

**MTH 1112 - Test #1 - Solutions**  
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Show CLEARLY how you arrive at your answers.

1. Solve the equation:  $\frac{x}{x+n} = \frac{n+2}{n+1}$

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$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{x+n} (x+n)(n+1) = \frac{n+2}{n+1} (x+n)(n+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x(n+1) = (n+2)(x+n)$$

$$\Rightarrow nx + x = nx + n^2 + 2x + 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow x = n^2 + 2x + 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow -x = n^2 + 2n$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -n^2 - 2n$$

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2. Solve the equation:  $x(4x - 4) = (4x + 8)(x - 6)$

$$x(4x - 4) = (4x + 8)(x - 6) : 4x^2 - 16x - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x = 4x^2 + 8x - 24x - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x = 4x^2 - 16x - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow -4x = -16x - 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x = -48$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4$$

$$x = -4$$

3. Solve by factoring:  $16x^2 - 40x + 25$

$$16x^2 - 40x + 25 = (4x - 5)(4x - 5)$$

4. Solve the equation by the square root method:  $(3x + 9)^2 = 81$

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$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{(3x + 9)^2} = \pm\sqrt{81}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x + 9 = \pm 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = -9 \pm 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = -9 + 9 \text{ or } 3x = -9 - 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = 0 \text{ or } 3x = -18$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = -6$$

$$\boxed{x = 0 \text{ or } x = -6}$$

5. Solve the equation using the Quadratic Formula:  $4x^2 - 8x + 2 = 0$

$$\underbrace{4}_a x^2 + \underbrace{(-8)}_b x + \underbrace{2}_c = 0$$

By the Quadratic Formula,  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(4)(2)}}{2(4)} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 32}}{8} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{32}}{8} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{16 \cdot 2}}{8} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{16}\sqrt{2}}{8} = \frac{8 \pm 4\sqrt{2}}{8} = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{i.e., } x = 1 \pm \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = 1 - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}, \quad 1 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}}$$

6. Solve the equation by Completing the Square:  $4x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$

1. Move the constant term to the other side

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x = 3$$

2. Divide both sides by the coefficient of  $x^2$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x = \frac{3}{4}$$

3. Take  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the coefficient of  $x$ , square it, add to both sides

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{3}{4} + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$$

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$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x + \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

4. Rewrite the left hand side as a perfect square

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = 1$$

5. Take the square root of both sides

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \pm\sqrt{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} \pm 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2} + 1 \text{ or } x = \frac{1}{2} - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ or } x = -\frac{1}{2}}$$

7. Write the expression in standard form  $a + bi$  :  $(2 + i)(4 - 3i)$

$$(2 + i)(4 - 3i) = 8 - 6i + 4i - 3i^2 = 8 - 6i + 4i - 3(-1) = 8 - 6i + 4i + 3 = 11 - 2i$$

$$\text{i.e. } (2 + i)(4 - 3i) = 11 - 2i$$

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8. Write the inequality using interval notation and illustrate the inequality using the real number line:  $4 < x \leq 8$

Interval Notation:  $(4, 8]$

Using the real number line:



9. Solve the inequality. Express your answer using set notation or interval notation. Graph the solution set.  $4 - 2x \leq -10$

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$$\Rightarrow 14 - 2x \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 14 \leq 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \leq x$$

Set Notation:  $\{x : 7 \leq x\}$

Interval Notation:  $[7, \infty)$

Graph of Solution Set:



10. Find the distance between the points  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , if  $P_1 = (2, 5)$  and  $P_2 = (8, -3)$

The distance between two points  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  is given by  $D = \sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2}$

$$D = \sqrt{(-3 - 5)^2 + (8 - 2)^2} = \sqrt{(-8)^2 + (6)^2} = \sqrt{64 + 36} = \sqrt{100} = 10$$

$D = 100$
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11. The graph of an equation is given.

(a) Find the intercepts.

The graph crosses the  $y$ -axis at the point 3 on the  $y$ -axis.

$y$ -intercept = 3

The graph crosses the  $x$ -axis at the points  $-4$  and  $4$  on the  $x$ -axis.

$x$ -intercepts =  $-4, 4$

(b) Indicate whether the graph is symmetric with respect to the  $x$ -axis, the  $y$ -axis, the origin, or none of these.

“By inspection,” the portion of the graph that lies below the  $x$ -axis is clearly NOT the “mirror image” of the portion of the graph that lies above the  $x$ -axis. The graph is **NOT symmetric with respect to the  $x$ -axis.**

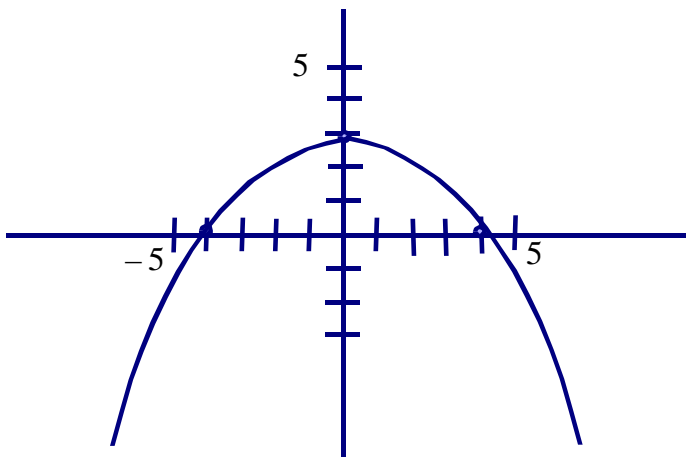
“By inspection,” the portion of the graph that lies to the left of the  $y$ -axis appears to be the “mirror image” of the portion of the graph that lies to the right of the  $y$ -axis.

