

# HIGHER MATHEMATICS

## COURSE NOTES

# UNIT 2

## FORMULAE LIST

### Circle:

The equation  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  represents a circle centre  $(-g, -f)$  and radius  $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$ .

The equation  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$  represents a circle centre  $(a, b)$  and radius  $r$ .

**Scalar Product:**  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = |\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}| \cos \theta$ , where  $\theta$  is the angle between  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$

or  $\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = a_1 b_1 + a_2 b_2 + a_3 b_3$  where  $\mathbf{a} = \begin{pmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \begin{pmatrix} b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Trigonometric formulae:**  $\sin(A \pm B) = \sin A \cos B \pm \cos A \sin B$

$$\cos(A \pm B) = \cos A \cos B \mp \sin A \sin B$$

$$\sin 2A = 2 \sin A \cos A$$

$$\cos 2A = \cos^2 A - \sin^2 A$$

$$= 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

$$= 1 - 2 \sin^2 A$$

**Table of standard derivatives:**

$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$\sin ax$	$a \cos ax$
$\cos ax$	$-a \sin ax$

**Table of standard integrals:**

$f(x)$	$\int f(x) dx$
$\sin ax$	$-\frac{1}{a} \cos ax + C$
$\cos ax$	$\frac{1}{a} \sin ax + C$

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# POLYNOMIALS

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0$$

The COEFFICIENTS  $a_0, a_1, a_2 \dots a_n$  are constants,  $a_n \neq 0$

The DEGREE is the highest power.

The CONSTANT is the term independent of  $x$ . ( $a_0$ )

Usually written as descending powers of  $x$ .

$(x - 2)(x + 2)(x^3 + 3)$ $= x^5 - 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 12$	<p>degree 5</p> <p>coefficient of <math>x^5</math> is 1</p> <p>coefficient of <math>x^4</math> is 0</p> <p>constant is -12</p>
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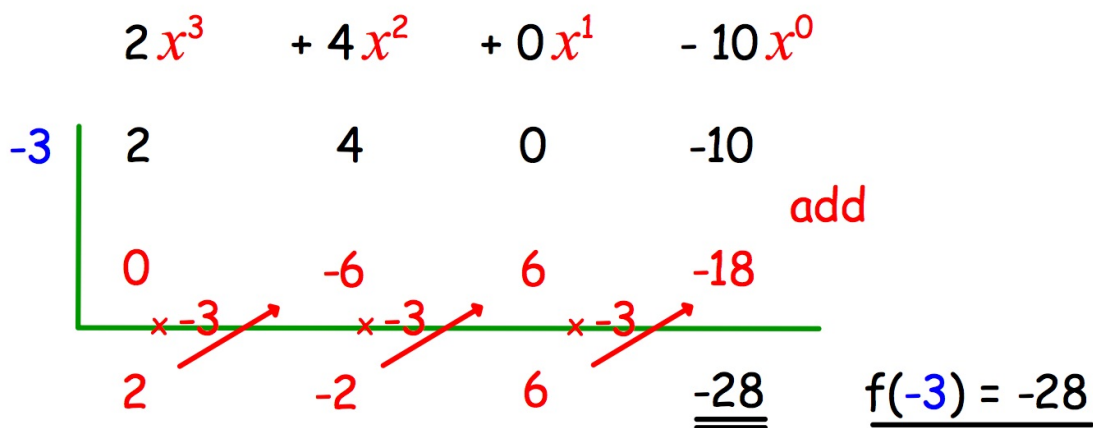
## VALUE

$f(x) = 2x^3 + 4x^2 - 10$  , find  $f(-3)$ .

$$f(-3) = 2(-3)^3 + 4(-3)^2 - 10 = \underline{\underline{-28}}$$

NESTED FORM: uses detached coefficients.

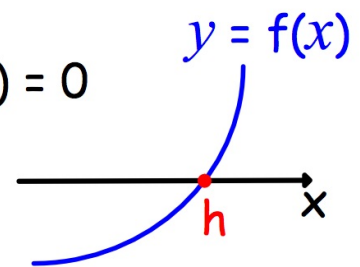
include ALL descending powers of  $x$ .



