Exercise 24

In Exercises 19–28, find any intercepts.

$$y = (x-1)\sqrt{x^2+1}$$

Solution

To find the y-intercept, plug in x = 0 to the function.

$$y = (0-1)\sqrt{(0)^2 + 1} = -1$$

Therefore, the y-intercept is (0, -1). To find the x-intercept(s), set y = 0 and solve the equation for x.

$$(x-1)\sqrt{x^2+1} = 0$$
$$x-1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

Therefore, the x-intercept is (1,0).

