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1. Problems

Prob. 3a Because we have two easy-to-read zeros,

we use the form $f(x) = a(x - \underbrace{r_1}_{\text{the roots}})(x - \underbrace{r_2}_{\text{the roots}}) = a(x - 2)(x - 5)$

$$f(0) = 5 \quad \text{so} \quad a(0 - 2)(0 - 5) = 5$$

$$a \cdot 10 = 5$$

$$a = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

and so $f(x) = \underline{\underline{\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)(x - 5)}}$

3b) $x = 2$ is the larger root,
 $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ is the symmetry axis,
so the smaller root has to be

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} - 2.5 = -3$$

Hence $f(x) = a(x - 2)(x + 3)$

$$f(0) = 6, \quad a(0 - 2)(0 + 3) = 6$$

$$a \cdot (-6) = 6$$

$$a = \frac{6}{-6} = -1$$

and so $f(x) = \underline{\underline{-(x - 2)(x + 3)}}$

3c) We see that $x = 100$ is a double root, so
 $f(x) = a(x-100)(x-100) = a(x-100)^2$

Since $(80, 40)$ is a point on the graph,

$$f(80) = 40, \text{ so } a(80-100)^2 = 40$$

$$a \cdot (-20)^2 = 40$$

$$a \cdot 400 = 40$$

$$a = \frac{40}{400} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$$

$$\text{and so } \underline{\underline{f(x) = \frac{1}{10}(x-100)^2}}$$

3d) We observe the symmetry axis $x = 1$
and the maximum value $y = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f(x) &= a(x-1)^2 + d \\ &= a(x-1)^2 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Since } f(0) = -2, \text{ we get } a(0-1)^2 - 1 = -2$$

$$a - 1 = -2$$

$$a = -2 + 1 = -1$$

$$\text{and } \underline{\underline{f(x) = -(x-1)^2 - 1}}$$

3e) The symmetry axis is $x = -3$
The minimum value is $y = 4.25$

$$\text{so } f(x) = a(x+3)^2 + 4.25$$

$$\text{from } f(-2) = 4.5 \text{ we get } a \cdot (-2+3)^2 + 4.25 = 4.5$$

$$a + 4.25 = 4.5$$

$$a = 0.25$$

$$\text{and } f(x) = 0.25(x+3)^2 + 4.25$$

7a) Three points on the graph: $P = (0, 7)$
No extra info. $Q = (1, 4)$
so I use the form $R = (2, 3)$

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$P: f(0) = a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c = 7$$
$$\underline{c = 7}$$

$$Q: f(1) = a \cdot 1^2 + b \cdot 1 + 7 = 4$$
$$\boxed{a + b = -3} \quad (1)$$

$$R: f(2) = a \cdot 2^2 + b \cdot 2 + 7 = 3$$
$$\boxed{4a + 2b = -4} \quad (2)$$

Solve this system of equations

$$\text{From (1) we get } 4a + 4b = -12 \quad (\text{mult. by } 4)$$

$$\text{Subtract (2): } \begin{array}{r} 4a + 4b = -12 \\ \underline{4a + 2b = -4} \\ 0a + 2b = -12 - (-4) = -8 \end{array}$$

$$b = \frac{-8}{2} = \underline{-4}$$

$$\text{From (1) we get } a = -3 - (-4) = \underline{1}$$

$$\text{so } \underline{\underline{f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7}}$$

Summary (second degree polynomial functions)

3 standard forms:

A) If we know the roots: $f(x) = a(x-r_1)(x-r_2)$

B) If we know the symmetry axis $x=s$
and the max/min value $y=d$
then $f(x) = a(x-s)^2 + d$

C) Other cases: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$
(but we can always use B)

2. Increasing and decreasing functions

Ex: $f(x) = 0.03x^2 + 8x - 1500$, $D_f = [0, \rightarrow)$
(meaning: $x \geq 0$)

Is $f(x)$ increasing?

Is $f(x)$ decreasing?

or neither?

