

Piecewise Functions

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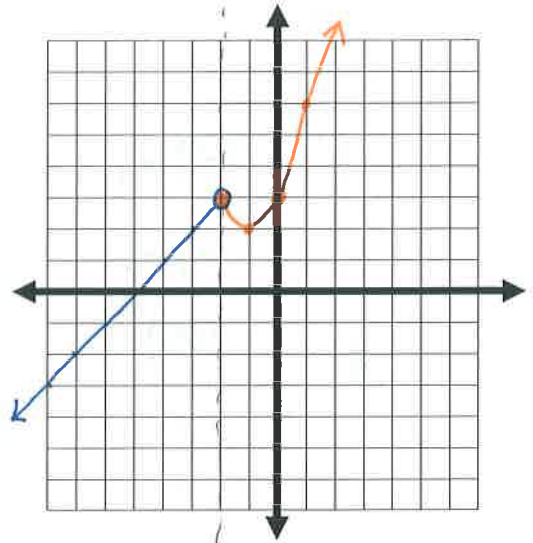
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Function? Yes or No

$f(3) = 18 \quad (3)^2 + 2(3) + 3$

$f(-4) = 1 \quad -4 + 5$

$f(-2) = 3 \quad (-2)^2 + 2(-2) + 3$



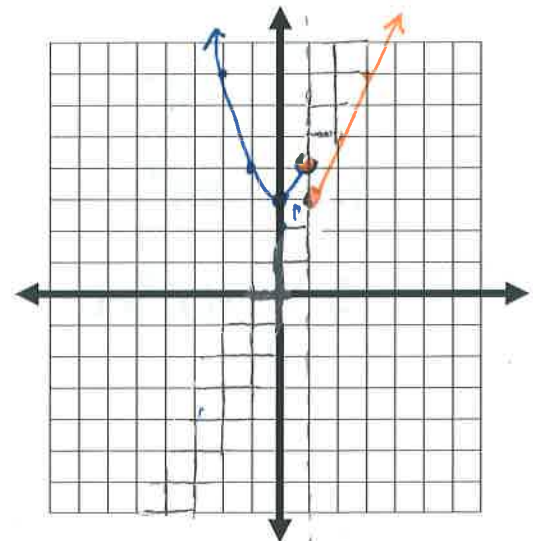
2.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1 & x \geq 1 \\ x^2 + 3 & x < 1 \end{cases}$

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$f(-2) = 7 \quad (-2)^2 + 3$

$f(6) = 13 \quad 2(6) + 1$

$f(1) = 3 \quad 2(1) + 1$



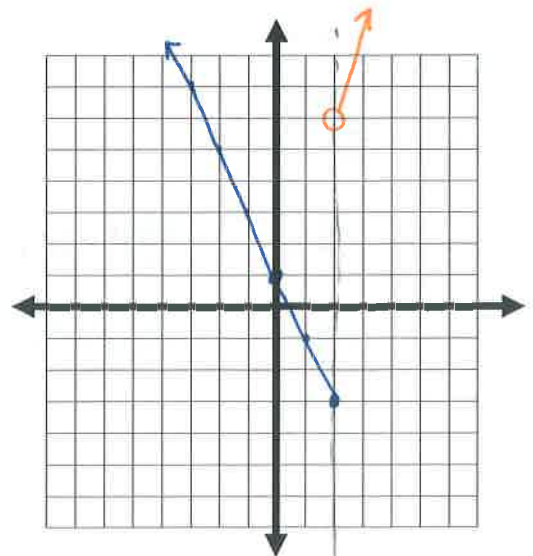
3.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & x \leq 2 \\ 5x - 4 & x > 2 \end{cases}$

