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## 2.1 Linear Functions & Graphs

### 2.1.1 Equations of a Straight Line

#### Equations of a Straight Line

##### How do I find the gradient of a straight line?

- Find two points that the line passes through with coordinates  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$
- The gradient between these two points is calculated by

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

- This is given in the **formula booklet**
- The gradient of a straight line measures its **slope**
  - A line with gradient 1 will go up 1 unit for every unit it goes to the right
  - A line with gradient -2 will go down two units for every unit it goes to the right

##### What are the equations of a straight line?

- $y = mx + c$ 
  - This is the **gradient-intercept form**
  - It clearly shows the gradient  $m$  and the  $y$ -intercept  $(0, c)$
- $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$ 
  - This is the **point-gradient form**
  - It clearly shows the gradient  $m$  and a point on the line  $(x_1, y_1)$
- $ax + by + d = 0$ 
  - This is the **general form**
  - You can quickly get the  $x$ -intercept  $\left(-\frac{d}{a}, 0\right)$  and  $y$ -intercept  $\left(0, -\frac{d}{b}\right)$

##### How do I find an equation of a straight line?

- You will need the gradient
  - If you are given two points then first find the gradient
- It is easiest to start with the **point-gradient form**
  - then rearrange into whatever form is required
    - multiplying both sides by any denominators will get rid of fractions
- You can check your answer by using your GDC
  - Graph your answer and check it goes through the point(s)
  - If you have two points then you can enter these in the **statistics mode** and find the regression line  $y = ax + b$



## Exam Tip

- A sketch of the graph of the straight line(s) can be helpful, even if not demanded by the question
  - Use your GDC to plot them
- Ensure you state equations of straight lines in the format required
  - Usually  $y = mx + c$  or  $ax + by + d = 0$
  - Check whether coefficients need to be integers (they usually are for  $ax + by + d = 0$ )



## Worked Example

The line  $l$  passes through the points  $(-2, 5)$  and  $(6, -7)$ .

Find the equation of  $l$ , giving your answer in the form  $ax + by + d = 0$  where  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers to be found.

Find the gradient between  $(-2, 5)$  and  $(6, -7)$

Formula booklet

$$m = \frac{-7 - 5}{6 - (-2)} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

Gradient formula

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Use the point-gradient formula

Formula booklet

Equations of a straight line

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (-2, 5) \quad m = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{3}{2}(x - (-2)) \quad \text{Simplify}$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{3}{2}(x + 2)$$

$$2(y - 5) = -3(x + 2)$$

$$2y - 10 = -3x - 6$$

$$3x + 2y - 4 = 0$$

Multiply by denominator

Expand

Rearrange

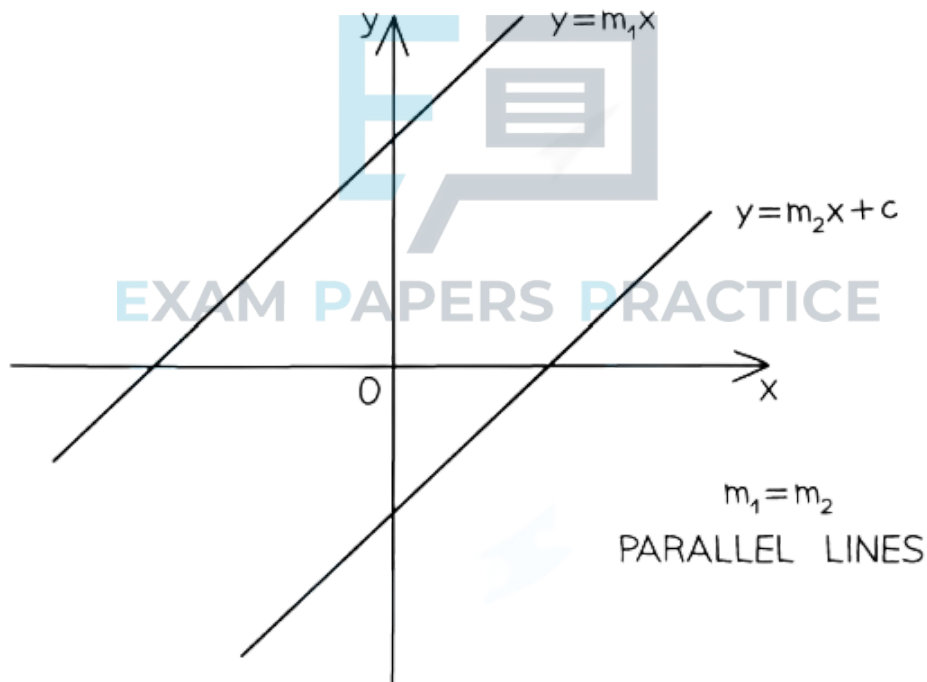




## Parallel Lines

### How are the equations of parallel lines connected?

- **Parallel lines** are always equidistant meaning they never intersect
- Parallel lines have the same gradient
  - If the gradient of line  $l_1$  is  $m_1$  and gradient of line  $l_2$  is  $m_2$  then...
    - $m_1 = m_2 \Rightarrow l_1 \text{ \& } l_2$  are parallel
    - $l_1 \text{ \& } l_2$  are parallel  $\Rightarrow m_1 = m_2$
- To determine if two lines are parallel:
  - Rearrange into the gradient-intercept form  $y = mx + c$
  - Compare the coefficients of  $x$
  - If they are equal then the lines are parallel





### Worked Example

The line  $l$  passes through the point  $(4, -1)$  and is parallel to the line with equation  $2x - 5y = 3$ .

Find the equation of  $l$ , giving your answer in the form  $y = mx + c$ .

Rearrange into  $y = mx + c$  to find the gradient

$$5y = 2x - 3 \Rightarrow y = \frac{2}{5}x - \frac{3}{5} \therefore \text{gradient} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Parallel lines  $\Rightarrow m_1 = m_2$

$$m = \frac{2}{5}$$

Use the point-gradient formula

Formula booklet

Equations of a straight line

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (4, -1) \quad m = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$y + 1 = \frac{2}{5}(x - 4)$$

$$y + 1 = \frac{2}{5}x - \frac{8}{5}$$

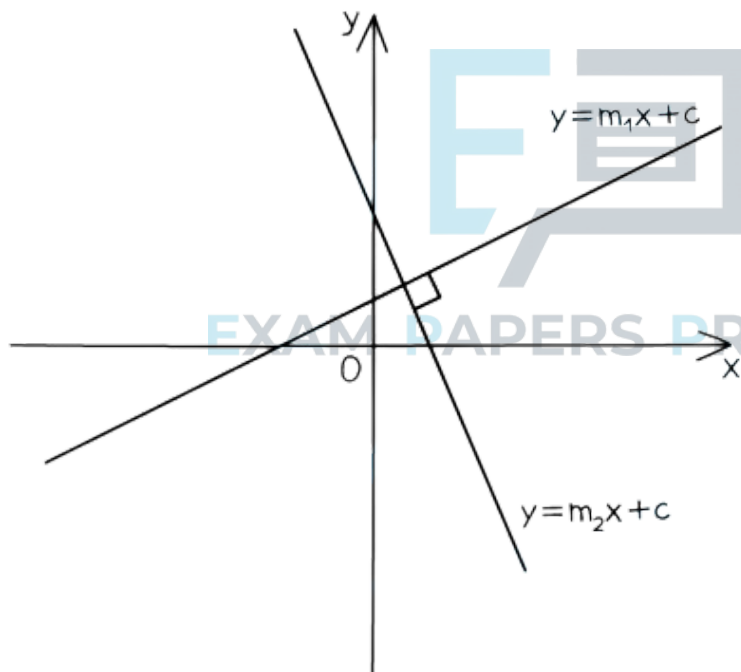
$$y = \frac{2}{5}x - \frac{13}{5}$$



## Perpendicular Lines

### How are the equations of perpendicular lines connected?

- **Perpendicular lines** intersect at right angles
- The gradients of two perpendicular lines are negative reciprocals
  - If the gradient of line  $l_1$  is  $m_1$  and gradient of line  $l_2$  is  $m_2$  then...
    - $m_1 \times m_2 = -1 \Rightarrow l_1 \text{ \& } l_2 \text{ are perpendicular}$
    - $l_1 \text{ \& } l_2 \text{ are perpendicular} \Rightarrow m_1 \times m_2 = -1$
- To determine if two lines are perpendicular:
  - Rearrange into the gradient-intercept form  $y = mx + c$
  - Compare the coefficients of  $x$
  - If their product is  $-1$  then they are perpendicular
- Be careful with horizontal and vertical lines
  - $x = p$  and  $y = q$  are perpendicular where  $p$  and  $q$  are constants



$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1$$

PERPENDICULAR LINES

**Worked Example**

The line  $l_1$  is given by the equation  $3x - 5y = 7$ .

The line  $l_2$  is given by the equation  $y = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{5}{3}x$ .

Determine whether  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are perpendicular. Give a reason for your answer.

Rearrange  $l_1$  into  $y = mx + c$  form

$$5y = 3x - 7 \Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{5}x - \frac{7}{5}$$

Identify gradients

$$m_1 = \frac{3}{5} \quad m_2 = -\frac{5}{3}$$

$$m_1 \times m_2 = -1 \Rightarrow \text{Perpendicular lines}$$

$$\frac{3}{5} \times -\frac{5}{3} = -1$$

$l_1$  and  $l_2$  are perpendicular as  $m_1 \times m_2 = -1$

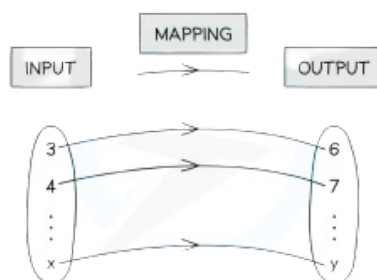
## 2.2 Further Functions & Graphs

### 2.2.1 Functions

#### Language of Functions

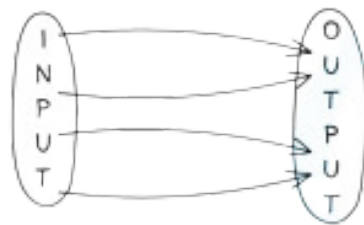
##### What is a mapping?

- A **mapping transforms** one set of values (**inputs**) into another set of values (**outputs**)
- Mappings can be:
  - **One-to-one**
    - Each input gets mapped to **exactly one unique** output
    - No two inputs are mapped to the same output
    - For example: A mapping that cubes the input
  - **Many-to-one**
    - Each input gets mapped to **exactly one** output
    - Multiple inputs can be mapped to the same output
    - For example: A mapping that squares the input
  - **One-to-many**
    - An input can be mapped to **more than one** output
    - No two inputs are mapped to the same output
    - For example: A mapping that gives the numbers which when squared equal the input
  - **Many-to-many**
    - An input can be mapped to **more than one** output
    - Multiple inputs can be mapped to the same output
    - For example: A mapping that gives the factors of the input

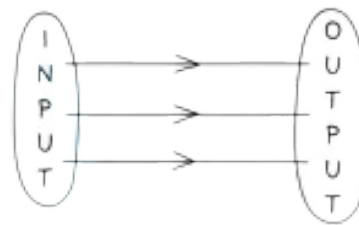


##### What is a function?

- A **function** is a mapping between two sets of numbers where **each input** gets mapped to **exactly one output**
  - The output does not need to be unique
- **One-to-one** and **many-to-one** mappings are functions
- A mapping is a function if its graph passes the **vertical line test**
  - Any **vertical line** will intersect with the graph **at most once**



MANY-TO-ONE MAPPINGS  
ARE FUNCTIONS



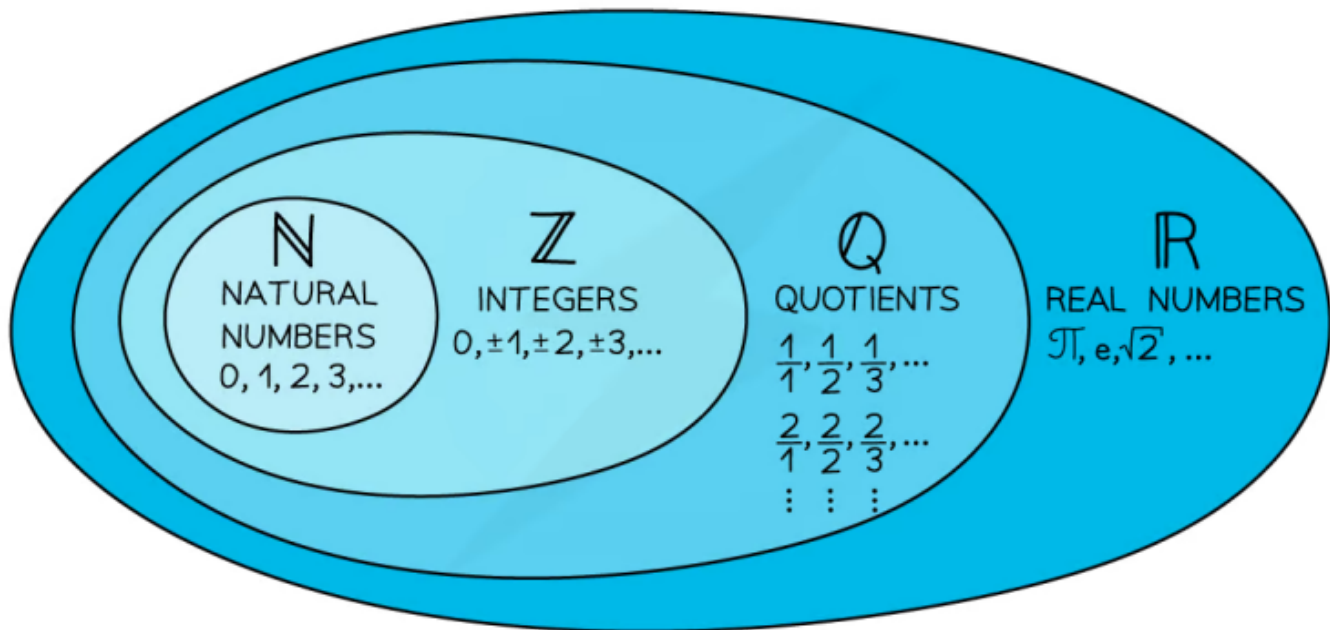
ONE-TO-ONE MAPPINGS  
ARE FUNCTIONS

### What notation is used for functions?

- Functions are denoted using letters (such as  $f$ ,  $v$ ,  $g$ , etc)
  - A function is followed by a variable in a bracket
  - This shows the input for the function
  - The letter  $f$  is used most commonly for functions and will be used for the remainder of this revision note
- $f(x)$  represents an expression for the value of the function  $f$  when evaluated for the variable  $x$
- Function notation gets rid of the need for words which makes it **universal**
  - $f = 5$  when  $x = 2$  can simply be written as  $f(2) = 5$

### What are the domain and range of a function?

- The **domain** of a function is the set of values that are used as **inputs**
- A domain should be stated with a function
  - If a domain is not stated then it is assumed the domain is all the real values which would work as inputs for the function
  - Domains are expressed in terms of the input
    - $x \leq 2$
- The **range** of a function is the set of values that are given as **outputs**
  - The range depends on the domain
  - Ranges are expressed in terms of the output
    - $f(x) \geq 0$
- To graph a function we use the **inputs as the x-coordinates** and the **outputs as the y-coordinates**
  - $f(2) = 5$  corresponds to the coordinates (2, 5)
- Graphing the function can help you visualise the range
- Common sets of numbers have special symbols:
  - $\mathbb{R}$  represents all the real numbers that can be placed on a number line
    - $x \in \mathbb{R}$  means  $x$  is a real number
  - $\mathbb{Q}$  represents all the rational numbers  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $b \neq 0$
  - $\mathbb{Z}$  represents all the integers (positive, negative and zero)
    - $\mathbb{Z}^+$  represents positive integers
  - $\mathbb{N}$  represents the natural numbers (0, 1, 2, 3...)



### Exam Tip

- Questions may refer to "the largest possible domain"
  - This would usually be  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  unless natural numbers, integers or quotients has already been stated
  - There are usually some exceptions
    - e.g. for functions involving a square root (so the function can be 1-to-1 and have an inverse)
    - e.g.  $x \neq 2$  for a reciprocal function with denominator  $x-2$





### Worked Example

For the function  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ ,  $2 \leq x \leq 10$ :

a)

write down the value of  $f(7)$ .

Substitute  $x = 7$

$$f(7) = 7^3 + 1$$

$$f(7) = 344$$

b)

find the range of  $f(x)$ .

Find the values of  $x^3 + 1$  when  $2 \leq x \leq 10$

$$2 \leq x \leq 10$$

$$8 \leq x^3 \leq 1000$$

$$9 \leq x^3 + 1 \leq 1001$$

$$9 \leq f(x) \leq 1001$$





## Piecewise Functions

### What are piecewise functions?

- **Piecewise functions** are defined by different functions depending on which interval the input is in
  - E.g.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & x \leq 5 \\ 2x-4 & 5 < x < 10 \end{cases}$
- The region for the individual functions **cannot overlap**
- To evaluate a piecewise function for a particular value  $x = k$ 
  - Find which interval includes  $k$
  - Substitute  $x = k$  into the corresponding function



### Worked Example

For the piecewise function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-5 & -10 \leq x \leq 10 \\ 3x+1 & x > 10 \end{cases}$$

- a)  
find the values of  $f(0)$ ,  $f(10)$ ,  $f(20)$ .

Identify the correct function to use

$$x=0 \text{ is in } -10 \leq x \leq 10 \Rightarrow f(0) = 2(0)-5 = -5$$

$$x=10 \text{ is in } -10 \leq x \leq 10 \Rightarrow f(10) = 2(10)-5 = 15$$

$$x=20 \text{ is in } x > 10 \Rightarrow f(20) = 3(20)+1 = 61$$

$$f(0) = -5 \quad f(10) = 15 \quad f(20) = 61$$

- b)  
state the domain.

