

GRAPHING FUNCTIONS OF Y ON A CALCULATOR $x = f(y)$

FOR FUNCTIONS:

1. Where there is an x , substitute a y .
2. Where there is a y , substitute a $-x$.
3. Input and graph functions with substitutions.
4. When graph appears, turn your calculator so that the display is at 3 o'clock. The x -axis becomes the y -axis and vice-versa. Orientation of the functions will be correct.

FOR POINTS OF INTERSECTION:

5. Graph the functions as above. Locate the point of intersection using ISECT or other method.
 6. The x -coordinate of the original point of intersection becomes $-y$.
 7. The y -coordinate of the original point of intersection becomes x .
- For example: If the point $(-2, 4)$ is displayed as the point of intersection, the solution is actually $(4, 2)$.

EXAMPLES FOR POINTS OF INTERSECTION:

Example #1

Graph: $x_1 = 12y^2 - 12y^3$ as $y = 12(-x)^2 - 12(-x)^3$ which is really $y = 12x^2 + 12x^3$

Graph: $x_2 = 2y^2 - 2y$ as $y = 2(-x)^2 - 2(-x)$ which is really $y = 2x^2 + 2x$

Turn calculator display to 3 o'clock. The functions are graphed correctly.

Point of intersection on calculator is displayed as $(-1, 0)$, but it is really the solution $(0, 1)$

The origin $(0, 0)$ is also a solution.

Example #2

Graph: $x_1 = (y - 1)^2$ as $y = (-x - 1)^2$ -- don't need to simplify!

Graph: $x_2 = 2\sqrt{y}$ as $y = 2\sqrt{-x}$ -- don't worry about negative under radical sign!

Turn calculator display to 3 o'clock.

Point of intersection on calculator is displayed as $(-.138, .743)$ but it is really the solution $(.743, .138)$.

Point of intersection on calculator is displayed as $(-2.835, 3.368)$ but it is really the solution $(3.368, 2.835)$