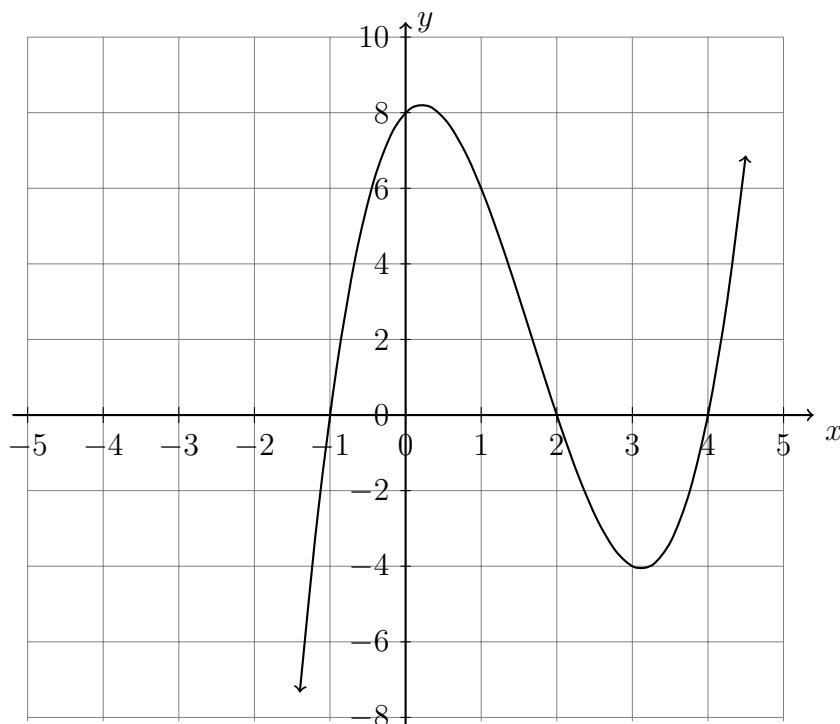
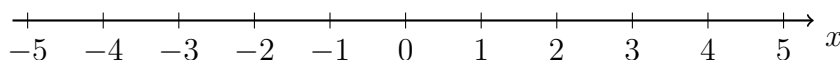


## 4.2 Classwork: Cubic functions

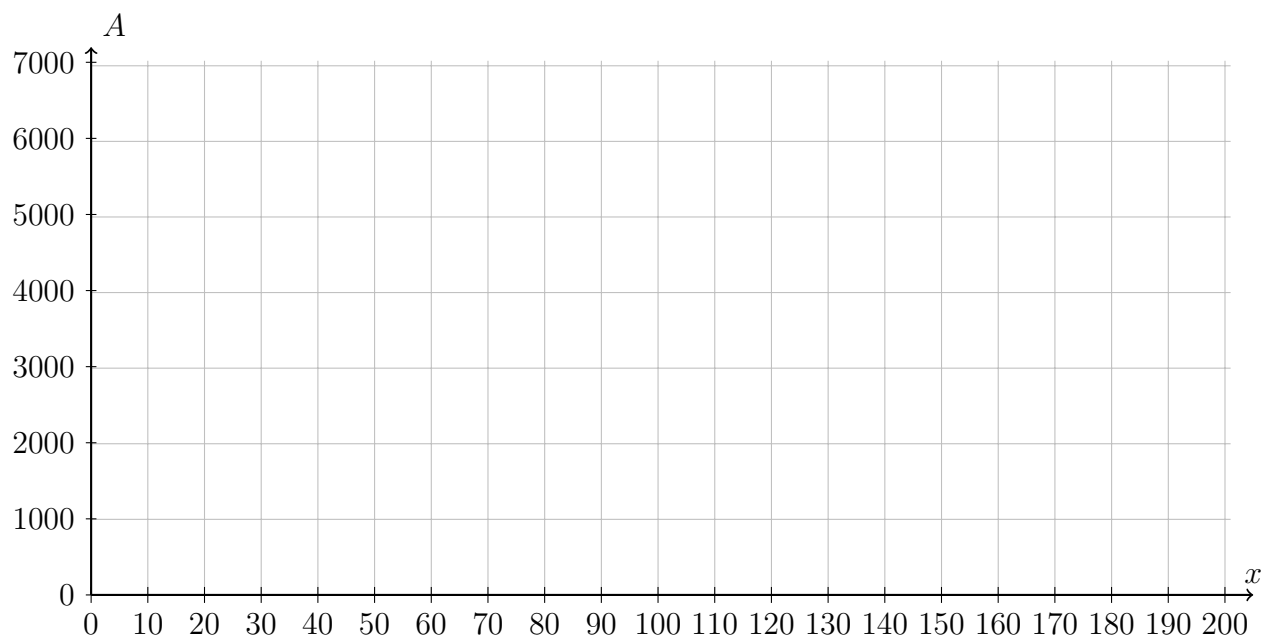
1. Part of the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 8$  is shown on the graph.



- (a) Write down the  $y$ -intercept.
- (b) Show that  $f(0)$  is the  $y$ -intercept by substituting  $x = 0$  into the function  $f(x)$ .
- (c) Write down the  $x$ -intercepts.
- (d) Show that 2 is an  $x$ -intercept because  $x = 2$  is a solution to  $f(x) = 0$ .
- (e) What is the end behavior?
  - i. As  $x \rightarrow +\infty$  does  $y \rightarrow +\infty$  or  $-\infty$ ?
  - ii. As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  does  $y \rightarrow +\infty$  or  $-\infty$ ?
- (f) Label the local maximum and local minimum as ordered pairs (approximate the values).
- (g) Slope: on the  $x$ -axis below, label the portion of the domain where  $f$  is increasing with pluses (“+”) and decreasing with negative signs (“-”). Mark the extrema (maximum and minimum) with zeros since  $f(x)$  is horizontal at those points.
- (h) Write down the intervals the function is increasing and decreasing.



2. A rectangular picture frame has a perimeter of 320 centimeters.
- (a) Let  $x$  be the width of the frame in cm. Find an expression in terms of  $x$  for the height of the frame.
  - (b) Find an expression for the area of the frame,  $A \text{ cm}^2$ , in terms of  $x$ .
  - (c) Plot a graph of how the area varies with width. Mark the coordinates of the vertex and  $x$ -axis intercepts.
  - (d) Explain what the coordinates of the vertex represent in the context of the situation.



Sum of an arithmetic series:  $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(2u_1 + d(n-1))$

3. The first four terms of an arithmetic sequence are 6, 10, 14, 18.

(a) Write down the common difference,  $d$ .

(b) Show the the sum to  $n$  terms can be written as  $2n^2 + 4n$ .

(c) The sum of  $n$  terms is 880. Write a quadratic equation to represent this information. Rearrange to equal zero and plot the function, showing the  $x$ -intercepts and the coordinates of the vertex.

(d) State what information the positive  $x$ -intercept tells you about the sequence.