Domain is the set of inputs

$$-10 \leq x \leq 10 \text{ and } x > 10$$

$$x \geq -10$$



## 2.2.2 Graphing Functions

### Graphing Functions

#### How do I graph the function $y = f(x)$ ?

- A point  $(a, b)$  lies on the graph  $y = f(x)$  if  $f(a) = b$
- The **horizontal axis** is used for the **domain**
- The **vertical axis** is used for the **range**
- You will be able to graph some functions by hand
- For some functions you will need to use your GDC
- You might be asked to graph the **sum** or **difference** of two functions
  - Use your GDC to graph  $y = f(x) + g(x)$  or  $y = f(x) - g(x)$
  - Just type the functions into the graphing mode

#### What is the difference between “draw” and “sketch”?

- If asked to sketch you should:
  - Show the general shape
  - Label any key points such as the intersections with the axes
  - Label the axes
- If asked to draw you should:
  - Use a pencil and ruler
  - Draw to scale
  - Plot any points **accurately**
  - Join points with a straight line or smooth curve
  - Label any key points such as the intersections with the axes
  - Label the axes

#### How can my GDC help me sketch/draw a graph?

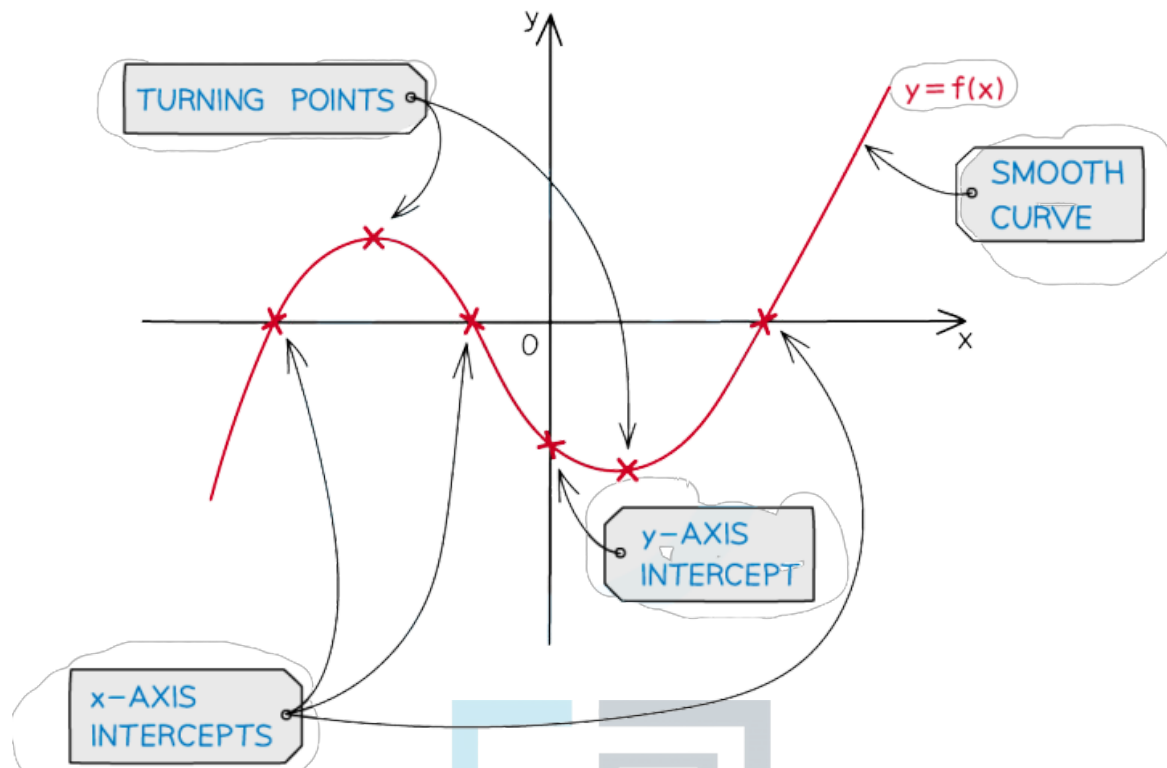
- You use your GDC to plot the graph
  - Check the scales on the graph to make sure you see the full shape
- Use your GDC to find any key points
- Use your GDC to check specific points to help you plot the graph



## Key Features of Graphs

### What are the key features of graphs?

- You should be familiar with the following key features and know how to use your GDC to find them
- Local minimums/maximums
  - These are points where the graph has a minimum/maximum for a small region
  - They are also called **turning points**
    - This is where the graph changes its direction between upwards and downwards directions
  - A graph can have multiple local minimums/maximums
  - A local minimum/maximum is not necessarily the minimum/maximum of the whole graph
    - This would be called the **global** minimum/maximum
  - For quadratic graphs the minimum/maximum is called the **vertex**
- Intercepts
  - y – intercepts are where the graph crosses the y-axis
    - At these points  $x = 0$
  - x – intercepts are where the graph crosses the x-axis
    - At these points  $y = 0$
    - These points are also called the **zeros of the function** or **roots of the equation**
- Symmetry
  - Some graphs have lines of symmetry
    - A quadratic will have a vertical line of symmetry
- Asymptotes
  - These are lines which the graph will get closer to but not cross
  - These can be horizontal or vertical
    - Exponential graphs have horizontal asymptotes
    - Graphs of variables which vary inversely can have vertical and horizontal asymptotes



### Exam Tip

- Most GDC makes/models will not plot/show asymptotes just from inputting a function
  - Add the asymptotes as additional graphs for your GDC to plot
  - You can then check the equations of your asymptotes visually
  - You may have to zoom in or change the viewing window options to confirm an asymptote
- Even if using your GDC to plot graphs and solve problems sketching them as part of your working is good exam technique
  - Label the key features of the graph and anything else relevant to the question on your sketch



### Worked Example

Two functions are defined by

$$f(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5 \text{ and } g(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{x+1}.$$

a)

Draw the graph  $y = f(x)$ .

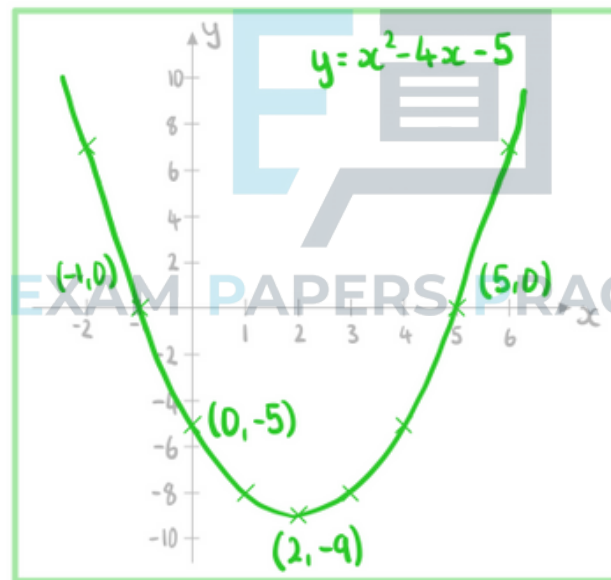
Draw means accurately

Use GDC to find vertex, roots and y-intercepts

Vertex =  $(2, -9)$

Roots =  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(5, 0)$

y-intercept =  $(0, -5)$



b)

Sketch the graph  $y = g(x)$ .



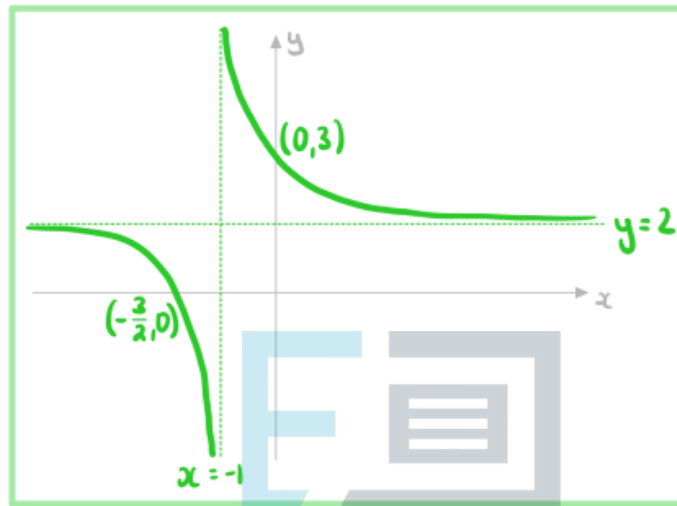
Sketch means rough but showing key points

Use GDC to find  $x$  and  $y$ -intercepts and asymptotes

$$x\text{-intercept} = \left(-\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$y\text{-intercept} = (0, 3)$$

$$\text{Asymptotes : } x = -1 \text{ and } y = 2$$



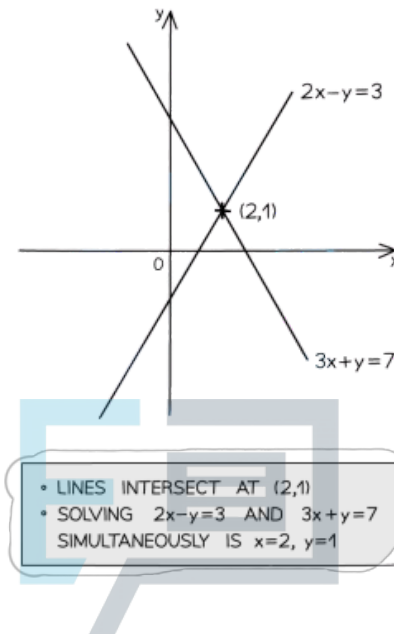




## Intersecting Graphs

### How do I find where two graphs intersect?

- Plot both graphs on your GDC
- Use the intersect function to find the intersections
- Check if there is more than one point of intersection



### How can I use graphs to solve equations?

- One method to solve equations is to use graphs
- To solve  $f(x) = a$ 
  - Plot the two graphs  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = a$  on your GDC
  - Find the points of intersections
  - The **x-coordinates** are the **solutions** of the equation
- To solve  $f(x) = g(x)$ 
  - Plot the two graphs  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  on your GDC
  - Find the points of intersections
  - The **x-coordinates** are the **solutions** of the equation
- Using graphs makes it easier to see **how many solutions** an equation will have



#### Exam Tip

- You can use graphs to solve equations
  - Questions will not necessarily ask for a drawing/sketch or make reference to graphs
  - Use your GDC to plot the equations and find the intersections between the graphs



### Worked Example

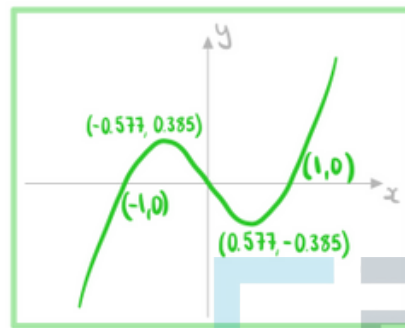
Two functions are defined by

$$f(x) = x^3 - x \text{ and } g(x) = \frac{4}{x}.$$

a)

Sketch the graph  $y = f(x)$ .

Use GDC to find max, min, intercepts



b)

Write down the number of real solutions to the equation  $x^3 - x = 2$ .

Identify the number of intersections between  
 $y = x^3 - x$  and  $y = 2$

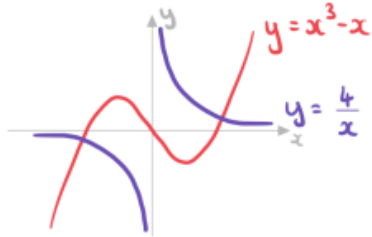


c)

Find the coordinates of the points where  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  intersect.



Use GDC to sketch both graphs



$(-1.60, -2.50)$  and  $(1.60, 2.50)$

d)

Write down the solutions to the equation  $x^3 - x = \frac{4}{x}$ .

Solutions to  $x^3 - x = \frac{4}{x}$  are the  $x$  coordinates of the points of intersection.

$x = -1.60$  and  $x = 1.60$

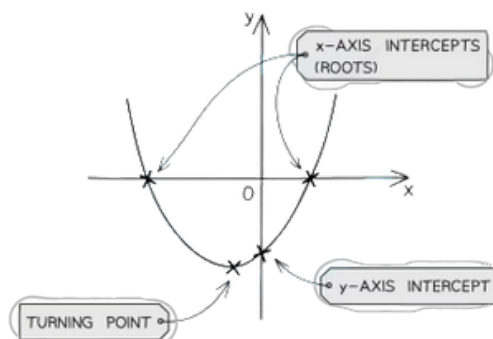
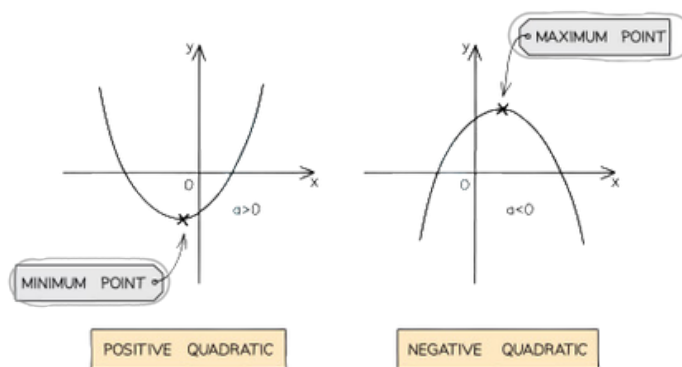


## 2.2.3 Properties of Graphs

### Quadratic Functions & Graphs

#### What are the key features of quadratic graphs?

- A **quadratic** graph is of the form  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  where  $a \neq 0$ .
- The value of  $a$  affects the shape of the curve
  - If  $a$  is positive the shape is U
  - If  $a$  is negative the shape is  $\cap$
- The **y-intercept** is at the point  $(0, c)$
- The **zeros or roots** are the solutions to  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ 
  - These can be found using your GDC or the quadratic formula
  - These are also called the x-intercepts
  - There can be 0, 1 or 2 x-intercepts
- There is an **axis of symmetry** at  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ 
  - This is given in your **formula booklet**
  - If there are two x-intercepts then the axis of symmetry goes through the midpoint of them
- The **vertex** lies on the axis of symmetry
  - The x-coordinate is  $-\frac{b}{2a}$
  - The y-coordinate can be found using the GDC or by calculating  $y$  when  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$
  - If  $a$  is **positive** then the vertex is the **minimum** point
  - If  $a$  is **negative** then the vertex is the **maximum** point





## Exam Tip

- Use your GDC to find the roots and the turning point of a quadratic function
  - You do not need to factorise or complete the square
  - It is good exam technique to sketch the graph from your GDC as part of your working



## Worked Example

a)

Write down the equation of the axis of symmetry for the graph  $y = 4x^2 - 4x - 3$ .

Formula booklet

Axis of symmetry of the graph of a quadratic function

 $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c \Rightarrow$  axis of symmetry is  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ 

$$a = 4 \quad b = -4 \quad c = -3$$

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

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

b)

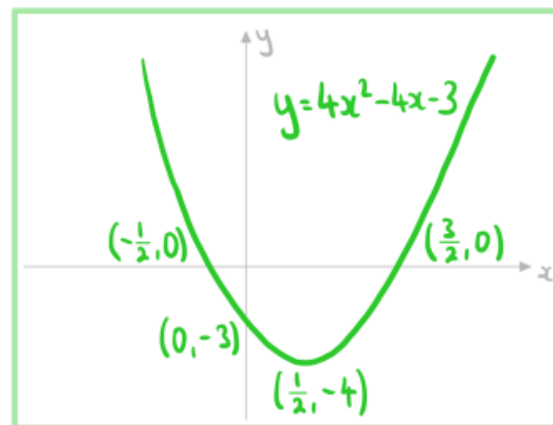
Sketch the graph  $y = 4x^2 - 4x - 3$ .

Use GDC to find vertex, roots and y-intercepts

$$\text{Vertex} = \left(\frac{1}{2}, -4\right)$$

$$\text{Roots} = \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{3}{2}, 0\right)$$

$$\text{y-intercept} = (0, -3)$$

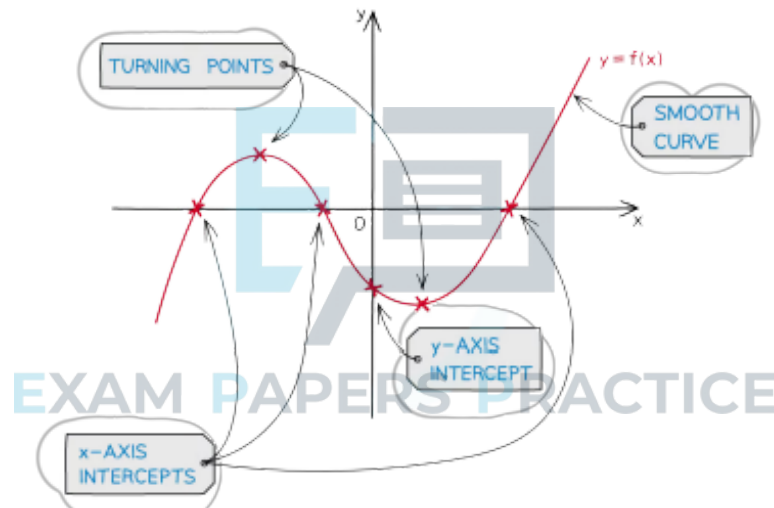




## Cubic Functions & Graphs

### What are the key features of cubic graphs?

- A **cubic** graph is of the form  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$  where  $a \neq 0$ .
- The value of  $a$  affects the shape of the curve
  - If  $a$  is **positive** the graph goes from **bottom left to top right**
  - If  $a$  is **negative** the graph goes from **top left to bottom right**
- The **y-intercept** is at the point  $(0, d)$
- The **zeros or roots** are the solutions to  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ 
  - These can be found using your GDC
  - These are also called the x-intercepts
  - There can be 1, 2 or 3 x-intercepts
    - There is always at least 1
- There are either **0 or 2 local minimums/maximums**
  - If there are 0 then the curve is **monotonic** (always increasing or always decreasing)
  - If there are 2 then one is a local minimum and one is a local maximum



### Exam Tip

- Use your GDC to find the roots, the local maximum and local minimum of a cubic function
- When drawing/sketching the graph of a cubic function be sure to label all the key features
  - $x$  and  $y$  axes intercepts
  - the local maximum point
  - the local minimum point



### Worked Example

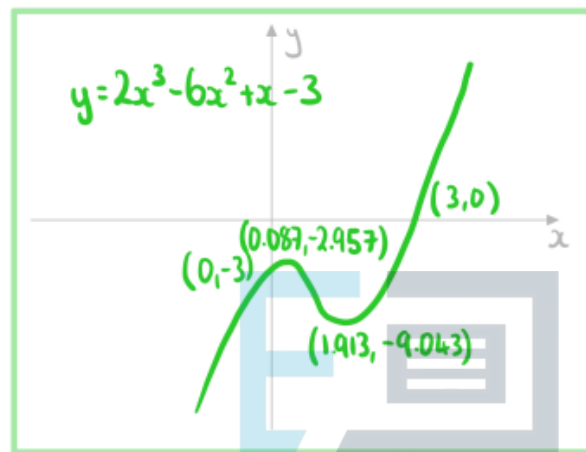
Sketch the graph  $y = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + x - 3$ .

