TI 83/84: Calculator Pictures: The Smiley Face Equations

Suppose we wanted to make a simple Smiley face on our calculators



Let's imagine that same Smiley face placed on the x-y coordinate plane:



Set your calculator to this window so that circles look like circles:



Right Eye: Hmmmm..... How about a circle of radius 1, with the center at (3,4)?

formula: $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ gives center (h,k), radius r.

therefore: $(x - 3)^2 + (y - 4)^2 = 1^2$

(.....insert a healthy dose of algebra......fill it in yourself!)

so:
$$y = \pm \sqrt{1 - (x - 3)^2} + 4$$

So, to enter it in the calculator, use:

 $y_1 = \sqrt{(1 - (x - 3)^2) + 4}$ $y_2 = -\sqrt{(1 - (x - 3)^2) + 4}$ <u>Left Eye:</u> Should be the same as the right eye, but with the center at (-3,4).

So, to enter it in the calculator, use:

$$y_3 = \sqrt{(1 - (x + 3)^2) + 4}$$

$$y_4 = -\sqrt{(1 - (x + 3)^2) + 4}$$

Why? Figure out the details!

<u>Smile</u>: The <u>negative</u> half of a circle centered at the origin, of radius 5.

So, to enter it in the calculator, use: $y_5 = -\sqrt{25 - x^2}$

Why? Figure out the details!

Now, to make it look extra good: Use 2nd FORMAT and choose AxesOff. If you want to graph just PART of an equation for your circles project (optional)

Example: to graph y = x + 1 but only for x < 2 on your calculator, use $y_1 = (x + 1) / (x < 2)$

Why does this work?

When the calculator does any inequality test, it returns a one (1) if the statement is true, and a zero (0) if the statement is false.

So, when x is less than 2, the equation works out to:

$$y_1 = (x + 1) / (x < 2)$$

 $y_1 = (x + 1) / (1)$
 $y_1 = (x + 1)$

But when x is NOT less than 2, the equation ends up trying to divide by zero, which is undefined -- so the calculator doesn't graph anything.

$$y_1 = (x + 1) / (x < 2)$$

 $y_1 = (x + 1) / (0)$
 $y_1 = undefined!$

So, for y_1 in the above example, when x < 2, you just get the graph of y = x + 1. However, when x is <u>not</u> less than 2 (when $x \ge 2$), the function is undefined, and the calculator graphs nothing.



Where do you find the inequality signs on your calculator? Press 2nd, then TEST, which is above the MATH key:



What if you want to limit both sides of your graph? Do this: $y_1 = (graph eq'n)/((x > 2)(x < 5))$ This would graph your equation, only between x = 2 and x = 5.