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VCE Mathematical Methods ½
Functions & Relations II [0.8]
Workshop

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Section A: Recap



Set Operators

- Intersection: "AND".

$$A \cap B = \text{What values are in set } A \text{ AND in set } B.$$

- Union: "OR".

$$A \cup B = \text{What values are in set } A \text{ OR in set } B.$$

- Set difference: "Except".

$$A \setminus B = \text{What values are in set } A \text{ except those also in set } B.$$



Interval Notation

- Parentheses (non-inclusive):

$$x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow a < x < b$$

- Square brackets [inclusive]:

$$x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow a \leq x \leq b$$

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Maximal Domain

- The maximal domain is the biggest possible domain for a rule without committing a mathematical crime.
- In Methods, we need to consider 3 important rules:

$$\sqrt{z}, \quad z \geq 0$$

$$\log(z), \quad z > 0$$

$$\frac{1}{z}, \quad z \neq 0$$



Range

- The range is the possible value for the output of a function.



Functional Notation

$$f: \text{Domain} \rightarrow \text{Codomain}, f(x) = \text{Rule}$$

- Codomain is simply all the values the function works within.
- Codomain is **not** the same as range.



Piecewise (Hybrid) Functions

- Series of functions.

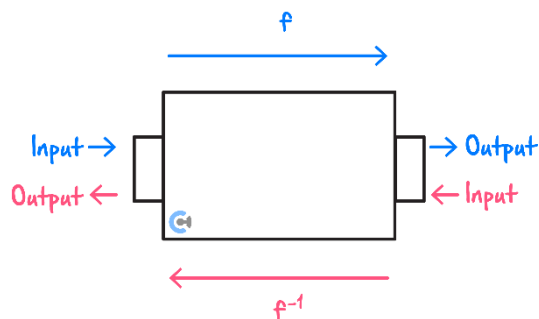
$$h(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & \text{Domain}_1 \\ g(x), & \text{Domain}_2 \end{cases}$$

- Domain_1 and Domain_2 represent the x -values for which the two functions are defined.
- The two domains do not have to join!



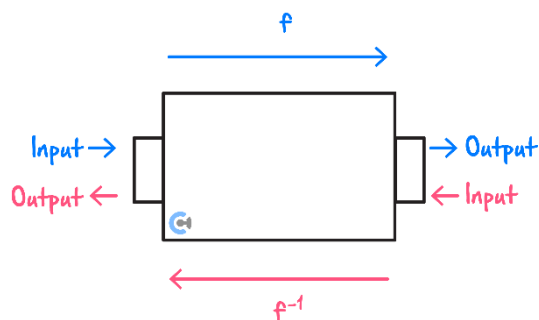
Inverse Relation

➤ **Definition:** Inverse is a relation that does the opposite.

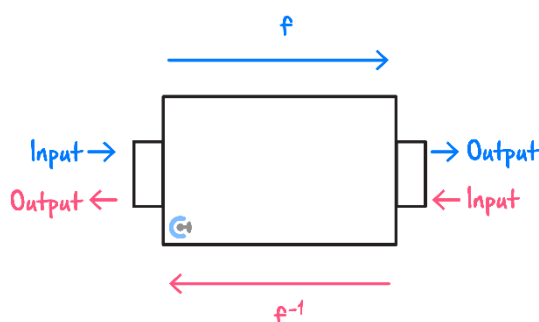


Solving for an Inverse Relation

➤ Swap x and y .



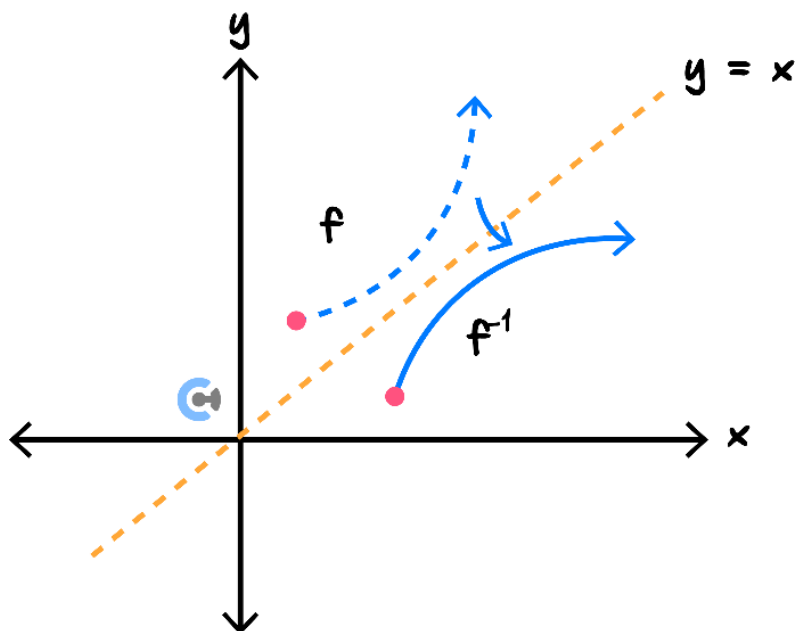
Domain and Range of Inverse Functions



$$\text{Dom } f^{-1} = \text{Ran } f$$

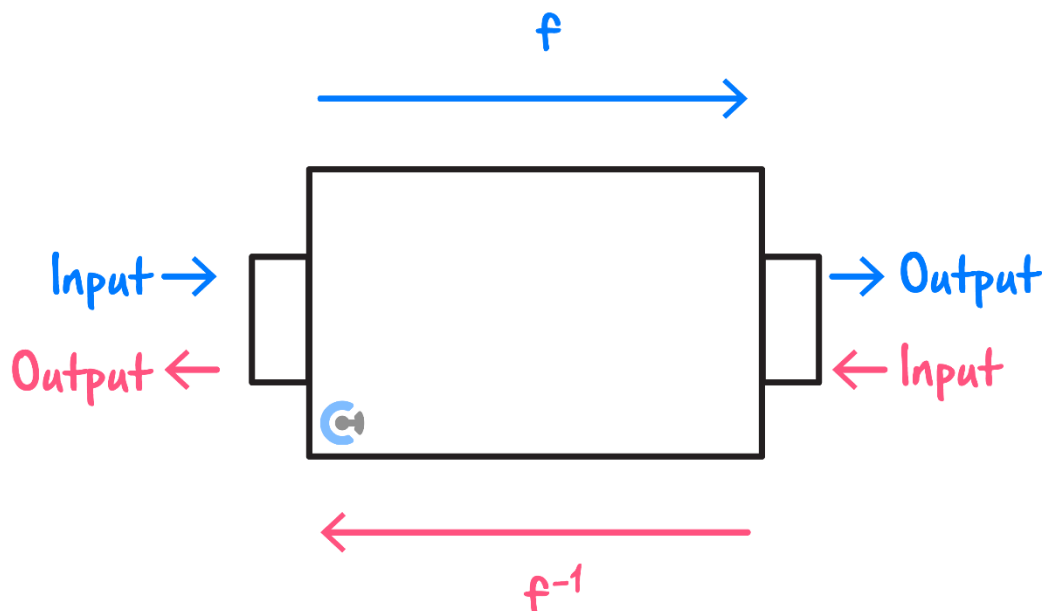
$$\text{Ran } f^{-1} = \text{Dom } f$$

Symmetry of Inverse Functions



- Inverse functions are always symmetrical around $y = x$.

Validity of Inverse Functions

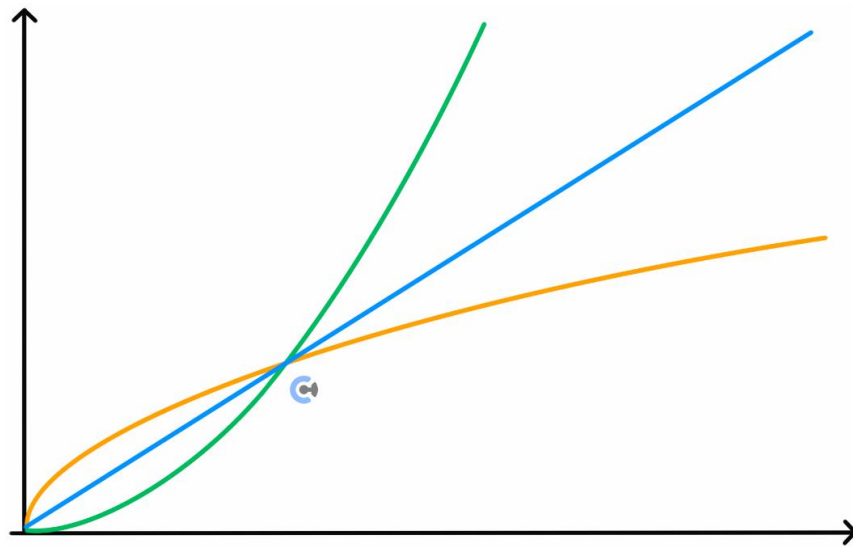


- Requirement for Inverse Function:

f needs to be 1:1.



