

3. [8 points] Traditionally, it has been assumed that a  $D$  year-old dog is the same biological age as a  $7D$  year-old human. So a 3 year-old dog (in actual years) has aged as much as a 21 year-old human.

However, scientists have found a new aging formula for Labrador retrievers that takes specific biological aging markers into account. The new formula claims that a  $D$  year-old Labrador retriever (in actual years) has aged as much as a human who is

$$H = f(D) = 15 \ln(D) + 31 \text{ years old}$$

One strange thing about this formula they came up with is that it doesn't go through the point  $(0, 0)$  as we'd expect it to. In fact, we can't plug in 0 to this formula at all!

- a. [2 points] Explain in one sentence why we can't plug  $D = 0$  into this formula.

**Explanation:**

- b. [3 points] According to this formula, at what age (in real years) will a dog be biologically equivalent to a newborn baby ( $H = 0$ )?

*Show all work. Give your final answer in decimal form, NOT exact form.*

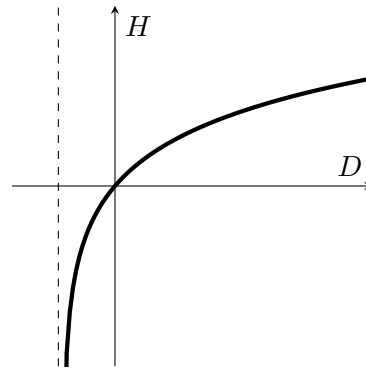
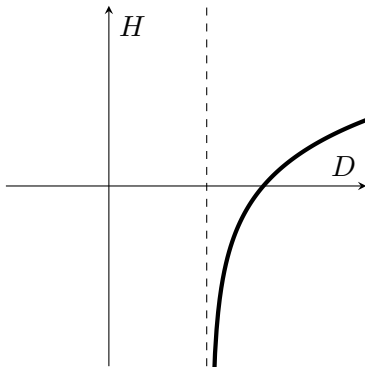
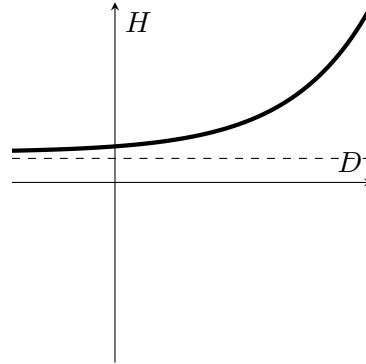
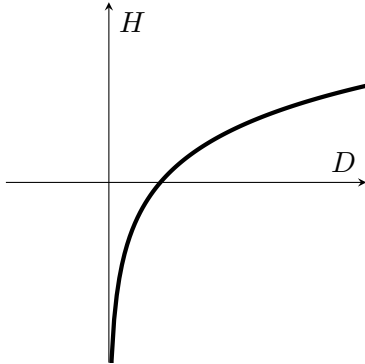
$D =$  \_\_\_\_\_ years

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- c. [3 points] Now considering the same function without its context: which of the graphs below could be the graph of

$$f(D) = 15\ln(D) + 31?$$

Circle the correct graph or NONE.



NONE OF THESE GRAPHS COULD REPRESENT THE FUNCTION  $f(D)$ .