

1. The height of a tide t hours after we start observing is given by $H(t) = 5 + A \sin\left(\frac{\pi t}{12.5}\right)$, where H is in feet.

- a) (3 pts) If the maximum height of the tide is 23 feet, what is A ?
- b) (6 pts) If we stay for 24 hours, how often do we see this maximum height and when do they occur?

Answers: (a) The largest sine can be is 1 so the max is $5 + A = 23$, so $A=18$, set up 2 pts answer 1 pt

(b) The max occurs when $\pi \cdot t / 12.5 = \pi / 2 + 2k\pi$; $\pi \cdot t / 12.5 = \pi / 2$ gives $t=6.25$, $\pi \cdot t / 12.5 = \pi / 2 + 2\pi$ gives $t=31.25$ so we only see the max once after 6.25 hrs (reasoning and set up 4 pts answer 2pts?)

2. a) (5 pts) Solve this system of equations algebraically. Show all steps.

$$\begin{cases} 5x + 6y = 7 \\ -x - 4y = 0 \end{cases}$$

b) (4 pts) Sketch a graph of the system in part a) labelling the scale and the point of intersection.

Answers: 3 pts set up and algebra; 2pts answer – coordinates? Necessary or not for y ?

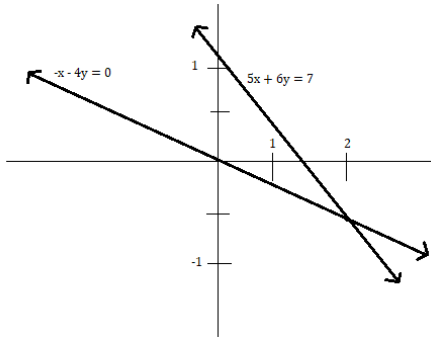
$$5x+6y=7 \quad (-x-4y=0) \rightarrow 5x+6y=7-5x-20y=0$$

$$\rightarrow -14y=7 \rightarrow y=-0.5 \text{ substituting into equation: } -x-4y=0$$

$$\text{and solving for } x \text{ gives: } -x-4(-0.5)=0 \rightarrow x=2$$

Intersection point is (2, -0.5)

Graph below: (2pts – one for scale and lines one for intersection and scale)



3. Consider the functions $f(x) = \sqrt{\ln(x)}$ and $g(x) = e^{x^2+1}$.

a) (3 pts) Solve $f(g(x)) = 2$ and $g(f(x)) = e^2$

b) (3 pts) For which values of a does the equation $f(g(x)) = a$ have exactly one solution?

c) (3 pts) Do the graphs of $f(g(x))$ and $\frac{g(f(x))}{e}$ intersect? Explain your answer.

Solution and grading scheme: We first compute $f(g(x)) = \sqrt{\ln(x^2 + 1)}$ and $g(f(x)) = ex$.

(a) Solving $\sqrt{\ln(x^2 + 1)} = 2$, we get $x^2 + 1 = 4$, so $x^2 = 3$ and therefore $x = \pm \sqrt{3}$. Solving $ex = e^2$, we get $x = e$. (1 pt for each composition formulas, and 2 pt for solutions – 1 pt each)

(b) The equation $\sqrt{\ln(x^2 + 1)} = a$ will have a solution for x only if $a \geq 0$. In that case $x^2 + 1 = e^{a^2}$, and so $x^2 = e^{a^2} - 1$. This will have a unique solution for x when $a = \pm 1$. (2 pt for simplification, 1 pt for conclusion)

(c) If the two graphs intersect, we must have $f(g(x)) = \frac{g(f(x))}{e}$, i.e. $\sqrt{\ln(x^2 + 1)} = x$, which simplifies to $x^2 + 1 = x^2$, or $1 = 0$. Therefore, this equation has no solution and so the graphs don't intersect. (2 pts for computation, 1 pt for conclusion)