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VCE Mathematical Methods $\frac{3}{4}$
Functions & Relations [0.1]
Workshop

Section A: Recap

Sub-Section: Maximal Domains

Starting with a domain!

Maximal Domain



- **Definition:** The largest possible set of input values (elements of the domain) for which the function is well-defined.
- **Three Important Rules:**

<u>Functions</u>	<u>Maximal Domain</u>
\sqrt{z}	
$\log(z)$	
$\frac{1}{z}$	

Steps

1. Find the restriction of the inside.
2. Sketch the graph if needed.
3. Solve for domain.

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Sub-Section: Domain of Sum, Difference and Product of Functions

What about a domain of the sum of two functions?

Sums, Differences and Products of Functions

➤ **Rules:**

$$(f + g)(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(f - g)(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$(f \times g)(x) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

➤ **Idea:**

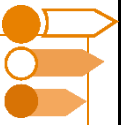
Domain of sum or product of two functions = Intersection of the two domains

➤ **Steps:**

1. Find the domain of each function.
2. Find the intersection (draw a number line if needed).

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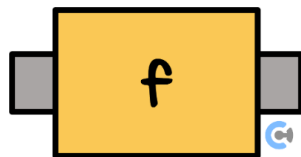
Sub-Section: Basics of Composition



What was the "composition" of functions?



Composite Functions



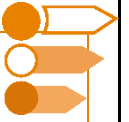
➤ Definition: A _____ of functions.

➤ Representation of the above:

$$y = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

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Sub-Section: Validity of Composite Functions



Did composite functions work all the time?



Validity of Composite Functions



➤ Output of $f(x)$: _____ (Label Above)

➤ Input of $g(x)$: _____ (Label Above)

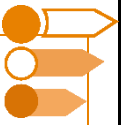
➤ Composite Function is only valid if:

_____ \subseteq _____

➤ Acronym:

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Sub-Section: Domain of Composite Functions



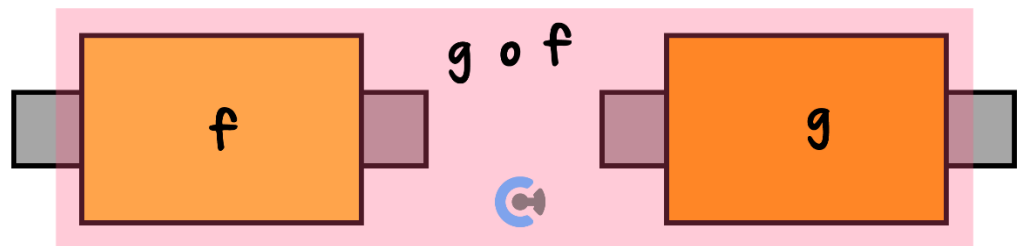
How did we find the domain of a composite function?



Domain of Composite Functions



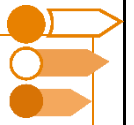
Input of the
composition



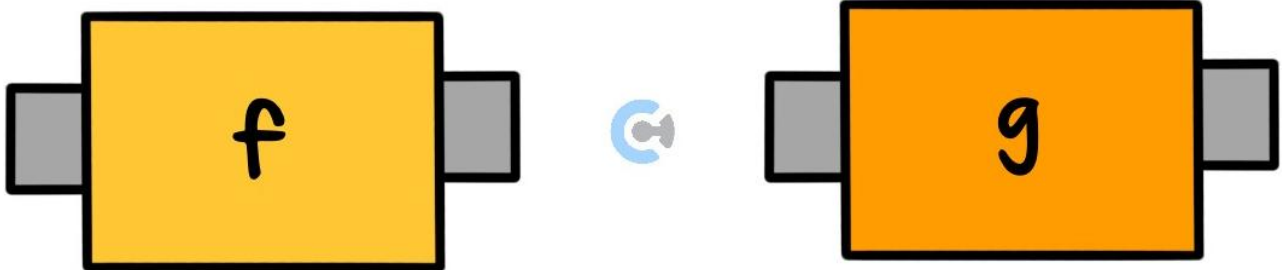
Domain of Composite = Domain of Inside

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Sub-Section: Range of Composite Functions



Range of the Composite Functions



Range of Composite \subseteq Range of the Outside

- Finding the range of composition function: Use the domain and the rule, just like another function.

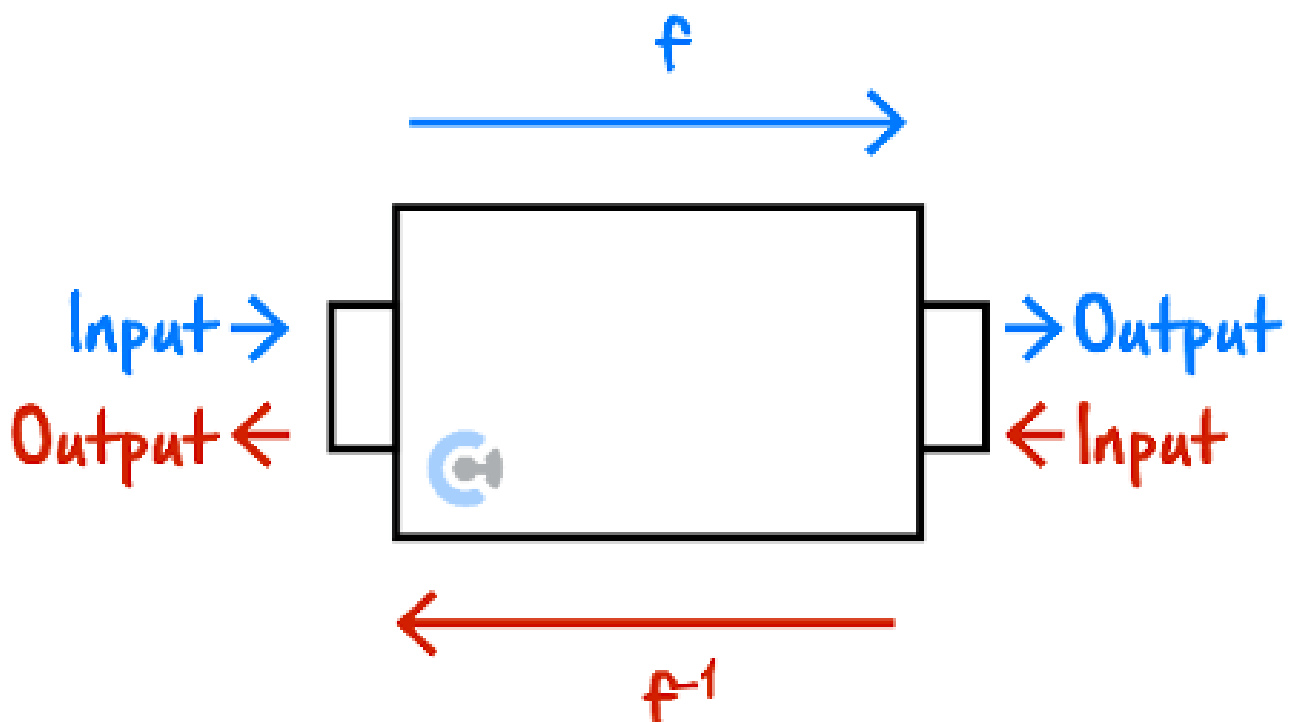
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Sub-Section: Basics of Inverses

What did "Inverse" mean?

Inverse Relation

➤ **Definition:** Inverse is a relation which does the _____.



