0$$

$$p \leq 140$$

Combining the above condition, we get the domain of  $R$  is

$$\{ p | 0 < p \leq 140 \}$$

c) Since,  $a < 0$ , the vertex is the highest point.  
 hence the parabola opens down.

$$h = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{-21000}{2 \times (-150)}$$

$$= 70$$

d) So, the maximum will be  $R = \underline{21000 + 70 \cdot 150}$

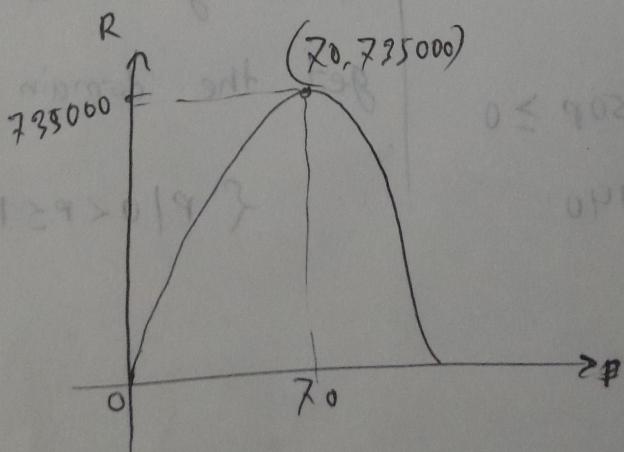
$$R = 21000 \times 70 - 150 \times (70)^2$$

$$= 735000$$

e)

$$n = 21000 - 150(R_0)$$

$$n = 10500$$



g)

$$R = 675000 = 21000P - 150P^2$$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 - 140P + 4500 = 0$$

$$(P-50)(P-90) = 0$$

$$P = 50 \quad \text{and} \quad P = 90$$

- ④ A farmer has 2000 yards of fence to enclose a rectangular field. What are the dimensions of the rectangle that encloses the most area?

 $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\text{Perimeter} = 2x + 2w = 2000$$

$$\Rightarrow x + w = 1000$$

$$w = 1000 - x \quad \text{---(i)}$$

$$\text{Area, } A = xw$$

$$= x(1000 - x) \quad \text{---(ii)}$$

$$A = 1000x - x^2 \quad \text{---(iii)}$$

Here,

$$a = -1$$

$$b = 1000$$

$$x = h = \frac{-b}{2a} = -\frac{1000}{2(-1)} = 500$$

$$\text{Area, } A = 1000x - x^2$$

$$= (1000 \times 500) - (500)^2$$

$$= 500000 - 250000$$

$$= 250000 \text{ sq. yds.}$$

So dimension is  $(500 \times 500)$ .

⑧ A projectile is fired from a cliff 500 feet above the water at an inclination of  $45^\circ$  to the horizontal, with a muzzle velocity of 400 feet per second. In physics, it is established that height  $h$  of the projectile above the water can be modeled by

$$h(x) = \frac{-32x^2}{(400)^2} + x + 500$$

Hence

- a) Find the maximum height of the projectile.

$\Rightarrow$

The height of the projectile is given by a quadratic function.

$$h(x) = \frac{-32x^2}{(400)^2} + x + 500$$

$$= \frac{-1}{5000} x^2 + x + 500 \quad (\text{in ft})$$

We are looking for the maximum value of  $h$ . Since  $a < 0$ ,

the maximum value is obtained at the vertex, whose

$x$ -coordinate is.

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{1}{2(-\frac{1}{5000})} = \frac{5000}{2} = 2500$$

The maximum height of the projectile is

$$h(2500) = \frac{-1}{5000} (2500)^2 + 2500 + 500$$

$$= 1250 + 2500 + 500$$

$$= 1750 \text{ ft}$$

b) How far from the base of the cliff will the projectile strike the water?

