

Solutions for Precalculus Mathematics in a  
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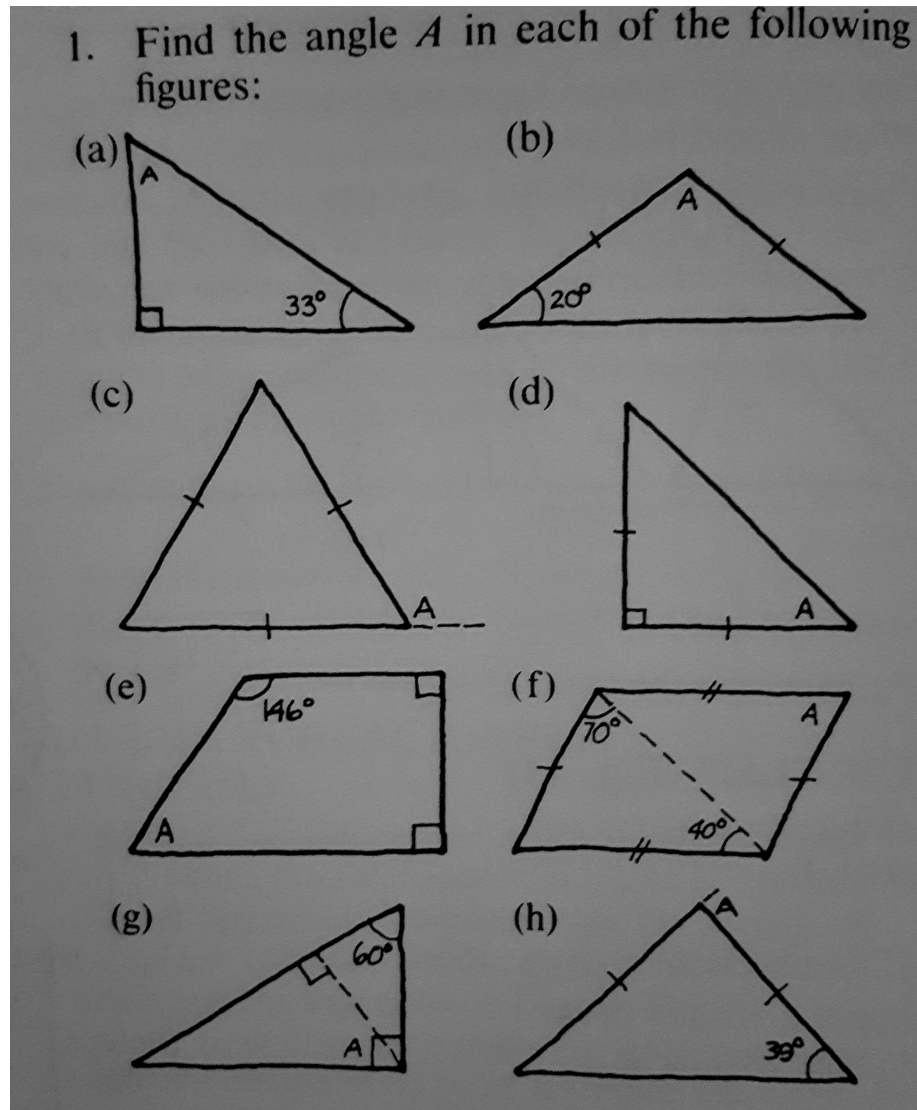
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## 0.1 Geometry

### 0.1.1 1

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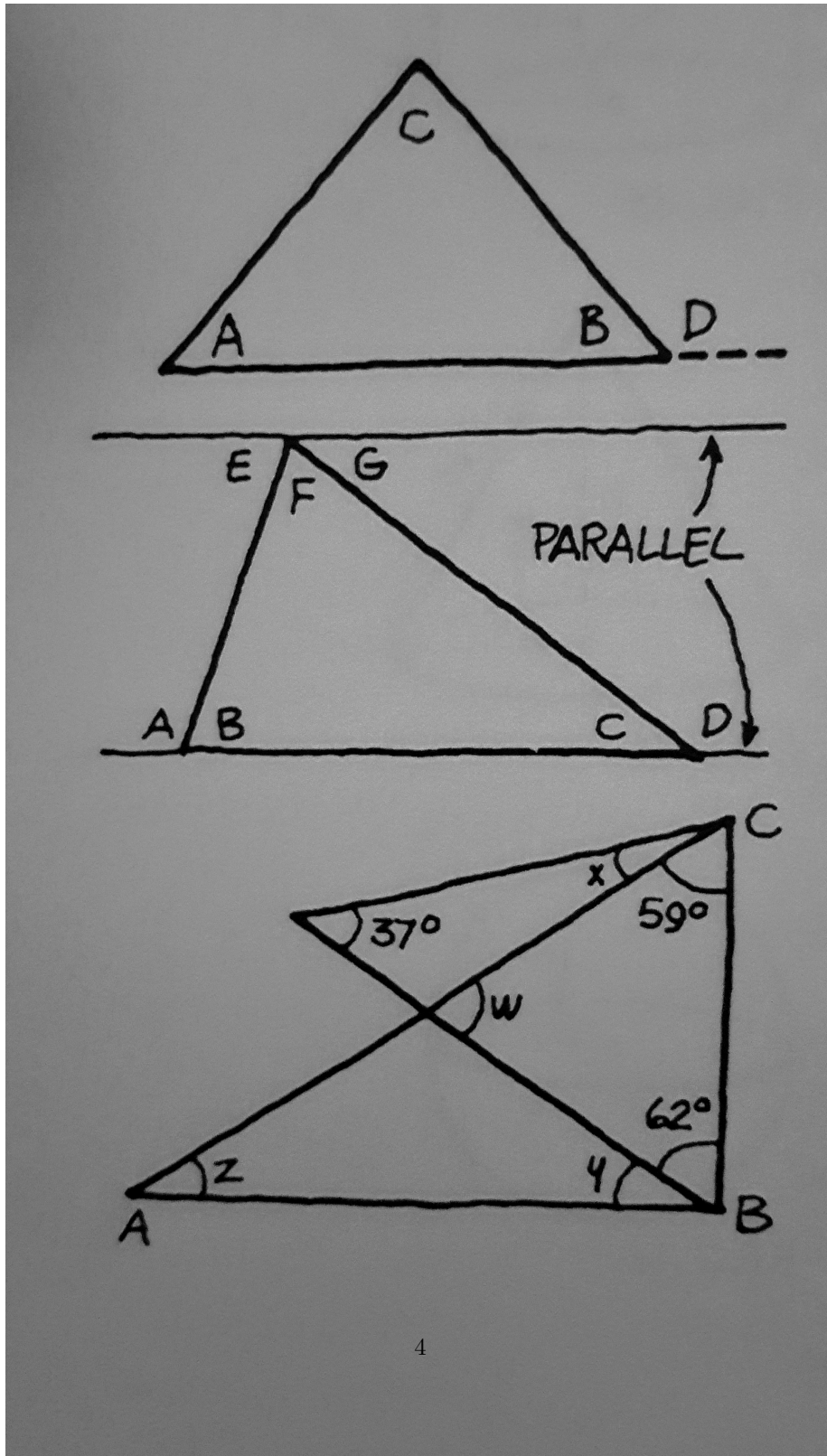


- a)  $A = 180 - (90 + 33) = 57^\circ$   
 b)  $A = 180 - 2(20) = 140^\circ$   
 c)  $A = 180 - \frac{180}{3} = 120^\circ$   
 d)  $A = \frac{180-90}{2} = 45^\circ$   
 e)  $A = 180 - 90 - (146 - 90) = 90 - 56 = 34^\circ$   
 f)  $A = 180 - 70 - 40 = 70^\circ$

g)  $A = 90 - (180 - 60 - 90) = 60^\circ$

h)  $A = 180 - (180 - 2(39)) = 180 - 102 = 78^\circ$

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In each case, for the first diagram, find the required angle;

a)  $A = 40^\circ, C = 100^\circ, D = ?$

$$B = 180 - 40 - 100 = 40^\circ; D = 180 - 40 = 140^\circ;$$

b)  $A = 50^\circ, B = 30^\circ, C = ?$

$$C = 180 - 50 - 30 = 100^\circ, D = 180 - 30 - 150^\circ$$

c)  $A = 50^\circ, D = 140^\circ, C = ?$

$$B = 180 - 140 = 40^\circ, C = 180 - 50 - 40 = 90^\circ$$

### 3

In each case, for the second diagram, find the angles not given;

a)  $A = 150^\circ, C = 40^\circ$

$$B = 180 - 150 = 30^\circ, D = 180 - 40 = 140^\circ, F = 180 - 30 - 40 = 110^\circ, E = 180 - 40 - 110 = 30^\circ, G = 40^\circ$$

b)  $B = 60^\circ, C = 65^\circ$

$$A = 180 - 60 = 120^\circ, D = 180 - 65 = 115^\circ, E = 60^\circ, F = 180 - 65 - 60 = 55^\circ, G = 65^\circ$$

### 4

In the third diagram,  $AB \perp BC$  Find the angles  $x, y, z, w$

$$y = 90 - 62 = 28^\circ, w = 180 - 59 - 62 = 59^\circ, x = 180 - 37 - (180 - 59) = 180 - 37 - 121 = 22^\circ, z = 180 - 59 - (62 + 28)$$

### 5

What is the height of a rectangle whose area is 40 square inches and whose base is 8 inches?

$$area = 40 = 8h$$

$$h = \frac{40}{8} = 5$$

### 6

If the base of a triangle is 9 inches, and its area is 45 square inches, what is the height?

$$AreaOfTriangle = \frac{1}{2} \cdot base \cdot height$$

$$45 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 9 \cdot h; h = \frac{45 \cdot 2}{9} = \frac{90}{9} = 10$$

## 7

The height and base of a triangle are equal, and its area is 32 square inches. Find the height and base.

$$32 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot base^2; base = \sqrt{64} = 8; height = 8$$

## 0.2 Algebra

### 0.2.1 1

#### 1

$\sqrt{9} = 3^2$  - Integer or Natural Number

$-\frac{2}{3}$  - Rational

$\frac{51}{3} = 17$  - Integer or Natural Number

$-10$  - Integer

$-\frac{\pi}{3}$  - Irrational

$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$  - Irrational

$-\sqrt{4} = -2$  - Integer

$\frac{5}{1234}$  - Rational

#### 2

$$(3a - b) - [2a - (a + b)] = (3a - b) - [2a - a - b] = (3a - b) - 2a + a + b = 3a - 2a + a - b + b = 2a$$

$$[(a + 3b) - a] - [a - (a - 3b)] = [3b] - [3b] = 0$$

$$a - \{2a - [b - (3a - 2b)]\} = a - \{2a - [3b - 3a]\} = a - \{5a - 3b\} = a - 5a + 3b = 3b - 4a$$