Use GDC to find min, max, roots and y-intercept

$$\text{Min} = (1.913, -9.043) \quad \text{Max} = (0.087, -2.957)$$

$$\text{Root} = (3, 0)$$

$$\text{y-intercept} = (0, -3)$$



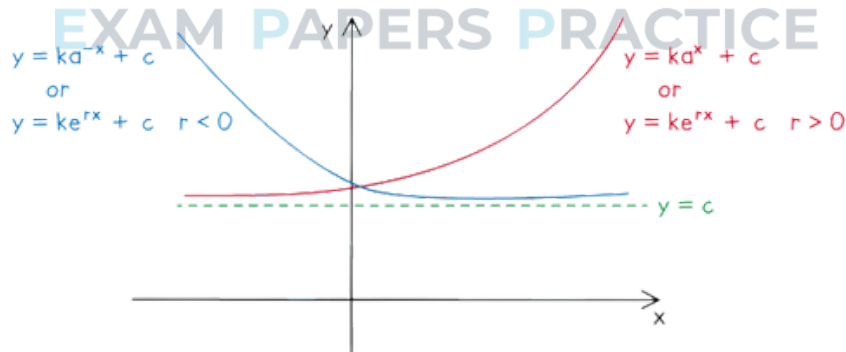




## Exponential Functions & Graphs

### What are the key features of exponential graphs?

- An **exponential** graph is of the form
  - $y = ka^x + c$  or  $y = ka^{-x} + c$  where  $a > 0$
  - $y = ke^{rx} + c$ 
    - Where  $e$  is the mathematical constant 2.718...
- The **y-intercept** is at the point  $(0, k + c)$
- There is a **horizontal asymptote** at  $y = c$
- The value of  $k$  determines whether the graph is **above or below the asymptote**
  - If  **$k$  is positive** the graph is **above the asymptote**
    - So the range is  $y > c$
  - If  **$k$  is negative** the graph is **below the asymptote**
    - So the range is  $y < c$
- The coefficient of  $x$  and the constant  $k$  determine whether the graph is **increasing or decreasing**
  - If the coefficient of  $x$  and  $k$  have the **same sign** then **graph is increasing**
  - If the coefficient of  $x$  and  $k$  have **different signs** then the **graph is decreasing**
- There is at **most 1 root**
  - It can be found using your GDC



#### Exam Tip

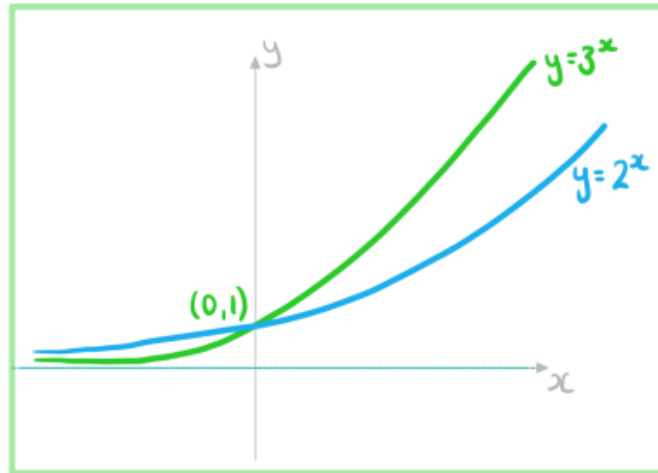
- You may have to change the viewing window settings on your GDC to make asymptotes clear
  - A small scale can make it look as though the curve and an asymptote intersect
- Be careful about how two exponential graphs drawn on the same axes look
  - Particularly which one is "on top" either side of the  $y$ -axis



### Worked Example

a)

On the same set of axes sketch the graphs  $y = 2^x$  and  $y = 3^x$ . Clearly label each graph.



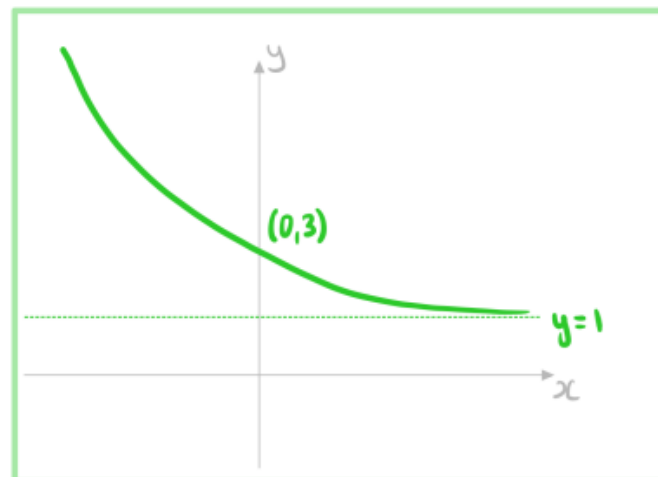
b)

Sketch the graph  $y = 2e^{-3x} + 1$ .

Use GDC to find intercept and asymptote

y-intercept =  $(0, 3)$

Asymptote:  $y = 1$

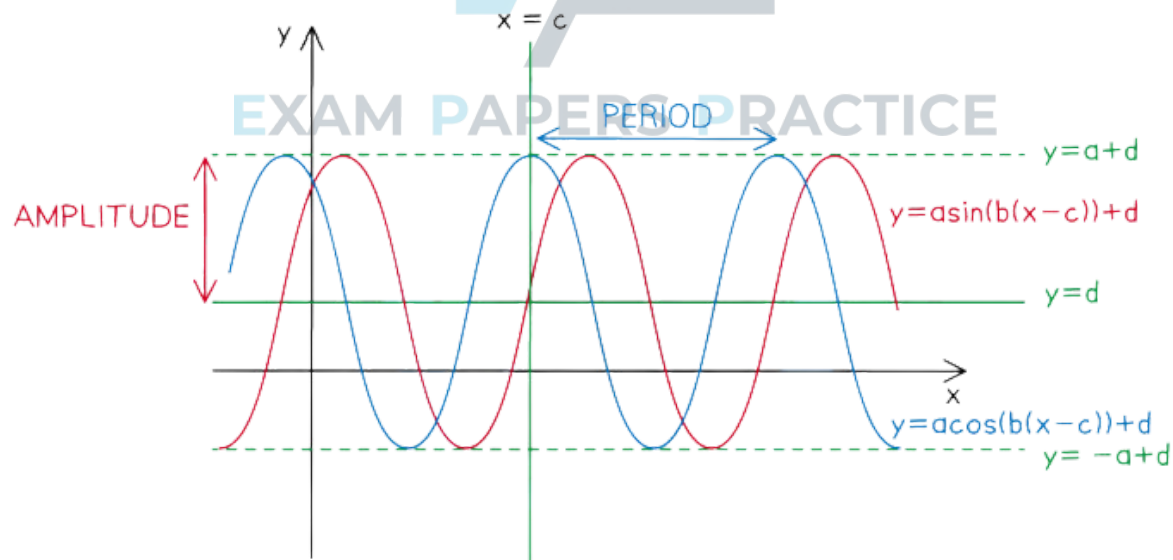




## Sinusoidal Functions & Graphs

### What are the key features of sinusoidal graphs?

- A **sinusoidal** graph is of the form
  - $y = a\sin(b(x - c)) + d$
  - $y = a\cos(b(x - c)) + d$
- The **y-intercept** is at the point where  $x = 0$ 
  - $(0, -a\sin(bc) + d)$  for  $y = a\sin(b(x - c)) + d$
  - $(0, a\cos(bc) + d)$  for  $y = a\cos(b(x - c)) + d$
- The **period** of the graph is the length of the interval of a full cycle
  - This is  $\frac{360^\circ}{b}$  (in degrees) or  $\frac{2\pi}{b}$
- The **maximum value** is  $y = a + d$
- The **minimum value** is  $y = -a + d$
- The **principal axis** is the horizontal line halfway between the maximum and minimum values
  - This is  $y = d$
- The **amplitude** is the vertical distance from the principal axis to the maximum value
  - This is  $a$
- The **phase shift** is the horizontal distance from its usual position
  - This is  $c$



### Exam Tip

- Make sure your angle setting is in the correct mode (degrees or radians) at the start of a question involving sinusoidal functions
- Pay careful attention to the angles between which you are required to use or draw/sketch a sinusoidal graph
  - e.g.  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$

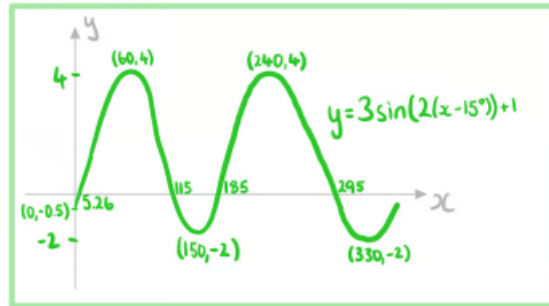


### ? Worked Example

a)

Sketch the graph  $y = 3\sin(2(x^\circ - 15^\circ)) + 1$  for the values  $0 \leq x \leq 360$ .

Use GDC to find max and min



b)

State the equation of the principal axis of the curve.

Principal axis is in middle of maximum and minimum points

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

$$y = 1$$

c)

State the period and amplitude.

Period is how often it repeats

$$\frac{360}{2} = 180$$

$$\text{Period} = 180^\circ$$

Amplitude is distance from principal axis to maximum or minimum

$$4 - 1 = 1 - (-2) = 3$$

$$\text{Amplitude} = 3$$



## 2.3 Modelling with Functions

### 2.3.1 Linear Models

#### Linear Models

##### What are the parameters of a linear model?

- A **linear model** is of the form  $f(x) = mx + c$
- The  $m$  represents the **rate of change** of the function
  - This is the amount the function increases/decreases when  $x$  increases by 1
    - If the function is increasing  $m$  is positive
    - If the function is decreasing  $m$  is negative
  - When the model is represented as a graph this is the **gradient** of the line
- The  $c$  represents the value of the function when  $x = 0$ 
  - This is the value of the function when the independent variable is not present
  - This is usually referred to as the initial value
  - When the model is represented as a graph this is the **y-intercept** of the line

##### What can be modelled as a linear model?

- If the graph of the data resembles a **straight line**
- Anything with a **constant** rate of change
  - $C(d)$  is the taxi charge for a journey of  $d$  km
  - $B(m)$  is the monthly mobile phone bill when  $m$  minutes have been used
  - $R(d)$  is the rental fee for a car used for  $d$  days
  - $d(t)$  is the distance travelled by a car moving at a constant speed for  $t$  seconds

##### What are possible limitations of a linear model?

- Linear models continuously increase (or decrease) at the same rate
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might reach a maximum (or minimum)
- If the value of  $m$  is negative then for some inputs the function will predict negative values
  - In some real-life situations negative values will not make sense
  - To overcome this you can decide on an appropriate domain so that the outputs are never negative



#### Exam Tip

- Make sure that you are equally confident in working with linear models both algebraically and graphically as it may be easier using one method over the other when tackling a particular exam question



### ? Worked Example

The total cost,  $C$ , in New Zealand dollars (NZD), of a premium gym membership at FitFirst can be modelled by the function

$$C = 14.95t + 30, \quad t \geq 0$$

where  $t$  is the time in weeks.

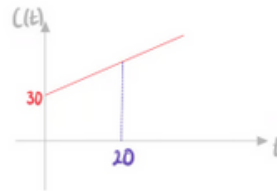
a)

Calculate the cost of the gym membership for 20 weeks.

Substitute  $t = 20$

$$C(20) = 14.95(20) + 30$$

**329 NZD**



b)

Find the number of weeks it takes for the total cost to exceed 1500 NZD.

Substitute  $C = 1500$

$$1500 = 14.95t + 30$$

$$14.95t = 1470$$

$$t = \frac{1470}{14.95} = 98.327..$$

Round up to the next integer

**99 weeks**



c)

Under new management, FitFirst changes the initial payment to 20 NZD and the weekly cost to 19.25 NZD. Write the new cost function after these changes have been.

$$C(t) = mt + c$$

$m$  is the constant rate per week  $m = 19.25$

$c$  is the initial cost  $c = 20$

$$C(t) = 19.25t + 20$$





## 2.3.2 Quadratic & Cubic Models

### Quadratic Models

#### What are the parameters of a quadratic model?

- A quadratic model is of the form  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
- The  $c$  represents the value of the function when  $x = 0$ 
  - This is the value of the function when the independent variable is not present
  - This is usually referred to as the initial value
- The  $a$  has the biggest impact on the rate of change of the function
  - If  $a$  has a large absolute value then the rate of change varies rapidly
  - If  $a$  has a small absolute value then the rate of change varies slowly
- The maximum (or minimum) of the function occurs when  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$ 
  - This is given in the **formula booklet** as the **axis of symmetry**

#### What can be modelled as a quadratic model?

- If the graph of the data resembles a **U** or **∩** shape
- These can be used if the graph has a single maximum or minimum
  - $H(t)$  is the vertical height of a football  $t$  seconds after being kicked
  - $A(x)$  is the area of rectangle of length  $x$  cm that can be made with a 20 cm length of string

#### What are possible limitations of a quadratic model?

- A quadratic has either a maximum or a minimum but **not both**
  - This means one end is **unbounded**
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might have both a maximum and a minimum
  - To overcome this you can decide on an appropriate domain so that the outputs are within a range
- Quadratic graphs are **symmetrical**
  - This might not be the case in real-life



#### Exam Tip

- Read and re-read the question carefully, try to get involved in the context of the question!
  - Imagine what happens to a stone as you throw it from a cliff, what would the path look like?
  - What would it be like to manage a toy factory, would you expect profit to rise or fall as you increase the price of the toy?
- **Sketch** a graph of the function being used as the model, use your GDC to help you
- If you are completely stuck try “doing something” with the quadratic function – sketch it, factorise it, solve it





### Worked Example

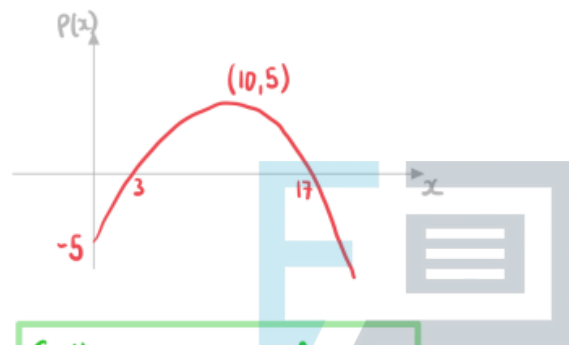
A company sells unicorn toys. The profit, £  $P$ , made by selling one unicorn toy can be modelled by the function

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{10}(-x^2 + 20x - 50)$$

where  $x$  is the selling price of the toy.

Find the selling price which maximises profit. State the maximum profit.

Sketch on GDC and find the maximum point



Selling price £10  
Maximum profit £5



## Cubic Models

### What are the parameters of a cubic model?

- A **cubic model** is of the form  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$
- The  $d$  represents the value of the function when  $x = 0$ 
  - This is the value of the function when the independent variable is not present
  - This is usually referred to as the initial value
- The  $a$  has the biggest impact on the rate of change of the function
  - If  $a$  has a large absolute value then the rate of change varies rapidly
  - If  $a$  has a small absolute value then the rate of change varies slowly

### What can be modelled as a cubic model?

- If the graph of the data has exactly one maximum and one minimum within an interval
- If the graph is monotonic with no maximum or minimum
  - $D(t)$  is the vertical distance below starting point of a bungee jumper  $t$  seconds after jumping
  - $V(x)$  is the volume of a cuboid of length  $x$  cm that can be made with a  $200 \text{ cm}^2$  of cardboard

### What are possible limitations of a cubic model?

- Cubic graphs have **no global maximum or minimum**
  - This means the function is **unbounded**
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might have a maximum or minimum
  - To overcome this you can decide on an appropriate domain so that the outputs are within a range



#### Exam Tip

- Read and re-read the question carefully, try to get involved in the context of the question!
- Always sketch the graph using your GDC to help
- Pay particular attention to the domain of the question
  - If the domain is given, make sure that you focus only on that section when you sketch the graph
  - If the domain is not given, think about whether or not it needs to be restricted based on the context of the question, e.g. can time be negative?



### Worked Example

The vertical height of a child above the ground,  $h$  metres, as they go down a water slide can be modelled by the function

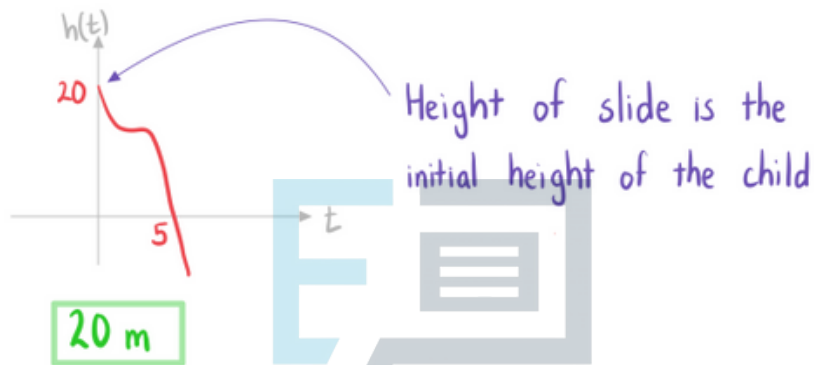
$$h(t) = \frac{4}{7}(35 - 12t + 6t^2 - t^3),$$

where  $t$  is the time in seconds after the child enters the slide.

a)

State the vertical height of the slide.

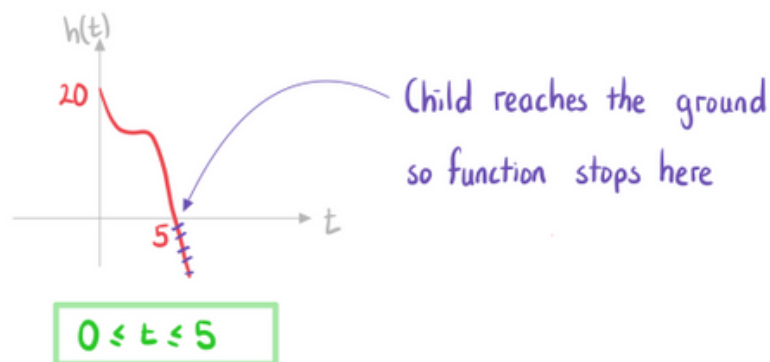
Sketch on GDC



b)

Given that the child reaches the ground at the bottom of the slide, find the domain of the function.