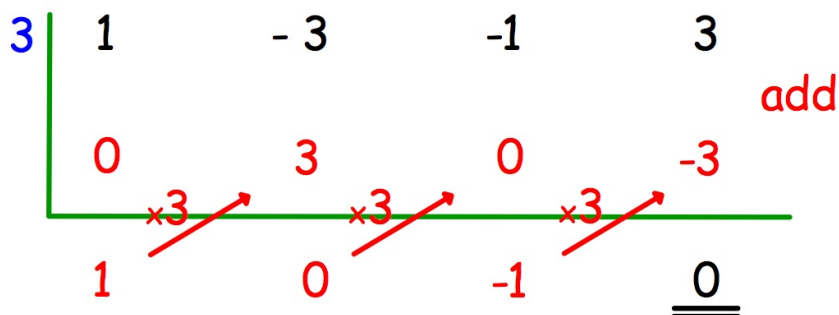
## FACTOR THEOREM:

$$f(h) = 0 \iff x - h \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\iff h \text{ is a root of equation } f(x) = 0$$



(1) Show **3** is a root of  $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3 = 0$



$$f(3) = 0$$

$$\iff \underline{\underline{3 \text{ is a root}}}$$

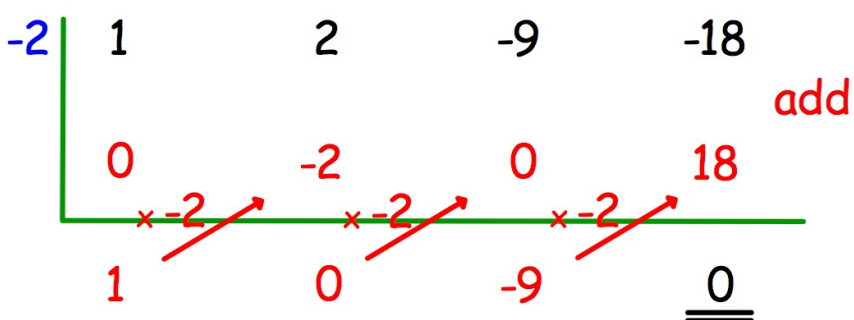
(2) Show  $x - \mathbf{3}$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 3x^2 - x + 3$

as (1) but conclude

$$f(3) = 0$$

$$\iff \underline{\underline{x - 3 \text{ is a factor}}}$$

(3) Show  $x + \mathbf{2}$  is a factor of  $x^3 + 2x^2 - 9x - 18$




$$f(-2) = 0$$

$$\iff \underline{\underline{x + 2 \text{ is a factor}}}$$

## REMAINDER THEOREM:

$$f(x) = (x - h) Q(x) + f(h)$$



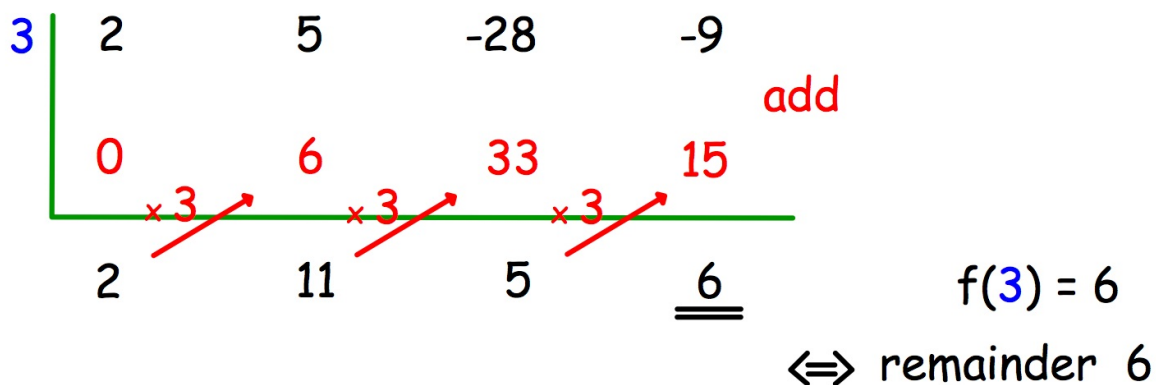
**POLYNOMIAL = DIVISOR  $\times$  QUOTIENT + REMAINDER**

$Q(x)$  is a polynomial of degree one lower than  $f(x)$

## SYNTHETIC DIVISION

When  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x - h$  the remainder is  $f(h)$ .

- (1) Find the quotient and remainder on dividing  
 $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 9$  by  $x - 3$



$f(3) = 6$   
 $\Leftrightarrow$  remainder 6

$$2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 9 = (x - 3)(2x^2 + 11x + 5) + 6$$

quotient  $2x^2 + 11x + 5$  , remainder 6

(2) Find the quotient and remainder on dividing  $4x^3 - 3x + 5$  by  $2x + 1$

root  $2x + 1 = 0$   
 $2x = -1$   
 $x = -1/2$

$-1/2$	4	0	-3	5	
	0	-2	1	1	add
	$x^{-1/2}$	$x^{-1/2}$	$x^{-1/2}$		
	4	-2	-2	<u>6</u>	

$f(-1/2) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x + 1/2$  is a factor

$$\begin{aligned}
 4x^3 - 3x + 5 &= (x + 1/2)(4x^2 - 2x - 2) + 6 \\
 &= (x + 1/2) \cdot 2(2x^2 - x - 1) + 6 \\
 &= (2x + 1)(2x^2 - x - 1) + 6
 \end{aligned}$$

quotient  $2x^2 - x - 1$ , remainder 6

## UNKNOWNNS

- (1) If  $2x^3 + x^2 - bx - 1$  divided by  $x + 2$  has a remainder of 3, find the value of  $b$ .

