P.S. Problem Solving

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1. Finding Tangent Lines Consider the circle

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 0,$$

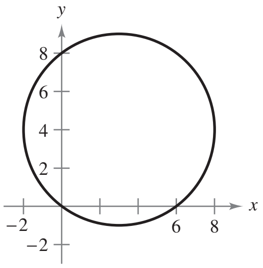
as shown in the figure.

(a) Find the center and radius of the circle.

(b) Find an equation of the tangent line to the circle at the point $(0, 0)$.

(c) Find an equation of the tangent line to the circle at the point $(6, 0)$.

(d) Where do the two tangent lines intersect?



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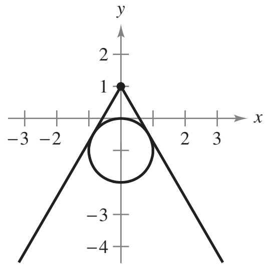

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2. Finding Tangent Lines There are two tangent lines from the point $(0, 1)$ to the circle $x^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 1$ (see figure). Find equations of these two lines by using the fact that each tangent line intersects the circle at *exactly* one point.

3. Heaviside Function The Heaviside function $H(x)$ is widely used in engineering applications.

$$H(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \geq 0 \\ 0, & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Sketch the graph of the Heaviside function and the graphs of the following functions by hand.

(a) $H(x) - 2$ (b) $H(x - 2)$ (c) $-H(x)$

(d) $H(-x)$ (e) $\frac{1}{2}H(x)$ (f) $-H(x - 2) + 2$

OLIVER HEAVISIDE (1850–1925)

Heaviside was a British mathematician and physicist who contributed to the field of applied mathematics, especially applications of mathematics to electrical engineering. The *Heaviside function* is a classic type of "on-off" function that has applications to electricity and computer science.

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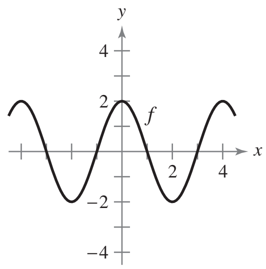
4. Sketching Transformations Consider the graph of the function f shown below. Use this graph to sketch the graphs of the following functions. To print an enlarged copy of the graph, go to *MathGraphs.com.*

(a) $f(x + 1)$ (b) $f(x) + 1$

(c) $2f(x)$ (d) $f(-x)$

(e) $-f(x)$ (f) $|f(x)|$

(g) $f(|x|)$

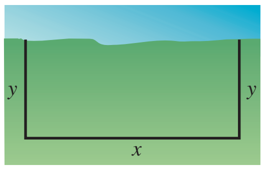


5. Maximum Area A rancher plans to fence a rectangular pasture adjacent to a river. The rancher has 100 meters of fencing, and no fencing is needed along the river (see figure).

(a) Write the area A of the pasture as a function of x, the length of the side parallel to the river. What is the domain of A?

(b) Graph the area function and estimate the dimensions that yield the maximum amount of area for the pasture.

(c) Find the dimensions that yield the maximum amount of area for the pasture by completing the square.



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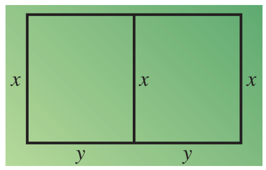

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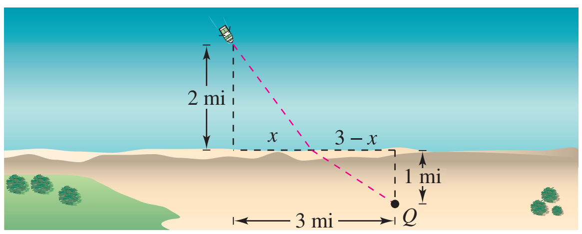
6. Maximum Area A rancher has 300 feet of fencing to enclose two adjacent pastures (see figure).

(a) Write the total area A of the two pastures as a function of x. What is the domain of A?

(b) Graph the area function and estimate the dimensions that yield the maximum amount of area for the pastures.

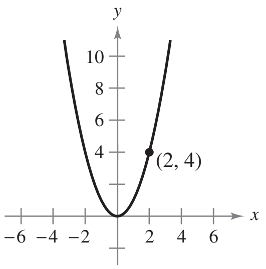
(c) Find the dimensions that yield the maximum amount of area for the pastures by completing the square.

7. Writing a Function You are in a boat 2 miles from the nearest point on the coast. You are to go to a point Q located 3 miles down the coast and 1 mile inland (see figure). You can row at 2 miles per hour and walk at 4 miles per hour. Write the total time T of the trip as a function of x.



