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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>
$\sqrt{z}$	$z \geq 0$
$\log(z)$	$z > 0$
$\frac{1}{z}$	$z \neq 0$

#### 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:

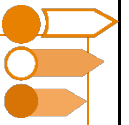
*Domain of sum or product of two functions =  
intersection of the two domains*

➤ Steps:

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

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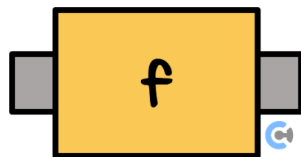
Sub-Section: Basics of Composition



*What was the "composition" of functions?*



Composite Functions



➤ Definition: A \_\_\_\_\_ of functions.

➤ Representation of the above:

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

*Handwritten notes: 'UCA' with an arrow pointing to the 'g' in the second expression, and 'UCA' written above the arrow.*

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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)

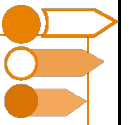
➤ Composite Function is only valid if:

Range of Inside  $\subseteq$  Domain of Outside

➤ Acronym:  $R \subseteq D$

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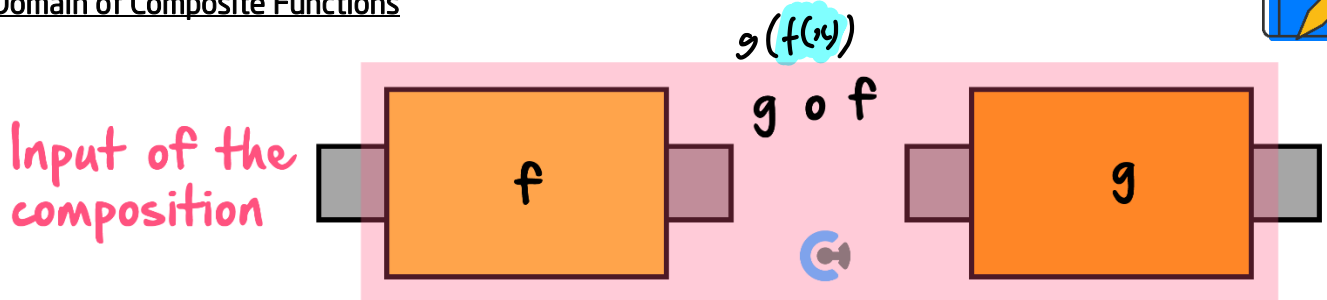
Sub-Section: Domain of Composite Functions



*How did we find the domain of a composite function?*



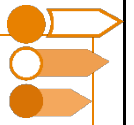
Domain of Composite Functions



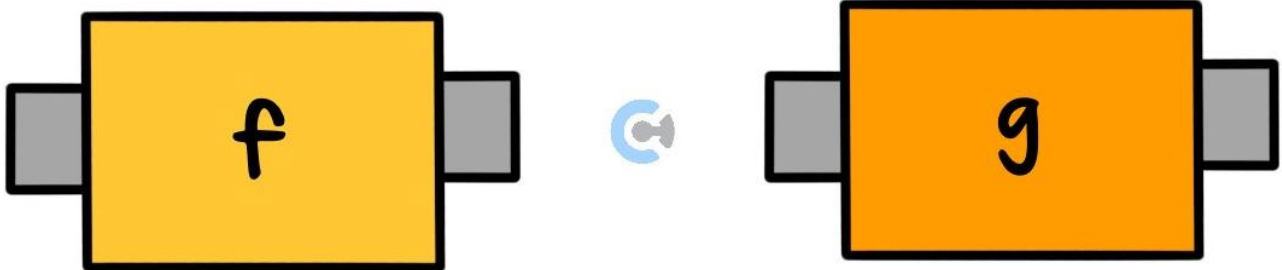
*Domain of Composite = Domain of Inside*

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## Sub-Section: Range of Composite Functions



### Range of the Composite Functions

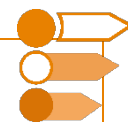


*Range of Composite  $\subseteq$  Range of the Outside*

- 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



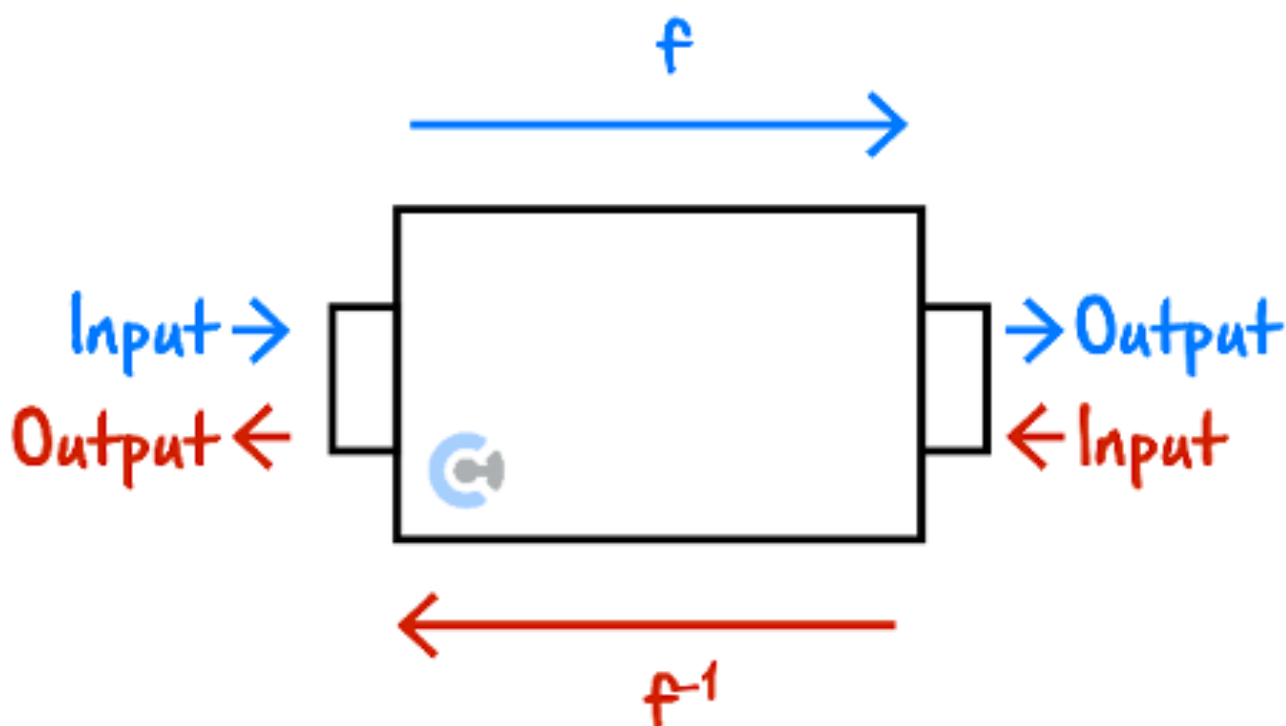
*What did "Inverse" mean?*



Inverse Relation



➤ Definition: Inverse is a relation which does the opposite.



