

Exercise 2.1

For each of the following functions,

✓ a) $f(x) = 3x + 1$ ✓ b) $f(x) = x^2 - x$ c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 9}$
 d) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ e) $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x+2}$ f) $f(x) = -x^3$

calculate the function values

i) $f(3)$ ii) $f(5)$ iii) $f(-2)$ iv) $f(0)$ v) $f(\sqrt{13})$
 vi) $f(\sqrt{2} + 3)$ vii) $f(-x)$ viii) $f(x + 2)$ ix) $f(x) + h$ x) $f(x + h)$

a) $f(x) = 3x + 1$

i) $f(3) = 3 \cdot 3 + 1 = 10$

ii) $f(5) = 3 \cdot 5 + 1 = 16$

iii) $f(-2) = 3 \cdot (-2) + 1 = -6 + 1 = -5$

iv) $f(0) = 3 \cdot 0 + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$

v) $f(\sqrt{13}) = 3 \cdot \sqrt{13} + 1 = 3\sqrt{13} + 1$

vi) $f(\sqrt{2} + 3) = 3 \cdot (\sqrt{2} + 3) + 1$
 $= 3\sqrt{2} + 9 + 1$
 $= 3\sqrt{2} + 10$

vii) $f(-x) = 3(-x) + 1 = -3x + 1$

viii) $f(x + 2) = 3(x + 2) + 1 = 3x + 6 + 1$
 $= 3x + 7$

ix) $f(x) + h = 3x + 1 + h$

x) $f(x + h) = 3(x + h) + 1 = 3x + 3h + 1$

b) $f(x) = x^2 - x$

i) $f(3) = (3)^2 - (3) = 9 - 3 = 6$

ii) $f(5) = (5)^2 - (5) = 25 - 5 = 20$

iii) $f(-2) = (-2)^2 - (-2) = 4 + 2 = 6$

iv) $f(0) = (0)^2 - (0) = 0$

v) $f(\sqrt{13}) = (\sqrt{13})^2 - (\sqrt{13}) = 13 - \sqrt{13}$

vi) $f(\sqrt{2} + 3) = (\sqrt{2} + 3)^2 - (\sqrt{2} + 3)$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} \sqrt{2} & 2 \quad 3\sqrt{2} \\ +3 & 3\sqrt{2} \quad 9 \end{array} = 11 + 6\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2} - 3$$

 $= 8 + 5\sqrt{2}$

vii) $f(-x) = (-x)^2 - (-x)$
 $= x^2 + x$

viii) $f(x + 2) = (x + 2)^2 - (x + 2)$

$$\begin{array}{r|l} x+2 & x^2 \quad 2x \\ +2 & 2x \quad 4 \end{array} = x^2 + 4x + 4 - x - 2$$

 $= x^2 + 3x + 2$

ix) $f(x) + h = x^2 - x + h$

x) $f(x + h) = (x + h)^2 - (x + h)$
 $= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 - x - h$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+h \\ x \quad x^2 \quad xh \\ +h \quad xh \quad h^2 \end{array}$$

Exercise 2.2

Let f be the piecewise defined function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 5 & , \text{ for } -4 < x < 3 \\ x^2 & , \text{ for } 3 \leq x \leq 6 \end{cases}$$

a) State the domain of the function.

Find the function values

b) $f(2)$

c) $f(5)$

d) $f(-3)$

e) $f(3)$

a) domain has all the possible input:

$$\Rightarrow \text{domain} = \{x \mid -4 < x < 3 \text{ and } 3 \leq x \leq 6\}$$

$$\text{or domain} = \{x \mid x \in (-4, 6]\}$$

b) $f(2) = (2) - 5 = -3$
 $-4 < 2 \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{first case}$

d) $f(-3) = (-3) - 5 = -8$
 $-4 < -3 \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{first case}$

c) $f(5) = (5)^2 = 25$
 $3 \leq 5 \leq 6 \Rightarrow \text{the second case}$

e) $f(3) = (3) - 5 = -2$
 $-4 < 3 \leq 3 \Rightarrow \text{first case}$

Exercise 2.4

Find the difference quotient $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ for the following functions:

a) $f(x) = 5x$

☒ b) $f(x) = 2x - 6$

c) $f(x) = x^2$

d) $f(x) = x^2 + 5x$

e) $f(x) = x^2 - 7$

☒ f) $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 4$

☒ g) $f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 9$

☒ h) $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$

i) $f(x) = 4x^2 + 6x$

j) $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x - 3$

k) $f(x) = -5x^2 + 3$

l) $f(x) = x^3$

(b) $f(x) = 2x - 6$

$$f(x+h) = 2(x+h) - 6 = 2x + 2h - 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+h) - f(x) &= 2x + 2h - 6 - (2x - 6) \\ &= \underline{2x + 2h - 6} - \underline{2x - 6} \\ &= 2h \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{2h}{h} = 2$$

$$(f) f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 4$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + 3(x+h) + 4$$

$$= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 3x + 3h + 4$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 3x + 3h + 4 - (x^2 + 3x + 4)$$

$$= \underline{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 + 3x + 3h + 4 - \underline{x^2} - \underline{3x} - \underline{4}$$

$$= 2xh + h^2 + 3h$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2xh + h^2 + 3h}{h}$$

$$= \frac{h(2x + h + 3)}{h}$$

$$= 2x + h + 3$$

$$(g) f(x) = x^2 + 4x - 9$$

$$f(x+h) = (x+h)^2 + 4(x+h) - 9$$

$$= x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 4x + 4h - 9$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = x^2 + 2xh + h^2 + 4x + 4h - 9 - (x^2 + 4x - 9)$$

$$= \underline{x^2} + 2xh + h^2 + 4x + 4h - 9 - \underline{x^2} - \underline{4x} + \underline{9}$$

$$= 2xh + h^2 + 4h$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2xh + h^2 + 4h}{h}$$

$$= 2x + h + 4$$

$$(h) f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x$$

$$f(x+h) = 3(x+h)^2 - 2(x+h)$$

$$= 3(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) - 2x - 2h$$

$$= 3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 2x - 2h$$

$$f(x+h) - f(x) = 3x^2 + 6xh + 3h^2 - 2x - 2h - (3x^2 - 2x)$$

$$= \underline{3x^2} + 6xh + 3h^2 - \underline{2x} - 2h - \underline{3x^2} + \underline{2x}$$

$$= 6xh + 3h^2 - 2h$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{6xh + 3h^2 - 2h}{h}$$

$$= 6x + 3h - 2$$

Exercise 2.6

Find the domains of the following functions.

- \checkmark a) $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$ b) $f(x) = |x - 2|$ \checkmark c) $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 2}$
 \checkmark d) $f(x) = \sqrt{8 - 2x}$ e) $f(x) = \sqrt{|x + 3|}$ \checkmark f) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+6}$
 \checkmark g) $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x-7}$ \checkmark h) $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2-7x+10}$ i) $f(x) = \frac{x}{|x-2|}$
j) $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| & \text{for } 1 < x < 2 \\ 2x & \text{for } 3 \leq x \end{cases}$ k) $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x-9}$ l) $f(x) = \frac{5}{\sqrt{x+4}}$

a) All Real numbers

c) $x \geq 2$ or $\{x \mid x \geq 2\}$ (since $f(x)$ is not real when $x < 2$
for example, $x=1$, $f(1) = \sqrt{1-2} = \sqrt{-1}$)

d) $f(x) = \sqrt{8-2x}$, its domain is $8-2x \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{8}{2} \geq \frac{2x}{2} \Rightarrow 4 \geq x.$

$$\Rightarrow D = \{x \mid x \leq 4\}$$

f) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+6}$. As a fraction, $x+6 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq -6$

$$\Rightarrow D = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ but } x \neq -6\}$$

g) $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x-7}$. As a fraction, the denominator cannot be zero
 $\Rightarrow x-7 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 7$

$$\Rightarrow D = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ but } x \neq 7\}$$

h) $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2-7x+10}$ As a fraction, the denominator cannot be zero

$$\text{which implies } x^2 - 7x + 10 \neq 0 \Rightarrow (x-2)(x-5) \neq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x \\ x \end{array} \begin{array}{r} -2 \\ -5 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow x-2 \neq 0 \text{ and } x-5 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 2 \text{ and } x \neq 5$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ but } x \neq 2, x \neq 5\}$$