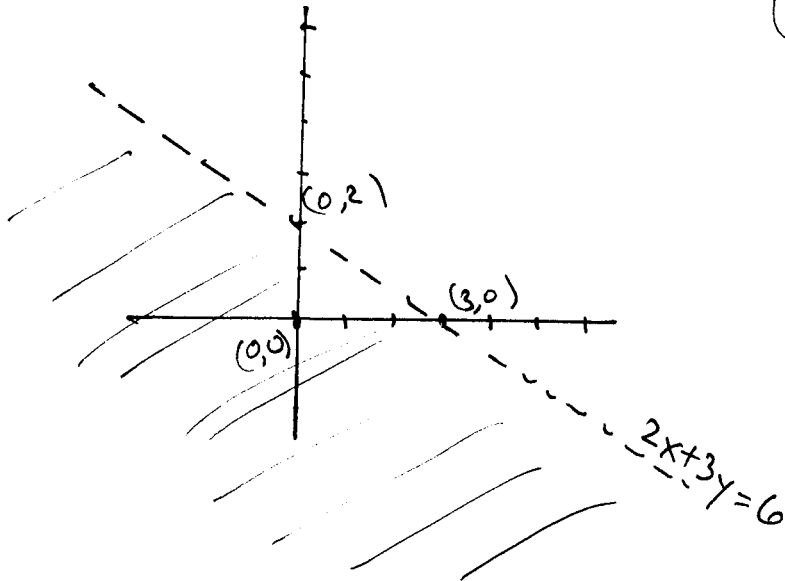


9.4 Inequalities in two variables

ex: $2x + 3y < 6$



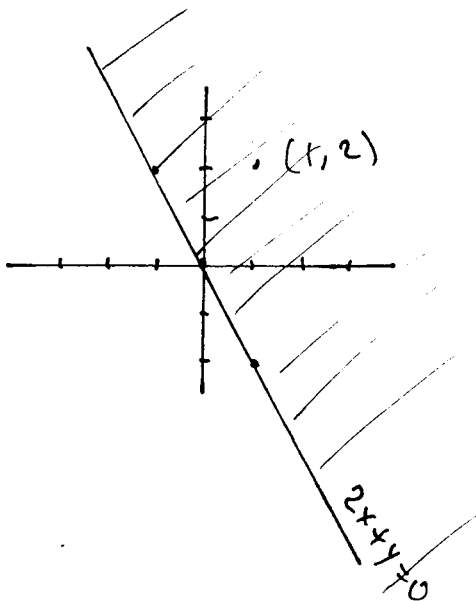
(Step 1) Graph $2x + 3y = 6$

x	y
3	0
0	2

(Step 2) Test point
 $(x, y) = (0, 0)$
 Does $(0, 0)$ satisfy the inequality?
 $2(0) + 3(0) < 6$

Yes!

ex: $2x + y \geq 0$



(Step 1) Graph $2x + y = 0$
 $y = -2x = -\frac{2}{1}x + 0$

(Step 2) Test pt: $(x, y) = (1, 2)$

$2(1) + (2) = 4 \geq 0$ ✓
 Yes.

(2)

Ex [System of inequalities] Graph this system, and find coordinates of any vertices formed.

(1) $x + y \leq 6$

(2) $2x - y \geq 2$

(3) $x \geq -2$

Graph (1) $x + y = 6$

x	y
6	0
0	6

(2) $2x - y = 2$ or
 $2x = y + 2$ or
 $2x - 2 = y$

(3) $x = -2$

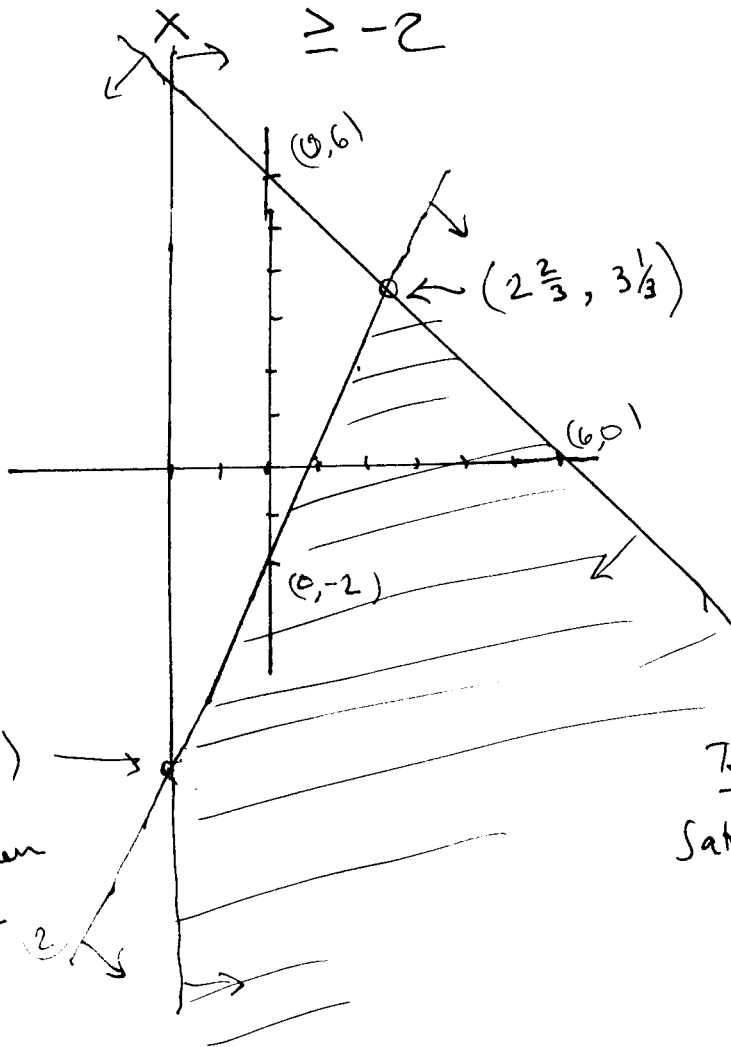
Test using $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

