

# C11 - 7.0 - Absolutes Exp/Eq + Case Notes

$|x| = -6$   
Impossible.

Simplify:  $|2| = \boxed{2}$   $|-3| = \boxed{-3}$   $|2 - 4| = \boxed{|2|} = \boxed{2}$   $|3| - |-5| = \boxed{3} - \boxed{-5} = \boxed{3 - 5} = \boxed{-2}$   $-|3| = \boxed{-3}$   $-|-5| = \boxed{-(-5)} = \boxed{5}$

Solve Algebraically.

Do whatever is inside the absolute value, then make it positive.

$$|x| = 4 \quad \text{"+" case:}$$

$$+(x) = 4 \quad \boxed{x = 4}$$

Distribute a positive into the absolute value

$$\text{"-" case:}$$

$$-(x) = 4 \quad \boxed{x = -4}$$

Distribute a negative into the absolute value

$$\begin{aligned} |x| &= 4 \\ |4| &= 4 \\ 4 &= 4 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} |x| &= 4 \\ |-4| &= 4 \\ 4 &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

Check Your answer.  
 $LHS = RHS$

$$2|x - 2| = 6$$

"+" case:

$$\begin{aligned} +2(x - 2) &= 6 \\ 2x - 4 &= 6 \\ 2x &= 10 \\ x &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

"-" case:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{2(x - 2)}{2} &= \frac{6}{2} \\ x - 2 &= 6 \\ \dots \end{aligned}$$

If already negative combine

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

"+" case:

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

~~$x = 0$~~

$$\begin{aligned} x - 1 &= 0 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

"-" case:

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

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

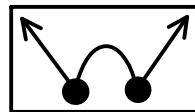
~~$x + 2 = 0$~~

$$\begin{aligned} |x^2 - 1| &= x - 1 \\ |0^2 - 1| &= 0 - 1 \\ |-1| &= -1 \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} |x^2 - 1| &= x - 1 \\ |1^2 - 1| &= 1 - 1 \\ |0| &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} |x^2 - 1| &= x - 1 \\ |(-2)^2 - 1| &= -2 - 1 \\ |4 - 1| &= -2 - 1 \\ |3| &= -3 \end{aligned}$$



# C11 - 7.0 - Absolutes Quadratic Notes



**Graphing Absolute Values :**

$$y = |x^2 - 4|$$

"+" case:

$$\begin{aligned} y_1 &= +(x^2 - 4) \\ y_1 &= x^2 - 4 \end{aligned}$$

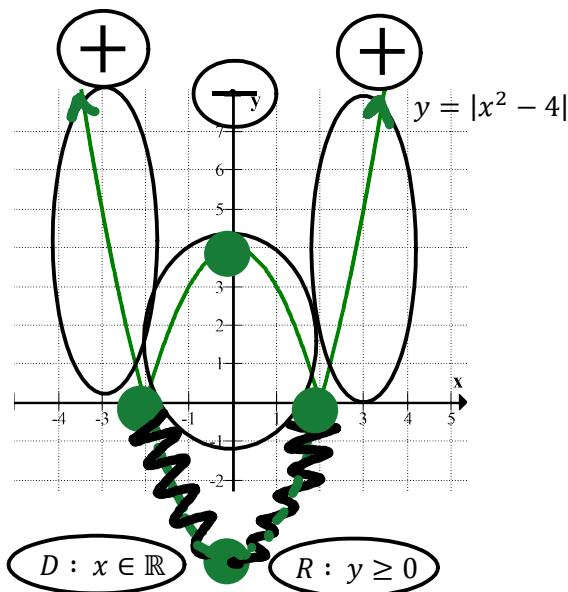
$$y_1 = x^2 - 4$$

"-" case:

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &= -(x^2 - 4) \\ y_2 &= -x^2 + 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$y_2 = -x^2 + 4$$

$$y = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4, & \text{if } x \leq -2, x \geq 2 \\ -x^2 + 4, & \text{if } -2 < x < 2 \end{cases}$$



**Solve algebraically :**

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

"+" case:

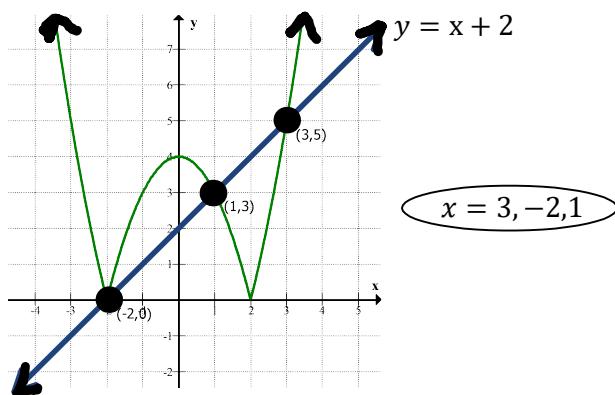
$$\begin{aligned} +(x^2 - 4) &= x + 2 \\ x^2 - 4 &= x + 2 \\ x^2 - x - 6 &= 0 \\ (x - 3)(x + 2) &= 0 \\ x &= 3, -2 \end{aligned}$$

