

Modelling with Functions

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Question 1

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a) 52 weeks in a year.

Sub $t=52$ into C .

$$C = 16.99(52) + 49$$

$$C = 932.48 \text{ NZD (2dp)}$$

b) Set $C = 2000$ and rearrange for t .

$$16.99t + 49 = 2000$$

$$16.99t = 1951$$

$$t \approx 114.8$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} -49 \\ \div 16.99 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$\therefore 115 \text{ weeks}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{Initial payment} &= 49 - 20 \\ &= 29 \end{aligned}$$

Weekly cost is 8.51 NZD more.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Weekly cost} &= 16.99 + 8.51 \\ &= 25.50 \end{aligned}$$

$$C = 25.50t + 29$$

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d) Les Mills > Cityfitness

$$25.50t + 29 > 16.99t + 49$$

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$$8.51t > 20$$

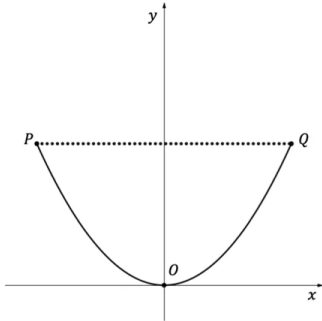
$$t > 2.35$$

$$\therefore 3 \text{ weeks}$$

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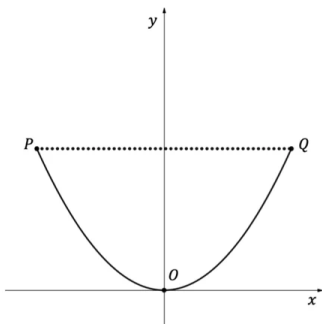
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a) i) c represents the y -intercept.

$$c = 0$$

ii) Sub point Q^* into y .

$$4 = a(4)^2$$

$$4 = 16a$$

} expand
 } $\div 16$

$$a = \frac{1}{4}$$

* N.B you could also use point P .

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

b) y represents the height of the water tank.

x represents half the width of the water tank.

Set $y = 2.25$ and rearrange for x .

$$2.25 = \frac{1}{4}x^2$$

$$9 = x^2$$

$$3 = x$$

} $\times 4$
 } $\sqrt{\quad}$

(reject $x = -3$)

The width of the water tank is 6 m.

Question 3

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$$a \times \underbrace{b^{-0}}_{=1} + 320 = 2400 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} b^{-0} = 1$$

$$a + 320 = 2400$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} - 320$$

$$a = 2080$$

b) When $t = 2$, $W(t) = 1020$.

$$W(2) = 1020$$

$$2080 \times b^{-2} + 320 = 1020$$

$$2080 \times b^{-2} = 700$$

$$b^{-2} = \frac{700}{2080}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{2080}{700}$$

$$b \approx 1.72$$

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c) As t tends towards infinity (∞),

2080×1.72^{-t} tends towards zero

$$W(t) = 2080 \times 1.72^{-t} + 320$$

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} W(t) = 0 + 320 = 320$$

$$\therefore c = 320$$

Question 4

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b) Sub $t=4$ into $D(t)$.

$$D(4) = 1.4 \times 0.77^{(4)}$$

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c) Set $D(t) = 0.22$ and solve for t on your GDC.

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$$t = 7.08 \text{ hours}$$

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d) 45 minutes is 0.75 hours.

Sub $t=0.75$ into $D(t)$.

$$D(0.75) = 1.4 \times 0.77^{(0.75)}$$

$$D(0.75) = 1.15 \text{ mg L}^{-1}$$

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$$75 \times 2^{0.5t} = 10\,000$$

$$t = 14.1 \text{ hours}$$

Question 6

A remote-controlled sailboat's velocity is dependent on the wind speed. The sailboat's velocity is lower during very high and very low wind speeds.

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[2]

(c) Show that $V(w) = -0.0025w^3 + 0.0925w^2 - 0.175w$.

[2]

(d) Using your graphics display calculator find the maximum velocity of the sailboat and the windspeed required for this.

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a) Sub $w = 20$ into $V(w)$.

$$V(20) = 0.0025(20)(2-20)(20-35)$$

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b) Set $V(w) = 5.94$ and solve for w on your GDC.

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$$w = 11 \text{ km h}^{-1}$$

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c) Expand $V(w)$.

$$V(w) = 0.0025w(2-w)(w-35)$$

Expand first bracket.

$$V(w) = (0.005w - 0.0025w^2)(w - 35)$$

Expand second bracket.

$$V(w) = 0.005w^2 - 0.175w - 0.0025w^3 + 0.0875w^2$$

Rearrange and collect like terms.

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d) Graph $V(w)$ on your GDC and find its maximum.

$$\text{maximum} = (23.7, 14.5)$$

$$\text{maximum velocity} = 14.5 \text{ km h}^{-1}$$

$$\text{when the windspeed} = 23.7 \text{ km h}^{-1}$$

Question 7

A Ferris wheel rotates at a constant speed, the height of a particular seat above the ground is modelled by the function

$$H(t) = -14 \cos(10^\circ \times t) + 16, \quad t \geq 0$$

where H is the height of the seat above the ground, in metres, and t is the elapsed time, in seconds, since the start of the ride.

(a) Write down

- (i) the **minimum height** of the seat
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[4]

(b) Calculate the number of seconds it takes for the Ferris wheel to do one full rotation.