Sketch on GDC





## 2.3.3 Exponential Models

### Exponential Models

#### What are the parameters of an exponential model?

- An **exponential model** is of the form
  - $f(x) = ka^x + c$  or  $f(x) = ka^{-x} + c$  for  $a > 0$
  - $f(x) = ke^{rx} + c$ 
    - Where  $e$  is the mathematical constant 2.718...
  - The  $c$  represents the **boundary** for the function
    - It can never be this value
  - The  $a$  or  $r$  describes the **rate of growth or decay**
    - The bigger the value of  $a$  or the absolute value of  $r$  the faster the function increases/decreases

#### What can be modelled as an exponential model?

- Exponential growth or decay
  - Exponential **growth** is represented by
    - $a^x$  where  $a > 1$
    - $a^{-x}$  where  $0 < a < 1$
    - $e^{rx}$  where  $r > 0$
  - Exponential **decay** is represented by
    - $a^x$  where  $0 < a < 1$
    - $a^{-x}$  where  $a > 1$
    - $e^{rx}$  where  $r < 0$
- They can be used when there is a **constant percentage increase or decrease**
  - Such as functions generated by **geometric sequences**
- Examples include:
  - $V(t)$  is the value of car after  $t$  years
  - $S(t)$  is the amount in a savings account after  $t$  years
  - $B(t)$  is the amount of bacteria on a surface after  $t$  seconds
  - $T(t)$  is the temperature of a kettle  $t$  minutes after being boiled

#### What are possible limitations of an exponential model?

- An exponential growth model does not have a maximum
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might reach a maximum and stay at this value
- Exponential models are **monotonic**
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might **fluctuate**

#### How can I find the half-life using an exponential model?

- You may need to find the **half-life** of a substance
  - This is the time taken for the mass of a substance to halve
- Given an exponential model  $f(t) = ka^{-t}$  or  $f(t) = ke^{-rt}$  the half-life is the value of  $t$  such that:



- $f(t) = \frac{k}{2}$
- For  $f(t) = ka^{-t}$  the half-life is given by  $t = \frac{\ln 2}{\ln a}$ 
  - $\frac{k}{2} = ka^{-t}$
  - $a^t = 2$
  - $t \ln a = \ln 2$
- For  $f(t) = ke^{-rt}$  the half-life is given by  $t = \frac{\ln 2}{r}$ 
  - $\frac{k}{2} = ke^{-rt}$
  - $e^{rt} = 2$
  - $rt = \ln 2$



#### Exam Tip

- Look out for the word "initial" or similar, as a way of asking you to make the power equal to zero to simplify the equation
- Questions regarding the boundary of the exponential model are also frequently asked



### Worked Example

The value of a car,  $V$  (NZD), can be modelled by the function

$$V(t) = 25125 \times 0.8^t + 8500, \quad t \geq 0$$

where  $t$  is the age of the car in years.

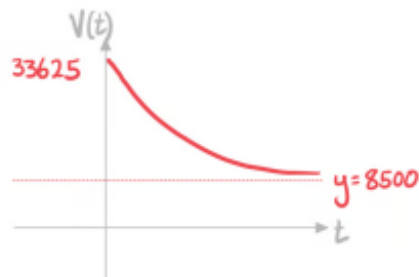
a)

State the initial value of the car.

Initial value is when  $t=0$

$$V(0) = 25125 \times 0.8^0 + 8500$$

**33625 NZD**



b)

Find the age of the car when its value is 17500 NZD.

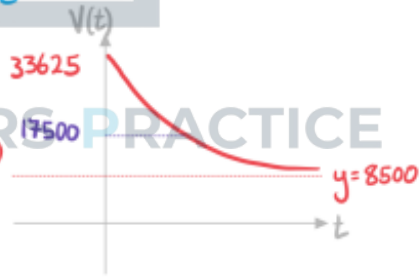
Set  $V(t) = 17500$  and solve

on GDC

$$25125 \times 0.8^t + 8500 = 17500$$

$$t = 4.6007...$$

**4.60 years**





## 2.3.4 Direct & Inverse Variation

### Direct Variation

#### What is direct variation?

- Two variables are said to **vary directly** if their **ratio is constant** ( $k$ )
  - This is also called **direct proportion**
- If  $y$  and  $x^n$  (for positive integer  $n$ ) vary **directly** then:
  - It is denoted as  $y \propto x^n$
  - $y = kx^n$  for some constant  $k$ 
    - This can be written as  $\frac{y}{x^n} = k$
- The graphs of these models always **start at the origin**

#### How do I solve direct variation problems?

- Identify which two variables vary directly
  - It might not be  $x$  and  $y$
  - It could be  $x^3$  and  $y$
- Use the given information to find their **constant ratio  $k$** 
  - Also called **constant of proportionality**
  - **Substitute** the given values of  $x$  and  $y$  into your formula
  - **Solve** to find  $k$
- Write the equation which models their relationship
  - $y = kx^n$
- You can then use the equation to solve problems





### Worked Example

A computer program sorts a list of numbers into ascending order. The time it takes,  $t$  milliseconds, varies directly with the square of the number of items,  $n$ , in the list. The computer program takes 48 milliseconds to order a list with 8 items.

a)

Find an equation connecting  $t$  and  $n$ .

Identify the variables that vary directly

$$t \propto n^2$$

Form an equation

$$t = kn^2$$

Use  $t = 48$  and  $n = 8$  to

find the value of  $k$

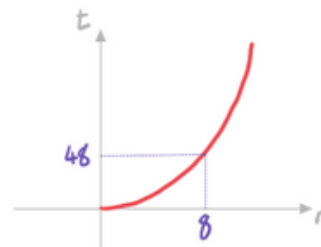
$$48 = k(8)^2$$

$$64k = 48$$

$$k = \frac{48}{64} = 0.75$$

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$$t = 0.75n^2$$



b)

Find the time it takes to order a list of 50 numbers.

Substitute  $n = 50$  into the equation

$$t = 0.75(50)^2$$

$$1875 \text{ milliseconds}$$





## Inverse Variation

### What is inverse variation?

- Two variables are said to **vary inversely** if their **product is constant ( $k$ )**
  - This is also called **inverse proportion**
- If  $y$  and  $x^n$  (for positive integer  $n$ ) vary **inversely** then:
  - It is denoted  $y \propto \frac{1}{x^n}$
  - $y = \frac{k}{x^n}$  for some constant  $k$ 
    - This can be written  $x^n y = k$
- The graphs of these models all have a **vertical asymptote** at the  **$y$ -axis**
  - This means that as  $x$  gets closer to 0 the absolute value of  $y$  gets further away from 0
  - $x$  can never equal 0

### How do I solve inverse variation problems?

- Identify which two variables vary inversely
  - It might not be  $x$  and  $y$
  - It could be  $x^3$  and  $y$
- Use the given information to find their **constant product  $k$** 
  - Also called **constant of proportionality**
  - **Substitute** the given values of  $x$  and  $y$  into your formula
  - **Solve** to find  $k$
- Write the equation which models their relationship
  - $y = \frac{k}{x^n}$
- You can then use the equation to solve problems



#### Exam Tip

- Reciprocal graphs generally have two parts/curves
  - Only one – usually the positive – may be relevant to the model
  - Think about why  $x/t/\theta$  can only take positive values – refer to the context of the question



### Worked Example

The time,  $t$  hours, it takes to complete a project varies inversely to the number of people working on it,  $n$ . If 4 people work on the project it takes 70 hours to complete.

a)

Write an equation connecting  $t$  and  $n$ .

Identify the variables that vary directly

$$t \propto \frac{1}{n}$$

Form an equation

$$t = \frac{k}{n}$$

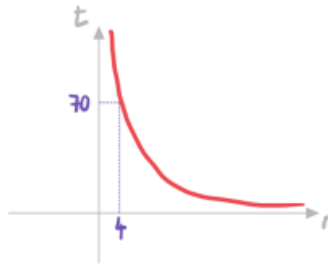
Use  $t=70$  and  $n=4$  to

Find the value of  $k$

$$70 = \frac{k}{4}$$

$$k = 4 \times 70 = 280$$

$$t = \frac{280}{n}$$



b)

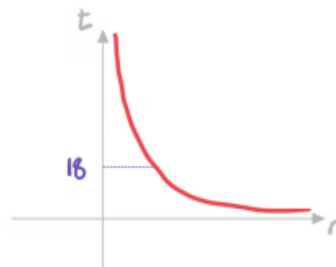
Given that the project needs to be completed within 18 hours, find the minimum number of people needed to work on it.

Substitute  $t=18$  into the equation

$$18 = \frac{280}{n}$$

$$n = \frac{280}{18} = 15.55\ldots$$

16 people





## 2.3.5 Sinusoidal Models

### Sinusoidal Models

#### What are the parameters of a sinusoidal model?

- A **sinusoidal model** is of the form
  - $f(x) = a\sin(b(x - c)) + d$
  - $f(x) = a\cos(b(x - c)) + d$
- The  $a$  represents the **amplitude** of the function
  - The bigger the value of  $a$  the bigger the **range** of values of the function
- The  $b$  determines the **period** of the function
  - The bigger the value of  $b$  the quicker the function repeats a cycle
  - The period is  $\frac{360^\circ}{b}$  (in degrees) or  $\frac{2\pi}{b}$  (in radians)
- The  $c$  represents the **phase shift**
  - This is a horizontal translation by  $c$  units
- The  $d$  represents the **principal axis**
  - This is the line that the function fluctuates around

#### What can be modelled as a sinusoidal model?

- Anything that oscillates (fluctuates periodically)
- Examples include:
  - $D(t)$  is the depth of water at a shore  $t$  hours after midnight
  - $T(d)$  is the temperature of a city  $d$  days after the 1st January
  - $H(t)$  is vertical height above ground of a person  $t$  second after entering a Ferris wheel

#### What are possible limitations of a sinusoidal model?

- The amplitude is the same for each cycle
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The function might get closer to the principal axis over time
- The period is the same for each cycle
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The time to complete a cycle might change over time



#### Exam Tip

- Read and re-read the question carefully, try to get involved in the context of the question!
- **Sketch** a graph of the function being used as the model, use your GDC to help you and focus on the given domain
- Remember that if the model is adjusted, horizontal translations happen **before** horizontal stretches

**Worked Example**

The water depth,  $D$ , in metres, at a port can be modelled by the function

$$D(t) = 3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(t-2)\right) + 12, \quad 0 \leq t < 24$$

where  $t$  is the elapsed time, in hours, since midnight.

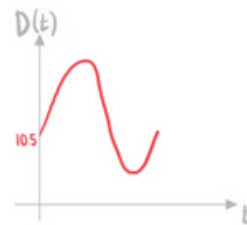
a)

Write down the depth of the water at midnight.

Substitute  $t=0$  for midnight

$$D(0) = 3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(0-2)\right) + 12$$

10.5 m



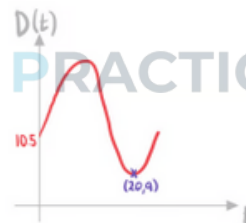
b)

Find the minimum water depth and the number of hours after midnight that this depth occurs.

Use GDC to find the minimum

Minimum = 9 m

20 hours after midnight



c)

Calculate how long the water depth is at least 13.5 metres each day.

Use GDC to find  $D(t) = 13.5$

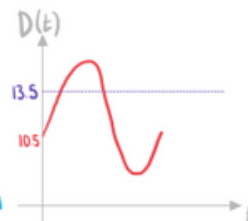
$$3\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{12}(t-2)\right) + 12 = 13.5$$

$$t = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad t = 12$$

Find the difference between  
the times

$$12 - 4 = 8$$

8 hours





## 2.3.6 Strategy for Modelling Functions

### Modelling with Functions

#### What is a mathematical model?

- A **mathematical model** simplifies a real-world situation so it can be described using mathematics
  - The model can then be used to make predictions
- **Assumptions** about the situation are made in order to simplify the mathematics
- Models can be **refined** (improved) if further information is available or if the model is compared to real-world data

#### How do I set up the model?

- The question could:
  - give you the equation of the model
  - tell you about the relationship
    - It might say the relationship is linear, quadratic, etc
  - ask you to suggest a **suitable model**
    - Use your knowledge of each model
    - E.g. if it is compound interest then an exponential model is the most appropriate
- You may have to determine a **reasonable domain**
  - Consider real-life context
    - E.g. if dealing with hours in a day then
    - E.g. if dealing with physical quantities (such as length) then
  - Consider the **possible ranges**
    - If the outcome cannot be negative then you want to choose a domain which corresponds to a range with no negative values
    - **Sketching the graph** is helpful to determine a suitable domain

#### Which models do I need to know?

- Linear
- Piecewise (linear & non-linear)
- Quadratic
- Cubic
- Exponential
- Natural logarithmic
- Logistic
- Direct variation
- Inverse variation
- Sinusoidal





## Exam Tip

- You need to be familiar with the format of the different types of equations and the general shape of the graphs they produce, you need to always be thinking "does my answer seem appropriate for the given situation?"
- Sketching graphs is key
  - Make sure that you use your GDC to plot the relevant function(s)
  - Sometimes you may have to play around with the zoom function or the axes to make sure that you are focused on the relevant domain



## Worked Example

A cliff has a height  $x$  metres above the ground. A stone is projected from the edge of the cliff and it travels through the air until it hits the ground and stops. The vertical height, in metres, of the stone above the ground  $t$  seconds after being thrown is given by the function:

$$h(t) = 95 + 6t - 5t^2.$$

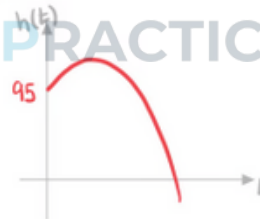
a)

State the value of  $x$ .

Initial value is the height of the cliff

$$h(0) = 95 + 6(0) - 5(0)^2$$

$$95 \text{ m}$$



b)

Determine the domain of  $h(t)$ .

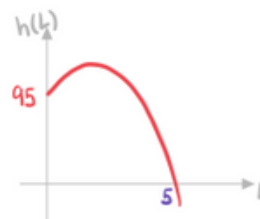
Stone stops at ground when  $h(t) = 0$

$$95 + 6t - 5t^2 = 0$$

$$t = 5 \quad \text{or} \quad t = -3.8$$

Reject as time can't be negative

$$0 \leq t \leq 5$$







## Finding Parameters

### What do I do if some of the parameters are unknown?

- For some models you can use your knowledge to find unknown parameters directly from the information given
  - For a **linear** model  $f(x) = mx + c$ 
    - $m$  is the rate of change, or gradient
    - $c$  is the initial value
  - For a **quadratic** model,  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ 
    - $x = \frac{-b}{2a}$  is the axis of symmetry (this is given in the formula booklet) and is the  $x$ -value of the minimum/ maximum point
    - $c$  is the initial value
  - For a **cubic** model,  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ 
    - $d$  is the initial value
  - For an **exponential** model,  $f(x) = ka^x + c$ 
    - $k + c$  is the initial value
    - $y = c$  is the horizontal asymptote, so  $c$  is a boundary of the model
  - For a **sinusoidal** model  $f(x) = a\sin(bx) + d$ 
    - $a$  is the amplitude
    - $y = d$  is the principal axis
    - $\frac{360}{b}$  is the period
- A general method is to form equations by substituting in given values
  - You can form multiple equations and solve them **simultaneously using your GDC**
    - You could be expected to solve a system of up to **three simultaneous equations** of three unknowns
  - This method works for all models
- The **initial value** is the value of the function when  $x$  (or the independent variable) is 0
  - This is often one of the parameters in the equation of the model



#### Exam Tip

- It can save you time in exams to know the properties of functions listed above that allow you to find parameters directly from the information given



### Worked Example

The temperature,  $T$  °C, of a cup of coffee is monitored. Initially the temperature is 80°C and 5 minutes later it is 40°C. It is suggested that the temperature follows the model:

$$T(t) = ka^{-t} + 16, \quad t \geq 0$$

where  $t$  is the time, in minutes, after the coffee has been made.

a)

State the value of  $k$ .

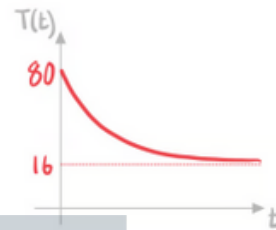
Initially temperature is 80°C

$$T(0) = 80$$

$$ka^{-0} + 16 = 80$$

$$k + 16 = 80$$

$$k = 64$$



b)

Find the value of  $a$ .

After 5 minutes the temperature is 40°C

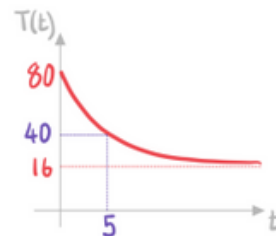
$$T(5) = 40$$

$$64a^{-5} + 16 = 40$$

Solve using GDC

$$a = 1.21672...$$

$$a = 1.22 \text{ (3sf)}$$





## 2.4 Functions Toolkit

### 2.4.1 Composite & Inverse Functions

#### Composite Functions

##### What is a composite function?

- A **composite function** is where a function is applied to another function
- A composite function can be denoted
  - $(f \circ g)(x)$
  - $fg(x)$
  - $f(g(x))$
- The order matters
  - $(f \circ g)(x)$  means:
    - First apply  $g$  to  $x$  to get  $g(x)$
    - Then apply  $f$  to the previous output to get  $f(g(x))$
    - Always start with the function **closest to the variable**
  - $(f \circ g)(x)$  is not usually equal to  $(g \circ f)(x)$

##### How do I find the domain and range of a composite function?

- The domain of  $f \circ g$  is the set of values of  $x$ ...
  - which are a **subset** of the **domain of  $g$**
  - which maps  $g$  to a value that is in the **domain of  $f$**
- The range of  $f \circ g$  is the set of values of  $x$ ...
  - which are a **subset** of the **range of  $f$**
  - found by **applying  $f$**  to the **range of  $g$**
- To find the **domain** and **range** of  $f \circ g$ 
  - First find the **range of  $g$**
  - **Restrict** these values to the values that are **within the domain of  $f$** 
    - The **domain** is the set of values that **produce the restricted range** of  $g$
    - The **range** is the set of values that are **produced using the restricted range** of  $g$  as the domain for  $f$
- For example: let  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ ,  $-5 \leq x \leq 5$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $1 \leq x \leq 49$ 
  - The **range of  $g$**  is  $1 \leq g(x) \leq 7$ 
    - **Restricting** this to fit the **domain of  $f$**  results in  $1 \leq g(x) \leq 5$
  - The **domain** of  $f \circ g$  is therefore  $1 \leq x \leq 25$ 
    - These are the values of  $x$  which map to  $1 \leq g(x) \leq 5$
  - The **range** of  $f \circ g$  is therefore  $3 \leq (f \circ g)(x) \leq 11$ 
    - These are the values which  $f$  maps  $1 \leq g(x) \leq 5$  to



### Exam Tip

- Make sure you know what your GDC is capable of with regard to functions
  - You may be able to store individual functions and find composite functions and their values for particular inputs
  - You may be able to graph composite functions directly and so deduce their domain and range from the graph
- The link between the domains and ranges of a function and its inverse can act as a check for your solution
- $ff(x)$  is not the same as  $[f(x)]^2$



**Worked Example**

Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$  and  $g(x) = 3 + 2x$ :

a)

Write down the value of  $(g \circ f)(12)$ .