Satisfy (1)? Yes.

(2)? No.

(3)? Yes.

If $x = -2$ then
 $2(-2) - y = 2$
 $-4 - y = +2$
 $-y = 6$
 $y = -6$

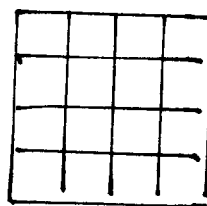
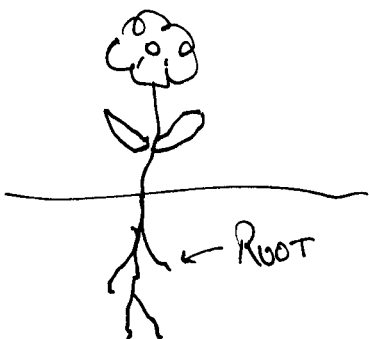


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10.1 Radical Expressions and Functions

ex: $\sqrt{49} = 7$ because $7^2 = 49$

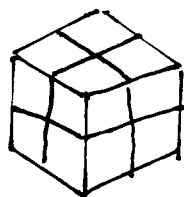
ex: $\sqrt{16} = 4$ Why is this called a "square root?"



←
16 small squares
arranged into a
large square.
What is the length of one side
of the square?

ex: $\sqrt[3]{125} = 5$ because $5^3 = 125$

$\sqrt[3]{8} = 2$



$\sqrt[6]{1,000,000} = 10$

$\sqrt[5]{32} = 2$ because $2^5 = 32$

$\sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$ because $(-2)^3 = -8$

$\sqrt{-49}$ is not a real number (it's $7i$)

Remark: $(-4)^2 = 16$ so 4 and -4 are both square roots of 16,
but $\sqrt{16}$ means 4 not -4; $-\sqrt{16} = -4$.

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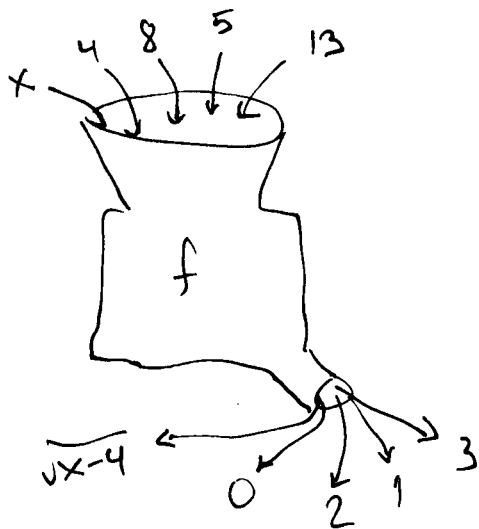
ex $\sqrt[4]{81} = 3$ because $3^4 = 81$ Note: -3 is also a 4^{th} root of 81, but $\sqrt[4]{81}$ means 3.

ex: $\sqrt[4]{-81}$ is not real.

ex: $\sqrt[5]{-32} = -2$ because $(-2)^5 = -32$.

ex: [Function] $f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$

Remark: Informally a function is a machine that eats numbers and then spews out numbers in response.



$$f(13) = \sqrt{13-4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$f(5) = \sqrt{5-4} = \sqrt{1} = 1$$

$$f(8) = \sqrt{8-4} = \sqrt{4} = 2$$

$$f(4) = \sqrt{4-4} = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

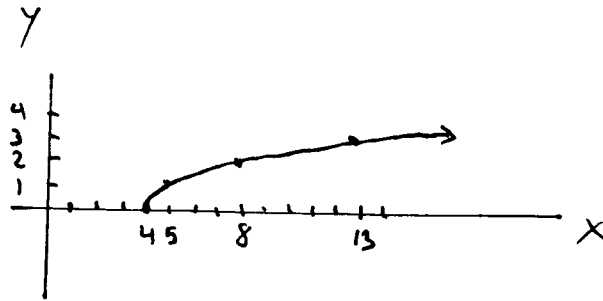
We cannot plug in 0. $f(0) = \sqrt{0-4} = \sqrt{-4}$ is not real.
What numbers can we plug.