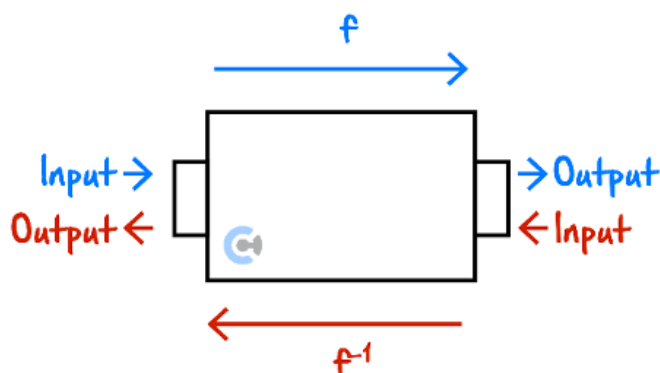
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Sub-Section: Swapping  $x$  and  $y$

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

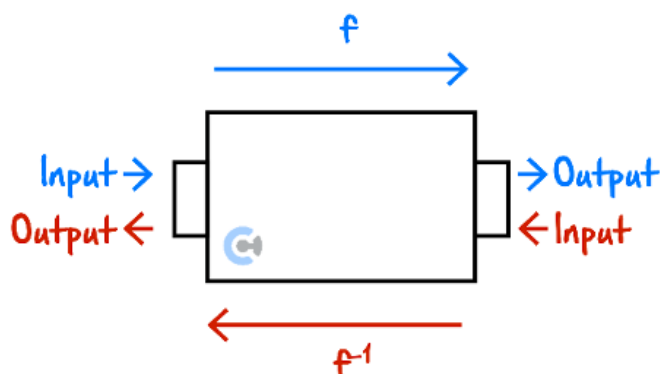
Solving for an Inverse Relation

➤ Swap  $x$  and  $y$ .



NOTE:  $f(x) = y$ .

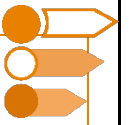
Domain and Range of Inverse Functions



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

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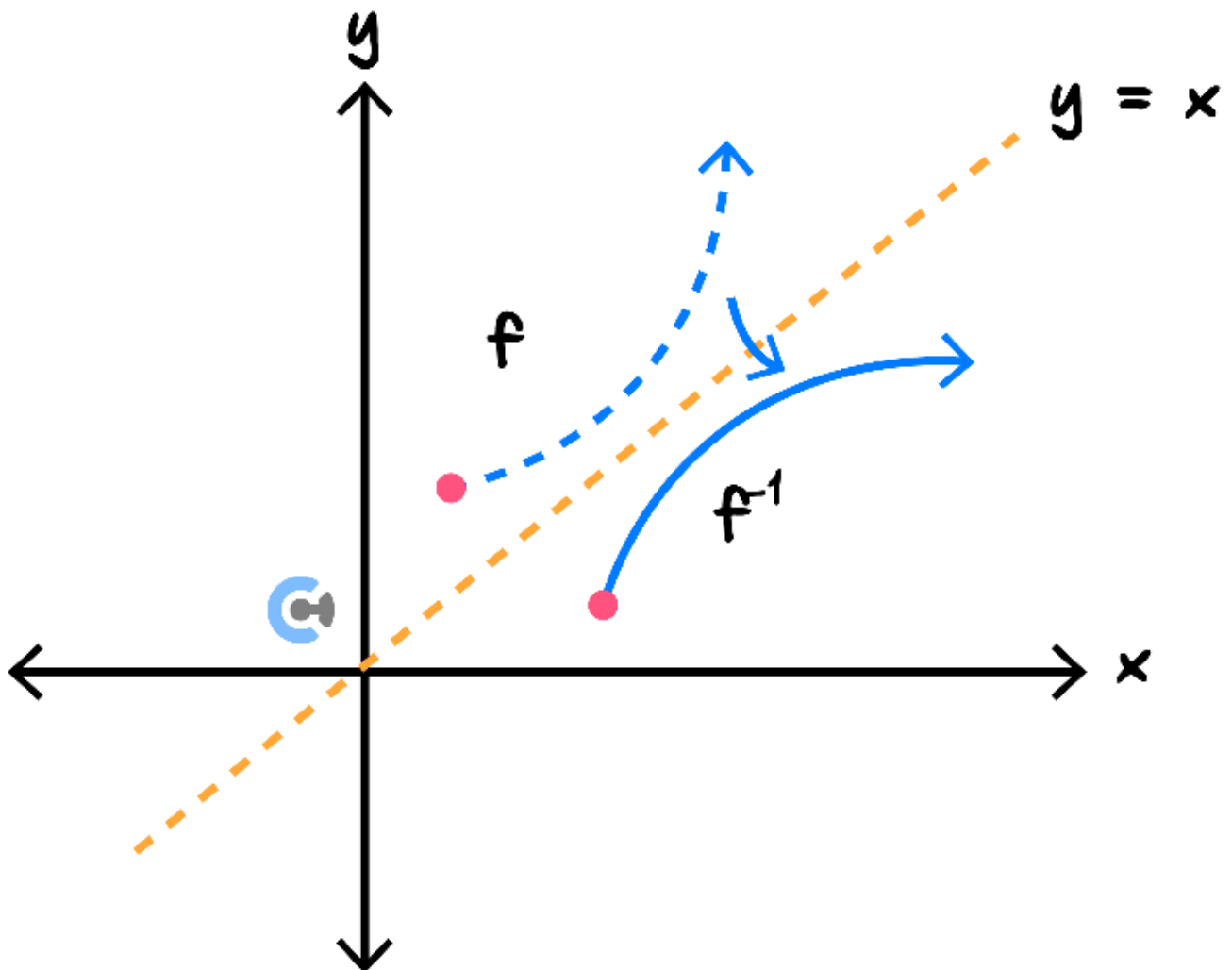
Sub-Section: Symmetry Around  $y = x$



*Why does this happen?*



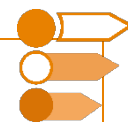
Symmetry of Inverse Functions



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

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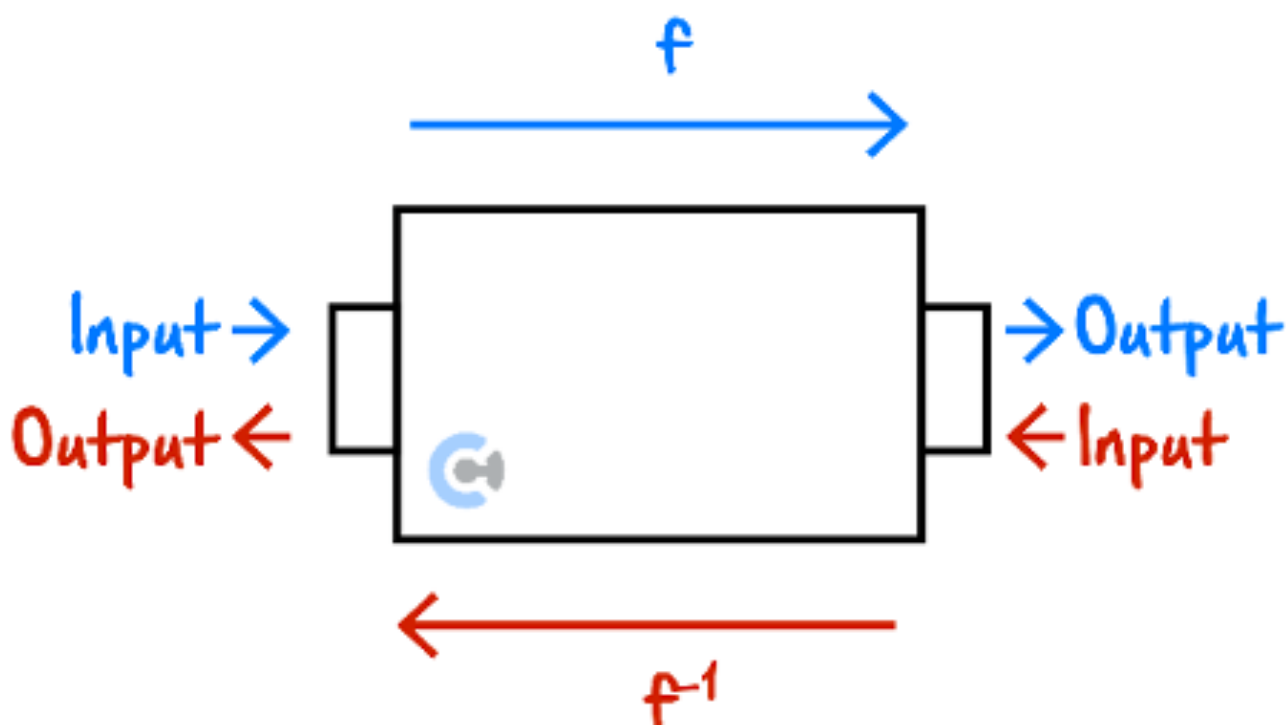
Sub-Section: Validity of Inverse Function



