

## Logarithmic functions

Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $g > 1$ . Then the logarithm with base  $g$  is defined by  $y = \log_g(x) \iff x = g^y$

## Properties of logarithm

1.  $\log_e(1) = 0$  (since  $e^0$  gives 1)

2.  $\log_e(e^x) = x$  (since  $\log_e(e^x) = x$ )

3.  $\log_e(3 \times 5) = \log_e(3) + \log_e(5)$

$\log_e(a \cdot b) = \log_e(a) + \log_e(b)$  (multiplication becomes addition)

4.  $\log_e(2^{10}) = 10 \log_e(2)$

$\log_e(a^r) = r \log_e(a)$  (bring power down)

## Properties continued.

$$5. \log_e(10/3) = \log_e(10) - \log_e(3)$$

$$\log_e(a/b) = \log_e(a) - \log_e(b) \text{ provided } b \neq 0$$

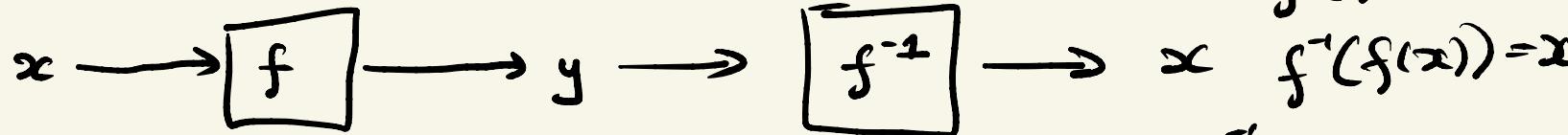
$$\ln(a/b) = \ln(a) - \ln(b)$$

Notation:  $\ln(x)$  =  $\log_e(x)$

$$2) \log_e(e^x) = x$$

## Inverse function

Idea: A function takes an input  $x$  and outputs a number  $y$ . The inverse function undoes this.



$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$

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e.g.  $f(x) = x + 1$  has inverse function  $f^{-1}(x) = x - 1$

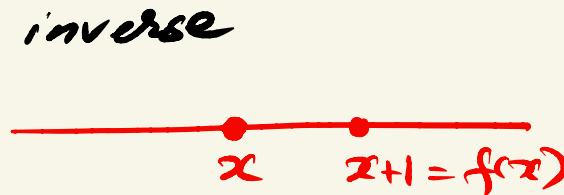
check  $y = f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f^{-1}(y) &= f^{-1}(f(x)) \\ &= f^{-1}(x+1) = (x+1)-1 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

↑  
output of  $f^{-1}(y)$

e.g.  $f(x) = 2x$  has inverse

$$f^{-1}(x) = x/2$$



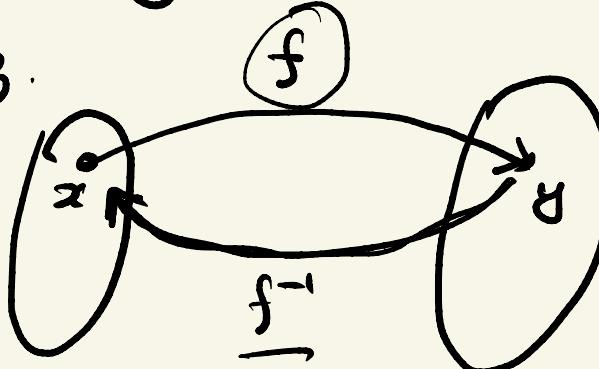
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## Inverse function

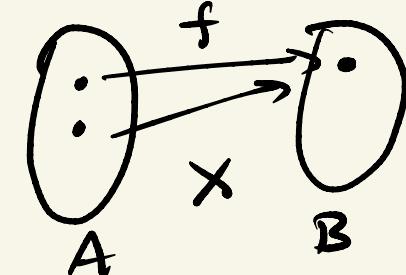
Def<sup>n</sup>: Let  $f$  be a one-to-one function with domain  $A$  and range  $B$ . Then its inverse is denoted as  $f^{-1}$  and has domain  $B$  and range  $A$ . It is defined by

$$f^{-1}(x) = y \text{ whenever } y = f(x)$$

for any  $y \in B$ .



- so,  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$   
for all  $x \in A$
- $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$   
for all  $x \in B$



### Example

The function  $f(x) = \frac{9}{5}x + 32$  converts a temperature  $x$  in celsius to fahrenheit.

$$f(0) = \frac{9}{5}x + 32 = 32 \text{ degrees fahrenheit}$$

Inverse function converts fahrenheit back to celsius.  
How do we find inverse function?

