



(b)  $f(x+h) - f(x) = mh$  (for all  $x$  and  $h$ ) implies that  $f$  is linear of slope  $m$ .

35. Find the roots of the quadratic polynomials:

(a)  $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x - 1$                       (b)  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 1$

In Exercises 36–43, complete the square and find the minimum or maximum value of the quadratic function.

36.  $y = x^2 + 2x + 5$                       37.  $y = x^2 - 6x + 9$

38.  $y = -9x^2 + x$                       39.  $y = x^2 + 6x + 2$

40.  $y = 2x^2 - 4x - 7$                       41.  $y = -4x^2 + 3x + 8$


42.  $y = 3x^2 + 12x - 5$                       43.  $y = 4x - 12x^2$

44. Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 - 6x + 8$  by plotting the roots and the minimum point.

45. Sketch the graph of  $y = x^2 + 4x + 6$  by plotting the minimum point, the  $y$ -intercept, and one other point.

46. If the alleles  $A$  and  $B$  of the cystic fibrosis gene occur in a population with frequencies  $p$  and  $1 - p$  (where  $p$  is a fraction between 0 and 1), then the frequency of heterozygous carriers (carriers with both alleles) is  $2p(1 - p)$ . Which value of  $p$  gives the largest frequency of heterozygous carriers?

47. For which values of  $c$  does  $f(x) = x^2 + cx + 1$  have a double root? No real roots?

48.  Let  $f$  be a quadratic function and  $c$  a constant. Which of the following statements is correct? Explain graphically.

(a) There is a unique value of  $c$  such that  $y = f(x) - c$  has a double root.

(b) There is a unique value of  $c$  such that  $y = f(x - c)$  has a double root.

49. Prove that  $x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 2$  for all  $x > 0$ . *Hint:* Consider  $(x^{1/2} - x^{-1/2})^2$ .

50. Let  $a, b > 0$ . Show that the geometric mean  $\sqrt{ab}$  is not larger than the arithmetic mean  $(a + b)/2$ . *Hint:* Use a variation of the hint given in Exercise 49.

51. If objects of weights  $x$  and  $w_1$  are suspended from the Figure 14(A), the cross-beam is horizontal if  $bx = aw_1$ . If  $a$  and  $b$  are known, we may use this equation to determine weight  $x$  by selecting  $w_1$  such that the cross-beam is horizontal. If  $a$  and  $b$  are not known precisely, we might proceed as follows. First suspend  $x$  by  $w_1$  on the left as in (A). Then switch places and balance on the right as in (B). The average  $\bar{x} = \frac{1}{2}(w_1 + w_2)$  gives for  $x$ . Show that  $\bar{x}$  is greater than or equal to the true weight  $x$ .

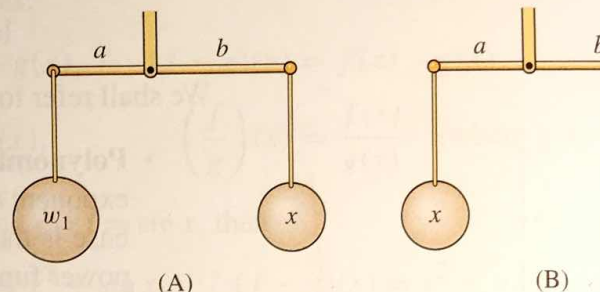


FIGURE 14

52. Find numbers  $x$  and  $y$  with sum 10 and product 24. Find a quadratic polynomial satisfied by  $x$ .

53. Find a pair of numbers whose sum and product are both 10.

54. Show that the parabola  $y = x^2$  consists of all points  $P = (x, x^2)$  such that  $d_1 = d_2$ , where  $d_1$  is the distance from  $P$  to  $(0, \frac{1}{4})$  and  $d_2$  is the distance from  $P$  to the line  $y = -\frac{1}{4}$ .

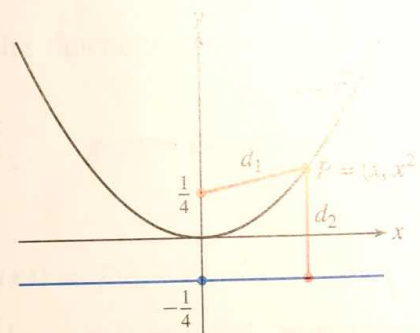


FIGURE 15

### Further Insights and Challenges

55. Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  are linear, then so is  $f + g$ . Is the same true of  $fg$ ?