*Does an inverse function always exist?*



Validity of Inverse Functions



➤ Requirement for Inverse Function:

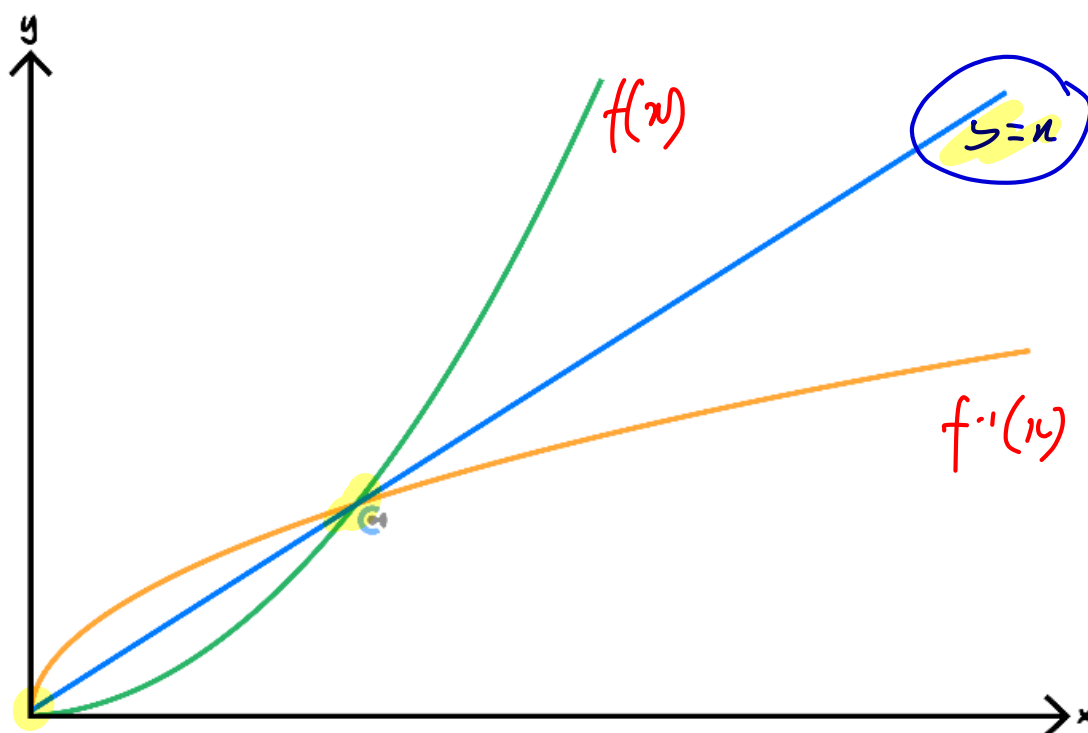
*f needs to be 1:1.*

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## Sub-Section: Intersection Between Inverses

*Where do inverses meet?*

### Intersection Between a Function and its Inverse



➤ Equate with  $y=x$  instead.

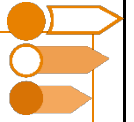
$$f(x) = x \text{ OR } f^{-1}(x) = x$$

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

**NOTE:** This only works for an increasing function.

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## Sub-Section: Composition of Inverses



### Composition of Inverse Functions



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

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

**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)

$\text{range: } [0, \infty)$   
 $\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $x+2 \geq 0 \quad x \geq -2$   
 $\therefore x \in (-2, \infty)$

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

Swap x and y

$$x = \sqrt{y+2}$$

$$x^2 = y+2$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = x^2 - 2, \quad x \in [0, \infty)$$

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

$$f(x) = x$$

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

$$x+2 = x^2$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

reject  $\swarrow$   
 $\therefore x = -1, 2$

$$\therefore (2, 2)$$

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

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

$$\text{dom} : [-2, \infty)$$

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

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$$\text{ran } h : [-11, \infty)$$

$$\text{dom } f : [-2, \infty)$$

As  $\text{ran } h \not\subseteq \text{dom } f$

$\therefore f(h(x))$  is not valid

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Section C: Exam 1 (20 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 20 Marks. 26 Minutes Writing.



Question 2 (5 marks)

range:  $[4, \infty)$

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

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

$$2x+6 \geq 0$$

$$2x \geq -6$$

$$x \geq -3$$

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

Swap x and y

$$x = \sqrt{2y+6} + 4$$

$$x-4 = \sqrt{2y+6}$$

$$(x-4)^2 = 2y+6$$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-4)^2 - 3, \quad x \in [4, \infty)$$

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

$$f(x) = x$$

$$\sqrt{2x+6} + 4 = x$$

$$\sqrt{2x+6} = x-4$$

$$2x+6 = x^2 - 8x + 16$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 10 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100-40}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{60}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{10 \pm 2\sqrt{15}}{2}$$

$$= 5 \pm \sqrt{15}$$

$$\therefore (5 + \sqrt{15}, 5 + \sqrt{15})$$

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)

$$h(x) = \log_3(x^2 + 26 + 1)$$

$$= \log_3(x^2 + 27)$$

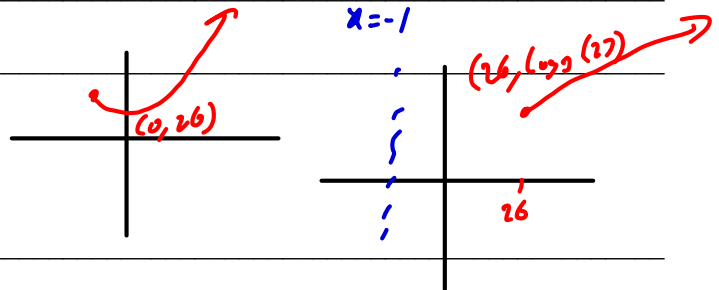
- b. State the domain of  $h$ . (1 mark)

