



Tutorial 7C : Graphing Techniques

Section A: Basic Questions

- 1 Sketch, on separate diagrams, the graphs of
- (a) $y = \frac{2+x}{1-x}$, (b) $y = 2x - 1 - \frac{6}{x}$,
- giving the equations of any asymptotes and the coordinates of any points of intersection with the x - and y -axes.
- 2 Sketch, on separate diagrams, the graphs of
- (a) $(x+3)^2 + (y-4)^2 = 5$, (b) $\frac{x^2}{2^2} + \frac{y^2}{3^2} = 1$,
- (c) $\frac{y^2}{4} - \frac{x^2}{9} = 1$, (d) $x^2 + 4x + y^2 - 2y - 20 = 0$.

Section B: Standard Questions

- 3 9740/2013/01/Q3
- (i) Sketch the curve with equation $y = \frac{x+1}{2x-1}$, stating the equations of any asymptotes and the coordinates of the points where the curve crosses the axes.
- (ii) Solve the inequality $\frac{x+1}{2x-1} < 1$.
- [(ii) $x < \frac{1}{2}$ or $x > 2$]
- 4 9740/2008/01/Q9 (Modified)
- It is given that $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$, for non-zero constants a, b, c and d .
- (i) Given that $ad - bc \neq 0$, show by differentiation that the graph of $y = f(x)$ has no turning points.
- (ii) What can be said about the graph of $y = f(x)$ when $ad - bc = 0$?
- (iii) Deduce from part (i) that the graph of $y = \frac{3x-7}{2x+1}$ has a positive gradient at all points of the graph.
- (iv) Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{3x-7}{2x+1}$, including the coordinates of the points where the graph cross the axes and the equations of any asymptotes.

5 9740/2013/01/Q2 (modified)

It is given that $y = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x - 1}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq 1$.

- (i) Without using a calculator, find the set of values that y can take.
- (ii) Sketch the graph of $y = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x - 1}$, showing clearly any asymptotes, intercepts and turning points.

$$[(i) \ (-\infty, 3 - 2\sqrt{3}) \cup [3 + 2\sqrt{3}, \infty)]$$

- 6 The function f is defined by $f(x) = \frac{ax^2 + bx - 4}{x - c}$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq c$ for some real constants a , b and c . Given that $x = 3$ and $y = x + 1$ are asymptotes to the curve $y = f(x)$, find the values of a , b and c . Draw a sketch of the curve $y = f(x)$, indicating clearly the asymptotes, intersections with the axes and state the range of f .

$$[a = 1, b = -2, c = 3, \text{range of } f = \mathbb{R}]$$

7 9740/2009/01/Q6

The curve C_1 has equation $y = \frac{x-2}{x+2}$. The curve C_2 has equation $\frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$.

- (i) Sketch C_1 and C_2 on the same diagram, stating the exact coordinates of any points of intersection with the axes and the equations of any asymptotes.
- (ii) Show algebraically that the x -coordinates of the points of intersection of C_1 and C_2 satisfy the equation $2(x-2)^2 = (x+2)^2(6-x^2)$.
- (iii) Use your calculator to find these x -coordinates.

$$[(iii) \ -0.515, 2.45]$$

8 9740/2013/01/Q5(i)

It is given that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}} & \text{for } -a \leq x \leq a, \\ 0 & \text{for } a < x < 2a, \end{cases}$$

and that $f(x+3a) = f(x)$ for all real values of x , where a is a real constant.

Sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ for $-4a \leq x \leq 6a$.

- 9 Sketch, on separate diagrams, the curves defined by the following pair of parametric equations

(a) $x = t^2, \quad y = t^3 \quad \text{for } t \geq 0,$

(b) $x = \cos^2 t, \quad y = \sin^2 t, \quad \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq \frac{\pi}{2},$

(c) $x = (t+1)^2, \quad y = t^2 - 1 \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R},$

(d) $x = \frac{t}{1-t}, \quad y = \frac{t^2}{1-t} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}, t \neq 1,$

(e) $x = t + \frac{1}{t}, \quad y = t - \frac{1}{t} \quad \text{for } t \in \mathbb{R}, t \neq 0.$

Find the equations of the curves in (b), (d) and (e) in Cartesian form

State the equations of any asymptotes on your sketch of the curves for (b), (d) and (e).

$$[(b) \ x + y^2 = 1 \quad (d) \ y = x - 1 + \frac{1}{x+1} \quad (e) \ \frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{4} = 1]$$

- 10 9740/2012/01/Q11(i), (ii), (iv)

A curve C has parametric equations

$$x = \theta - \sin \theta, \quad y = 1 - \cos \theta,$$

where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$.

- (i) Show that $\frac{dy}{dx} = \cot \frac{1}{2}\theta$ and find the gradient of C at the point where $\theta = \pi$.

What can be said about the tangents to C as $\theta \rightarrow 0$ and $\theta \rightarrow 2\pi$?