#### 3

$$19 \cdot 179 = 2(10 \cdot 179) - 179 = 2(1790) - 179 = 3580 - 179 = 3401$$

$$510 \cdot 18 = 2(10 \cdot 510) - (2 \cdot 510) = 10200 - 1020 = 9180$$

$$302 \cdot 11 = 10 \cdot 302 + 302 = 3020 + 302 = 3322$$

#### 4

$$12x - 18y + 30 = 6(2x - 3y + 5)$$

$$8x^2 - 12x^3y - 28x^4z = 4x^2(2 - 3xy - 7x^2z)$$

$$9abc + 3a^2b^2c^2 = 3abc(3 + abc)$$

5

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

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

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

using an example of  $x = 2$ ;  $\frac{1}{2}$

using an example of  $x = 3$ ;  $\frac{2}{3}$

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

$$\frac{4a}{b} + \frac{b}{4a} = \frac{16a^2+b^2}{4ab}$$

6

a)  $5a^{-3} = \frac{5}{a^3}$

b)  $(5a)^{-3} = \frac{1}{125a^3}$

c)  $21 \cdot 719^3 \cdot 7^{-1} \cdot 3 \cdot 719^{-3} = 21 \cdot \cancel{719^3} \cdot \frac{1}{7} \cdot 3 \cdot \cancel{719^{-3}} = \frac{27 \cdot 3}{7} = 3^2$

d) 1

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a)  $(a^{n-4}b^4)(ab^{n-1})^4 = (a^{n-4}b^4)(a^4b^{4n-4}) = a^n b^{4n}$

b)  $(4a^3b^{-4})(3a^{-1}b^5) = 12a^2b$

c)  $\frac{x^{14}y^5}{x^4y^{-5}} = x^{10}y^{10}$

z d)  $a^2b^2(a^{-2} + b^{-2}) = b^2 + a^2$

e)  $(x+y)(x^{-1} + y^{-1}) = (x+y)(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}) = (x+y)(\frac{y+x}{xy}) = (\frac{x^2+2yx+y^2}{xy})$

Using  $x = 2, y = 3$ ;  $5(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3}) = 5(\frac{5}{6}) = \frac{25}{6}$

f)  $(\frac{a^2b}{c})^4(\frac{a}{b^2c^3})^2(\frac{c^2}{a^2})^5 = (\frac{a^8b^4}{c^4})(\frac{a^2}{b^4c^6})(\frac{c^{10}}{a^{10}}) = \frac{a^{10}b^4c^{10}}{c^{10}b^4a^{10}} = 1$

8

Simplify

a)  $\sqrt{49} = 7$

b)  $\sqrt{144} = 12$

c)  $\sqrt{9+16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$

d)  $\sqrt{36+64} = \sqrt{100} = 10$

e)  $\sqrt[3]{27} = 3$

f)  $\sqrt[4]{81} = 3$

g)  $\sqrt[6]{64} = 2$

h)  $\sqrt{.64} = \sqrt{\frac{64}{100}} = \frac{8}{10} = 0.8$

i)  $\sqrt{.09} = \frac{3}{10} = .3$



$$\begin{aligned}
\text{j)} & \sqrt{\frac{16}{121}} = \frac{\sqrt{16}}{\sqrt{121}} = \frac{4}{11} \\
\text{k)} & \sqrt{\frac{225}{400}} = \frac{15}{20} = \frac{3}{4} \\
\text{l)} & \sqrt[3]{-\frac{1}{27}} = -\frac{1}{3} \\
\text{m)} & \sqrt[3]{\frac{64}{125}} = \frac{4}{5} \\
\text{n)} & \sqrt[3]{-1000} = -10 \\
\text{o)} & \sqrt{125} = \sqrt{5 * 5 * 5} = 5\sqrt{5} \\
\text{p)} & \sqrt{625} = 25 \\
\text{q)} & \sqrt[4]{625} = \sqrt[4]{25 * 25} = \sqrt[4]{5 * 5 * 5 * 5} = 5 \\
\text{r)} & \sqrt{18} = \sqrt{2 * 9} = 3\sqrt{2} \\
\text{s)} & \sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 * 3} = 2\sqrt{3} \\
\text{t)} & \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{8} = \sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2} = 3\sqrt{2} \\
\text{u)} & \sqrt{3} + \sqrt[4]{9} = \sqrt{3} + \sqrt[4]{\sqrt{3} * \sqrt{3} * \sqrt{3} * \sqrt{3}} = 2\sqrt{3} \\
\text{v)} & \sqrt[3]{54} + \sqrt[3]{250} = \sqrt[3]{3 * 3 * 3 * 2} + \sqrt[3]{5 * 5 * 5 * 2} = 3\sqrt[3]{2} + 5\sqrt[3]{2} = 8\sqrt[3]{2} \\
\text{w)} & \sqrt[10]{32a^5} = \sqrt[10]{2^5 a^5} = \sqrt{2a} \\
\text{x)} & \sqrt{a^2 b^4} = ab^2 \\
\text{y)} & \sqrt[4]{a^5} = \sqrt[4]{a * a * a * a * a} = a\sqrt[4]{a} \\
\text{z)} & \sqrt{1 - (\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})^2} = \sqrt{1 - (\frac{3}{4})} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}
\end{aligned}$$

## 9

Simplify by rationalizing the denominator

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{a)} & \frac{30}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{6}} = \frac{30\sqrt{6}}{6} = 5\sqrt{6} \\
\text{b)} & \frac{\sqrt{6}+2}{\sqrt{6}-2} = \frac{\sqrt{6}+2}{\sqrt{6}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{6}+2}{\sqrt{6}+2} = \frac{6+4\sqrt{6}+4}{6-4} = \frac{10+4\sqrt{6}}{2} = 5 + 2\sqrt{6} \\
\text{c)} & \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{5}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{5}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{5}} = \sqrt{7} - \sqrt{5}
\end{aligned}$$

## 10

Compute

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{a)} & 36^{\frac{1}{2}} = 6 \\
\text{b)} & 8^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2 \\
\text{c)} & 32^{\frac{4}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{32^4} = 16 \\
\text{d)} & 36^{\frac{3}{2}} = 216 \\
\text{e)} & 216^{\frac{2}{3}} = 36 \\
\text{f)} & 16^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (\frac{1}{16})^{\frac{1}{2}} = (\frac{1}{\sqrt{16}}) = \frac{1}{4} \\
\text{g)} & 9^{-3/2} = \frac{1}{9^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{27} \\
\text{h)} & 8^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{8^{2/3}} = \frac{1}{4} \\
\text{i)} & 100^{3/2} = \sqrt{100^3} = 1000 \\
\text{j)} & 3^{1/2} \cdot 3^{5/2} = 3^{\frac{1}{2} + \frac{5}{2}} = 3^{\frac{6}{2}} = 3^3 = 27 \\
\text{k)} & \frac{10^{2/3} \cdot 10^{1/3} \cdot 10^3}{10^{5/2} \cdot 10^{1/2}} = \frac{10^4}{10^3} = 10
\end{aligned}$$

# 11

Simplify as far as possible, removing negative and zero exponents

- a)  $(25a^6b^{-2})^{1/2} = \frac{5a^3}{b}$
- b)  $(2a^{1/2}b^{1/4})^4 = 16a^2b$
- c)  $\sqrt[5]{a^2b} \cdot \sqrt[5]{a^3b^4} = (a^2b \cdot a^3b^4)^{1/5} = (a^5b^5)^{1/5} = ab$
- d)  $(\frac{a^4}{36})^{1/2} = \frac{a^2}{6}$
- e)  $(25a^{2/3})^{1/2} = 5a^{1/3} = 5\sqrt[3]{a}$
- f)  $(a^{1/2} + b^{1/2})(a^{1/2} - b^{1/2}) = a - b$
- g)  $\{a^{2/3}[(\frac{a^{2/3}}{a^{1/4}})^6]^{1/3}\}^2 = \{a^{4/3}[(\frac{a^{2/3}}{a^{1/4}})^6]^{2/3}\} = \{a^{4/3}[(\frac{a^{2/3}}{a^{1/4}})^4]\} = \{a^{4/3}[(\frac{a^{8/3}}{a})]\} = \{a^{4/3}a^{5/3}\} = a^{9/3} = a^3$
- h)  $(\frac{27b^2c^5}{64a^6b^{-4}c^{-1}})^{1/3} = \frac{3b^{2/3}c^{5/3}}{4a^2b^{-4/3}c^{-1/3}} = \frac{3b^2c^2}{4a^2}$

# 12

Add or subtract

- a)  $(x^7 - 3x^5 + 4x^2 - 9) + (2x^6 - 5x^5 - 2x^4 + x^3 - 2x^2 + x + 1) = x^7 + 2x^6 - 8x^5 - 2x^4 + x^3 + 2x^2 - 8$
- b)  $(3x^5 + x^4 - 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 11x + 2) - (x^4 + 5x^2 + 2) = 3x^5 - 2x^3 - 11x$

# 13

Multiply

- a)  $(2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4)(3x^2 - 2x - 9) = 6x^5 - 4x^4 - 18x^3 + 9x^4 - 6x^3 - 27x^2 - 12x^2 + 8x + 36 = 6x^5 + 5x^4 - 24x^3 - 39x^2 + 8x + 36$
- b)  $(x^5 - 2x^3 + 3)(2x^2 - 8x + 4) = 2x^7 - 8x^6 + 4x^5 - 4x^5 + 16x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 24x + 12 = 2x^7 - 8x^6 + 16x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 24x + 12$
- c)  $(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1) = x^3 + x^2 + x - x^2 - x - 1 = x^3 - 1$
- d)  $(x - 1)(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x - x^3 - x^2 - x - 1 = x^4 - 1$
- e)  $(x - 1)(x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = x^5 - 1$

# 14

Factor

- a)  $x^2 - x - 6 = (x + 2)(x - 3)$
- b)  $x^2 + 9x + 20 = (x + 5)(x + 4)$
- c)  $x^2 + 12x + 20 = (x + 10)(x + 2)$
- d)  $x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x - 2)(x - 2) = (x - 2)^2$
- e)  $x^2 + 8x + 16 = (x + 4)^2$
- f)  $x^3 + 12x^2 + 36x = x(x^2 + 12x + 36) = x(x + 6)^2$
- g)  $x^4 - 16 = (x^2 + 4)(x - 2)(x + 2)$
- h)  $x^2 + 13x - 30 = (x + 15)(x - 2)$
- i)  $x^2 + 2x - 35 = (x - 5)(x + 7)$
- j)  $x^2 - 13x + 42 = (x - 6)(x - 7)$
- k)  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x = x(x^2 - 3x - 4) = x(x - 4)(x + 1)$
- l)  $4x^2 + 2x - 12 = (2x - 3)(2x + 4)$

$$m) 10x^2 - 16x - 8 = (10x + 4)(x - 2)$$

**15**

Verify the formula  $(x - a)(x^2 + ax + a^2) = x^3 - a^3$

$$(x - a)(x^2 + ax + a^2) = x^3 + \cancel{ax^2} + \cancel{a^2x} - \cancel{ax^2} - \cancel{a^2x} - a^3 = x^3 - a^3$$

$$a) x^3 - 27 = (x^3 - 3^3) = (x - 3)(x^2 + 3x + 3^2)$$

$$b) 8x^3 - 125 = (2x - 5)(4x^2 + 10x + 25)$$

**16**

Verify the formula  $(x + a)(x^2 - ax + a^2) = x^3 + a^3$   $(x + a)(x^2 - ax + a^2) =$   
 $x^3 + \cancel{ax^2} + \cancel{a^2x} - \cancel{ax^2} - \cancel{a^2x} + a^3 = x^3 + a^3$

and use to factor

$$a) x^3 + 64 = x^3 + 4^3 = (x + 4)(x^2 - 4x + 16)$$

$$b) 27x^3 + 8 = (3x)^3 + 2^3 = (3x + 2)(9x^2 - 6x + 4)$$

**17**

Solve by factoring, and then by quadratic formula

Quadratic formula;

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

$$a) x^2 + 3x - 28 = 0 = (x + 7)(x - 4)$$

or using Quadratic formula;

$$a = 1, b = 3, c = -28$$

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot -28}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 112}}{2} = \frac{-3 \pm 11}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{8}{2} = 4, \frac{-14}{2} = -7$$

$$b) x^2 - 8x - 33 = 0 = (x + 3)(x - 11)$$

or using Quadratic formula

$$a = 1, b = -8, c = -33$$

$$x = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot (-33)}}{2 \cdot 1} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 + 132}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{196}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm 14}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{-6}{2}, \frac{22}{2}$$

$$c) 2x^2 + x - 15 = 0 = (2x - 5)(x + 3)$$

or using Quadratic formula

$$leta = 2, b = 1, c = -15$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot (-15)}}{2 \cdot 2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 + 120}}{4} = \frac{-1 \pm 11}{4}$$

$$x = \frac{-12}{4} = -3, \frac{10}{4}$$

d)  $6x^2 - 5x - 21 = 0 = (3x - 7)(2x + 3)$   
or using Quadratic Formula

$$leta = 6, b = -5, c = -21$$

$$x = \frac{-(-5) \pm \sqrt{(-5)^2 - 4 \cdot 6 \cdot (-21)}}{2 \cdot 6} = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{529}}{12} = \frac{5 \pm 23}{12}$$

