

1. If $f(x) = 17 - x^2$, find and simplify the following values:

a) $f(a)$

$$\boxed{17 - a^2}$$

b) $f(a+h)$

$$\begin{aligned} 17 - (a+h)^2 &= 17 - (a^2 + 2ah + h^2) \\ &= \boxed{17 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2} \end{aligned}$$

c) $f(a) + f(h)$

$$(17 - a^2) + (17 - h^2) = \boxed{34 - a^2 - h^2}$$

d) $\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$, if $h \neq 0$. (This is called a *difference quotient*.)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(17 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2) - (17 - a^2)}{h} &= \frac{17 - a^2 - 2ah - h^2 - 17 + a^2}{h} \\ &= \frac{-2ah - h^2}{h} = \boxed{-2a - h} \end{aligned}$$

2. Find the domain of the function $g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3x-2}}{x^2-25}$.

domain numerator: $3x-2 \geq 0$ so $x \geq \frac{2}{3}$

domain denominator: \mathbb{R} .

domain fraction: $x^2 - 25 \neq 0$ so $x^2 \neq 25$ so
 $x \neq -5$ or 5 .

$$\text{so: } \boxed{\left[\frac{2}{3}, 5\right) \cup (5, \infty)}$$

3. Units work just like variables: You can only add quantities which have like units; if the units aren't the same, you have to convert all quantities into a common unit before adding.

Add the following quantities together, and be sure to specify the units of your answer.

a) 30 minutes + 15 minutes

$$\boxed{45 \text{ minutes}}$$

b) 45 minutes + 2 hours

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$$\frac{3}{4} \text{ hour} \quad 120 \text{ minutes} \quad \text{so:} \quad \boxed{2 + \frac{3}{4} \text{ hours}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{165 \text{ minutes}}$$

c) 10 inches + .5 feet

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$$\frac{10}{12} \text{ feet} \quad 6 \text{ inches} \quad \text{so:} \quad \boxed{\frac{16}{12} \text{ feet}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{16 \text{ inches}}$$

d) 124 centimeters + 2 meters

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$$1.24 \text{ meters} \quad 200 \text{ centimeters} \quad \text{so:} \quad \boxed{3.24 \text{ meters}} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{324 \text{ centimeters}}$$

4. When you multiply and divide units, they cancel out just like variables. Multiply the following quantities together, and be sure to specify the units of your answer.

a) $35 \frac{\text{meter}}{\text{second}} \times 10 \text{ second}$

$$350 \frac{\text{meter} \cdot \text{second}}{\text{second}} = \boxed{350 \text{ meters}}$$

b) 5 centimeter \times 4 centimeter

$$\boxed{20 \text{ centimeter}^2}$$

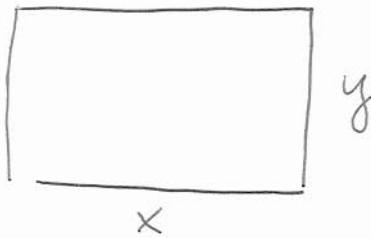
c) $.5\pi \frac{\text{radian}}{\text{minute}} \times \frac{180 \text{ degree}}{\pi \text{ radian}}$

$$\boxed{90 \frac{\text{degrees}}{\text{minute}}}$$

d) 6 inch \times 3 pound \times 1 Ohm

$$\boxed{18 \text{ inch} \cdot \text{pound} \cdot \text{ohms}}$$

5. A rectangle has area $A = 50$ inches². Express the perimeter $P(x)$ of the rectangle as a function of the length x of the base. What are the units of $P(x)$?



$$A = xy \quad \& \quad A = 50 \quad \text{so} \quad 50 = xy$$

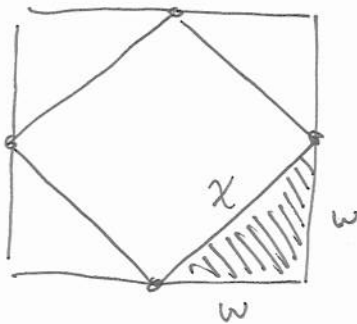
$$\text{so } y = \frac{50}{x}$$

$$P = 2x + 2y \quad \text{so} \quad P = 2x + 2\left(\frac{50}{x}\right)$$

$$P(x) = 2x + \frac{100}{x} \text{ inches}$$

6. A square is inscribed within another square by connecting the midpoints of the larger square. The edglength of the inner square is x .

a) Express the side, w , of the filled-in triangle as a function of x .



$$w^2 + w^2 = x^2$$

$$2w^2 = x^2$$

$$w^2 = x^2/2$$

$$w = x/\sqrt{2} \quad (\text{no - b/c } w \geq 0 \text{ side length})$$

b) Express the area of the outer square as a function of w .

$$A = (2w)^2$$

c) Express the area of the outer square as a function of x .

$$A = (2w)^2$$

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

$$A = 2x^2$$

7. The point $P(x, y)$ lies on the graph of $y = 5x^3$. Express the distance $d(x)$ from P to the point $Q(0, -6)$ as a function of x .

$$P(x, y) = P(x, 5x^3)$$

$$d(P, Q) = d(x) =$$

$$\sqrt{(x-0)^2 + (5x^3 - (-6))^2}$$

8. Two cars leave an intersection at the same time. Alice's car travels south at 65 miles per hour, and Betty's car travels east at 40 miles per hour.

- a) Express the distance $A(t)$ which Alice has driven after t hours of driving as a function of t . **Hint.** Use the units to your advantage. If Alice is driving at $65 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}}$ and drives for t hours, what are the units of

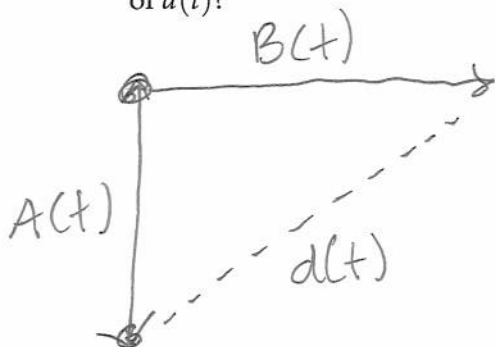
$$65 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}} \times t \text{ hour?}$$

$$A(t) = 65 \frac{\text{miles}}{\text{hour}} \cdot t \text{ hour} = 65t \text{ miles}$$

- b) Express the distance $B(t)$ which Betty has driven after t hours of driving as a function of t .

$$B(t) = 40t \text{ miles}$$

- c) Express the distance $d(t)$ between Alice and Betty's cars after t hours of driving. What are the units of $d(t)$?



$$d(t) = \sqrt{(65t)^2 + (40t)^2}$$

miles.