Intersection between a Function and its Inverse



$$f(x) = x \quad \text{OR} \quad f^{-1}(x) = x$$

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Section B: Warm Up

Question 1

For the sets $A = [-3, 5]$ and $B = (-6, 2]$, expressing the following in interval notation:

a. $A \cap B$.

_____ **$[-3, 2]$** _____

b. $A \cup B$.

_____ **$(-6, 5]$** _____

c. $A \setminus B$.

_____ **$(2, 5]$** _____

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Question 2

- a. Find the maximal domain of $f(x) = \sqrt{(x-3)(x+1)}$ expressing your answer in interval notation.

$$x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [3, \infty)$$

- b. Find the range of the function $f: [-2, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 - 4$.

$$[-4, 5)$$

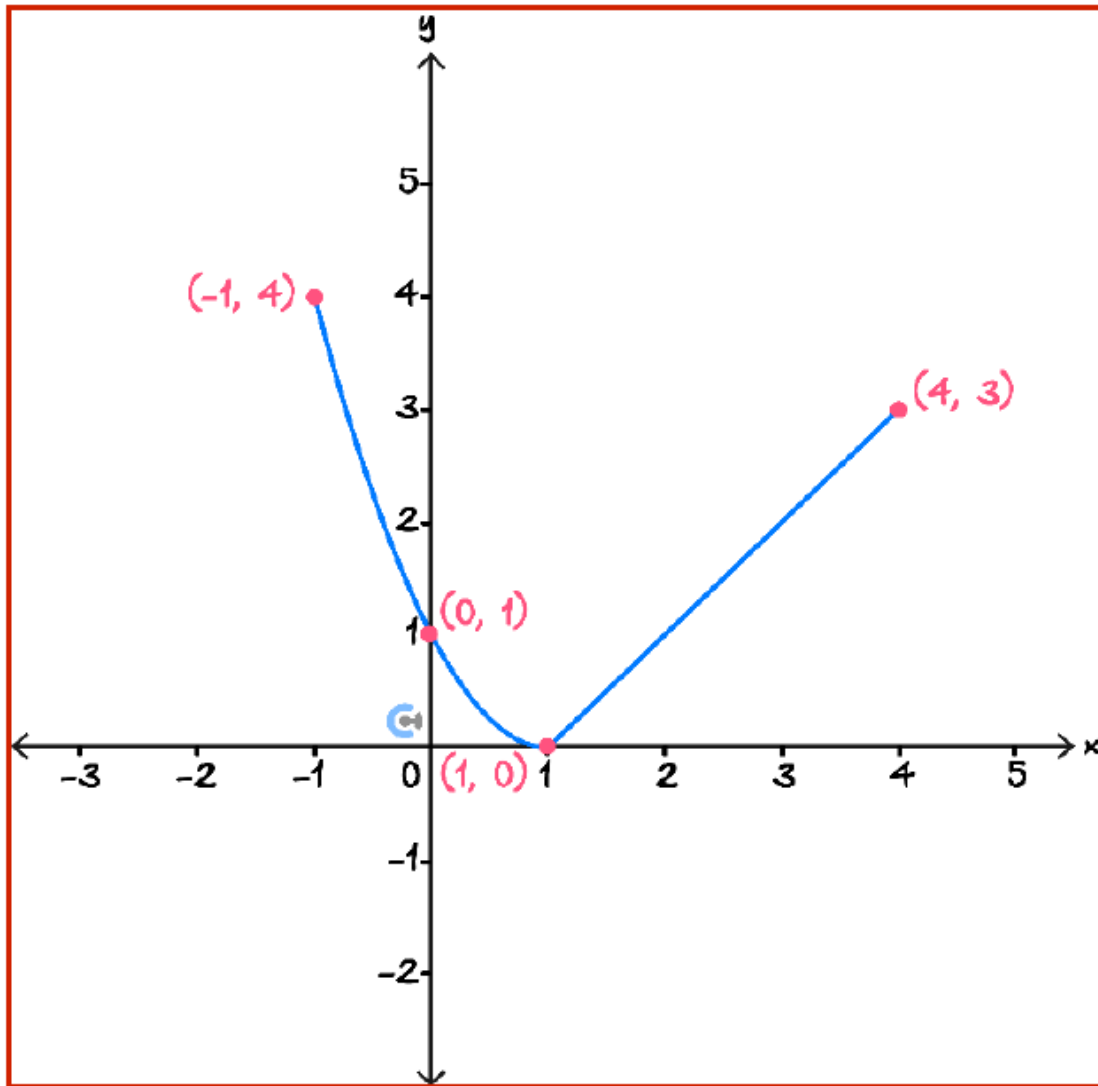
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Question 3

Consider the hybrid function f , where:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-1)^2, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x-1, & 1 < x < 4 \end{cases}$$

- a. Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ on the axes below. Label endpoints and axes intercept with coordinates.



- b. Hence, state the range of f .

[0, 4]

- c. State how many solutions $f(x) = 3$ has.

2.

Question 4

Consider the function $f: [-2, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2x - 2$.

- a. Find the rule for the inverse function, f^{-1} .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + 2}{2}$$

- b. State the domain and range of f^{-1} .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Solution: } \text{dom } f^{-1} &= \text{ran } f = [-6, 6] \\ \text{ran } f^{-1} &= \text{dom } f = [-2, 4] \end{aligned}$$

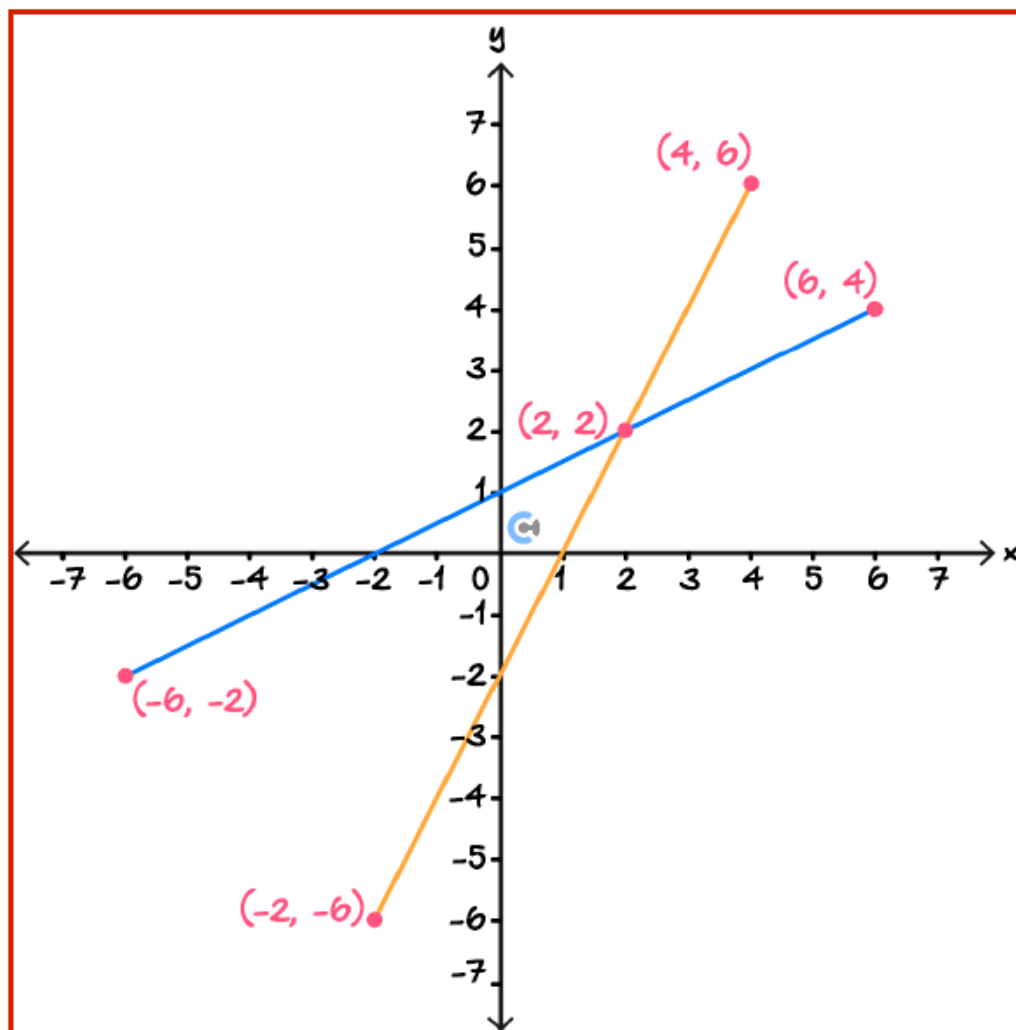
- c. Hence, fully define the inverse function using functional notation.

$$f^{-1}: [-6, 6] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 1$$

- d. Find the point of intersection between f and f^{-1} .

$$\text{Solve } 2x - 2 = x \implies x = 2. \text{ Point of intersection is } (2, 2)$$

e. Sketch the graphs of f and f^{-1} on the axes below.



