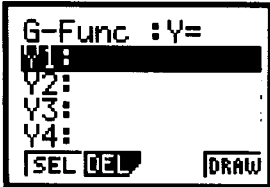


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Linear Equations
Solving
Graphing
Substitution
Using Intercepts

How to Graph Equations

Enter the Graph Menu. The G-Func screen is shown below.

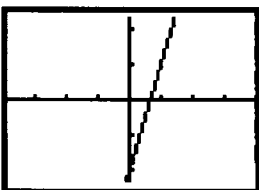


While Y1 is highlighted:
Press 3
X,T key
- key
2
EXE (stores the equation)

Please remember that X is the X,T key directly below the red Alpha key. You cannot use your multiplication key for X. Your screen should be similar to the one below.



Press F4 (DRAW). The resulting graph is shown below.



? represents a high level question

Standards: Problem Solving, Communication, Reasoning, Functions, and Algebra

Materials: fx-7400G

Calculator Use: GRAPH Menu, DRAW(F4),

How many times have you been asked to check your solutions? For example:

Solving the equation

$$\begin{aligned} 2X - 3 &= -9 \\ 2X &= -6 && \text{add 3 from both sides} \\ X &= -3 && \text{Divide both sides by 2} \end{aligned}$$

Checking the solution

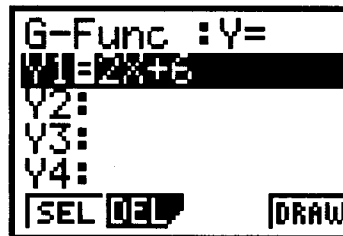
$$\begin{aligned} 2(-3) - 3 &= -9 \\ -6 - 3 &= -9 \\ -9 &= -9 \end{aligned}$$

Rewrite the original equation:

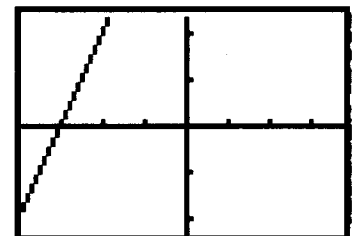
$$\begin{aligned} 2X - 3 &= -9 && \text{original equation} \\ 2X + 6 &= 0 && \text{add 9 to both sides} \\ 2X + 6 &= Y && \text{substitute Y for 0} \end{aligned}$$

Graph the equation on your calculator.

From the main menu, go to the GRAPH (4) menu. In the G-Func Screen, enter $2x + 4$ in for Y1. Press F4 (DRAW) to draw the graph.



Graph Function Screen



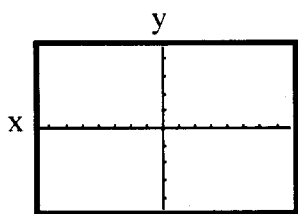
Graph of $Y = 2X + 6$

The point where a line crosses the x-axis is the **x-intercept**.

What is the x-intercept for the above line? **A.** _____

? What do you notice about the x-intercept and the solution for the original equation $Y = 2X + 6$? **B.**

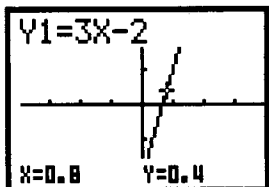
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The Cartesian Plane is named after Rene Descartes (1596-1650 AD). The x-axis is the horizontal axis and the y-axis is the vertical axis. The Cartesian Plane is sometimes called the Coordinate Plane.

How to Trace a Graph

You can approximate the x-intercept by using the TRACE function. While the graph is on the screen, press F1. Press the right arrow until the Y value on the bottom of the screen gets close to zero. (You may not always get zero for Y but this will give you a very close approximation.)



How to Zoom In or Out

While the graph is on the screen:

Press F2 (TRACE)
F4 (OUT) zoom out
or
F3 (IN) zoom in

Repeat the process you have the desired graph window.

Solve $5X - 12 = 8$ by graphing.

1. Set equation equal to zero by subtracting 8 from each side of the equation.

$$5X - 20 = 0$$

2. Substitute Y for 0 yielding $5X - 20 = Y$.

3. Enter $5X - 20$ for Y1 as shown in Figure 3.

4. Graph.

Notice that the line is barely on the graph screen as shown in Figure 4. To get a better view, press F2 for Zoom then F4 (Out). The resulting graph is shown in Figure 4.

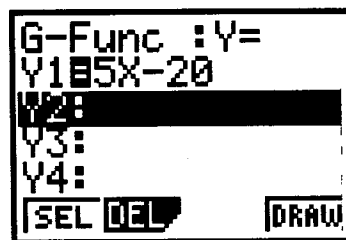


Figure 3

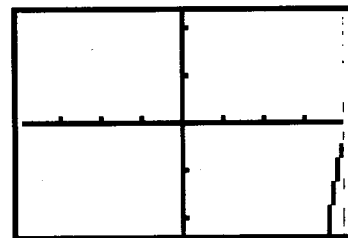


Figure 4

What is the x-intercept of the line? **C.** _____

Solve the equation for X.

What is the solution for $5X - 17 = 8$? **D.** _____

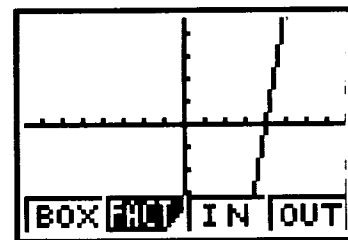


Figure 5

Find the x-intercept the following equations by graphing.

$$2X + 6 = 7$$

$$4X - 7 = -19$$

$$4X - 6 = 10$$

E. _____

F. _____

G. _____



Find the x-intercept(s) for the equations in H-J by graphing: (Hint: set each equation equal to zero, replace zero with y, and graph. Look for the x-intercepts).

$$X^2 = 4$$

$$X^2 + 4X + 3 = 0$$

$$X^2 - 3X - 10 = 0$$

H. _____

I. _____

J. _____

K.

Describe the shape of the graphs in problems H - J.



How many times does each graph in H-J cross the x-axis? **L.** _____

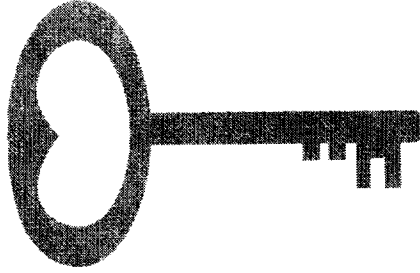
What do you notice about the x-coordinates of the x-intercepts for the corresponding equations? **M.**

Give 2 useful reasons for graphing equations:

N.

O.

Solution Key



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A. (-3,0)

B. The x-intercept is -2 and the solution to the equation $y = 2X + 4$ is also -2.

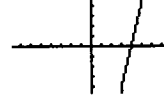
C. (4,0)

D. $X = 4$

E. (-1,0)

F. (-3,0)

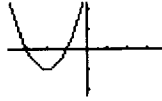
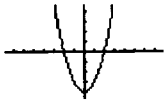
G. (4,0)



H. (-2,0) and (2,0)

I. (-3,0) and (-1,0)

J. (-2,0) and (5,0)



K. The shapes of the graphs are parabolas.

L. 2 times.

M. The x-intercepts represent the real solutions for the given equation.

N and O. Answers will vary. To find the solution for a given equation. The real solution is the where the graph crosses the x-axis. To find points of minimum and maximum for a particular problem.