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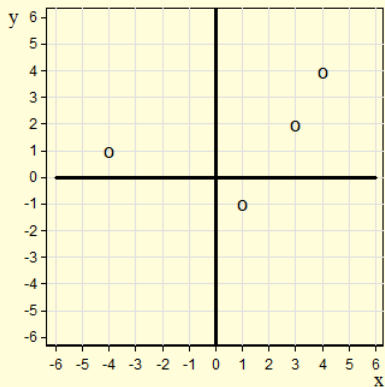
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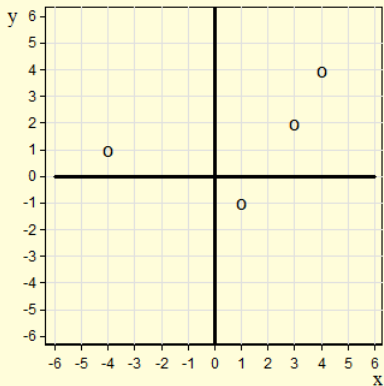
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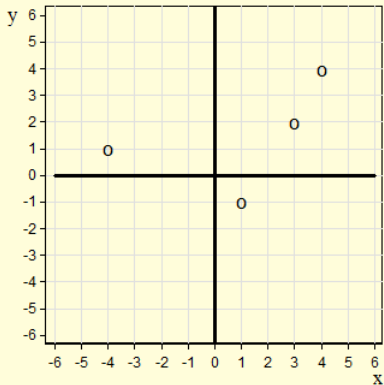
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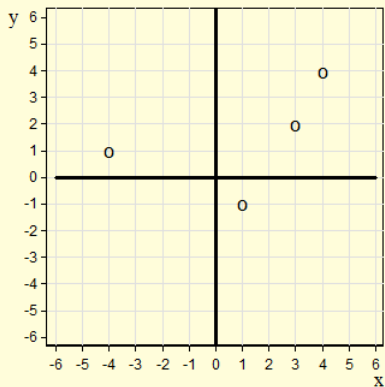
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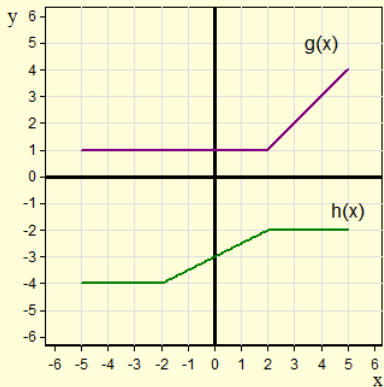
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Calculate:  $4k(1) + k(-4)$



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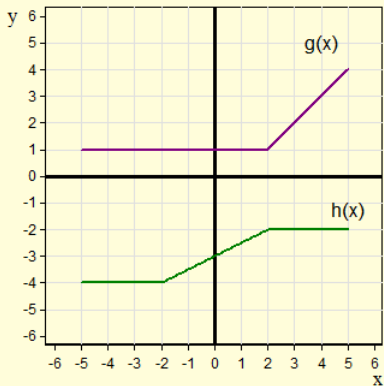
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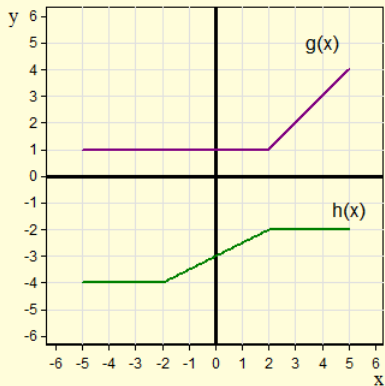
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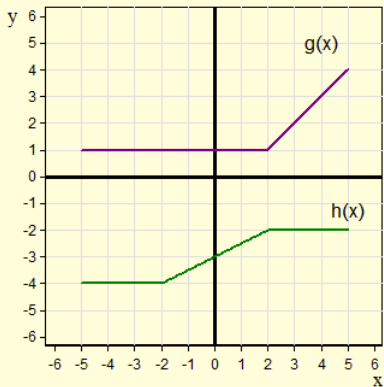
Calculate:  $2h(0) - g(4)$