-2	2	1	-b	-1	
	0	-4	6	2b-12	add
	x-2	x-2	x-2		
	2	-3	-b+6	<u>2b-13</u>	

$\Leftrightarrow f(-2) = 3$   
 $2b - 13 = 3$   
 $2b = 16$   
b = 8

- (2) If  $x^3 + ax^2 - 5x - 6$  has a factor  $x - 2$ , find the value of  $a$  and fully factorise.

2	1	a	-5	-6	
	0	2	2a+4	4a-2	add
	x-2	x-2	x-2		
	1	a+2	2a-1	<u>4a-8</u>	

$\Leftrightarrow f(2) = 0$   
 $4a - 8 = 0$   
a = 2

**a = 2**

1	4	3	
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$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6 &= (x - 2)(1x^2 + 4x + 3) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{(x - 2)(x + 1)(x + 3)}}
 \end{aligned}$$



# FACTORISATION

Find a factor  $h$  of the CONSTANT such that  $f(h) = 0$

(1) Fully factorise  $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15$

factors of  $-15$ :  $\pm 1, \pm 3, \pm 5, \pm 15$

$$f(1) = 2 \times 1^3 + 5 \times 1^2 - 28 \times 1 - 15 \neq 0$$

$$f(-1) = 2 \times (-1)^3 + 5 \times (-1)^2 - 28 \times (-1) - 15 \neq 0$$

$$f(3) = 2 \times 3^3 + 5 \times 3^2 - 28 \times 3 - 15 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$3$  is a root

3 | 2      5      -28      -15

add

0      6      33      15

x3    x3    x3

2      11      5      0

$f(3) = 0$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x - 3$  is a factor

coefficients of a poly. of degree one lower

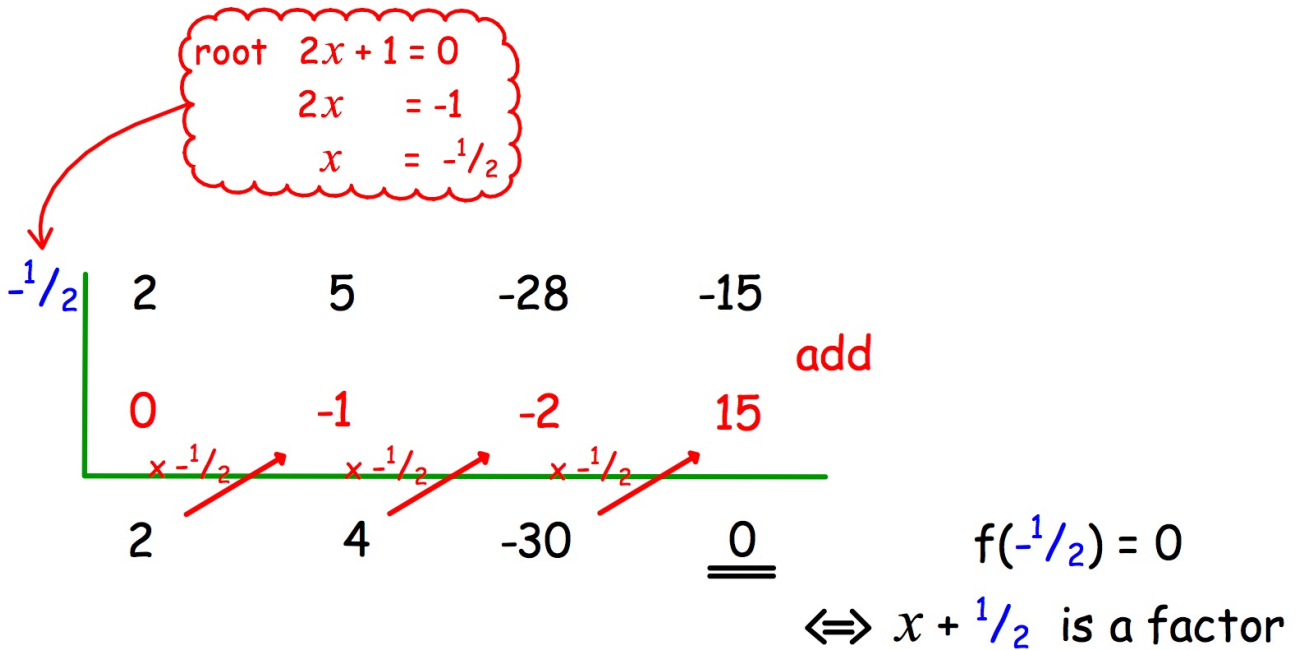
$$2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15 = (x - 3)(2x^2 + 11x + 5)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{(x - 3)(2x + 1)(x + 5)}}$$