Thus

$$x = \frac{-18}{12} = \frac{-3}{2}, \frac{28}{12} = \frac{7}{3}$$

**18**

Solve by the quadratic formula

a)  $5x^2 - 9x + 3 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-(-9) \pm \sqrt{(-9)^2 - 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 3}}{2 \cdot 5} = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{21}}{10}$$

b)  $3x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{7^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{13}}{6}$$

c)  $17x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-(-6) \pm \sqrt{(-6)^2 - 4 \cdot 17 \cdot 1}}{2 \cdot 17} = \frac{6 \pm \sqrt{-32}}{34}$$

x has no real values, because you cannot square root a negative number

d)  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 1}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

x has no real values, because you cannot square root a negative number

**19**

Insert the correct inequality sign,  $>$  or  $<$  in the following;

- a)  $3 < 11$
- b)  $5 > 2$
- c)  $-4 < -3$
- d)  $-6 < -2$
- e)  $-2 > -3$
- f)  $\pi < 2\sqrt{3}$

**20**

Solve the linear inequalities

a)  $5 - 2x > 17$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 5 - 2x & > & 17 \\
 -2x & > & 17 - 5 > 12 & \text{taking 5 off} \\
 -x & > & 6 & \text{dividing by 2} \\
 x & < & -6 & \text{multiplying by -1}
 \end{array}$$

b)  $3x + 4 > 13$

$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 3x + 4 & > & 13 \\
 3x & > & 9 & \text{taking 4 off} \\
 x & > & 3 & \text{dividing by 3}
 \end{array}$$

**21**

Solve the equations

a)  $|x| = 2$

$$x = \pm 2$$

b)  $|2x| = 6$

$$x = \pm 3$$

c)  $|\frac{1}{3}x| = 2$

$$x = \pm 6$$

d)  $|x - 2| = 3$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } 5$$

e)  $|x + 3| = 1$

$$x = -4, -2$$

**22**

Solve the quadratic inequality  $x(x - 1) > 0$  by noticing that both factors must be positive or both factors must be negative

$$x < 0, x > 1$$

**23**

Solve the quadratic inequality  $x^2 + 2x - 15 > 0$  by noticing that both factors must be positive or both factors must be negative

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = (x - 3)(x + 5) < -5, x > 3$$

**0.2.2 2**

Functions and Graphs

**1**

if  $f(x) = 4x - 3$ , find  $f(0), f(1), f(2), f(3)$

$$f(0) = 4 \cdot 0 - 3 = -3$$

$$f(1) = 4 \cdot 1 - 3 = 1$$

$$f(2) = 4 \cdot 2 - 3 = 5$$

$$f(3) = 4 \cdot 3 - 3 = 9$$

**2**

if  $g(x) = \frac{2x-4}{3x^2+1}$  find  $g(0), g(1), g(-\frac{1}{2})$

$$g(0) = \frac{2 \cdot 0 - 4}{3 \cdot 0^2 + 1} = \frac{-4}{1} = -4$$

$$g(1) = \frac{2 \cdot 1 - 4}{3 \cdot 1^2 + 1} = \frac{-2}{4} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$g(-\frac{1}{2}) = \frac{2 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) - 4}{3 \cdot (-\frac{1}{2})^2 + 1} = \frac{-5}{\frac{7}{4}} = -\frac{20}{7}$$

**3**

if  $h(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 5x - 1$ , find  $h(x^3)$

$$(x^3)^3 - 3(x^3)^2 + 5(x^3) - 1 = x^9 - 3x^6 + 5x^3 - 1$$

4

if  $F(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$  find  $F[F(x)]$

$$F\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = \frac{\frac{x}{x-1}}{\frac{x}{x-1} - 1} = \frac{x}{x-1} \cdot \frac{1}{\frac{x}{x-1} - 1} = x$$

5

Express the area A of a square as a function of

a) the length of one side x

$$Area(x) = x^2$$

b) the perimeter p

$$Area(p) = \left(\frac{p}{4}\right)^2$$

6

Express the area A of a circle as a function of its circumference c

$$Circumference(d) = \pi \cdot d; Radius(c) = \frac{c}{\pi \cdot 2}; Area(c) = \pi \left(\frac{c}{\pi \cdot 2}\right)^2 = \pi \frac{c^2}{\pi^2 \cdot 4} = \frac{c^2}{4\pi}$$

7

TODO Express the height of an equilateral triangle as a function of the base x

$$Height(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - \left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2}$$

8

Two cyclists start racing along a straight road from the same place at the same time in the same direction.

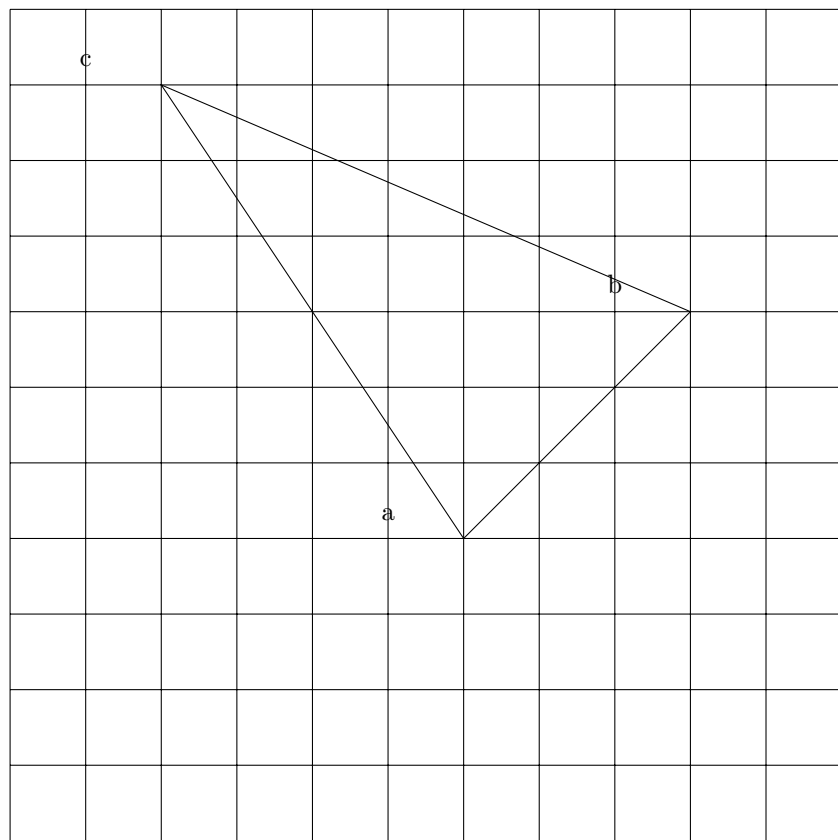
If one travels 40 mi/hr and the other 35 mi/hr, find the distance between them  $t$  hours after they start

$$Distance(t) = (40 \cdot t) - (35 \cdot t) = 5t$$

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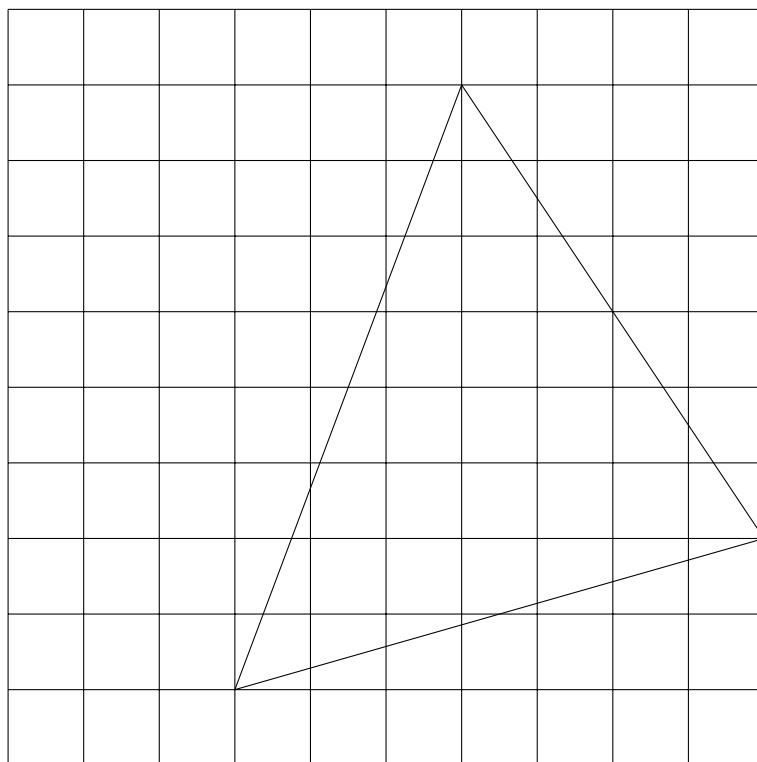
Draw the triangle having the following points as vertices;

