



# Using the TI-Nspire Notes page for open-ended assessments

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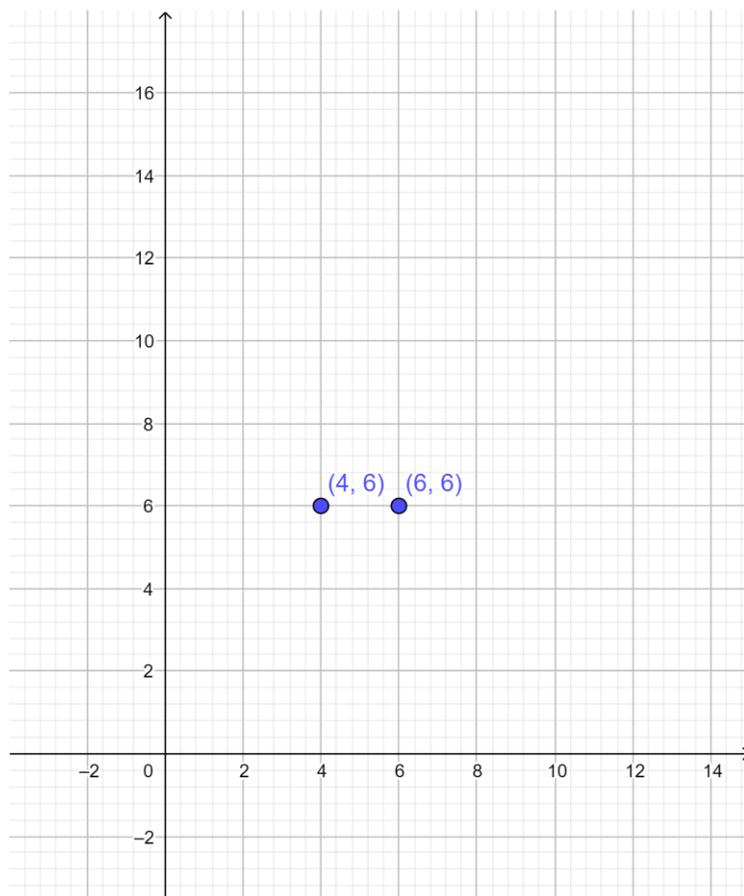


## Part 1.1 Marking Scheme

### Question 2 (15 marks)

Texas places two traffic cones at  $(4, 6)$  and  $(6, 6)$ . Cassie starts at the point  $(0, 0)$  and has been instructed to construct a parabola which:

- Can navigate around and above the traffic cones (and not hit them)
- Has another  $x$ -intercept where its  $x$ -coordinate is between 8 and 12.
- Has a turning point with a  $y$ -coordinate less than 15.



a) Create a quadratic function such that it fulfills the criteria above.

Check function against conditions (use CAS file if necessary)

- $f(4) > 6$  and  $f(6) > 6$  A1
- $x$ -intercept other than  $(0, 0)$  is between  $x = 8$  and  $x = 12$ . A1  
(Inclusive; accept  $x = 8$  and  $x = 12$ )
- Turning point of  $y$ -coordinate  $< 15$  A1

Your quadratic function is:

$f(x) =$

## Part 1.1 Notes page example



Input quadratic function:

$$f(x) := \frac{-x^2}{2} + 5 \cdot x \quad \bullet \text{ Done}$$

Working space:



### Condition Checks

Above cones at (4, 6) & (6, 6)

$$f(4) > 6 \text{ and } f(6) > 6 \quad \bullet \text{ true}$$

x-intercept between x=8 and x=12

$$8 \leq \text{right}(\text{solve}(f(x)=0, x) | 7 < x < 13) \leq 12 \quad \bullet \text{ true}$$

Turning point below y=15

$$f(\text{right}(f\text{Max}(f(x), x))) < 15 \quad \bullet \text{ true}$$

## Part 1.2 Marking Scheme

b) Using your created quadratic function  $f$ , evaluate:

- i)  $f(4)$                       Correct value    A1
- ii)  $f(6)$                       Correct value    A1

c) Sketch your quadratic function on the graph in part a). Label all axial intercepts and the turning point with their coordinates.

- Correct inverted parabolic shape                      A1
- Both  $x$ -intercepts labelled                              A1
- Turning point labelled                                      A1

Texas is about to draw a line with the equation  $y = kx + 40$ . Before he draws it, he asks Cassie for a value of  $k$  such that this line will be a **tangent** to the graph of  $f$ .

d) Find the value of  $k$  correct to one decimal place.

Evidence of finding the discriminant of correct equation.                      M1

i.e. Discriminant of  $0 = f(x) - kx - 40$

Let  $\Delta = 0$  for 1 solution. Solve for values of  $k$ .