(2) Given  $2x + 1$  is a factor,

fully factorise  $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15$

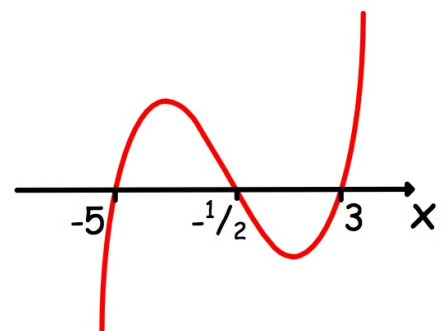
and so solve  $2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15 = 0$



$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15 &= (x + 1/2)(2x^2 + 4x - 30) \\
 &= (x + 1/2) \cdot 2(x^2 + 2x - 15) \\
 &= (2x + 1)(x^2 + 2x - 15) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{(2x + 1)(x + 5)(x - 3)}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15 &= 0 \\
 (2x + 1)(x + 5)(x - 3) &= 0 \\
 x = -1/2 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -5 \quad \text{or} \quad x = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

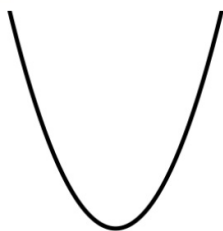
ROOTS are -5, -1/2 and 3



$$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 28x - 15$$

# EQUATION FROM THE GRAPH

Quadratics: 'U'



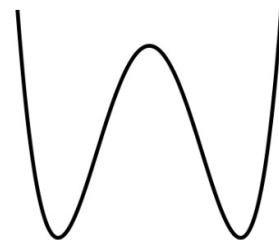
two roots

Cubics: 'S'

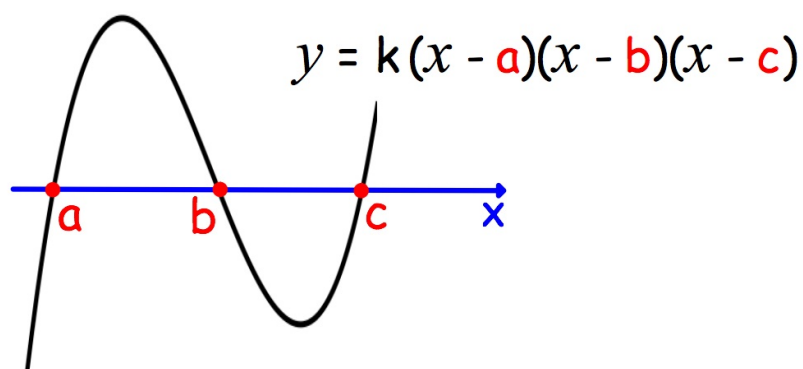


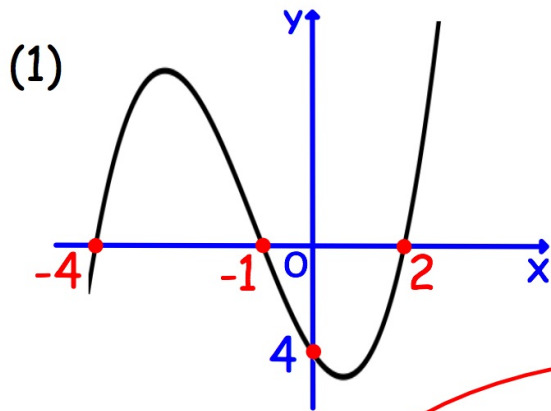
three roots

Quartics: 'W'