a)  $(1, -1), (4, 2), (-3, 5)$



b)  $(5, -2)(-2, -4), (1, 4)$

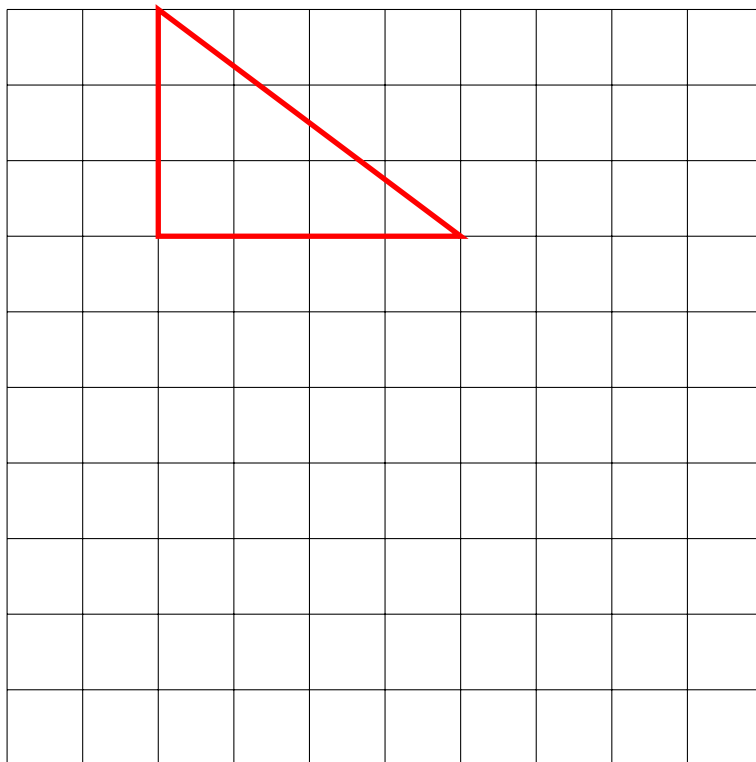




**10**

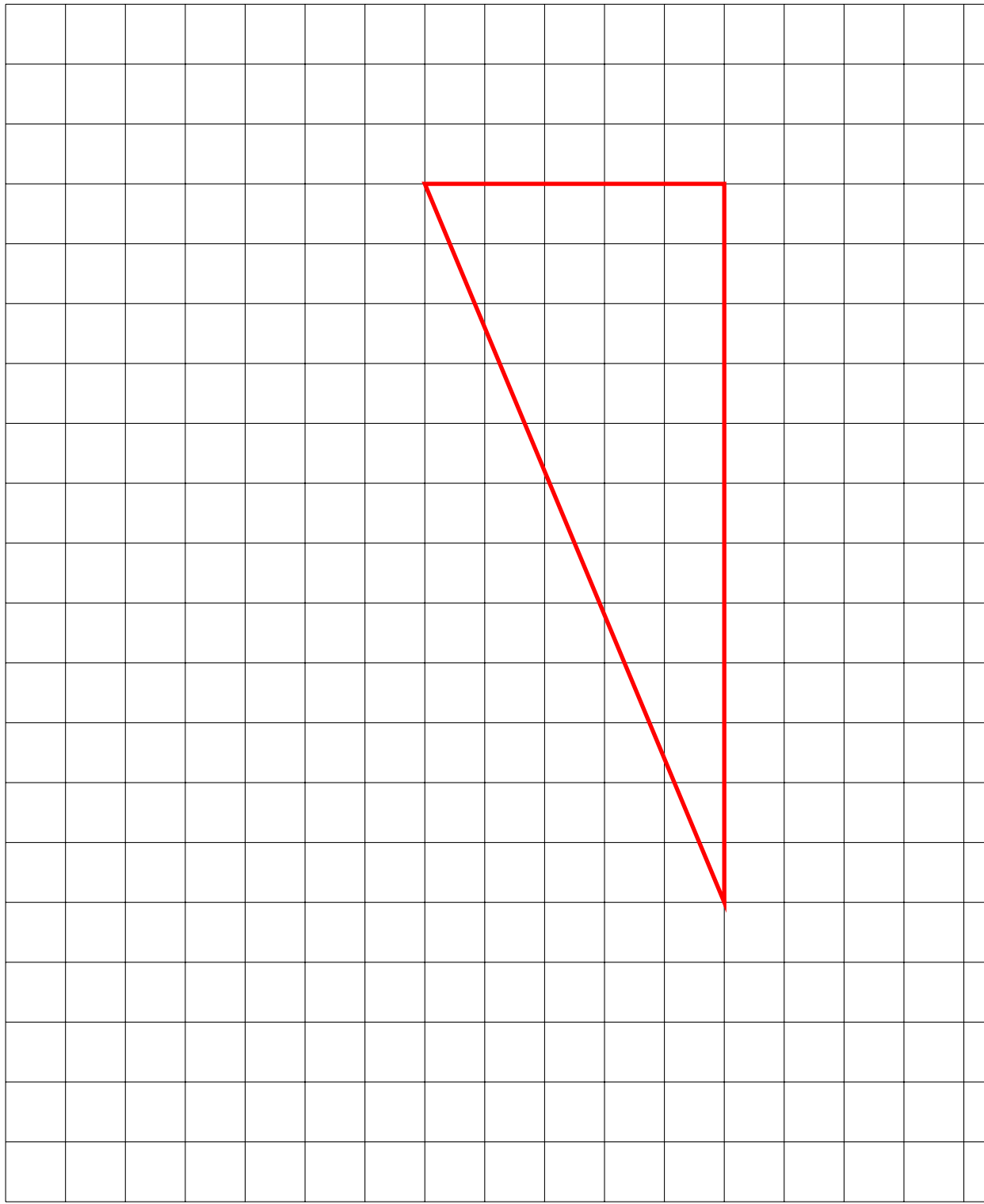
Find the length of the sides and the hypotenuse of the right triangle whose vertices are;

- a)  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(-3, 2)$ ,  $(-3, 5)$



$$height = 3, base = 4, hypotenuse = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{9 + 16} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

b)  $(2, -5), (2, 7), (-3, 7)$

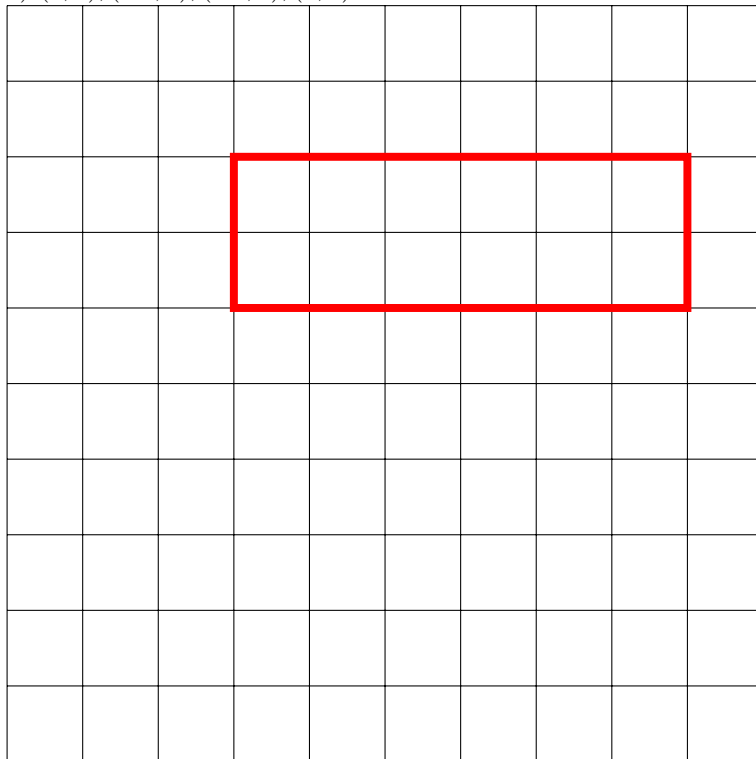


$$height = 12, base = 5, hypotenuse = \sqrt{5^2 + 12^2} = \sqrt{25 + 144} = \sqrt{169} = 13$$

**11**

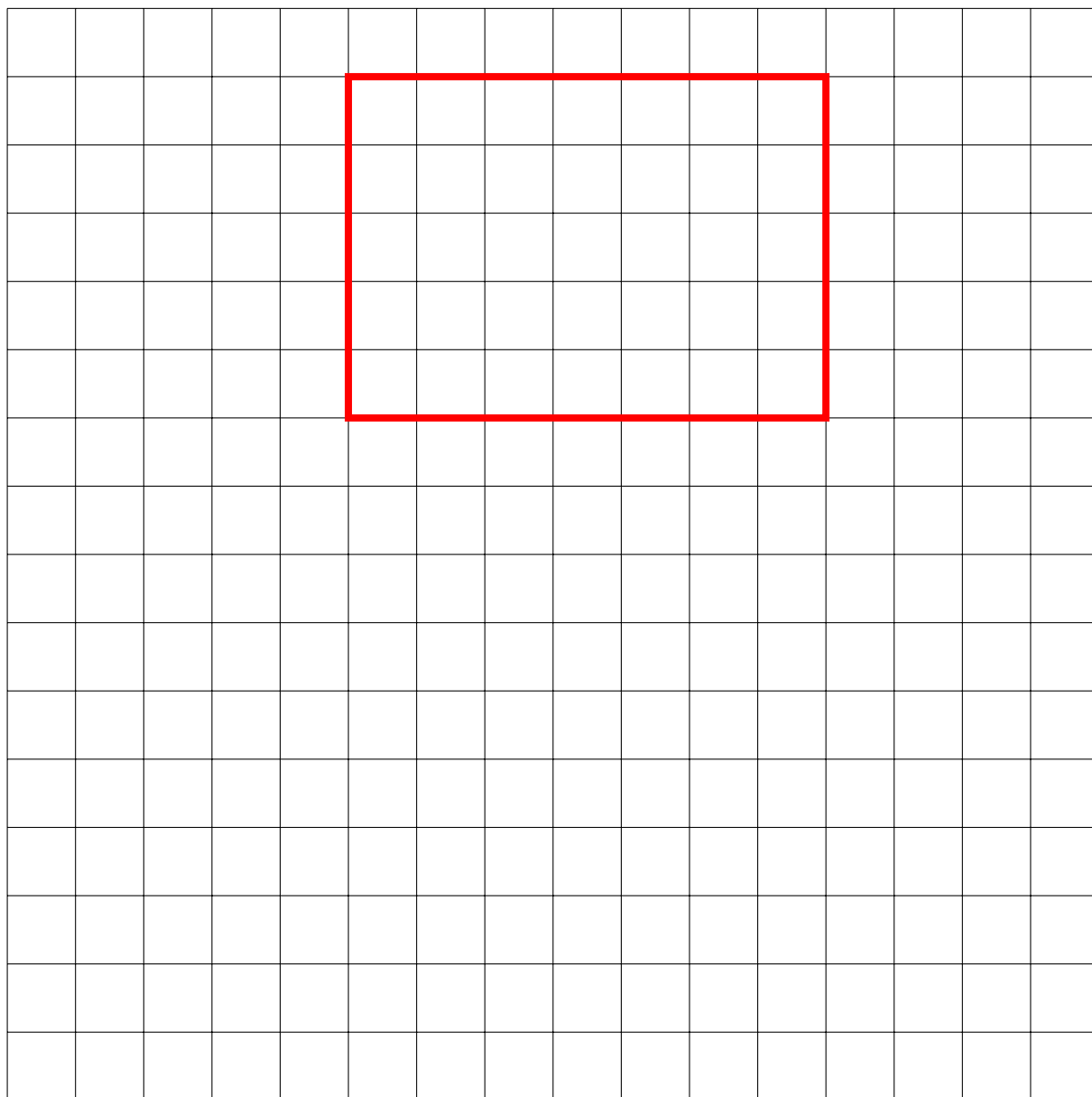
Find the area of the rectangle whose vertices are

