

Math 1A — UCB, Fall 2010 — A. Ogus  
Solutions<sup>1</sup> for Problem Set 1

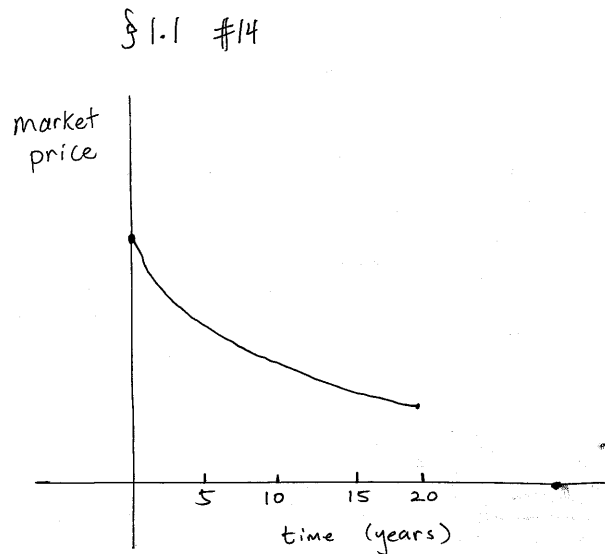
§1.1 # 6. Determine whether the curve is a graph of a function of  $x$ . If it is, state the domain and range of the function.

**The curve is a function since it passes the vertical line test. The domain is  $[-2, 2]$ . The range is  $[-1, 2]$ .**

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§1.1 # 14. Sketch a rough graph of the market value of a new car as a function of time for a period of 20 years. Assume the car is well maintained.

**Sketches will vary. The graph should start high and then go down over time. Here is a possible example:**



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§1.1 # 18. An airplane takes off from an airport and lands an hour later at another airport, 400 miles away. If  $t$  represents the time in minutes since the plane has left the terminal building, let  $x(t)$  be the horizontal distance traveled and  $y(t)$  be the altitude of the plane.

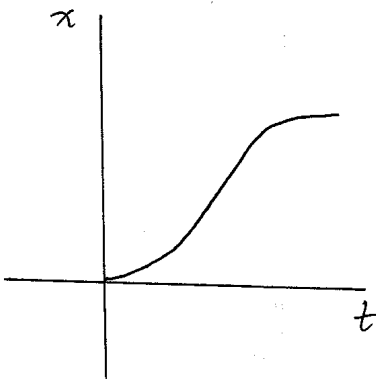
- Sketch a possible graph of  $x(t)$ .
- Sketch a possible graph of  $y(t)$ .
- Sketch a possible graph of the ground speed.
- Sketch a possible graph of the vertical velocity.

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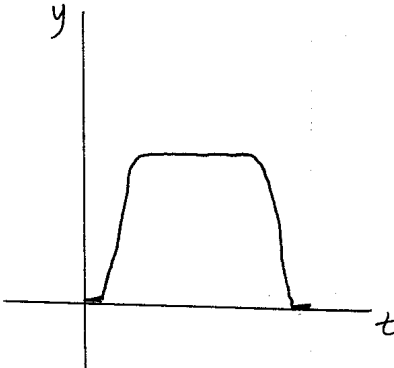
Sketches again will vary somewhat.

§1.1 #18

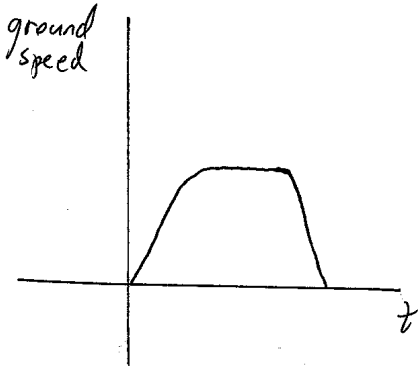
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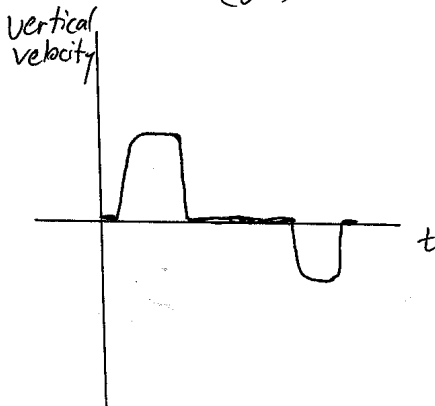
(b)



(c)



(d)



§1.1 # 30. Find the domain of the function  $g(u) = \sqrt{u} + \sqrt{4-u}$ .

**The only constraint for  $g(u) = \sqrt{u} + \sqrt{4-u}$  is that what's under the square root sign must be non-negative. Therefore, the domain is  $\{u: u \geq 0 \text{ and } 4-u \geq 0\}$ . The condition " $u \geq 0$  and  $4-u \geq 0$ " is equivalent to " $4 \geq u \geq 0$ ", so the domain may be written more simply as  $\{u: 4 \geq u \geq 0\}$  or just  $[0, 4]$ .**

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§1.1 # 57. A box with an open top is to be constructed from a rectangular piece of cardboard with dimensions 12 in. by 20 in. by cutting out equal squares of side  $x$  at each corner and then folding up the sides as in the figure. Express the volume  $V$  of the box as a function of  $x$ .

**The length of the box thus formed is  $20 - 2x$ , the width  $12 - 2x$ , and the height  $x$ . Since these three dimensions should all be positive numbers, we see that  $x$  should be greater than 0 and less than 6. I.e., the domain of  $V$  is  $\{x: 0 < x < 6\}$ . The volume  $V$  of the box is then given by multiplying the length, width, and height:**

$$\begin{aligned} V(x) &= (\text{length}) \cdot (\text{width}) \cdot (\text{height}) \\ &= (20 - 2x)(12 - 2x)x \\ &= (240 - 24x - 40x + 4x^2)x \\ &= 4x^3 - 64x^2 + 240x \end{aligned}$$

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§1.2 # 4. Match each equation with its graph. Explain your choices. (Don't use a computer or graphing calculator.)

- (a)  $G$ , since  $y = 3x$  is the graph of a straight line.
- (b)  $f$ , since the range of an exponential function such as  $y = 3^x$  is the set of all positive real numbers.
- (c) See the answer to (d) below.
- (d) The answer to (c) is  $F$  and (d) is  $g$  since as  $x$  gets bigger and bigger,  $y$  will get bigger much faster in the case of  $y = x^3$  than  $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$ .

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§1.3 # 6. The graph of  $y = \sqrt{3x - x^2}$  is given. Use transformations to create a function whose graph is as shown.

**The graph appears to have moved to the right 2 units and stretched vertically by a factor of 2. Therefore, if  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - x^2}$  is the original function, then we need to find  $2f(x - 2)$ , or  $2\sqrt{3(x - 2) - (x - 2)^2}$ . Simplifying yields  $2\sqrt{3x - 6 - x^2 + 4x - 4}$ , and finally  $2\sqrt{-x^2 + 7x - 10}$ .**

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