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## 1. Functions and graphs

### Empirical functions

- the temperature as a function of time
- the price of salmon
- all kinds of 'indexes'
- fertility

Definition A function is a table of function values.

$x$	.....
$f(x)$	.....

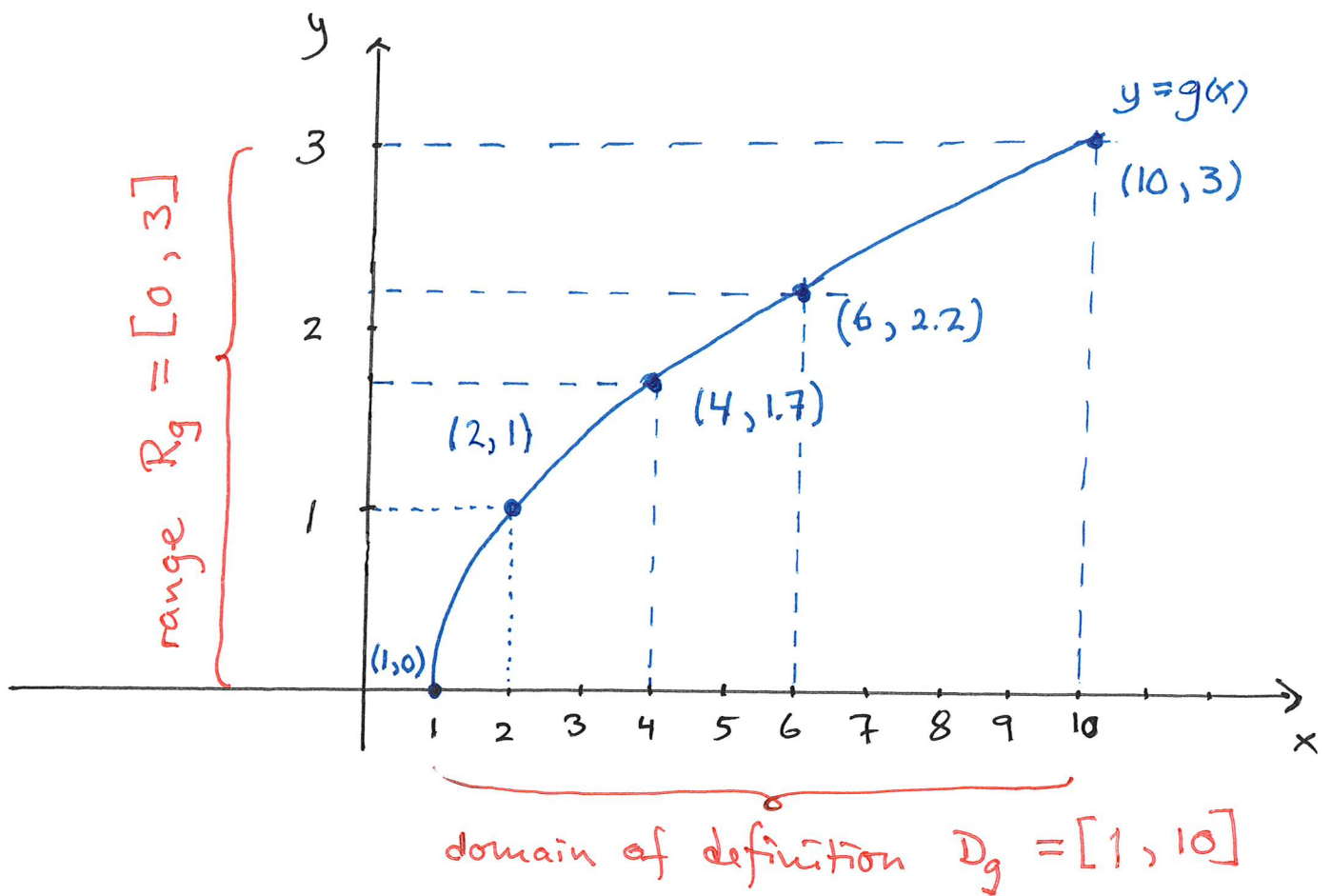
Ex  $f(x)$  = average age at the birth of the first child in year  $x$ .