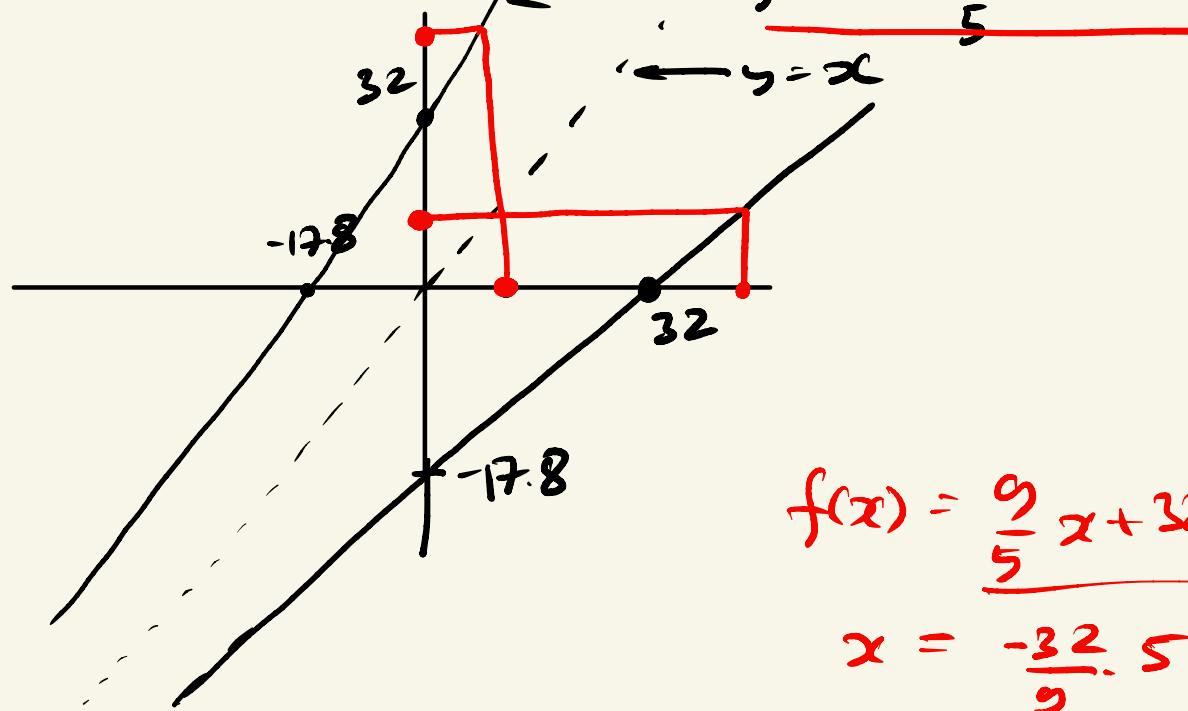
$$\text{Let } y = f(x) = \frac{9}{5}x + 32$$

Solve for  $x$  in terms of  $y$ . So

$$\frac{9}{5}x = y - 32 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{9}(y - 32)$$

So, the inverse function is  $f'(x) = \frac{5}{9}(x - 32)$

Refraction over  $y=x$  line



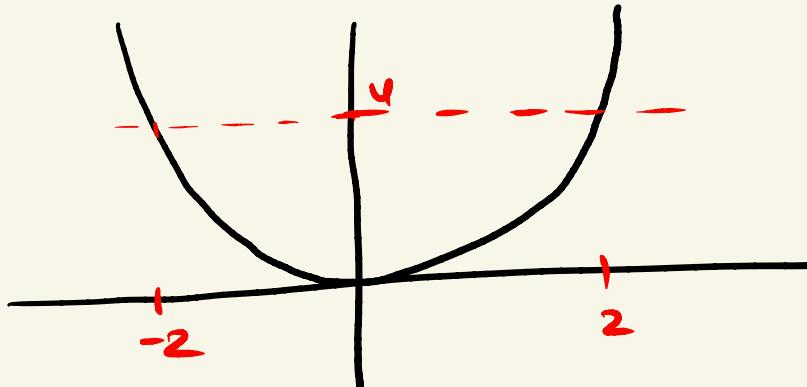
$$f(x) = \frac{9}{5}x + 32 = 0$$

$$x = -\frac{32}{9}$$

Inverse function is obtained by reflecting the graph with respect to the line  $y=x$ .

## Example

Let  $f(x) = x^2$



$f^{-1}(4) = ?$  is it  $x = 2$  or  $x = -2$ ?

No unique answer  $\Rightarrow$  inverse does not exist.