First apply function closest to input

$$(g \circ f)(12) = g(f(12))$$

$$f(12) = \sqrt{12+4} = \sqrt{16} = 4$$

$$g(4) = 3 + 2(4) = 11$$

$$(g \circ f)(12) = 11$$

b)

Write down an expression for  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .

First apply function closest to input

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f(3+2x)$$

$$= \sqrt{3+2x+4}$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = \sqrt{7+2x}$$

c)

Write down an expression for  $(g \circ g)(x)$ .

$$(g \circ g)(x) = g(g(x))$$

$$= g(3+2x)$$

$$= 3 + 2(3+2x)$$

$$= 3 + 6 + 4x$$

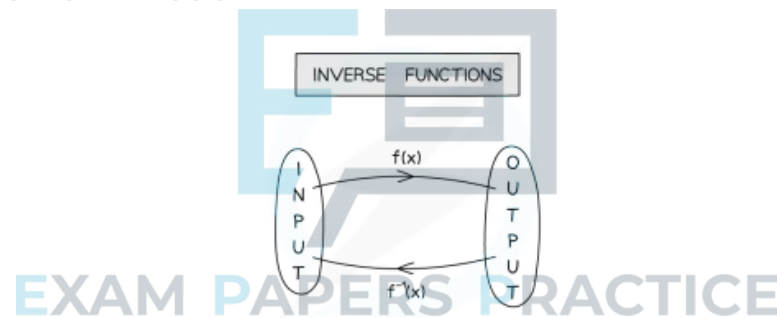
$$(g \circ g)(x) = 9 + 4x$$



## Inverse Functions

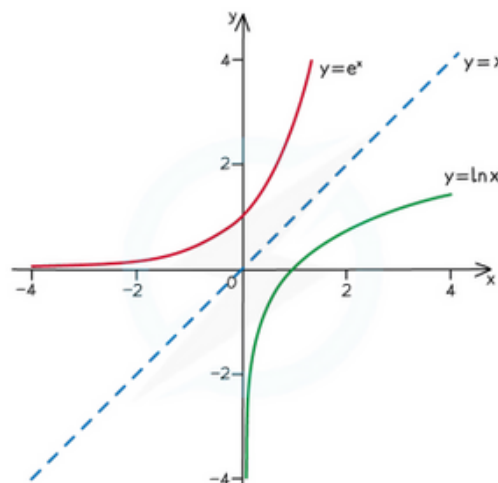
### What is an inverse function?

- Only **one-to-one** functions have inverses
- A function has an inverse if its graph passes the **horizontal line test**
  - Any **horizontal line** will intersect with the graph **at most once**
- The **identity function**  $\text{id}$  maps each value to itself
  - $\text{id}(x) = x$
- If  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  have the **same effect as the identity function** then  $f$  and  $g$  are **inverses**
- Given a function  $f(x)$  we denote the **inverse function** as  $f^{-1}(x)$
- An inverse function **reverses the effect** of a function
  - $f(2) = 5$  means  $f^{-1}(5) = 2$
- Inverse functions are used to solve equations
  - The solution of  $f(x) = 5$  is  $x = f^{-1}(5)$
- A composite function made of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$  has the **same effect as the identity function**
  - $(f \circ f^{-1})(x) = (f^{-1} \circ f)(x) = x$



### What are the connections between a function and its inverse function?

- The **domain of a function** becomes the **range of its inverse**
- The **range of a function** becomes the **domain of its inverse**
- The graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  is a **reflection** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  in the line  $y = x$ 
  - Therefore solutions to  $f(x) = x$  or  $f^{-1}(x) = x$  will also be solutions to  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ 
    - There could be other solutions to  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  that don't lie on the line  $y = x$







### How do I find the inverse of a function?

- STEP 1: **Swap** the  $x$  and  $y$  in  $y = f(x)$ 
  - If  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  then  $x = f(y)$
- STEP 2: **Rearrange**  $x = f(y)$  to make  $y$  the subject
- Note this can be done in any order
  - Rearrange  $y = f(x)$  to make  $x$  the subject
  - Swap  $x$  and  $y$

### Can many-to-one functions ever have inverses?

- You can **restrict the domain** of a many-to-one function so that it has an inverse
- Choose a subset of the domain where the function is one-to-one
  - The inverse will be determined by the restricted domain
  - Note that a many-to-one function can **only** have an inverse if its domain is restricted first
- For **quadratics** – use the **vertex** as the upper or lower bound for the **restricted domain**
  - For  $f(x) = x^2$  restrict the domain so 0 is either the maximum or minimum value
    - For example:  $x \geq 0$  or  $x \leq 0$
  - For  $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$  restrict the domain so  $h$  is either the maximum or minimum value
    - For example:  $x \geq h$  or  $x \leq h$
- For **trigonometric functions** – use part of a cycle as the **restricted domain**
  - For  $f(x) = \sin x$  restrict the domain to half a cycle between a maximum and a minimum
    - For example:  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$
  - For  $f(x) = \cos x$  restrict the domain to half a cycle between maximum and a minimum
    - For example:  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$
  - For  $f(x) = \tan x$  restrict the domain to one cycle between two asymptotes
    - For example:  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

### How do I find the inverse function after restricting the domain?

- The range of the inverse is the same as the restricted domain of the original function
- The inverse function is determined by the restricted domain
  - Restricting the domain differently will change the inverse function
- Use the range of the inverse to help find the inverse function
  - Restricting the domain of  $f(x) = x^2$  to  $x \geq 0$  means the range of the inverse is  $f^{-1}(x) \geq 0$ 
    - Therefore  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x}$
  - Restricting the domain of  $f(x) = x^2$  to  $x \leq 0$  means the range of the inverse is  $f^{-1}(x) \leq 0$ 
    - Therefore  $f^{-1}(x) = -\sqrt{x}$





### Exam Tip

- Remember that an inverse function is a reflection of the original function in the line  $y = x$ 
  - Use your GDC to plot the function and its inverse on the same graph to visually check this
- $f^{-1}(x)$  is not the same as  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$



**Worked Example**

The function  $f(x) = (x-2)^2 + 5$ ,  $x \leq m$  has an inverse.

a)

Write down the largest possible value of  $m$ .

Sketch  $y=f(x)$

The graph is one-to-one  
for  $x \leq 2$

$$m = 2$$



b)

Find the inverse of  $f(x)$ .

Let  $y=f^{-1}(x)$  and rearrange  $x=f(y)$

$$x = (y-2)^2 + 5$$

$$x-5 = (y-2)^2$$

$$\pm\sqrt{x-5} = y-2$$

$$2 \pm \sqrt{x-5} = y$$

Range of  $f^{-1}$  is the domain of  $f$   
 $f^{-1}(x) \leq 2 \quad \therefore y = 2 - \sqrt{x-5}$

$$f^{-1}(x) = 2 - \sqrt{x-5}$$

c)

Find the domain of  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

Domain of  $f^{-1}$  is the range of  $f$

Sketch  $y=f(x)$  to  
see range

For  $x \leq 2$ ,  $f(x) \geq 5$



$$\text{Domain of } f^{-1} : x \geq 5$$

d)

Find the value of  $k$  such that  $f(k) = 9$ .



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Use inverse  $f(a) = b \Leftrightarrow a = f^{-1}(b)$

$$k = f^{-1}(9) = 2 - \sqrt{9-5}$$

$$k = 0$$



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## 2.5 Transformations of Graphs

### 2.5.1 Translations of Graphs

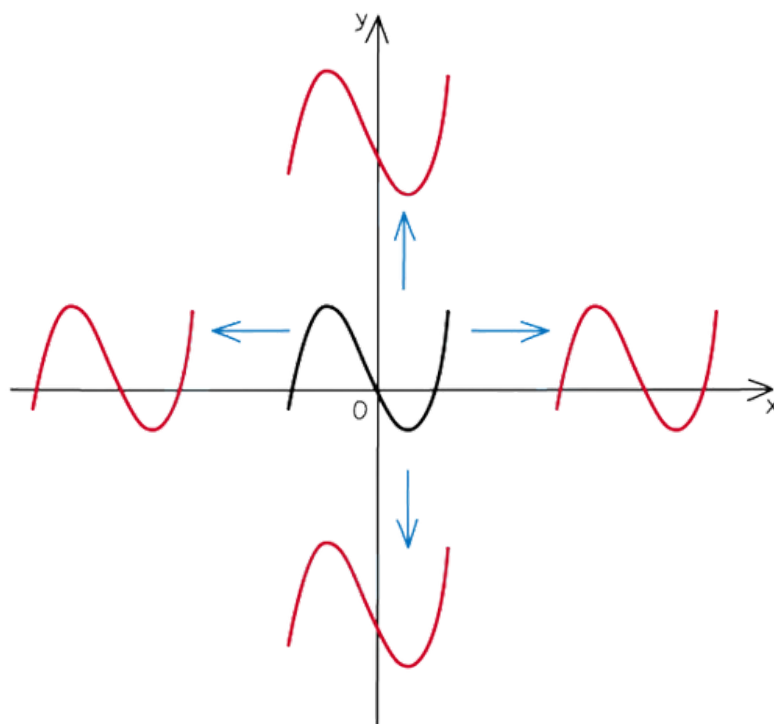
#### Translations of Graphs

##### What are translations of graphs?

- When you alter a function in certain ways, the effects on the graph of the function can be described by **geometrical transformations**
- For a **translation**:
  - the graph is **moved** (up or down, left or right) in the xy plane
    - Its position **changes**
  - the shape, size, and orientation of the graph remain **unchanged**
- A particular translation (how far left/right, how far up/down) is specified by a **translation**

**vector**  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ :

- x is the **horizontal** displacement
  - **Positive** moves **right**
  - **Negative** moves **left**
- y is the **vertical** displacement
  - **Positive** moves **up**
  - **Negative** moves **down**

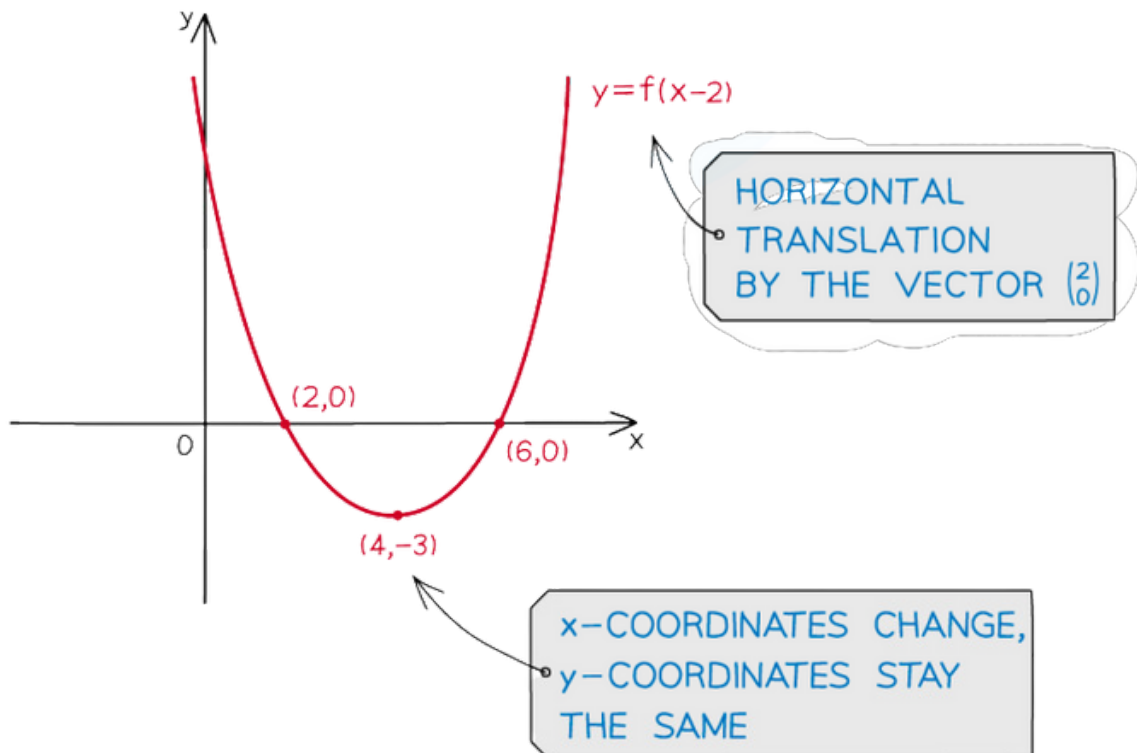
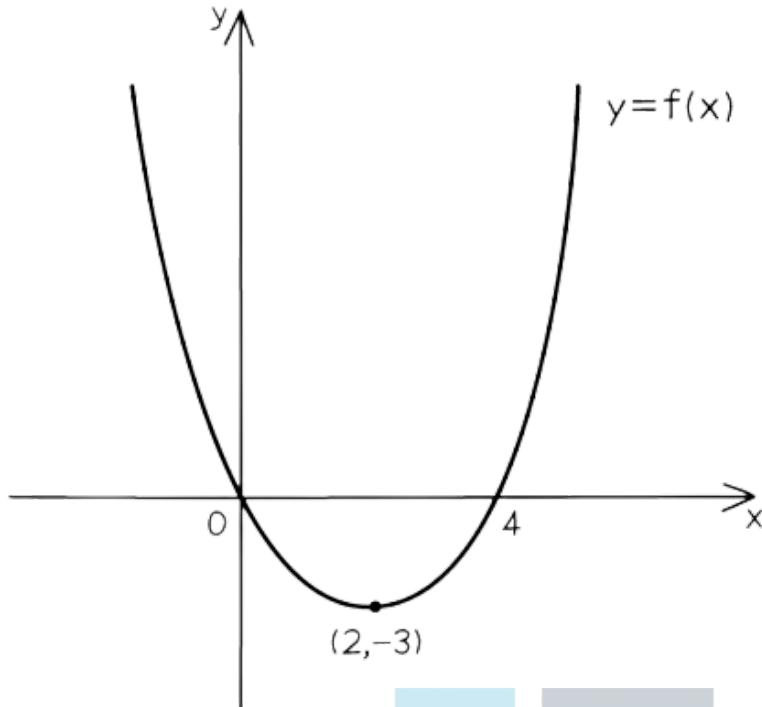




## What effects do horizontal translations have on the graphs and functions?

- A **horizontal translation** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} a \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  is represented by
  - $y = f(x - a)$
- The **x-coordinates change**
  - The value  $a$  is **subtracted** from them
- The **y-coordinates stay the same**
- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(x + a, y)$
- **Horizontal asymptotes stay the same**
- **Vertical asymptotes change**
  - $x = k$  becomes  $x = k + a$

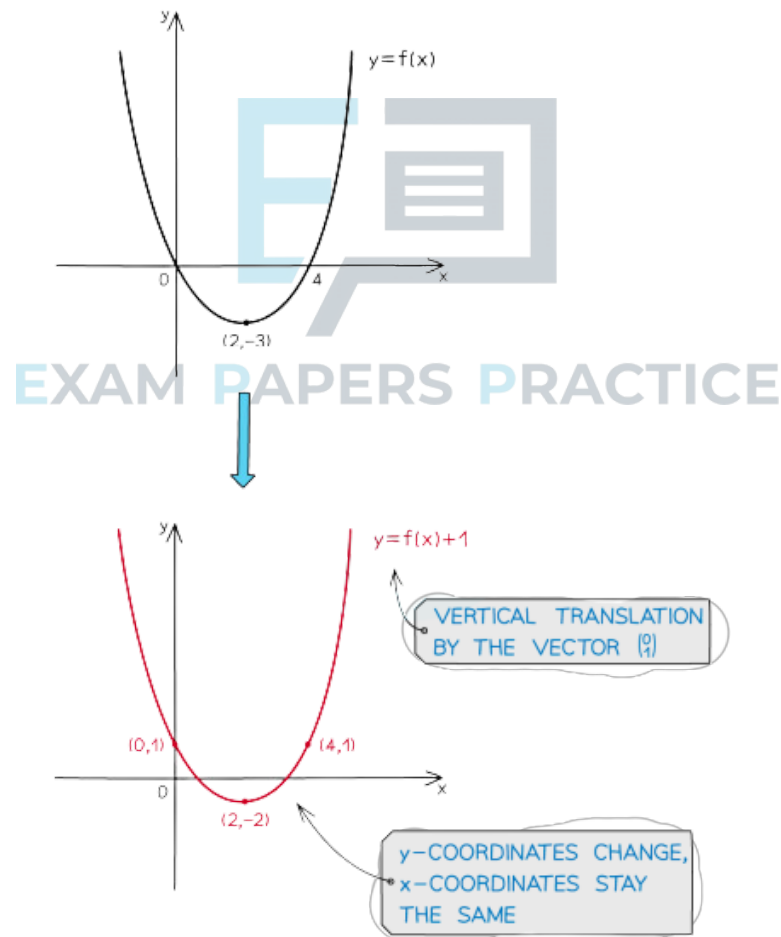






## What effects do vertical translations have on the graphs and functions?

- A **vertical translation** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  is represented by
  - $y - b = f(x)$
  - This is often rearranged to  $y = f(x) + b$
- The **x-coordinates stay the same**
- The **y-coordinates change**
  - The value  $b$  is **added** to them
- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(x, y + b)$
- **Horizontal asymptotes change**
  - $y = k$  becomes  $y = k + b$
- **Vertical asymptotes stay the same**



