

College Algebra - Review 1

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1. Suppose $g(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 3x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \sqrt{4 - x^2} & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{x^2}{4} - 4 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$. Evaluate the piecewise defined function at the values indicated below.
- Handwritten notes:* line → (for $1 - 3x$), Half circle → (for $\sqrt{4 - x^2}$), upwards opening parabola → (for $\frac{x^2}{4} - 4$)

(a) $g(-9) = 1 - 3(-9) = 1 + (-3)(-9) = 1 + 27$

(a) 28

(b) $g(0) = \sqrt{4 - 0^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$

(b) 2

(c) $g(1) = \sqrt{4 - 1} = \sqrt{3}$

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(d) $g(-4) = 1 - 3(-4) = 1 + 12 = 13$

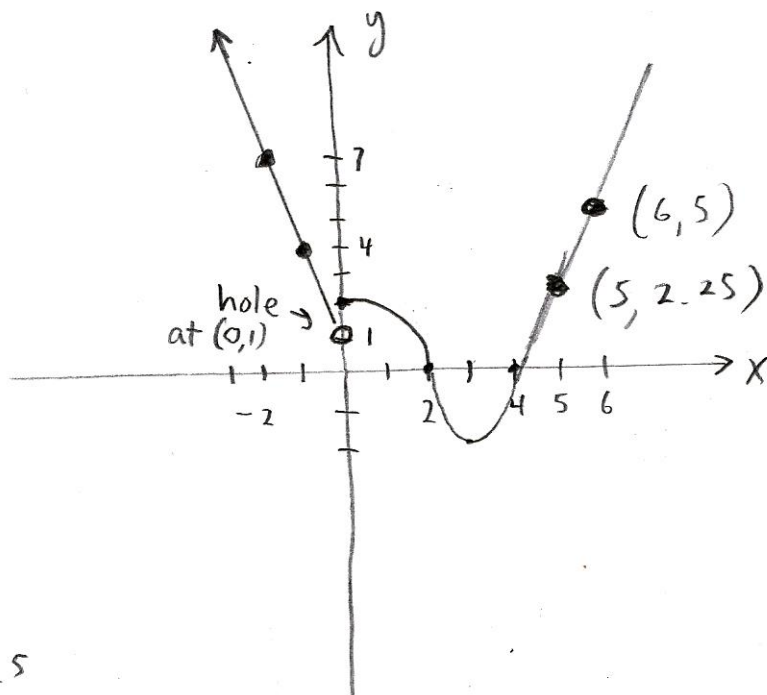
(d) 13

(e) $g(4) = \frac{4^2}{4} - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$

(e) 0

2. Sketch the graph of the piecewise function defined above.

x	y
-9	28
-2	7
-1	4
0	2
2	0
3	$\frac{9}{4} - 4 = 2\frac{1}{4} - 4 = -1\frac{3}{4}$
4	0
5	$\frac{25}{4} - 4 = 6.25 - 4 = 2.25$
6	$\frac{36}{4} - 4 = 9 - 4 = 5$



3. Write the domain of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-5}$ using interval notation.

3. $(-\infty, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$

$x \neq 5$



4. Write the domain of $f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$ using interval notation.

4. $[5, \infty)$

The quantity under the radical must be positive or zero
Set $x-5 \geq 0$ and solve for x

$x-5+5 \geq 0+5$

$x \geq 5$



5. Evaluate and simplify the expression $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ for $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$. Assume x , h and $x+h$ are real numbers in the domain of f and that $h \neq 0$. Hint: You know you are finished when you can replace h with zero and not get a division by zero.

$f(x+h) = 2(x+h)^2 - 1$ and

5. $4x + 2h$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{[2(x+h)^2 - 1] - [2x^2 - 1]}{h} = \frac{2(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 1 - 2x^2 + 1}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 - 2x^2}{h} = \frac{4xh + 2h^2}{h} = \frac{h(4x + 2h)}{h} = 4x + 2h$$