Domain of definition:  $x \in [1961, 2022] = D_f$

Ex  $g(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$ . The largest possible domain is  $D_g = [1, \rightarrow)$ . Want to draw the graph

with  $D_g = [1, 10]$ . I make a table of function values:

$x$	1	2	4	6	10
$g(x)$	0	1	1.7	2.2	3



2. Linear functions  $f(x) = ax + b$   
 - the graph is a line.

The point-slope formula:

If  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a point on the graph (of a line!)  
 and  $a$  is the slope (of the line), then

$$y - y_0 = a \cdot (x - x_0)$$

↑ dependent variable

↑ independent variable

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Ex If  $(x_0, y_0) = (9, 25)$

and  $(x_1, y_1) = (11, 31)$  are two points on the line, then the slope is (the relative change)

$$a = \frac{\text{change in } y\text{-value}}{\text{change in } x\text{-value}} = \frac{31 - 25}{11 - 9}$$

$$= \frac{6}{2} = 3$$

The point-slope formula gives

$$y - 25 = 3 \cdot (x - 9)$$

so  $y = 3x - 27 + 25$

so  $y = \underline{\underline{3x - 2}}$

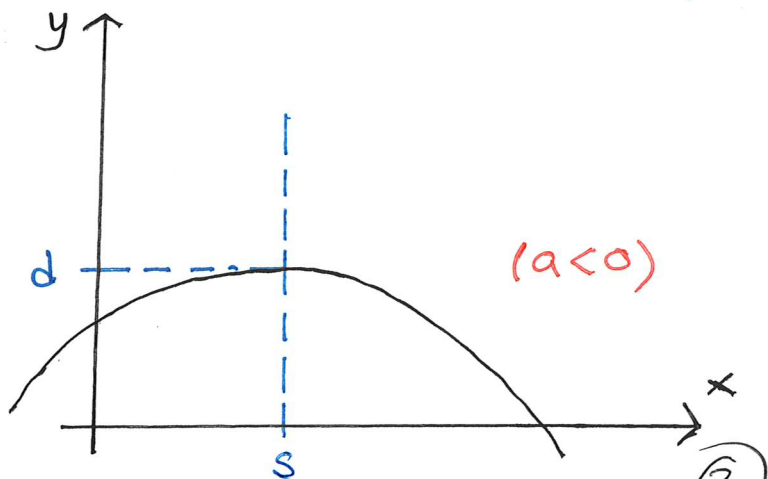
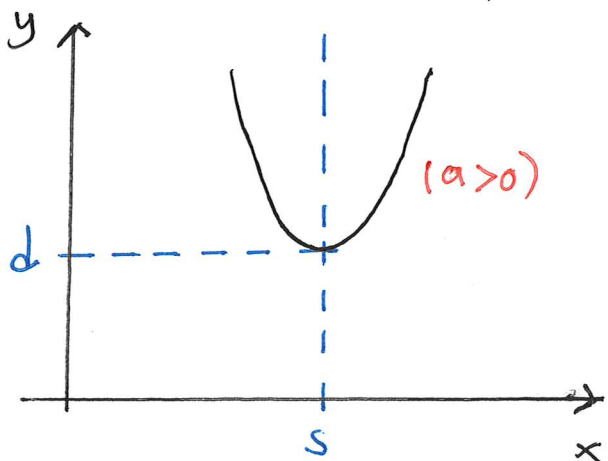
### 3. Quadratic functions

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

But if we want to draw/understand the graph, the following standard expression is better:

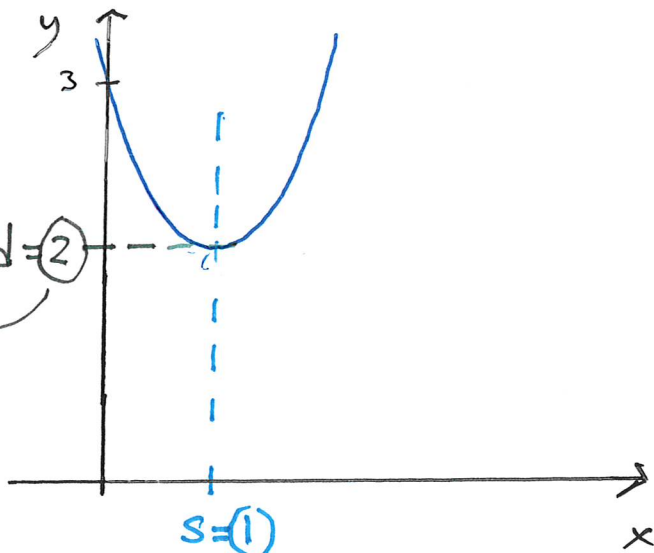
$$f(x) = a(x - s)^2 + d$$

"by completing the square"



Ex  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$

$= (x - 1)^2 + 2$



Problem The quadratic function  $f(x)$  has

- minimum value  $y = -1$
  - symmetry line  $x = 5$  (y free)
  - the graph passes through the point  $(9, 3)$
- a) Determine the expression  $f(x) = a(x-s)^2 + d$
- b) Determine where the graph crosses the x-axis and the y-axis.

Solution

a) We have been given  $s = 5$  and  $d = -1$

so  $f(x) = a(x-5)^2 - 1$

Then  $f(9) = 3$  gives the eq  $a \cdot (9-5)^2 - 1 = 3$

$16a = 4$

$a = \frac{4}{16} = 0.25$

and  $f(x) = \underline{\underline{0.25 \cdot (x-5)^2 - 1}}$

b) Crosses the x-axis: solve eq.  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x$ .

i.e.  $0.25(x-5)^2 - 1 = 0$

get  $(x-5)^2 = 4$

so  $x-5 = \pm 2$  so  $\underline{\underline{x = 7}}$  or  $\underline{\underline{x = 3}}$

Crosse the y-axis :  $y = f(0) = 0.25 \cdot (0-5)^2 - 1$   
 $= 0.25 \cdot 25 - 1 = 6.25 - 1 = \underline{\underline{5.25}}$

