## **Lecture Two - Functions**

## **Section 2.1 – Functions and Graphs**

### **Increasing** and **Decreasing** Functions

A function *rises from left to right (x-coordinate)*, the function f is said to be *increasing* on an open interval I(a, b) (x-coordinate)

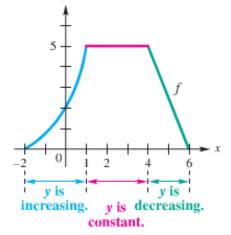
$$a < b \implies f(a) < f(b)$$

 $\blacktriangleleft$  A function f is said to be **decreasing** on an open interval I

$$a < b \implies f(a) > f(b)$$

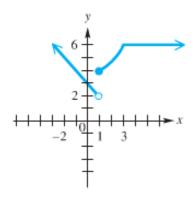
 $\blacktriangle$  A function f is said to be **constant** on an open interval I

$$a < b$$
  $\Rightarrow$   $f(a) = f(b)$ 



## Example

Determine the intervals over which the function is increasing, decreasing, or constant



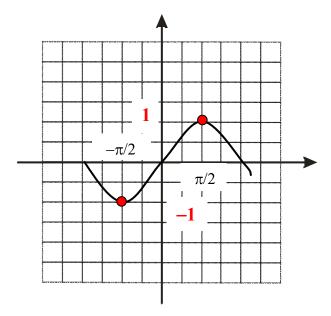
*Increasing*: [1, 3]

*Decreasing*:  $(-\infty,1)$ 

Constant:  $[3,\infty)$ 

### Relative Maxima (um) and Minima (um)

- f(a) is a relative maximum if there exists an open interval I about a such that f(a) > f(x), for all x in I.
- f(a) is a relative minimum if there exists an open interval I about a such that f(a) < f(x), for all x in I.

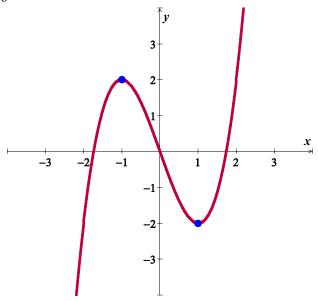


The relative minimum value of the function is -1 @  $x = -\pi/2$ 

The relative maximum value of the function is  $1 @ x = \pi/2$ 

### Example

State the intervals on which the given function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$  is increasing, decreasing, or constant, and determine the extreme values



Increasing  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$ 

**RMIN** (1, -2)

**Decreasing** (-1, 1)

RMAX (-1, 2)

#### **Piecewise-Defined Functions**

Function are sometimes described by more than one expression, we call such functions *piecewise-defined functions*.

### **Example**

Graph function

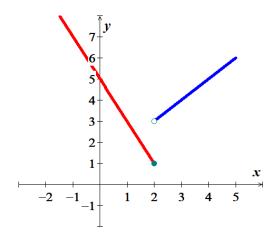
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x+5 & if \quad x \le 2\\ x+1 & if \quad x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Find:

$$f(2) = -2(2) + 5 = 1$$

$$f(0) = -2(0) + 5 = 5$$

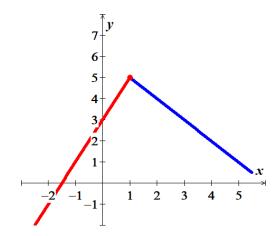
$$f(4) = 4 + 1 = 5$$



### **Example**

Graph function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & if \quad x \le 1 \\ -x+6 & if \quad x > 1 \end{cases}$$



## Example

$$C(t) = \begin{cases} 20 & \text{if } 0 \le t \le 60\\ 20 + 0.40(t - 60) & \text{if } t > 60 \end{cases}$$

Find C(40), C(80), and C(60)

a) 
$$C(40) = 20$$

b) 
$$C(80) = 20 + 0.40(80 - 60) = 28$$

c) 
$$C(60) = 20$$

# **Exercise** Section 2.1 – Functions and Graphs

1. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2+x & \text{if } x < -4 \\ -x & \text{if } -4 \le x \le 2 \\ 3x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$
 Find:  $f(-5)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(-5)$ 

1. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2+x & \text{if } x < -4 \\ -x & \text{if } -4 \le x \le 2 \\ 3x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$
 Find:  $f(-5)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(3)$   
2. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x & \text{if } x < -3 \\ 3x - 1 & \text{if } -3 \le x \le 2 \\ -4x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$
 Find:  $f(-5)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(3)$ 

3. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + 3 & \text{if } -2 \le x \le 0 \\ x + 3 & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 4 + x - x^2 & \text{if } 1 \le x \le 3 \end{cases}$$
 Find:  $f(-5)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(0)$ , and  $f(3)$ 

4. 
$$h(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 6 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$$
 Find:  $h(5)$ ,  $h(0)$ , and  $h(3)$ 

5. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x + 5 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 4x + 7 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
 Find  
a)  $f(0)$  b)  $f(-2)$  c)  $f(1)$  d)  $f(3) + f(-3)$  e) Graph  $f(x)$ 

6. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 6x - 1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 7x + 3 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$
 Find  
a)  $f(0)$  b)  $f(-1)$  c)  $f(4)$  d)  $f(2) + f(-2)$  e) Graph  $f(x)$ 

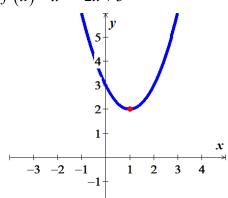
7. 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+1 & \text{if } x \le 1 \\ 3x-2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$
 Find  
a)  $f(0)$  b)  $f(2)$  c)  $f(-2)$  d)  $f(1)+f(-1)$  e) Graph  $f(x)$ 

8. Graph the piecewise function defined by 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 & \text{if } x \le -1 \\ x - 2 & \text{if } x > -1 \end{cases}$$

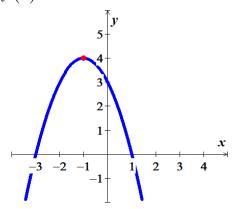
9. Sketch the graph 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & \text{if } x \le -1 \\ x^3 & \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ -x+3 & \text{if } x \ge 1 \end{cases}$$

- 10. Sketch the graph  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x-3 & \text{if } x \le -2 \\ -x^2 & \text{if } -2 < x < 1 \\ -x+4 & \text{if } x \ge 1 \end{cases}$
- (37-42) Determine any *relative maximum* or *minimum* of the function, determine the intervals on which the function *increasing* or *decreasing*, and then find the *domain* and the *range*.

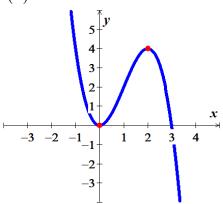
11. 
$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 3$$



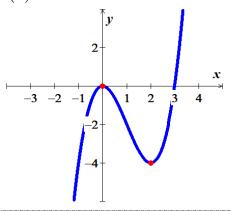
**12.** 
$$f(x) = -x^2 - 2x + 3$$



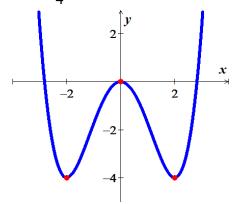
**13.** 
$$f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2$$



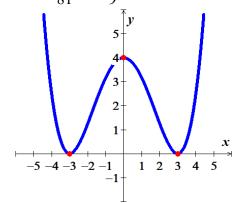
**14.**  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$ 



**15.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^4 - 2x^2$$



**16.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{4}{81}x^4 - \frac{8}{9}x^2 + 4$$

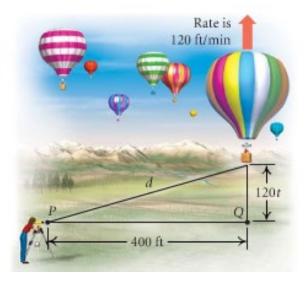


17. The elevation H, in *meters*, above sea level at which the boiling point of water is in t degrees Celsius is given by the function

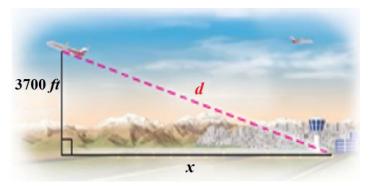
$$H(t) = 1000(100 - t) + 580(100 - t)^2$$

At what elevation is the boiling point 99.5°.