Function? Yes or ~~No~~

$f(-4) = 9 \quad -2(-4) + 1$

$f(8) = 36 \quad 5(8) - 4$

$f(2) = -3 \quad -2(2) + 1$



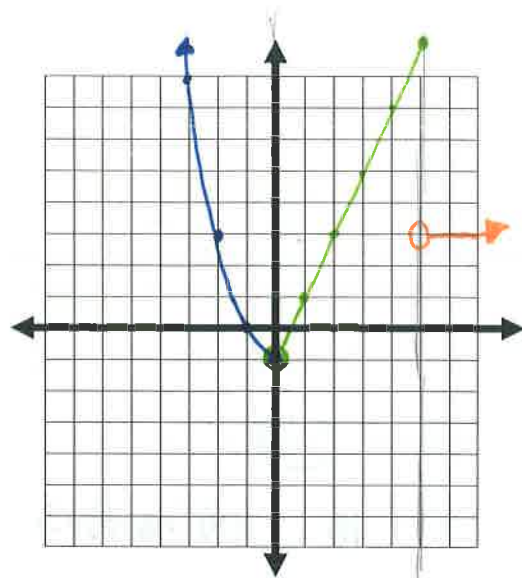
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Function? **Yes** or No

$$f(-2) = 3 \quad (-2)^2 - 1$$

$$f(0) = -1 \quad (0)^2 - 1$$

$$f(5) = 9 \quad 2(5) - 1$$



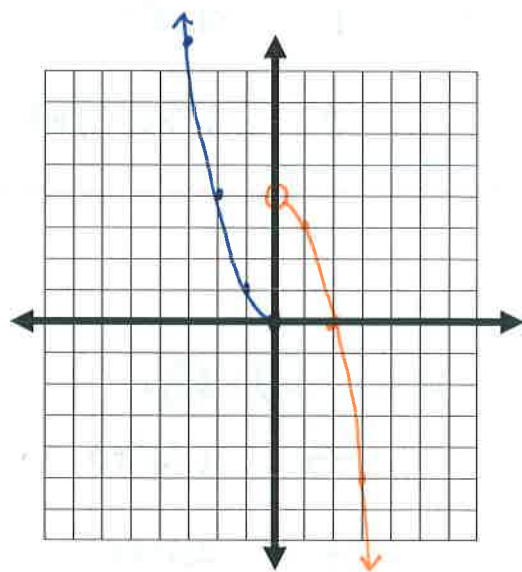
$$5. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & x \leq 0 \\ -x^2 + 4 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

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$$f(-4) = 16 \quad (-4)^2$$

$$f(0) = 0 \quad (0)^2$$

$$f(3) = -5 \quad -(3)^2 + 4$$



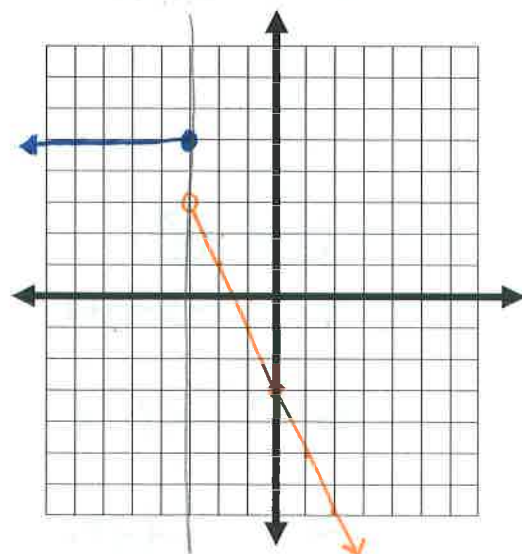
$$6. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 & x \leq -3 \\ -2x - 3 & x > -3 \end{cases}$$

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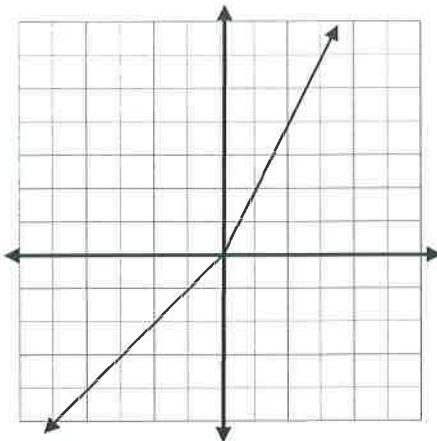
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$$f(3) = -9 \quad -2(3) - 3$$