Correct negative value of  $k$ .                                      A1

Part 1.2 CAS Notes page example



Outputs

b.i.  $f(4) \rightarrow 12$

b.ii.  $f(6) \rightarrow 12$

c.  $TP = (x_{tp} := \text{right}(\text{fMax}(f(x), x)) \rightarrow 5, f(x_{tp}) \rightarrow \frac{25}{2})$

d. expanded equation  $\text{expand}(f(x) - k \cdot x - 40) \rightarrow \frac{-x^2}{2} - k \cdot x + 5 \cdot x - 40$   $k =$

$k1 := \text{right}(\text{solve}(b^2 - 4 \cdot a \cdot c = 0, k) | k < 0) \rightarrow -3.9442719$



Other

$a := \text{list} \rightarrow \text{mat}(\text{polyCoeffs}(f(x) - k \cdot x - 40))[1 \ 1] \rightarrow \frac{-1}{2}$

$b := \text{list} \rightarrow \text{mat}(\text{polyCoeffs}(f(x) - k \cdot x - 40))[1 \ 2]$   
 $\rightarrow -(k-5) \quad \updownarrow$

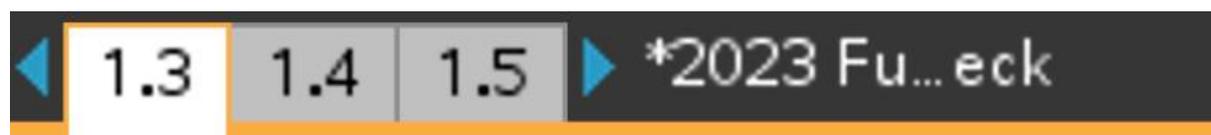
$c := \text{list} \rightarrow \text{mat}(\text{polyCoeffs}(f(x) - k \cdot x - 40))[1 \ 3] \rightarrow -40$

### Part 1.3 Marking Scheme

The function  $f$  has been dilated from the  $x$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{3}{2}$  to create the function  $g$ .

- e) For the function  $g$ , find the new locations of the:
- i) Starting point  
(0, 0) A1
  - ii) Turning point  
Correct coordinates A1
- f) Does the function  $g$  fulfill all three criteria specified for function  $f$ ?  
 Explain your answer for each criteria.

Criteria	Explanation
Can navigate around and above the traffic cones (and not hit them)	Students should answer YES. Explanation: Show $g(4) > 6$ and $g(6) > 6$ explicitly, or describe this qualitatively. <b>(A1 for both YES and explanation)</b>
Has another $x$ -intercept where its $x$ -coordinate is between 8 and 12.	Students should answer YES. Explanation: State correct $x$ -intercept that's between $x = 8$ and $x = 12$ . <b>(A1 for both YES and explanation)</b>  Should be the same as function $f$ .
Has a turning point with a $y$ -coordinate less than 15.	Students can answer YES or NO, depending on their function $g$ . If NO, then $y \geq 15$ . If YES, then $y < 15$ . <b>(A1 for NO/YES and explanation)</b>
Does $g$ fulfill all 3 criteria? (Circle one)	YES / NO <b>(No mark for this)</b>



$$\text{eii. } \left[ \text{right}(\text{fMax}(f(x), x)) \cdot 5, \frac{3}{2} \cdot f(\text{ctp}) \cdot \frac{75}{4} \right]$$

fi. (above cones?)

$$\frac{3}{2} \cdot f(4) > 6 \text{ and } \frac{3}{2} \cdot f(6) > 6 \cdot \text{true}$$

fii. (x-int between 8 and 12?)

$$\text{right} \left( \text{solve} \left( \frac{3}{2} \cdot f(x) = 0, x \right) \mid x > 0 \right) \cdot 10$$

fiii. (Is the TP lower than  $y=15$ ?)

$$\frac{3}{2} \cdot f(\text{right}(\text{fMax}(f(x), x))) \cdot 18.75 \mid$$

## Sample task and marking scheme (Functions Investigation Part 2, Question 2)

Try creating a CAS file which can assist with marking student responses to the task below.

### Question 2 (11 marks)

Check CAS file for answers.

Cassie wants to try to reverse parallel park as well, starting from the point (4, 10). However, the parked car beside her starting point is larger than the case in **Question 1**; she will need to ensure she avoids hitting this car.