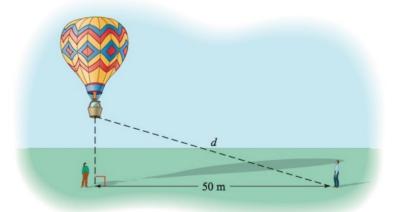
**18.** A hot-air balloon rises straight up from the ground at a rate of 120 *ft./min*. The balloon is tracked from a rangefinder on the ground at point *P*, which is 400 *feet*. from the release point *Q* of the balloon. Let *d* be the distance from the balloon to the rangefinder and *t* – the time, in *minutes*, since the balloon was released. Express *d* as a function of *t*.



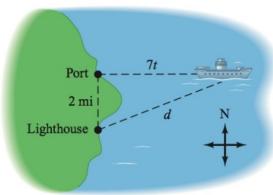
19. An airplane is flying at an altitude of 3700 *feet*. The slanted distance directly to the airport is d *feet*. Express the horizontal distance x as a function of d.



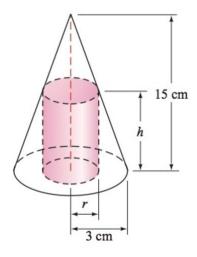
**20.** For the first minute of flight, a hot air balloon rises vertically at a rate of 3 *m/sec*. If *t* is the time in *seconds* that the balloon has been airborne, write the distance *d* between the balloon and a point on the ground 50 *meters* from the point to lift off as a function of *t*.



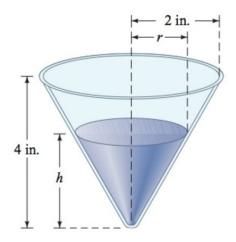
**21.** A light house is 2 *miles* south of a port. A ship leaves port and sails east at a rate of 7 *miles* per *hour*. Express the distance *d* between the ship and the lighthouse as a function of time, given that the ship has been sailing for *t hours*.



**22.** A cone has an altitude of 15 *cm* and a radius of 3 *cm*. A right circular cylinder of radius *r* and height *h* is inscribed in the cone. Use similar triangles to write *h* as a function of *r*.

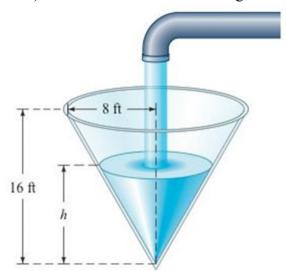


23. Water is flowing into a conical drinking cup with an altitude of 4 inches am a radius of 2 inches.



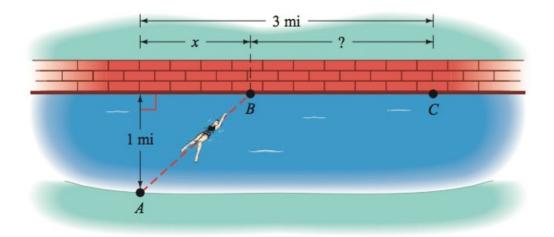
- a) Write the radius r of the surface of the water as a function of its depth h.
- b) Write the volume V of the water as a function of its depth h.

**24.** A water tank has the shape of a right circular cone with height 16 feet and radius 8 feet. Water is running into the tank so that the radius r (in feet) of the surface of the water is given by r = 1.5t, where t is the time (in minutes) that the water has been running.

