

# Solution to HW3

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1. (4 points) Refer to homework statement.

(a) (2 points) **Solution:** For every  $y$ , we can find at least one  $x$  smaller than  $y$  such that  $f(x)$  is smaller than  $f(y)$ .

**negation** For any  $y$ , there is no  $x$  smaller than  $y$  such that  $f(x)$  is smaller than  $f(y)$ .  $\forall x, \nexists y$  such that if  $x < y$  then  $f(x) < f(y)$ . Or,  $\forall x, \exists y$  such that if  $x < y$  then  $f(x) \geq f(y)$ .

Now, rewriting the previous statement,

For every  $x$ , there does not exist any  $y$  such that ....

Using natural language, there could be multiple ways to write same thing . It is not easy to verify if all of those statements are equivalent. Mathematical symbols give a less error-prone way to operate on logical statements.

(b) (2 points) **Solution:**

There is at least one place where  $f$  is 0. Or, There is at least one  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ .

**Negation** There is no place where  $f$  is zero. Or,  $\forall x f(x) \neq 0$ .

2. (4 points) See the statement on google group.

(a) (2 points) **Solution:**

**negation**  $f$  is NOT increasing.  $x < y \implies f(x) \geq f(y)$

(b) (2 points) **Solution:**

**Negation**  $f$  DOES NOT have a local maxima at  $a$  i.e. in the  $\delta$  neighbourhood of  $a$ ,  $f$  does not have this shape  $\vee$   
 $\forall \delta > 0, \exists h \in (a - \delta, a + \delta)$ , such that  $f(a) \geq f(a + h)$ .

3. (12 points) The quadratic approximation goes like the following.

$$f(x + h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2}f''(x).$$

And the solutions are plotted below. Note that this is not the replacement for algebraic analysis.

Quadratic approximation of various functions

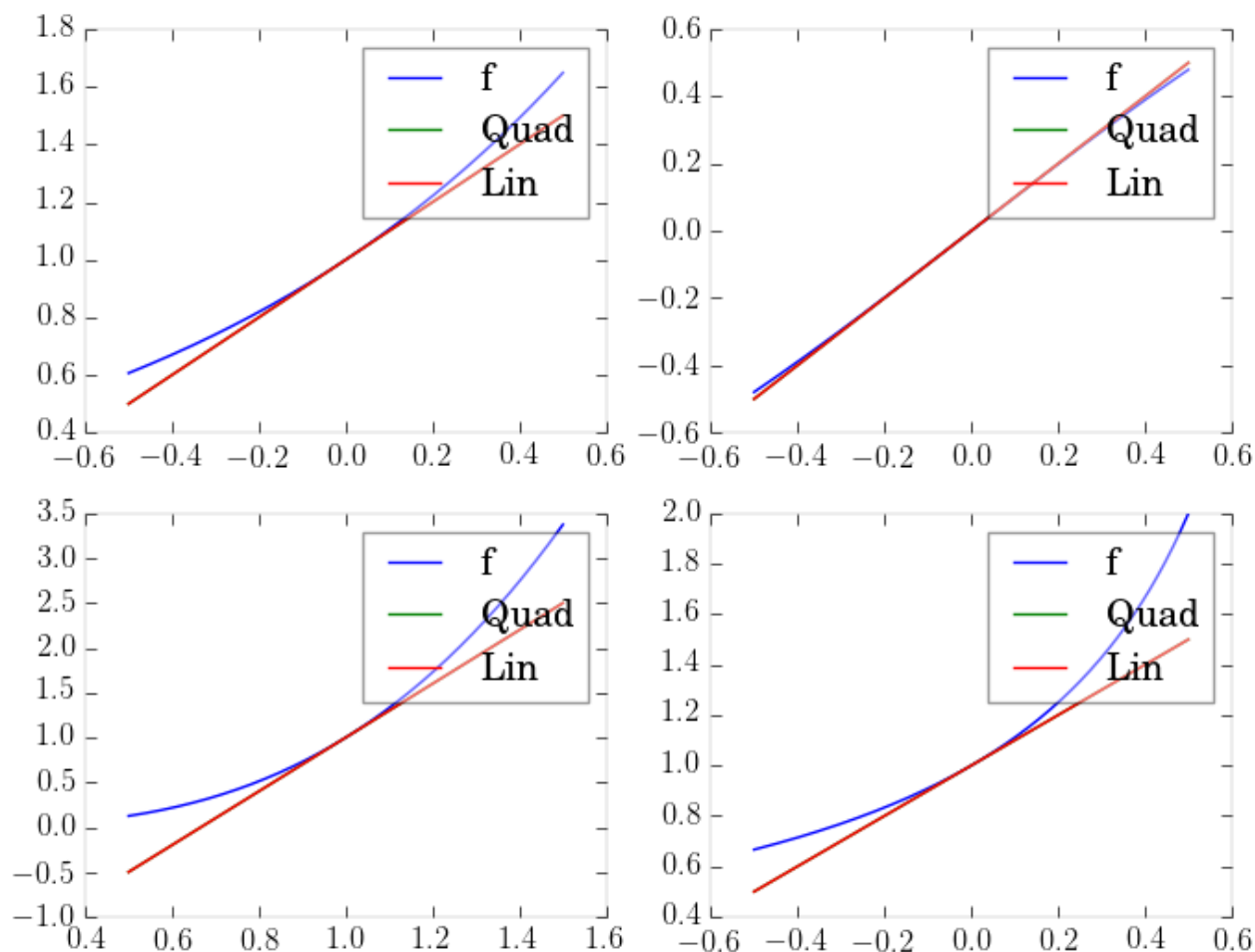


Figure 1:  $f$  is  $e^x$ ,  $\sin x$ ,  $x^3$ , and  $\frac{1}{1-x}$

4. (12 points) (a) (4 points) **Solution:** For  $f$  to be even, we must have  $f(x) = f(-x)$ . Therefore, for all  $x$  such that  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = -ax^3 + bx^3 - cx + d$ ,  $f$  is even. That is  $ax^3 + cx = 0 \implies x = 0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{-c}{a}}$ . Similarly, for  $f$  to be odd,

$$-ax^3 + bx^2 - cx + d = -ax^3 - bx^2 - cx - d. \text{ That is } bx^2 + d = 0 \implies x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{-d}{b}}.$$