four roots





for (0,4) substitute  
 $x = 0$  and  $y = 4$

$$y = k(x - a)(x - b)(x - c)$$

$$y = k(x + 4)(x + 1)(x - 2)$$

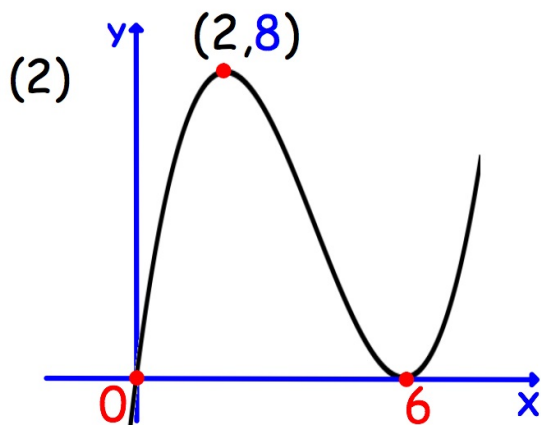
$$4 = k(0 + 4)(0 + 1)(0 - 2)$$

$$4 = -8k$$

$$k = 4 / -8$$

$$k = -1/2$$

$$\underline{\underline{y = -1/2(x + 4)(x + 1)(x - 2)}}$$



for (2,8) substitute  
 $x = 2$  and  $y = 8$

root  
 $x = 0$

repeated root

$$y = kx(x - b)^2$$

$$y = kx(x - 6)^2$$

$$8 = k \times 2 \times (2 - 6)^2$$

$$8 = 32k$$

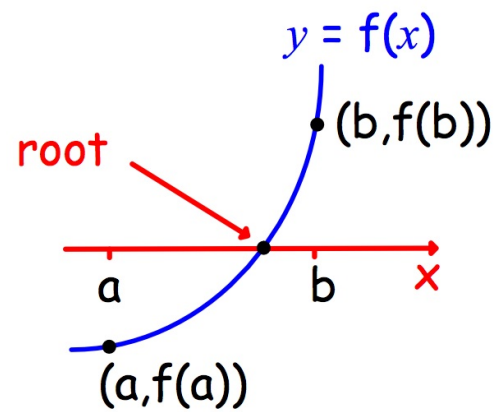
$$k = 8 / 32$$

$$k = 1/4$$

$$\underline{\underline{y = 1/4 x(x - 6)^2}}$$

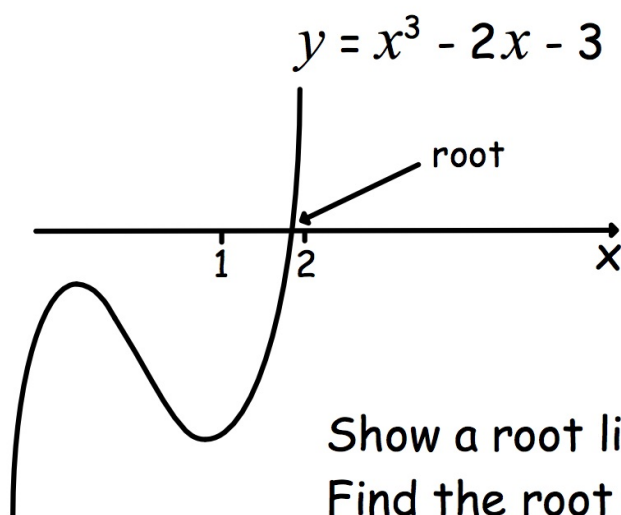
## ITERATION

The root is where  $f(x) = 0$



To show a root lies between  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ , show the  $y$ -coord. changes sign ie. find  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .

To improve the root repeat the process by using values of  $x$  between  $a$  and  $b$ .



Show a root lies between 1 and 2.  
Find the root correct to one decimal place.

Show  $x^3 - 2x - 3 = 0$  has a root between 1 and 2.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 3$$

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 2 \times 1 - 3 = -4$$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 2 \times 2 - 3 = +1$$

function changed sign, so a root lies between 1 and 2.

consider half-way  
between 1 and 2

$$f(1.5) = 1.5^3 - 2 \times 1.5 - 3 = -2.625$$

sign changes  
between 1.5 and 2

$$f(1.6) = -2.104$$

$$f(1.7) = -1.487$$

$$f(1.8) = -0.768$$

$$f(1.9) = +0.059$$

sign changes  
between 1.8 and 1.9

$$f(1.85) = -0.368375$$

function changed sign, so a root lies between 1.85 and 1.9

ROOT  $\approx$  1.9

# QUADRATIC THEORY

## QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  can be solved by  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

If  $b^2 - 4ac$  is 0, 1, 4, 9... then solve by factorising.

$$(1) \quad \frac{2}{x} = \frac{x+3}{5}$$

$$\frac{2}{x} = \frac{x+3}{5}$$

$$10 = x(x+3)$$

$$10 = x^2 + 3x$$

$$0 = x^2 + 3x - 10$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$$

$$(x+5)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = -5 \text{ or } x = 2}}$$