- (ii) Sketch C , showing clearly the features of the curve at the points where $\theta = 0, \pi$ and 2π .

- (iv) A point P on C has parameter p , where $0 < p < \frac{1}{2}\pi$. Show that the normal to C at P crosses the x -axis at the point with coordinates $(p, 0)$.

Section C: Extension/Challenging Questions

- 11 Sketch without the use of a graphing calculator, the graphs of

(a) $y = \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x - 1}, \quad x \neq 1; \quad (b) \ y = \frac{ax - b}{cx - d}, \quad ad = bc \text{ and } x \neq \frac{d}{c};$

(c) $y = \frac{x}{x^2 - a^2}, \quad a > 0, \quad x \neq \pm a.$

- 12 Find the equation of the circle that passes through the points :
 $(-1, 2)$, $(3, 4)$ and $(2, -1)$.

$$\left[\left(x - \frac{5}{3} \right)^2 + \left(y - \frac{5}{3} \right)^2 = \frac{65}{9} \right]$$

- 13 A curve C has parametric equations

$$x = \frac{t}{1-t}, \quad y = \frac{t^2}{1-t} \quad \text{and } t \neq 1.$$

- (i) For what values of t does y becomes arbitrarily large? For the values of t found what does x tend towards? Deduce the equation of the vertical asymptote.
 (ii) Show that $\frac{y}{x}$ approaches 1 as t approaches 1. By considering $y-x$, show that as t approaches 1, C approaches a straight line, the equation of which is to be determined.
 [(i) $x = -1$ (ii) $y = x - 1$]

Section D: Self-Practice Questions

1 SRJC Prelims 9740/2009/01/Q7

The curve C has equation $y = \frac{x^2 + b}{x + a}$, where $a > 0$ and $b > 0$.

- (i) State the coordinates of the intersection(s) of the curve C with the axes in terms of a and b . [1]
 (ii) Find the equation(s) of the asymptote(s). [2]
 (iii) Draw a sketch of the curve C , labeling the equation(s) of its asymptote(s) and coordinates of any intersection with the axes. [2]
 (iv) Hence find the range of values of k , where k is a positive constant, for which the equation $x^2 + b = (x + a)(kx - a)$ has no real root. [2]

$$\frac{x^2 + b}{x + a} = y = kx - a$$

$$[\text{(i)} \left(0, \frac{b}{a} \right), \text{(ii)} x = -a, y = x - a, \text{(iv)} 0 < k \leq 1]$$

2 VJC Prelim 9740/2013/02/Q2(modified)

The curve C has equation $y = \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{x - 1}$, where a , b and c are non-zero constants.

- (a) It is given that C passes through the point $\left(3, \frac{23}{2} \right)$ and has a minimum point at $(2, 10)$
 (i) Find the values of a , b and c . [3]
 (ii) Sketch C , giving the coordinates of any turning points, points of intersection with the axes and the equations of any asymptotes. [3]

- (iii) Find the range of values m and k such that the curve with equation $\frac{x^2}{k^2} + \frac{y^2}{m^2} = 1$ does not intersect C . [2]

- (b) In the case when $a = -1$ and $b = -1$, find the set of values of c , where $c \neq 2$, such that C has no stationary point. [3]

[(a)(i) $a = 3, b = -2, c = 2$, (iii) $-2 < m < 2, k \neq 0$, (b) $\{c \in \mathbb{R} : c > 2\}$]

3 NJC Promo 9740/2006/01/Q3b

A curve is defined parametrically by the equations

$$x = \frac{t}{1+t}, \quad y = \frac{t^2}{1+t}, \quad t \in \mathbb{R}, t \neq -1.$$

- (i) Find the Cartesian equation of the curve. [2]
 (ii) Sketch the curve. Label your graph clearly, indicating any asymptote(s) and stationary point(s). [3]

$$\left[y = \frac{x^2}{1-x} \right]$$

4 CJC Mid-yr 9740/2006/Q1(modified)

Sketch the graph of $y^2 - 4x^2 = 4$, giving the equations of the asymptotes if any.

5 TJC Promo 9740/2006/01/Q10

A curve C is defined by the parametric equations $x = \sqrt{t}$, $y = t - \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$, where $t > 0$.

- (i) Find the coordinates of the x -intercept of C . [2]
 (ii) By considering the behaviour of C when $t \rightarrow 0$, find the linear asymptote of C . [1]
 (iii) Sketch C . [1]

[(i) $(1, 0)$ (ii) y -axis]

- 6 Sketch, on separate diagrams, the curves defined by the following pair of parametric equations, indicating any axial intercepts.

- (a) $x = t^2(t+1)$, $y = 4t-5$, $t \geq 0$;
 (b) $x = \theta - \cos \theta$, $y = \sin \theta$, $-\pi \leq \theta \leq \pi$.

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