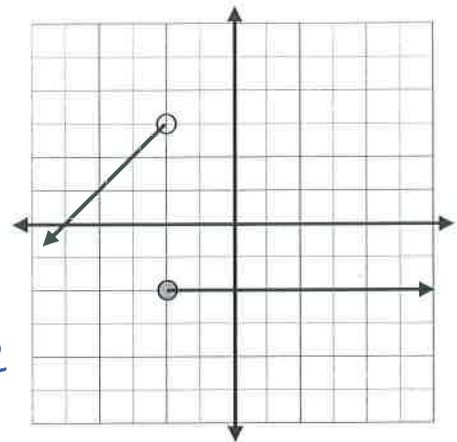
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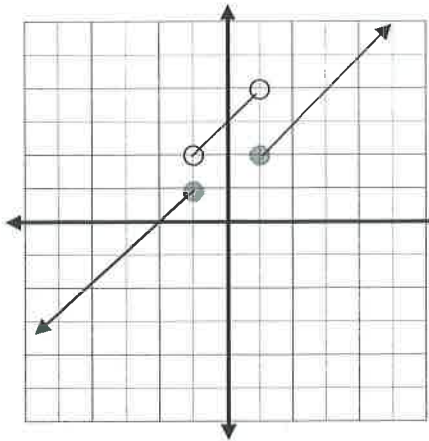
$$\textcircled{7} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x & x < 0 \\ 2x & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

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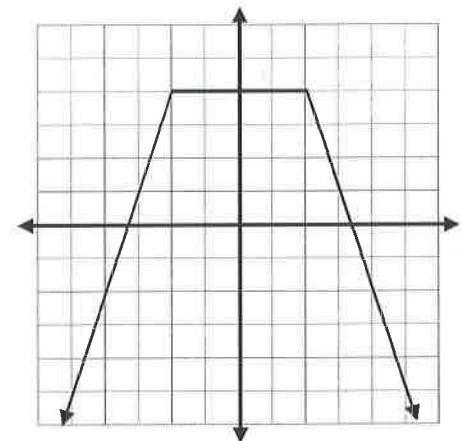
$$\textcircled{8} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x+5 & x < -2 \\ -2 & x \geq -2 \end{cases}$$

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$$\textcircled{9} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & x \leq -1 \\ x+3 & -1 < x < 1 \\ x+1 & x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

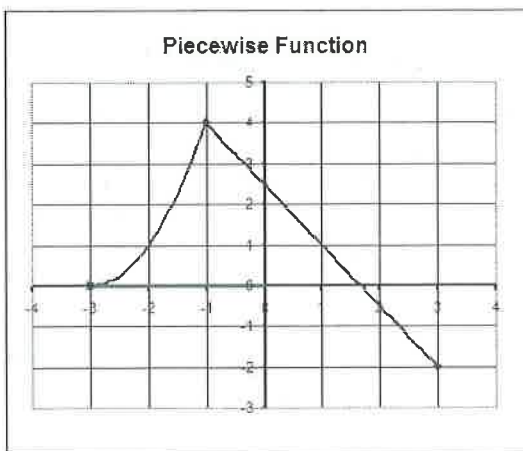
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$$\textcircled{10} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x+10 & x < -2 \\ 4 & -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -3x+10 & x > 2 \end{cases}$$

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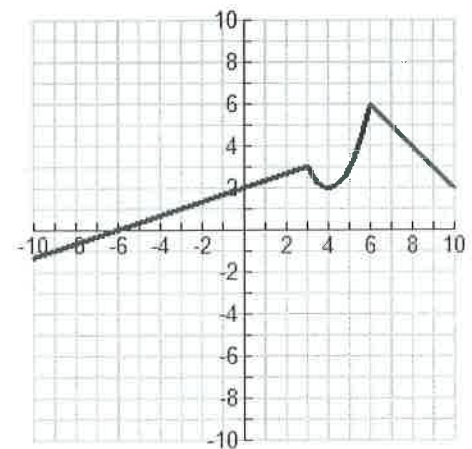
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$$\textcircled{11} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+3)^2 & -3 \leq x \leq -1 \\ -\frac{3}{2}x + \frac{5}{2} & x > -1 \end{cases}$$

