

NC EMPT'S  
**QUESTION?**  
*of The week*

When  $x = 2$ , find the value of the expression:  $\frac{-3|x-2|}{4}$

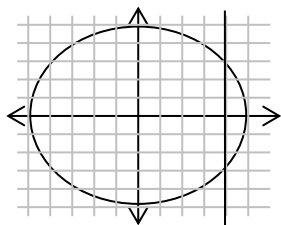
- A. 3      B. 0      C.  $-\frac{3}{4}$       D. -3      E. None of these.

*Last Week's Answer*

The graph of  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  and the graph of  $x - 4 = 0$  are drawn on the same set of axes. A point of intersection of the graphs is:

- A. (5,0)      B. (-4,-3)      **C. (4,-3)**      D. (-3,4)      E. (4,-4)

**Solution:**



The first equation represents a circle with standard form:  $(x - 0)^2 + (y - 0)^2 = 5^2$ . The circle has a center at (0,0) and a radius of 5 units. The second equation represents the vertical line  $x = 4$ . The graphs intersect at two points: (4,3) and (4,-3).

Note that answers A, B, and D are solutions of the first equation, but not the second.

*Each week, we'll reveal the answer to the previous week's question!*

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