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Section C: Exam 1 Questions (21 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 21 Marks. 27 Minutes Writing.



Question 5 (2 marks)

Consider the function $f: (-\infty, a] \cup [b, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 3}$.

Find all possible values of a and b such that $f(x)$ is defined.

$$\therefore x^2 - 3 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 \geq 3 \Rightarrow \therefore x \geq \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x \leq -\sqrt{3}$$

$$(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}] \cup [\sqrt{3}, \infty)$$

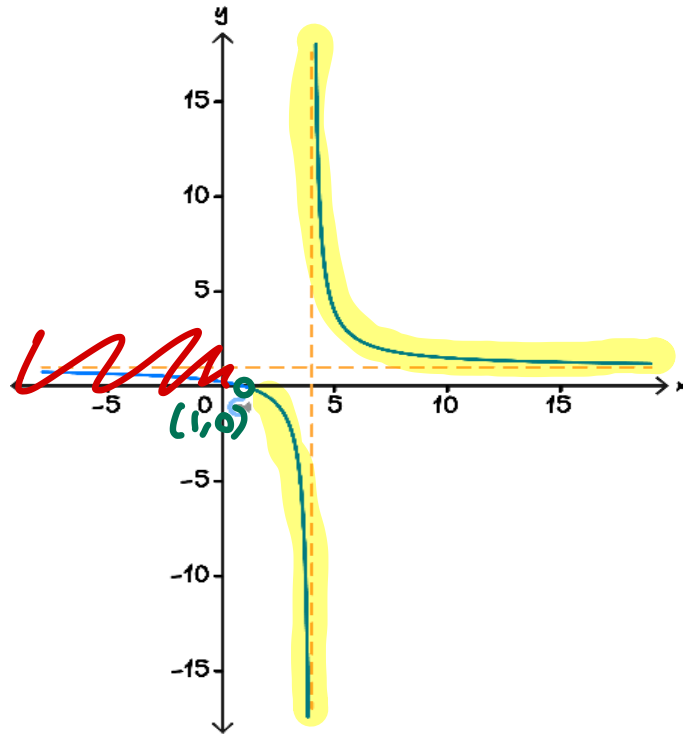
$$(-\infty, \underline{a}] \cup [\underline{b}, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \underline{a \leq -\sqrt{3} \text{ and } b \geq \sqrt{3}}$$

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Question 6 (4 marks)

The figure below shows a graph of $y = \frac{3}{x-4} + 1, x \neq 4$.



- a. State the equations for the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the curve, marked as dotted lines in the figure. (1 mark)

$x = 4$ & $y = 1$

The function f is defined as $f: (1, \infty) \setminus \{4\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{3}{x-4} + 1$.

$f(1) = \frac{3}{1-4} + 1 = 0$

- b. State the range of $f(x)$. (1 mark)

$f(x) \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty) //$
 $\in \mathbb{R} \setminus [0, 1] //$

- c. Obtain an expression for $f^{-1}(x)$. (1 mark)

$x = \frac{3}{y-4} + 1$

$y-4 = \frac{3}{x-1}$

$x-1 = \frac{3}{y-4}$

$y = \frac{3}{x-1} + 4$

$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3}{x-1} + 4$

d. State the domain and range of $f^{-1}(x)$. (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Dom } f^{-1} &= \text{Ran } f = \mathbb{R} \setminus [0, 1] \\ \text{Ran } f^{-1} &= \text{Dom } f = (1, \infty) \setminus \{4\} \end{aligned}$$

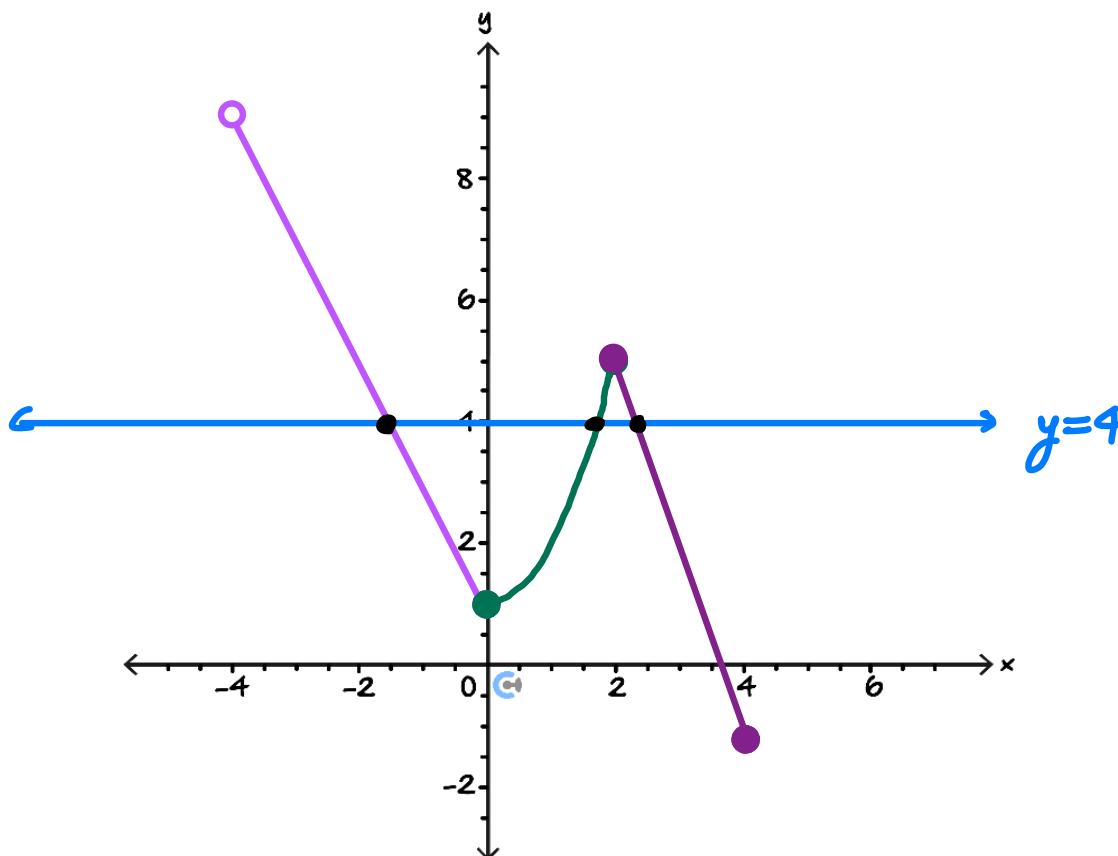
Question 7 (8 marks)

A function f has the definition:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 1, & -4 < x < 0 \\ x^2 + 1, & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 11 - 3x, & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

$f(-4) = 9$

a. Draw the graph of $y = f(x)$ on the axes below. (3 marks)



b. Explain why f does not have an inverse function. (1 mark)

Because f isn't 1:1 !

c. How many solutions are there to $\underline{f(x) = 0}$? (1 mark)

intersection $y=f(x)$ & $y=0 \Rightarrow \approx 1 \text{ solution}$

d. State the range of $f(x)$. (1 mark)

Range $\in [-1, 9)$

e. Solve the equation $f(x) = 4$ for x . (2 marks)

$y=f(x)$ & $y=4$

$$-2x + 1 = 4 \Rightarrow 2x = -3 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 4 \Rightarrow x^2 = 3 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \pm\sqrt{3} \text{ as } x \in (0, 2)$$

$$11 - 3x = 4 \Rightarrow 3x = 7 \Rightarrow x = \frac{7}{3}$$

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Question 8 (4 marks)

$$[0, \infty) + 4 \Rightarrow [4, \infty)$$

Consider the function $f(x) = \sqrt{3x-7} + 4$, where f is defined over its maximal domain.

