

# Math 135, Winter HW 09-11: Solutions

## Exercise 1:

(a) For some real numbers  $x$ ,  $(x+2)^4 = x^4 + 16$ :

• When  $x=0$ ,  $(0+2)^4 = 16 = 0^4 + 16$  ✓

• When  $x \neq 0$ , say  $x=1$ ,  $(1+2)^4 = 81$

$$1^4 + 16 = 17$$

but  $17 \neq 81$  ✗

(b) For all real numbers  $x$ ,  $\sqrt{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} = x^2 + 4$

•  $x^4 + 8x^2 + 16 = (x^2 + 4)^2$ , so

$$\sqrt{x^4 + 8x^2 + 16} = \sqrt{(x^2 + 4)^2} = |x^2 + 4| = x^2 + 4 \quad \checkmark$$

(c) For no real numbers  $x$ , if

$(x+2)(x+3)=2$  then  $x+2=2$  &  $x+3=2$ .

• If  $x+2=2$  &  $x+3=2$ , then

$$(x+2)(x+3) = (2)(2) = 4 \neq 2$$

• Also, if  $x+2=2$  &  $x+3=2$  then

$$x=0 \quad \& \quad x=-5,$$

which can't happen.

(d) For all functions  $f$  &  $g$ ,  
if both  $f$  &  $g$  are even, then so is  $f+g$ .  
•  $f$  &  $g$  are even  $\Rightarrow f(-x) = f(x)$  &  
 $g(-x) = g(x)$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\text{So } (f+g)(-x) &= f(-x) + g(-x) \\ &= f(x) + g(x) \\ &= (f+g)(x)\end{aligned}$$

so  $f+g$  is even.

(e) For some real numbers  $k, x, y$ ,  
if  $x < y$  then  $kx < ky$ .

• If  $k > 0$ ,  $x < y$  implies  $kx < ky$ .

However, if  $k < 0$ ,  $x < y$  implies  $kx > ky$   
& if  $k = 0$ ,  $kx = ky$ .

## Exercise 2:

This will be a piecewise function, with different rules for:

$$0 \leq x \leq 400,$$

$$400 \leq x \leq 900, \text{ and}$$

$$x \geq 900.$$

• When  $0 \leq x \leq 400$ , we just pay

$$0.10x + 6$$

• When  $400 \leq x \leq 900$ , we pay:

$$\begin{cases} \cdot \$6 \\ \cdot 0.10 \text{ for each of the first } 400 \text{ kWh} \\ \cdot 0.11 \text{ for each remaining kWh} \end{cases}$$

so we pay

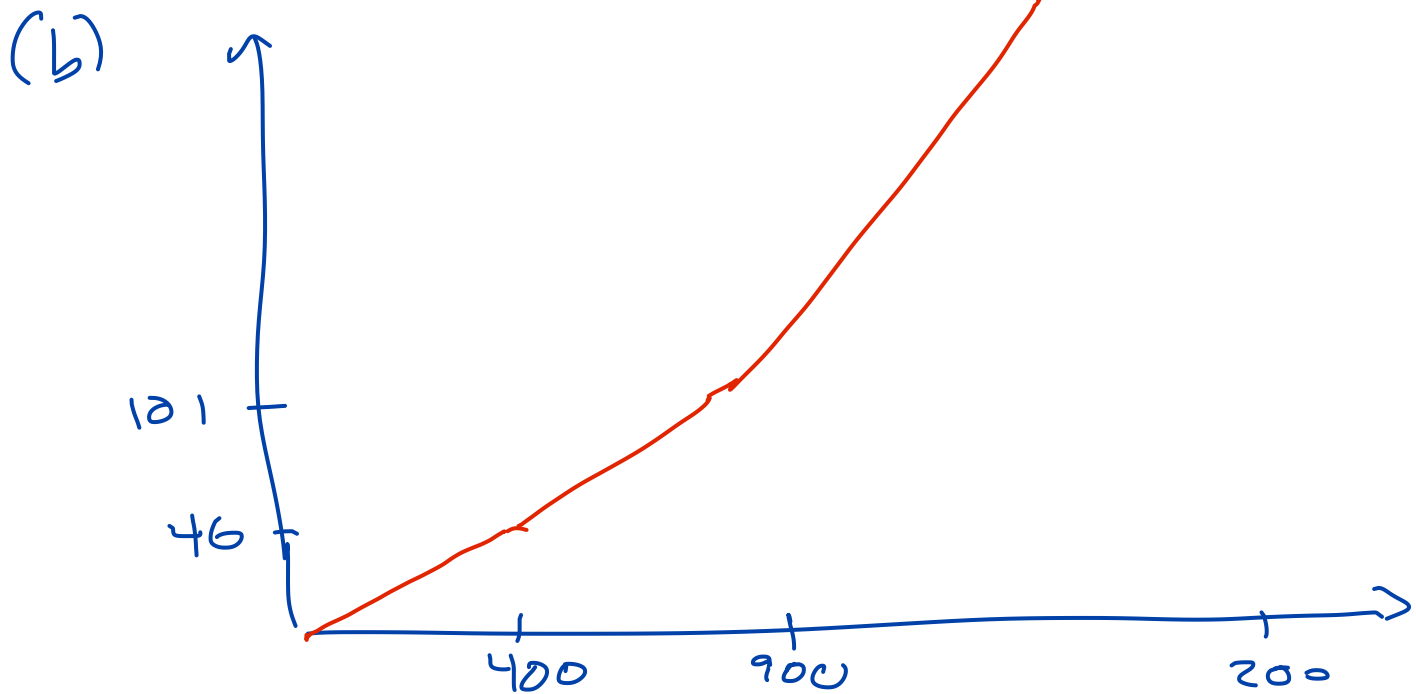
$$6 + 0.10(400) + 0.11(x - 400)$$

• When  $x \geq 900$ , we pay:

$$\begin{cases} \cdot \$6 \\ \cdot 0.10 \text{ for each of the first } 400 \text{ kWh} \\ \cdot 0.11 \text{ for each of the next } 500 \text{ kWh} \\ \cdot 0.15 \text{ for each remaining kWh} \end{cases}$$
$$6 + 0.10(400) + 0.11(500) + 0.15(x - 900)$$

So, in total, we have

$$E(x) = \begin{cases} 6 + 0.10x & 0 \leq x \leq 400 \\ 46 + 0.11(x - 400) & 400 \leq x \leq 900 \\ 101 + 0.15(x - 900) & x \geq 900 \end{cases}$$



(c) We have 3 different slopes (increasing each time) corresponding to the 3 different rates. However, the line segments all line up, as we only pay the new rate on new kWh.