$$\text{dom } h: [-3, \infty)$$

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

$$[-3, \infty) \xrightarrow{g} [26, \infty) \xrightarrow{f} [0, \infty)$$

$$\therefore \text{ran } h: [0, \infty)$$



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

$$\log_2(16) = 4$$

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

Swap x and y

$$x = \log_2(y^2 + 16)$$

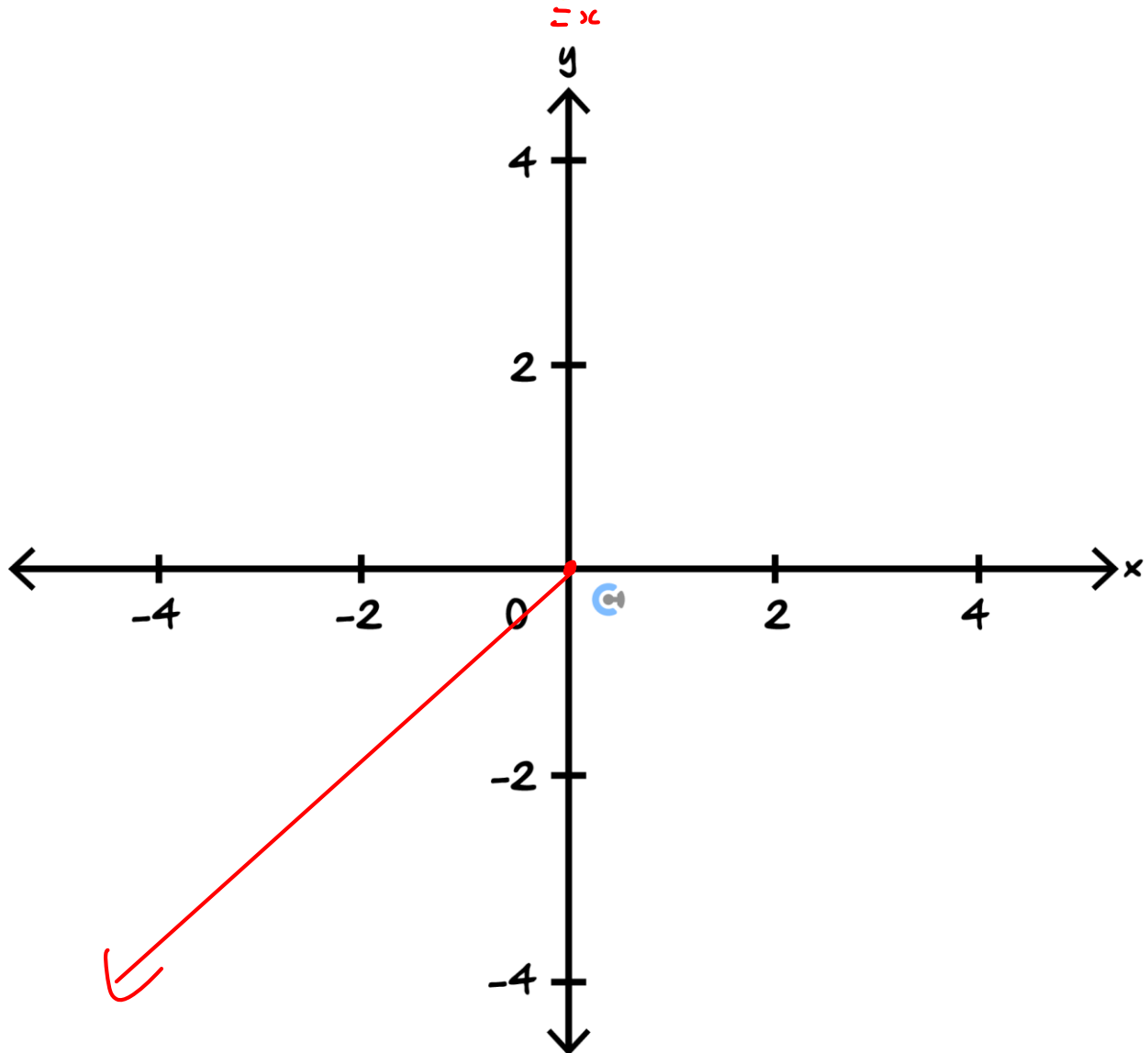
$$2^x = y^2 + 16$$

$$y^2 = 2^x - 16$$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{2^x - 16}$$

$$\therefore k^{-1}(x) = -\sqrt{2^x - 16}, x \in [4, \infty)$$

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  $g(x) = x^2 - 2x + 2$ .

$(x-1)^2 + 1$

a.

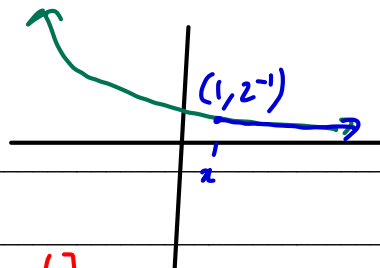
- i. Write down the rule for  $f(g(x))$ . (1 mark)

$f(g(x)) = 2^{-(x-1)^2 - 1}$

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

$\mathbb{R} \rightarrow [1, \infty) \rightarrow f \rightarrow (0, \frac{1}{2}]$

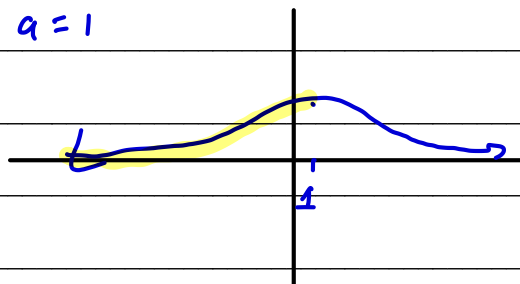
$\therefore \text{range: } (0, \frac{1}{2}]$



- 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)

$\therefore a = 1$

$2^{-(x-1)^2 - 1}$



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

Swap x and y

$$x = 2^{-(y-1)^2 - 1}$$

$$\log_2(x) = -(y-1)^2 - 1$$

$$h^{-1}(x) = 1 \pm \sqrt{-\log_2(x) - 1}$$

$$\therefore h^{-1}(x) = 1 - \sqrt{-\log_2(x) - 1}, x \in (0, \frac{1}{2}]$$

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)

$$[b, \infty) \xrightarrow{f} (0, 2^{-b}) \xrightarrow{g} \mathbb{R}$$

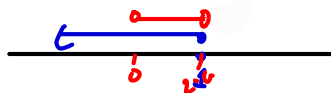
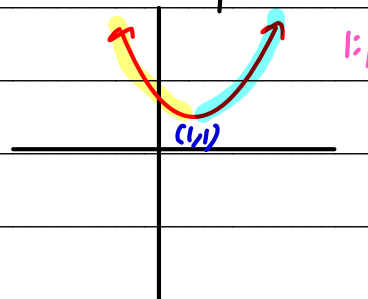
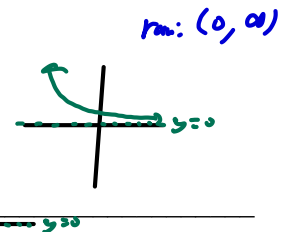
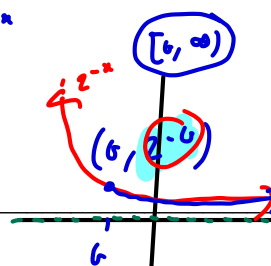
$$(-\infty, 1] \cup [1, \infty)$$

$$(0, 2^{-b}) \subseteq (-\infty, 1]$$

$$2^{-b} = 1$$

$$\therefore b = 0$$

$$f(x) = 2^{-x}$$



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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.