The **horizontal line**  $y=4$  intersects the graph at **more** than one point

## A basic business problem (notes posted on course webpage)

Key terms: • Linear demand eqn

- Total cost
- Revenue
- Break-even point & profit

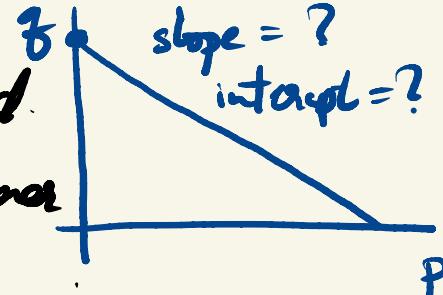
Example setting: Opple Inc is the only manufacturer of the popular oPad. Opple estimates that when the price of oPad is \$200, the weekly demand is 5000 units. For a \$1 increase in price, the weekly demand decreases by 50 units. Assume that the fixed cost of production on a weekly basis is \$100,000 and variable cost is \$75 per unit.

## Linear demand equation

② Find the linear demand equation for the opad.

Notation:

- use  $p$  for price and  $q$  for the weekly demand
- Demand is the amount  $q$  of a good consumer is willing to purchase with the  $\$$  at  $p$



we have:  $P_0 = 200$ ,  $q_0 = 5000$ , and  $\Delta p = 1 \Rightarrow \Delta q = -50$ .

$$\text{so, } (q - q_0) = m(p - P_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{q - q_0}{(p - P_0)} = -50$$

$$\hookrightarrow P_0 = P + 1$$

so, the equation of the line is  $q - 5000 = -50(p - 200)$

$$\Rightarrow q(p) = -50(p - 200) + 5000$$

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

## Total cost

- b) Find the weekly cost function,  $C = C(q)$ , for producing  $q$  oPads per week.

$$C(q) = \underbrace{\text{fixed cost}}_{\text{doesn't depend on } q} + \underbrace{\text{variable cost}}_{\text{depends on amount of quantity produced}}$$

$$C(q) = 100,000 + 75q$$

Note that  $C(q)$  is a linear function.

## Revenue

c. Find the weekly revenue functions,  $R = R(q)$

Revenue is the amount of money the company receives by selling  $q$  goods.

$R(p)$  or  $R(q)$

$$R(q) = p \cdot q$$

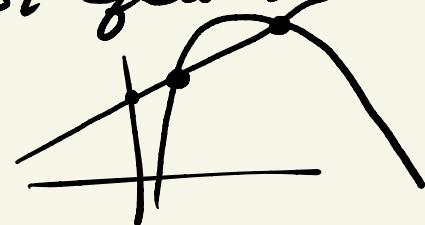
From a)

$$\begin{aligned} q(p) &= -50(p-200) + 5000 \\ \Rightarrow p &= -\frac{1}{50}(q-5000) + 200 \\ &= 300 - \frac{q}{50} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so, } R(q) &= \left(300 - \frac{q}{50}\right) q \rightarrow \text{quadratic in } q. \\ &= 300q - \frac{q^2}{50} \end{aligned}$$

## Break-even point

d) The break-even points are points where cost equals revenue,  
i.e. where  $C(q) = R(q)$ .



$$C(q) = R(q).$$

$$\Rightarrow 100,000 + 75q = q(300 - q/50)$$

$$\Rightarrow 100,000 + 75q = 300q - q^2/50$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{50}q^2 - 225q + 100,000 = 0$$