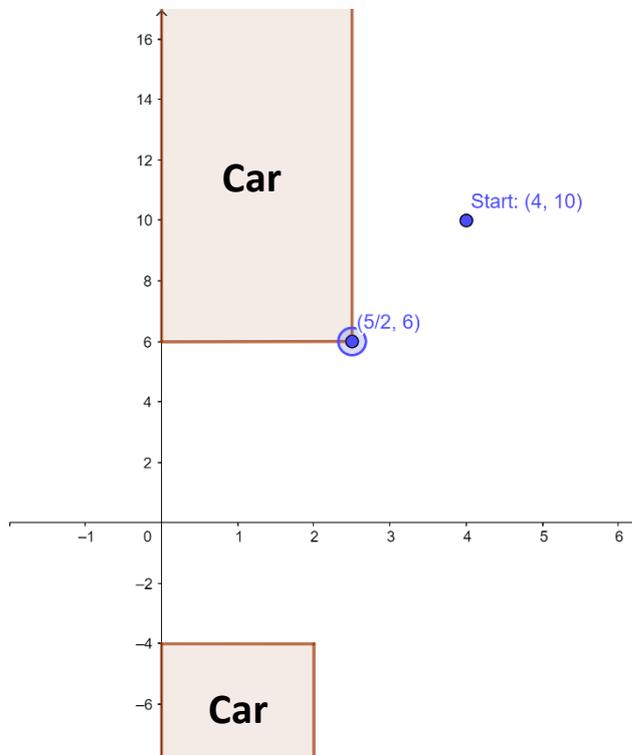
Texas has instructed Cassie to create a cubic function  $f_1$  in stationary point of inflection form:

$$f_1(x) = a(x - h)^3 + k$$

The following criteria must be satisfied for the new function  $f_1$ :

- Its right endpoint is (4, 10).
- Its left endpoint is its  $x$ -intercept, which has an  $x$ -coordinate between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2.
- The curve must be below the point  $(\frac{5}{2}, 6)$  when  $x = \frac{5}{2}$ .  
i.e. The path must not hit the parked car.

The width of Cassie's car may be considered as negligible.  
i.e. Width of car = 0 m.



a) Find a rule for the new cubic function,  $f_1$ .

3 marks in total; check for conditions satisfied:

- The rule passes through (4, 10) A1
- The left  $x$ -intercept is between  $\frac{1}{2}$  and 2 inclusive. A1
- $f(\frac{5}{2}) < 6$  A1

\*Note: Maximum of 1 mark if the function created is not a cubic.

\*Note: Q2b – 2g are consequential to the student's function in Q2a.

b) State the coordinates of the  $x$ -intercept of the graph of  $f_1$ , correct to 2 decimal places.

Correct  $x$ -intercept in coordinate form. A1

Must be in coordinate form, not written as  $x = a$ .

c) State the domain of  $f_1$  correct to 2 decimal places, assuming both endpoints are inclusive.

Correct domain. A1

d) State the coordinates of the stationary point of inflection of  $f_1$ .

Correct stationary point of inflection. A1

e) Sketch the graph of  $y = f_1(x)$  on the image in part a).

Label endpoints and stationary points of inflection with their coordinates correct to 2 decimal places.

3 marks in total:

- Shape A1
- Stationary point of inflection A1
- Endpoints labelled A1/2 x2  
Don't penalise open/closed endpoints.

The function  $f_1$  is translated  $k$  units to the left to form a new function,  $f_2$ .

f) If  $f_2$  passes through  $(\frac{5}{2}, 6)$ , find the value of  $k$  correct to 2 decimal places.

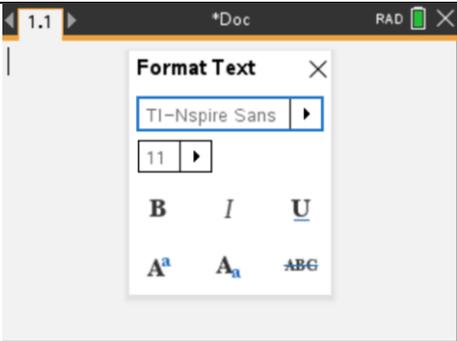
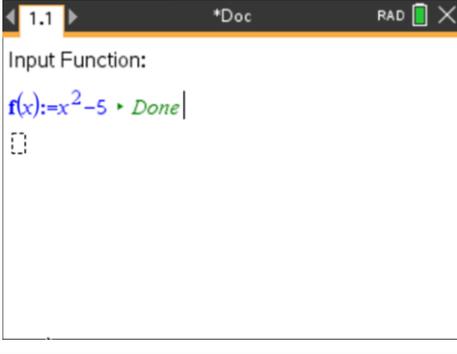
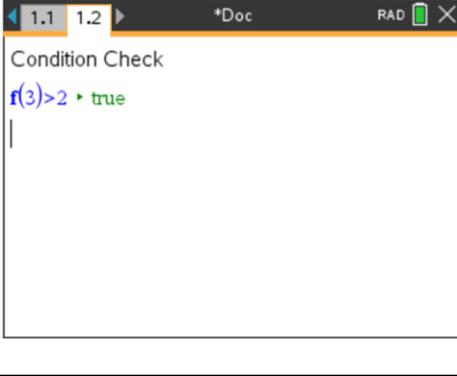
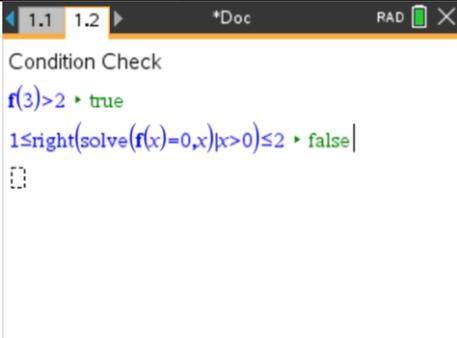
Correct value of  $k$  A1