#### 4. Revenue- and cost-functions

$$\text{Profit} = \text{Revenue} - \text{cost}$$

$$P(x) = R(x) - C(x)$$

$x$  = number of units produced

*assumption*  
= units sold

Ex  $R(x) = 15x$  ,  $C(x) = 0.05 \cdot x^2 - 10x + 525$

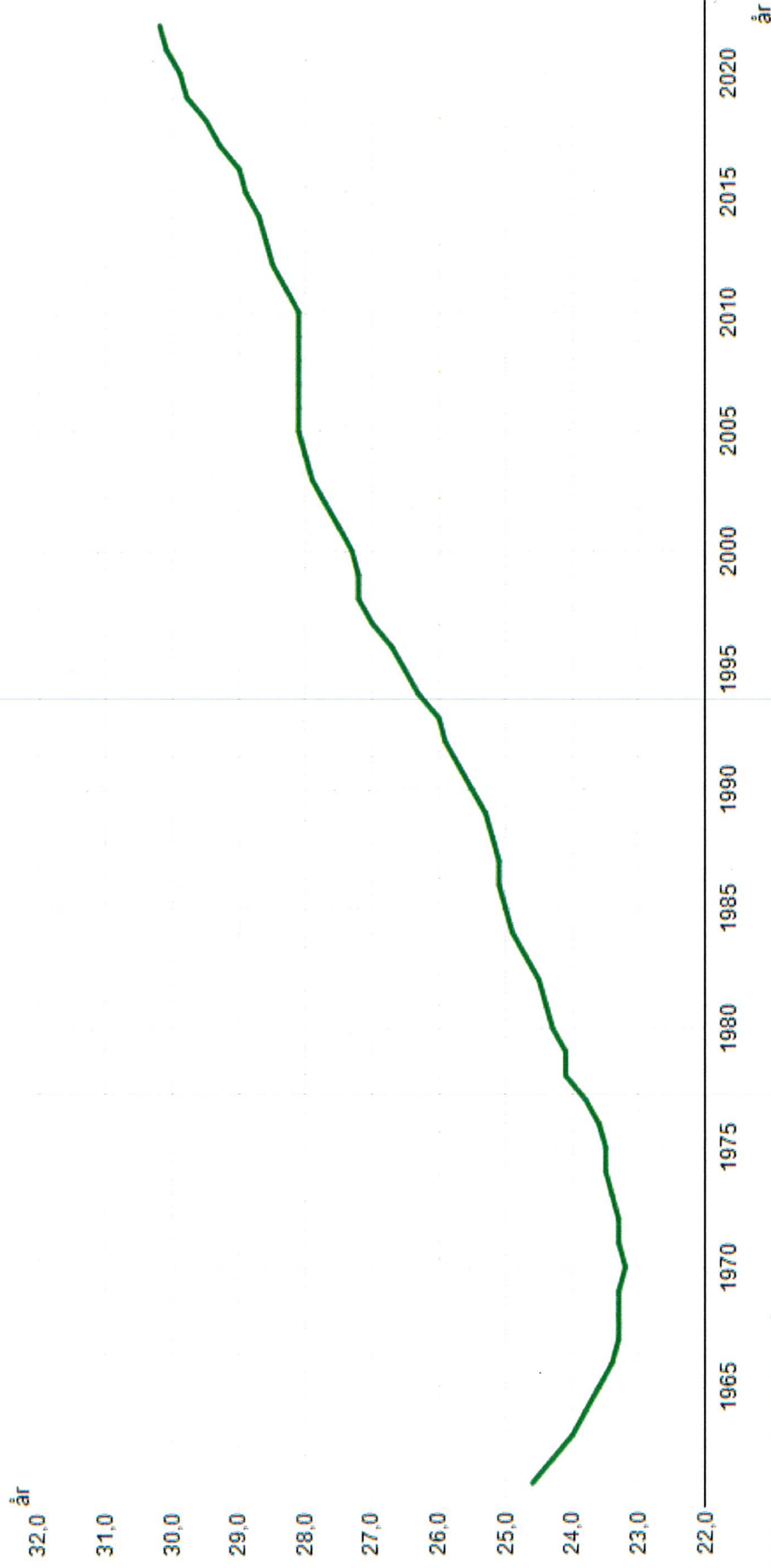
Then  $P(x) = 15x - (0.05x^2 - 10x + 525)$

..... <sup>compl. sq.</sup>  $= -0.05 \left[ (x - 250)^2 - 52000 \right]$

so max. profit if  $x = 250$

$$\text{Max. profit} = P(250) = -0.05 \cdot (-52.000) \\ = \underline{\underline{2600}}$$

07872: Foreldrenes gjennomsnittlige fødealder ved første barns fødsel, etter år. Mors fødealder første barn.