"-" case:

$$\begin{aligned} -(x^2 - 4) &= x + 2 \\ -x^2 + 4 &= x + 2 \\ 0 &= x^2 + x - 2 \\ 0 &= (x + 2)(x - 1) \\ x &= -2, 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Solve Graphically :**

$$y = |x^2 - 4|$$



# C11 - 7.0 - Reciprocals Notes

Pick a y value, What's one divided by that y value.  
Put a point on the graph. X value is same as it was.

**Restrictions : See Rationals**

$$\frac{1}{x-2} \quad x-2=0 \quad x=2$$

Set denominator = 0, and solve.

$$\frac{1}{(x+2)(2x-1)} \quad x+2=0 \quad x=-2 \quad 2x-1=0 \quad x=\frac{1}{2}$$

Factor

$$y = x + 4$$

Line :  $y = mx + b$

$$y = \frac{1}{x+4}$$

Reciprocal line

Solve algebraically: set denominator = 0, 1, -1.

Vertical asymptote (VA):

Denominator = 0

$$x+4=0 \quad x=-4$$

D:  $x \neq -4$

Invariant points (IP):

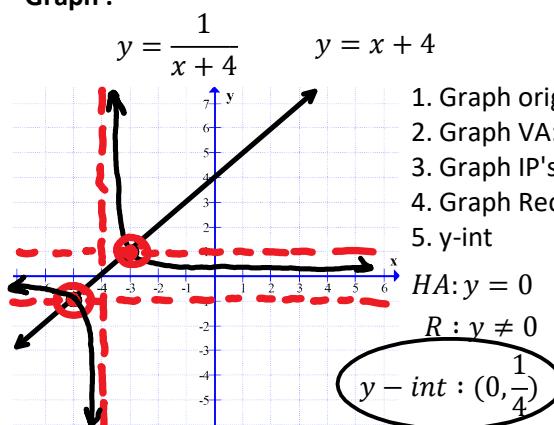
Denominator =  $\pm 1$

$$x+4=1 \quad x=-3 \quad x+4=-1 \quad x=-5$$

$$(-3, 1)$$

$$(-5, -1)$$

Graph :



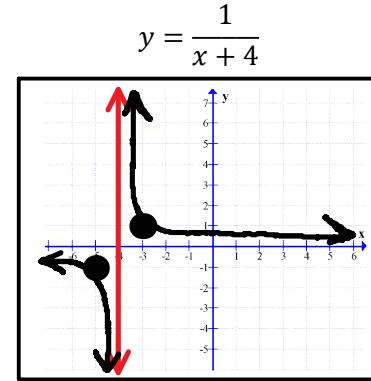
1. Graph original
2. Graph VA: Dotted line ( $x = \text{int}$ )
3. Graph IP's ( $x, \pm 1$ )
4. Graph Reciprocal
5. y-int

$$HA: y = 0$$

$$R: y \neq 0$$

$$y - \text{int} : (0, \frac{1}{4})$$

Close to the vertical asymptote, through the point, close the x-axis/vertical asymptote\*



$$VA: x = 4$$

$$D: x \neq -4$$

Notice:

The invariant points are the intersection of the original and the lines  $y = 1, y = -1$ .  
The vertical asymptote(s) of the reciprocal is the  $x$ -intercept of the original

$$y = x^2 - 4$$

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

Parabola

Reciprocal Parabola

Vertical asymptote (VA):

Denominator = 0

$$x^2 - 4 = 0 \quad (x+2)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = 2, -2$$

Invariant points (IP):

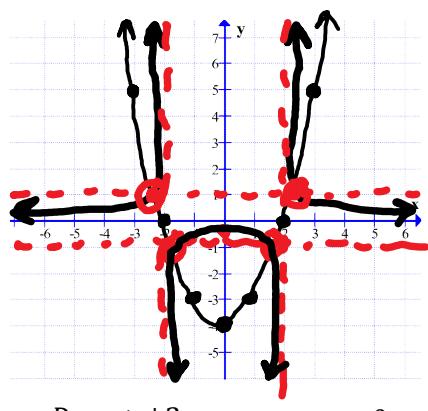
Denominator =  $\pm 1$

$$x^2 - 4 = 1 \quad x^2 = 5$$

$$x = \sqrt{5}, -\sqrt{5}$$

$$x^2 - 4 = -1 \quad x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}$$



1. Graph original
2. Graph VA's: Dotted lines
3. Graph IP's
4. Graph reciprocal
5. y-int

$$y - \text{int} : (0, -\frac{1}{4})$$