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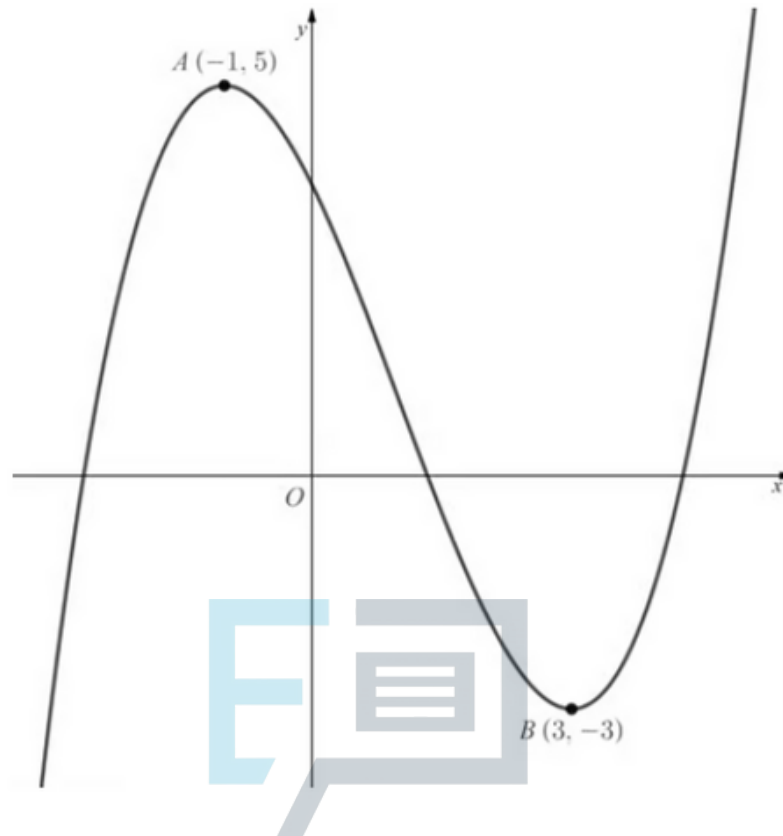
- To get full marks in an exam make sure you use correct mathematical terminology
  - For example: Translate by the vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -4 \end{pmatrix}$





### Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



a)

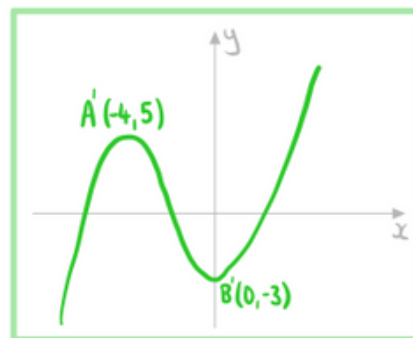
Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x+3)$ .

$y = f(x+k)$  translation by  $\begin{pmatrix} -k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Translate  $y = f(x)$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

A becomes  $(-4, 5)$

B becomes  $(0, -3)$



b)

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x) + 3$ .



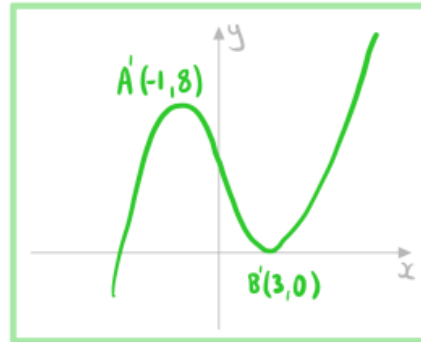
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$y = f(x) + k$  translation by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$

Translate  $y = f(x)$  by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$

A becomes  $(-1, 8)$

B becomes  $(3, 0)$



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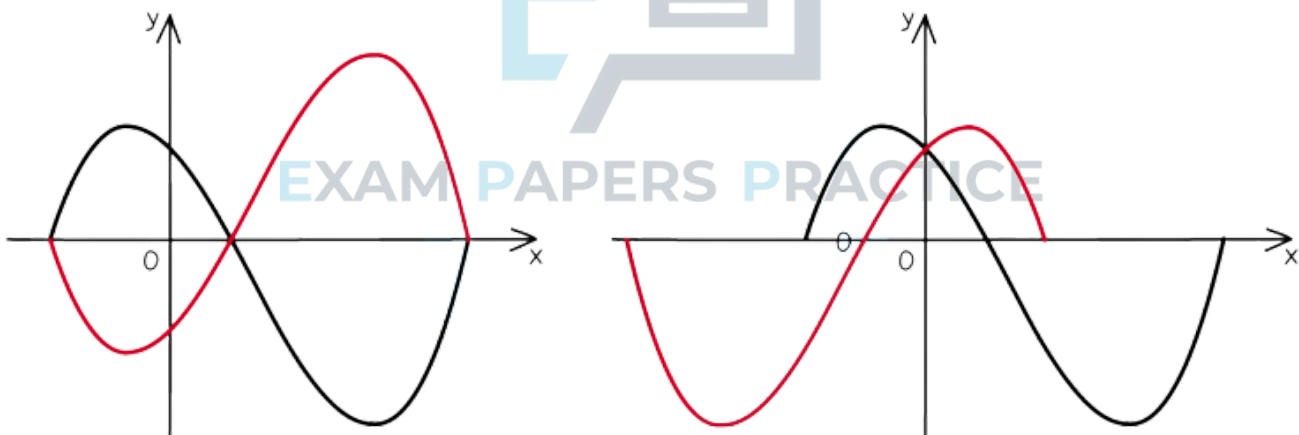


## 2.5.2 Reflections of Graphs

### Reflections of Graphs

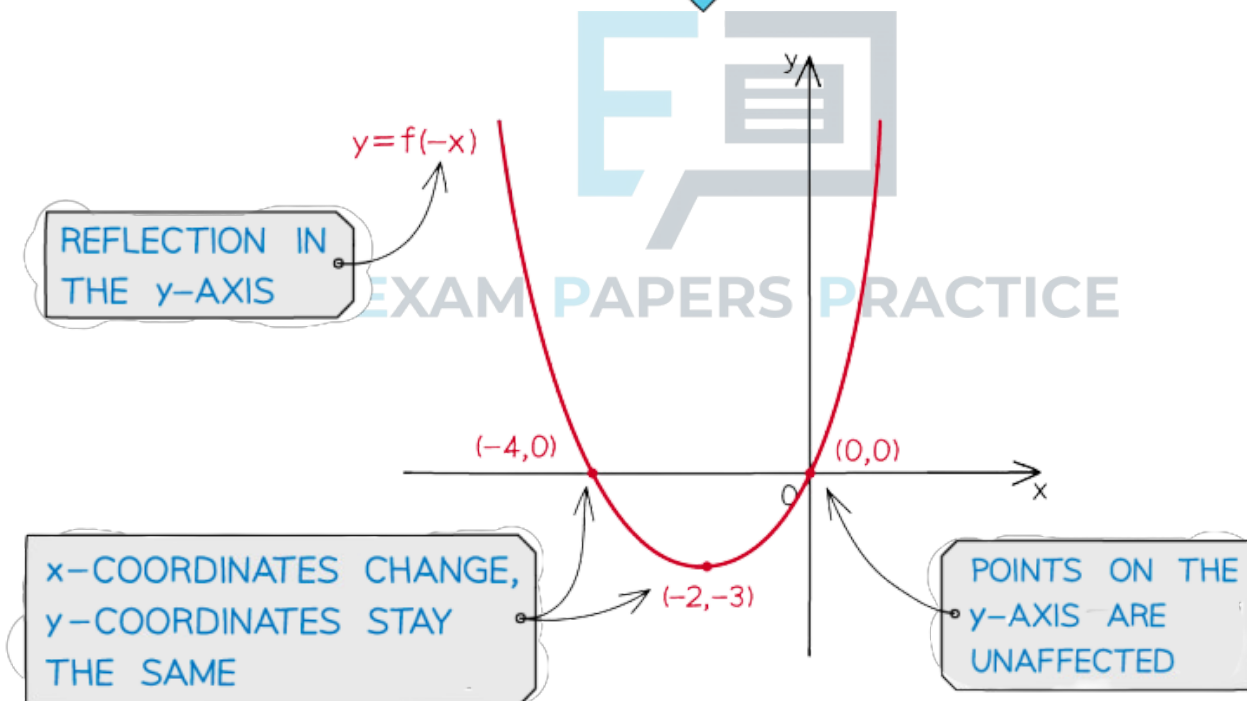
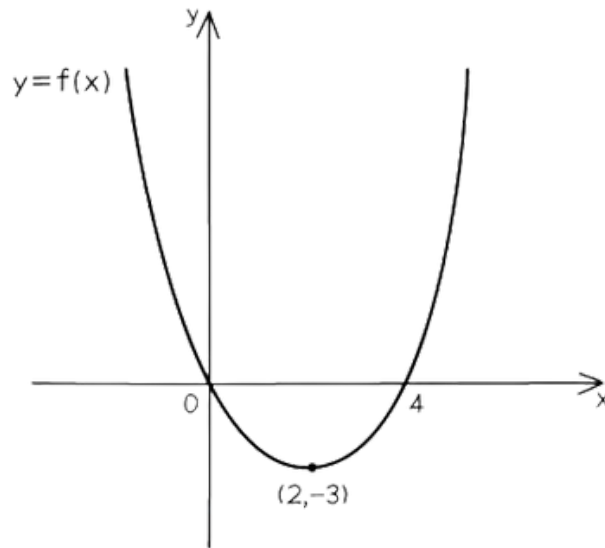
#### What are reflections of graphs?

- When you alter a function in certain ways, the effects on the graph of the function can be described by **geometrical transformations**
- For a **reflection**:
  - the graph is **flipped** about one of the coordinate axes
    - Its orientation **changes**
  - the size of the graph remains **unchanged**
- A particular reflection is specified by an **axis of symmetry**:
  - $y = 0$ 
    - This is the x-axis
  - $x = 0$ 
    - This is the y-axis



#### What effects do horizontal reflections have on the graphs and functions?

- A **horizontal reflection** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  about the y-axis is represented by
  - $y = f(-x)$
- The **x-coordinates change**
  - Their **sign** changes
- The **y-coordinates stay the same**
- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(-x, y)$
- **Horizontal asymptotes stay the same**
- **Vertical asymptotes change**
  - $x = k$  becomes  $x = -k$

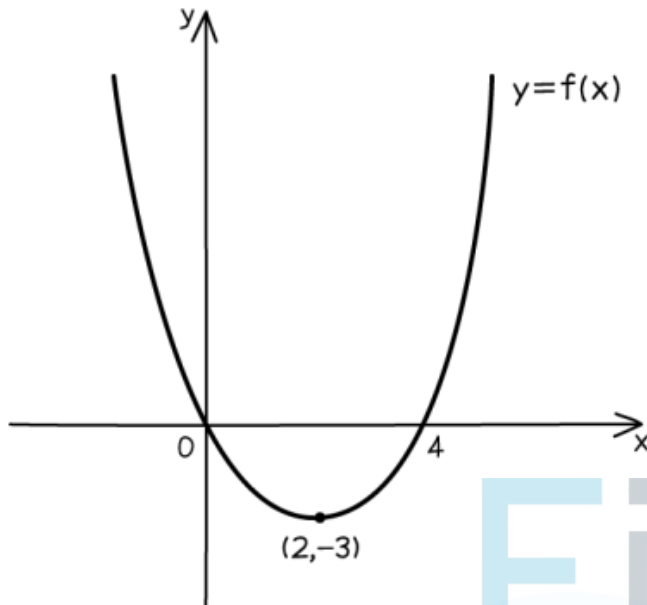


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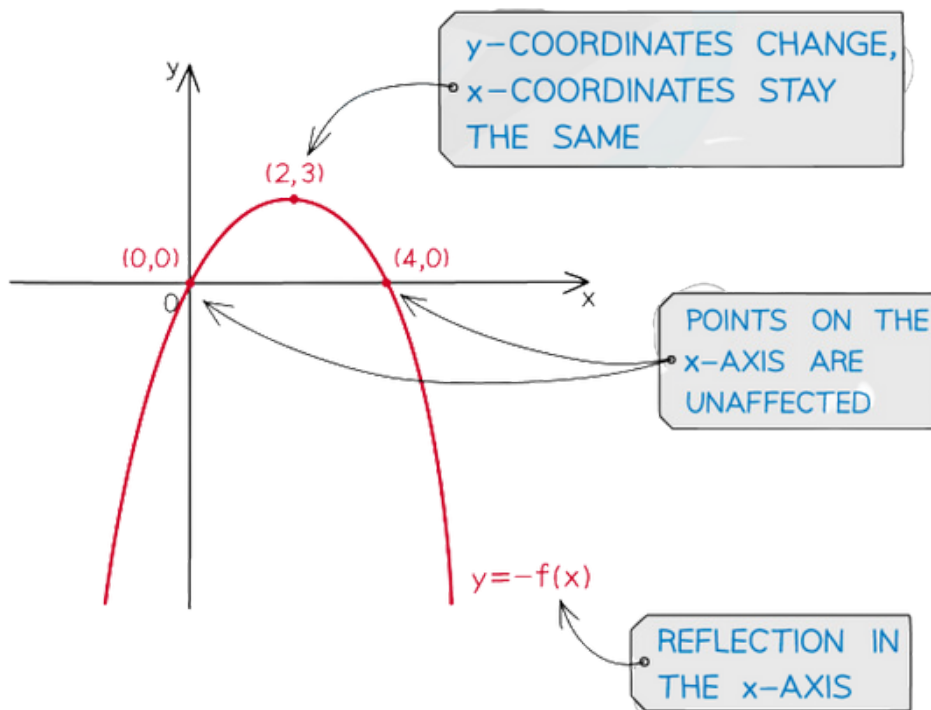
- A **vertical reflection** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  about the x-axis is represented by
  - $-y = f(x)$
  - This is often rearranged to  $y = -f(x)$
- The **x-coordinates stay the same**
- The **y-coordinates change**
  - Their **sign** changes



- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(x, -y)$
- **Horizontal** asymptotes **change**
  - $y = k$  becomes  $y = -k$
- **Vertical** asymptotes **stay the same**



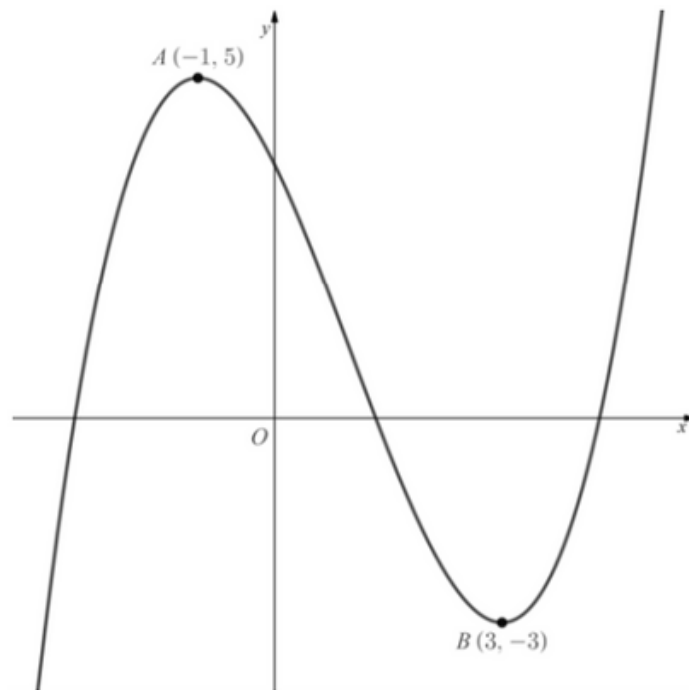
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### Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



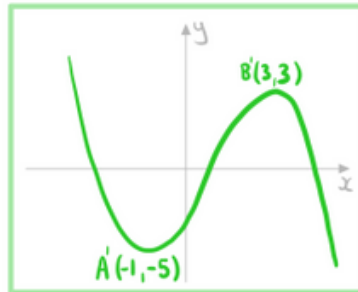
a)

Sketch the graph of  $y = -f(x)$ .

$y = -f(x)$  reflection in  $x$ -axis

A becomes  $(-1, -5)$

B becomes  $(3, 3)$



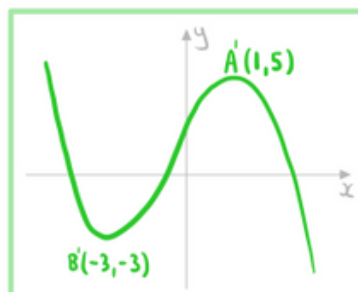
b)

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(-x)$ .

