

2.REV.3 – LINEAR & PIECEWISE FUNCTIONS

1. A bullet is shot straight up into the air from the ground level. After t seconds, the velocity, v , of the bullet in meters per second is approximated by the formula $v = 1000 - 9.8t$.

Identify the slope and y -intercept; find the x -intercept. Describe the practical meanings of the slope, y -intercept, and x -intercept in terms of the situation.

Slope: _____ Meaning: _____

y -intercept: _____ Meaning: _____

x -intercept: _____ Meaning: _____

2. Since 1960, the solid waste generated each year in cities across the U.S. has been increasing at a constant rate of 3.8 million tons ever year. In 2000, U.S. cities generated 239.2 million tons of waste. The amount of solid waste, W , is a function of t , the years since 1960.

Identify WHAT you know:

What do you NEED to know?

Find it!

Write the function in slope-intercept form.

3. A theater manager graphed her weekly profits. One week the profit was \$11,328 when 1324 patrons attended. Another week 1529 patrons produced a profit of \$13,275.50. The weekly profit, P , is a linear function of the number of patrons, n .

Identify WHAT you know:

What do you NEED to know?

Find it!

Write the function in slope-intercept form.

4. Bob purchased a cabin for \$42,000. That was eight years ago; it was recently appraised at \$67,500. The value of the cabin, V , is a linear function of the time since it was purchased (in years), t .

Identify WHAT you know:

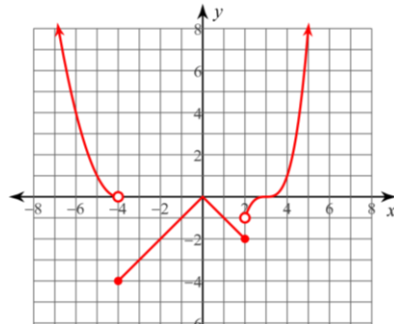
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Write the function in slope-intercept form.

USE WITH PROBLEMS 5 – 10:

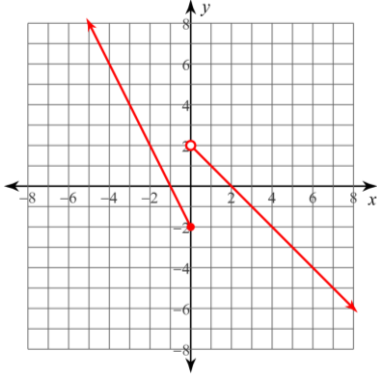
$$g(x) = \begin{cases} (x+4)^2, & x < -4 \\ -|x|, & -4 \leq x \leq 2 \\ (x-3)^3, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$



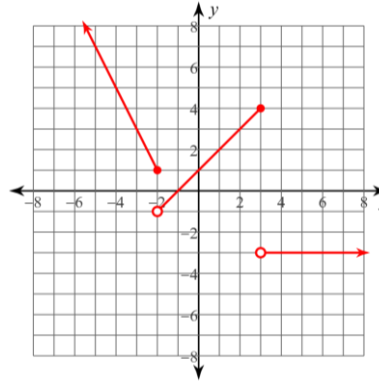
5. Evaluate: $g(-4)$.
6. Evaluate: $g(2)$.
7. Evaluate: $g(6)$.
8. Evaluate: $g(-8)$.
9. Solve $g(x) = 1$.
10. Solve $g(x) = -1$.

Write a function formula for the piecewise function $f(x)$.

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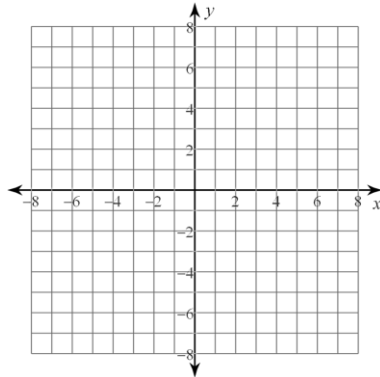
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Graph the piecewise function.

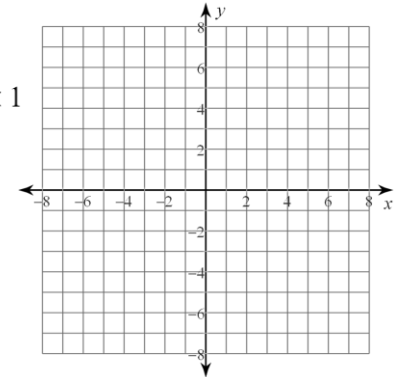
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$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 2, & x < 3 \\ x - 1, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



14.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} -6, & x < -4 \\ -x - 1, & -4 < x < 1 \\ -2x + 4, & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$



15. A bakery has the following pricing for large orders of cupcakes. The first 100 cupcakes of any order cost \$2 each. Each of the next 150 cupcakes only cost \$1.75 each. Each cupcake ordered in excess of 250 costs \$1.25 each. The total cost, C , is a function of the number of cupcakes ordered, x .

- a. Write a piecewise function for the total cost.
- b. The school orders 15 dozen cupcakes. What is the cost?
- c. A couple orders 450 cupcakes for their wedding. What did they pay?