a)  $(4, 1), (-2, 3), (-2, 1), (4, 3)$



$$height = 3 - 1 = 2, width = 4 - (-2) = 6, area = 2 \cdot 6 = 12$$

b)  $(-3, 7), (4, 2), (-3, 2), (4, 7)$

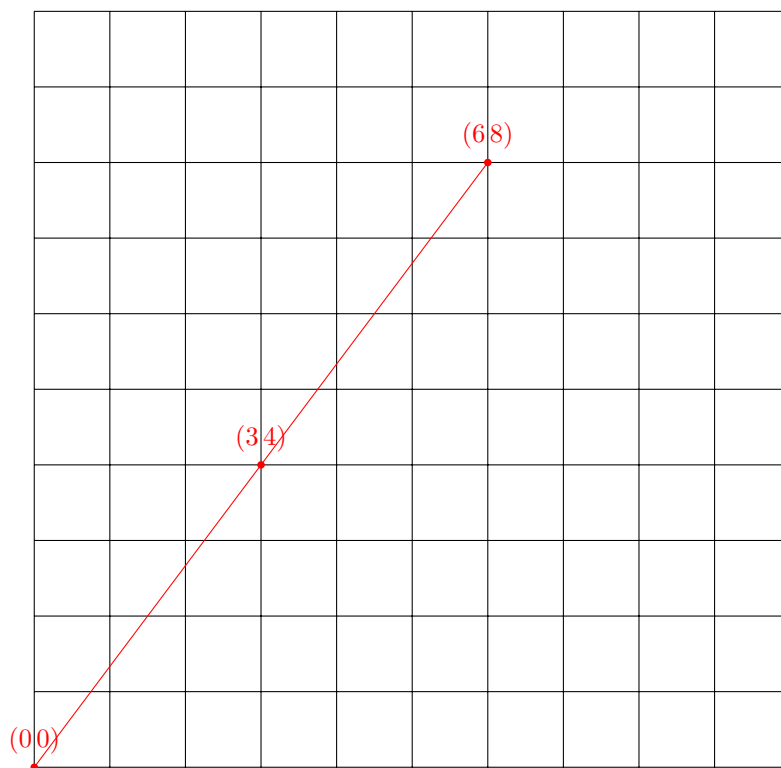


$$height = 7 - 2 = 5, width = 4 - (-3) = 7, area = 5 \cdot 7 = 35$$

**12**

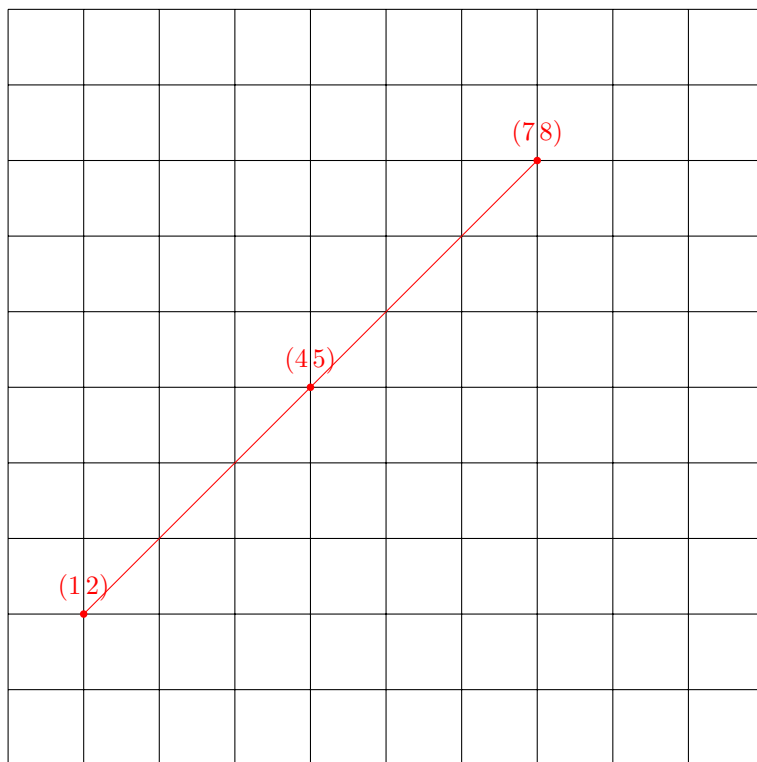
Find the coordinates of the midpoint of the segment joining

a)  $(0, 0)$  to  $(6, 8)$



$$midpoint = (0 + \frac{6-0}{2}, 0 + \frac{8-0}{2}) = (3, 4)$$

b) (1,2)to(7,8)