(2) Find the roots of  $3x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

$$a = 3, \quad b = -4, \quad c = -9$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{+4 \pm \sqrt{124}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{4 - \sqrt{124}}{6} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{4 + \sqrt{124}}{6}$$

$$= -1.189... \quad \text{or} \quad 2.522...$$

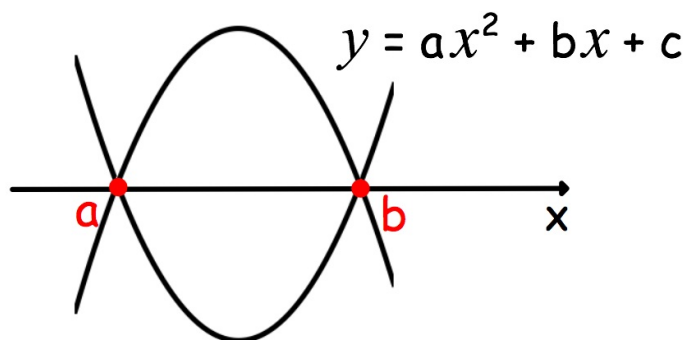
$$\underline{\underline{x = -1.2 \text{ or } x = 2.5}}$$

# QUADRATIC INEQUALITIES

$$(x - a)(x - b) > 0 \text{ or similar}$$

solution is one of two possibilities: (i)  $a < x < b$   
 (ii)  $x < a$  or  $x > b$

SKETCH GRAPH:  $a > 0$  ie. positive  $\smile$   $a < 0$  ie. negative  $\frown$



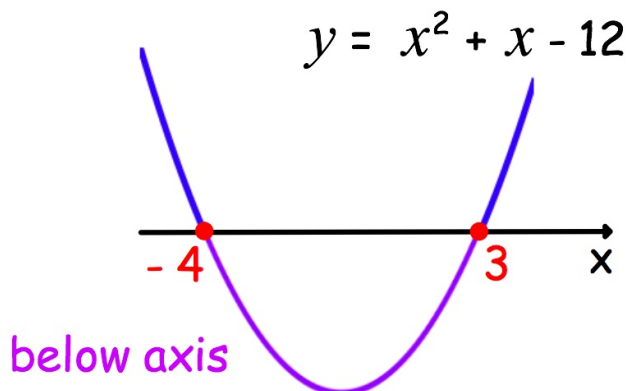
$ax^2 + bx + c > 0$   
 curve above axis

$ax^2 + bx + c < 0$   
 curve below axis

(1)  $x^2 + x - 12 < 0$

$$(x + 4)(x - 3) < 0$$

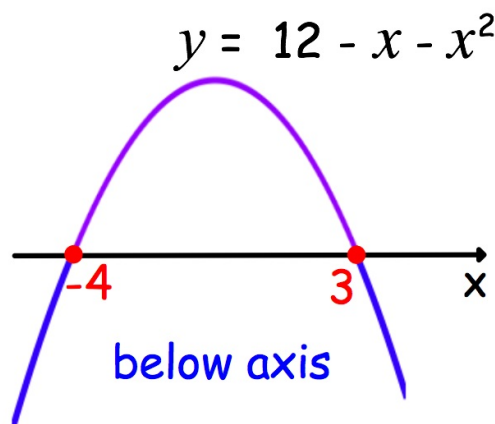
$$\underline{\underline{-4 < x < 3}}$$



(2)  $12 - x - x^2 \leq 0$

$$(4 + x)(3 - x) \leq 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x \leq -4 \text{ or } x \geq 3}}$$





## DISCRIMINANT

The quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

can be rearranged to  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

The quadratic formula finds the ROOTS of the equation.

