

*... if I couldn't formulate a problem in economic theory mathematically, I didn't know what I was doing.*

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### Lecture 13-14

Sec. 4.7, 7.9, 5.2-3, 4.9-10: Rational functions and asymptotes. Inverse functions.  
Exponential functions. Logarithms.

Here are recommended exercises from the textbook [SHSC].

- Section 4.7 exercise 4
- Section 7.9 exercise 1-5
- Section 5.2 exercise 2a, 3, 4
- Section 5.3 exercise 1, 3-5, 7, 9, 10
- Section 4.9 exercise 1, 2, 4, 6
- Section 4.10 exercise 1, 2, 6, 8-10

### Problems for the exercise session Wednesday 12 Oct. from 12-17 in B2-065

**Problem 1** Determine the expression  $f(x) = c + \frac{a}{x-b}$  of the hyperbolas (a-d) in figure 1.

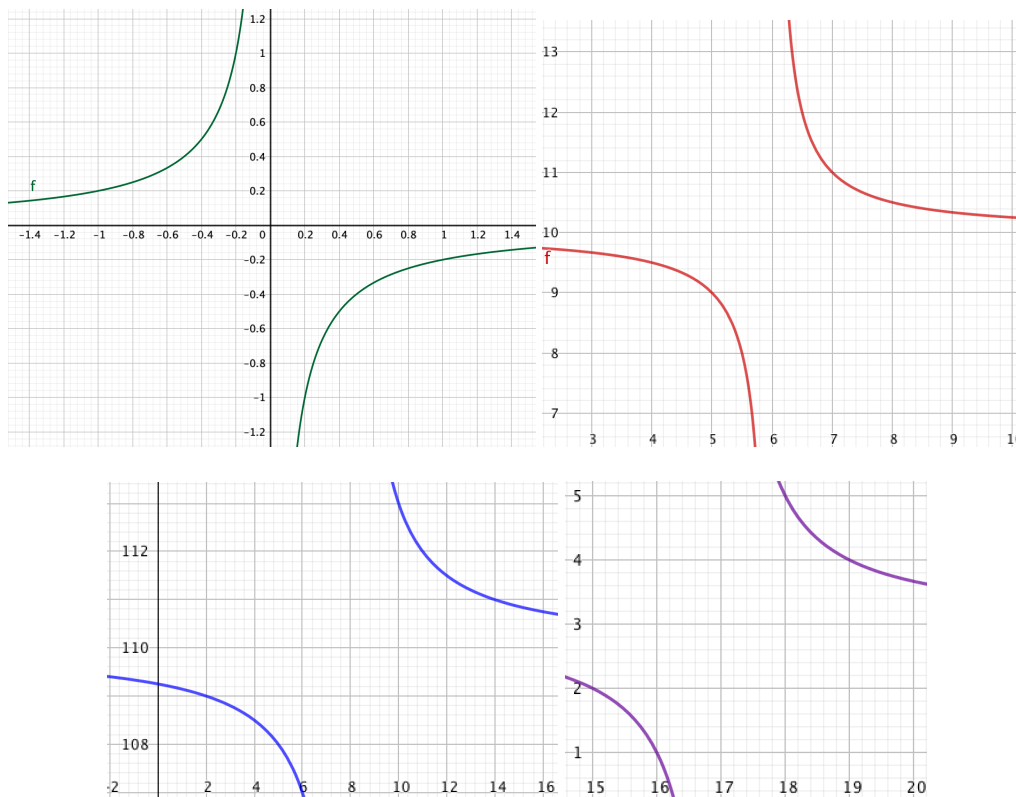


Figure 1: Hyperbolas a-d

**Problem 2** Determine the asymptotes of the hyperbolas (a-d) in Problem 1.

**Problem 3** Determine the asymptotes of the rational functions.

a)  $f(x) = \frac{4x-10}{x-3}$

b)  $f(x) = \frac{70-40x}{3-2x}$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{12}{x^2+3}$

d)  $f(x) = \frac{4x^2-28x+40}{x^2-4x+3}$

e)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+3x+5}{x-7}$

f)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3-8}{x^2-10x+16}$

**Problem 4** Suppose  $g(x)$  is the inverse function of  $f(x)$ . Determine:

a)  $g(10)$  if  $f(3) = 10$

b)  $f(g(5))$

c)  $f(\sqrt{2})$  if

d)  $g(f(9))$

$g(3) = \sqrt{2}$

**Problem 5** Determine the inverse function  $g(x)$  and the domain  $D_g$  of the function  $f(x)$  with domain  $D_f$ .

a)  $f(x) = 2x - 3$  with  
 $D_f = \text{all numbers}$

b)  $f(x) = 0.5x + 1.5$  with  
 $D_f = \text{all numbers}$

c)  $f(x) = x^2 + 6x$  with  
 $D_f = \langle \leftarrow, -3 \rangle$

d)  $f(x) = 20 + \frac{1}{x-3}$  with  
 $D_f = \langle 3, \rightarrow \rangle$

e)  $f(x) = (x-1)^3 + 50$  with  $D_f = [1, \rightarrow)$

f)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{10}{x} & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 10 \\ 2 - \frac{x}{10} & \text{if } 10 < x \leq 20 \end{cases}$