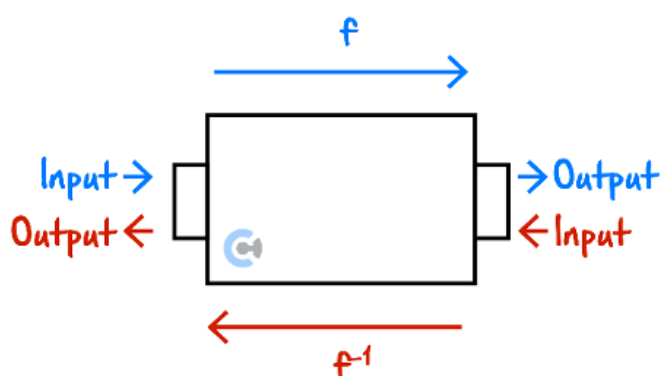
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Sub-Section: Swapping x and y

Is there a better way of solving for an inverse relation?

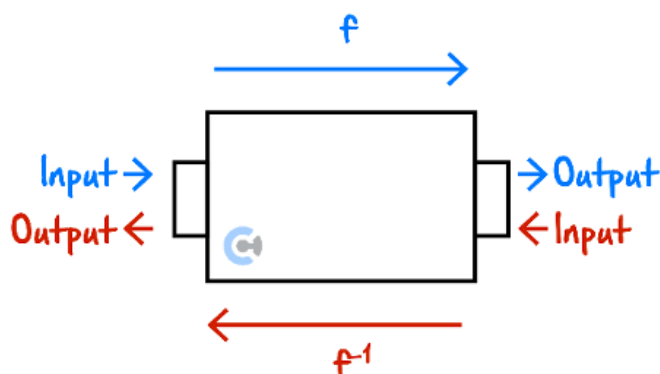
Solving for an Inverse Relation

➤ Swap x and y .



NOTE: $f(x) = y$.

Domain and Range of Inverse Functions



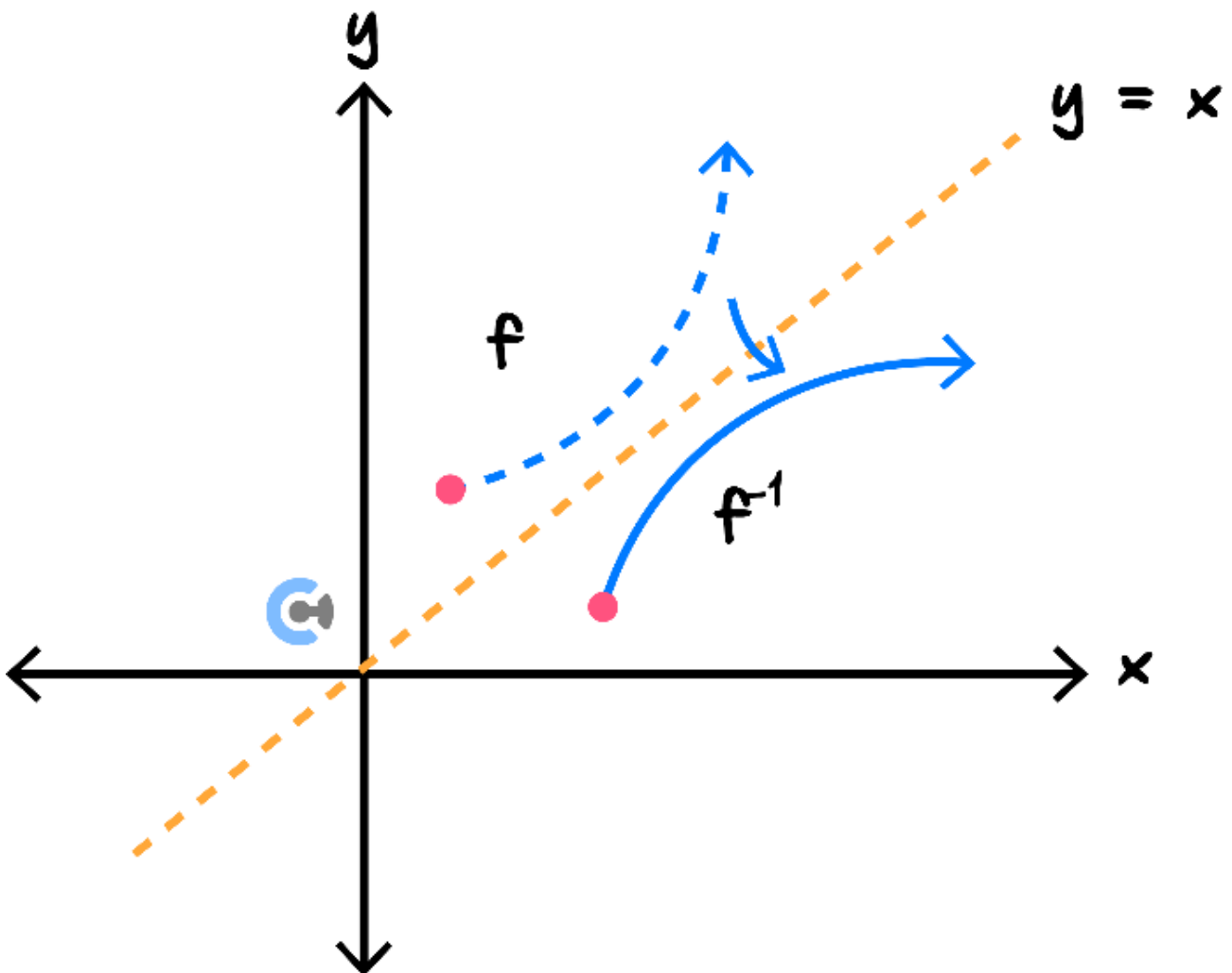
$Dom f^{-1} =$ _____

$Ran f^{-1} =$ _____

Sub-Section: Symmetry Around $y = x$

Why does this happen?

