

(\*Video 1: Factoring some polynomials\*)

In[\*]:= **Factor**[ $x^2 - 4x + 4$ ]

Out[\*]=  $(-2 + x)^2$

In[\*]:= **Expand**[ $(-3 + x)^2$ ]

**Expand**[ $(x - 3)^2$ ]

Out[\*]=  $9 - 6x + x^2$

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In[\*]:= **Factor**[ $x^2 - 2cx + c^2$ ]

Out[\*]=  $(c - x)^2$

In[\*]:= **Expand**[ $(a - x)^2$ ]

Out[\*]=  $a^2 - 2ax + x^2$

In[46]:= **Factor**[ $x^2 - 1/3x + 1/36$ ]

Out[46]=  $\frac{1}{36} (-1 + 6x)^2$

In[48]:= **Solve**[ $-2c == -1/3, c$ ]

Out[48]=  $\left\{ \left\{ c \rightarrow \frac{1}{6} \right\} \right\}$

In[49]:= **Simplify**[ $\frac{1}{36} (-1 + 6x)^2 == \left(\frac{1}{6} - x\right)^2$ ]

Out[49]= True

In[\*]:= **Factor**[ $x^2 - 16$ ]

Out[\*]=  $(-4 + x)(4 + x)$

In[51]:= **Factor**[ $x^4 - 10x^2 + 25$ ]

Out[51]=  $(-5 + x^2)^2$

In[53]:= **Expand**[ $(x - 2)^3$ ]

Out[53]=  $-8 + 12x - 6x^2 + x^3$

In[\*]:= **Factor**[ $-8 + 12x - 6x^2 + x^3$ ]

Out[\*]=  $(-2 + x)^3$

In[54]:= **Expand**[ $(x - 2)^{15}$ ]

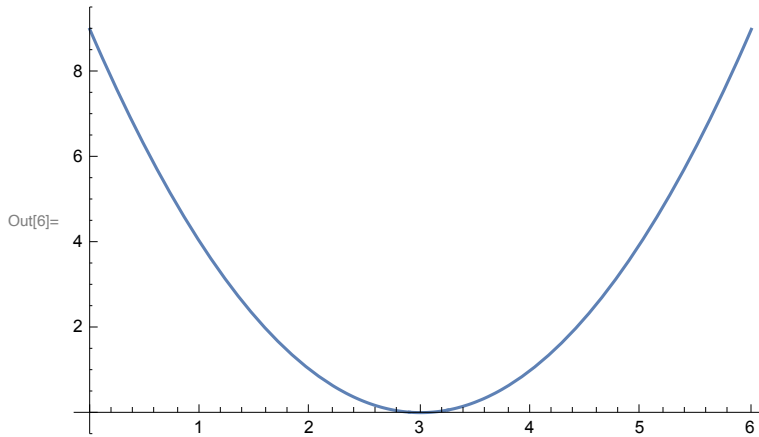
Out[54]=  $-32768 + 245760x - 860160x^2 + 1863680x^3 - 2795520x^4 + 3075072x^5 - 2562560x^6 + 1647360x^7 - 823680x^8 + 320320x^9 - 96096x^{10} + 21840x^{11} - 3640x^{12} + 420x^{13} - 30x^{14} + x^{15}$

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In[55]:= Factor[-32 768 + 245 760 x - 860 160 x^2 + 1 863 680 x^3 - 2 795 520 x^4 + 3 075 072 x^5 - 2 562 560 x^6 +  
1 647 360 x^7 - 823 680 x^8 + 320 320 x^9 - 96 096 x^10 + 21 840 x^11 - 3640 x^12 + 420 x^13 - 30 x^14 + x^15]
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Out[55]= (-2 + x)^15
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(\*Video 2: Plots \*)

