

# U5:L3 Absolute Value Equations

Fill in the following lessons with help from your textbook (pages 380 - 388) or

An absolute value equation is an equation that includes the absolute value of an expression involving a variable.

There are two possible cases:

<b>CASE 1</b>	Expression inside Absolute Value is $\oplus$ or $\emptyset$
<b>CASE 2</b>	Expression inside Absolute Value is $\ominus$

## Solving an Absolute Value Equation

Solve  $|x - 3| = 7$

Think about the piecewise function:

$$|x - 3| = \begin{cases} x - 3 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \\ -(x - 3) & \text{if } x < 3 \end{cases}$$

*Case 1 ( $\oplus$  or  $\emptyset$ )* (indicated by a red arrow pointing to the top part of the piecewise function)

*Case 2 ( $\ominus$ )* (indicated by a red arrow pointing to the bottom part of the piecewise function)

Case 1

$$x - 3 = 7$$

$$x = 10$$

VERIFY:  $|(10) - 3| = 7$

$$|7| = 7 \checkmark$$

$$7 = 7$$

Case 2

$$-(x - 3) = 7$$

$$x - 3 = -7$$

$$x = -4$$

VERIFY:  $|(-4) - 3| = 7$

$$|-7| = 7$$

$$7 = 7 \checkmark$$

What this tells you is WHERE the graph of  $|x - 3|$  is @ 7. This will be @ (10, 7) and (-4, 7)

Graph w/ Desmos to verify!

Remember from Booklet 1  
we get this by doing:

$$\begin{aligned} |2x-5| &= 0 \\ 2x-5 &= 0 \\ 2x &= 5 \\ x &= 5/2 \end{aligned}$$

### Extraneous Solutions

Solve  $|2x-5| = 5-3x$

Piecewise Function

$$|2x-5| = \begin{cases} 2x-5, & \text{if } x \geq \frac{5}{2} \\ -(2x-5) & \text{if } x < \frac{5}{2} \end{cases}$$

Case 1

$$2x-5 = 5-3x$$

$$5x = 10$$

$$x = 2$$

Case 2

$$-(2x-5) = 5-3x$$

$$-2x+5 = 5-3x$$

$$x = 0$$

**BUT**  $x=2$  does not fit the rule  
 $x \geq 5/2$  so it is EXTRANEIOUS

The value  $x=0$  does  
follow Rule #2  $x < 5/2$

∴ The graph of  $y=|2x-5|$  will share <sup>a</sup> ~~one~~ point  
with the graph  $y=5-3x$  when  $x=0$

If you need help solving, or if you want to double check your  
answers, use your good friend Desmos (the graphing app)!

### Absolute Value Equations with No Solution

Solve  $|3x-4|+12=9$

$$|3x-4|+12=9$$

$$|3x-4|=-3$$

★ An absolute value can never  
be a  $\ominus$  number!

∴ The graph  $y=|3x-4|+12$  will never  
touch  $y=9$

### Solving with Quadratic Expressions

Solve  $|x^2 - 2x| = 1$

Piecewise Function

$$|x^2 - 2x| = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \text{ or } x \geq 2 \\ -(x^2 - 2x), & \text{if } 0 < x < 2 \end{cases}$$

Reminder from  
BOOKLET #1:

$$0 = |x^2 - 2x|$$

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

$$0 = x$$

$$0 = x - 2 \\ 2 = x$$

Case 1

$$x^2 - 2x = 1 \quad \star \text{ use quadratic formula to solve}$$

$$x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{for } x \text{ (just like back in U3)} \nabla$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-(-2) \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

SIMPLIFIED RADICAL

CHECK:  $1 + \sqrt{2} = 2.41$  ✓ and  $1 - \sqrt{2} = -0.41$  ✓  $x \leq 0$  or  $x \geq 2$  (RULE #1)

Case 2

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

$$x^2 - 2x = -1$$

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

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

$$x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

✓ ALL good with Rule #2  
 $0 < x < 2$

Double check with Desmos!