Symmetry of Inverse Functions



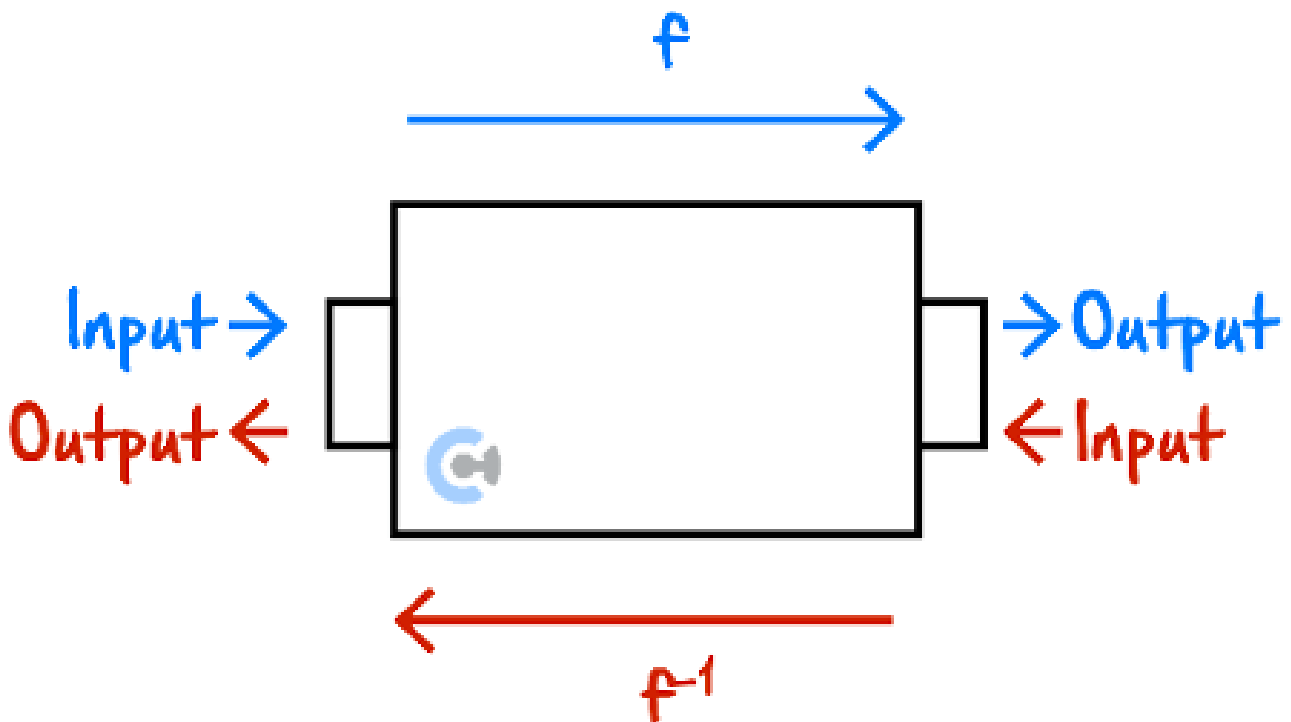
➤ Inverse functions are always symmetrical around $y = x$.

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Sub-Section: Validity of Inverse Function

Does an inverse function always exist?

Validity of Inverse Functions



➤ Requirement for Inverse Function:

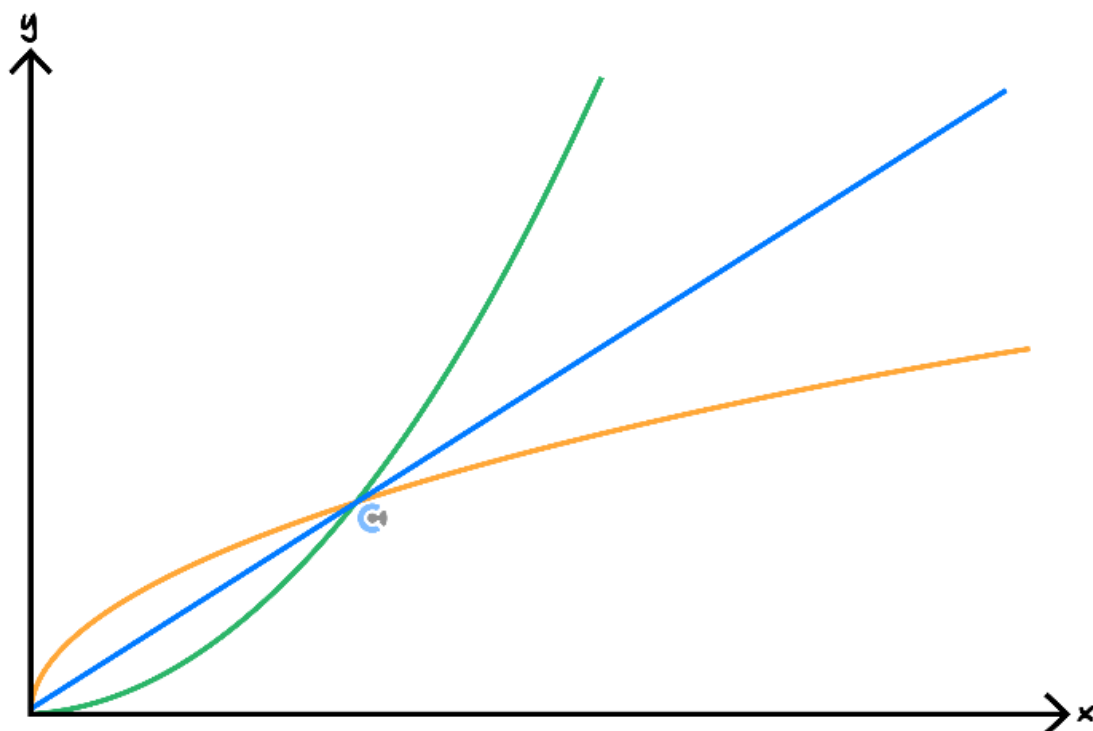
f needs to be _____.

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Sub-Section: Intersection Between Inverses

Where do inverses meet?

Intersection Between a Function and its Inverse



➤ Equate with _____ instead.

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

➤ We cannot do this when the function is _____ function.

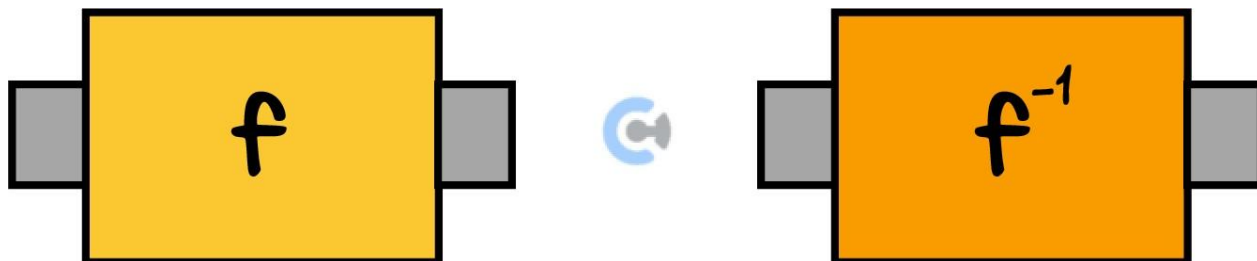
NOTE: This only works for an increasing function.

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Sub-Section: Composition of Inverses



Composition of Inverse Functions



$$f \circ f^{-1}(x) = _, \quad \text{for all } x \in _$$

$$f^{-1} \circ f(x) = _, \quad \text{for all } x \in _$$

NOTE: Domain = Domain of Inside.



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Section B: Warm Up (5 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 5 Marks. 8 Minutes Writing.



Question 1 (5 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$, where f is defined over its maximal domain.

a. State the maximal domain of $h(x) = f(x) + \frac{1}{f(x)}$. (1 mark)

b. Define the inverse function f^{-1} . (2 marks)

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

d. Find the rule and domain for $f^{-1}(f(x))$.

e. Let $h(x) = x^2 - 11$, explain why the composition $f(h(x))$ is not valid.

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Section C: Exam 1 (20 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 20 Marks. 26 Minutes Writing.



Question 2 (5 marks)

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 6} + 4$, where f is defined over its maximal domain.

a. State the maximal domain of f . (1 mark)

b. Define the inverse function f^{-1} . (2 marks)

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

Question 3 (8 marks)

Consider the functions, $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \log_3(x + 1)$ and $g: [-3, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = x^2 + 26$.