- a. Find the domain and the rule for the inverse function f^{-1} . (2 marks)

Let $y = f(x)$:
 Swap x & y :
 $x = \sqrt{3y-7} + 4$
 $x-4 = \sqrt{3y-7}$

$3y-7 = (x-4)^2$
 $3y = (x-4)^2 + 7$
 $y = \frac{1}{3}(x-4)^2 + \frac{7}{3}$

$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x-4)^2 + \frac{7}{3}$
 Dom $f^{-1} = \text{Ran } f = [4, \infty)$

- b. Find an intersection between $f(x)$ and $f^{-1}(x)$. (2 marks)

Let $f(x) = x$:
 $x = \sqrt{3x-7} + 4$
 $x-4 = \sqrt{3x-7}$
 $x^2 - 8x + 16 = 3x - 7$
 $x^2 - 11x + 23 = 0$

$x = \frac{-(-11) \pm \sqrt{(-11)^2 - 4(1)(23)}}{2(1)}$
 $x = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{121 - 92}}{2}$
 $x = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{29}}{2} = \frac{11 + \sqrt{29}}{2}$

$\therefore \text{IP: } \left(\frac{11 + \sqrt{29}}{2}, \frac{11 + \sqrt{29}}{2} \right)$

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Dom $f = [\frac{7}{3}, \infty)$ as $x \in [4, \infty)$

$3x-7 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 3x \geq 7 \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{7}{3}$

Dom $f^{-1} = [4, \infty)$

Dom $f \cap \text{Dom } f^{-1} = [4, \infty)$

~~Question 9 (3 marks)~~

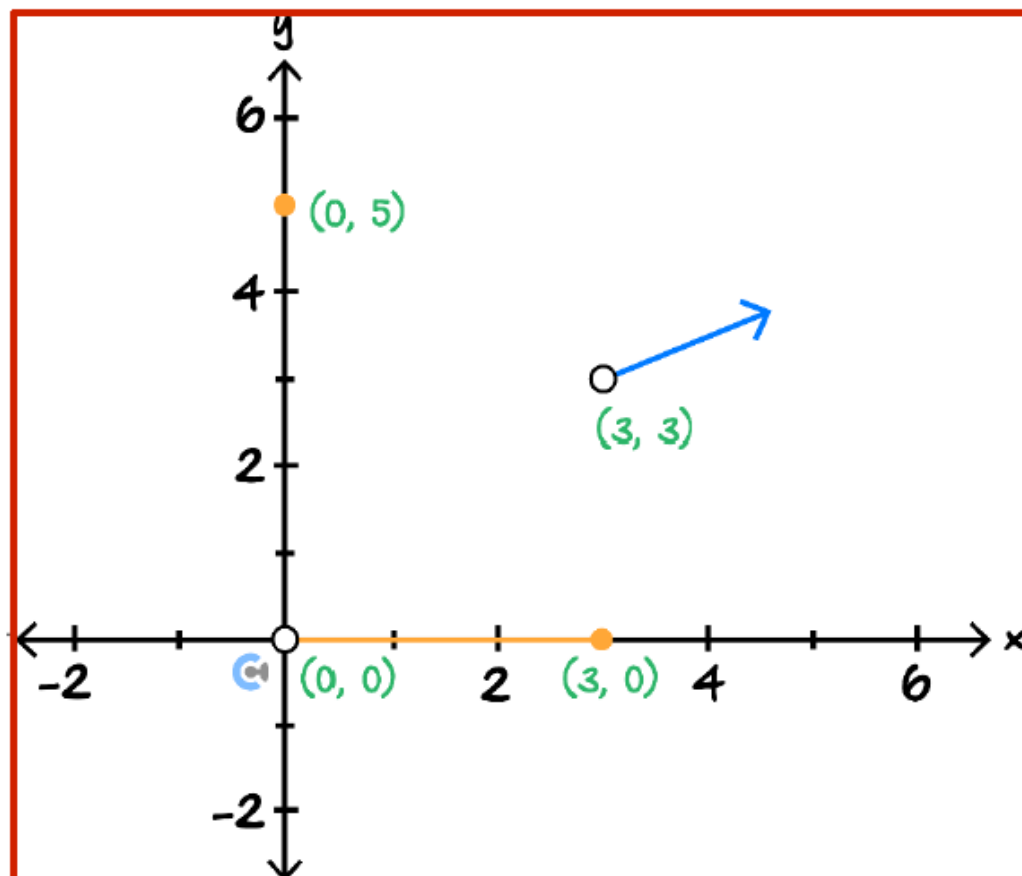
In an effort to reduce the time her children spend in the shower, a mother introduced a penalty scheme with fines to be paid from the children's pocket money according to the following:

If someone spends more than 3 minutes in the shower, the fine in dollars is equal to the shower time in minutes; if someone spends up to and including 3 minutes in the shower, there is no fine. If someone chooses not to shower at all, there is a fine of \$5 because that child won't be nice to be near.

Define appropriate symbols, express the penalty scheme as a mathematical rule in hybrid form, and sketch the graph that represents it.

Let the time in the shower be t minutes and the dollar amount be the fine C .

The rule is $C = \begin{cases} 5, & t = 0 \\ 0, & 0 < t \leq 3 \\ t, & t > 3 \end{cases}$



Section D: Tech Active Exam Skills

Calculator Commands: Finding Maximal Domain

➤ Mathematica

`FunctionDomain[func, x]`

➤ TI-Nspire

🔗 Type up the domain (or find it under the book button).

`domain(func,x)`

➤ Casio Classpad

🔗 Sketch the function and analyse.



Calculator Commands: Defining Hybrid Functions on CAS

➤ Mathematica

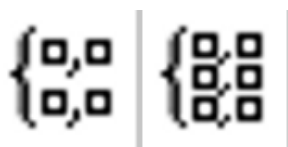
🔗 Piecewise

`Piecewise[{{val1, cond1}, {val2, cond2}, ...}]`

Represents a piecewise function with values val_i in the regions defined by the conditions $cond_i$.

➤ TI-Nspire

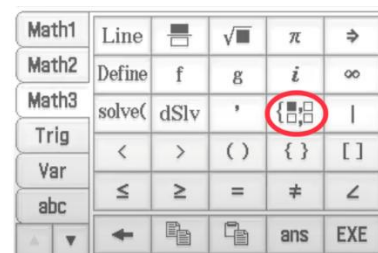
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$\begin{cases} func\ 1, dom\ 1 \\ func\ 2, dom\ 2 \end{cases}$

➤ Casio Classpad

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Calculator Commands: Finding the Equation of a Polynomial that Passes Through Points

- Given n points we can find a degree $n - 1$ polynomial that passes through all of these points.
- **Example:** Find the equation of the quadratic function that passes through the points $(0,6)$, $(2,2)$, and $(3,3)$.

➤ TI:

Define $f(x) = a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c$ Done

solve($f(0)=6$ and $f(2)=2$ and $f(3)=3, a, b, c$) $a=1$ and $b=-4$ and $c=6$

$f(x) | a=1$ and $b=-4$ and $c=6$ $x^2 - 4 \cdot x + 6$

➤ Casio:

define $f(x) = a \cdot x^2 + b \cdot x + c$ done

$\begin{cases} f(0)=6 \\ f(2)=2 \\ f(3)=3 \end{cases} | a, b, c$

$f(x) | \{a=1, b=-4, c=6\}$ $\{a=1, b=-4, c=6\}$

\square $x^2 - 4 \cdot x + 6$

➤ Mathematica:

In[9]:= $f[x_] := a x^2 + b x + c$

In[10]:= $\text{Solve}[f[0] == 6 \ \&\& \ f[2] == 2 \ \&\& \ f[3] == 3]$

Out[10]= $\{\{a \rightarrow 1, b \rightarrow -4, c \rightarrow 6\}\}$

In[11]:= $f[x] /. \{a \rightarrow 1, b \rightarrow -4, c \rightarrow 6\}$

Out[11]= $6 - 4 x + x^2$

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Section E: Exam 2 Questions (21 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 21 Marks. 27 Minutes Writing.



Question 10 (1 mark)

The domain of the inverse of $\{(3, -2), (4, -7), (6, -9), (7, -11)\}$ is D . Which of the following statements is true?

A. D is $\{x: -3 < x < 7\}$

B. D is $\{x: 3 < x < 7\}$

C. D is $\{-11, -9, -7, -2\}$

D. D is $\{3, 4, 6, 7\}$

$\text{Dom } f^{-1} = \text{Ran } f$

Question 11 (1 mark)

Which of the following does not have an inverse function?

A. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 4x - 1$

B. $f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2(x - 2)^2$

C. $g: [-4, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$

D. $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{4}{x-3} + 1$

not 1:1



Not 1:1

Question 12 (1 mark)

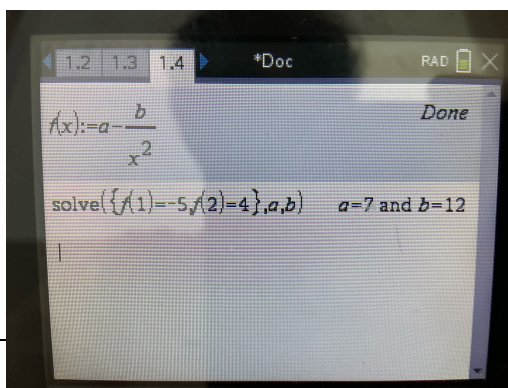
The data $(1, -5), (2, 4), (4, 6.25)$ can be modelled by the equation $y = a - \frac{b}{x^2}$. The values of a and b respectively are:

A. 7 and 12.

B. 12 and 7.

C. -7 and -12.

D. 7 and -12.

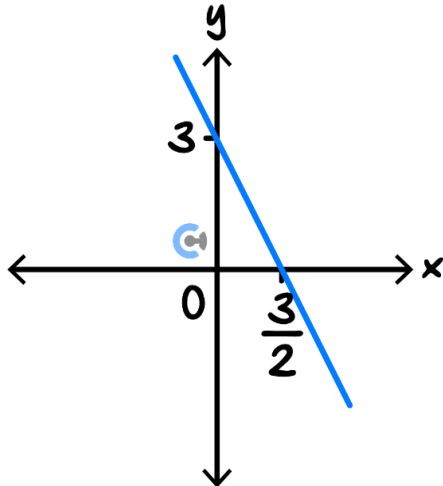


Question 13 (1 mark)

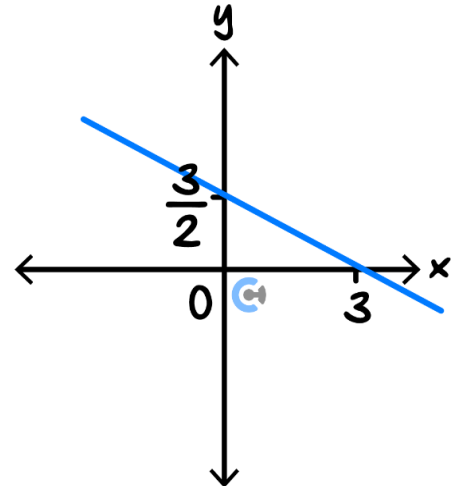
A sketch of the inverse of $f(x) = 2x - 3$ is:

f
 $y\text{-int: } (0, -3) \Rightarrow x\text{-int: } (0, -3)$
 $x\text{-int: } (\frac{3}{2}, 0) \Rightarrow y\text{-int: } (\frac{3}{2}, 0)$

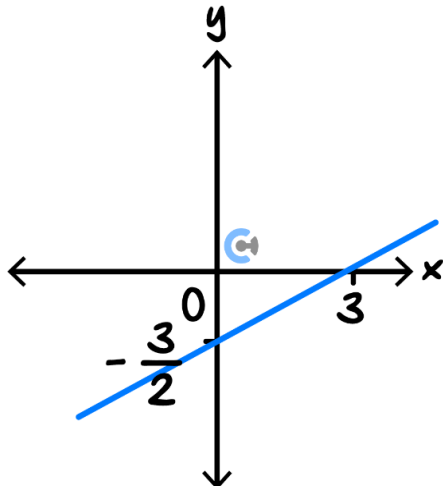
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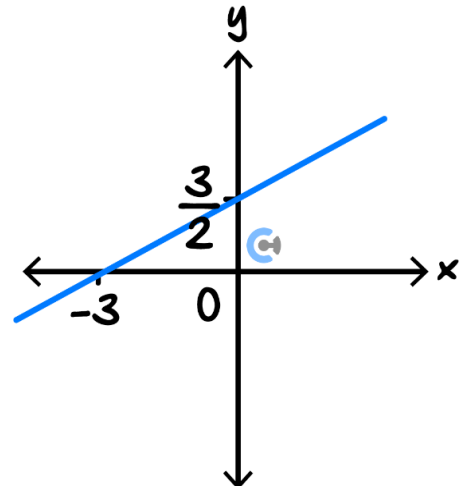
B.



C.



D.



Question 14 (1 mark)

The domain and the range for the graph with the equation $5 - y = -\frac{5}{(x-5)^2}$ respectively are:

A. $\{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}\}$ and $\{y: y < 5\}$.

B. $\{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}\}$ and $\{y: y > 5\}$.


C. $\{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}\}$ and $\{y: y < -5\}$.

D. $\{x: x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}\}$ and $\{y: y > -5\}$.


$y = \frac{5}{(x-5)^2} + 5 \Rightarrow y > 5$
 $\hookrightarrow \text{Dom: } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{5\}$


Question 15 (1 mark)

Which of the following has an inverse which is a function?

A. $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ 

must be 1:1

B. $y = \frac{12}{2x-1} - 3$ 

C. $y = \sqrt{6 - x^2}$ 

D. $y = 1$ 

Question 16 (1 mark)

The maximal domain of $y = \frac{-3x+6}{\sqrt{4x-7}}$ is:

A. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{7}{4}\}$

B. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{\frac{7}{4}, 2\}$

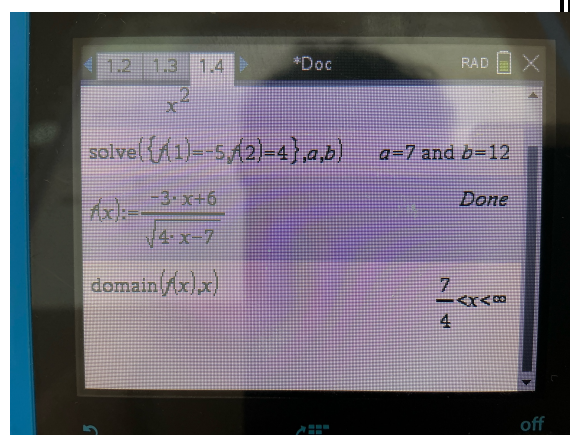
C. $[\frac{7}{4}, \infty)$

D. $(\frac{7}{4}, \infty)$

$4x-7 > 0$

$4x > 7$

$x > \frac{7}{4}$



Question 17 (1 mark)

The graph of $y = x^2 - ax$ has a range of $[-4, \infty)$, where a is a positive constant. The value of a is:

A. 1.

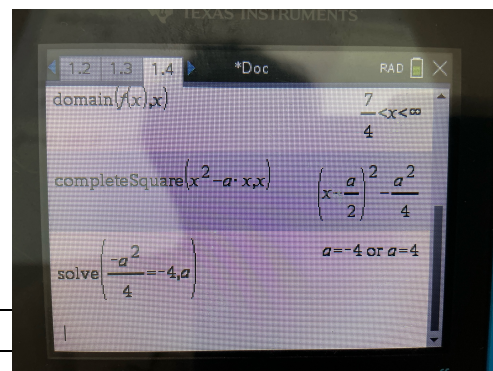
B. 2.