⇒

The projectile will strike the water when the height is zero. To find the distance  $x$  traveled,

solve the equation.

$$h(x) = \frac{-1}{5000}x^2 + x + 500 = 0$$

The discriminant of this quadratic equation is

$$b^2 - 4ac = 1^2 - 4 \left( \frac{-1}{5000} \right)(500) = 1.4$$

Then

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1.4}}{2 \left( -\frac{1}{5000} \right)}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -458 \\ 5458 \end{cases}$$

Discard the negative solution. The projectile will strike the water at a distance of about 5458 feet from the base of the cliff.

## Chapter - 4

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### Polynomial and Rational Functions.

General Equation of a Polynomial function:

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

#### Power Function

A power function of degree  $n$  is a monomial function of

the form

$$f(x) = ax^n$$

where,  $a$  is a real number,  $a \neq 0$ , and  $n > 0$  is an integer.

- ⊗ If  $f$  is a function and  $x$  is a real number for which  $f(x) = 0$ , then  $x$  is called a real zero of  $f$ .

As a consequence of this definition, the following statements are equivalent.

1.  $r$  is a real zero of a polynomial function  $f$ .
2.  $r$  is an  $x$ -intercept of the graph of  $f$ .
3.  $x-r$  is a factor of  $f$ .
4.  $r$  is a solution to the equation  $f(x)=0$ .

④ Find a polynomial  $f$  of degree 3 whose zeros are  $-3, 2$  and  $5$ .

$\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = a(x+3)(x-2)(x-5)$$

⑤ If  $(x-r)^m$  is a factor of a polynomial  $f$  and  $(x-r)^{m+1}$  is not a factor of  $f$ , then  $r$  is called a zero of multiplicity  $m$  of  $f$ .

⑥ Identifying Zeros and Their Multiplicities

For the polynomial function

$$f(x) = 5(x-2)(x+3)^2\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^4$$

$\Rightarrow$  There are three real zeros. These are,  $2, -3, \frac{1}{2}$ .

The multiplicity of  $2$  is  $1$

The multiplicity of  $-3$  is  $2$

The multiplicity of  $\frac{1}{2}$  is  $4$

(\*) If  $\alpha$  is a zero of Even multiplicity:

$\Rightarrow$  sign of  $f(x)$  does not change from one side of  $\alpha$  to the other side of  $\alpha$ .

Graph touches  $x$ -axis at  $\alpha$ .

(\*) If  $\alpha$  is a zero of odd multiplicity.

$\Rightarrow$  sign of  $f(x)$  changes from one side of  $\alpha$  to the other side of  $\alpha$ .

Graph crosses  $x$ -axis at  $\alpha$ .

### ✳ Turning Points.

⇒ Points on the graph where the graph changes from an increasing function to a decreasing function, or vice versa, are called turning points.

### ✳ Theorem:

If  $f$  is a polynomial function of degree  $n$ , then  $f$  has at most  $n-1$  turning points.

If the graph of a polynomial function  $f$  has  $n-1$  turning points, the degree of  $f$  is at least  $n$ .

⇒ Based on the first part of the theorem, a polynomial function of degree 5 will have at most  $5-1=4$  turning points. Based on the second part of the theorem, if a polynomial function has 3 turning points, then its degree must

be at least 4.

### ★ End Behaviour:

⇒ For very large values of  $x$ , either positive or negative, the graph of  $f(x) = (n+1)(x-2)$  looks like the graph of  $y = x^3$ .

### ★ Theorem:

For large values of  $x$ , either positive or negative, the

graph of the polynomial function,

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

resembles the graph of the power function

$$y = a_n x^n$$

② Analysing the graph of a polynomial function.

⇒

Step 1: Determine the end behavior of the graph of the function.

Step 2: Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts of the graph of the function.

Step 3: Determine the zeros of the function and their multiplicity. Use this information to determine whether the graph crosses or touches the  $x$ -axis at each  $x$ -intercept.

Step 4: Use a graphing utility to graph the function.

Step 5: Approximate the turning points of the graph.

Step 6: Use the information in steps 1 through 5 to draw a complete graph of the function by hand.

Step 7: Find the domain and the range of the function.