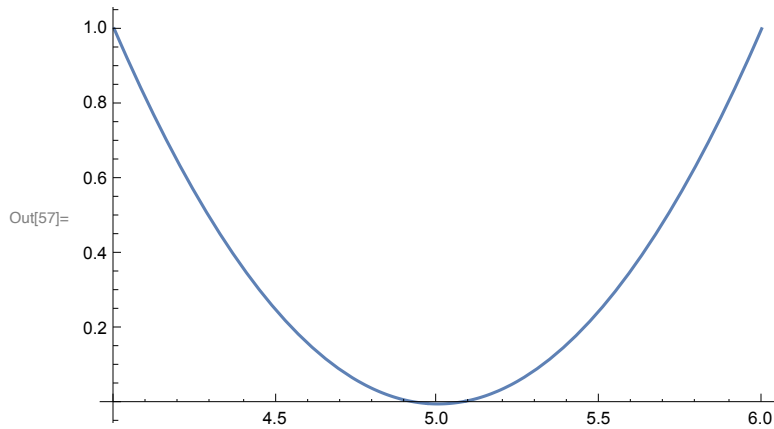
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In[6]:= Plot[x^2 - 6 x + 9, {x, 0, 6}]
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In[56]:= Factor[x^2 - 6 x + 9] (* (x-3)^2 *)
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Out[56]= (-3 + x)^2
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In[57]:= Plot[(-5 + x)^2, {x, 4, 6}]
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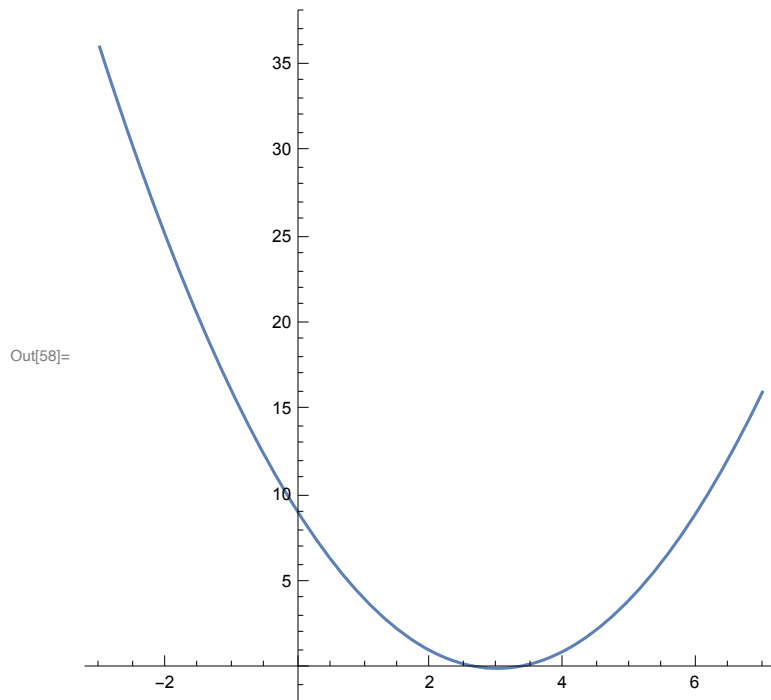


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In[25]= Manipulate[Plot[t (x - a) ^2 + c, {x, -10, 10}, PlotRange -> {-2, 2}],  
  {a, -10, 10}, {c, -2, 2}, {t, -2, 2}]
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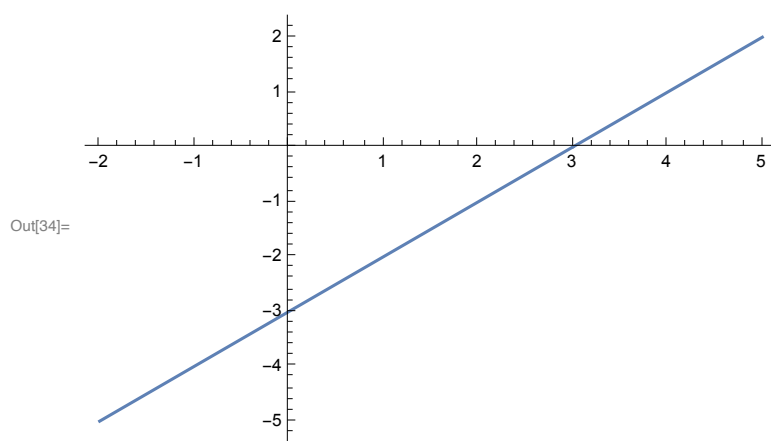
Out[25]=



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In[58]:= Plot[x^2 - 6 x + 9, {x, -3, 7}, AspectRatio -> 1]
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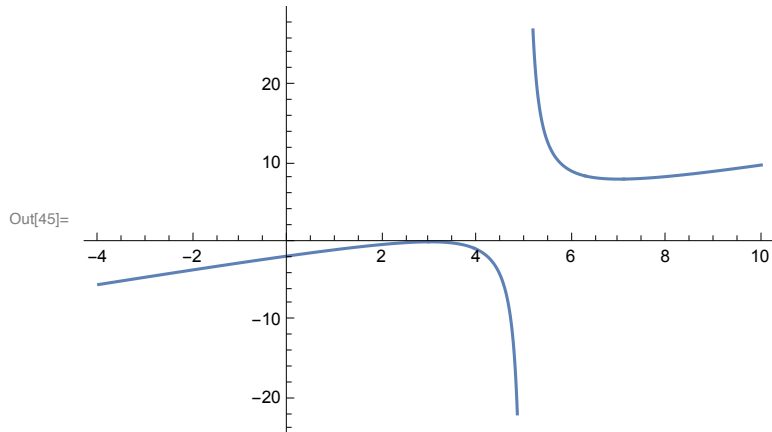
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In[34]:= Plot[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 3), {x, -2, 5}]
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In[35]:= Simplify[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 3)]
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Out[35]=  $-3 + x$

In[45]:= `Plot[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 5), {x, -4, 10}]`



