Exercise 72

For the following exercises, use the functions f(x) = -0.1x + 200 and g(x) = 20x + 0.1.

Find the point of intersection of the lines f and g.

Solution

To find the point of intersection of the two lines, set the two equations equal and solve the equation for x.

$$-0.1x + 200 = 20x + 0.1$$
$$-0.1x - 20x = -200 + 0.1$$
$$-20.1x = -199.9$$
$$x = \frac{1999}{201}$$

Obtain the corresponding y-value by plugging this value of x into either equation.

$$y = 20\left(\frac{1999}{201}\right) + 0.1 = \frac{400\,001}{2010}$$

Therefore, the point of intersection is

$$\left(\frac{1999}{201}, \frac{400\,001}{2010}\right).$$