∴ The graph of  $y = |x^2 - 2x|$  should have values of  $y = 1$  @  $(-0.41, 1)$  and  $(1, 1)$  and  $(2.4, 1)$

## Solving with Linear and Quadratic Expressions

Solve  $|x - 10| = x^2 - 10x$

Piecewise Function

$$|x-10| = \begin{cases} x-10 & \text{if } x \geq 10 \\ -(x-10) & \text{if } x < 10 \end{cases}$$


$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= |x-10| \\ 0 &= x-10 \\ 10 &= x \end{aligned}$$

Case 1

$$\begin{aligned} x-10 &= x^2 - 10x \\ 0 &= x^2 - 11x + 10 \\ 0 &= (x-10)(x-1) \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = x - 10$$

$$10 = x \quad \checkmark$$

$$0 = x - 1$$

$$1 = x$$

EXTRANEIOUS - does not follow Rule #1

$$x \geq 10$$

Case 2

$$\begin{aligned} -(x-10) &= x^2 - 10x \\ -x + 10 &= x^2 - 10x \\ 0 &= x^2 - 9x - 10 \\ 0 &= (x-10)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$0 = x - 10$$

$$10 = x$$

EXTRANEIOUS

$$0 = x + 1$$

$$-1 = x \quad \checkmark$$

$x = 10$  is EXTRANEIOUS for case 2, but still good for case #1

PRACTICE: Page 389, Questions 4 (a,b,c), 5 (c,d,e), 6 (b,d,e)

# U5:L4 RECIPROCAL FUNCTIONS

Fill in the following lessons with help from your textbook (pages 392 - 402) or

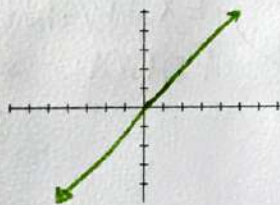
Reciprocal is a mathematical expression or function so related to another that their product is 1; the quantity obtained by dividing the number one by a given quantity.

ORIGINAL  $\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{3}{1} = \frac{3}{3} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$  RECIPROCAL

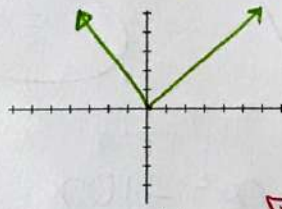
For any non-zero real number ( $a$ ) the reciprocal of  $a$  is  $\frac{1}{a}$

For a function  $f(x)$ , the reciprocal is  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  so long as  $y \neq 0$

Regular  
 $y = mx + b$   
function



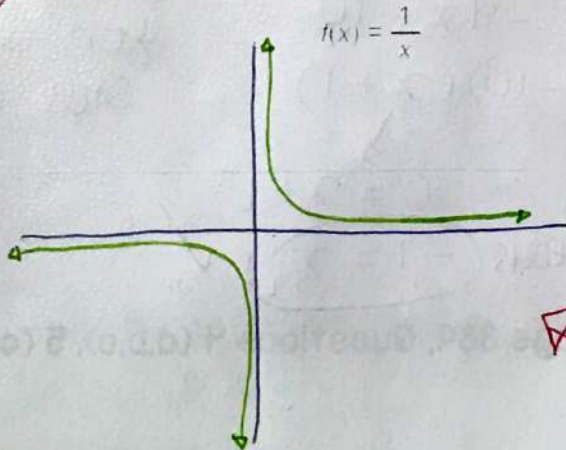
$y = x$   
The identity function



$y = |x|$   
The absolute value function

Review of  
Booklet #1  
Absolute Value  
Functions

★  
NEW  
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RECIPROCAL  
FUNCTION

Reminder: an **asymptote** is a line that continually approaches a given curve but does not meet it at any finite distance.

There are three types: horizontal, vertical and oblique.

**HORIZONTAL**



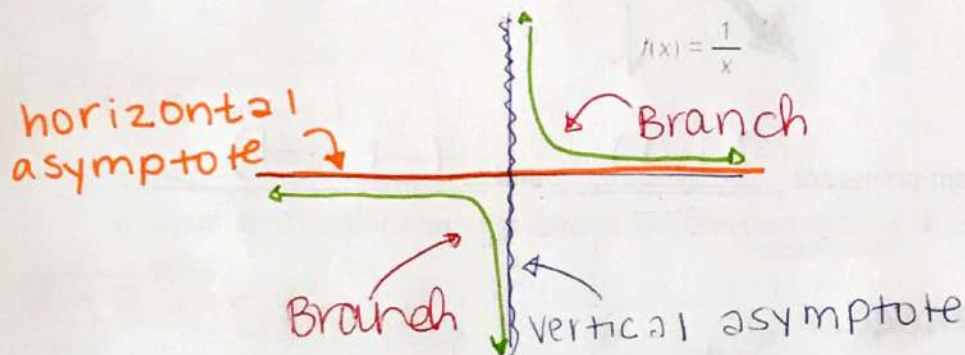
**VERTICAL**



**OBLIQUE**



The graph of  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  has two distinct pieces (aka: "branches").