$y = f(-x)$  reflection in  $y$ -axis

A becomes  $(1, 5)$

B becomes  $(-3, -3)$



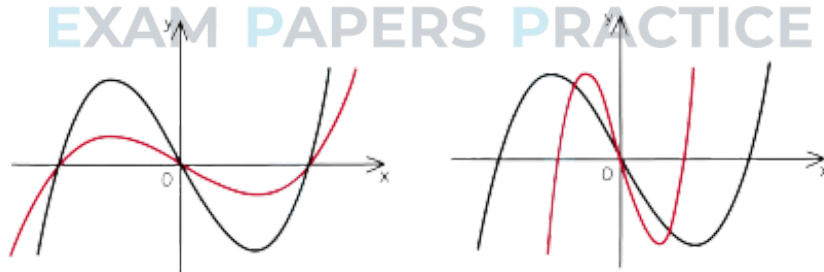


## 2.5.3 Stretches of Graphs

### Stretches of Graphs

#### What are stretches of graphs?

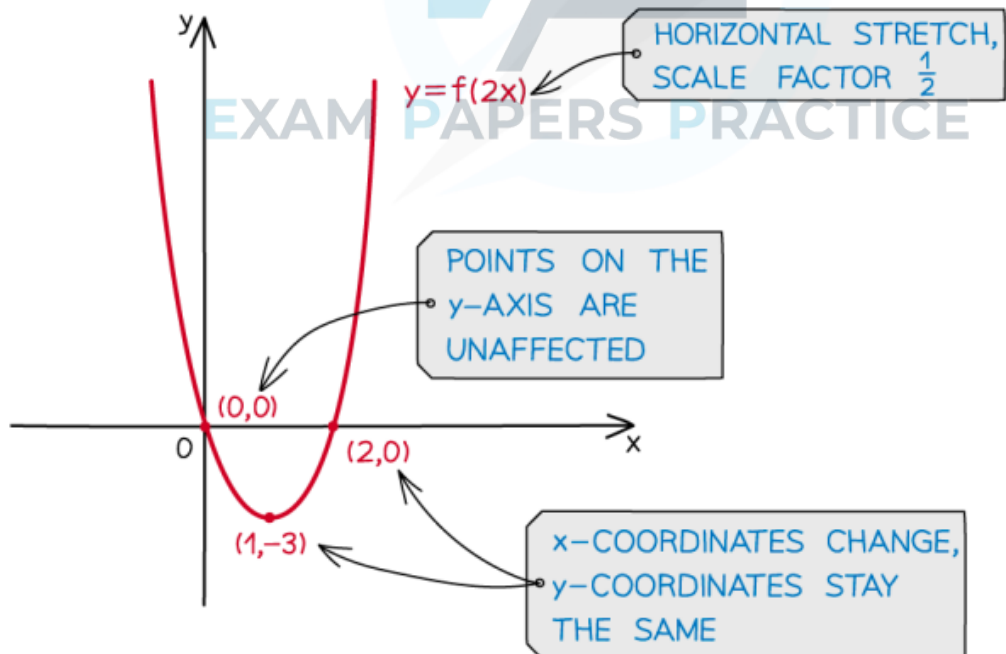
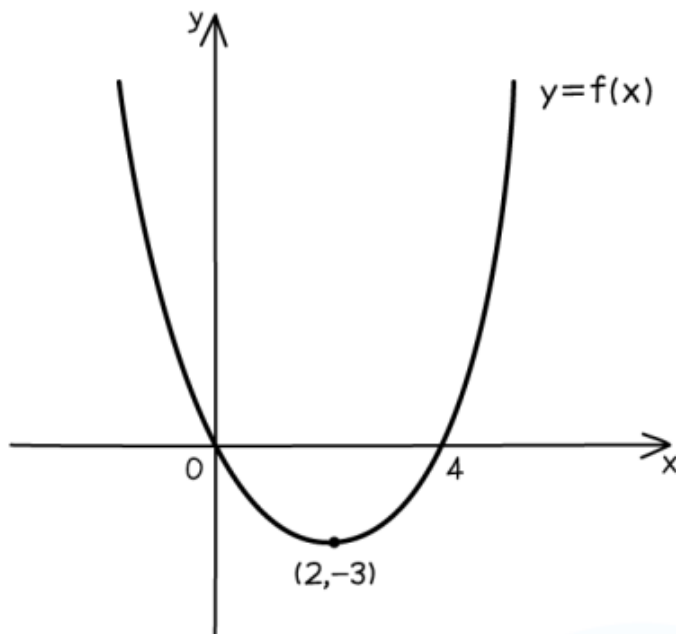
- When you alter a function in certain ways, the effects on the graph of the function can be described by **geometrical transformations**
- For a **stretch**:
  - the graph is **stretched** about one of the coordinate axes by a scale factor
    - Its size **changes**
  - the orientation of the graph remains **unchanged**
- A particular stretch is specified by a **coordinate axis** and a **scale factor**:
  - The **distance** between a **point** on the graph and the **specified coordinate axis** is **multiplied** by the **constant scale factor**
  - The graph is stretched in the **direction** which is **parallel** to the **other coordinate axis**
  - For scale factors **bigger than 1**
    - the points on the graph get **further away** from the **specified coordinate axis**
  - For scale factors **between 0 and 1**
    - the points on the graph get **closer** to the **specified coordinate axis**
    - This is also sometimes called a **compression** but in your exam you must use the term **stretch** with the appropriate scale factor



#### What effects do horizontal stretches have on the graphs and functions?

- A **horizontal stretch** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  by a scale factor  $q$  centred about the  $y$ -axis is represented by
  - $y = f\left(\frac{x}{q}\right)$
- The  **$x$ -coordinates change**
  - They are **divided** by  $q$
- The  **$y$ -coordinates stay the same**
- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(qx, y)$
- **Horizontal asymptotes stay the same**
- **Vertical asymptotes change**
  - $x = k$  becomes  $x = qk$



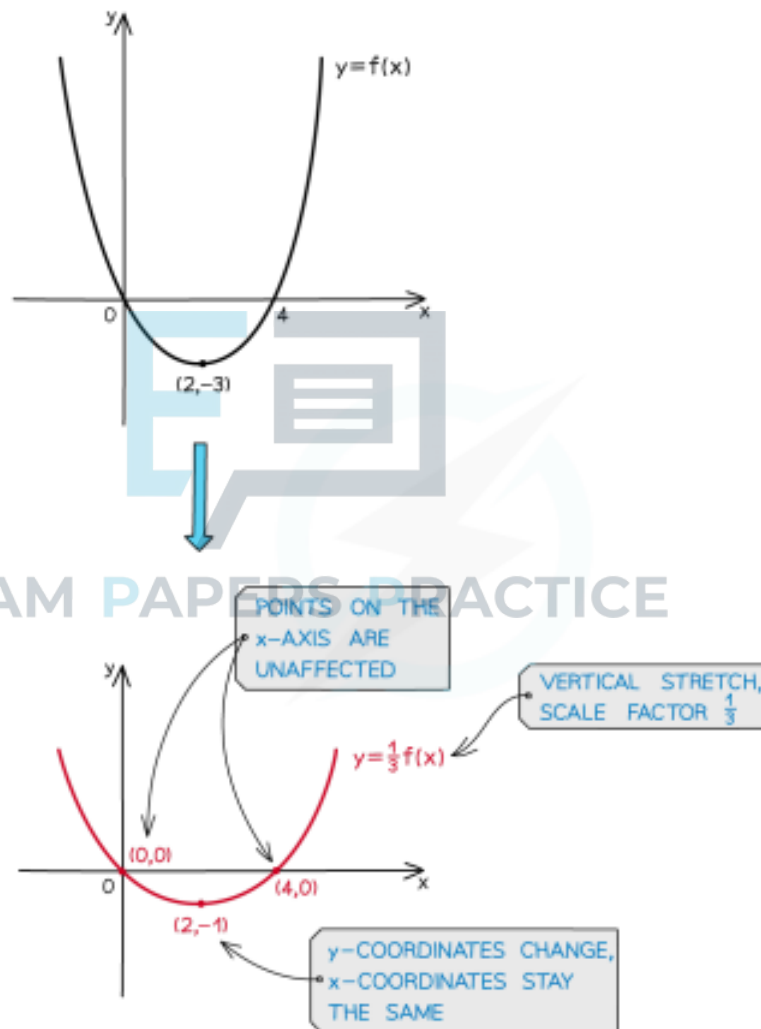


### What effects do vertical stretches have on the graphs and functions?

- A **vertical stretch** of the graph  $y = f(x)$  by a scale factor  $p$  centred about the x-axis is represented by
  - $\frac{y}{p} = f(x)$
  - This is often rearranged to  $y = pf(x)$



- The **x-coordinates** stay the same
- The **y-coordinates** change
  - They are **multiplied** by  $p$
- The coordinates  $(x, y)$  become  $(x, py)$
- **Horizontal** asymptotes **change**
  - $y = k$  becomes  $y = pk$
- **Vertical** asymptotes **stay the same**



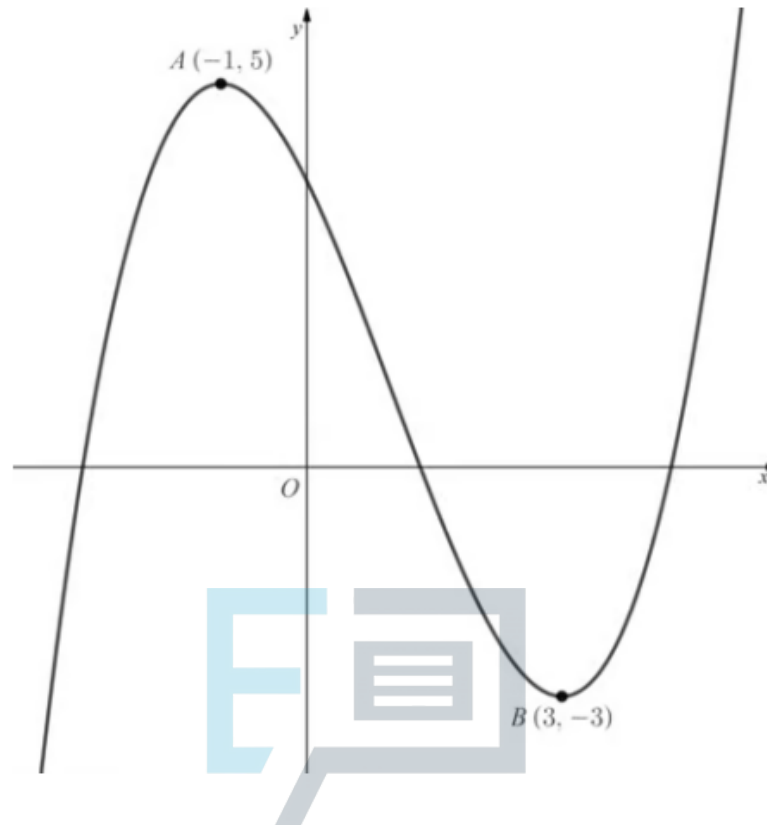
### Exam Tip

- To get full marks in an exam make sure you use correct mathematical terminology
  - For example: Stretch vertically by scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Do not use the word "compress" in your exam



### Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



a)

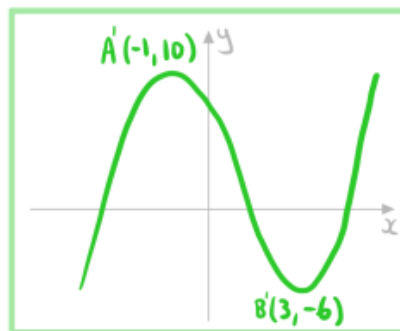
Sketch the graph of  $y = 2f(x)$ .

$y = kf(x)$  vertical stretch scale factor  $k$

Stretch  $y = f(x)$  vertically  
scale factor 2

A becomes  $(-1, 10)$

B becomes  $(3, -6)$



b)

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(2x)$ .



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$y = f(kx)$  horizontal stretch scale factor  $\frac{1}{k}$

Stretch  $y = f(x)$  horizontally  
scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$

A becomes  $(-\frac{1}{2}, 5)$

B becomes  $(\frac{3}{2}, -3)$



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## 2.5.4 Composite Transformations of Graphs

### Composite Transformations of Graphs

What transformations do I need to know?

- $y = f(x + k)$  is **horizontal translation** by vector  $\begin{pmatrix} -k \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - If  $k$  is **positive** then the graph moves **left**
  - If  $k$  is **negative** then the graph moves **right**
- $y = f(x) + k$  is **vertical translation** by vector  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ k \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - If  $k$  is **positive** then the graph moves **up**
  - If  $k$  is **negative** then the graph moves **down**
- $y = f(kx)$  is a **horizontal stretch** by scale factor  $\frac{1}{k}$  centred about the y-axis
  - If  $k > 1$  then the graph gets **closer** to the y-axis
  - If  $0 < k < 1$  then the graph gets **further** from the y-axis
- $y = kf(x)$  is a **vertical stretch** by scale factor  $k$  centred about the x-axis
  - If  $k > 1$  then the graph gets **further** from the x-axis
  - If  $0 < k < 1$  then the graph gets **closer** to the x-axis
- $y = f(-x)$  is a **horizontal reflection** about the y-axis
  - A **horizontal reflection** can be viewed as a special case of a **horizontal stretch**
- $y = -f(x)$  is a **vertical reflection** about the x-axis
  - A **vertical reflection** can be viewed as a special case of a **vertical stretch**



## How do horizontal and vertical transformations affect each other?

- **Horizontal and vertical transformations** are **independent** of each other
  - The horizontal transformations involved will need to be applied in their correct order
  - The vertical transformations involved will need to be applied in their correct order
- Suppose there are **two horizontal** transformation  **$H_1$  then  $H_2$**  and **two vertical** transformations  **$V_1$  then  $V_2$**  then they can be applied in the following orders:
  - Horizontal then vertical:
    - $H_1 H_2 V_1 V_2$
  - Vertical then horizontal:
    - $V_1 V_2 H_1 H_2$
  - Mixed up (provided that  **$H_1$  comes before  $H_2$**  and  **$V_1$  comes before  $V_2$** ):
    - $H_1 V_1 H_2 V_2$
    - $H_1 V_1 V_2 H_2$
    - $V_1 H_1 V_2 H_2$
    - $V_1 H_1 H_2 V_2$



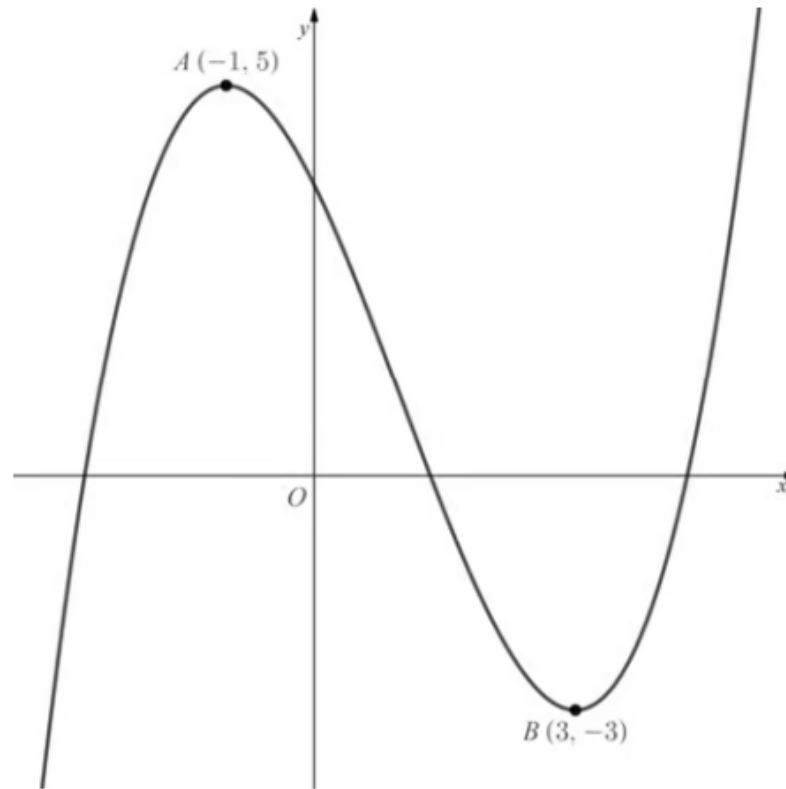
### Exam Tip

- In an exam you are more likely to get the correct solution if you deal with one transformation at a time and sketch the graph after each transformation



### Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{1}{2}f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$ .

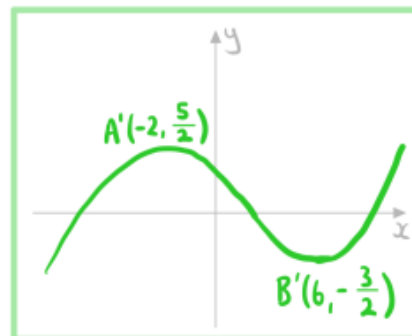
A vertical and horizontal transformation can be done in any order

$y = \frac{1}{2}f(x)$  : vertical stretch scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$

$y = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  : horizontal stretch scale factor 2

A becomes  $\left(-2, \frac{5}{2}\right)$

B becomes  $\left(6, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$







## Composite Vertical Transformations $af(x)+b$

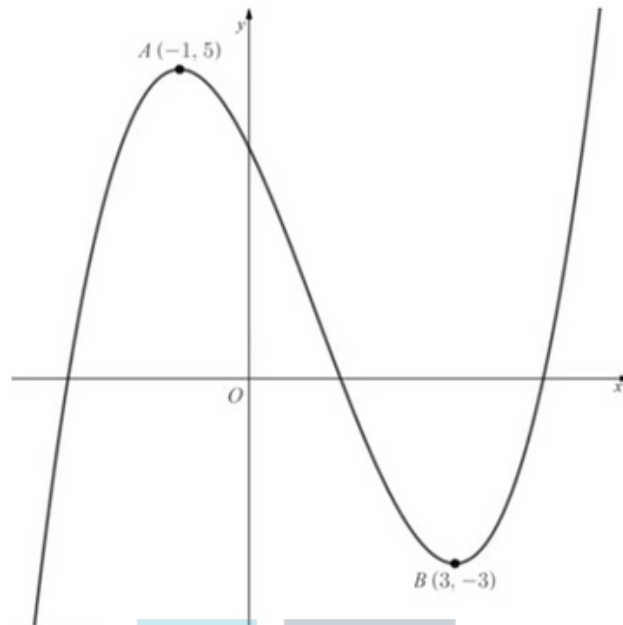
### How do I deal with multiple vertical transformations?

- **Order matters** when you have **more than one vertical transformations**
- If you are asked to find the equation then **build up the equation** by looking at the transformations in order
  - A **vertical stretch** by scale factor  $a$  followed by a **translation** of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$ 
    - Stretch:  $y = af(x)$
    - Then translation:  $y = [af(x)] + b$
    - Final equation:  $y = af(x) + b$
  - A **translation** of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$  followed by a **vertical stretch** by scale factor  $a$ 
    - Translation:  $y = f(x) + b$
    - Then stretch:  $y = a[f(x) + b]$
    - Final equation:  $y = af(x) + ab$
- If you are asked to determine the **order**
  - The order of vertical transformations **follows the order of operations**
  - First write the equation in the form  $y = af(x) + b$ 
    - **First stretch vertically** by scale factor  $a$
    - If  $a$  is negative then the **reflection and stretch** can be **done in any order**
    - **Then translate** by  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ b \end{pmatrix}$



### ? Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



Sketch the graph of  $y = 3f(x) - 2$ .