C. 8.

D. 4.

TP: $y = -\frac{a^2}{4} = -4$

$\therefore a = \pm 4$

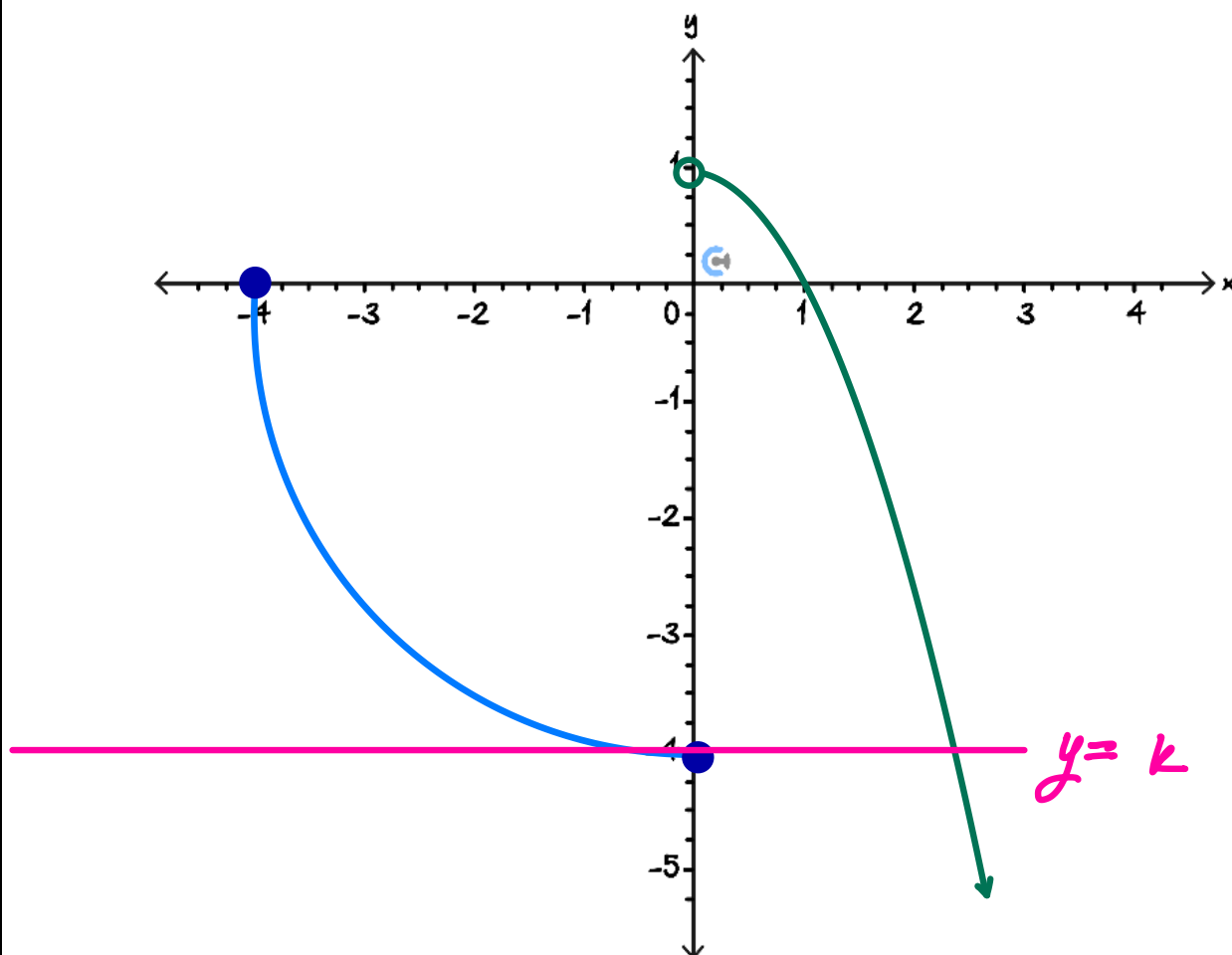


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Question 18 (8 marks)

a. Sketch the graph of $y = g(x)$. (2 marks)

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} -\sqrt{16 - x^2}, & -4 \leq x \leq 0 \\ -x^2 + 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



b. State the range of g . (1 mark)

Range of $g \in (-\infty, 1)$

c. Solve for x :

i. $g(x) = 0$. (1 mark)

$$y = g(x) \quad y = 0$$

$$\therefore x = -4, 1$$

ii. $g(x) = -1$. (1 mark)

$$\therefore x = -\sqrt{15}, 2 //$$

$$y = g(x) \quad y = k$$

d. Find k if $g(x) = k$ has:

i. 0 solutions. (1 mark)

Intersection

$$\therefore k > 1$$

ii. 1 solution. (1 mark)

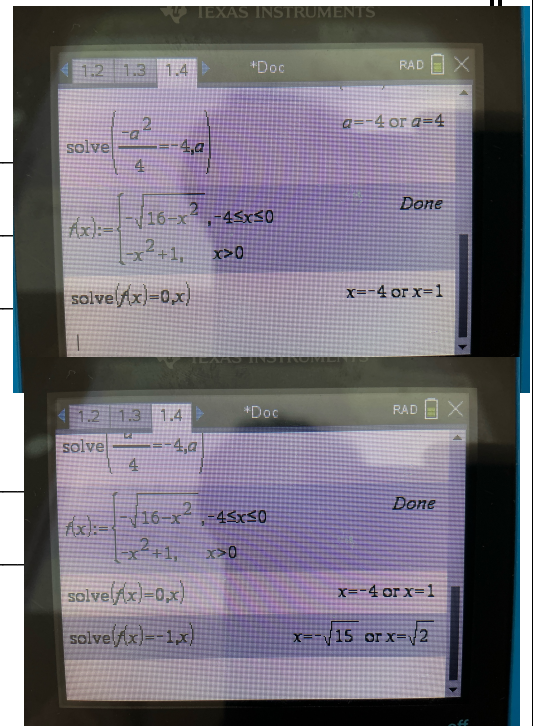
$$\therefore k \in (-\infty, -4) \cup (0, 1)$$

OR

$$0 < k < 1 \text{ or } k < -4$$

iii. 2 solutions. (1 mark)

$$\therefore k \in [-4, 0] \text{ OR } -4 \leq k \leq 0 //$$



Question 19 (5 marks)

If a rock falls from a height of 80 metres towards the surface of the Earth, the height, H (in metres) after t seconds is approximately $H(t) = 80 - \frac{7}{12}t^2$.

- a. In general, quadratic functions are not one-to-one. However, the function H is one-to-one under its implied domain. Why? (1 mark)

→ ∴ As $t \geq 0$ (as time is non-negative)
the function is 1:1. //

- b. Find the inverse of H , stating its domain and range given the scenario of the question. (3 marks)

Let $y = H(t)$:
Swap t & y :

$$t = 80 - \frac{7}{12}y^2$$

$$\frac{7}{12}y^2 = 80 - t$$

$$y^2 = \frac{12(80-t)}{7}$$

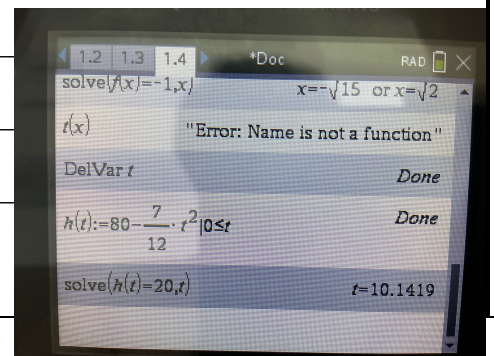
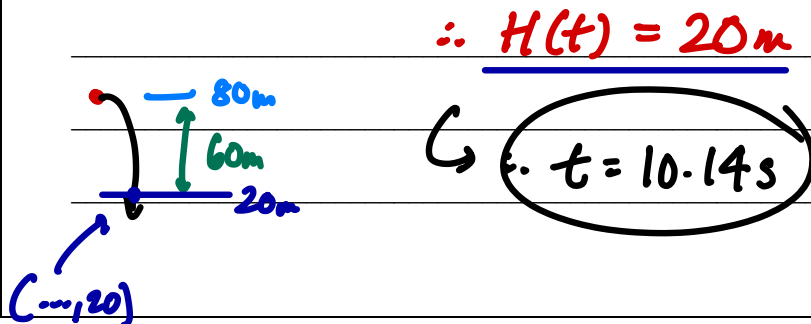
$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{960-12t}{7}} \quad \text{reject -ve as } t \in [0, \infty)$$

$$\therefore H^{-1}(t) = \sqrt{\frac{960-12t}{7}} \quad \text{for } H(t), //$$

$$\therefore \text{Dom } H^{-1} = \text{Ran } H \in [0, 80]$$

$$\text{Ran } H^{-1} = \text{Dom } H \in [0, \infty)$$

- c. Find how long it will take for the rock to fall 60 metres to 2 decimal places. (1 mark)



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Section F: Extension Exam 1 (11 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 11 Marks. 11 Minutes Writing.



Question 20 (11 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \sqrt{6x - x^2} + 1$.

- a. Write $f(x)$ in the form $\sqrt{r^2 - (x - h)^2} + k$, and state the values of **positive** integers, r , h , and k . (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \sqrt{-(x^2 - 6x)} + 1 \\
 &= \sqrt{-(x^2 - 6x + 9) + 9} + 1 \\
 &= \sqrt{9 - (x - 3)^2} + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore h = 3$
 $\therefore k = 1$
 $r = 3$

The function f has its domain restricted to $[a, 6]$ so that the inverse function f^{-1} exists.