g) Hence or otherwise, find all **positive** values of  $k$  where the graph of  $f_2$  allows Cassie to **not** hit the large parked car.

Correct interval for  $k$  A1

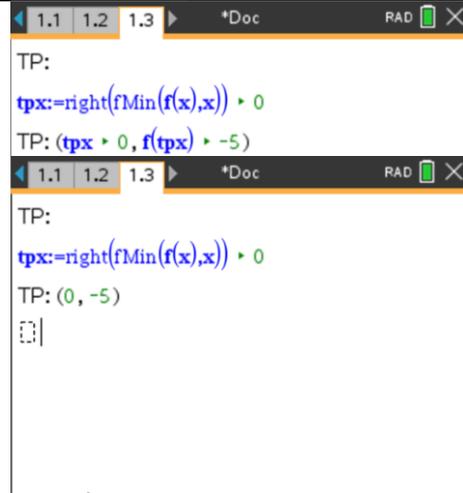
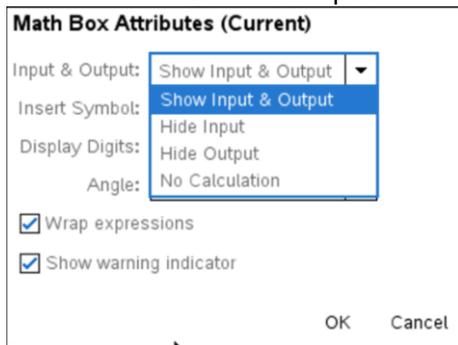
## Glossary

Note: All the instructions below require “Note” page using the TI-Nspire.

TI-Nspire CAS Keystrokes	TI-Nspire CAS Screens
<p>To insert a Maths box, press <b>(ctrl) M</b>. All commands from the Calculator page can be accessed in a Maths box.</p>	
<p>To adjust the font size and font style, press <b>(menu) &gt; 4 Format &gt; 1 Format text...</b></p>	
<p><b>Define a function:</b> Define <math>f(x) = x^2 + 5</math></p>	
<p>Inside a Maths box, enter the function name with <b>:=</b>. Press <b>(enter)</b> when the action is done.</p> <p>Obtain <b>:=</b> by pressing <b>(ctrl) (=)</b></p> <p>Ensure the instruction is clear for others to follow, a quick instruction such as “input function” can be labelled before defining a function. In this case, you do not need to use Maths box.</p>	
<p><b>Check whether a simple condition is true:</b> For <math>f(x) = x^2 - 5</math>, check if <math>f(3) &gt; 2</math>.</p>	
<p>Inside a Maths box, enter the condition that needs to be checked.</p> <p>If the condition is true, a <b>▶ true</b> is shown.</p> <p>If the condition is false, a <b>▶ false</b> is shown.</p>	
<p><b>Check the right-/left-hand side of the equation is true:</b> For <math>f(x) = x^2 - 5</math>, check if the positive <math>x</math>-intercept is between 1 and 2 (inclusive).</p>	
<p>In this case where <math>x</math>-intercept(s) needs to be solved, an output <math>x = \pm\sqrt{5}</math> is obtained when solving <math>f(x) = 0</math>.</p> <p>To check whether one of the solutions (<math>\sqrt{5}</math> in this example) is true, only the right-hand side of the equation needs to be checked. Therefore, type <i>right()</i> into a Maths box with the condition that is required to be checked.</p>	

**Show/Hide input or output:** To show the turning point of the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 5$ .

To view only the turning point's coordinates (i.e., (0,-5)), press (menu) > 5 Math Box Options > 1 Math Box Attributes > Hide Input



**List a Coefficient:** Find the coefficient of  $x$  for  $g(x) = (3x - 2)^2$ .

Use the catalogue key (2nd) to access `polyCoeffs(` for listing the coefficients of a polynomial.

Use the catalogue key (2nd) to access `list>mat(` which converts a list into a row matrix. `[a b]` traces the element in the  $a^{th}$  row and the  $b^{th}$  column of this matrix.

In this case, the coefficient of  $x$  is the second coefficient of the polynomial, the value in the first row and the second column is listed.