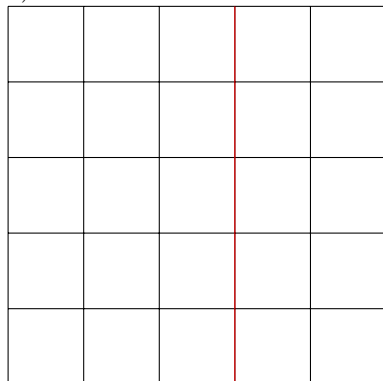


$$\text{midpoint} = \left(1 + \frac{7-1}{2}, 2 + \frac{8-2}{2}\right) = (4, 5)$$

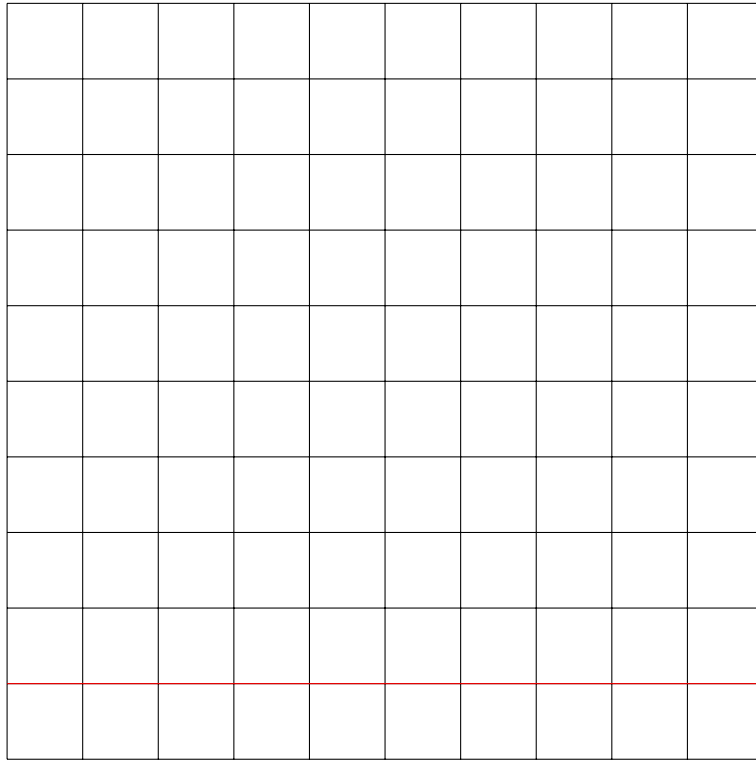
**13**

Sketch on a suitable diagram all points (x, y) such that

a)  $x = 3$



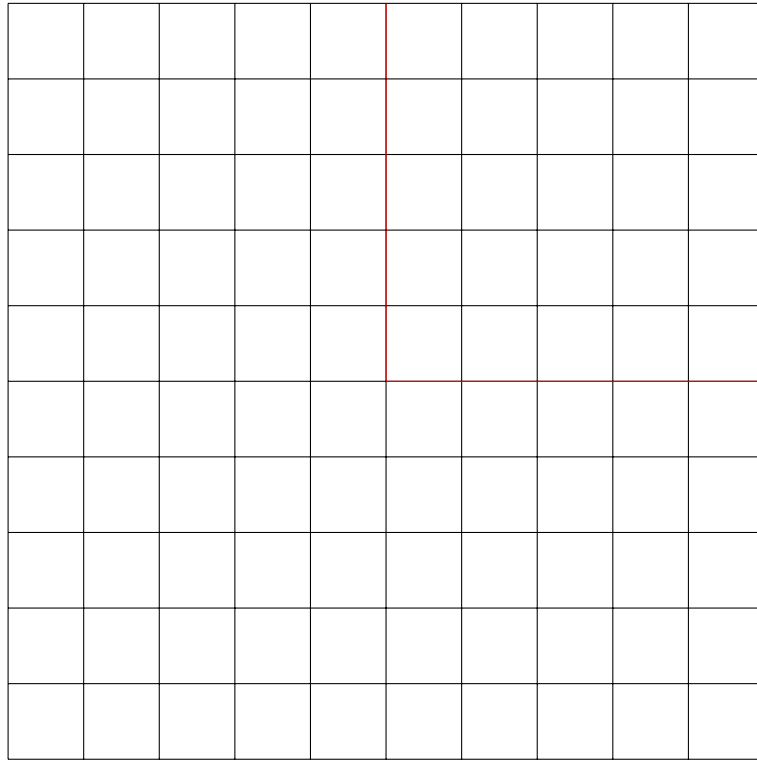
b)  $y = -4$



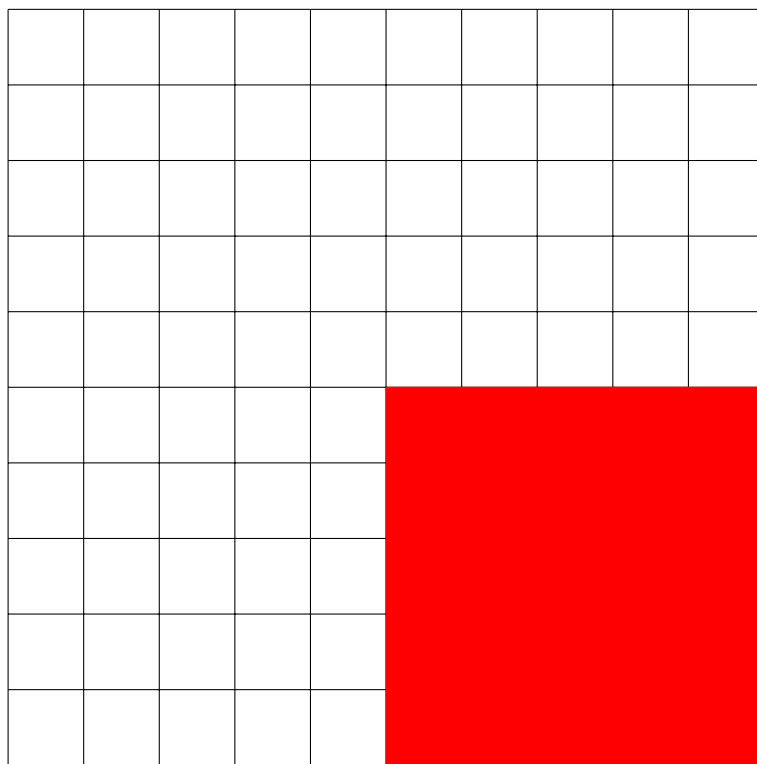
c)  $x < 3$  and  $y > 2$



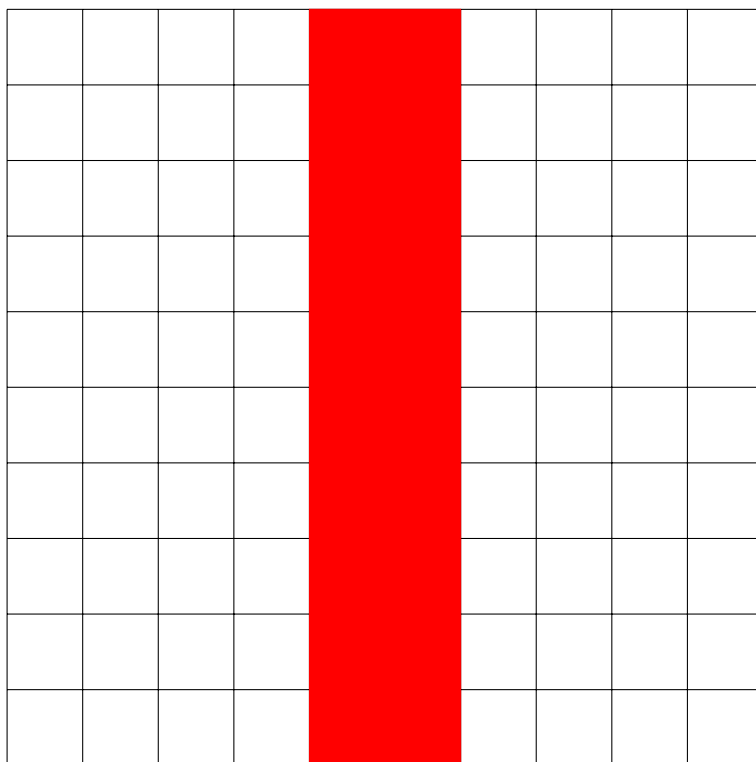

d)  $x$  or  $y$  (or both) is zero



e)  $x \geq 0$  and  $y \leq 0$



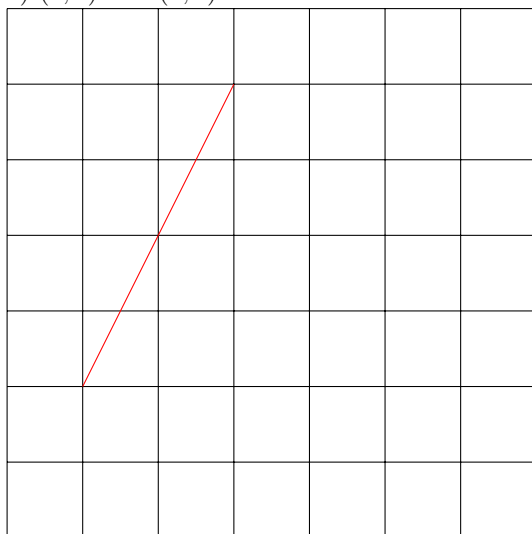
f)  $x^2 \leq 1$



**14**

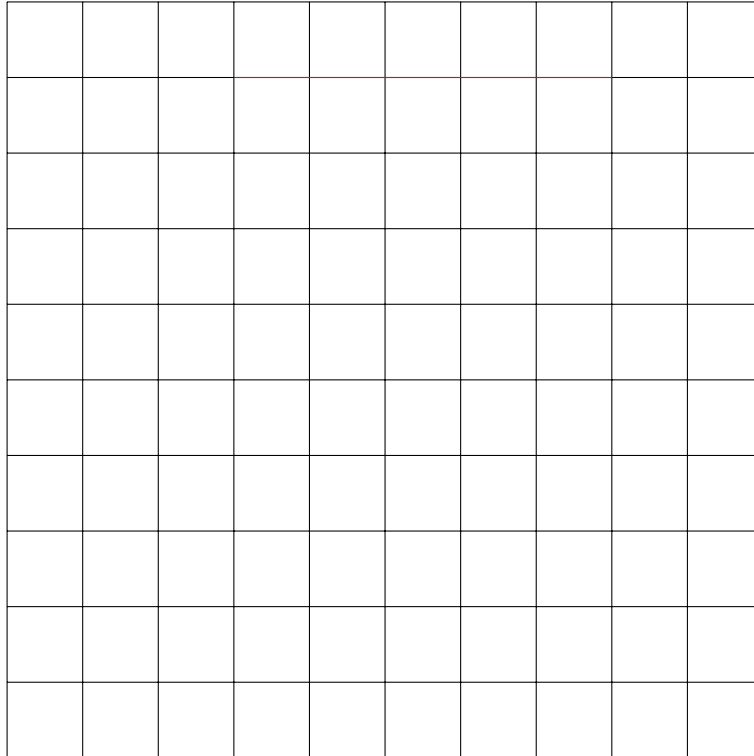
Find the slope determined by

a)  $(1, 2)$  and  $(3, 6)$



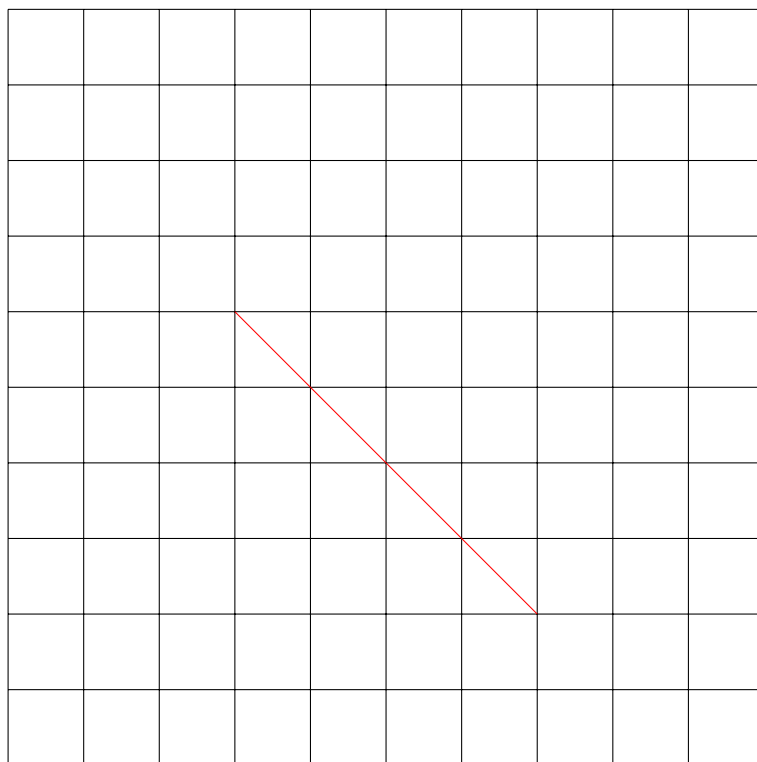
$$m = \frac{6 - 2}{3 - 1} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

b)  $(-2, 4)$  and  $(3, 4)$



$$m = \frac{3 - (-2)}{4 - 4} = 0$$

c)  $(-2, 1)$  and  $(2, -3)$



$$m = \frac{-3 - 1}{2 - (-2)} = \frac{-4}{4} = -1$$

**15**

Find the equation of the line through

a)  $(-1, -2)$  and  $(1, 0)$

$$m = \frac{0 - (-2)}{1 - (-1)} = \frac{2}{2} = 1; 0 = 1 \cdot 1 + c; c = -1; y = x - 1$$

b)  $(0, 4)$  and  $(1, 7)$

$$m = \frac{7 - 4}{1 - 0} = \frac{3}{1} = 3; c = 7 - 3 \cdot 1 = 4; y = 3x + 4$$

c)  $(4, -2)$  and  $(4, 19)$

$$m = \frac{19 - (-2)}{4 - 4} = 0; x = 4$$

**16**

Show that the lines  $3x + y = 2$  and  $2y = 1 - 6x$  are parallel

$$3x + y = 2 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$y = -3x + 2 \quad (\text{when rearranged})$$

$$2y = 1 - 6x \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

$$y = \frac{1 - 6x}{2} = \frac{1}{2} - 3x \quad (\text{when rearranged})$$

Given Equation 1 and Equation 2 have same slope, they will never intercept unless they are the same line, but given the y intercepts are different, then they aren't the same line. Meaning they cross the y axis at different points and slope in same direction

## 17

Write the equation of the line through (-2, -3) which is

a) parallel to  $x + 2y = 3$

Rearranging, we get  $y = \frac{3-x}{2}$

For the line to be parallel, the slope will be the same, thus  $m = \frac{1}{2}$ . The y intercept  $c$  will be  $-3 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot -2 + c$ ;  $c = -2$

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

b) perpendicular to  $x + 2y = 3$

Rearranging, we get  $y = \frac{3-x}{2}$

For the line to be perpendicular, the slope will now be different. Let's call the slope of the original equation,  $m_1$  and the slope of the perpendicular equation,  $m_2$ . And that two slopes being perpendicular satisfy  $m_1 \cdot m_2 = -1$

Thus the slope of the perpendicular line, is  $-\frac{1}{2}m_2 = -1$  or  $m_2 = 2$

now for the point (-2, -3) we have  $-3 = 2 \cdot (-2) + c$  or  $c = 1$

So the perpendicular line is

$$y = 2x + 1$$

## 18

Write the equation of the circle with

a) center (0,0) and radius 2;

$$(x + 0)^2 + (y + 0)^2 = x^2 + y^2 = 2^2$$

b) center (-2,0) and radius 7;

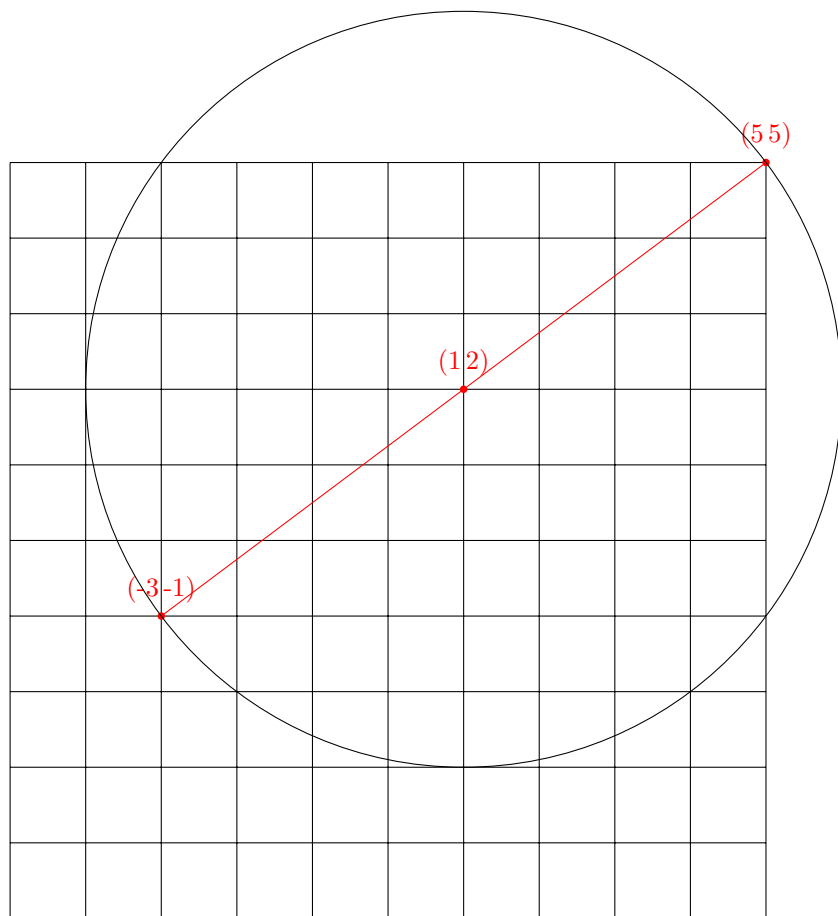
$$(x + 2)^2 + y^2 = 49$$

c) center (3,6) and radius  $\frac{1}{2}$ ;

$$(x - 3)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = \frac{1}{4}$$

d) with (5, 5) and (-3, -1) as the ends of a diameter

Proposing we draw a straight line from (5, 5) to (-3, -1), the midpoint indicates the center.  $(\frac{5-3}{2}, \frac{5-1}{2}) = (1, 2)$



thus the equation of the circle is

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 25$$

## 19

Find the center and radius of the circle whose equation is

a)  $(x + 3)^2 + (y - 6)^2 = 9$

$r = \sqrt{9} = 3$

$center = (-3, +6)$

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

$r = 2$

$center = (4, 0)$

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

$r = 1$

$center = (0, -2)$



$$d) x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 2y + 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 2y + 6 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$(x + 3)^2 + (y + 1)^2 - 4 = 0 \quad (\text{factoring out } x \text{ and } y)$$

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

Thus,  $radius = \sqrt{4} = 2$  and  $center = (-3, -1)$

$$e) x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 14y + 97 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 16x + 14y + 97 = 0 \quad (1)$$

$$x^2 - 16x + 48 + (y + 7)^2 = 0 \quad (\text{factoring out } y)$$

$$(x - 8)^2 + (y + 7)^2 - 16 = 0 \quad (\text{factoring out } x)$$

$$(x - 8)^2 + (y + 7)^2 = 16$$

Thus  $radius = \sqrt{16} = 4$  and center  $(8, -7)$

## 20

On a single set of coordinate axes, sketch the line  $x + 16 = 7y$  and the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y = 20$  and find their points of intersection.

$$x + 16 = 7y \quad (1)$$

$$x = 7y - 16 \quad (\text{rearranging})$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 2y = 20 \quad (2)$$

$$(7y - 16)^2 + y^2 - 4(7y - 16) + 2y = 20 \quad (\text{eliminating } x)$$

$$49y^2 - 224y + 256 + y^2 - 28y + 64 + 2y = 20 \quad (\text{expanding})$$

$$50y^2 - 250y + 320 = 20$$

$$50y^2 - 250y + 300 = 0$$

$$y = \frac{250 \pm \sqrt{(-250)^2 - 4 \cdot 50 \cdot 300}}{2 \cdot 50}$$

$$y = \frac{250 \pm \sqrt{2500}}{100} = \frac{250 \pm 50}{100}$$

$$y = \frac{200}{100} = 2, \text{ or, } y = \frac{300}{100} = 3$$

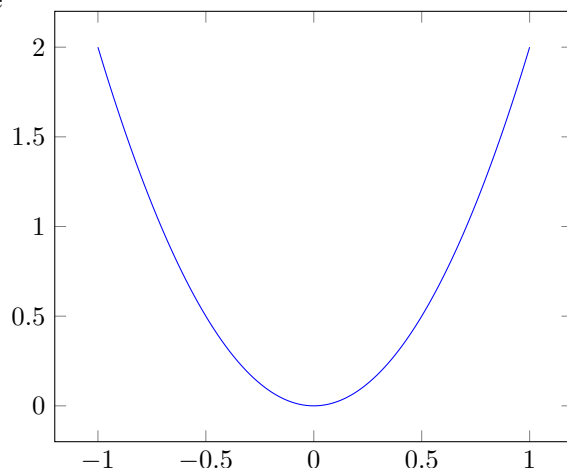
Thus, when  $y = 2$ ,  $x = 7 \cdot 2 - 16 = -2$  and when  $y = 3$  then  $x = 7 \cdot 3 - 16 = 5$   
So the points on intersection are,  $(-2, 2)$  and  $(5, 3)$

