

Cubic Graphs and Reciprocal Graphs

Exercise A

1 Sketch the following curves and indicate clearly the points of intersection with the axes:

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| a $y = (x - 3)(x - 2)(x + 1)$
c $y = (x + 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$
e $y = (x - 2)(x - 3)(4 - x)$
g $y = x(x + 1)(x - 1)$
i $y = (x - 2)(2x - 1)(2x + 1)$ | b $y = (x - 1)(x + 2)(x + 3)$
d $y = (x + 1)(1 - x)(x + 3)$
f $y = x(x - 2)(x + 1)$
h $y = x(x + 1)(1 - x)$
j $y = x(2x - 1)(x + 3)$ |
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2 Sketch the curves with the following equations:

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| a $y = (x + 1)^2(x - 1)$
c $y = (2 - x)(x + 1)^2$
e $y = x^2(x + 2)$
g $y = (1 - x)^2(3 + x)$
i $y = x^2(2 - x)$ | b $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2$
d $y = (x - 2)(x + 1)^2$
f $y = (x - 1)^2x$
h $y = (x - 1)^2(3 - x)$
j $y = x^2(x - 2)$ |
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3 Factorise the following equations and then sketch the curves:

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| a $y = x^3 + x^2 - 2x$
c $y = x^3 + 2x^2 + x$
e $y = x^3 - x^2$
g $y = 12x^3 - 3x$
i $y = x^3 - 9x$ | b $y = x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x$
d $y = 3x + 2x^2 - x^3$
f $y = x - x^3$
h $y = x^3 - x^2 - 2x$
j $y = x^3 - 9x^2$ |
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Exercise B

1 Sketch the following curves and show their positions relative to the curve $y = x^3$:

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| a $y = (x - 2)^3$
d $y = (x + 2)^3$ | b $y = (2 - x)^3$
e $y = -(x + 2)^3$ | c $y = (x - 1)^3$ |
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2 Sketch the following and indicate the coordinates of the points where the curves cross the axes:

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| a $y = (x + 3)^3$
d $y = -(x - 2)^3$ | b $y = (x - 3)^3$
e $y = -(x - \frac{1}{2})^3$ | c $y = (1 - x)^3$ |
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Exercise C

Use a separate diagram to sketch each pair of graphs.

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| 1 $y = \frac{2}{x}$ and $y = \frac{4}{x}$
4 $y = \frac{3}{x}$ and $y = \frac{8}{x}$ | 2 $y = \frac{2}{x}$ and $y = -\frac{2}{x}$
5 $y = -\frac{3}{x}$ and $y = -\frac{8}{x}$ | 3 $y = -\frac{4}{x}$ and $y = -\frac{2}{x}$ |
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