Graphing Functions on the CALCULATOR

Step 1) Write the equation to be graphed in y = f(x) form. (In other words, solve for y.)

Step 2) Access the function editor window.

TI 83/84

Note the row of dedicated keys under the calculator screen.

Y = WINDOW ZOOM TRACE GRAPH

Press Y=

TI 85/86

Press GRAPH

The menu keys will then be labeled in the following way.

Y = WIND ZOOM TRACE GRAPH

Press F1

TI 89/92

Note the row of dedicated keys under the calculator screen.

Y = WINDOW GRAPH TblSetF1 F2 F3 F4

These commands are accessed by first pressing the green diamond key.

TABLE

F5

Press • F1

Step 3) Enter the function to be graphed.

To type the variable x,

press X,T,θ,n

(The key next to the green ALPHA key.)

To type the variable x,

press F1

Press ENTER

To type the variable x,

press X

(The key below the HOME key.)

F3

Press ENTER

Step 4) Graph the function.

Press GRAPH

Press 2nd F5

Press •

The settings for the standard viewing window are: xmin = -10, xmax = 10, xmin = -10, ymin = -10, ymax = 10, ym

In shorthand notation we write: [-10, 10] X [-10, 10]

Or in general: [xmin, xmax]_{xscl} X [ymin, ymax]_{yscl}