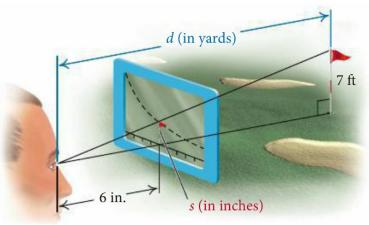


- a) The area A of the surface of the water is  $A = \pi r^2$ . Find A(t) and use it to determine the area of the surface of the water when t = 2 minutes.
- b) The volume V of the water is given by  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ . Find V(t) and use it to determine the volume of the water when t = 3 minutes
- 25. An athlete swims from point *A* to point *B* at a rate of 2 *miles* per *hour* and runs from point *B* to point *C* at a rate of 8 *miles* per *hour*. Use the dimensions in the figure to write the time *t* required to reach point *C* as a function of *x*.

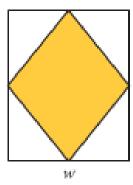
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26. A device used in golf to estimate the distance d, in yards, to a hole measures the size s, in *inches*, that the 7-feet pin appears to be in a viewfinder. Express the distance d as a function of s.



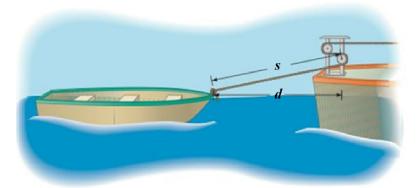
**27.** A rhombus is inscribed in a rectangle that is *w meters* wide with a perimeter of 40 *m*. Each vertex of the rhombus is a midpoint of a side of the rectangle. Express the area of the rhombus as a function of the rectangle's width.



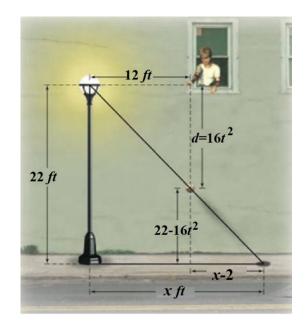
28. The surface area S of a right circular cylinder is given by the formula  $S = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$ . if the height is twice the radius, find each of the following.



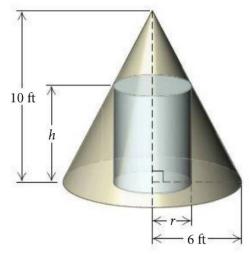
- a) A function S(r) for the surface area as a function of r.
- b) A function S(h) for the surface area as a function of h.
- **29.** A boat is towed by a rope that runs through a pulley that is 4 *feet* above the point where the rope is tied to the boat. The length (in *feet*) of the rope from the boat to the pulley is given by s = 48 t, where t is the time in *seconds* that the boat has been in tow. The horizontal distance from the pulley to the boat is d.



- a) Find d(t)
- b) Evaluate s(35) and d(35)
- 30. The light from a lamppost casts a shadow from a ball that was dropped from a height of 22 feet above the ground. The distance d, in feet, the ball has dropped t seconds after it is released is given by  $d(t) = 16t^2$ . Find the distance x, in feet, of the shadow from the base of the lamppost as a function of time t.



**31.** \*A right circular cylinder of height *h* and a radius *r* is inscribed in a right circular cone with a height of 10 *feet* and a base with radius 6 *feet*.



- a) Express the height h of the cylinder as a function of r.
- b) Express the volume V of the cylinder as a function of r.
- c) Express the volume V of the cylinder as a function of h.

## **Section 2.2 – Function Operations**

#### The **Domain** of a Function

1. **Rational** function:  $\frac{f(x)}{h(x)}$   $\Rightarrow$  **Domain**:  $h(x) \neq 0$ 