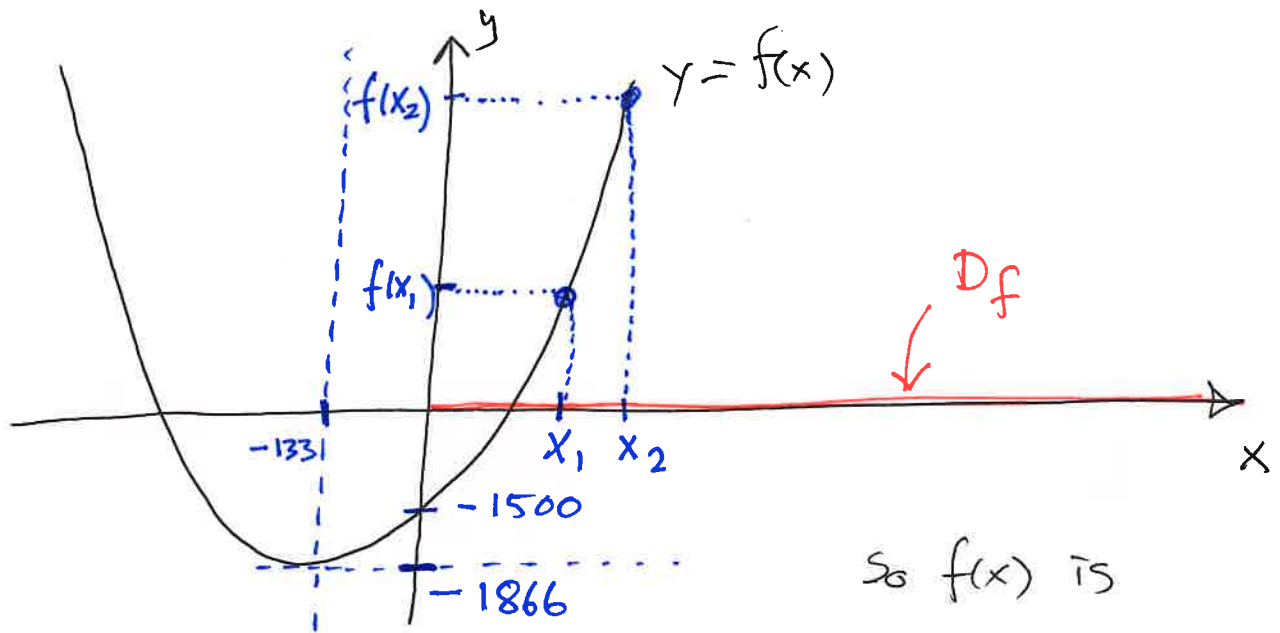
- can look at the graph (use GeoGebra or similar)

or: complete the square and draw the graph by hand.

$$\text{Get: } f(x) = 0.03 \left(x + \frac{800}{6} \right)^2 - \frac{5600}{3}$$

Symmetry axis: $x = -\frac{800}{6} \approx -133$

Minimum value: $y = -\frac{5600}{3} \approx -1866$



So $f(x)$ is increasing when $x \geq 0$.

Definition A function $f(x)$ is increasing if for all $x_1 < x_2$ one has

$$f(x_1) \leq f(x_2)$$

Ex: $f(x) = 2x + 5$ is increasing for all x :

Reason: If $x_1 < x_2$

multiply by 2 on each side

$$2x_1 < 2x_2$$

add 5 to each side

$$f(x_1) = 2x_1 + 5 < 2x_2 + 5 = f(x_2)$$

so $f(x)$ is (strictly) increasing.

Definition A function $f(x)$ is decreasing if for all $x_1 < x_2$ one has
$$f(x_1) \geq f(x_2)$$

Problem: Show that $f(x) = -2x + 5$ is decreasing.

Solution: suppose $x_1 < x_2$ $\quad | \cdot (-2)$

$$-2x_1 > -2x_2$$

- add 5 to each side

$$f(x_1) = -2x_1 + 5 > -2x_2 + 5 = f(x_2)$$

and so $f(x)$ is decreasing.