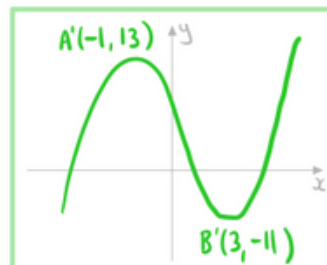
The order vertical transformations follows the order of operations

$y = 3f(x)$ : Vertical stretch scale factor 3

$y = f(x) - 2$ : Translate  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ -2 \end{pmatrix}$

A becomes  $(-1, 13)$

B becomes  $(3, -11)$





## Composite Horizontal Transformations $f(ax+b)$

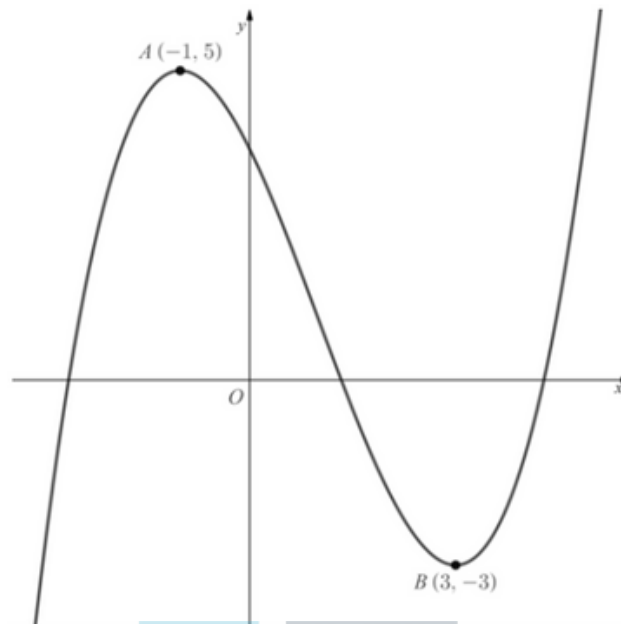
### How do I deal with multiple horizontal transformations?

- **Order matters** when you have **more than one horizontal transformations**
- If you are asked to find the equation then **build up the equation** by looking at the transformations in order
  - A **horizontal stretch** by scale factor  $\frac{1}{a}$  followed by a **translation** of  $\begin{pmatrix} -b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$ 
    - Stretch:  $y = f(ax)$
    - Then translation:  $y = f(a(x + b))$
    - Final equation:  $y = f(ax + ab)$
  - A **translation** of  $\begin{pmatrix} -b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  followed by a **horizontal stretch** by scale factor  $\frac{1}{a}$ 
    - Translation:  $y = f(x + b)$
    - Then stretch:  $y = f(ax + b)$
    - Final equation:  $y = f(ax + b)$
- If you are asked to determine the **order**
  - First write the equation in the form  $y = f(ax + b)$
  - The order of horizontal transformations **is the reverse of the order of operations**
    - **First translate** by  $\begin{pmatrix} -b \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$
    - **Then stretch** by scale factor  $\frac{1}{a}$
    - If  $a$  is negative then the **reflection and stretch** can be **done in any order**



### ? Worked Example

The diagram below shows the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .



Sketch the graph of  $y = f(2x - 1)$ .

The order of horizontal transformations is the reverse of the order of operations

$y = f(x - 1)$ : Translate  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

$y = f(2x)$ : Horizontal stretch scale factor  $\frac{1}{2}$

A becomes  $(0, 5)$

B becomes  $(2, -3)$





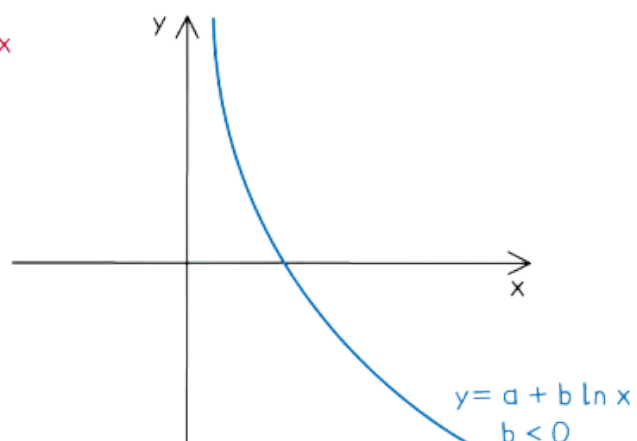
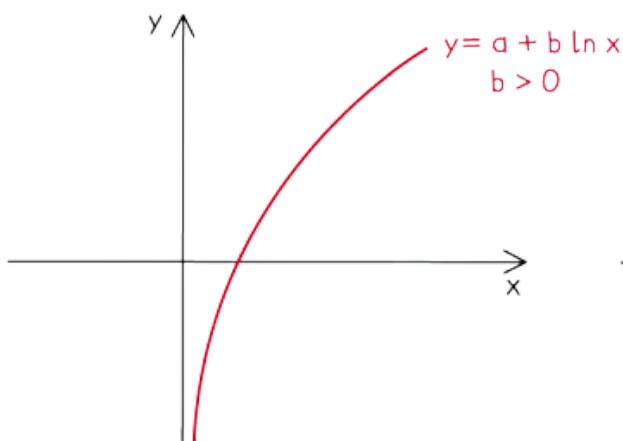
## 2.6 Further Modelling with Functions

### 2.6.1 Properties of Further Graphs

#### Logarithmic Functions & Graphs

What are the key features of logarithmic graphs?

- A **logarithmic function** is of the form  $f(x) = a + b \ln x$ ,  $x > 0$
- Remember the natural logarithmic function  $\ln x \equiv \log_e(x)$ 
  - This is the inverse of  $f(x) = e^x$ 
    - $\ln(e^x) = x$  and  $e^{\ln x} = x$
  - The graphs **do not have a y-intercept**
    - The graphs have a **vertical asymptote** at the y-axis:
  - The graphs have **one root** at  $\left(e^{-\frac{a}{b}}, 0\right)$ 
    - This can be found using your GDC
  - The graphs **do not have any minimum or maximum points**
  - The value of  $b$  determines whether the graph is increasing or decreasing
    - If  $b$  is positive then the graph is increasing
    - If  $b$  is negative then the graph is decreasing

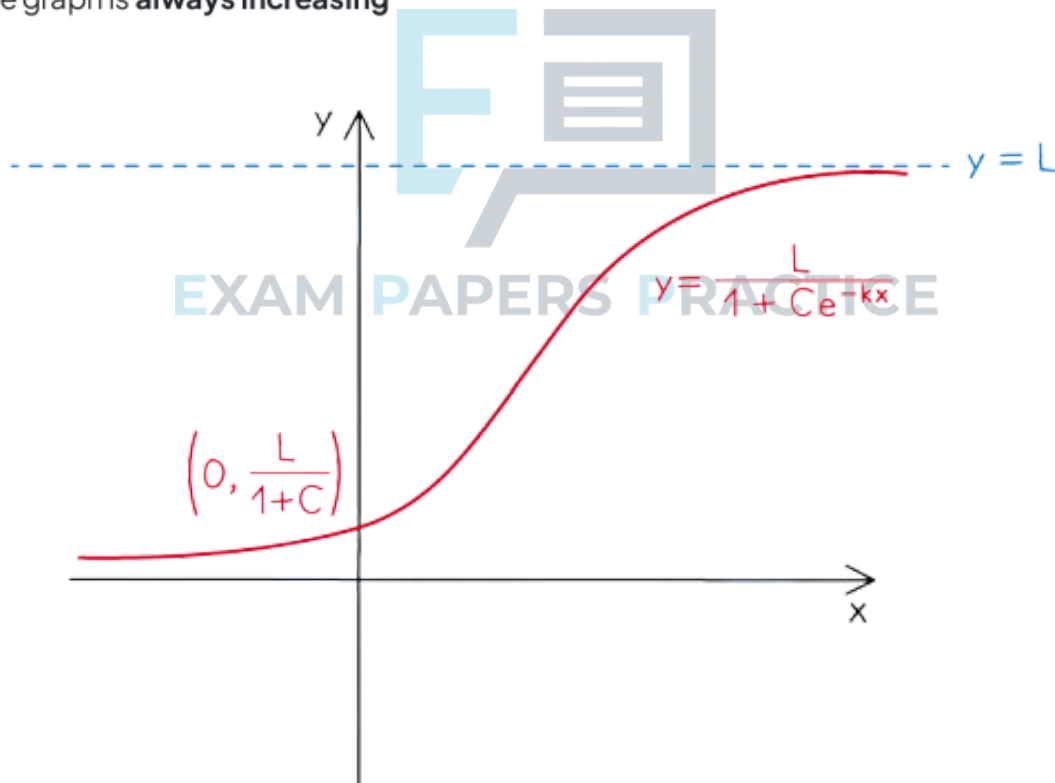




## Logistic Functions & Graphs

What are the key features of logistic graphs?

- A **logistic function** is of the form  $f(x) = \frac{L}{1 + Ce^{-kx}}$ 
  - $L$ ,  $C$  &  $k$  are positive constants
- Its **domain** is the set of **all real values**
- Its **range** is the set of **real positive values less than  $L$**
- The  $y$ -intercept is at the point  $\left(0, \frac{L}{1+C}\right)$
- There are **no roots**
- There is a **horizontal asymptote** at  $y = L$ 
  - This is called the carrying capacity
    - This is the upper limit of the function
    - For example: it could represent the limit of a population size
- There is a **horizontal asymptote** at  $y = 0$
- The graph is **always increasing**





## 2.6.2 Natural Logarithmic Models

### Natural Logarithmic Models

#### What are the parameters of natural logarithmic models?

- A **natural logarithmic model** is of the form  $f(x) = a + b \ln x$
- The  $a$  represents the value of the function when  $x = 1$
- The  $b$  determines the rate of change of the function
  - A bigger absolute value of  $b$  leads to a faster rate of change

#### What can be modelled as a natural logarithmic model?

- A **natural logarithmic model** can be used when the variable increases rapidly for a period followed by a much slower rate of increase with no limiting value
  - $M(I)$  is the magnitude of an earthquake with an intensity of  $I$
  - $d(I)$  is the decibels measured of a noise with an intensity of  $I$

#### What are possible limitations a natural logarithmic model?

- A **natural logarithmic graph** is unbounded
  - However in real-life the variable might have a limiting value





### Worked Example

The sound intensity level,  $L$ , in decibels (dB) can be modelled by the function

$$L(I) = a + 8 \ln I,$$

where  $I$  is the sound intensity, in watts per square metre ( $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ ).

a)

Given that a sound intensity of  $1 \text{ Wm}^{-2}$  produces a sound intensity level of 110 dB, write down the value of  $a$ .

Substitute  $I=1$  and  $L=110$

$$110 = a + 8 \ln 1$$

$$a = 110$$



b)

Find the sound intensity, in  $\text{Wm}^{-2}$ , of a car alarm that has a sound intensity level of 105 dB.

Use GDC to solve  $L(I) = 105$

$$110 + 8 \ln I = 105$$

$$I = 0.535261...$$

$$I = 0.535 \text{ Wm}^{-2} \text{ (3sf)}$$





## 2.6.3 Logistic Models

### Logistic Models

#### What are the parameters of logistic models?

- A **logistic model** is of the form  $f(x) = \frac{L}{1 + Ce^{-kx}}$
- The  $L$  represents the limiting capacity
  - This is the value that the model tends to as  $x$  gets large
- The  $C$  (along with the  $L$ ) helps to determine the initial value of the model
  - The initial value is given by  $\frac{L}{1 + C}$
  - Once  $L$  has been determined you can then determine  $C$
- The  $k$  determines the rate of increase of the model

#### What can be modelled using a logistic model?

- A **logistic model** can be used when the variable initially increases exponentially and then tends towards a limit
  - $H(t)$  is the height of a giraffe  $t$  weeks after birth
  - $P(t)$  is the number of bacteria on an apple  $t$  seconds after removing from protective packaging
  - $P(t)$  is the population of rabbits in a woodlands area  $t$  weeks after releasing an initial amount into the area

#### What are possible limitations of a logistic model?

- A logistic graph is **bounded** by the limit  $L$ 
  - However in real-life the variable might be unbounded
    - For example: the cumulative total number of births in a town over time
- A logistic graph is **always increasing**
  - However in real-life there could be periods where the variable decreased or fluctuates



### Worked Example

The number of fish in a lake,  $F$ , can be modelled by the function

$$F(t) = \frac{800}{1 + Ce^{-0.6t}}$$

where  $t$  is the number of months after fish were introduced to the lake.

a)

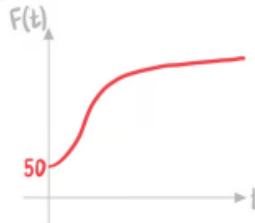
Initially, 50 fish were introduced to the lake. Find the value of  $C$ .

Substitute  $t=0$  and  $F=50$

$$50 = \frac{800}{1 + Ce^0}$$

$$50 = \frac{800}{1 + C}$$

$$C = 15$$

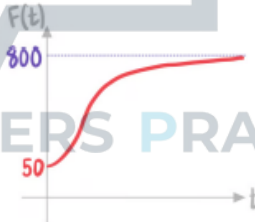


b)

Write down the limiting capacity for the number of fish in the lake.

Find the horizontal asymptote

Limiting capacity  
is 800



c)

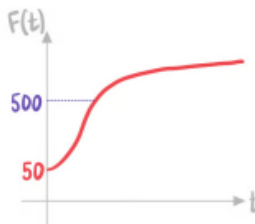
Calculate the number of months it takes until there are 500 fish in the lake.

Solve  $F(t) = 500$

$$\frac{800}{1 + 15e^{-0.6t}} = 500$$

$$t = 5.3647\dots$$

5.36 months





## 2.6.4 Piecewise Models

### Linear Piecewise Models

#### What are the parameters of a piecewise linear model?

- A **piecewise linear model** is made up of multiple linear models  $f_i(x) = m_i x + c_i$
- For each linear model there will be
  - The rate of change for that interval  $m_i$
  - The value if the independent variable was not present  $c_i$

#### What can be modelled as a piecewise linear model?

- Piecewise linear models can be used when the rate of change of a function changes for different intervals
  - These commonly apply when there are different tariffs or levels of charges
- Anything with a constant rate of change for set intervals
  - $C(d)$  is the taxi charge for a journey of  $d$  km
    - The charge might double after midnight
  - $R(d)$  is the rental fee for a car used for  $d$  days
    - The daily fee might triple if the car is rented over bank holidays
  - $s(t)$  is the speed of a car travelling for  $t$  seconds with constant acceleration
    - The car might reach a maximum speed

#### What are possible limitations of a piecewise linear model?

- Piecewise linear models have a constant rate of change (represented by a straight line) in each interval
  - In real-life this might not be the case
  - The data in some intervals might have a continuously variable rate of change (represented by a curve) rather than a constant rate
  - Or the transition from one constant rate of change to another may be gradual- i.e. a curve rather than a sudden change in gradient



#### Exam Tip

- Make sure that you know how to plot a piecewise model on your GDC



### Worked Example

The total monthly charge, £  $C$ , of phone bill can be modelled by the function

$$C(m) = \begin{cases} 10 + 0.02m & 0 \leq m \leq 100 \\ 9 + 0.03m & m > 100 \end{cases},$$

where  $m$  is the number of minutes used.

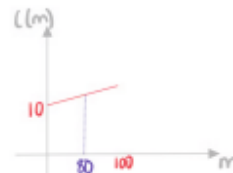
a)

Find the total monthly charge if 80 minutes have been used.

Substitute  $m=80$  into the first function

$$C(80) = 10 + 0.02(80)$$

£11.60



b)

Given that the total monthly charge is £16.59, find the number of minutes that were used.

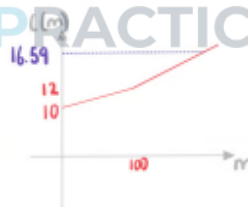
Substitute  $C=16.59$  into the second function

$$16.59 = 9 + 0.03m$$

$$0.03m = 7.59$$

$$m = \frac{7.59}{0.03}$$

253 minutes





## Non-Linear Piecewise Models

### What are the parameters of non-linear piecewise models?

- A **non-linear piecewise model** is made up of multiple functions  $f_i(x)$ 
  - Each function will be defined for a range of values of  $x$
- The individual functions can contain **any function**
  - For example: quadratic, cubic, exponential, etc
- When graphed the individual functions should join to make a continuous graph
  - This fact can be used to find unknown parameters

$$\blacksquare \text{ If } f(x) = \begin{cases} f_1(x) & a \leq x < b \\ f_2(x) & b \leq x < c \end{cases} \text{ then } f_1(b) = f_2(b)$$

### What can be modelled as a non-linear piecewise model?

- Piecewise models can be used when different functions are needed to represent the output for different intervals of the variable
  - $S(x)$  is the standardised score on a test with  $x$  raw marks
    - For small values of  $x$  there might be a quadratic model
    - For large values of  $x$  there might be a linear model
  - $H(t)$  is the height of water in a bathtub with after  $t$  minutes
    - Initially a cubic model might be appropriate if the bottom of the bathtub is curved
    - Then a linear model might be appropriate if the sides of top of the bathtub has the shape of a prism

### What are possible limitations a non-linear piecewise model?

- Piecewise models can be used to model real-life accurately
- Piecewise models can be difficult to analyse or apply mathematical techniques to



#### Exam Tip

- Read and re-read the question carefully, try to get involved in the context of the question!
- Pay particular attention to the domain of each section, if it is not given think carefully about any restrictions there may be as a result of the context of the question
- If sketching a piecewise function, make sure to include the coordinates of all key points including the point at which two sections of the piecewise model meet





### Worked Example

Jamie is running a race. His distance from the start,  $x$  metres, can be modelled by the function

$$x(t) = \begin{cases} 3t & 0 \leq t < 5 \\ 125 - a(t-15)^2 & 5 \leq t < 15 \end{cases}$$

where  $t$  is the time, in seconds, elapsed since the start of the race.

a)

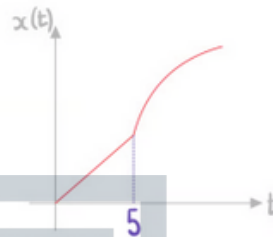
Find the value of  $a$ .

The function is continuous at  $t=5$

$$3(5) = 125 - a(5-15)^2$$

$$15 = 125 - 100a$$

$$a = 1.1$$



b)

Find the time taken for Jamie to reach 100 metres from the start.

Decide which function to use

$$x(5) = 15$$

$$100 > 15$$

Solve  $x(t) = 100$

$$125 - 1.1(t-15)^2 = 100$$

$$t = 10.23... \quad \text{or} \quad t = 19.76...$$

Reject as  $5 \leq t < 15$

$$t = 10.2 \text{ seconds}$$