**Example**:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$ 

**Domain**:  $\underline{x \neq 3}$   $\{x \mid x \neq 3\}$ 

*Or*  $(-\infty,3) \cup (3,\infty)$  *Interval Notation* 

Or  $\mathbb{R}-\{3\}$ 

**2.** Irrational function:  $\sqrt{g(x)}$   $\Rightarrow$  Domain:  $g(x) \ge 0$ 

**Example**:  $g(x) = \sqrt{3-x} + 5$ 

 $3 - x \ge 0$  $-x \ge -3$ 

**Domain**:  $\underline{x < 3}$   $\left(-\infty, 3\right]$ 

3. *Otherwise*: Domain all real numbers  $(-\infty, \infty)$ 

**Example**:  $f(x) = x^3 + |x|$ 

**Domain**: All real numbers  $(-\infty, \infty)$ 

(1) & (2)  $\rightarrow$  Find the domain:  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x-3}}$ 

x > 3

**Domain**:  $(3, \infty)$ 

## Example

Find the domain

a) 
$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 17$$

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b) 
$$g(x) = \frac{5x}{x^2 - 49}$$

$$x^2 \neq 49$$

$$x \neq \pm 7$$

**Domain:** 
$$\begin{cases} \{x \mid x \neq \pm 7\} & \text{or} \\ (-\infty, -7) \cup (-7, 7) \cup (7, \infty) \end{cases}$$

$$c) \quad h(x) = \sqrt{9x - 27}$$

$$9x - 27 \ge 0$$

$$9x \ge 27$$

**Domain:** 
$$\underline{x \geq 3}$$
 [3,  $\infty$ )

### The Algebra of Functions

$$(f+g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$$
$$(f-g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$
$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$$
$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

### Example

Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and g(x) = 3x + 5. Find each of the following (f+g)(1), (f-g)(-3), (fg)(5), and  $(\frac{f}{g})(0)$ 

$$(f+g)(1) = f(1) + g(1)$$
  
=  $1^2 + 1 + 3(1) + 5$   
=  $1 + 1 + 3 + 5$   
=  $10$ 

$$(f-g)(-3) = f(-3) - g(-3)$$
$$= (-3)^2 + 1 - (3(-3) + 5)$$
$$= 14$$

$$(fg)(5) = f(5) \cdot g(5)$$
  
=  $(5^2 + 1) \cdot (3(5) + 5)$   
=  $(26) \cdot (20)$   
=  $520$ 

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(0) = \frac{f(0)}{g(0)}$$
$$= \frac{0^2 + 1}{3(0) + 5}$$
$$= \frac{1}{5}$$

### **Example**

Let f(x) = 8x - 9 and  $g(x) = \sqrt{2x - 1}$ . Find each of the following and give the domain (f+g)(x), (f-g)(x), (fg)(x), (fg)(x)

#### Solution

**Domain** of f:  $(-\infty, \infty)$ 

**Domain** of g:  $\left[\frac{1}{2},\infty\right)$ 

 $\sqrt{2x-1 \ge 0} \rightarrow 2x \ge 1 \implies x \ge \frac{1}{2}$ 

a)  $(f+g)(x) = 8x-9+\sqrt{2x-1}$ 

**Domain**:  $x \ge \frac{1}{2}$   $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ 

b)  $(f-g)(x) = 8x-9-\sqrt{2x-1}$ 

**Domain**:  $x \ge \frac{1}{2}$   $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ 

c)  $(fg)(x) = (8x-9)\sqrt{2x-1}$ 

**Domain**:  $x \ge \frac{1}{2}$   $\left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ 

d)  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{8x-9}{\sqrt{2x-1}}$ 

**Domain:**  $x > \frac{1}{2}$   $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ 

#### Example

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ 

Find (f+g)(x) and its domain,  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$  and its domain

#### Solution

**Domain**  $f(x): x \ge 3$  and **Domain**  $g(x): x \ge -1$ 

a)  $(f+g)(x) = \sqrt{x-3} + \sqrt{x+1}$ 

**b)**  $x \ge 3$  and  $x \ge -1 \Rightarrow \textbf{Domain}: x \ge 3$ 

c)  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-3}}{\sqrt{x+1}}$ 



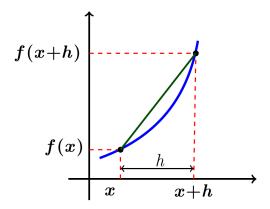
$$\rightarrow \begin{cases} x - 3 \ge 0 \implies \underline{x \ge 3} \\ x + 1 > 0 \implies \underline{x > -1} \end{cases}$$