- a.** Find the rule for h , where $h(x) = f(g(x))$. (1 mark)

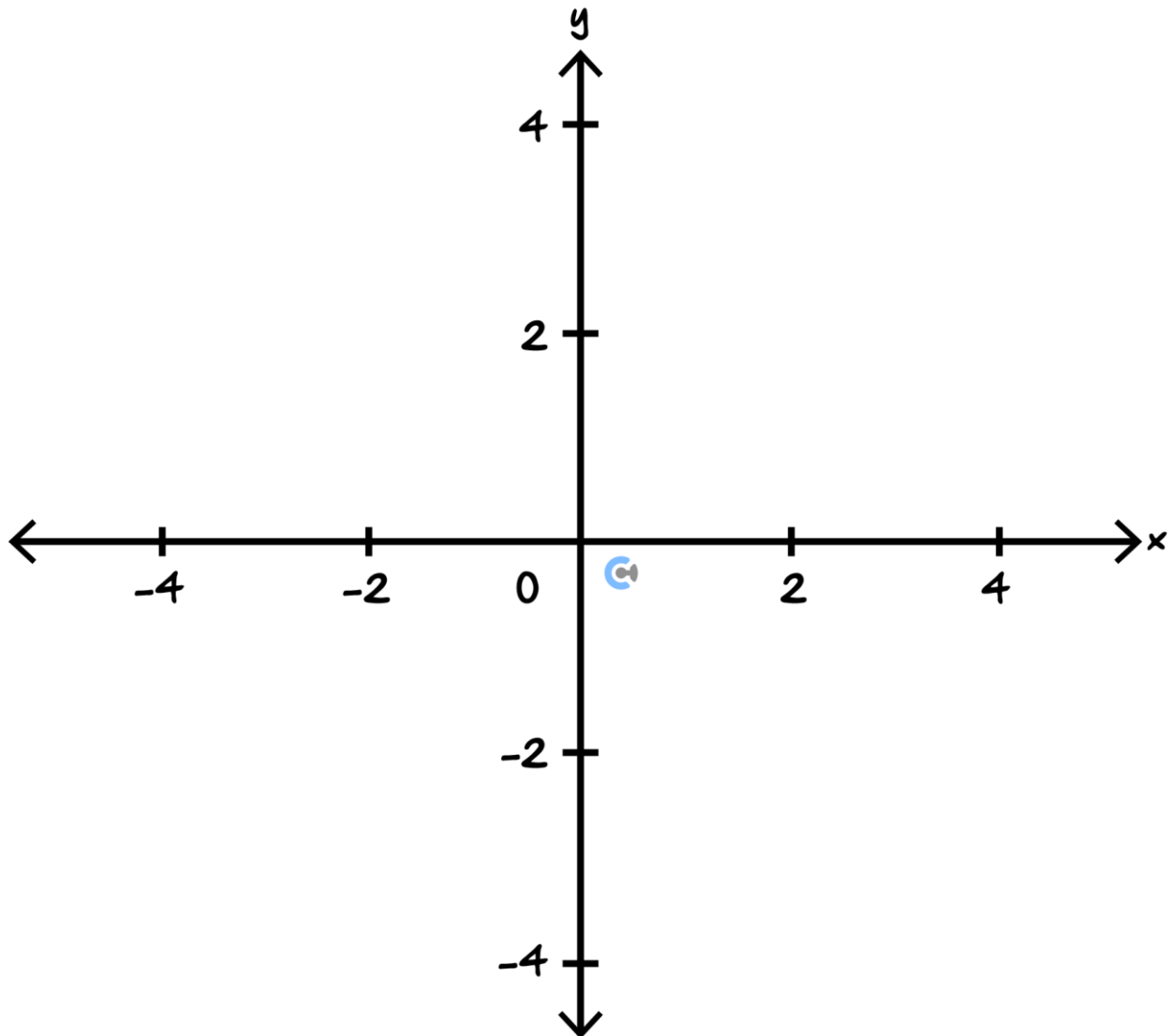
- b.** State the domain of h . (1 mark)

- c.** State the range of h . (2 marks)

Let $k: (-\infty, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k(x) = \log_2(x^2 + 16)$.

- d.** Define the function k^{-1} . (3 marks)

e. On the axes below, sketch the graph of $y = k^{-1}(k(x))$. (1 mark)



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Question 4 (7 marks)

Let $f(x) = 2^{-x}$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$.

a.

- i. Write down the rule for $f(g(x))$. (1 mark)

- ii. Find the range of $f(g(x))$. (1 mark)

- b. Consider the function $h: (-\infty, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = f(g(x))$.

Find the largest value of a such that h is a one-to-one function. (1 mark)

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

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

Find the smallest value of b such that k^{-1} exists. (2 marks)

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Section D: Technology Warmup

INSTRUCTION: 5 Minutes Writing.



Calculator Commands: Finding the domain and range



TI

domain $(f(x), x)$, f Min and $Fmax$

Define $f(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$	Done
domain($f(x), x$)	$-3 \leq x \leq 3$
fMin($f(x), x$)	$x = -3$ or $x = 3$
fMax($f(x), x$)	$x = 0$
$f(3)$	0
$f(0)$	3

TI-UDF

Analyse a Function: Find intercepts, critical points and their nature, maximal domain, asymptote.

analysed $\left(\frac{x^4 - 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 1}{-3x^3 - 6x^2 - x + 1}, x, -5, 5 \right)$

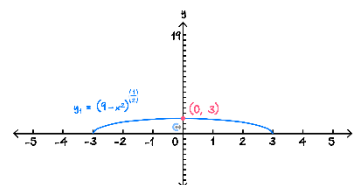
► Start Point: $\left[-5, \frac{262}{77} \right]$

► End Point: $\left[5, \frac{-316}{529} \right]$

► Maximal Domain:
 $x = -1.68469$ and
 $x = -0.629579$ and
 $x = 0.314273$ and
 $-5 \leq x \leq 5$

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Graph the function and use G-Solve to find min and max values for the range.



Mathematica

In[127]:= $f[x_] := \sqrt{9 - x^2}$

In[128]:= **FunctionDomain**[$f[x]$, x]

Out[128]= $-3 \leq x \leq 3$

In[129]:= **FunctionRange**[$f[x]$, x , y]

Out[129]= $0 \leq y \leq 3$

Mathematica UDF :

FInfo [$f[x]$, $\{x, x \text{ min}, x \text{ max}\}, y]$

Returns useful information about a function, including derivative, domain, range, period, horizontal intercepts, vertical intercepts, stationary points, inflexion points, left and sided asymptotes, oblique asymptotes and vertical asymptotes.

FInfo $\left[\frac{x^2 - 1}{x(x^2 - 3)}, \{x, -\text{Infinity}, \text{Infinity}\}, y \right]$

The function is $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x(x^2 - 3)}$

The derivative is $-\frac{x^4 + 3}{x^2(x^2 - 3)^2}$

Domain: $x < -\sqrt{3} \vee -\sqrt{3} < x < 0 \vee 0 < x < \sqrt{3} \vee x > \sqrt{3}$

Range: $y \in \mathbb{R}$

Period: 0

Horizontal Intercepts: $\{-1, 1\}$

Vertical Intercepts: None

Stationary points: $\{\}$

Inflexion points: $\left\{ \left(-0.871, \frac{1}{2} \right), \left(-0.123, \frac{1}{2} \right), \left(0.871, \frac{1}{2} \right), \left(0.123, \frac{1}{2} \right) \right\}$

Left sided asymptote: $y = 0$

Right sided asymptote: $y = 0$

Oblique asymptote: $\{\}$

Vertical asymptote: $\{x = 0, x = -\sqrt{3}, x = \sqrt{3}\}$



Calculator Commands: Finding the composite function

➤ TI

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Define f(x)=ln(x)           Done
Define g(x)=x^2+3           Done
f(g(x))                     ln(x^2+3)
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➤ CASIO:

```
define f(x) = ln(x)         done
define g(x) = x^2+3         done
f(g(x))                     ln(x^2+3)
```