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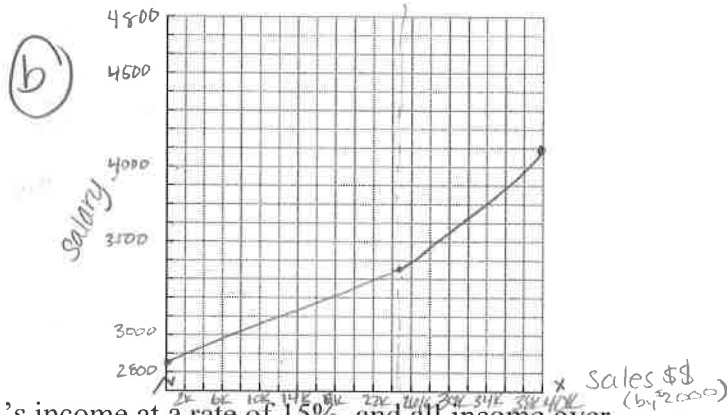
$$\textcircled{12} \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{3}x+2 & x < 3 \\ (x-4)^2+2 & 3 \leq x \leq 6 \\ -x+12 & x > 6 \end{cases}$$

1. An air conditioning salesperson receives a base salary of \$2850 per month plus a commission. The commission is 2% of the sales up to and including \$25,000 for the month and 5% of the sales over \$25,000 for the month.
- Write a piecewise function that relates the salesperson total monthly income based off of his/her sales for the month.
  - Sketch an accurate graph of this piecewise function
  - Determine the salesperson's monthly income if his/her sales were \$43,000 for the month.

Base = 2850  
 2% = 2850 + .02x  
 5% = 2850 + 500 + .05x = 3350 + .05x

(a)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2850 + .02x & 0 \leq x \leq 25000 \\ 3350 + .05(x - 25000) & x > 25000 \end{cases}$

(c)  $3350 + .05(43000 - 25000) = \$4250$

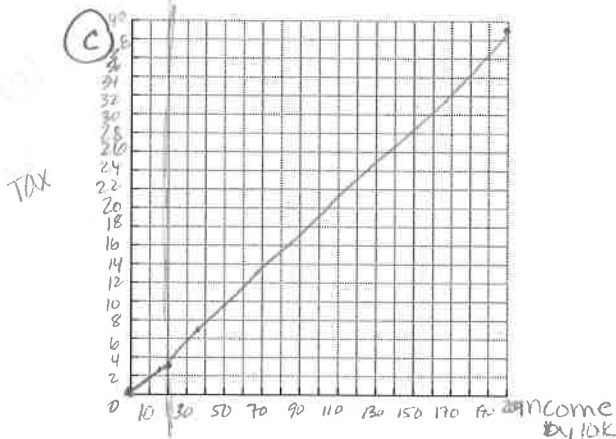


2. A certain country taxes the first \$20,000 of an individual's income at a rate of 15%, and all income over \$20,000 is taxed at 20%.
- Al makes \$16,000. Betty makes \$36,000. How much is each taxed?
  - Write a piecewise function T that specifies the total tax on an income of x dollars.
  - Make a graph of T. Be sure to plot the points from part a!
  - Catina is taxed \$5000. What is her income?

(a) Al  $.15 \times 16000 = \$2400$   
 Betty  $.15 \times 20000 + .2 \times 16000 = \$6200$

(b)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} .15x & 0 \leq x \leq 20000 \\ 3000 + .2(x - 20000) & x > 20000 \end{cases}$

(d)  $3000 + .2(x - 20000) = 5000$   
 $.2(x - 20000) = 2000$   
 $x - 20000 = 10000$   
 $x = \$30,000$



3. A paperback sells for \$12. The author is paid royalties of 10% on the first 10,000 copies sold, and 15% on any additional copies.

a. When the 6,000<sup>th</sup> book is sold, how much will the author <sup>have ed</sup> earn ~~on that sale?~~

$1.2 \times 6000 = \$7200$

b. When the 12,000<sup>th</sup> book is sold, how much will the author <sup>have ed</sup> earn ~~on that sale?~~

$12000 + 1.8(12000 - 10000) = \$15,600$

c. Let x be the number of copies sold. Write a piecewise function for R (the <sup>total</sup> royalty <sup>money earned</sup> ~~on that sale~~ payment earned) in terms of x.