Problem: We have the constant function $f(x) = 5$.
Decide whether $f(x)$ is increasing, decreasing or neither.

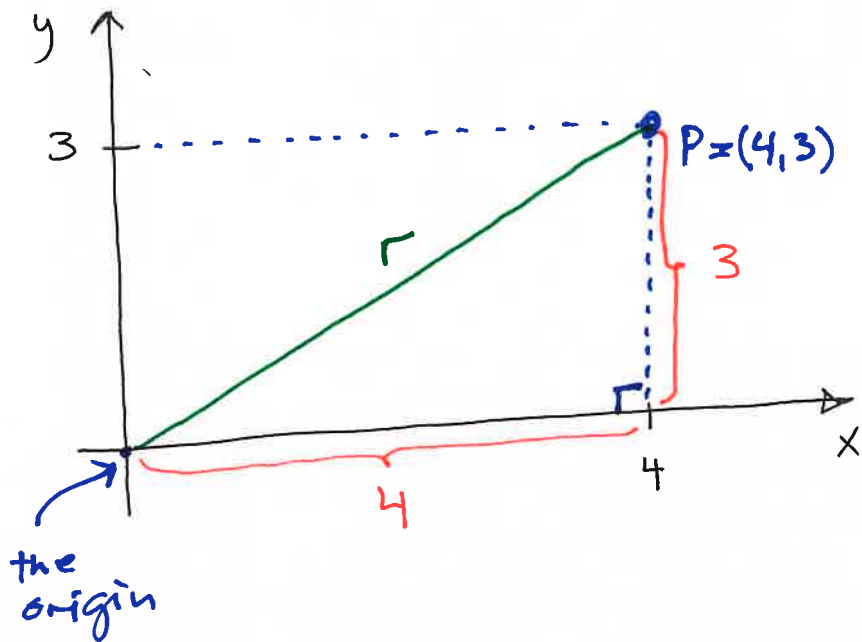
Increasing: If $x_1 < x_2$ then $f(x_1) = 5 \leq 5 = f(x_2)$

Decreasing: If $x_1 < x_2$ then $f(x_1) = 5 \geq 5 = f(x_2)$

Definition $f(x)$ is strictly increasing if
$$f(x_1) < f(x_2) \text{ for all } x_1 < x_2.$$

$f(x)$ is strictly decreasing if
$$f(x_1) > f(x_2) \text{ for all } x_1 < x_2.$$

3. Circles and ellipses



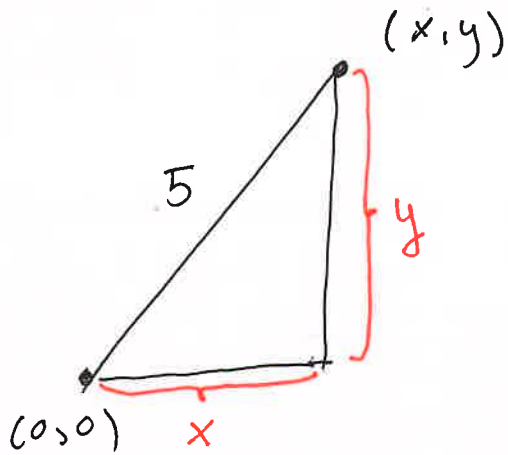
What is the distance from P to the origin?

Pythagoras gives the answer:

$$r^2 = 4^2 + 3^2 \quad (r \geq 0)$$

$$r^2 = 16 + 9 = 25$$

$$r = \underline{\underline{5}} \quad (= \sqrt{25})$$



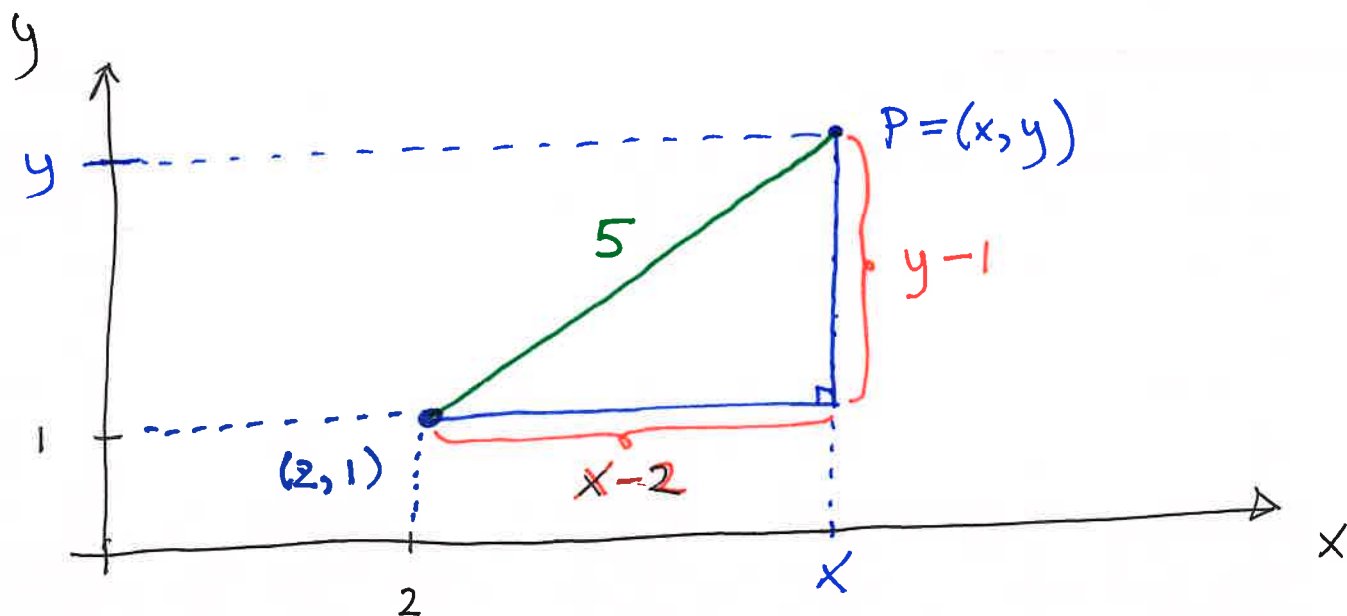
Pythagoras:

$$5^2 = x^2 + y^2$$

- one equation, two unknowns
- infinitely many solutions

The solutions are all the points on the circle with the origin as centre and with radius 5.

Ex: What is the equation of the points on the circle with (2, 1) as centre and radius 5?



Pythagoras: $5^2 = (x-2)^2 + (y-1)^2$

$$25 = x^2 - 4x + 4 + y^2 - 2y + 1$$

that is $x^2 + y^2 - 4x - 2y = 20$

Problems Determine the radius and the centre of the circle.

- a) $(x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 16$
- b) $x^2 + (y+5)^2 = 10$
- c) $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y = -9$

Solutions:

a) Centre is (3, 2), radius is $\sqrt{16} = \underline{4}$

b) Centre (0, -5), radius = $\sqrt{10}$

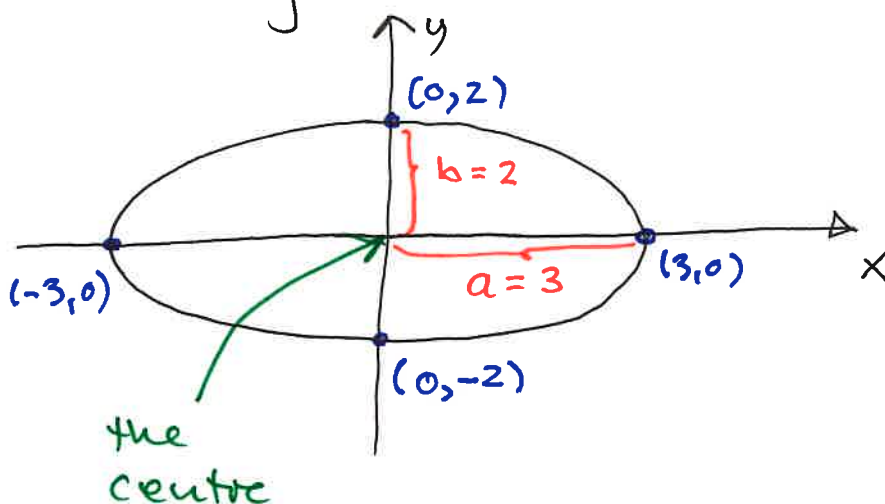
c) $\underbrace{(x-1)^2}_{x^2-2x+1} + \underbrace{(y+3)^2}_{y^2+6y+9} = -9 + 1^2 + 3^2 = 1$