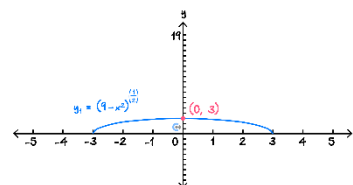
analyse( $\langle \text{function} \rangle, \langle \text{variable} \rangle$ )  
 analysed( $\langle \text{function} \rangle, \langle \text{variable} \rangle, \langle \text{lower bound} \rangle, \langle \text{upper bound} \rangle$ )

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

► 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  
 $-5 \leq x \leq 5$

#### Casio Classpad

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 ≤ x ≤ 3

In[129]:= FunctionRange[f[x], x, y]
Out[129]= 0 ≤ y ≤ 3
```

#### Mathematica UDF :

FInfo [f [x], {x, x min, x 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[ $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x(x^2 - 3)}$ , {x, -Infinity, Infinity}, y]

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 ∈ ℝ
Period: 0
Horizontal Intercepts: {-1, 1}
Vertical Intercepts: None
Stationary points: {}
Inflexion points: {{-0.871...}, {-0.123...}, {0.871...}, {0.123...}}
Left sided asymptote: y=0
Right sided asymptote: y=0
Oblique asymptote: {0}
Vertical asymptote: {x=0, x=-√3, x=√3}
```