By definition, a graph is symmetric about the  $y$ -axis exactly when  $(-x, y)$  is a point on the graph whenever  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph. We do a “test case” to see whether this is true. Note that  $(4, 0)$  is a point on the graph and  $(-4, 0)$  is also a point on the graph.

We conclude that the graph **IS symmetric with respect to the  $x$ -axis.**

By definition, a graph is symmetric with respect to the origin exactly when  $(-x, -y)$  is a point on the graph whenever  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph.

Notice that when  $x = 4, y \approx 1$ . However, when  $x = -4, y \not\approx -1$ . Thus,  $(-x, -y)$  is NOT a point on the graph whenever  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph. The graph is **NOT symmetric with respect to the origin.**



12. For the given equation, list the intercepts and test for symmetry.  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$

The  $x$ -intercepts of an equation are exactly those points on the graph whose  $y$ -coordinates are zero. To find these points, we set  $y = 0$  and solve for  $x$ .

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (0) - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 6$$

$x$ -intercepts are  $x = -6$  and  $x = 6$

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$$(0)^2 + y - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 36$$

$y$ -intercept is  $y = 36$

**Symmetry about the  $y$ -axis:**

For this part, let's rewrite the equation  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$  as  $y = 36 - x^2$

Observe that  $36 - (-x)^2 = 36 - x^2$

Thus, if  $y = 36 - x^2$ , then  $y = 36 - (-x)^2$

(i.e., whenever  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph,  $(-x, y)$  is also a point on the graph.)

The graph **IS symmetric about the  $y$ -axis**

**Symmetry about the  $x$ -axis:**

Observe that if  $(x, y) = (0, 36)$ , then  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$ . (i.e.,  $(x, y) = (0, 36)$  is a point on the graph of  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$ .)

Now observe that if  $(x, -y) = (0, -36)$ , then  $x^2 + y - 36 = (0)^2 + (-36) - 36 = -72$

i.e.,  $(x, -y) = (0, -36)$  is NOT a point on the graph of  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$

Therefore, if  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph of  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$ , the point  $(x, -y)$  is NOT necessarily a point on the graph.

The graph is **NOT symmetric about the  $x$ -axis**

**Symmetry about the origin:**

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Now observe that if  $(-x, -y) = (-0, -36)$ , then  $x^2 + y - 36 = (-0)^2 + (-36) - 36 = -72$

i.e.,  $(-x, -y) = (0, -36)$  is NOT a point on the graph of  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$

Therefore, if  $(x, y)$  is a point on the graph of  $x^2 + y - 36 = 0$ , the point  $(-x, -y)$  is NOT necessarily a point on the graph.

The graph is **NOT symmetric about the origin.**

13. A point on a line and its slope are given. Find the point-slope form of the equation of the line.

Point:  $(3, 6)$     Slope: 2

The point-slope form of the equation of a line is  $(y - y_1) = m(x - x_1)$ , where  $m$  is the slope and  $(x_1, y_1)$  are the coordinates of a known point on the line.

Thus, we have:  $(x_1, y_1) = (3, 6)$  and  $m = 2$

This yields:  $(y - 6) = 2(x - 3)$

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14. The slope  $m$  and a point  $P$  on a line are given. Use the information to find two additional points on the line.

Point:  $(3, 6)$  Slope: 2

Slope  $m = 2 = \frac{2}{1} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ , where  $(x_1, y_1)$  and  $(x_2, y_2)$  are points on the line.

We'll let  $(x_1, y_1) = (3, 6)$ .

Therefore, for any other point  $(x_2, y_2)$  on the line, we have:  $2 = \frac{y_2 - 6}{x_2 - 3}$  or  $\frac{y_2 - 6}{x_2 - 3} = 2$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 - 6 = 2(x_2 - 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 - 6 = 2x_2 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 2x_2$$

Arbitrarily, we choose  $x$ -values to plug in to the equation.

Letting  $x_2 = 1$ , we have  $y_2 = 2(1) = 2$

i.e.,  $(x_2, y_2) = (1, 2)$  is a point on the line.

Letting  $x_2 = 2$ , we have  $y_2 = 2(2) = 4$

i.e.,  $(x_2, y_2) = (2, 4)$  is a point on the line.

$(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 4)$  are possibilities. Other answers are possible.



15. Find the slope and y-intercept of the line. Graph the line.  $\frac{1}{3}y = x + 2$

The easiest way to do this is to rewrite the equation in slope-intercept form:  $y = mx + b$ , where  $m = \text{slope}$ , and  $b = \text{y-intercept}$

$$\frac{1}{3}y = x + 2$$

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

$$\Rightarrow y = 3x + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \underbrace{3}_m x + \underbrace{6}_b$$

Slope:  $m = 3$ , y-intercept = 6

To graph the line, let's find one other point on the line in addition to the y-intercept.

$$\text{When } x = 1, y = 3(1) + 6 = 9$$

i.e.,  $(x, y) = (1, 9)$  is a point on the line

Alternatively, we can find the x-intercept. (Let  $y = 0$ , and solve for  $x$ )

Using the original equation:  $\frac{1}{3}y = x + 2$ , and letting  $y = 0$ , we have:

$$\frac{1}{3}(0) = x + 2 \Rightarrow 0 = x + 2 \Rightarrow x = -2 \text{ (x-intercept)}$$

