

MAT A29 TUT0018, Tutorial 1 (Week 2)
Tuesdays 7 - 9pm (We will start at 7:10pm)

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Domain and Range

Question

Find the domain and range of $f(x) = \frac{1}{2+x^2}$.

For no values of x is $f(x)$ undefined
therefore $D = \mathbb{R}$

$$D = \{x \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2+x^2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} = 2 + x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} - 2 = x^2 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 2}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 2}$$

$$\frac{1}{x} - 2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \geq 2 \Rightarrow 0 < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sqrt{x} \text{ def } x \geq 0$$

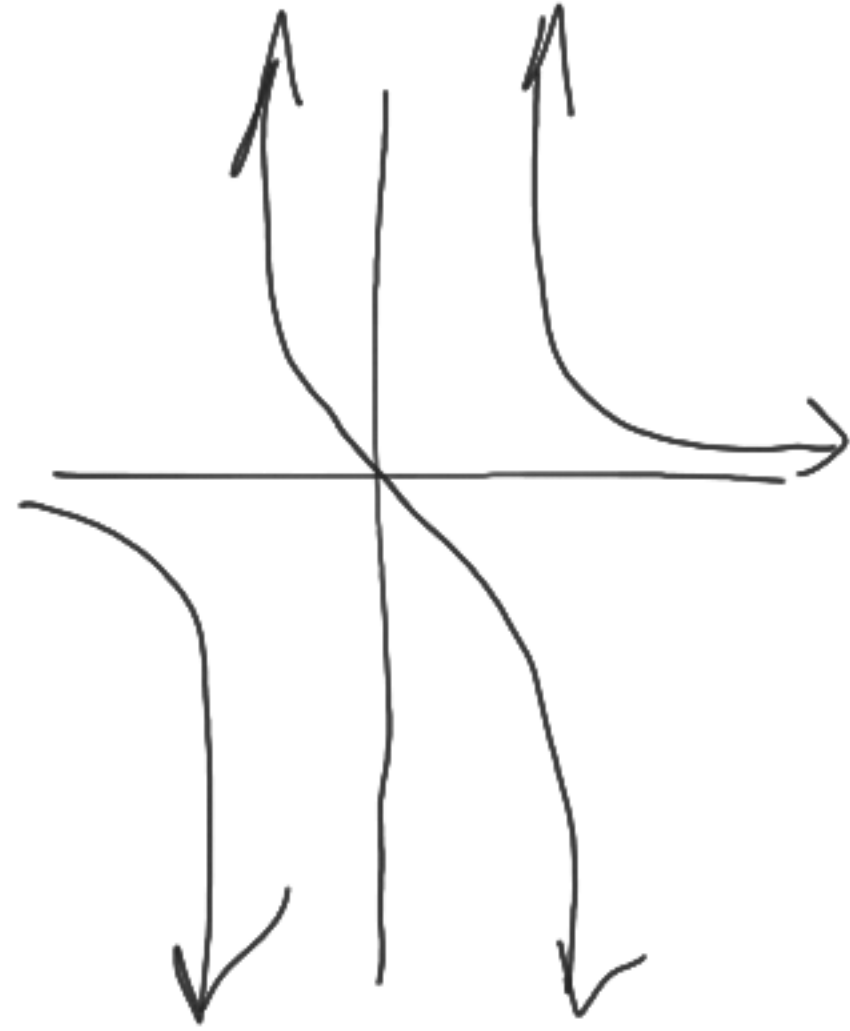
$$\text{Range: } (0, \frac{1}{2}]$$

Question

Find the domain and range of $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 16}$.

$f(x)$ not defined when $x^2 - 16 = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = 16 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{16} \Rightarrow x = \pm 4$

$f(x)$ looks
something like



Range = \mathbb{R}

Question

Find the zeroes of $y = -1 + \sqrt{x+2}$.

$$0 = -1 + \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = x+2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Question

A certain bacterium grows in culture in a circular region. The radius of the circle, measured in centimeters, is given by $r(t) = 6 - \frac{5}{t^2+1}$ where t is time measured in hours since a circle of a 1-cm radius of the bacterium was put into the culture.

- Express the area of the bacteria as a function of time.
- Find the exact and approximate area of the bacterial culture in 3 hours.

$$A = \pi r^2$$

$$A(3) = \pi \left(6 - \frac{5}{3^2+1} \right)^2$$

$$A(t) = \pi r(t)^2$$

$$= \pi \left(6 - \frac{5}{t^2+1} \right)^2$$

$$= \pi \left(6 - \frac{5}{10} \right)^2$$

$$= \pi \cdot 5.5^2 \approx 31.30$$

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Question

Find the slope of a line through $(-2, 4)$ and $(1, 1)$.

$$(x_1, x_2) \quad (y_1, y_2)$$

$$M = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)}{(x_2 - x_1)}$$

$$\frac{4 - 1}{-2 - 1} = \frac{3}{-3} = -1$$

Question

For the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x - 5$ find the following:

- ▶ Degree d
- ▶ Any zeroes
- ▶ y -intercepts
- ▶ End Behaviour
- ▶ Symmetry: even / odd / neither

x^2



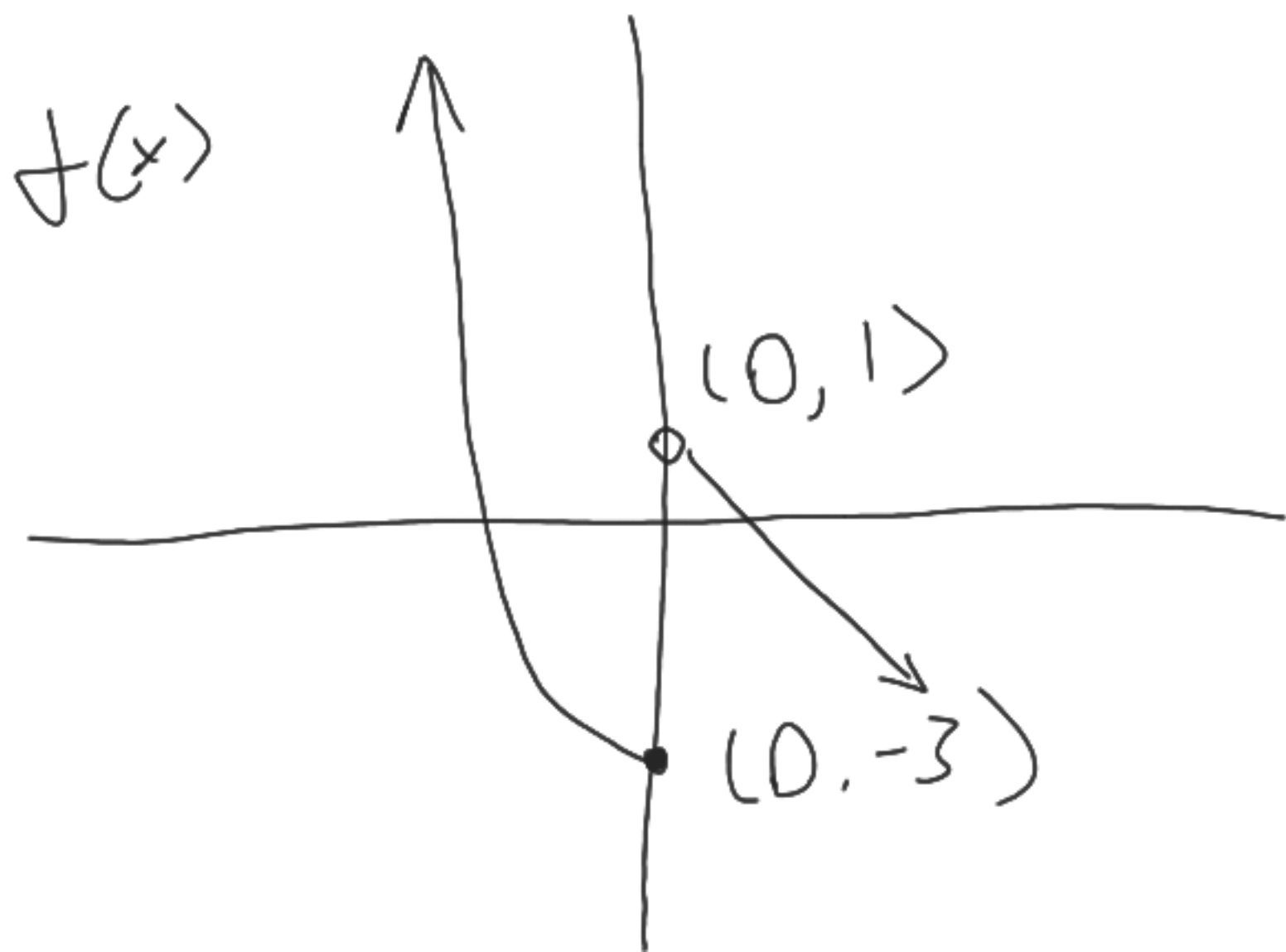
- Degree: 2 ($2x^2$ has the highest exponent)
- Zeroes: $f(x) = (x + 1)(2x - 5) = 0 \Rightarrow$ at $x = -1, 5/2$
- Y intercepts: $f(0) = 1 * (-5) = -5$
- End Behaviour: as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow \infty$ and as $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow \infty$
- Symmetry: None (parabola is shifted)

Question

Sketch the function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 3 & x \leq 0 \\ -x + 1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Calculate the values $f(-3)$, $f(0)$, and $f(2)$.



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

$$f(0) = (0^2) - 3 = -3$$

$$f(2) = -2 + 1 = -1$$