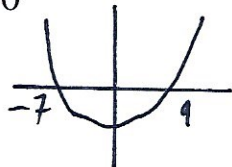


**18th December**

Work out the range of values of x for which

$$x^2 - 2x - 63 \leq 0$$



$$-7 \leq x \leq 9$$

$f(x) = 200 - x^3$ for all values of x .

Solve $f(2x) = 15$

$$200 - (2x)^3 = 15$$

$$200 - 8x^3 = 15$$

$$8x^3 = 185$$

$$x^3 = \frac{185}{8}$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{185}{8}}$$

$$x = 2.849$$

The expansion of $(2 + ax)^5$ in ascending powers of x , as far as x^2 is

$$32 + bx + 720x^2$$

Given a is positive, find the values of a and b .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} & & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & & 1 \\ & & & & & 1 & 1 \\ & & & & 1 & 2 & 1 \\ & & & 1 & 3 & 3 & 1 \\ & & 1 & 4 & 6 & 4 & 1 \\ & 1 & 5 & 10 & 10 & 5 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$2^5 = 32$$

$$5 \times 2^4 \times (ax) = 80ax$$

$$10 \times 2^3 \times (ax)^2 = 80a^2x^2$$

$$32 + 80ax + 80a^2x^2$$

$$a > 0 \quad 720 = 80a^2$$

$$\boxed{a = 3}$$

$$80 \times 3 = 240$$

$$\boxed{b = 240}$$

The point $(3, a)$ is invariant when transformed by the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 6 & -2 \\ -5 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ a \end{pmatrix}$$

Find a

$$18 - 2a = 3$$

$$2a = 15$$

$$\boxed{a = 7.5}$$

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