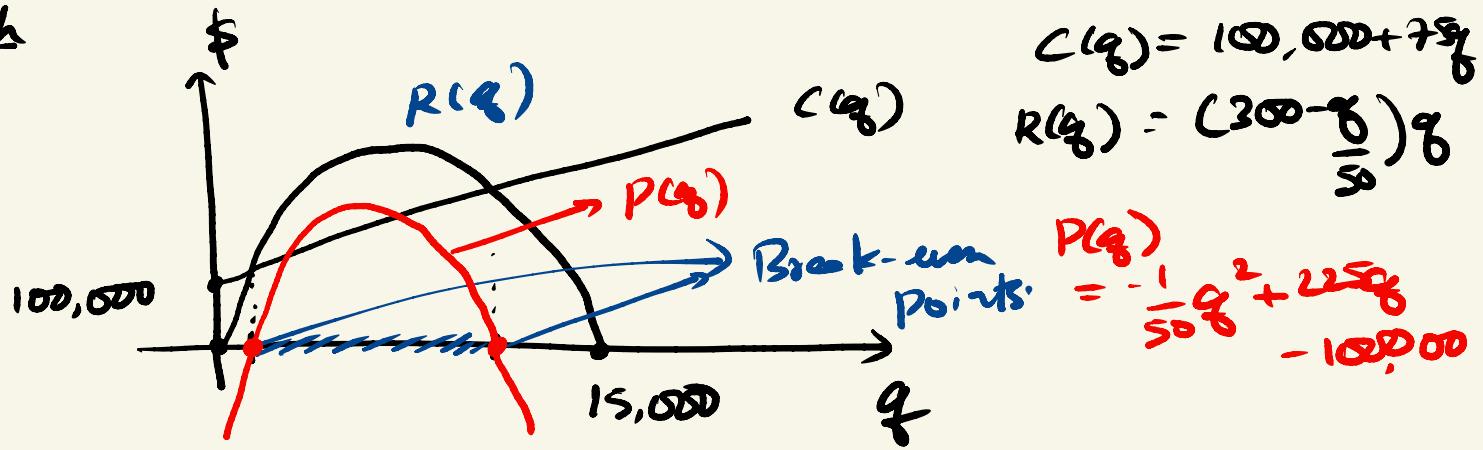
$$q \approx 463.5$$

$$C=R \approx \$134.8$$

$$\text{or } q \approx 10,786.5$$

$$C=R \approx \$908,984$$

Sketch



Profit  $> 0$  for  $q$  in shaded region.

$$C(q) = 100,000 + 75q$$
$$R(q) = \left(300 - \frac{q}{50}\right)q$$

$$P(q) = -\frac{1}{50}q^2 + 225q - 100,000$$

Profit

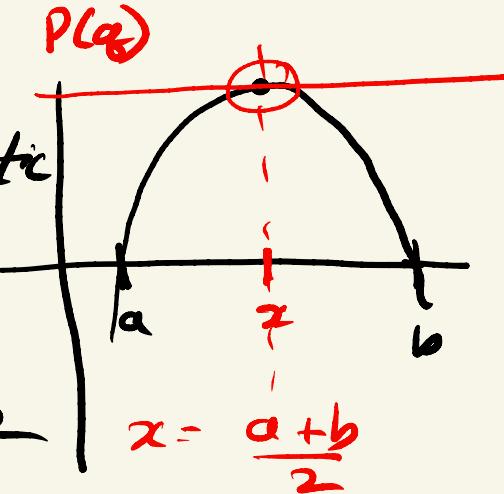
Profit is defined as :  $P(q) = R(q) - C(q)$

$$\text{so, } P(q) = (300 - \frac{q}{150})q - (100,000 + 2.5q)$$
$$= -\frac{1}{150}q^2 + 225q - 100,000$$

Now should Apple Inc operate in order to maximize the weekly profit  $P(q)$ ?

Need to find the vertex of the quadratic function. The vertex is the average of the two roots.

$$\text{so, vertex } x = (463.5 + 10,786.5)/2$$
$$= 5625$$



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

& max profit = \$ 532,821.5

## Rate of change

Example: You drop a ball from a tall building. Let  $s(t)$  be the distance (in meters) the ball falls after  $t$  seconds.

$$\text{Galileo worked out that } s(t) = 4.9t^2 \quad (\frac{1}{2}gt^2)$$

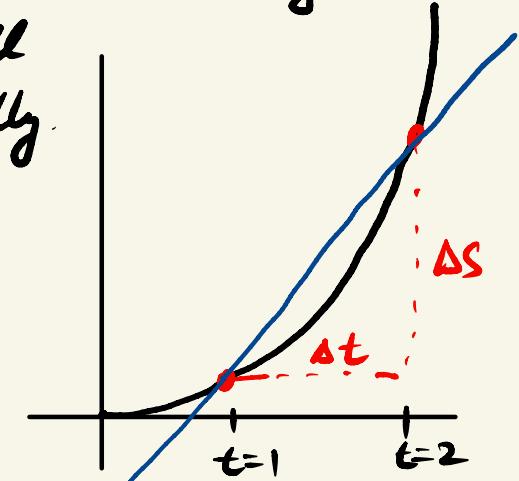
$\uparrow g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$

- a) What is the average velocity of the ball between  $t=1$  &  $t=2$ ? Interpret graphically.

$$\text{average velocity} := \frac{\text{change in position}}{\text{change in time}}$$

$$= \frac{s(2) - s(1)}{2-1} = \underline{14.7 \text{ m/s}}$$

slope of the  
secant line



b) What is the average velocity between  $t=1$  and  $t=1+h$ ?