➤ Mathematica

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In[141]:= f[x_] := Log[x]
In[142]:= g[x_] := x^2 + 3
In[143]:= f[g[x]]
Out[143]= Log[3 + x^2]
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Calculator Commands: Finding the inverse function

➤ TI

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Define f(x)=x^2+4*x+9       Done
solve(f(y)=x,y)             y=-sqrt(x-5)+2 or y=sqrt(x-5)-2
```

➤ CASIO:

```
define f(x) = x^2+4x+9      done
solve(f(y)=x,y)             {y=-sqrt(x-5)-2,y=sqrt(x-5)-2}
```

➤ Mathematica

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In[154]:= f[x_] := x^2 + 4 x + 9
In[155]:= Solve[f[y] == x, y]
Out[155]= {{y -> -2 - sqrt(-5 + x)}, {y -> -2 + sqrt(-5 + x)}}
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NOTE: It doesn't tell us which branch is correct.

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Question 5 Tech-Active.

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$ and $g(x) = 3x+4$ be defined on their maximal domains.

Consider the function $h(x) = f(g(x))$.

- a. Find the rule for $h(x)$.
- b. Find the domain of $h(x)$.
- c. Define h^{-1} , the inverse function of h .

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Section E: Exam 2 (24 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 24 Marks. 30 Minutes Writing.



Question 6 (1 mark)

The graph of $y = x^2 - 2ax$ has a range of $[-16, \infty)$, where a is a positive constant. The value of a is:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 16

Question 7 (1 mark)

The domain of the inverse of $\{(1, -4), (2, -3), (3, -2), (4, -1)\}$ is D . Which of the following statements is true?

- A. D is $\{x: -1 < x < 4\}$
- B. D is $\{x: 1 < x < 4\}$
- C. D is $\{-4, -3, -2, -1\}$
- D. D is $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

Question 8 (1 mark)

The functions f and g are such that $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ and $g(x) = \frac{3}{2} - x$. The value of $f\left(g\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)\right)$ is:

- A. $\frac{1}{4}$
- B. 2
- C. 1
- D. $-\frac{1}{4}$

Question 9 (1 mark)

The domain of the composite function $(f \circ g)$ where $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{6}{5-x}$ is:

- A. R
- B. $R \setminus \{-1\}$
- C. $R \setminus \{5\}$
- D. $R \setminus \{-1, 5\}$

Question 10 (1 mark)

Which of the following functions does not have an inverse function?

- A. $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = 2x - 7$
- B. $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R, f(x) = x^2 + 3$
- C. $h: R \rightarrow R, h(x) = x^3$