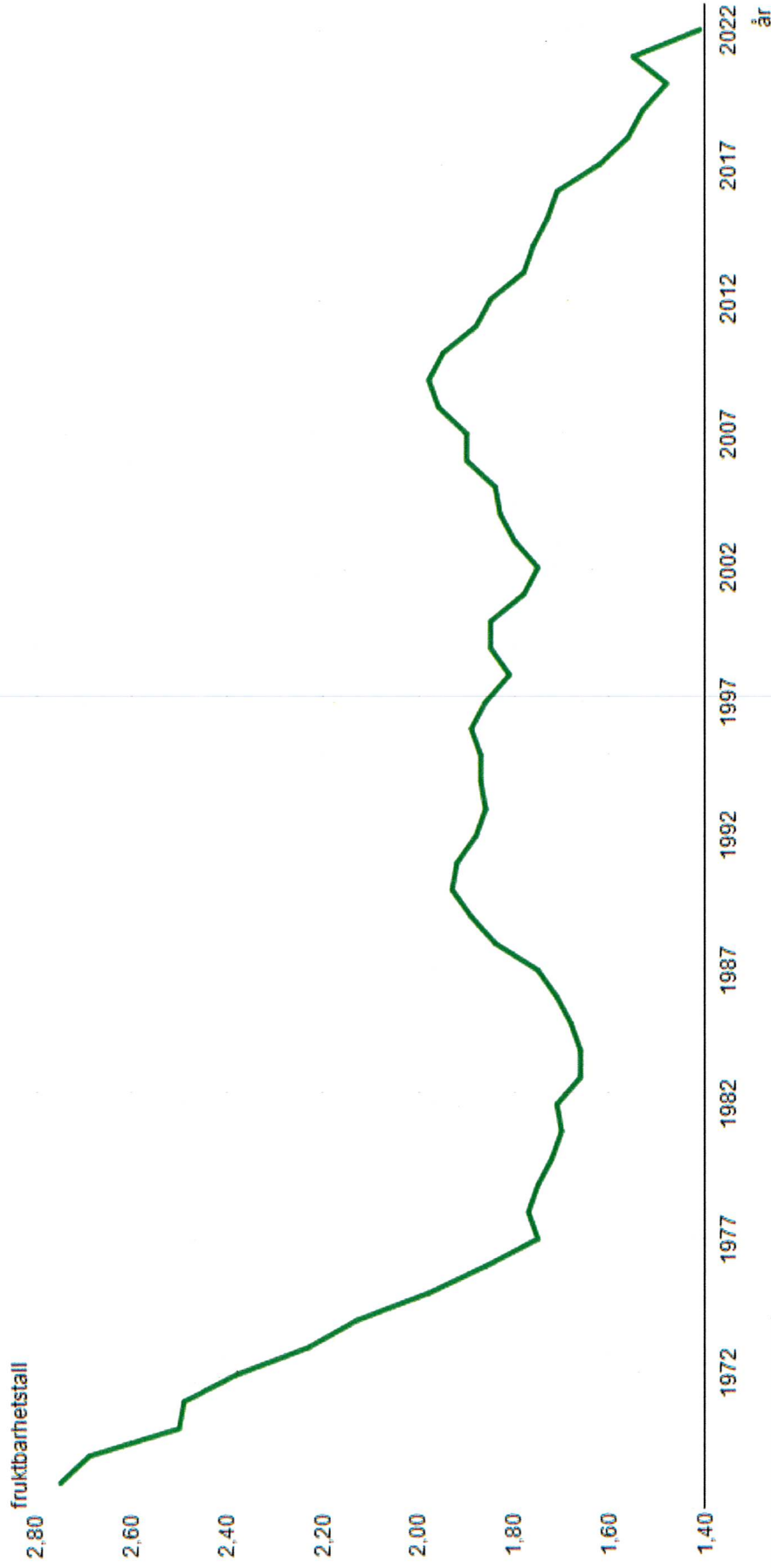


Kilde: Statistisk sentralbyrå

**Fotnoter**

Tall for 1961-1985 er beregnet ut fra nytt tilgjengelig datagrunnlag fra 2009. Tilsvarende datagrunnlag brukes for beregning av fars gjennomsnittsalder ved første barns fødsel.

## 04232: Samlet fruktbarhetstall, kvinner, etter år. Samlet fruktbarhetstall, kvinner.



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### Fotnoter

Samlet fruktbarhetstall er summen av 1-årige aldersavhengige fruktbarhetsrater 15-49 år. Antall barn hver kvinne kommer til å føde under forutsetning av at fruktbarhetsmønstret i perioden varer ved og at dødsfall ikke forekommer.

Figur 1. Barnetallfordeling 30-åring, utvalgte kohorter. Prosent

