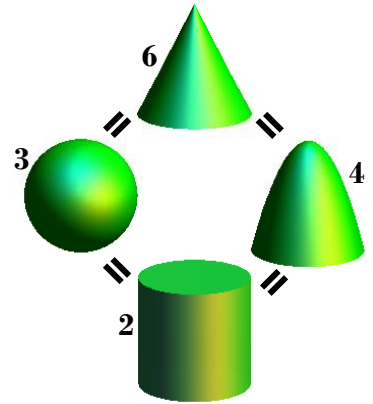




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1. (b)

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

2. (d)

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

Hole at $x = -2$. Vertical asymptote at $x = -7$.

3. (a) $\frac{(f \circ g)(4)}{(g \circ f)(4)} = \frac{f(\frac{3}{4})}{g(2)} = \frac{-\frac{5}{4}}{\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{5}{6}$

4. (c)

$$\begin{aligned}g(x) &= (x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 4) \\ &= (x + 2)(x - 2)(x^2 + 4) \\ x &= -2 \quad x = 2 \\ &2\end{aligned}$$

5. (e)

$$\begin{cases} 2x + y = -1 \\ -4x - 3y = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 4x \quad +2y = -2 \\ -4x \quad -3y = 0 \\ \hline \quad \quad -y = -2 \end{array} \Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} y = 2 \\ x = -\frac{3}{2} \end{array} \Rightarrow (-\frac{3}{2}, 2) \Rightarrow 3 \cdot -\frac{3}{2} + 2(2) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

6. (b) This cancels to 1.

7. (e)

8. (c) The common ratio is $\frac{24}{16} = \frac{36}{24} = \frac{54}{31} = \frac{81}{54} = 1.5$ so this is an exponential function.

9. (d)

$$\begin{aligned} & \ln \left(\frac{7x\sqrt{3-4x}}{2(x-1)^3} \right) \\ & \ln(7x(3-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}}) - \ln(2(x-1)^3) \\ & \ln 7x + \ln(3-4x)^{\frac{1}{2}} - \ln 2 - \ln(x-1)^3 \\ & \ln 7 + \ln x + \frac{1}{2} \ln(3-4x) - \ln 2 - 3 \ln(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

10. (b)

Using determinants:

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{vmatrix} -4 & 2 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = (-4) \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 8 & 1 \end{vmatrix} - 2 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} + 1 \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} \\ & = (-4)(-8) - (2)(-4) + (1)(-8) \\ & = 32 + 8 - 8 = 32 \text{ sq. miles} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{\det}{2} = 16 \text{ sq. miles.}$$

11. (d)

$$\text{Center of circle: } \left(\frac{-2+4}{2}, \frac{-1+5}{2} \right) = (1, 2)$$

Radius of circle:

$$\frac{\sqrt{(4 - (-2))^2 + (5 - (-1))^2}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{6^2 + 6^2}}{2} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{2} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Equation of circle in standard form: } (x-1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 18$$

12. (a) This is synthetic division of $-2x^3 + 13x^2 - 17x - 12$ by $x - 3$. You get

$$-2x^2 + 7x + 4$$

which factors as $(2x+1)(4-x)$. So the remaining roots are $-1/2$ and 4 . The product of all roots is then $-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 4 \cdot 3 = -6$.

13. (b) $(4, \infty)$

14. (a) Since the area of the larger circle is $A = 9\pi$ the area of the smaller circle is 3π and its radius is $\sqrt{3}$.

$$\text{For } x = 5 \text{ and } y = 1, (5 - (5 - \sqrt{3}))^2 + (1 - 1)^2 = 3$$

$$(x - (5 - \sqrt{3}))^2 + (y - 1)^2 = 3$$

15. (b)

$$y = 3(x-2)^2 + 6$$

$$\text{Shift left 3 units } \rightarrow 3(x-2+3)^2 + 6$$

$$\text{Stretch by 5 } \rightarrow 5 \left(3(x-2+3)^2 + 6 \right)$$

$$\text{Shift up 1 } \rightarrow 5 \left(3(x-2+3)^2 \right) + 30 + 1$$

$$\text{So } y = 15(x+1)^2 + 31$$

16. (a)

$$\begin{aligned}x &= \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\log 64}{\log 63} = \\ &= \frac{\log 64}{\log 2} = \log_2 64 = 6.\end{aligned}$$

17. (a) Since $g(x) = 1$ is satisfied for $x = 1$ or $x = -1$, we have

$$f(1) = f(g(1)) = \frac{1 - 1^2}{1 + 1^2} = 0.$$

18. (a) By substituting $t = 2^x$ we have

$$\begin{aligned}t^2 - 10t + 16 &= 0 \\ (t - 2)(t - 8) &= 0 \\ t = 2 \text{ or } t = 8 \\ 2^x = 2 \text{ or } 2^x = 8\end{aligned}$$

Hence $x = 1$ or $x = 3$. Then $x^2 + 1$ is 2 or 10.