(b) (12 points) **Solution:**

(c) (4 points) **Solution:**

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(-x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-x+h) - f(-x)}{h} \quad (1)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-(x-h)) - f(x)}{h} \quad (2)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x-h) - f(x)}{h} \quad (3)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{h} \quad (4)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(x-h)}{-h} \quad (5)$$

$$= f'(x) \quad (6)$$

Or,  $f'(-x) = f'(-x) \frac{d(-x)}{dx}$  (using chain rule). This gives us  $f'(-x) = -f'(-x)$  therefore  $f'(-x)$  is a even function.

Similarly (i.e. I am too lazy to do any work), one can show that  $g'$  is odd.

5. (20 points) See the statement.

**Solution:**

Following figure shows the solution:

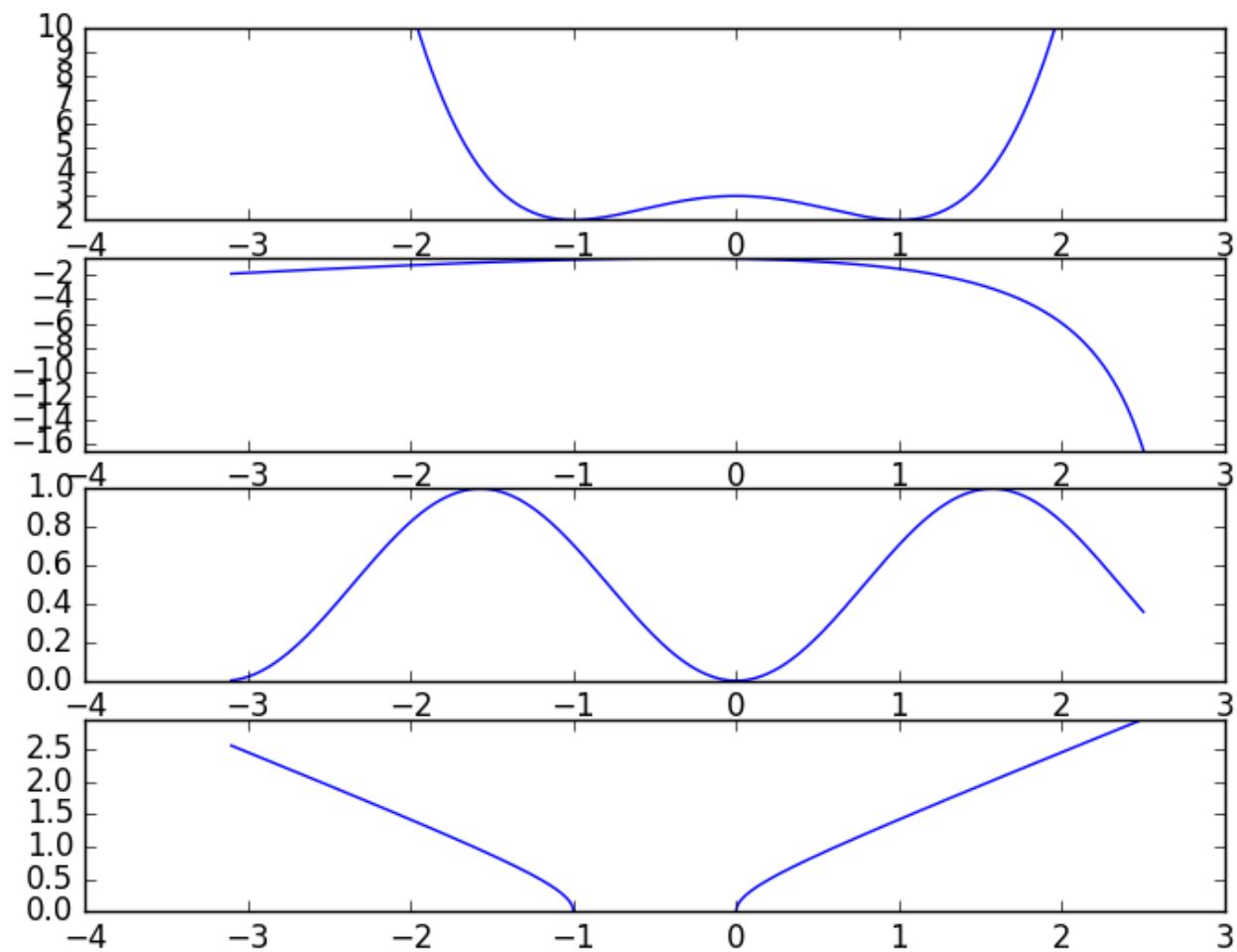


Figure 2: Solution to question 5. Functions are  $x^4 - 2x^2 + 3$ ,  $\frac{x^2 + 2}{x - 3}$ ,  $\sin(x)^2$ , and  $\sqrt{x^2 + x}$