6. Find the zeros of $g(x) = \sqrt{9-x^2}$. $\triangleq$ half circle

6. $(-3, 0)$ and $(3, 0)$

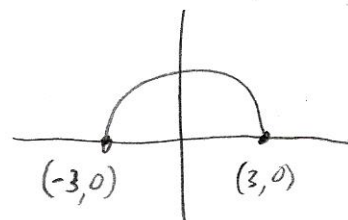
Set $g(x) = 0$ and solve for x

$0 = \sqrt{9-x^2}$

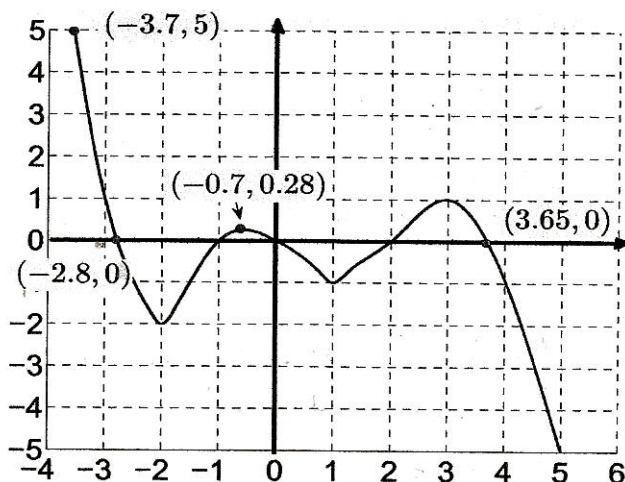
$0^2 = (\sqrt{9-x^2})^2$

$0 = 9 - x^2$

$x^2 = 9 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3$



7. (12 points) The graph of a function f is given in the figure (right). Assume the entire graph of the function is shown.



- (a) Find all local and absolute maximum and minimum values of the function and the value of x at which each occurs.

Abs max: $y = 5$ at $x = -3.7$

Abs min: $y = -5$ at $x = 5$

Local max: 0.28 at $x = -0.7$ and $y = 1$ at $x = 3$

Local min: $y = -2$ at $x = -2$ and $y = -1$ at $x = 1$

- (b) State the x intervals for which $f(x) > 0$.

The graph of y -values is above the x -axis for all x values

in the interval $[-3.7, -2.8) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (2, 3.65)$

- (c) State the x intervals for which $f(x) < 0$.

x in the interval $(-2.8, -1) \cup (0, 2) \cup (3.65, 5]$

- (d) Find the intervals on which the function is **increasing**.

$y \uparrow$ for x in $(-2, -0.7) \cup (1, 3)$

- (e) Find the intervals on which the function is **decreasing**.

$y \downarrow$ for x in $[-3.7, -2) \cup (-0.7, 1) \cup (3, 5]$

- (f) Find $f(4)$.

(f) -1

- (g) Find $f(5)$.

(g) -5

8. Find the average rates of change of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$ from $x_1 = -2$ to $x_2 = -1$

8. 4

$$\frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{f(-1) - f(-2)}{-1 - (-2)}$$

$$= \frac{[(-1)^3 - 3(-1)] - [(-2)^3 - 3(-2)]}{-1 + 2} = \frac{[-1 + 3] - [-8 + 6]}{1} = 2 - (-2)$$

9. Determine if $f(x) = -x + x^3$ is even, odd or neither. If the graph of the function has symmetry, state which kind it has.

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= -(-x) + (-x)^3 \\ &= x + (-x)(-x)(-x) \\ &= x - x^3 \\ &= -1(-x + x^3) = -1 \cdot f(x) \end{aligned}$$

9. odd
origin symmetry

$f(-x) = -1 \cdot f(x) \Rightarrow f$ is odd
 f is odd $\Rightarrow f$'s graph
has origin symmetry

10. What is the domain and range of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$? Use interval notation to answer.

$$\text{dom}(f) = [0, \infty)$$

10. _____

$$\text{rng}(f) = [0, \infty)$$

Write an equation for the function described by the given characteristics.

11. The shape of $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$, but shifted five units right, reflected in the x axis and 12 units down.

$$y = \sqrt{x-5} \quad \text{horizontal shift}$$

$$y = -\sqrt{x-5} \quad \text{reflection}$$

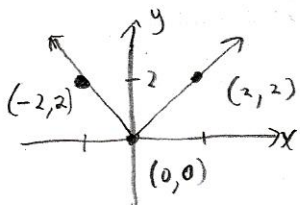
or
11. $y = 12 - \sqrt{x-5}$
 $y = -\sqrt{x-5} + 12$

Directions: Sketch the graph of the function, not by plotting points, but by starting with the graph of a standard function and applying transformations. Label at least 3 points on your final graph.

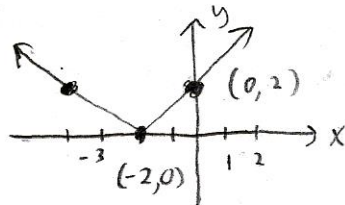
12. $C(x) = 2|x+2| - 3$

$y = 2|x+2| - 3$ is the function that translates $f(x) = |x|$

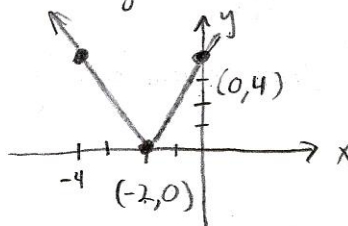
horizontally 2 units left, magnifies it by 2 and shifted 3 units down.