These branches are on either side of the vertical and horizontal asymptotes.

This **vertical asymptote** occurs at the **non-permissible values** of the function.

non-permissible means denominator  $\neq 0$

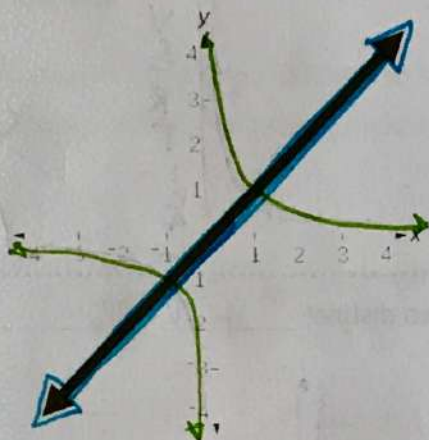
So ...  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $x \neq 0$  so vertical asymptote @  $x=0$

The **horizontal asymptote** exists because  $y \neq 0$

The horizontal asymptote describes the behavior of the graph when  $|x|$  is very large. When  $|x|$  is large,  **$y$  approaches 0 closely, but never equals 0.**

Invariant points are common points between a function and its reciprocal.

If you superimpose the graph of  $y = x$  over the reciprocal graph  $y = \frac{1}{x}$  you will see two invariant points.



The invariant points are (1, 1) and (-1, -1).

### ★ Use Desmos...

Graph  $y = -x$  and its reciprocal graph.

Describe how this is different from the above graph:

What are the invariant points?

## Reciprocals of Linear Functions

Consider  $y = 2x + 5$

a) What is the reciprocal function?

$$y = \frac{1}{2x + 5}$$

b) Where will the vertical asymptote be?

@ non-permissible  $x$  values (when the denominator = 0)

$$2x + 5 = 0$$

$$2x = -5$$

$$x = \frac{-5}{2}$$

c) Graph the function and its reciprocal function (use Desmos to help if you want!)