56. Show that if  $f$  and  $g$  are linear functions such that  $f(0) = g(0)$  and  $f(1) = g(1)$ , then  $f = g$ .

57. Show that  $\Delta y / \Delta x$  for the function  $f(x) = x^2$  over the interval  $[x_1, x_2]$  is not a constant, but depends on the interval. Determine the exact dependence of  $\Delta y / \Delta x$  on  $x_1$  and  $x_2$ .

58. Complete the square and use the result to derive the quadratic formula for the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ .

59. Let  $a, c \neq 0$ . Show that the roots of

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad cx^2 + bx + a = 0$$

are reciprocals of each other.

60. Show, by completing the square, that the parabola

$$y = ax^2 + bx + c$$

is congruent to  $y = ax^2$  by a vertical and horizontal translation.

61. Prove **Viète's Formulas**: The quadratic polynomial with roots  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  is  $x^2 + bx + c$ , where  $b = -\alpha - \beta$  and  $c = \alpha\beta$ .

In Exercises 27–34, calculate the composite functions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ , and determine their domains.

27.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x + 1$

28.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x^{-4}$

29.  $f(x) = 2^x$ ,  $g(x) = x^2$

30.  $f(x) = |x|$ ,  $g(\theta) = \sin \theta$

31.  $f(\theta) = \cos \theta$ ,  $g(x) = x^3 + x^2$

32.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$ ,  $g(x) = x^{-2}$

33.  $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$ ,  $g(t) = -t^2$

37.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

38.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 2 & \text{when } x \geq 1 \\ x & \text{when } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

39. The population (in millions) of a country (years) is  $P(t) = 30 \cdot 2^{0.1t}$ . Show that the population doubles every 7.27 years. Show more generally that for any population function  $g(t) = a2^{kt}$  doubles after  $1/k \log_2 2$  years.

40. Find all values of  $c$  such that  $f(x) = c^x$

### Further Insights and Challenges

In Exercises 41–47, we define the first difference  $\delta f$  of a function  $f$  by  $\delta f(x) = f(x + 1) - f(x)$ .

41. Show that if  $f(x) = x^2$ , then  $\delta f(x) = 2x + 1$ . Calculate  $\delta f$  for  $f(x) = x$  and  $f(x) = x^3$ .

42. Show that  $\delta(10^x) = 9 \cdot 10^x$  and, more generally, that  $\delta(b^x) = (b - 1)b^x$ .

43. Show that for any two functions  $f$  and  $g$ ,  $\delta(f + g) = \delta f + \delta g$  and  $\delta(cf) = c\delta(f)$ , where  $c$  is any constant.

44. Suppose we can find a function  $P$  such that  $\delta P(x) = (x + 1)^k$  and  $P(0) = 0$ . Prove that  $P(1) = 1^k$ ,  $P(2) = 1^k + 2^k$ , and, more generally, for every whole number  $n$ ,

$$P(n) = 1^k + 2^k + \dots + n^k \quad \boxed{1}$$

45. First show that

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

satisfies  $\delta P = (x + 1)$ . Then apply this to

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$$

46. Calculate  $\delta(x^3)$ ,  $\delta(x^2)$ , and  $\delta(x)$ . Find a polynomial  $P$  of degree 3 such that  $\delta P = (x + 1)^2$  and  $P(0) = 0$ .  $P(n) = 1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2$ .

47. This exercise combined with Exercise 44 shows that for any whole number  $k$ , there exists a polynomial  $P$  such that  $\delta P = (x + 1)^k$  and  $P(0) = 0$ . This section requires the Binomial Theorem and Appendix C.

(a) Show that  $\delta(x^{k+1}) = (k + 1)x^k +$  terms involving smaller powers of  $x$ .

(b) Show by induction that there exists a polynomial  $P$  with leading coefficient  $1/(k + 1)$ :

$$P(x) = \frac{1}{k + 1} x^{k+1} + \dots$$

such that  $\delta P = (x + 1)^k$  and  $P(0) = 0$ .

## 1.4 Trigonometric Functions

We begin our trigonometric review by recalling the two systems of measurement for angles: **radians** and **degrees**. They are best described using the relationship between arc length and radius. As is customary, we often use the lowercase Greek letter  $\theta$  for angles and rotations.