**Domain**:  $x \ge 3$   $[3, \infty)$ 

### Difference Quotients

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

The difference quotient is given by:  $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ 



#### **Example**

For the function f given by f(x) = 2x - 3, find the difference quotient  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ 

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{2x + 2h - 3 - 2x + 3}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2h}{h}$$

$$= 2 \mid$$

#### **Example**

For the function f given by  $f(x) = -2x^2 + x + 5$ , find the difference quotient  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ 

#### Solution

$$f(x+h) = -2(x+h)^{2} + (x+h) + 5 \qquad (a+b)^{2} = a^{2} + 2ab + b^{2}$$

$$f(x+h) = -2\left(x^{2} + 2hx + h^{2}\right) + x + h + 5$$

$$f(x+h) = -2x^{2} - 4hx - 2h^{2} + x + h + 5$$

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{-2x^{2} - 4hx - 2h^{2} + x + h + 5 - (-2x^{2} + x + 5)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-2x^{2} - 4hx - 2h^{2} + x + h + 5 + 2x^{2} - x - 5}{h}$$

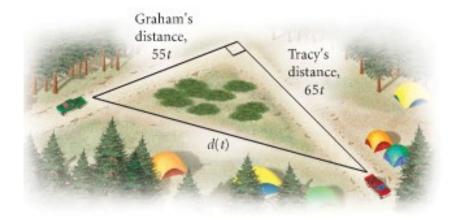
$$= \frac{-4hx - 2h^{2} + h}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-4hx}{h} - \frac{2h^{2}}{h} + \frac{h}{h}$$

$$= -4x - 2h + 1$$

#### Example

Tracy and Graham drive away from a camp-ground at right angles to each other. Tracy's speed is 65 mph and Graham's is 55 *mph*.



- a) Express the distance between the cars as a function of time.
- b) Find the domain of the function.

#### Solution

a) Distance = velocity \* time

Use Pythagorean Theorem:

$$d^{2}(t) = (65t)^{2} + (55t)^{2}$$

$$d^{2} = 4225t^{2} + 3025t^{2}$$

$$= 7250t^{2}$$

$$d(t) = \sqrt{7250t^{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{7250}\sqrt{t^{2}}$$

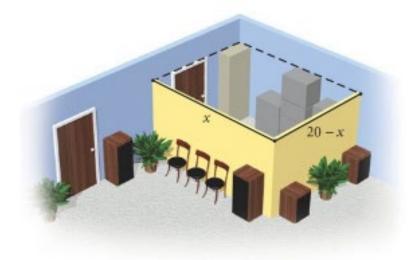
$$\approx 85.15|t|$$

$$= 85.15 t|$$

**b)** Domain:  $t \ge 0$ 

#### Example: (storage area)

The sound Shop has 20 *feet*. of dividers with which to set off a rectangular area for the storage of overstock. If a corner of the store is used for the storage area, the partition need only form two sides of a rectangle.



- a) Express the floor area of the storage space as a function of the length of the partition.
- b) Find the domain of the function.

#### Solution

Let 
$$x =$$
 the length  
 $width + length = 20$   
 $width = 20 - length$   
a) Area = length \* width  
 $= x(20 - x)$   
 $= 20x - x^2$ 

