## TI-83 Plus/TI-84 Instructions

## The Basics

Many buttons have two or more options. The $2^{\text {nd }}$ button allows us to access the second option.

Shortcut to squaring a number or variable Also, with the $2^{\text {nd }}$ button, the square root

Power


## Exponents

- The "caret" button above the division button puts what immediately follows into an exponent.
- Parentheses are usually necessary



## Square Roots

1. $2^{\text {nd }}$
2. $x^{2}$
3. Enter the number
4. Close parentheses
5. Enter


- Enter the fraction to be reduced. You may hit ENTER and see the decimal, but it is not necessary.

1. MATH
2. ENTER
3. ENTER


Graphing


## Entering the Graphing Menu

- The five buttons at the very top relate to graphing.
- Use the " $Y=$ " button to enter the graphing menu, where you can enter up to 10 functions to be graphed, or to view tables.
- Make sure "Plot1" is not highlighted, or the calculator will be very confused. If it is, use the arrows to move up to it and hit "ENTER"


## Entering a Function

- Type the function rule into the calculator.
- For the input variable, use the $X, T, \theta, n$ button next to the ALPHA key
- You do not have to press ENTER
- You may enter more than one function at a time. Use the arrow keys to move down to the next function slot
- The calculator can only graph functions! It cannot graph linear equations in standard form.


## Viewing a Graph

- Once a function has been entered into the " $Y=$ " menu, press GRAPH to see the graph


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## Resetting the Window

- The default "window" on the calculator (i.e. how much of the graph you can see) is set at -10 to 10 on both the $x$-axis and the $y$ axis, with tick marks 1 unit apart.
- Sometimes, this can be changed.
- A quick way to return to the default window is to choose "ZOOM" option "6"