Answer: Solve $x-4 \geq 0$, so $x \geq 4$.

The domain of this function (the set of numbers you're allowed to input into this function) $= \{x \mid x \geq 4\} = [4, \infty)$

Graph of f

x	$y = \sqrt{x-4}$
4	0
5	1
8	2
13	3



domain of f = "shadow" of the graph onto the x-axis
 $= [4, \infty)$

range of f = "shadow" onto the y-axis
 [set of outputs of f] $= [0, \infty)$

10.2 Rational numbers as exponents

Q: What numbers can appear as exponents? A: Any integer. (so far)

$$2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$$

$$2^2 = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$$

$$2^1 = 2 = 2$$

$$2^0 = 1$$

$$2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

$$\frac{2^5}{2^2} = \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2} = 2^{5-2}$$

$$= 2^3 = 8$$

$$= \frac{8}{1}$$

what should 2^{-3} mean?

$$\frac{2^2}{2^5} = \frac{2 \cdot 2}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8}$$

BUT if we want properties of exponents to work the usual way, we want

$$\frac{2^2}{2^5} = 2^{2-5} = 2^{-3}$$

So this another reason we want $2^{-3} = \frac{1}{8}$.

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Q: What should $9^{1/2}$ mean?

Note: $(2^3)^2 = (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)^2 = (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2) \cdot (2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2)$
 $= 2^{2 \cdot 3} = 2^6 = 64$

$$(2^{-2})^4 = \left(\frac{1}{2 \cdot 2}\right)^4 = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2} \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^8} = 2^{-8} = 2^{(-2)(4)}$$

Let $x = 9^{1/2}$. Then we ought have that

$$x^2 = (9^{1/2})^2 = 9^{(\frac{1}{2})(2)} = 9^1 = 9$$

So x should have the property that $x^2 = 9$.

so x could be 3 or -3.

DEFINE: $9^{1/2} = 3 = \sqrt{9}$

$$25^{1/2} = 5, \quad 49^{1/2} = 7, \quad 100^{1/2} = 10$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{1/2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Defn: $\boxed{a^{1/2} = \sqrt{a}}$

so $(-16)^{1/2}$ is not a real number.

but $81^{1/2} = 9$.

Q: what should $8^{1/3}$ mean?

Let $x = 8^{1/3}$, then we ought to have

$$x^3 = (8^{1/3})^3 = 8^{1/3 \cdot 3} = 8^1 = 8$$

$$\text{so } x = 8^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2.$$

Defn: $a^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{a}$ ex: $1000^{1/3} = 10$

$$125^{1/3} = 5$$

$$27^{1/3} = 3$$

$$(-8)^{1/3} = \sqrt[3]{-8} = -2$$

Defn: $a^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{a}$

ex: $1,000,000^{1/6} = 10$ because
 $1000000^{1/6} = (10^6)^{1/6} = 10^{6 \cdot (1/6)} = 10^1 = 10$

ex: $64^{1/3} = (4 \cdot 4 \cdot 4)^{1/3} = (4^3)^{1/3} = 4$

ex: ~~$49^{-1/2}$~~

Q: what should $8^{2/3}$ mean?

$$8^{2/3} \text{ ought to mean } 8^{1/3 \cdot 2} = (8^{1/3})^2 = 2^2 = 4.$$

$$25^{3/2} = (25^{1/2})^3 = 5^3 = 125$$

Defn:

$$a^{\frac{m}{n}} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

ex:

$$8^{\frac{5}{3}} = (8^{\frac{1}{3}})^5 = 2^5 = 32$$

$$27^{\frac{2}{3}} = (27^{\frac{1}{3}})^2 = 3^2 = 9$$

$$16^{-\frac{1}{2}} = (16^{\frac{1}{2}})^{-1} = 4^{-1} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$32^{-\frac{3}{5}} = ?$$

Anatomy of
a fractional
exponent

reciprocal $\rightarrow$ $-\frac{3}{5}$ $\xleftarrow{3^{\text{rd}} \text{ power}}$
 32 $\xleftarrow{5^{\text{th}} \text{ root}}$

$$= [(32^{\frac{1}{5}})^3]^{-1} = [2^3]^{-1} = 8^{-1} = \frac{1}{8}$$

Remark: Any other order would also work.

$$[(32^3)^{\frac{1}{5}}]^{-1} = [32,768^{\frac{1}{5}}]^{-1} = 8^{-1} = \frac{1}{8}$$

ex:

~~1-8~~ $(-8)^{-\frac{5}{3}} = [(\sqrt[3]{-8})^5]^{-1} = [(-2)^5]^{-1} = [-32]^{-1} = \frac{-1}{32}$

$$\left(-\frac{8}{27}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \left[\left(-\frac{8}{27}\right)^{-1}\right]^{\frac{2}{3}} = \left[\left(-\frac{27}{8}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right]^2 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$$

ex:
 (if you handle this
 you can handle anything.)