$R(x) = \begin{cases} 1.2x & 0 \leq x \leq 10000 \\ 12000 + 1.8(x - 10000) & x > 10000 \end{cases}$

d. How many copies have to be sold in order for the author to have earned \$30,000?

$12000 + 1.8(x - 10000) = 30000$

$1.8(x - 10000) = 18000$

$x - 10000 = 10000$

$x = 20,000 \text{ books}$

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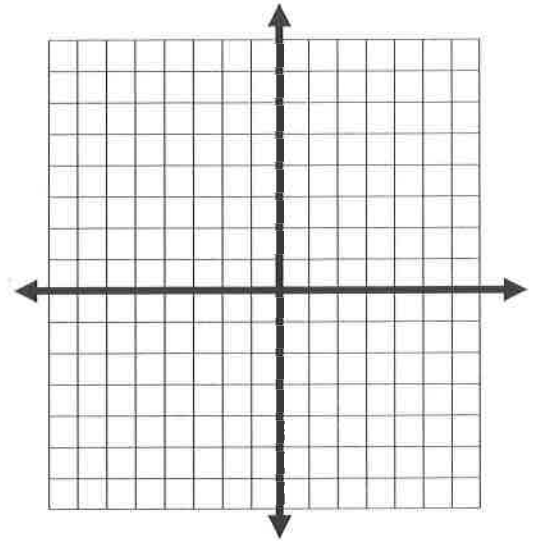
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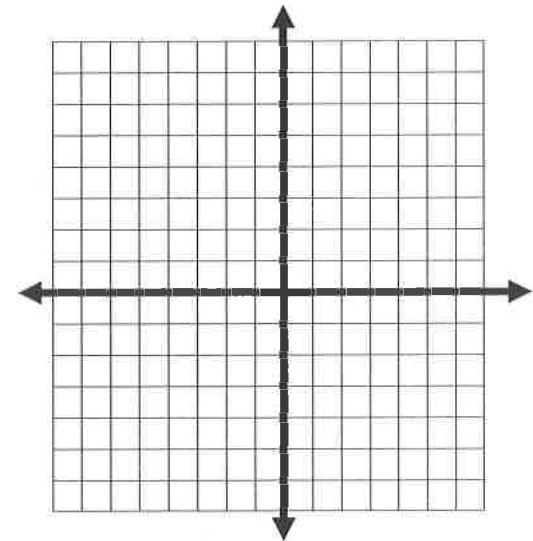