### Calculator Commands: Finding the composite function

#### TI

```
Define f(x)=ln(x)           Done
Define g(x)=x^2+3           Done
f(g(x))                     ln(x^2+3)
```

#### CASIO:

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

#### Mathematica

```
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

```
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

```
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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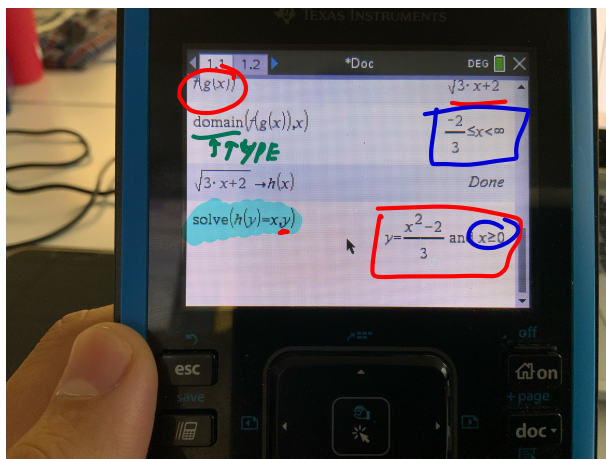
**Question 5 Tech-Active.**

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  $h(x)$ .

$$h(x) = \sqrt{3x+2}$$



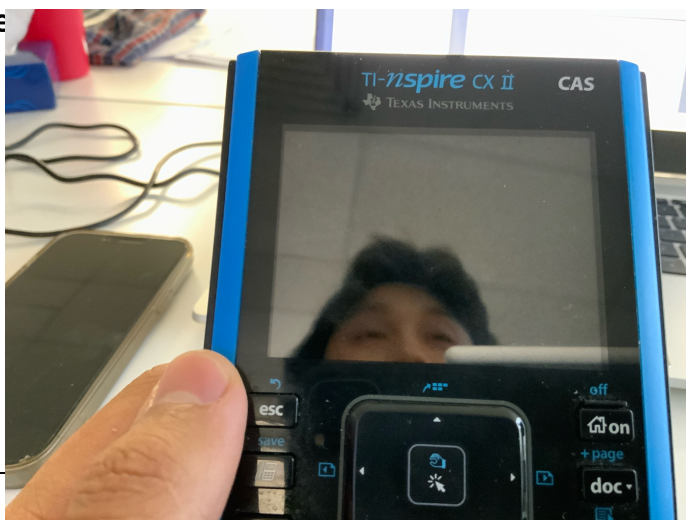
- b. Find the domain of  $h(x)$ .

$$[-\frac{2}{3}, \infty)$$

- c. Define  $h^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $h$ .

$$h^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2-2}{3}, x \geq 0$$

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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

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

$$(a, -a^2)$$

$$-a^2 = -16$$

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.  $-\frac{1}{4}$

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**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.  $g: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R, g(x) = (x - 1)^2 + 4$
- $(1, 4)$

**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:

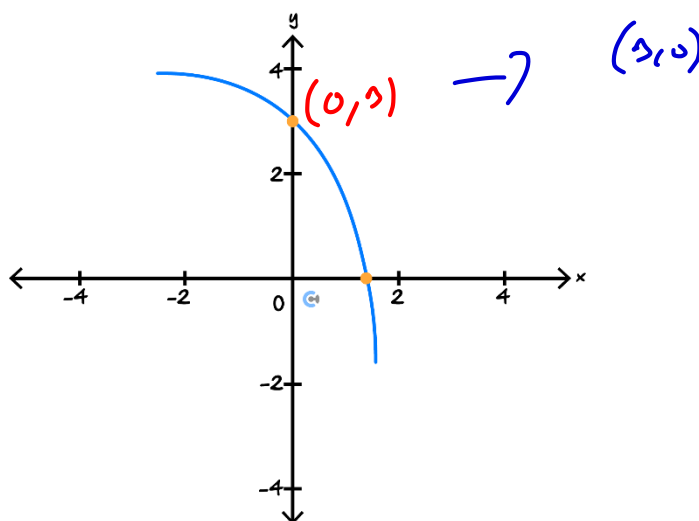
- A.  $a$
- B.  $b$
- C.  $c$
- D.  $d$

$(a, b), (b, c), (c, d)$   
 $(b, a), (c, b), (d, c)$

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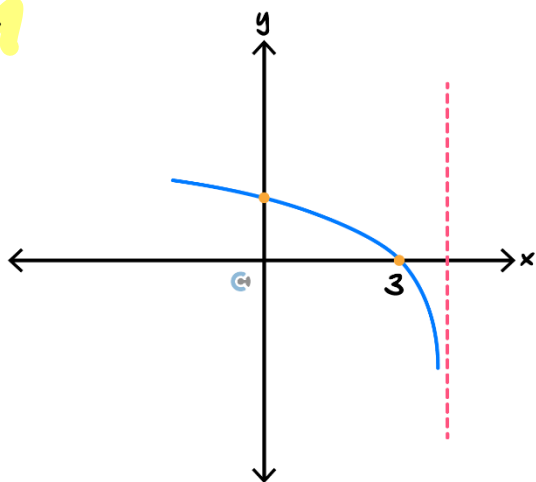
**Question 12** (1 mark)

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

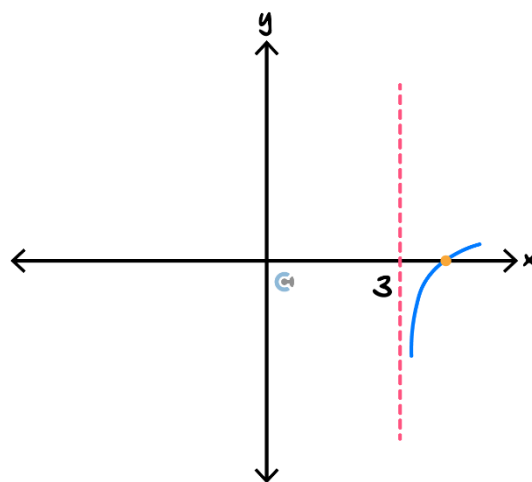


Which of the following will represent the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ ?

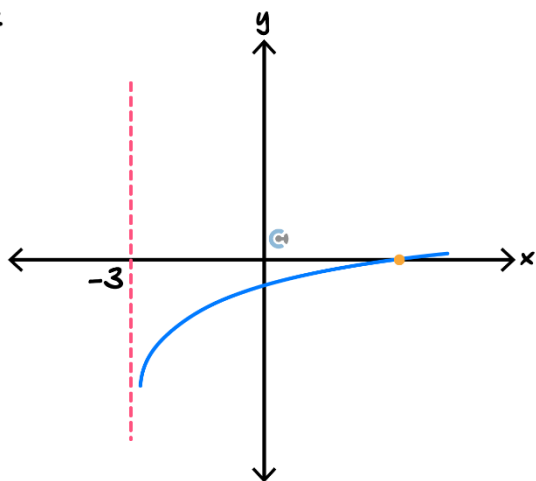
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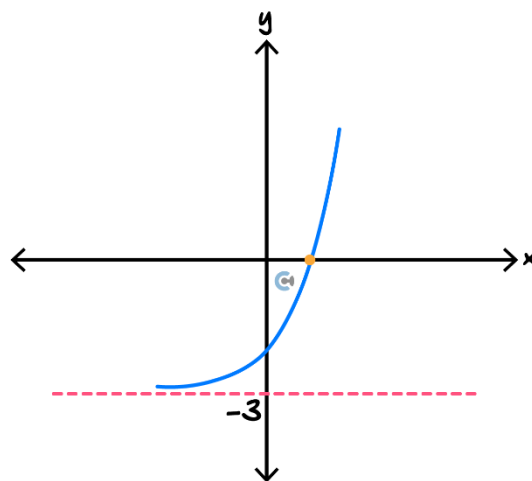
