Reteaching
Graphing Radical Functions

The graph of $y = a\sqrt{x - h} + k$ is a translation h units horizontally and k units vertically of $y = a\sqrt{x}$. The value of a determines a vertical stretch or compression of $y = \sqrt{x}$.

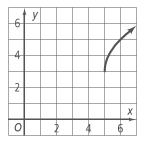
Problem

What is the graph of $y = 2\sqrt{x-5} + 3$?

$$y = 2\sqrt{x - 5} + 3$$

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$$a = 2 \qquad h = 5 \quad k = 3$$



Translate the graph of $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ right five units and up three units. The graph of $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ looks like the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$ with a vertical stretch by a factor of 2.

Exercises

Graph each function.

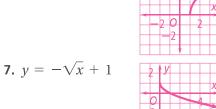
1.
$$y = \sqrt{x-4} + 1$$



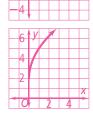
3.
$$y = \sqrt{x+1}$$



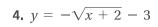
5.
$$y = 2\sqrt{x-1}$$



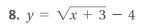
9.
$$y = 3\sqrt{x} + 2$$



2.
$$y = \sqrt{x} - 4$$

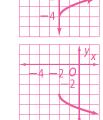














Reteaching (continued)

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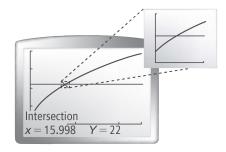
Graphs can be used to find solutions of equations containing radical expressions.

Problem

What is the minimum braking distance of a bicycle with a speed of 22 mph?

You can find the minimum braking distance d_i , in feet, of a bicycle travelling s_i miles per hour using the equation $s = 5.5\sqrt{d + 0.002}$.

We want to find the value of d when s = 22. In other words, solve the equation $5.5\sqrt{d+0.002} = 22$. Graph Y₁=5.5 $\sqrt{(X+0.002)}$ and Y₂=22. Try different values until you find an appropriate window. Then use the intersect feature to find the coordinates of the point of intersection.



The minimum braking distance will be about 16 ft.

Exercises

Solve the equation by graphing. Round the answer to the nearest hundredth, if necessary. If there is no solution, explain why.

11.
$$\sqrt{3x+1}=5$$
 8

13.
$$\sqrt{2-5x}=4$$
 -2.8

15.
$$\sqrt{7x+2}=11$$
 17

17.
$$\sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{2-3x}$$
 no solution; $x = 1$ is extraneous

19.
$$\sqrt{2x-5} = \sqrt{4-x}$$
 3

12.
$$\sqrt{4x+1}=9$$
 20

14.
$$\sqrt{3x+5}=7$$
 14.67

16.
$$\sqrt{2x-1} = \sqrt{1-2x}$$
 0.5

18.
$$7\sqrt{x-3} = 2\sqrt{2x+1}$$
 3.68

20.
$$\sqrt{2x+7} = 3\sqrt{5x+2}$$
 -0.26