- b. State the **smallest possible value of a .** (1 mark)

f must be 1:1

$\therefore a = 3$

- c. Hence, define the inverse function f^{-1} . (3 marks)

Let $y = f(x)$:

Swap x & y :

$$x = \sqrt{9 - (y - 3)^2} + 1$$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 9 - (y - 3)^2$$

$$(y - 3)^2 = 9 - (x - 1)^2$$

$$\therefore y - 3 = \pm \sqrt{9 - (x - 1)^2}$$

$$y = 3 \pm \sqrt{9 - (x - 1)^2} \Rightarrow \text{as } 3 \leq x \leq 6$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = 3 + \sqrt{9 - (x - 1)^2}$$

$$f^{-1}: [1, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = 3 + \sqrt{9 - (x - 1)^2}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{Dom } f^{-1} = \text{Ran } f = [1, 4]$$

- d. Find the point of intersection between f and f^{-1} . (2 marks)

Let $f(x) = x$:

$$x = \sqrt{9 - (x-3)^2} + 1$$

$$x-1 = \sqrt{9 - (x-3)^2}$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 9 - (x-3)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 9 - (x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 9 - x^2 + 6x - 9$$

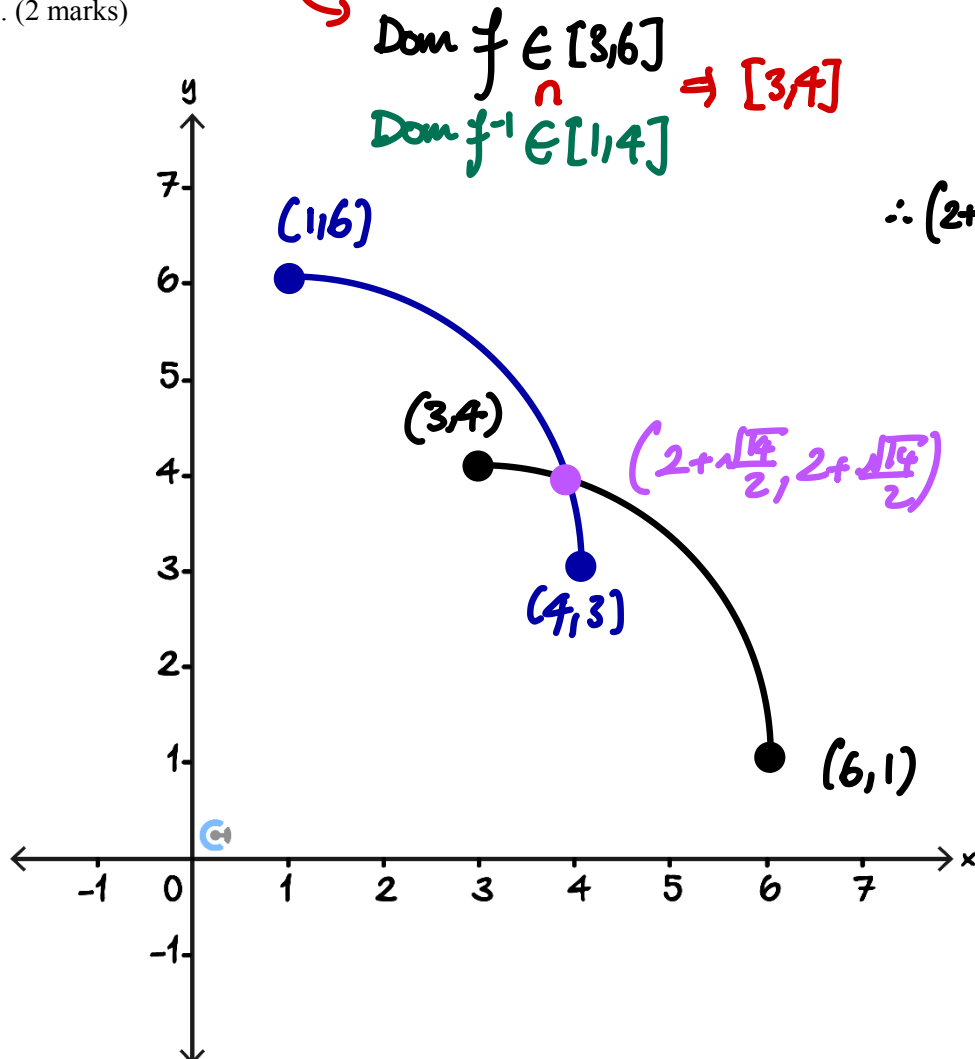
$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 6x - x^2$$

$$2x^2 - 8x + 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{56}}{4} = \frac{8 \pm 2\sqrt{14}}{4} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{14}}{2} = \frac{4 + \sqrt{14}}{2}$$

- e. Sketch the graphs of f and f^{-1} on the axes below. Label all endpoints and points of intersection with coordinates. (2 marks)



- f. Consider all functions of the form $g: [0, r] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$ where $r > 0$. State the x -values for all points of intersection of g and g^{-1} . (2 marks)

Let $g(x) = x$:

$$x = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$$

$$x^2 = r^2 - x^2$$

$$2x^2 = r^2$$

$$x^2 = \frac{r^2}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{r^2}{2}}$$

Dom $g \in [0, r]$

$(0, r)$

$(r, 0)$

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$$= +\sqrt{\frac{r^2}{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{2}r}{2} \quad \text{Dom } g^{-1} = \text{Rang } g$$

at $x \in [0, r]$

where $r > 0$

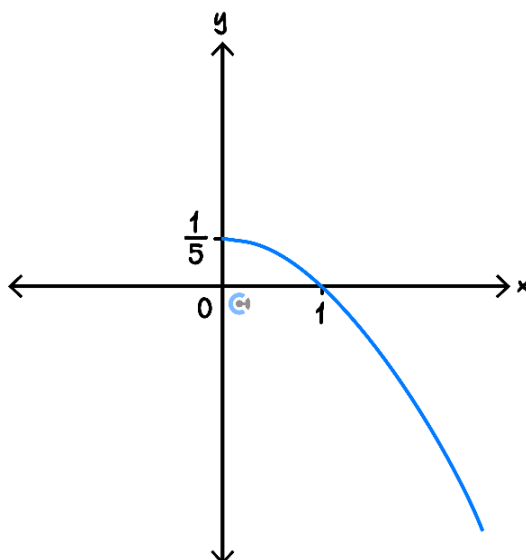
$[0, r]$

Section G: Extension Exam 2 (13 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 13 Marks. 13 Minutes Writing.



Question 21 (1 mark)



The graph above represents the inverse of:

A. $f(x) = \sqrt{5-x}$.

B. $f(x) = \frac{1}{5}\sqrt{1-x}$.

C. $f(x) = \sqrt{1-5x}$.

D. $f(x) = \sqrt{5x-1}$.

Handwritten notes for Question 21:

f :

x -int: $(1, 0)$

y -int: $(0, \frac{1}{5})$

Handwritten notes for f^{-1} :

y -int: $(0, 1)$

x -int: $(\frac{1}{5}, 0)$

Handwritten notes: "Swap \Rightarrow $x \leftrightarrow y$ "

Question 22 (1 mark)

Which set of ordered pairs represents a function?

A. $\{(1,7), (2,6), (4,3), (4,4), (12,6)\}$

B. $\{(2,4), (2,5), (4,6), (4,7), (4,8)\}$

C. $\{(0,4), (1,4), (2,4), (3,4), (4,4)\}$

D. $\{(0,2), (0,3), (2,4), (3,5), (4,6)\}$

Question 23 (1 mark)

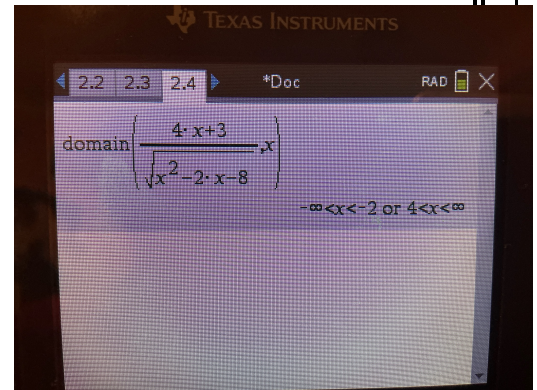
The maximal domain of

$$y = \frac{4x + 3}{\sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 8}}$$

is:

- A. $x \in [-2, 4]$.
- B. $x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [4, \infty)$.
- C. $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [-2, 4]$.
- D. $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-2, 4)$.

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 2x - 8 &> 0 \\ (x-4)(x+2) &> 0 \\ \therefore x < -2 \text{ or } x > 4 \end{aligned}$$



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Question 24 (10 marks)

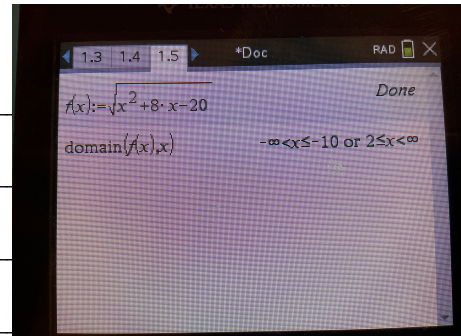
Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 8x - 20}$.

- a. Determine the maximal domain of f . (1 mark)

$$x^2 + 8x - 20 \geq 0$$

$$(x+10)(x-2) \geq 0$$

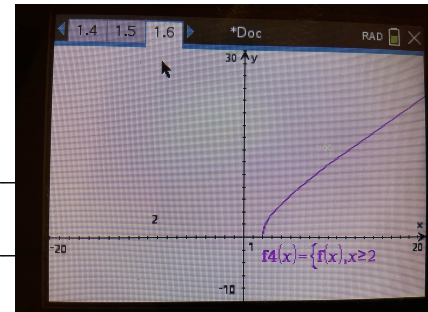
$$\therefore x \leq -10 \text{ or } x \geq 2$$



Let $g: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = f(x)$.