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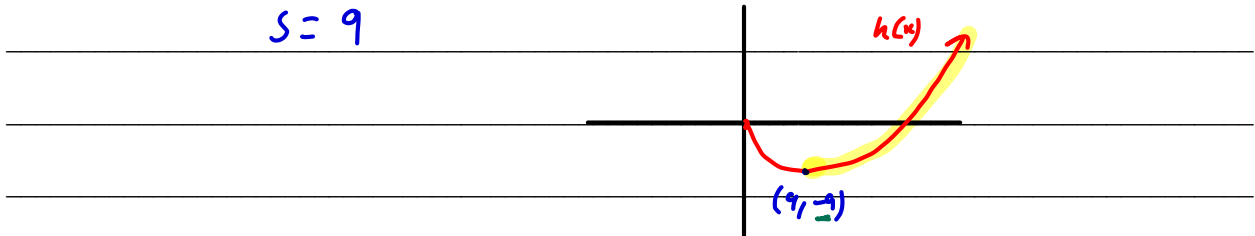
**Question 13** (8 marks)

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)

$$s = 9$$



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

$h(x) = f(x)(f(x)-6)$	$x = A^2 - 6A$	$y = (1 + \sqrt{x+9})^2$
$= \sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-6)$	$x = (A-3)^2 - 9$	$= 9 + 6\sqrt{x+9} + x+9$
$= x - 6\sqrt{x}$	$(A-3)^2 = x+9$	$= 18 + x + 6\sqrt{x+9}$
Swap $x$ and $y$	$A-3 = \pm \sqrt{x+9}$	$\therefore h^{-1}(x) = x + 18 + 6\sqrt{x+9}$
$x = y - 6\sqrt{y}$	$A = 3 \pm \sqrt{x+9}$	
let $A = \sqrt{y}$	$\therefore \sqrt{y} = 3 + \sqrt{x+9}$	

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

$$\text{dom } h^{-1}: [-9, \infty)$$

$$\text{ran } h^{-1}: [9, \infty)$$

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

$h^{-1}(x)$  domain:  $[-9, \infty)$   
 $h(x)$  domain:  $[9, \infty)$

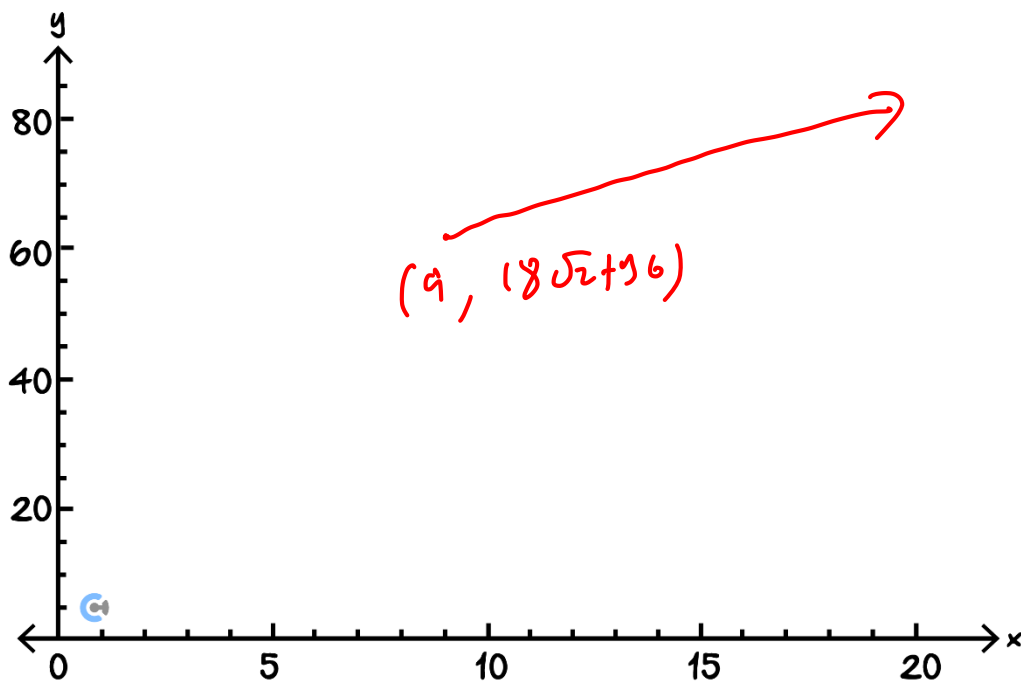
- i. Find the maximal domain of  $d$ . (1 mark)

$\therefore \text{dom } d: [9, \infty)$

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

$d(x) = 6\sqrt{x+9} + 6\sqrt{x} + 18$

- 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)

$$p(0) = 35 \quad (1)$$

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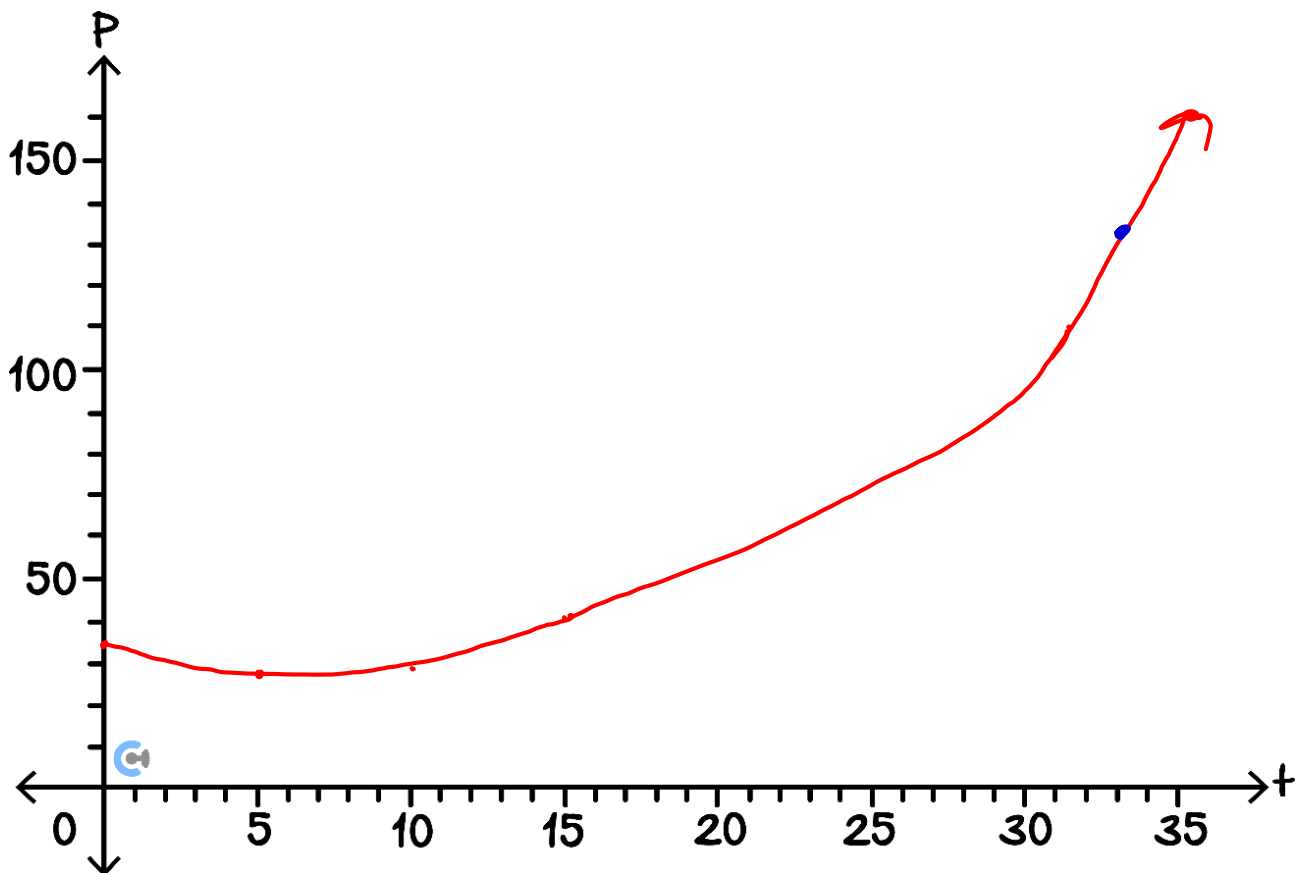
$$p(5) = \frac{115}{4} \quad (2)$$

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$$p(10) = 30 \quad (3)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{20}, b = -2, c = 35$$

- 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)

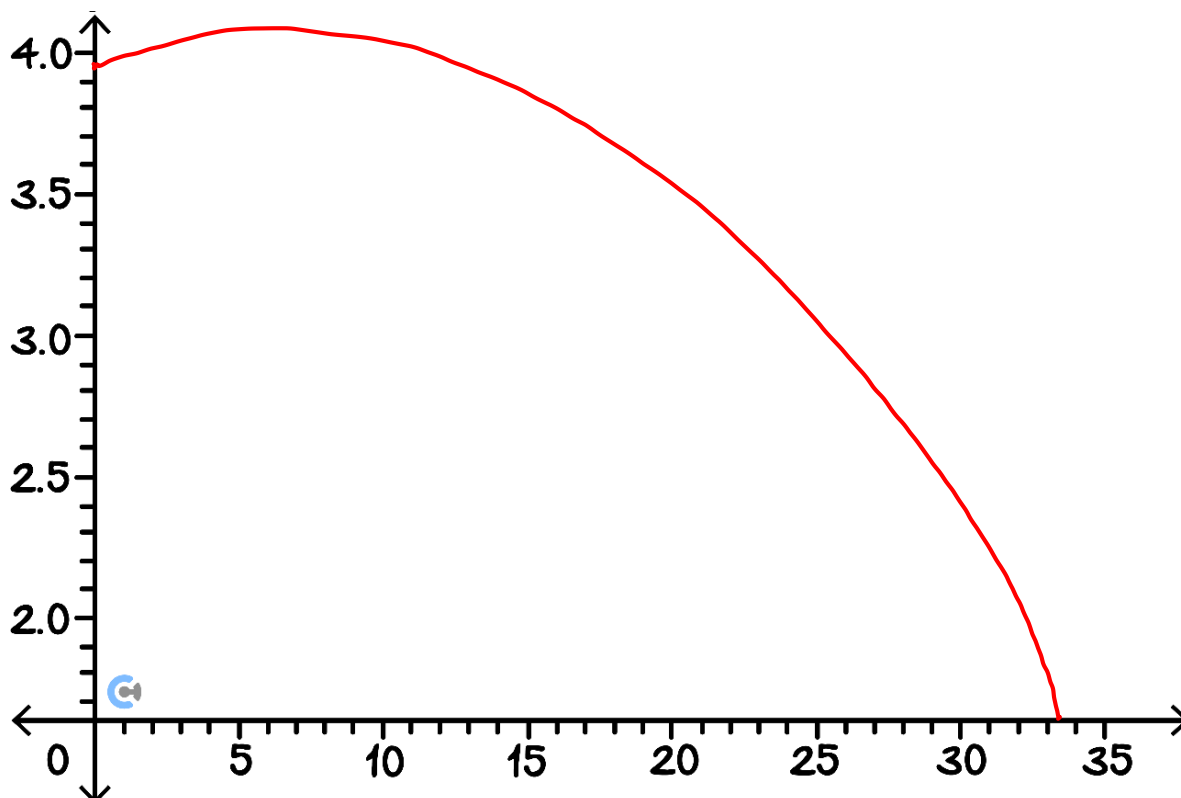
$$70 - \frac{P(t)}{2} = 0$$

$$t = 33.951$$

$$t \approx 33.951$$

Jenny can't sell when the price is  
greater than 140 and after 33.951 months

- 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)

$$M'(t) = 0$$

$$t = 20/3$$

$$M\left(\frac{20}{3}\right) = \log_2\left(\frac{195}{6}\right)$$

$$= 4.0224$$

$$\therefore \$4022$$