Centre: (1, -3), radius = $\sqrt{1} = \underline{1}$.

Ellipses

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c} x & 3 & -3 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline y & 0 & 0 & 2 & -2 \end{array}$$

Ex: $4x^2 + 9y^2 = 36$



Divide the eq. by 36 :

$$\frac{1}{9} = \left(\frac{4}{36}\right) \cdot x^2 + \left(\frac{9}{36}\right) \cdot y^2 = 1$$

$$\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{y}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

reminds us of the circle equation,
but the x-axis is stretched by a factor 3
and the y-axis — " — — — — — 2 .

In general, any ellipse is the set
of solutions of an equation

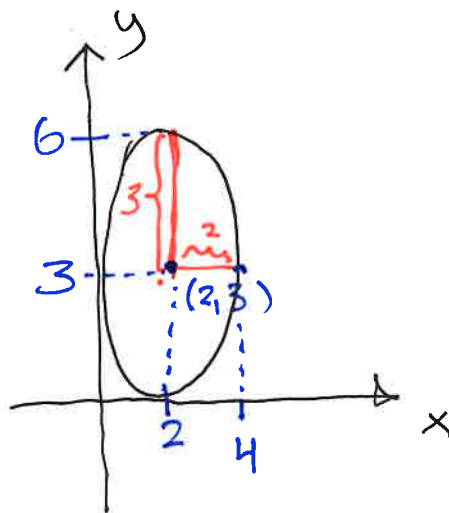
$$\frac{(x-x_0)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y-y_0)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

Here (x_0, y_0) is the centre and
a and b are the semi-axes

$$\underline{\text{Ex}}: \frac{(x-2)^2}{4} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{9} = 1$$

Centre: (2, 3)

Semi-axes $a = \sqrt{4} = 2$, $b = \sqrt{9} = 3$



4. Polynomial functions

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

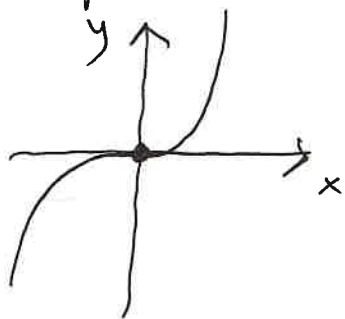
$$(a_n \neq 0)$$

is a polynomial function of degree n .

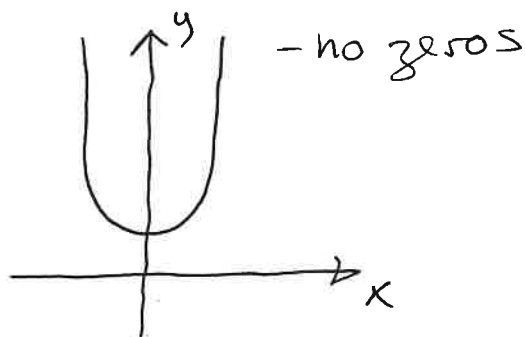
It has at maximum n zeros (roots)

If n is odd it has at least one zero.

$$\underline{\text{Ex}}: f(x) = x^3$$



$$\underline{\text{Ex}}: f(x) = x^4 + 1$$



Ex: $f(x) = (x-1)^2(x-2)$ is a third degree polynomial function with two zeros: $x = 1$, $x = 2$