## 21

Find the focus and directrix of each of the following parabolas

a)  $y = 2x^2$

So as  $y = 2x^2$ , this will have points on the parabola where  $y \geq 0$ , so looking like



That means the minimum/vertex of this parabola will be  $(0, 0)$

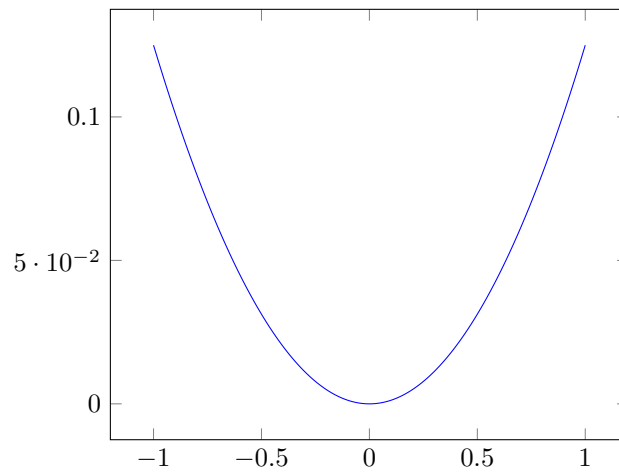
This means that the directrix must be when  $y < 0$  and the value  $y = 0$  is halfway between the directrix's  $y$  value and the focus'  $y$  value. Lets (using the notation from the book) define  $p$  as the value indicating this scalar distance, where the directrix is  $y = -p$  and the focus be located at  $(0, p)$  and the parabola as the equation  $y = \frac{1}{4p}x^2$

Thus we have

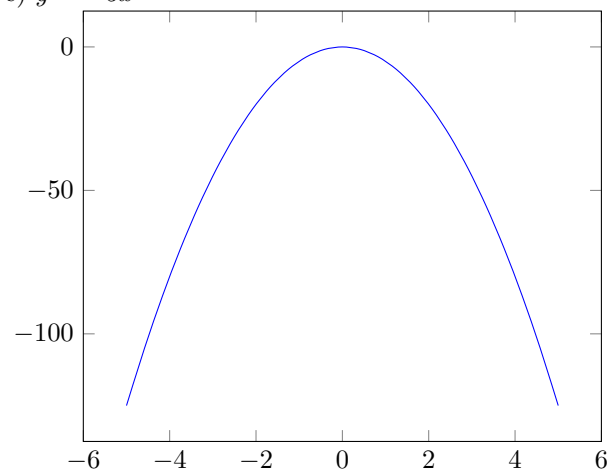
$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{4p} &= 2 \\ 1 &= 2 \cdot 4p = 8p \\ p &= \frac{1}{8}\end{aligned}$$

So the focus  $(0, \frac{1}{8})$  and directrix  $y = -\frac{1}{8}$

b)  $y = \frac{1}{8}x^2$



Vertex:  $(0, 0)$ ; focus  $= \frac{1}{4p} = \frac{1}{8}$ ;  $4p = 8$ ;  $p = 2$ ,  $(0, 2)$  directrix  $= -2$   
 c)  $y = -5x^2$



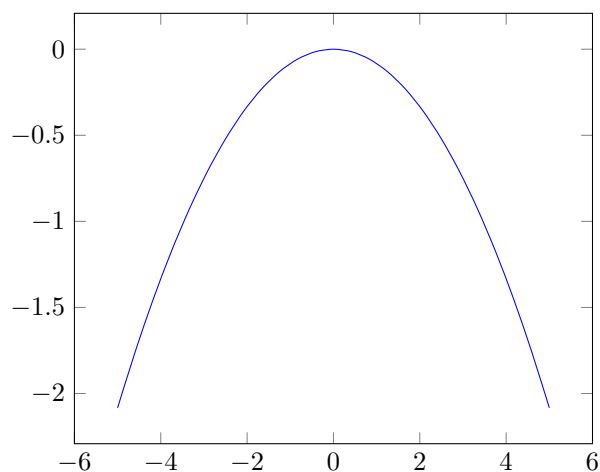
$$-\frac{1}{4p} = -5; -1 = -20p; p = \frac{1}{20}$$

So focus this time is when  $y < 0$

Focus  $= (0, -\frac{1}{20})$

Directrix  $= y = \frac{1}{20}$

d)  $y = -\frac{1}{12}x^2$



$$-\frac{1}{4p} = -\frac{1}{12}; -4p = -12; p = 3;$$

Focus = (0, -3)

Directrix  $y = 3$

## 22

A parabola has vertical axis and vertex at the origin.

Write its equation if its focus is at

a) (0, 3)

So given the vertex is at the origin, and this has value of  $p = 3$

$$y = \frac{1}{4p}x^2 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot 3}x^2 = \frac{1}{12}x^2$$

b) (0, 16)

$$y = \frac{1}{64}x^2$$

c) (0, -1)

$$p = -1$$

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

d)  $(0, -\frac{1}{10})$

$$p = -\frac{1}{10}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4 \cdot (-\frac{1}{10})}x^2 = \frac{1}{-\frac{4}{10}}x^2 = -\frac{10}{4}x^2 = -\frac{5}{2}x^2$$

## 23

Find the vertex and focus of each of the following parabolas, and state whether it opens up or down;

a)  $y = x^2 - 4x + 1$

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

$$y - 1 = x^2 - 4x \quad (\text{taking 1 off both sides})$$

$$y - 1 = (x - 2)^2 - 4 \quad (\text{completing the square})$$

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

$$\bar{y} = (y + 3)$$

(Assigning the left hand side to a new y coordinate system)

$$\bar{x} = (x - 2)$$

(Similarly for the right hand side to a new x coordinate system)

$$\bar{y} = \bar{x}^2$$

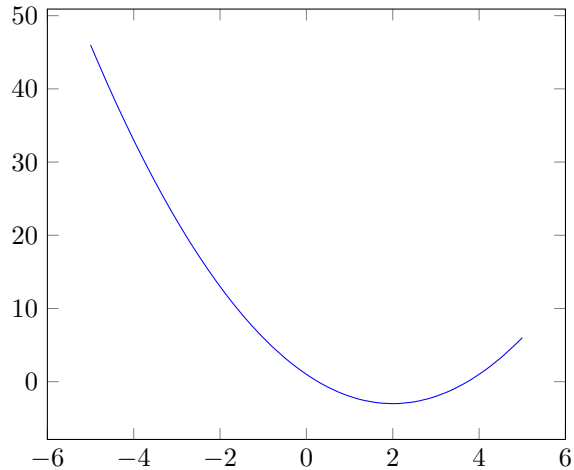
$$\bar{y} = \frac{1}{4p} \bar{x}^2 = \frac{1}{4 \cdot \frac{1}{4}} \bar{x}^2$$

So on the equation  $\bar{y} = \bar{x}^2$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{4}$  meaning Focus on this is  $(0, \frac{1}{4})$  and Directrix is  $y = -\frac{1}{4}$

Translating this back to the old coordinate system

The vertex is  $(2, -3)$

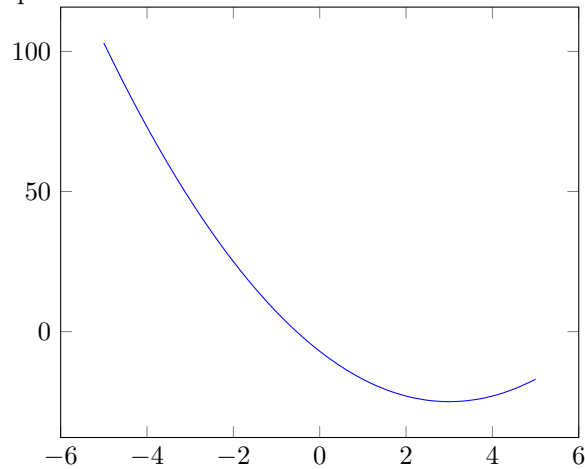
and the focus is  $(2, -2\frac{3}{4})$



b)  $y = 2x^2 - 12x - 7$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= 2x^2 - 12x - 7 & (1) \\
 y &= 2\left(x^2 - 6x - \frac{7}{2}\right) \\
 y &= 2\left((x-3)^2 - 9 - \frac{7}{2}\right) \\
 y &= 2\left((x-3)^2 - \frac{25}{2}\right) \\
 y &= 2(x-3)^2 - 25 \\
 y + 25 &= 2(x-3)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\frac{1}{4p} = 2$  So  
 $\frac{1}{4} = 2p$  or  $p = \frac{1}{8}$   
 Vertex  $(3, -25)$   
 Focus  $(3, -24\frac{7}{8})$   
 up



c)  $y = -x^2 - 4x + 5$

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= -x^2 - 4x + 5 & (1) \\
 y &= -1(x^2 + 4x - 5) & \text{(pulling the negative 1 out)} \\
 y &= -1((x+2)^2 - 4 - 5) & \text{(factoring and completing the square)} \\
 y &= -1(x+2)^2 + 9 \\
 (y-9) &= -1(x+2)^2 \\
 \bar{y} &= y - 9 \\
 \bar{x} &= x + 2
 \end{aligned}$$

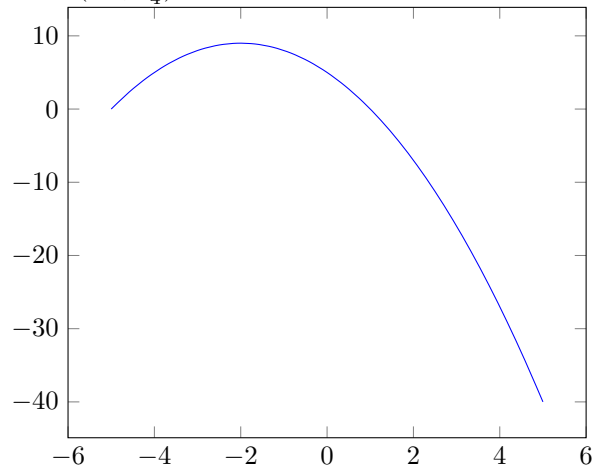
$$\bar{y} = -1\bar{x}^2$$

$$\frac{1}{4p} = -1$$

$$-p = \frac{1}{4} \text{ or } p = -\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Vertex } (-2, 9)$$

$$\text{Focus } (-2, 8\frac{3}{4})$$



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

$$y = 4 - 2x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 \tag{1}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(-8 + 4x + x^2)$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(-8 + (2 + x)^2 - 4) \quad \text{(completing the square)}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}(-12 + (2 + x)^2)$$

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

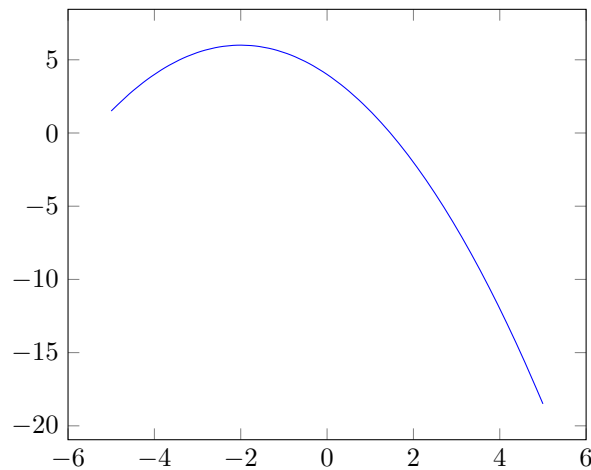
$$y - 6 = -\frac{1}{2}((2 + x)^2)$$

$$\frac{1}{4p} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad 2 = -4p \text{ so } p = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{Vertex } (-2, 6)$$

$$\text{Focus } (-2, 5\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\text{Down}$$



## 24

Without actually finding the roots, determine for each equation whether its roots are; real and distinct, real and equal, or imaginary.