**Invariant Points** @  $\pm 1$

$$2x + 5 = 1$$

$$2x = -4$$

$$x = -4/2 \quad (-2, 1)$$

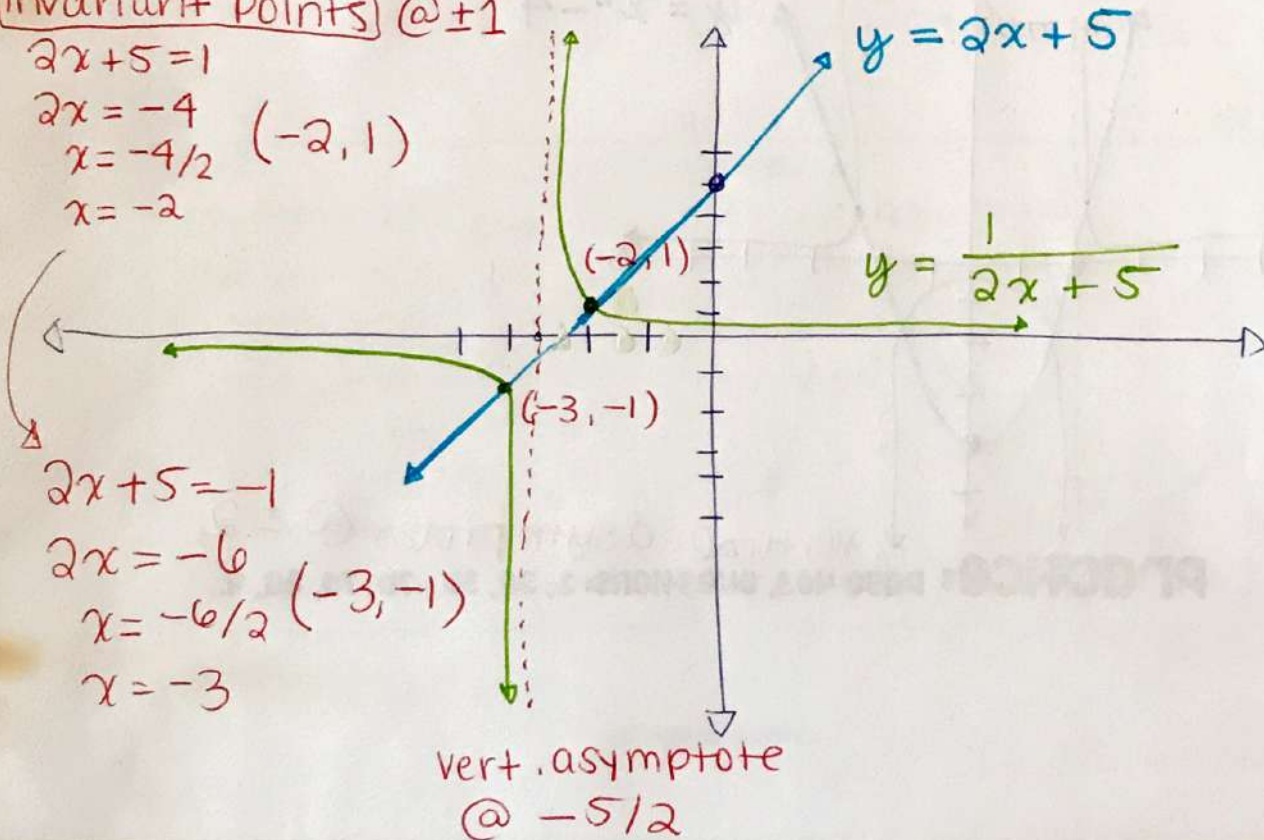
$$x = -2$$

$$2x + 5 = -1$$

$$2x = -6$$

$$x = -6/2 \quad (-3, -1)$$

$$x = -3$$



vert. asymptote  
@  $-5/2$



## Graph the reciprocal of a Quadratic Function

Consider  $y = x^2 - 4$

a) What is the reciprocal function?

$$y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$$

b) Where will the vertical asymptote be?

@ denominator = 0 (non permissibles)

$$x^2 - 4 = 0$$

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

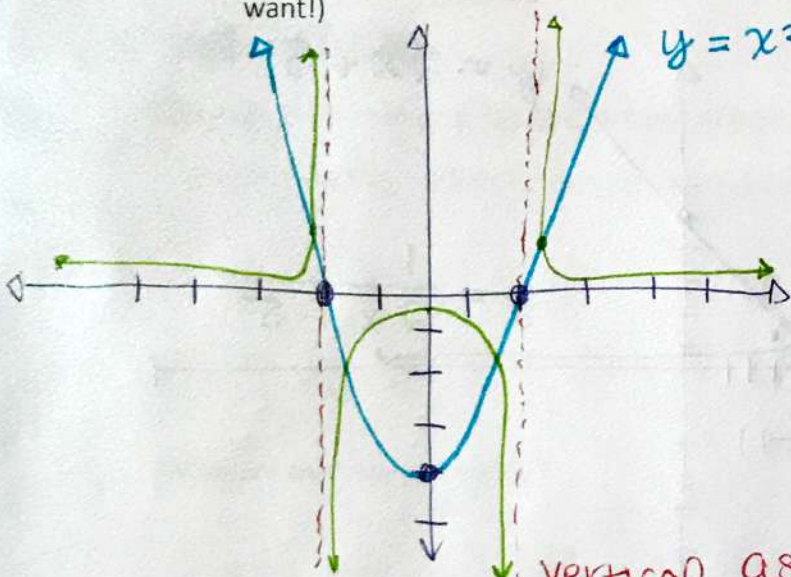
$$\downarrow$$
$$x-2=0$$

$$x=2$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$x+2=0$$

$$x=-2$$

c) Graph the function and its reciprocal function (use Desmos to help if you want!)



vertical asymptotes @  $\pm 2$

**Practice:** page 403, questions: 1, 3a, 3b, 7b, 7d, 8a, 9.