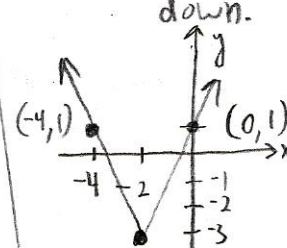
$f(x) = |x|$
parent function
graph



Apply horizontal shift.
Graph $y = |x+2|$. Subtract
2 from the x-coordinates
of your key points



Graph $y = 2|x+2|$
Apply reflection/
magnification. Multiply
the y-coordinates of your
key points by 2.



Shift key
points down
3 units.

Find $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ and their domains.

13. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and $g(x) = 4x - 9$.

$$f \circ g = f(g(x)) = f(4x - 9) = \frac{1}{4x - 9}$$

$$\text{dom}(f \circ g) = \left\{ x \mid x \neq \frac{9}{4} \right\} \text{ or } (-\infty, \frac{9}{4}) \cup (\frac{9}{4}, \infty)$$

$$g \circ f = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{x} - 9 = \frac{4}{x} - 9$$

$$\text{dom}(g \circ f) = \{ x \mid x \neq 0 \} \text{ or } (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

14. Use the graph to find the indicated functional values.

$$(a) \quad (f+g)(3) = f(3) + g(3) \\ = 2 + 4 = 6$$

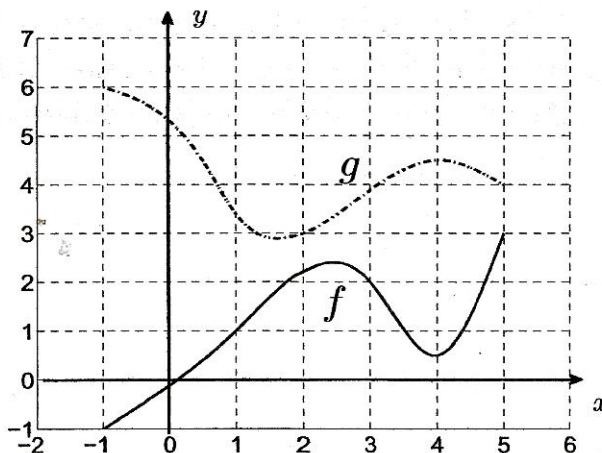
$$(b) \quad (f-g)(-1) = f(-1) - g(-1) \\ = -1 - 6 = -7$$

$$(c) \quad \frac{f}{g}(5) = \frac{f(5)}{g(5)} = \frac{3}{4}$$

(d) Find the domain and range of f

$$\text{dom}(f) = [-1, 5]$$

$$\text{rng}(f) = [-1, 3]$$



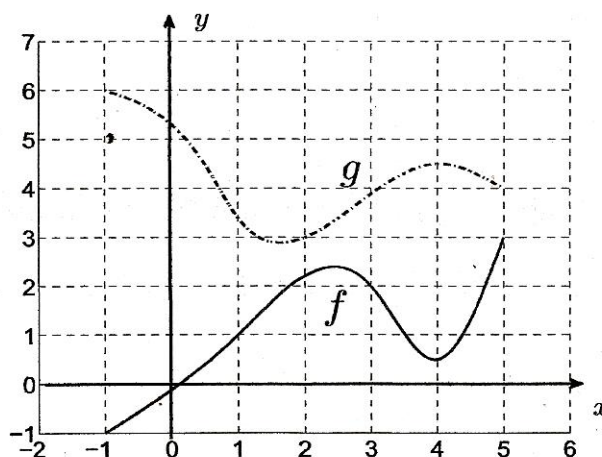
15. Use the graph to find the indicated functional values.

$$(a) \quad f(g(3)) = f(4) = 1/2$$

(b) $f(g(-1)) = f(6)$ not in the range of f . Therefore, $x = -1$ is not in the domain of $f \circ g$.

$$(c) \quad g(f(3)) \\ = g(2) = 3$$

$$(d) \quad g(g(3)) = g(4) = 4.5$$



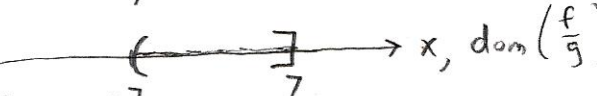
16. Find f/g and its domains. $f(x) = \sqrt{7-x}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{7+x}$

$$y = \frac{f}{g} = \frac{\sqrt{7-x}}{\sqrt{7+x}}$$

$$\text{dom}\left(\frac{f}{g}\right) = (-7, 7]$$

$\text{dom}(g)$ set $7+x \geq 0$ and solve for x .
 $x \geq -7$, or $[-7, \infty)$

$\text{dom}(f)$ set $7-x \geq 0$, solve for x and write the soln as an interval $7 \geq x$, $(-\infty, 7]$



$\text{dom}(f/g)$: Find the intersection set. Remove from that interval value(s) of x that cause division by zero.