19. (b) The given equation is equivalent to

$$x^2 - \frac{5m+6}{m+1}x + \frac{6m+5}{m+1} = 0$$

Then $x_1 + x_2 = \frac{5m+6}{m+1}$, $x_1x_2 = \frac{6m+5}{m+1}$.

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_1x_2 = \frac{11m+11}{m+1} = 11.$$

20. (b)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(n+2)!}{(n+2) \cdot (n-1)!} &= \frac{(n+1)!}{(n-1)!} = \\ n(n+1) &= 30 \\ n &= 5\end{aligned}$$

21. (c)

$$\begin{aligned}x - y &= -1 \\ y &= x + 1 \\ x^2 + (x+1)^2 - 2x - 2(x+1) - 23 &= 0 \\ 2x^2 + 1 - 2x - 2 - 23 &= 0 \\ 2x^2 - 2x - 24 &= 0 \\ 2(x^2 - x - 12) &= 0 \\ 2(x+3)(x-4) &= 0 \\ x = -3 \quad x = 4 \\ (-3, -2) \text{ and } (4, 5)\end{aligned}$$

22. (b)

$$\begin{aligned}\ln 9^{2-5x} &= \ln 27 \\(2-5x)\ln 9 &= \ln 27 \\2-5x &= \frac{\ln 27}{\ln 9} = \log_9 27 = \frac{3}{2} \\2-5x &= \frac{3}{2} \\-5x &= -\frac{1}{2} \\x &= \frac{1}{10} \\\log x &= \log 10^{-1} = -1\end{aligned}$$

23. (b)

$$\begin{aligned}y &= 4 - 3^{x-2} \\x &= 4 - 3^{y-2} \\x - 4 &= -3^{y-2} \\4 - x &= 3^{y-2} \\y - 2 &= \log_3(4 - x) \\y &= \log_3(4 - x) + 2 \\h^{-1}(x) &= \log_3(4 - x) + 2\end{aligned}$$

24. (d) The vertex of the parabola is at $x = 6/2 = 3$ so we have the coordinates $(3, -2)$. The slope we are looking for is $-1/2$. The equation then is

$$y = -1/2(x - 3) - 2$$

or any of its variants.

25. (c) We need $-2x^2 - 9x + 18 > 0$ or $-(x + 6)(2x - 3) > 0$. So we need one, but not both of $x + 6 < 0$ and $2x - 3 < 0$. So we need one, but not both of $x < -6$ and $x < 3/2$. So the interval is -6 to $3/2$.

26. (e) Let $N_1 =$ lbs. of the less expensive nuts, $N_2 =$ lbs. of more expensive nuts. So $12 = N_1 + N_2$. Let $p =$ price per lb. of less expensive nuts. Then $30 = N_1(p)$ and $70 = N_2(p + 4)$. Substituting:

$$\begin{aligned}70 &= (12 - N_1)\left(\frac{30}{N_1} + 4\right) \\70 &= \frac{360}{N_1} + 18 - 4N_1 \\70N_1 &= 360 + 18N_1 - 4N_1^2 \\N_1^2 + 13N_1 - 90 &= 0 \\(N_1 - 5)(N_1 + 18) &= 0 \\N_1 &= 5 \text{ lbs. } N_2 = 7 \text{ lbs.} \\7 \text{ lbs. } - 5 \text{ lbs.} &= 2 \text{ lbs.}\end{aligned}$$

27. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} & x^3 - 3x^2 + 25x - 75 \\ &= x^2(x - 3) + 25(x - 3) \\ & \quad (x^2 + 25)(x - 3) \\ & (x^2 + 25)(x - 3) = 0 \text{ for } x = 3, x = -5i \end{aligned}$$

28. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} & s(.07) + e(.08) \geq \$638 \\ & s + e = \$8500 \rightarrow s = 8500 - e \\ & (8500 - e)(.07) + e(.08) \geq \$638 \\ & 8500\left(\frac{7}{100}\right) + e(.01) \geq \$638 \\ & \quad \frac{e}{100} \geq \$43 \\ & \quad e \geq \$4300 \end{aligned}$$

29. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} & x^2 + y^2 - 64 = 0 \\ & x^2 - 5y - 3 = 0 \\ & 5y + 3 + y^2 - 64 = 0 \\ & y^2 + 5y - 61 = 0 \\ & y^2 + 2\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)y + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 61 = 0 \\ & \quad \left(y + \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{269}{4} = 0 \\ & \left(y + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{269}}{2}\right) \left(y + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{269}}{2}\right) = 0 \\ & y = \frac{\sqrt{269} - 5}{2} \rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{5 \frac{\sqrt{269} - 5}{2} + 3} \\ & y = \frac{-\sqrt{269} - 5}{2} \rightarrow \text{imaginary solutions} \end{aligned}$$

30. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} & x - 8y \geq -8 \rightarrow y \leq 1 + \frac{x}{8} \\ & 5x + 3y \geq 3 \rightarrow y \geq 1 - \frac{5x}{3} \\ & 6x - 5y \leq 3 \rightarrow y \geq -\frac{3}{5} + \frac{6x}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{8} = 1 - \frac{5x}{3} \Rightarrow (x = 0, y = 1)$$

$$1 + \frac{x}{8} = -\frac{3}{5} + \frac{6x}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{5} = \frac{48x - 5x}{40} \Rightarrow 8 = \frac{43x}{8} \Rightarrow x = \frac{64}{43}$$

$$1 - \frac{5x}{3} = -\frac{3}{5} + \frac{6x}{5} \Rightarrow \frac{8}{5} = \frac{5x}{3} + \frac{6x}{5} = \frac{43x}{15} \Rightarrow x = \frac{24}{43}, y = \frac{3}{43}$$

31. (d)

32. (a)

$$(2 \cdot 1 - 1)^{2011} = a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{2011}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{2011} = 1.$$

33. (b)

$$x^2 + ax + 1 = x^2 - x - a$$

$$ax + x + 1 + a = 0$$

$$(a + 1)(x + 1) = 0$$

Hence $a = -1$ or $x = -1$.

If $a = -1$, then the given equations are identical and they have two complex but not real solutions.

If $x = -1$ is a common solution to the given equations, then $a = 2$.

Therefore, the equations have a common solution if $a = 2$.

34. (b) From $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ we get $x^2 + 1 = -x$. Also $x^3 - 1 = (x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1) = 0$, so $x^3 = 1$.

$$x^{2011} + \frac{1}{x^{2011}} = (x^3)^{670} \cdot x + \frac{1}{(x^3)^{670} \cdot x} =$$

$$= x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x} = -\frac{x}{x} = -1.$$

35. (e) $\frac{m^3+1}{m-1} = m^2 + m + 1 + \frac{2}{m-1}$

So $m - 1 \in \{-2, -1, 1, 2\}$, i.e. $m \in \{-1, 0, 2, 3\}$. Hence the sum is 4.

36. (c)

$$\log_{35} 28 = \frac{\log_{14} 28}{\log_{14} 35} = \frac{\log_{14} 14 + \log_{14} 2}{\log_{14} 5 + \log_{14} 7} =$$

$$= \frac{1 + \log_{14} \frac{14}{7}}{a + b} = \frac{1 + \log_{14} 14 - \log_{14} 7}{a + b} = \frac{2 - a}{a + b}.$$

37. (d)

$$(1 + i)^2 = 2i \quad (1 + i)^4 = -4$$

$$(1 - i)^2 = -2i \quad (1 - i)^4 = -4$$

$$(1 + i)^{2011} + (1 - i)^{2011} = \left((1 + i)^4\right)^{502} \cdot (1 + i)^3 + \left((1 - i)^4\right)^{502} \cdot (1 - i)^3$$

$$= (-4)^{502} (2i - 2) + (-4)^{502} \cdot (-2i - 2)$$

$$= 4^{502} (2i - 2 + (-2i) - 2) = -4^{503}$$

38. (a) $x_1^3 - x_2^3 = (x_1 - x_2)(x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2)$
 $x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2 = 7.$
Then $q = x_1x_2 = \frac{1}{3} \left[(x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + x_2^2) - (x_1 - x_2)^2 \right] = \frac{1}{3}(7 - 25) = -6$
 $p^2 = (x_1 + x_2)^2 = (x_1 - x_2)^2 + 4x_1x_2 = 25 - 24 = 1$
 $\Rightarrow p^2 + q = -6 + 1 = -5$

39. (b) This is really meant to solve the system of equations $x + y = 10$ and

$$\frac{.5x + .3y}{x + y} = .45$$

The result is the system of linear equations $x + y = 10$ and $.5x + .3y = 4.5$. We get $x = 7.5$ and $y = 2.5$

40. (d)

$$\begin{aligned} n + d + q &= 217 \\ n &= q + 12 \\ .10d &= 4.90 + .05n \\ n + 49 + .5n + n - 12 &= 217 \\ n = 72, d = 85, q &= 60 \end{aligned}$$