**Problem 6** We have (approximately)  $\ln 2 = 0.6931$  and  $\ln 3 = 1.0986$  and  $\ln 5 = 1.6094$ . Use these numbers to determine the values (approximately) without using the  $\ln$ -button on the calculator.

a)  $\ln 250$

b)  $\ln 625$

c)  $\ln \frac{625}{216}$

d)  $\ln \frac{1000000}{27}$

e)  $\ln 130 - \ln 78$

f)  $\ln \sqrt[10]{6}$

**Problem 7** Solve the equations.

a)  $e^x = 5$

b)  $e^{2x+1} = 5$

c)  $e^{2x+1} = 3e^{x+2}$

d)  $\ln(x) = -2$

e)  $\ln(7x-3) = -2$

f)  $\ln(x-3) = \ln(2x+1) + 1$

g)  $e^{2x} - 4e^x - 5 = 0$

h)  $\frac{20\ln\sqrt{x}}{1-\ln x} = 10$

**Problem 8** Solve the inequalities.

a)  $e^x \geq 5$

b)  $e^{2x+1} \geq 5$

c)  $\ln(x) < -2$

d)  $\ln(x-3) < -2$

e)  $\frac{3e^x}{e^x+1} < 5$

f)  $\ln \frac{3x-2}{x-7} \geq 0$

**Problem 9** Determine the asymptotes of the function.

a)  $f(x) = e^{-0.1x} + 23$

b)  $f(x) = e^{x(10-x)} + 50$

c)  $f(x) = \frac{100e^{0.04x}}{e^{0.04x}+50}$

d)  $f(x) = \ln(10-x)$

e)  $f(x) = \ln(x^2-400)$

f)  $f(x) = \ln(120x+10) - \ln(20x-30)$ ,  $D_f = \langle \frac{3}{2}, \rightarrow \rangle$

**Problem 10** Determine the inverse function  $g(x)$  and the domain  $D_g$  of the function  $f(x)$  with domain  $D_f$ .

a)  $f(x) = e^{\frac{x}{3}} - 1$  with  $D_f = [0, \rightarrow)$

b)  $f(x) = 4\ln(x-10)$  with  $D_f = [11, \rightarrow)$

c)  $f(x) = e^{\frac{2}{x+10}}$  with  $D_f = [0, \rightarrow)$

d)  $f(x) = \ln(x^2-6x+7)$  with  $D_f = [0,1)$



**Problem 8**

- a) Because  $\ln x$  is a strictly increasing function for  $x > 0$  we can insert the left hand side and the right hand side into  $\ln x$  and keep the inequality. It gives  $x \geq \ln 5$ .
- b) We insert the left hand side and the right hand side into  $\ln x$  and keep the inequality. It gives  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}(\ln 5 - 1)$ .
- c) Because  $e^x$  is a strictly increasing function we can insert the left hand side and the right hand side into  $e^x$  and keep the inequality. It gives  $0 < x < e^{-2}$ .
- d) We insert the left hand side and the right hand side into  $e^x$  and keep the inequality. It gives  $3 < x < 3 + e^{-2}$ .
- e) All numbers on the number line (are called the real numbers and written as  $\mathbb{R}$ , i.e.  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ).
- f) Note that the inequality only is defined for  $x < \frac{2}{3}$  and for  $x > 7$ . We insert the left and right hand side into  $e^x$  and keep the inequality. This gives  $\frac{3x-2}{x-7} \geq 1$  which we then solve:  $x \leq -\frac{5}{2}$  or  $x > 7$  (and this is within the domain of definition of the inequality). Alternate way of writing:  $x \in \langle -\infty, -\frac{5}{2} \rangle \cup \langle 7, \infty \rangle$ .

**Problem 9**

- a) horizontal asymptote:  $y = 23$  (when  $x \rightarrow \infty$ )
- b) horizontal asymptote:  $y = 50$  (when  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ )
- c) horizontale asymptotes:  $y = 100$  ( $x \rightarrow \infty$ ) and  $y = 0$  ( $x \rightarrow -\infty$ )
- d) vertical asymptote:  $x = 10$  ( $y \rightarrow -\infty$  when  $x \rightarrow 10^-$ )
- e) vertical asymptotes:  $x = \pm 20$  ( $y \rightarrow -\infty$  when  $x \rightarrow -20^-$  and  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  when  $x \rightarrow 20^+$ )
- f) vertical asymptote:  $x = \frac{3}{2}$ , horizontal asymptote:  $y = \ln 6$

**Problem 10**

- a)  $g(x) = 3 \ln(x+1)$ ,  $D_g = R_f = [0, \rightarrow)$
- b)  $g(x) = e^{\frac{x}{4}} + 10$ ,  $D_g = [0, \rightarrow)$
- c)  $g(x) = \frac{2}{\ln x} - 10$ ,  $D_g = \langle 1, \sqrt[5]{e} \rangle$
- d)  $g(x) = 3 - \sqrt{e^x + 2}$ ,  $D_g = \langle \ln 2, \ln 7 \rangle$