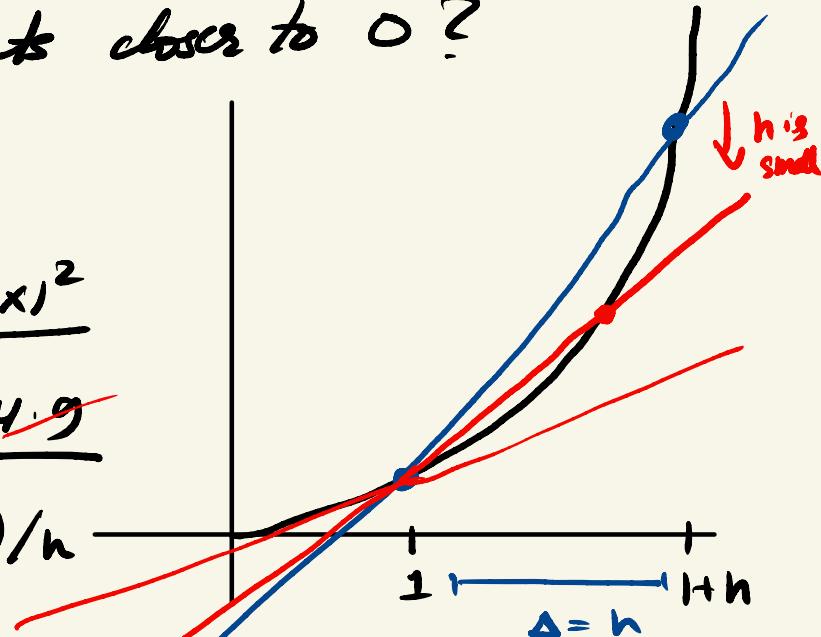
( $h > 0$ ) What happens as  $h$  gets closer to 0?

$$\begin{aligned}\text{average velocity} &= \frac{s(1+h) - s(1)}{(1+h) - 1} \\ &= \frac{4.9(1+h)^2 - 4.9 \times 1^2}{h} \\ &= \frac{4.9(1+2h+h^2) - 4.9}{h}\end{aligned}$$

$$(h > 0) \implies = \frac{(9.8h + 4.9h^2)/h}{9.8 + 4.9h}$$

approaches 9.8 as  $h$  gets close to 0

As  $h$  gets smaller the secant line gets closer and closer to the tangent line at  $x=1$ . The slope of the tangent line is the instantaneous velocity of ball at  $x=1$ .



## Limit

Mathematically, we write:

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{s(1+h) - s(1)}{(1+h) - 1} = 9.8$$

to means as  $h$  gets closer and closer to 0 (without  $h$  being equal to zero) the expression  $\frac{s(1+h) - s(1)}{1+h}$  numerically gets closer and closer to 9.8 m/s.

Note: we read

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L \text{ as}$$

limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$  is  $L$

## Example

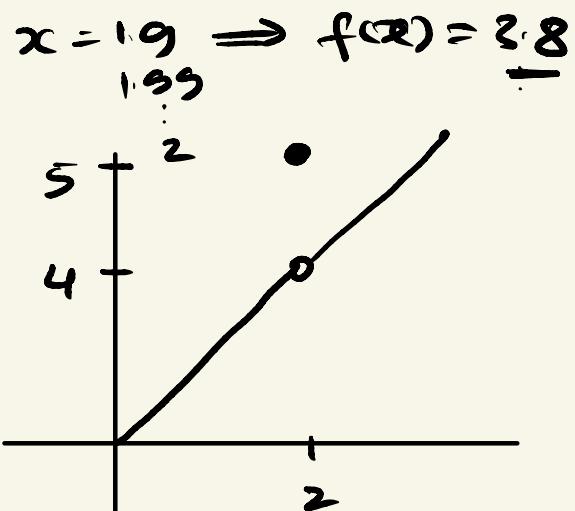
a)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & , x \neq 2 \\ 5 & , x = 2 \end{cases}$

What is the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ ?

Note that  $f(2) = 5$

As  $x$  gets closer and closer to 2 without  $x$  being equal to 2,  $f(x)$  gets closer and closer to 4.

so,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4 \neq f(2)$



### Example

a) Let  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x^2+3x-4}$  and consider its limit as  $x \rightarrow 1$

Let  $x=1$ ,  $\frac{1-1}{1^2+3 \cdot 1 - 4} = \frac{0}{0}$  undefined

So,  $f(x)$  is undefined at  $x=1$

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

so,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{(x-1)(x+4)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x+4} = \frac{1}{5}$

When we encounter  $\frac{0}{0}$  situations, it's often helpful to cancel factors.