- b. What type of function is g ? (1 mark)

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- c. Define g^{-1} , the inverse function of g . (2 marks)

Let $y = g(x)$:

Swap x & y :

$$x = \sqrt{y^2 + 8y - 20}$$

$$x^2 = y^2 + 8y - 20$$

$$x^2 = (y+4)^2 - 36$$

$$x^2 + 36 = (y+4)^2$$

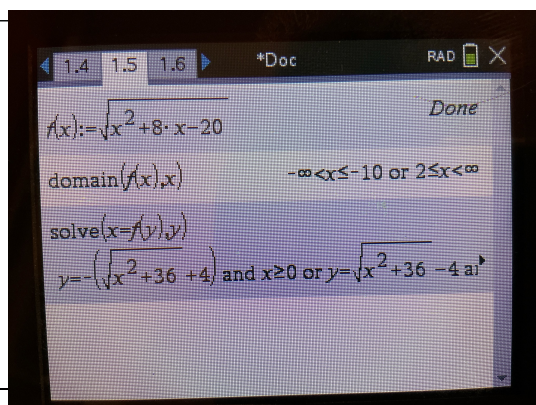
$$y+4 = \pm\sqrt{x^2+36}$$

$$y = -4 \pm \sqrt{x^2+36}$$

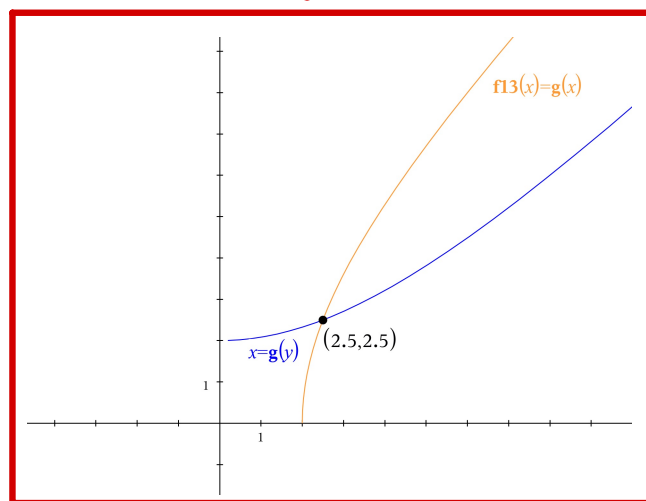
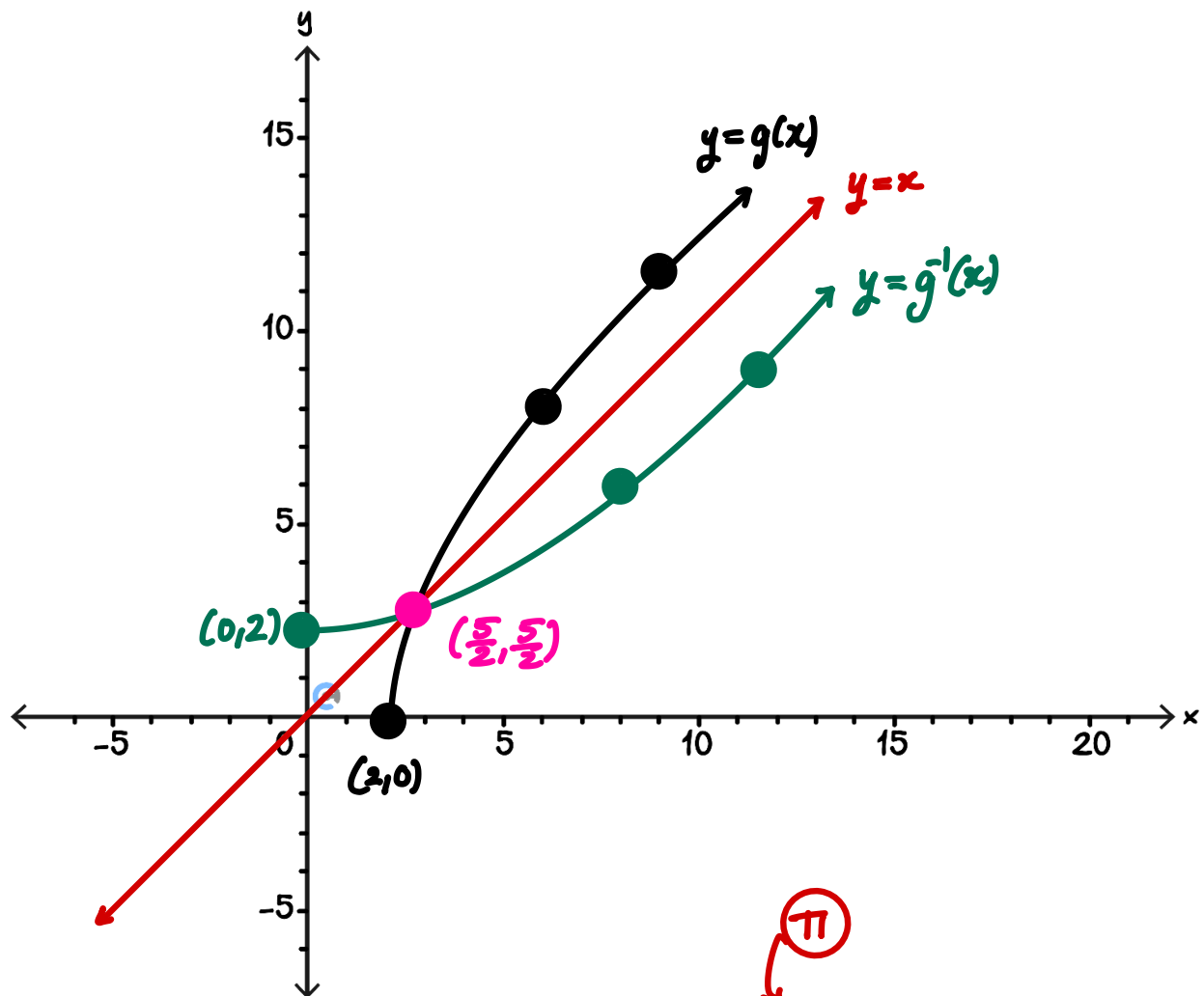
$$\therefore g^{-1}(x) = -4 + \sqrt{x^2+36}$$

Range $g^{-1} = \text{Domain } g = [2, \infty)$

$$\therefore g^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{x^2+36} - 4$$



- d. Sketch the graph of g and g^{-1} on the axes below. Label all axes intercepts and points of intersection with coordinates. (3 marks)



- e. Now, let $h: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}: h(x) = f(x) + k$, where k is a real number. Determine the values of k for which h and h^{-1} have a point of intersection. (3 marks)

Let $h(x) = x$:

$$\therefore \sqrt{x^2 + 8x - 20} + k = x$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + 8x - 20} = x - k$$

$$x^2 + 8x - 20 = (x - k)^2$$

$$x^2 + 8x - 20 = x^2 - 2kx + k^2$$

$$8x + 2kx = k^2 + 20$$

$$x(2k + 8) = k^2 + 20$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{k^2 + 20}{2k + 8}$$

$$\text{Dom } h = [2, \infty)$$

$$\text{Dom } h^{-1} = \text{Ran } h = [k, \infty)$$

$$= \text{Ran } f + k$$

$$= [0, \infty) + k$$

$$= [k, \infty)$$

\therefore intersection occurs

on $\text{Dom } h \cap \text{Dom } h^{-1}$

$$= [2, \infty) \cap [k, \infty)$$

Case 1: $k < 2$

$$[2, \infty) \cap [k, \infty) = [2, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \frac{k^2 + 20}{2k + 8} \geq 2 \Rightarrow k > -4$$

Case 2: $k > 2$

$$[2, \infty) \cap [k, \infty) = [k, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \frac{k^2 + 20}{2k + 8} \geq k \Rightarrow -4 < k \leq 2$$

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$$h(x) := \sqrt{x^2 + 8 \cdot x - 20} + k$$

Done

$$\text{solve}(h(x) = x, x)$$

$$x = \frac{k^2 + 20}{2 \cdot (k + 4)}$$

$$\text{solve}\left(\frac{k^2 + 20}{2 \cdot k + 8} \geq 2, k\right)$$

$$k > -4$$

$$\text{solve}\left(\frac{k^2 + 20}{2 \cdot k + 8} \geq k, k\right)$$

$$-4 < k \leq 2 \text{ or } k \leq -10$$



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