- D. $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R, g(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 4$

Question 11 (1 mark)

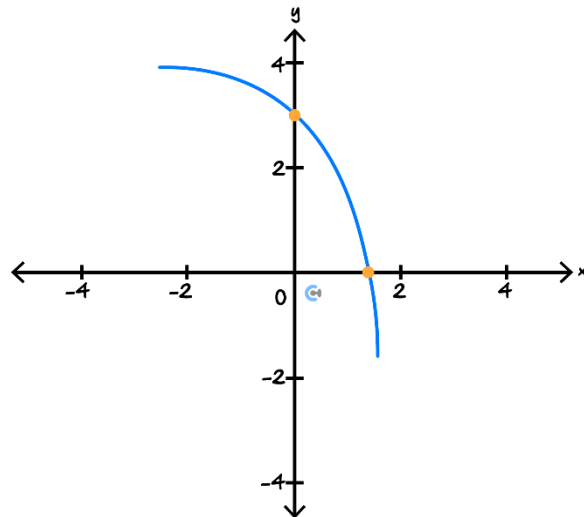
The function f and its inverse f^{-1} are one-to-one for all values of x . If $f(a) = b, f(b) = c, f(c) = d$, then $f^{-1}(c)$ is equal to:

- A. a
- B. b
- C. c
- D. d

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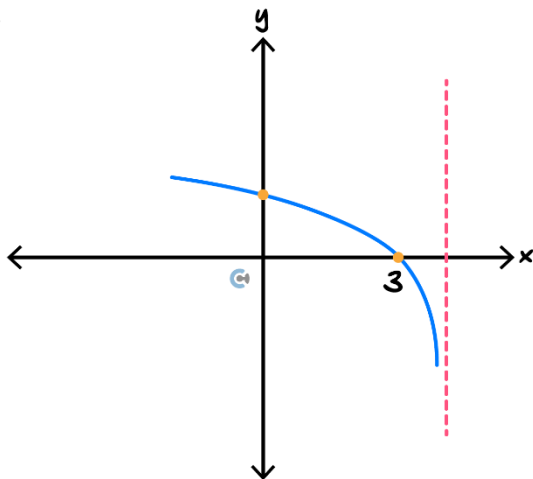
Question 12 (1 mark)

The graph of the function $f(x) = 4 - e^x$ is given below.

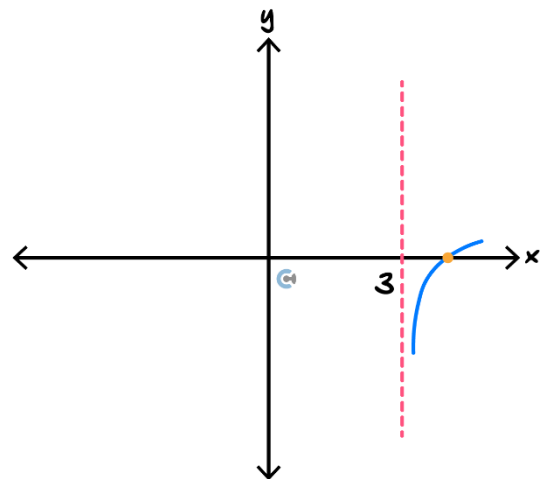


Which of the following will represent the inverse function f^{-1} ?

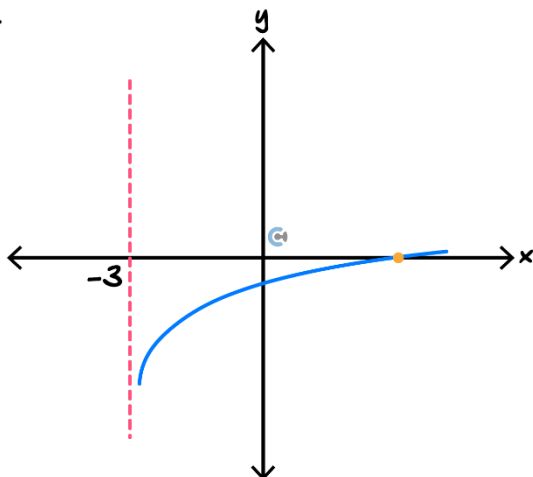
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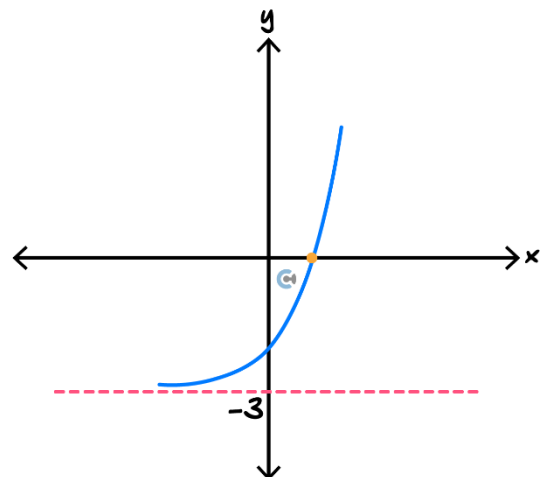
B.



C.



D.



Question 13 (8 marks)

Let $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = f(x) \times (f(x) - 6)$.

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

- a.** Find the minimum value of s for which the inverse function $h^{-1}(x)$ to exist. (1 mark)

- b.** Show that the rule of the inverse function can be written as $h^{-1}(x) = x + 18 + 6\sqrt{9 + x}$. (2 marks)

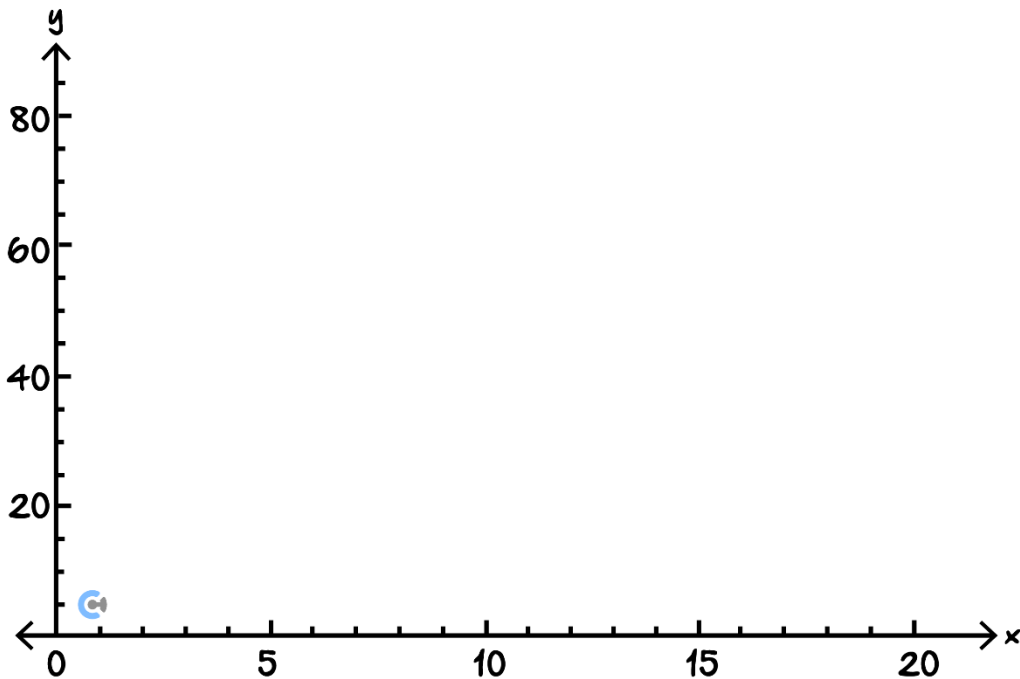
- c.** State the domain and range of the inverse function $h^{-1}(x)$. (1 mark)

d. Let $d(x) = h^{-1}(x) - h(x)$.

i. Find the maximal domain of d . (1 mark)

ii. Find the rule of the function $d(x)$. (1 mark)

e. Sketch the graph of the function $y = d(x)$ on the axes below. Label the endpoint with coordinates. (2 marks)



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Question 14 (9 marks)

The price of a certain rare mineral is modelled by the function:

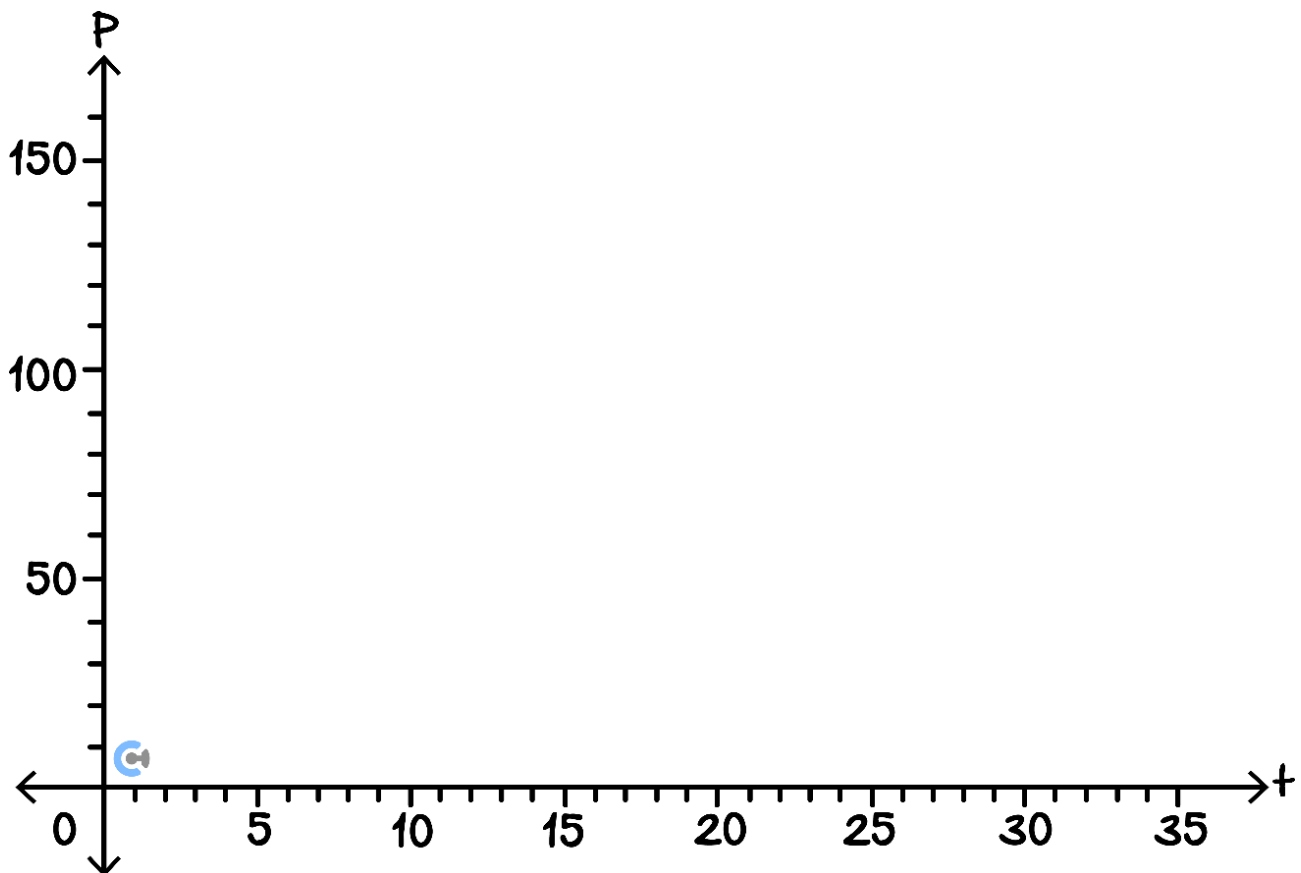
$$P(t) = at^2 + bt + c, t \geq 0.$$

Where P represents the cost of the mineral in thousands of dollars and t represents the time elapsed since the start of the year in months.

Jenny expects the price to drop from \$35000 to $\$ \frac{115000}{4}$ in 5 months, however, in the long term, she expects the stock price to be \$30000 in 10 months.

- a. Solve for values a , b and c which satisfy Jenny's expectations. (2 marks)

- b. Graph the mineral stock price (in thousands of dollars) for the first 3 years. (2 marks)



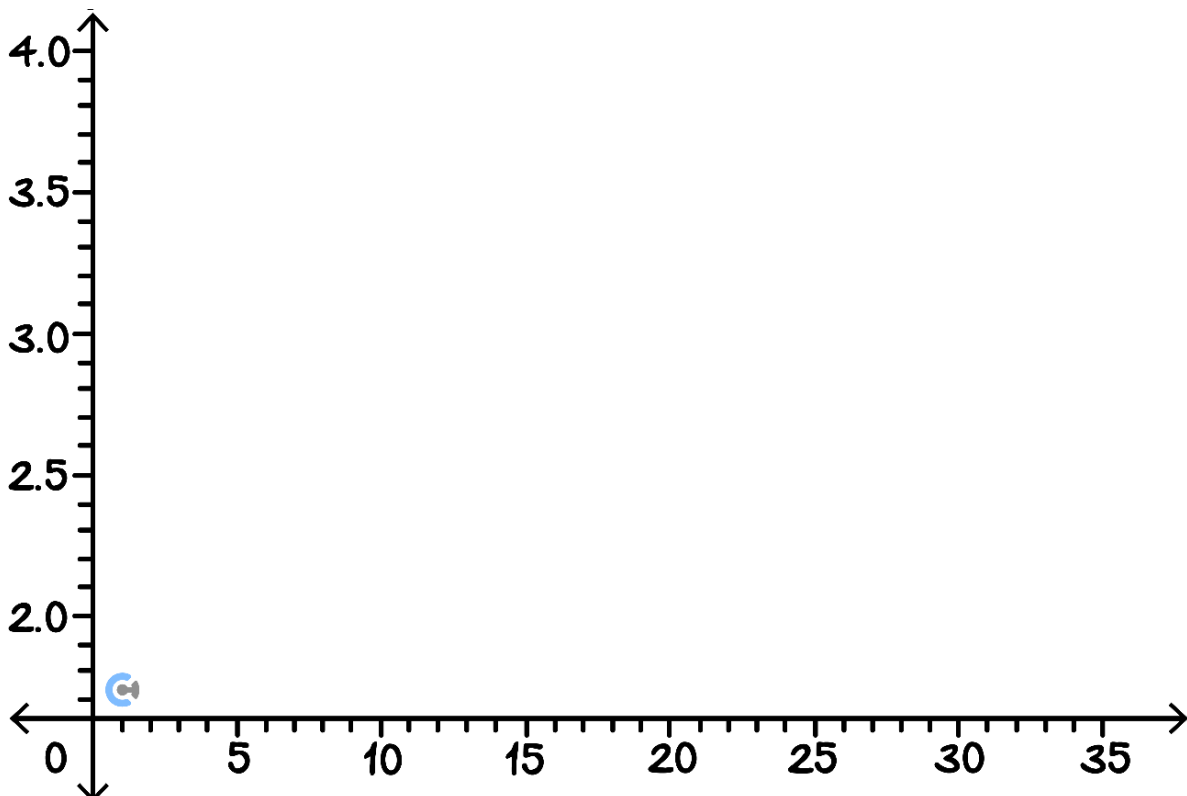
As the mineral is very rare, its market price changes often and can be sold for a profit. However, due to fees associated with selling the mineral, the profit earned on the mineral follows the following model.

$$M(t) = \log_e \left(70 - \frac{P(t)}{2} \right)$$