Using the formula  $b^2 - 4ac$  to determine if the roots are real and distinct, real and equal, or real and imaginary,

where real and distinct  $b^2 - 4ac > 0$  where real and equal  $b^2 - 4ac = 0$  and imaginary  $b^2 - 4ac < 0$

a)  $5x^2 + 3x + 4 = 0$

$$3^2 - 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 4 = 9 - 80 = -71$$

Imaginary

b)  $7x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$

$$-2^2 - 4 \cdot 7 \cdot (-15) = 4 + 420$$

Real and distinct

c)  $3x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

$$-5^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 = 25 - 12 = 13$$

Real and distinct

d)  $4x^2 + 20x + 25 = 0$

$$20^2 - 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 25 = 400 - 400 = 0$$

Real and unique



## 25

Without solving, find the sum and product of the roots

Sum of roots  $-\frac{b}{a}$

Product of roots  $\frac{c}{a}$

a)  $4x^2 - 7x - 13 = 0$  Sum;  $-\frac{7}{4}$  Product  $= -\frac{13}{4}$

b)  $3x^2 + 10x + 17 = 0$  Sum;  $-\frac{10}{3}$  Product;  $\frac{17}{3}$

c)  $2x^2 + x - 2 = 0$  Sum;  $-\frac{1}{2}$  Product -1

## 26

Construct a quadratic equation having the given numbers as roots

a) -3, 8

Sum of roots  $= 5 = -\frac{b}{a}$

Product of roots  $= -24 = \frac{c}{a}$

Letting  $a=1$ ,  $b = -5$ ,  $c = -24$

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = 0$$

b)  $2 + \sqrt{5}$ ,  $2 - \sqrt{5}$

Sum of roots  $= 4 = -\frac{b}{a}$

Product of roots  $= -1 = \frac{c}{a}$

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

$$x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

c)  $-\frac{3}{5}$ ,  $\frac{2}{3}$

Sum of roots  $= \frac{-9+10}{15} = \frac{1}{15} = -\frac{b}{a}$

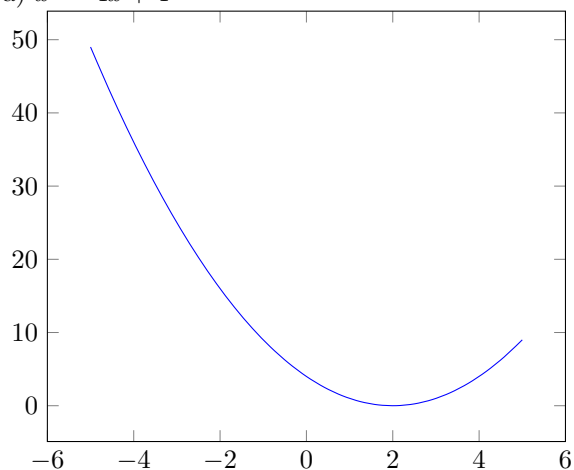
Product of roots  $= -\frac{6}{15}$

$$15x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

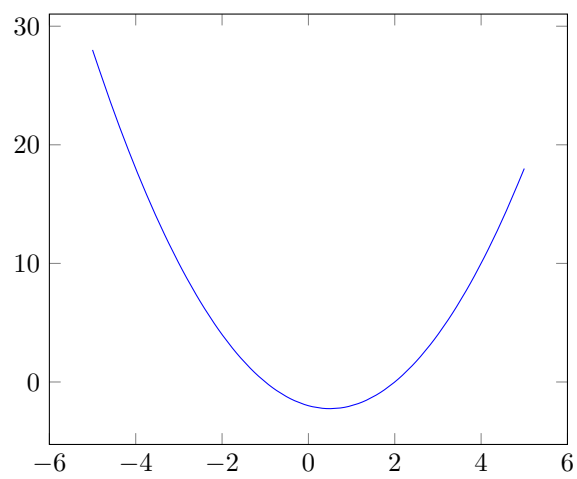
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Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  if  $f(x)$  equals

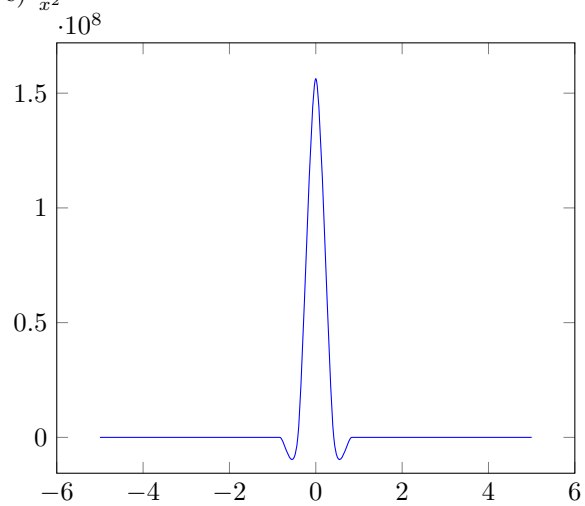
a)  $x^2 - 4x + 4$



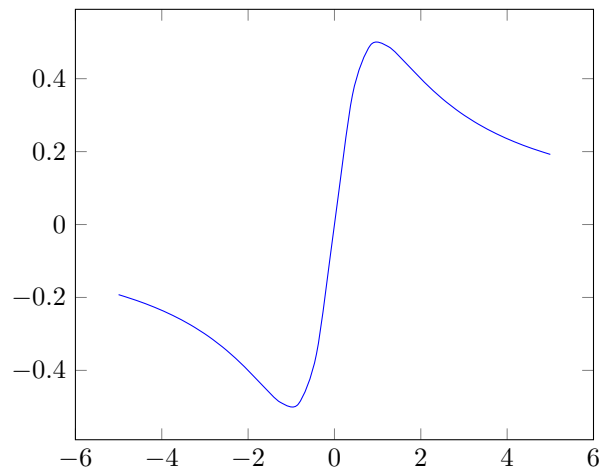
b)  $x^2 - x - 2$



c)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$



d)  $\frac{x}{x^2+1}$



### 0.2.3 3 - Special Topics

1

Express each of the following in terms of logarithms;

a)  $5^2 = 25$

$$2 = \log_5 25$$

b)  $2^5 = 32$

$$5 = \log_2 32$$

c)  $5^{-2} = \frac{1}{25}$

$$-2 = \log_5 \frac{1}{25}$$

d)  $2^6 = 64$

$$6 = \log_2 64$$

e)  $3^3 = 27$

$$3 = \log_3 27$$

f)  $81^{0.5} = 9$

$$0.5 = \log_{81} 9$$

g)  $7^0 = 1$

$$0 = \log_7 1$$

h)  $10^{-1} = \frac{1}{10}$

$$\text{i) } 32^{\frac{4}{5}} = 16$$

$$-1 = \log_{10} \frac{1}{10}$$

$$\text{j) } 16^{0.75} = 8$$

$$\frac{4}{5} = \log_{32} 16$$

$$0.75 = \log_{16} 8$$

**2**

a)

$$10^1 = 10$$

b)

$$8 = 4^{\frac{3}{2}}$$

c)

$$8 = 2^3$$

d)

$$\frac{1}{125} = 5^{-3}$$

e)

$$81 = 9^2$$

f)

$$1 = 10^0$$

g)

$$0.01 = 10^{-2}$$

h)

$$343 = 7^3$$

i)

$$125 = 5^3$$

j)

$$0.1 = 10^{-1}$$

### 3

- a)  $\log_2 2 = 1$
- b)  $\log_{10} 10000 = 4$
- c)  $\log_2 16 = 4$
- d)  $\log_{25} 125 = \frac{3}{2}$
- e)  $\log_{10} 0.001 = -3$
- f)  $\log_8 4 = \frac{2}{3}$
- g)  $\log_2 1 = 0$
- h)  $\log_8 \frac{\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{256}}{\sqrt[6]{32}}$  TODO
- i) TODO

### 4

Solve for x

- a)  $\log_9 x = 3.5$  so x = 2187
- b)  $\log_{27} x = \frac{5}{3}$  so x 243
- c)  $\log_2 x = 8$  so x 256
- d)  $\log_{32} x = 0.8$  so x is 16

### 5

Find the base a

- a)  $\log_a 9 = 0.4$  so a = 243
- b)  $\log_a 27 = -\frac{3}{4}$  a =  $\frac{1}{81}$
- c)  $\log_a 49 = 2$  so a = 7
- d)  $\log_a 6 = \frac{1}{2}$  a = 36

### 6

TODO: Determine nicest formatting for long division

- a)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x - 2 \\
 x - 3 \overline{) x^2 - 5x + 6} \\
 \underline{-(x^2 - 3x)} \phantom{6} \\
 0x^2 - 2x + 6 \\
 \underline{-(-2x + 6)} \\
 0x^2 + 0x + 0
 \end{array}$$

$Q(x) = x - 2$  and  $R(x) = 0$

- b)

$$\begin{array}{r}
x + 3 \\
x - 7 \overline{)x^2 - 4x - 21} \\
\underline{-(x^2 - 7x)} \phantom{-21} \\
3x - 21 \\
\underline{-(3x - 21)} \\
\bar{0}
\end{array}$$

$Q(x) = x + 3$  and  $R(x) = 0$   
c)

$$\begin{array}{r}
x^2 - x - 6 \\
x - 7 \overline{)x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 42} \\
\underline{-(x^3 - 7x^2)} \phantom{+x + 42} \\
-x^2 + x + 42 \\
\underline{-(-x^2 + 7x)} \phantom{+42} \\
-6x + 42 \\
\underline{-(-6x + 42)} \\
\bar{0}
\end{array}$$

$Q(x) = x^2 - x - 6$  and  $R(x) = 0$   
d)

$$\begin{array}{r}
3x^2 - 2x + 1 \\
x^2 + 3 \overline{)3x^4 - 2x^3 + 10x^2 - 7x + 10} \\
\underline{-(3x^4 + 9x^2)} \phantom{-7x + 10} \\
-2x^3 + x^2 - 7x + 10 \\
\underline{-(-2x^3 - 6x)} \phantom{+10} \\
x^2 - x + 10 \\
\underline{-(x^2 + 3)} \phantom{+10} \\
-x + 7
\end{array}$$

$Q(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1$  and  $R(x) = -x + 7$   
e)

$$\begin{array}{r}
x^3 - 2x^2 + 5 \\
x^2 - 2x - 1 \overline{) x^5 - 4x^4 + 3x^3 + 7x^2 - 10x - 5} \\
\underline{-(x^5 - 2x^4 - x^3)} \phantom{- 10x - 5} \\
-2x^4 + 4x^3 + 7x^2 - 10x - 5 \\
\underline{-(-2x^4 + 4x^3 + 2x^2)} \phantom{- 10x - 5} \\
5x^2 - 10x - 5 \\
\underline{-(5x^2 - 10x - 5)} \\
0
\end{array}$$

$$Q(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 5 \text{ and } R(x) = 0$$