

Let $f(x) = a \log_3(x - 4)$, for $x > 4$, where $a > 0$.

Point A(13, 7) lies on the graph of f .

3a. Find the value of a .

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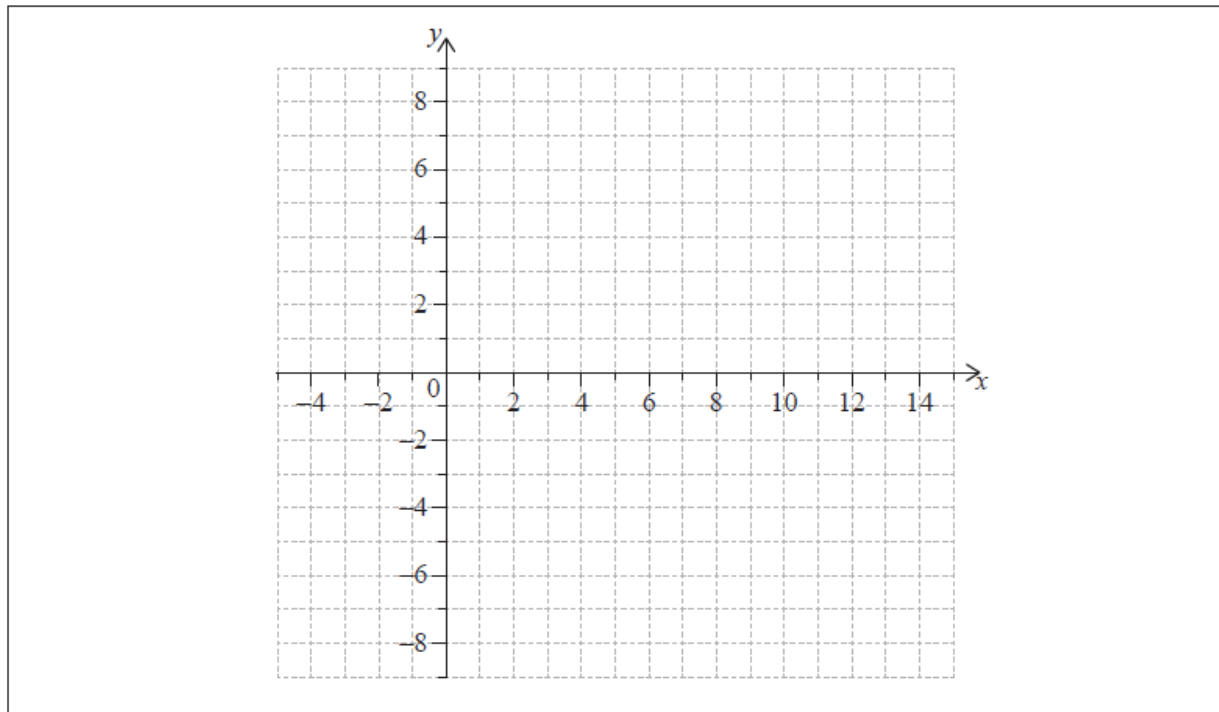
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3b. The x -intercept of the graph of f is (5, 0).

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On the following grid, sketch the graph of f .

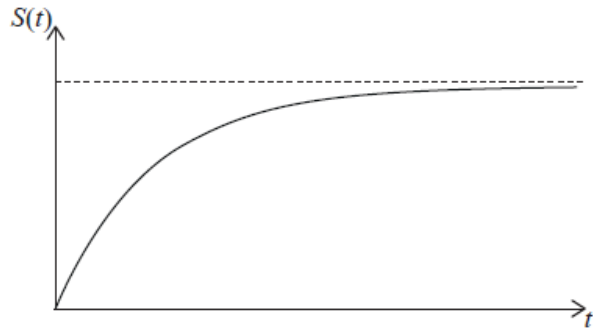


Jean-Pierre jumps out of an airplane that is flying at constant altitude. Before opening his parachute, he goes through a period of freefall.

Jean-Pierre's vertical speed during the time of freefall, S , in ms^{-1} , is modelled by the following function.

$$S(t) = K - 60(1.2^{-t}), t \geq 0$$

where t , is the number of seconds after he jumps out of the airplane, and K is a constant. A sketch of Jean-Pierre's vertical speed against time is shown below.



Jean-Pierre's initial vertical speed is 0 ms^{-1} .

4a. Find the value of K .

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4b. In the context of the model, state what the horizontal asymptote represents.

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4c. Find Jean-Pierre's vertical speed after 10 seconds. Give your answer in km h^{-1} . [3 marks]

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6. Solve the equation $\log_2(x + 3) + \log_2(x - 3) = 4$.

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