Where M is the profit earned in thousands of dollars and P is the corresponding market price for the mineral at that moment in time. (2 marks)

- c. When can't Jenny sell her stock for profit? Give your answer in terms of both stock price and months, correct to three decimal places. (2 marks)

- d. On the axes below sketch the graph of $y = M(t)$. (2 marks)



- e. Find the maximum profit that Jenny can make correct to the nearest dollar. (1 mark)

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Section F: Extension Exam 1 (15 Marks)

Let's take a BREAK (Extension Stream)!



INSTRUCTION: 15 Marks. 20 Minutes Writing.

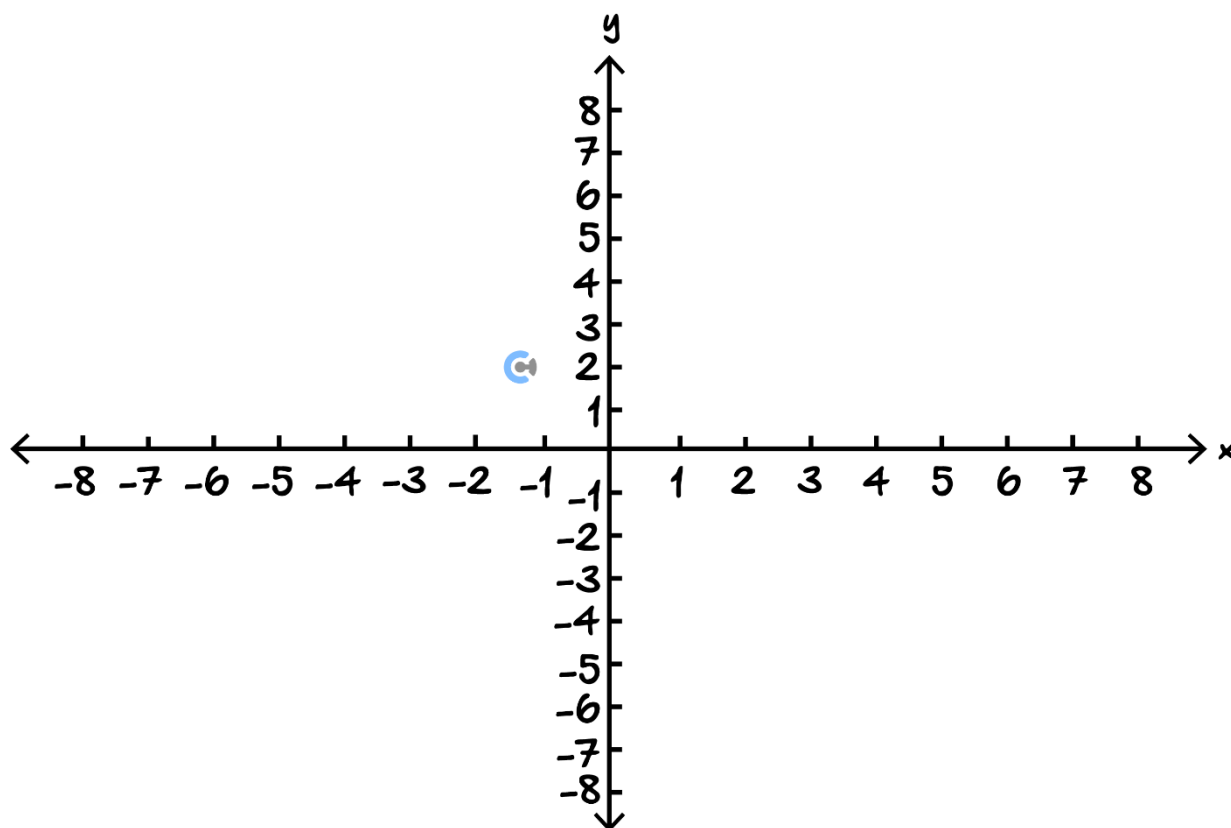


Question 15 (9 marks)

Let $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-3}$ be defined on its maximal domain.

- a. Write $f(x)$ in the form $A + \frac{B}{x-3}$ for integers A and B . (1 mark)

- b. Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ on the axes below. Label the coordinates of all axes intercepts and the equations of any asymptotes. (2 marks)



- c. Find the maximal domain of $g(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-3}} + \log_2(-x^2 + x + 12)$. (2 marks)

Let $h: (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $h(x) = f(x)$, where $a > 3$, be a function.

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

e. Find the smallest value of a such that h and h^{-1} never intersect. (2 marks)

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Question 16 (6 marks)

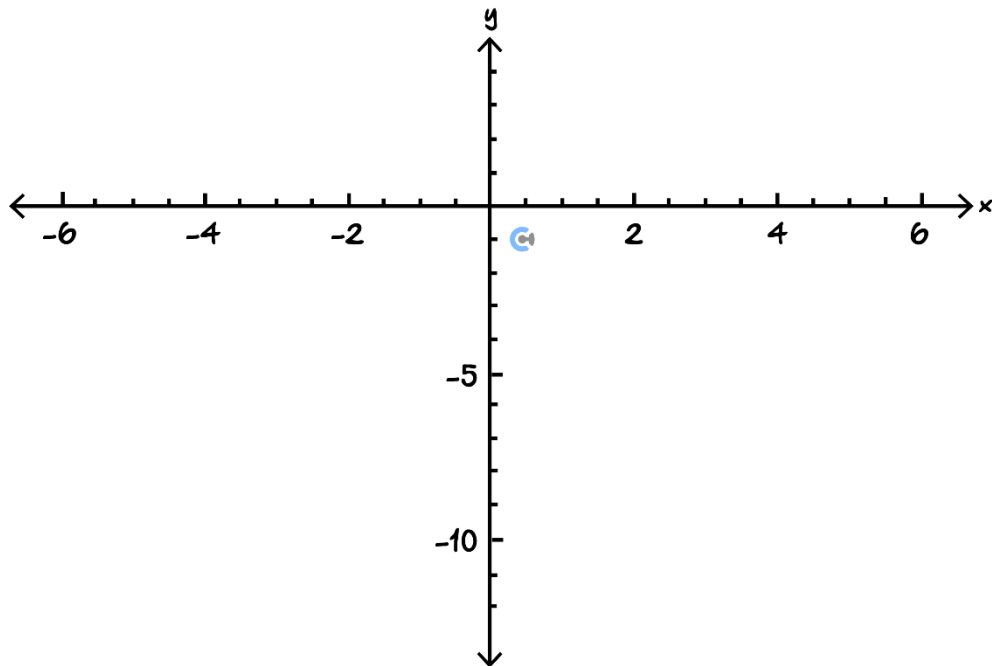
Consider the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 3 - 2^x$.

- a. State the range of f . (1 mark)

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

- c. Find a point of intersection of f and f^{-1} with integer coordinates. (1 mark)

- d. Determine the total number of points of intersection of f and f^{-1} . Justify your answer. (2 marks)



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Section G: Extension Exam 2 (16 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 16 Marks. 20 Minutes Writing.



Question 17 (1 mark)

If $h: (1,3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $h(x) = (x-1)^2(x+3)$ and $f: [-1,3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $f(x) = 1-x$, then $g = h \times f$ is defined by:

- A. $g: (1,3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $h(x) = -(x-1)^3(x+3)$
- B. $g: (1,3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $h(x) = -(x-1)^3(x+3)$
- C. $g: (1,3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $h(x) = -(x-1)(x+3)^2$
- D. $g: [-1,3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, where $h(x) = -(x-1)^3(x+3)$