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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)

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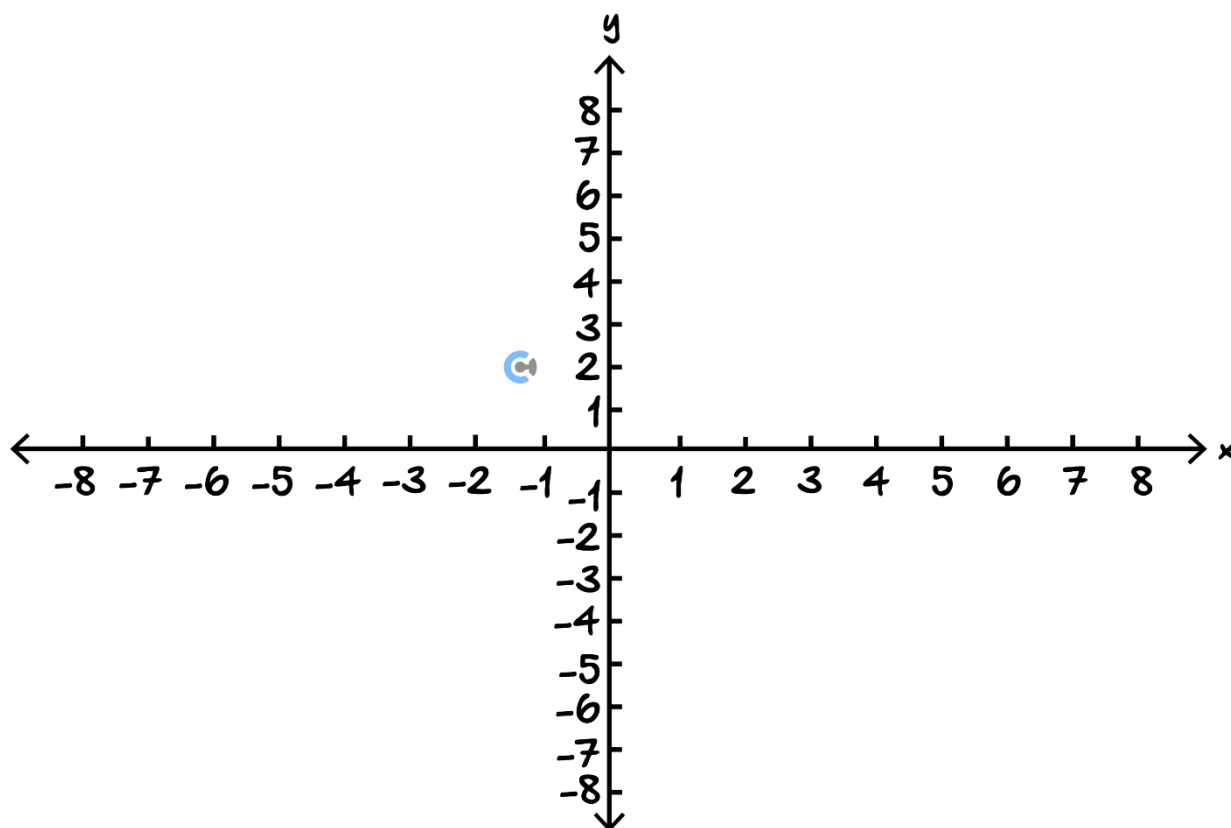


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- b. Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  on the axes below. Label the coordinates of all axes intercepts and the equations of any asymptotes. (2 marks)




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

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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)

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**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)

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

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

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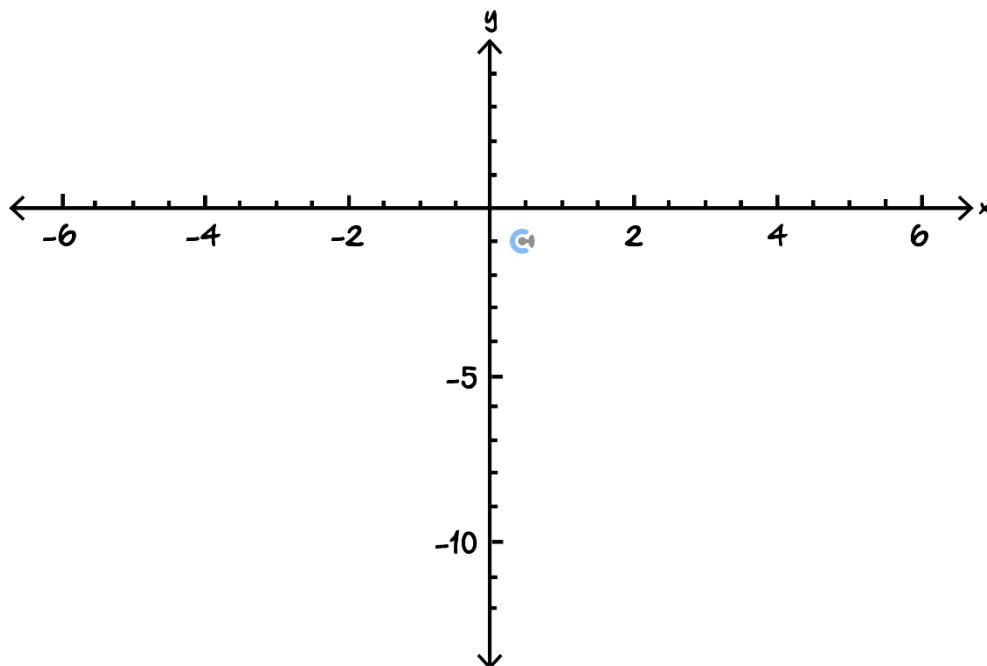


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- d. Determine the total number of points of intersection of  $f$  and  $f^{-1}$ . Justify your answer. (2 marks)




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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)

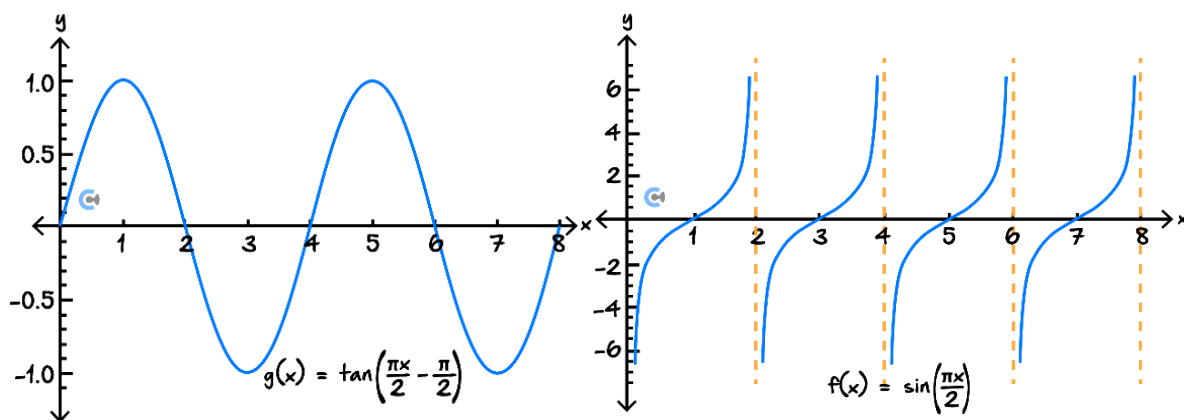
Consider the function  $f: [-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 1$ . The function  $h = f \circ f^{-1}$  is defined by:

- 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)

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

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

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**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)

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

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

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

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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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