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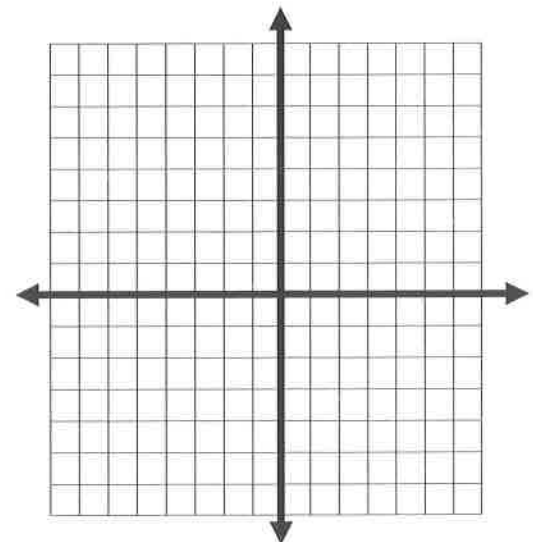
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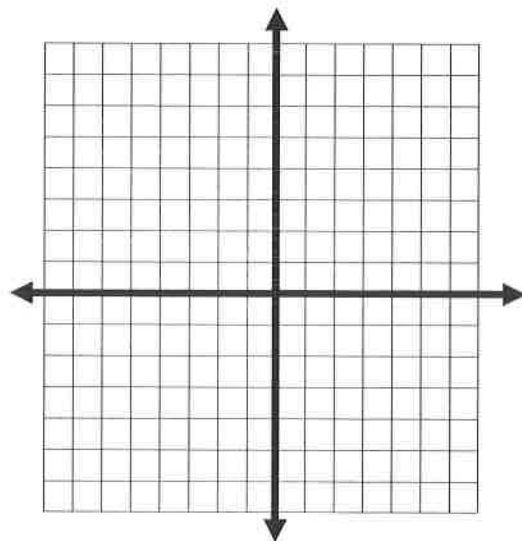
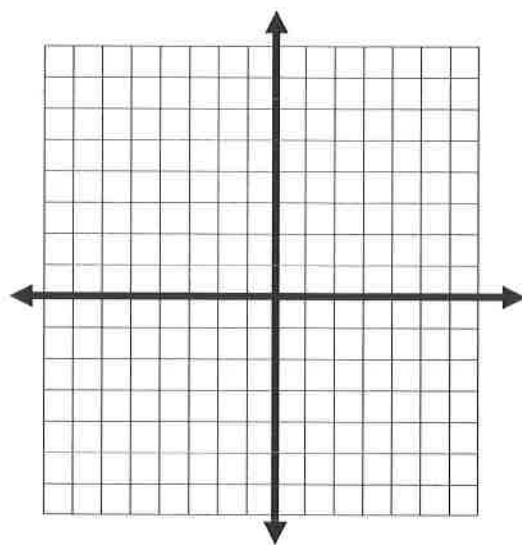
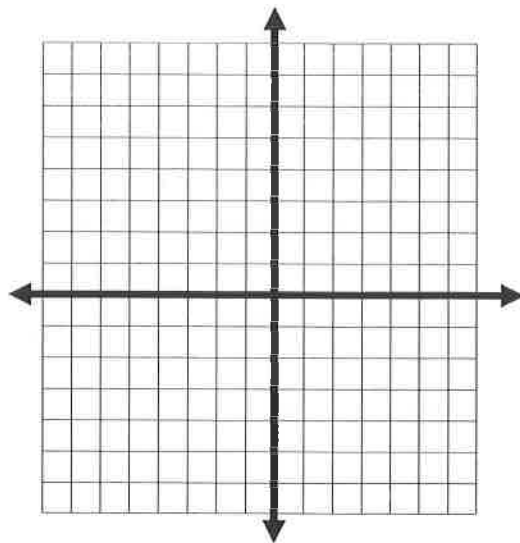
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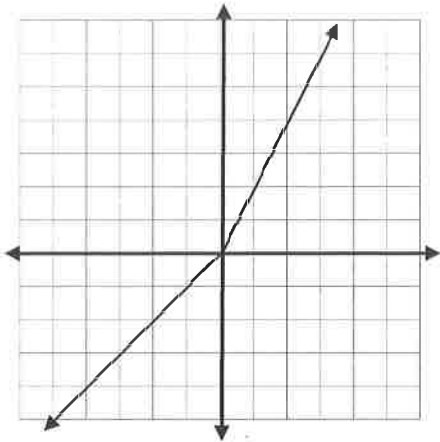
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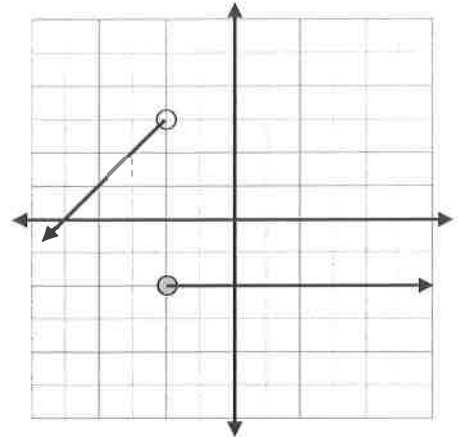