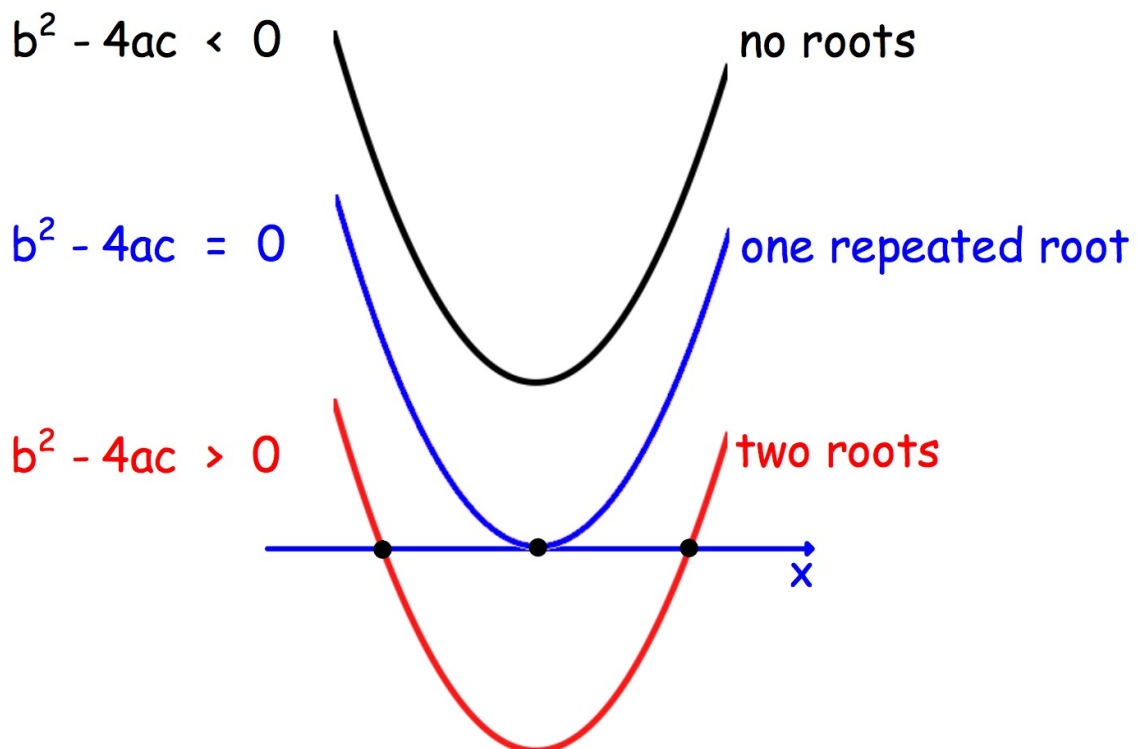
$\pm \sqrt{\text{positive}}$  two solutions

$\pm \sqrt{0}$  one solution

$\pm \sqrt{\text{negative}}$  no solution

The DISCRIMINANT  $b^2 - 4ac$

is used to determine the NATURE of the roots.



## NATURE OF THE ROOTS

$b^2 - 4ac > 0$  TWO REAL AND DISTINCT ROOTS

$b^2 - 4ac = 0$  TWO REAL AND EQUAL ROOTS

$b^2 - 4ac < 0$  NO REAL ROOTS

### NOTE:

(i) condition for REAL ROOTS  $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$

(ii) if  $b^2 - 4ac$  is a square number 0, 1, 4, 9... then  
the roots are RATIONAL, otherwise IRRATIONAL.  
(SURD)

(1) Find the nature of the roots of  $3x^2 - 4x - 9 = 0$

$$a = 3, b = -4, c = -9$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-4)^2 - 4 \times 3 \times (-9) = 124$$

$$b^2 - 4ac > 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{two real and distinct roots}}}$$

(and irrational)

(2) Find the nature of the roots of  $2x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

$$a = 2, b = -1, c = 1$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-1)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times 1 = -7$$

$$b^2 - 4ac < 0 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{no real roots}}}$$