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a) Graph $H(t)$ on your GDC. and find its minimum and maximum.

i) $H_{\min} = 2 \text{ m}$

ii) $H_{\max} = 30 \text{ m}$

c) $H(t)$ is in the form $a \cos bx + c$.
one full rotation = period of $H(t)$.

Period formula

$$\text{Period} = \frac{360^\circ}{b}$$

(not in formula booklet)

$$\text{Period} = \frac{360^\circ}{10^\circ}$$

$$\text{Period} = 36$$

$$\text{one full rotation} = 36 \text{ s}$$

Question 8

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

$$D(t) = 5 \sin(30^\circ \times t) + 15, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 24$$

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

(a) Write down the **depth of the water at midnight**.

[1]

(b) The cycle of water depths repeats every P hours. Find the value of P .

[2]

(c) (i) Calculate the maximum and minimum depths.

- (ii) Find the times at which the maximum and minimum depths occur during the day.

[4]

a) $t=0$ at midnight.

Sub $t=0$ into $D(t)$.

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 P is equal to the period of $D(t)$.

Period formula

$$\text{Period} = \frac{360^\circ}{b} \quad (\text{not in formula booklet})$$

$$P = \frac{360^\circ}{30^\circ}$$

$$P = 12 \text{ hours}$$

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c) Graph $D(t)$ on your GDC and find its maximums and minimums within $0 \leq t \leq 24$.

maximums = (3, 20) and (15, 20)

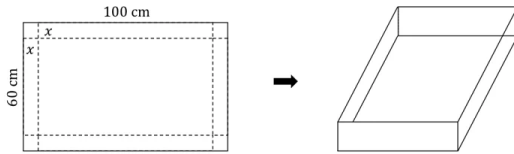
minimums = (9, 10) and (21, 10)

i) maximum depth = 20 m
 minimum depth = 10 m

ii) maximum depth at 3:00 and 15:00
 minimum depth at 9:00 and 21:00

Question 9

A rectangular sheet of cardboard 60 cm by 100 cm has square sides of x cm cut from each corner. It is folded to make an open box as shown.



(a) Show that the volume of the box can be modelled by the function

$$V = 4x^3 - 320x^2 + 6000x.$$

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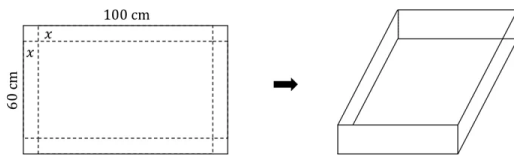
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a) The shape of the box is a cuboid.

Volume of a cuboid formula

$$V = lwh \quad l = \text{length}, w = \text{width}, h = \text{height}$$

$$l = 100 - 2x \quad w = 60 - 2x \quad h = x$$

Sub l, w and h into formula.

$$V = (100 - 2x)(60 - 2x)x$$

Expand brackets.

$$V = (6000 - 320x + 4x^2)x$$

Expand fully.

$$V = 6000x - 320x^2 + 4x^3$$

Rearrange into the form given.

$$V = 4x^3 - 320x^2 + 6000x$$

b) Dimensions of the box are

$$l = 100 - 2x \quad w = 60 - 2x \quad h = x$$

\therefore the volume of the box can be given by

$$V = (100 - 2x)(60 - 2x)x$$

$$\text{If } x = 0$$

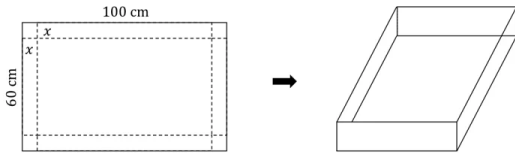
then $h = 0$ and so $V = 0$.

$$\text{If } x = 30$$

then $w = 60 - 2(30) = 0$ and so $V = 0$.

$$\text{Domain is } \{x \mid 0 < x < 30\}$$

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c) Graph V on your GDC and find its maximum.

maximum = (12.1, 32 800) (3sf)

$\therefore V_{\max} = 32\,800\text{ cm}^3$ when $x = 12.1\text{ cm}$

Question 10

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- (ii) during the second minute
- (iii) during the third minute.

[3]

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[2]

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(c) Write down two equations relating a and b .

[2]

(d) Find the value of a and b .

[2]

a) i) During the first minute.

$$88 - 58 = 30$$

30°C

ii) During the second minute.

$$58 - 43 = 15$$

15°C

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$$43 - 35.5 = 7.5$$

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b) The decrease in the temperature of the tea in any given minute is half the decrease from the previous minute.

$$\frac{15}{30} = \frac{7.5}{15} = \frac{1}{2}$$

\therefore the decrease during the fourth minute is

$$7.5 \times \frac{1}{2} = 3.75$$

$$\therefore k = 35.5 - 3.75$$

$$k = 31.75^{\circ}\text{C}$$

c) $a + b$ is the initial temperature ($t=0$).

$$88 = a + b$$

When $t=1$, $y=58$.

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d) Simultaneous equations

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 88 = a + b$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 58 = \frac{1}{2}a + b$$

$$\textcircled{1} - \textcircled{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 88 = a + b \\ - 58 = \frac{1}{2}a + b \\ \hline 30 = \frac{1}{2}a \end{array}$$

[3]

$$\therefore a = 60$$

[2]

Sub a into $\textcircled{1}$.

$$88 = 60 + b$$

[2]

$$\therefore b = 28$$

[2]

Alternatively you could solve the simultaneous equations on your GDC.