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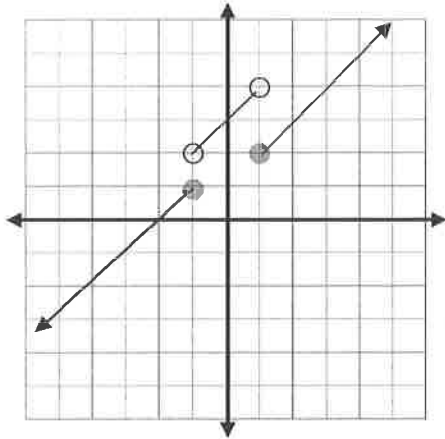
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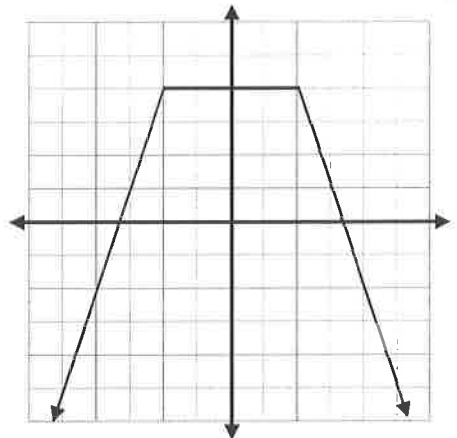
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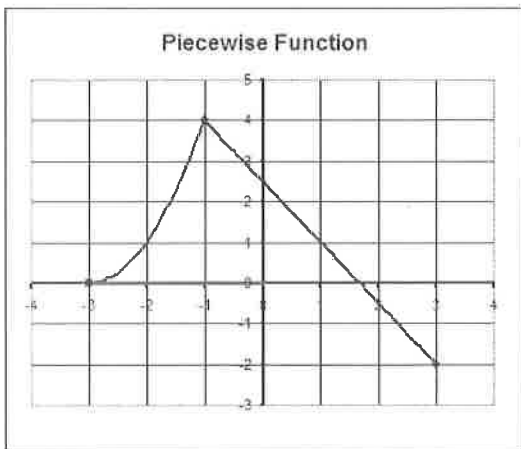
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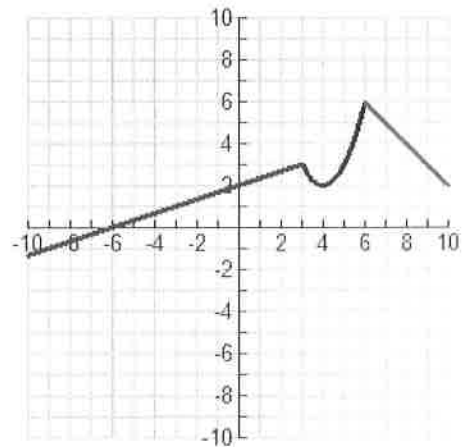
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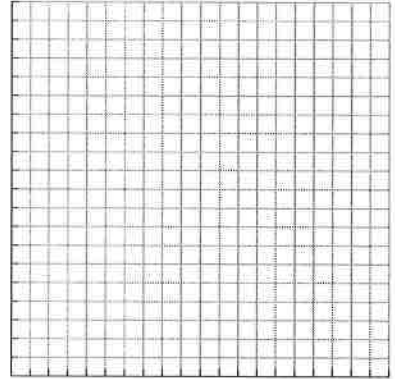
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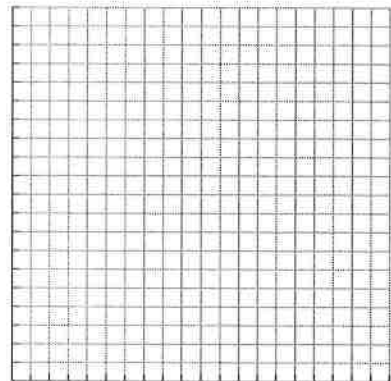
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