## INTERSECTION OF A LINE AND CURVE

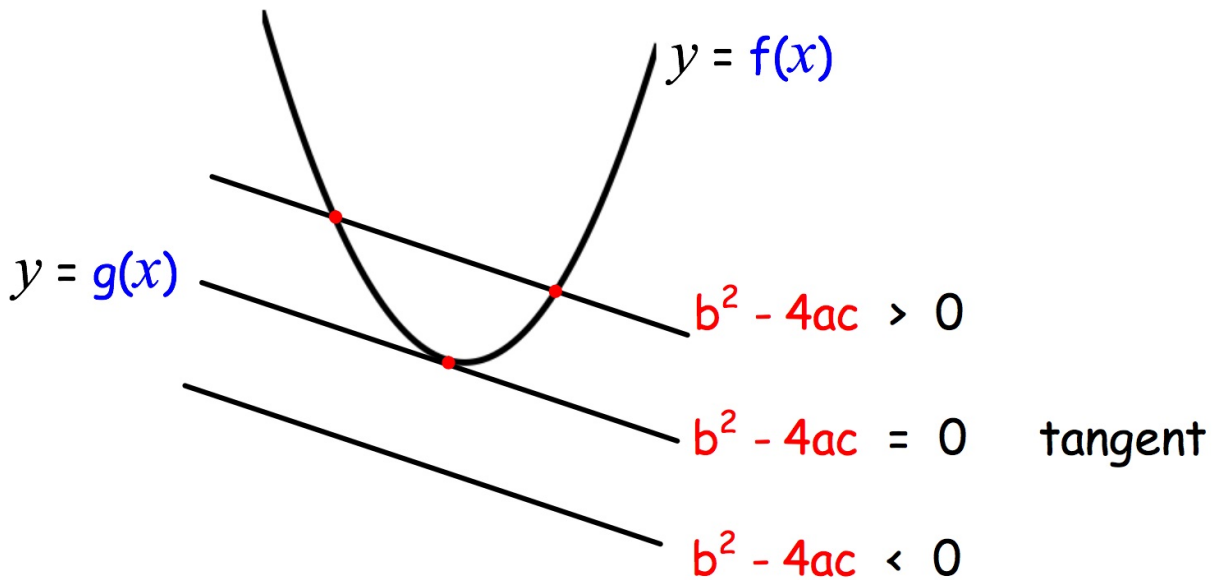
Substitution

$$f(x) = g(x)$$

results in

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

Discriminant  $b^2 - 4ac$  distinguishes between:



## TANGENCY

A tangent is a line that touches the curve at one point.

The substitution results in a quadratic equation with one solution:

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow \text{EQUAL ROOTS}$$

so line is a tangent

Show that the line  $y = 5x - 2$  is a tangent to the curve  $y = 2x^2 + x$  and find the point of contact.

$$2x^2 + x = 5x - 2$$

$$2x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$$

$$1x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 5x - 2 \\ &= 5 \times 1 - 2 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-2)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 1 = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{b^2 - 4ac = 0 \Rightarrow \text{line is a tangent}}}$$

point of contact (1,3)

alternative:

$$2x^2 + x = 5x - 2$$

$$2x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$$

$$1x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 5x - 2 \\ &= 5 \times 1 - 2 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

one point of contact  
 $\Rightarrow$  line is a tangent

point of contact (1,3)

## UNKNOWNNS

(1) Given  $6x^2 + 12x + k = 0$  has REAL roots, find  $k$ .

$$a = 6, b = 12, c = k$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 12^2 - 4 \times 6 \times k = 144 - 24k$$

$$\text{for real roots} \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$$

$$144 - 24k \geq 0$$

$$-24k \geq -144$$

$$\underline{\underline{k \leq 6}}$$

(2) Show that  $(2k + 4)x^2 + (3k + 2)x + (k - 2) = 0$   
always has REAL roots.

$$a = (2k + 4), b = (3k + 2), c = (k - 2)$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (3k + 2)^2 - 4(2k + 4)(k - 2)$$

$$= (9k^2 + 12k + 4) - 4(2k^2 - 8)$$

$$= 9k^2 + 12k + 4 - 8k^2 + 32$$

$$= k^2 + 12k + 36$$

$$= (k + 6)^2$$

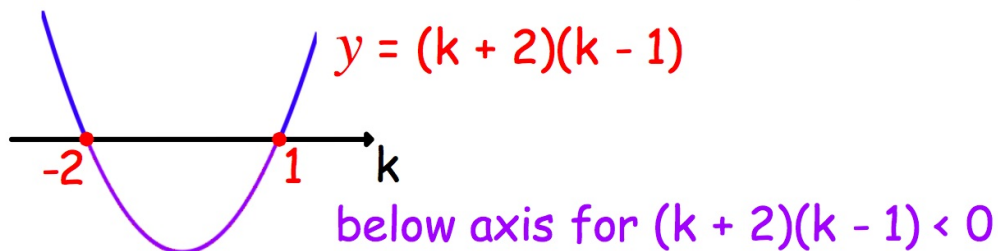
for all values of  $k$ ,  $(k + 6)^2 \geq 0$

$b^2 - 4ac \geq 0 \Rightarrow$  real roots

so roots are always real

(3) Find the values of  $k$  for which the equation  $x^2 - 2kx + 2 - k = 0$  has no real roots.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a = 1, \quad b = (-2k), \quad c = (2 - k) & \quad \text{no real roots} \\
 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac < 0 & \\
 b^2 - 4ac = (-2k)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times (2 - k) & \quad 4k^2 + 4k - 8 < 0 \\
 = 4k^2 - 8 + 4k & \quad k^2 + k - 2 < 0 \\
 = 4k^2 + 4k - 8 & \quad (k + 2)(k - 1) < 0 \\
 & \quad \underline{\underline{-2 < k < 1}}
 \end{aligned}$$



(4) If the line gradient 3,  $y = 3x + C$ , is a tangent to the curve  $y = x^2 + 1$ , find  $C$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^2 + 1 &= 3x + C \\
 1x^2 - 3x + 1 - C &= 0 \\
 a = 1, \quad b = -3, \quad c = (1 - C) & \quad \text{line a tangent} \\
 \Rightarrow b^2 - 4ac = 0 & \\
 4C + 5 = 0 & \\
 4C = -5 & \\
 C = \underline{\underline{-5/4}} &
 \end{aligned}$$