Step 8: Use the graph to determine where the function is increasing and where it is decreasing.

~~(\*)~~ Remainder Theorem:

Let  $f$  be a polynomial function. If  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x-c$ , then the remainder is  $f(c)$ .

~~(\*)~~ Factor Theorem:

⇒ An important and useful consequence of the remainder theorem is called the factor theorem.

Let  $f$  be a polynomial function. Then  $x-c$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  if and only if  $f(c)=0$ .

The Factor Theorem actually consists of two separate statements.

1. If  $f(c) = 0$ , then  $x-c$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .
2. If  $x-c$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ , then  $f(c) = 0$ .

★ Theorem:

A polynomial function cannot have more real zeros than its degree.

Proof: The proof is based on the Factor Theorem.

If  $\pi$  is a real zero of a polynomial function  $f$ , then  $f(\pi) = 0$  and, hence,  $x-\pi$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ . Each real zero corresponds to a factor of degree 1. Because  $f$  cannot have more first-degree factors than its degree, the result follows.

## ⊗ Rational Zeros Theorem

General equation,

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

Here,  $a_n \neq 0, a_0 \neq 0$

where each coefficient is an integer. If  $\frac{p}{q}$ , in lowest terms, is a rational zero of  $f$ , then  $p$  must be a factor of  $a_0$  and  $q$  must be a factor of  $a_n$ .

⊗ List the  
 $f(x) = 2x^2 + 11x - 7x - 6$

Here,

$$a_0 = -6$$

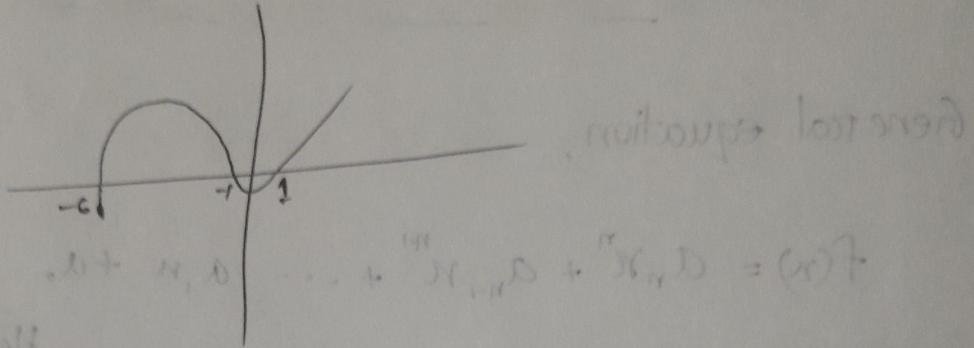
$$a_2 = 2$$

Factors of  $a_0$ ;  $p = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$

Factors of  $a_2$ ;  $q = \pm 1, \pm 2$

$$\frac{p}{q} = \pm \frac{1}{2}, \pm 1, \pm \frac{3}{2}, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$$

Graph: (constant term bisected)



$$ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$$

From the graph, -6 is real zeros.

$(x+6)$  is a factor of the function.

$$2x^3 + 11x^2 - 7x - 6$$

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

Now,

$$2x^2 - x - 1 = 0$$

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

$$2x(x-1) + 1(x-1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(2x+1) = 0$$

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

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

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

$$\therefore x-1=0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x+1=0$$

$$x=1 \quad \text{and} \quad x=-\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 2n^3 + 11n^2 - 7n - 6 \\ &= (n+6)(n+1)(2n+1) \end{aligned} \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} f(-6) = 0 \\ f(-\frac{1}{2}) = 0 \\ f(1) = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} n = -6 \\ n = -\frac{1}{2} \\ n = 1 \end{array} \right\}$$

Real zeros of the given function.

① Steps for finding the real zeros of a

Polynomial function.

Step 1: Use the degree of the polynomial function to determine the maximum number of zeros.

Step 2: If the polynomial function has integer coefficients, use the rational zeros theorem to identify those rational numbers that potentially can be zeros.

Step 3: Graph the polynomial function.