(\*Video 3: Limits \*)

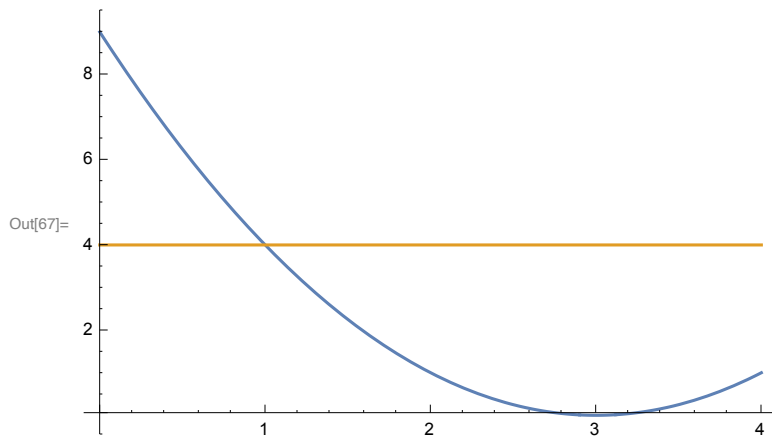
In[59]:= `Limit[x^2 - 6 x + 9, x -> 1]`

Out[59]= 4

In[62]:= `x = 1;`  
`x^2 - 6 x + 9`

Out[63]= 4

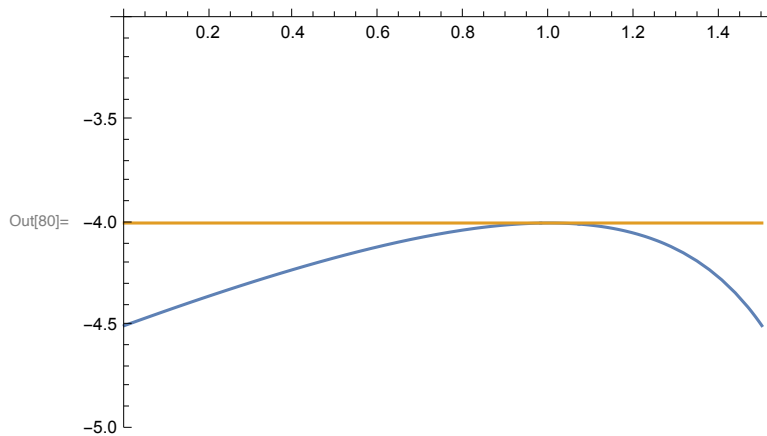
In[67]:= `Plot[{x^2 - 6 x + 9, 4}, {x, 0, 4}]`



In[74]:= `Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x -> 1]`

Out[74]= -4

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In[80]:= Plot[{(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), -4}, {x, 0, 1.5}, PlotRange -> {-5, -3}]
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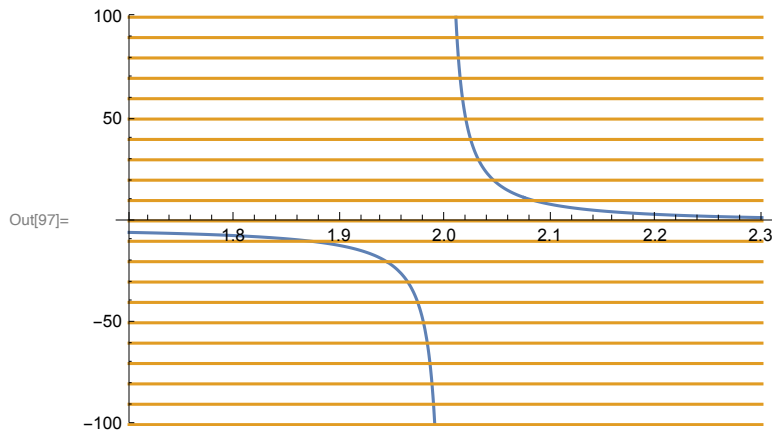
(\*There IS a single value (yellow line) where the function accumulates!\*)

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In[70]:= Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x -> 2]
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Out[70]= Indeterminate
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In[97]:= (*Recall the plot:*)
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Plot[{(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), Table[{n}, {n, -100, 100, 10}]},
{x, 1.7, 2.3}, PlotRange -> 100]
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(\*There is no single value (yellow line) where the function accumulates!\*)

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In[86]:= (*Directional limit*)
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Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x -> 2, Direction -> "FromBelow"]
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Out[86]= -∞
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In[87]:= (*Directional limit*)
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Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x -> 2, Direction -> "FromAbove"]
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Out[87]= ∞
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In[92]:= (*Directional limit*)  
Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x → 2, Direction → "FromBelow"]  
Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x → 2, Direction → "FromAbove"]
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Out[92]= -∞
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Out[93]= ∞
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In[94]:= Limit[(x^2 - 6 x + 9) / (x - 2), x → 2]
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Out[94]= Indeterminate
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