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Let  $f(x) = g(x) + h(x)$

Draw  $f(x)$  on the diagram

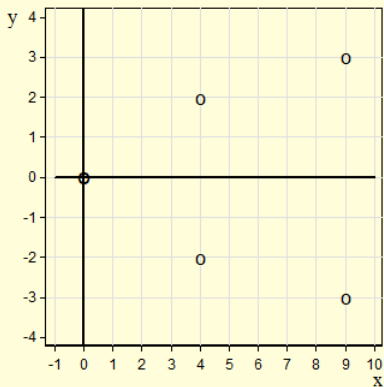




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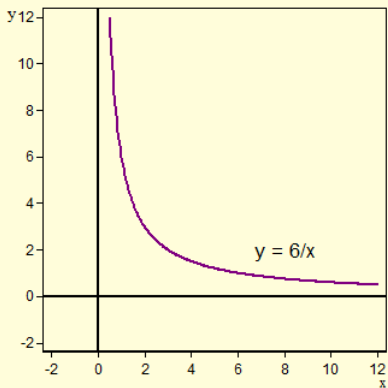
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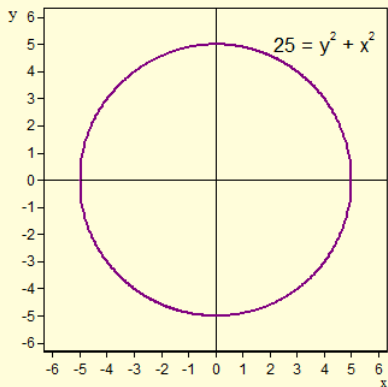
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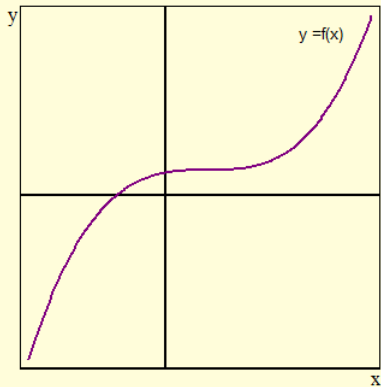
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Find the domain of:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+5}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$$

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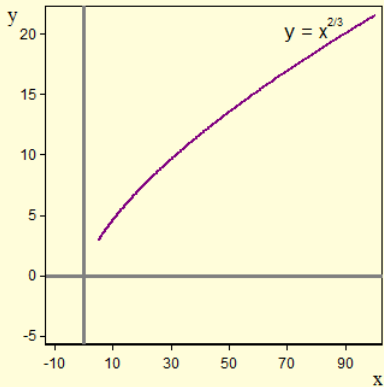
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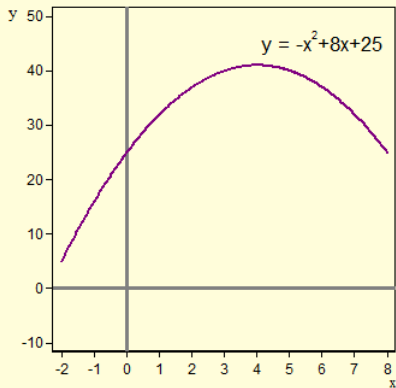
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**Example:** Consider the following one-to-one discrete function:

$$g = \{(-5, 3), (-2, 5), (1, 4), (2, -4)\}$$

Find  $g^{-1}$ , the inverse of  $g$ .

**Functions:** Consider the following one-to-one functions:

$$h(x) = 3x + 6$$

Find the inverse function,  $h^{-1}$





## Inverse Functions

A function and its inverse have a special property. If  $f(x)$  is a function and  $f^{-1}(x)$  is its inverse, then:

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$$



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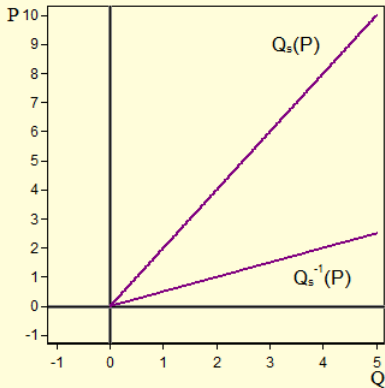
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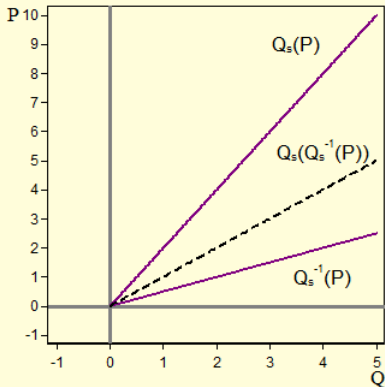
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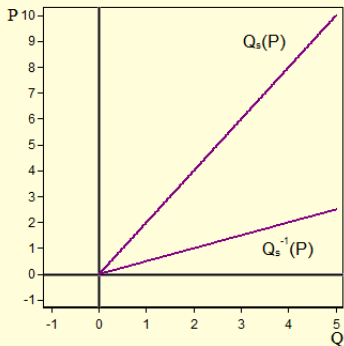
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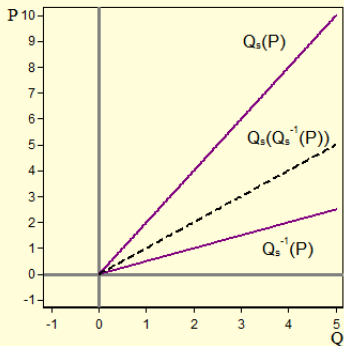
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## Graphing Solutions to a System of Two Linear Equations

Consider the following supply and demand functions:

$$Q_d = 4000 - 20P$$

$$Q_s = 1000 + 30P$$

Using Excel, graph the system for the price ( $P$ ) and quantity when  $Q_d = Q_s$  (this is known as equilibrium in economics). Have price on the y-axis and quantity on the x-axis.



## Graphing Solutions to a System of Two Linear Equations

Consider the following revenue function,  $R(Q)$ , and cost function,  $C(Q)$  where  $Q$  is the quantity of output.

$$R(Q) = 2Q$$

$$C(Q) = 0.01Q^2$$

Using Excel, graph the revenue and cost function. Looking at your graph, what quantity of output,  $Q$ , maximizes profit?