Question 18 (1 mark)

Consider $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = 3x + 2$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$, then the range of $f(g(x))$ is:

- A. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\}$
- B. $(1, \infty)$
- C. $(2, \infty)$
- D. $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

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Question 19 (1 mark)

The functions f and g are such that $f(x) = 2x - 1$ and $g(x - 1) = \sqrt{2x}$.

Then $f(g(x))$ is given by:

- A. $2\sqrt{2x} - 1$
- B. $2\sqrt{2x} + 1$
- C. $\sqrt{2\sqrt{2x} + 1}$
- D. $2\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{x + 1}) - 1$

Question 20 (1 mark)

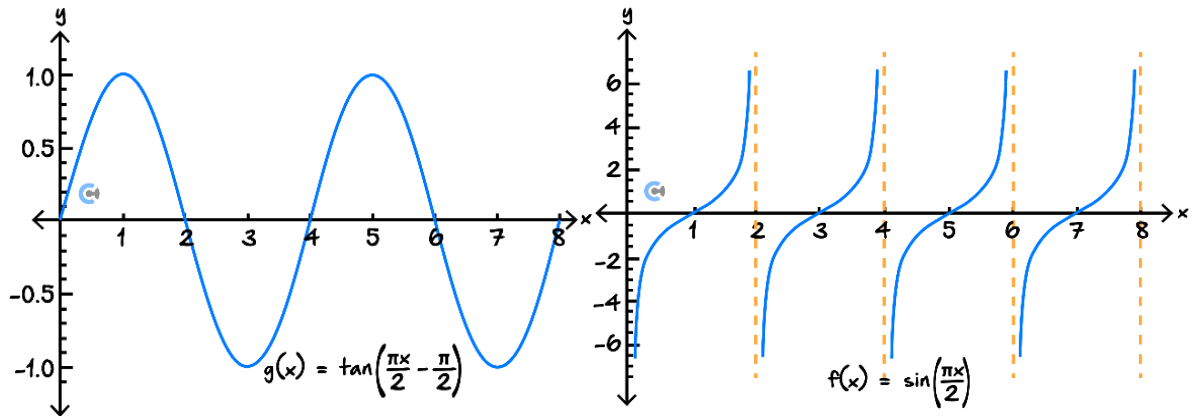
Consider the function $f: [-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 1$. The function $h = f \circ f^{-1}$ is defined by:

- A. $h: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = x$
- B. $h: [-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = x$
- C. $h: [-3, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = x$
- D. $h: [-\infty, 2) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = x$

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Question 21 (1 mark)

Consider the graphs of two circular functions f and g , shown on the axes below.



For the interval $x \in [0, 4]$, the number of x -intercepts on the graph of $h(x) = f(x) \times g(x)$ is:

- A. 4
- B. 6
- C. 8
- D. 9

Question 22 (11 mark)

Let $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2$ and $g(x) = x^2$ be functions defined on their maximal domains.

a. Define the function h such that $f = g \circ h$. (2 marks)

- b. Find the maximum value of h and the x -value where this occurs when $x > 0$. (2 marks)

- c. Hence, state the range of f . (1 mark)

d. Consider the functions $k: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, k(x) = f(x)$ and $p: [a, 0) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) = f(x)$, where a is a real number.

i. Find the smallest value of a such that p^{-1} exists. (1 mark)

ii. Show that the inverse function, $k^{-1}(x)$, satisfies the equation. (2 marks)

$$[k^{-1}(x)]^2 = \frac{(\sqrt{x} \pm \sqrt{x-4})^2}{4}$$

iii. Hence, define k^{-1} . (1 mark)

Suppose now that $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2$ is defined on some arbitrary domain $D \subseteq \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ where it is one-to-one.

- e. Write down a piecewise definition for the rule of $f^{-1}(x)$ that depends on the domain D . (2 marks)

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