8. Average Speed You drive to the beach at a rate of 120 kilometers per hour. On the return trip, you drive at a rate of 60 kilometers per hour. What is your average speed for the entire trip? Explain your reasoning.

9. Slope of a Tangent Line One of the fundamental themes of calculus is to find the slope of the tangent line to a curve at a point. To see how this can be done, consider the point $(2, 4)$ on the graph of $f(x) = x^2$ (see figure).



(a) Find the slope of the line joining $(2, 4)$ and $(3, 9)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(2, 4)$ greater than or less than this number?

(b) Find the slope of the line joining $(2, 4)$ and $(1, 1)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(2, 4)$ greater than or less than this number?

(c) Find the slope of the line joining $(2, 4)$ and $(2.1, 4.41)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(2, 4)$ greater than or less than this number?

(d) Find the slope of the line joining $(2, 4)$ and $(2 + h, f(2 + h))$ in terms of the nonzero number h. Verify that $h = 1, -1$, and 0.1 yield the solutions to parts (a)–(c) above.

(e) What is the slope of the tangent line at $(2, 4)$? Explain how you arrived at your answer.

10. Slope of a Tangent Line Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and label the point $(4, 2)$ on the graph.

(a) Find the slope of the line joining $(4, 2)$ and $(9, 3)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(4, 2)$ greater than or less than this number?

(b) Find the slope of the line joining $(4, 2)$ and $(1, 1)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(4, 2)$ greater than or less than this number?

(c) Find the slope of the line joining $(4, 2)$ and $(4.41, 2.1)$. Is the slope of the tangent line at $(4, 2)$ greater than or less than this number?

(d) Find the slope of the line joining $(4, 2)$ and $(4 + h, f(4 + h))$ in terms of the nonzero number h.

(e) What is the slope of the tangent line at $(4, 2)$? Explain how you arrived at your answer.

11. Composite Functions Let $f(x) = \dfrac{1}{1 - x}$.

(a) What are the domain and range of f?

(b) Find the composition $f(f(x))$. What is the domain of this function?

(c) Find $f(f(f(x)))$. What is the domain of this function?

(d) Graph $f(f(f(x)))$. Is the graph a line? Why or why not?

12. Graphing an Equation Explain how you would graph the equation

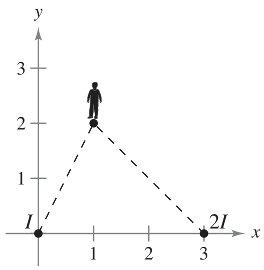
$$y + |y| = x + |x|.$$

Then sketch the graph.

13. Sound Intensity A large room contains two speakers that are 3 meters apart. The sound intensity I of one speaker is twice that of the other, as shown in the figure. (To print an enlarged copy of the graph, go to *MathGraphs.com.*) Suppose the listener is free to move about the room to find those positions that receive equal amounts of sound from both speakers. Such a location satisfies two conditions: (1) the sound intensity at the listener's position is directly proportional to the sound level of a source, and (2) the sound intensity is inversely proportional to the square of the distance from the source.

(a) Find the points on the x-axis that receive equal amounts of sound from both speakers.

(b) Find and graph the equation of all locations (x, y) where one could stand and receive equal amounts of sound from both speakers.



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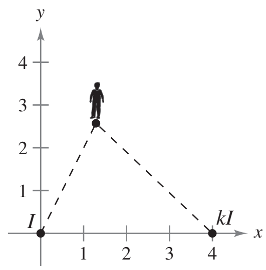

Figure for 14

14. Sound Intensity Suppose the speakers in Exercise 13 are 4 meters apart and the sound intensity of one speaker is k times that of the other, as shown in the figure. To print an enlarged copy of the graph, go to *MathGraphs.com.*

(a) Find the equation of all locations (x, y) where one could stand and receive equal amounts of sound from both speakers.

(b) Graph the equation for the case $k = 3$.

(c) Describe the set of locations of equal sound as k becomes very large.

15. Lemniscate Let d_1 and d_2 be the distances from the point (x, y) to the points $(-1, 0)$ and $(1, 0)$, respectively, as shown in the figure. Show that the equation of the graph of all points (x, y) satisfying $d_1 d_2 = 1$ is

$$(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 2(x^2 - y^2).$$

This curve is called a **lemniscate.** Graph the lemniscate and identify three points on the graph.