**b) Domain**: x value varies from 0 to  $20 \Rightarrow (0, 20)$ 

# **Exercises** Section 2.2 – Function Operations

(1-80) Find the Domain

1. 
$$f(x) = 7x + 4$$

2. 
$$f(x) = |3x-2|$$

3. 
$$f(x) = 3x + \pi$$

**4.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{7}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

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

**6.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 3$$

7. 
$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 15$$

8. 
$$f(x) = 4 - \frac{2}{x}$$

9. 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^4}$$

10. 
$$g(x) = \frac{3}{x-4}$$

11. 
$$y = \frac{2}{x-3}$$

12. 
$$y = \frac{-7}{x-5}$$

**13.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+5}{2-x}$$

**14.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{8}{x+4}$$

**15.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+4}$$

**16.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-4}$$

17. 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x}{x+2}$$

**18.** 
$$f(x) = x - \frac{2}{x-3}$$

**19.** 
$$f(x) = x + \frac{3}{x-5}$$

**20.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{8}{x+7}$$

**21.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3} - \frac{8}{x+7}$$

**22.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+4} - \frac{2x}{x-4}$$

**23.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2}{x+3} - \frac{4x}{x-2}$$

**24.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x + 1}$$

**25.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$$

**26.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 5x + 4}$$

**27.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4x - 5}$$

**28.** 
$$g(x) = \frac{2}{x^2 + x - 12}$$

**29.** 
$$h(x) = \frac{5}{\frac{4}{x} - 1}$$

**30.** 
$$y = \sqrt{x}$$

**31.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{8-3x}$$

**32.** 
$$y = \sqrt{4x+1}$$

**33.** 
$$y = \sqrt{7 - 2x}$$

**34.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{8-x}$$

**35.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{3-2x}$$

**36.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{3+2x}$$

**37.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{5-x}$$

**38.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$$

**39.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{6-3x}$$

**40.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{3x-6}$$

**41.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{2x+7}$$

**42.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 16}$$

**43.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$$

**44.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$$

**45.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 25}$$

**46.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 5x + 4}$$

**47.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 5x + 4}$$

**48.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 3x + 2}$$

**49.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

**50.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x-4} + \sqrt{x+1}$$

**51.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{3-x} + \sqrt{x-2}$$

**52.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{1-x} + \sqrt{4-x}$$

**53.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{1-x} - \sqrt{x-3}$$

**54.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4} - \sqrt{x-1}$$

$$55. \quad f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{x}$$

**56.** 
$$g(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-3}}{x-6}$$

**57.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+4}}{\sqrt{x-1}}$$

$$58. \quad f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{5-x}}{x}$$

$$59. \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{5-x}}$$

**60.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{5-x}}$$

**67.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{\sqrt{x+2}}$$

**75.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{4x}{6x^2 + 13x - 5}$$

**61.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^3 - 4x}$$

**68.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2-x}}{\sqrt{x+2}}$$

**76.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x-3}}{x^2 - 5x + 4}$$

$$62. \quad f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+5}}{x}$$

**69.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x-2}}$$

77. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 - 5x + 4}}$$

$$63. \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x+5}}$$

**70.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-3)\sqrt{x+3}}$$

78. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+2}{\sqrt{x^2+5x+4}}$$

$$64. \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x+5}}$$

**71.** 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{2-x}$$

79. 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+2}}{\sqrt{x^2+3x+2}}$$

**65.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+3}{\sqrt{x-3}}$$

72. 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{(x-2)(x-6)}$$
  
73.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3} - \sqrt{4-x}$ 

**80.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+3}}{x^2-6x+5}$$

**66.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+3}}{\sqrt{x-3}}$$

74. 
$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4x-3}}{x^2}$$

Let f(x) = 4x - 3 and g(x) = 5x + 7. Find each of the following and give the domain

a) 
$$(f+g)(x)$$

b) 
$$(f-g)(x)$$

c) 
$$(fg)(x)$$

d) 
$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$$

82. Let  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3$  and g(x) = 3x - 4. Find each of the following and give the domain

a) 
$$(f+g)(x)$$
 b)  $(f-g)(x)$  c)  $(fg)(x)$ 

b) 
$$(f-g)(x)$$

c) 
$$(fg)(x)$$

$$d) \ \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$$

83. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 3x - 2$ . Find each of the following and give the domain

a) 
$$(f+g)(x)$$

b) 
$$(f-g)(x)$$

c) 
$$(fg)(x)$$

d) 
$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$$

**84.** Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{4x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Find each of the following and give the domain

a) 
$$(f+g)(x)$$

b) 
$$(f-g)(x)$$

c) 
$$(fg)(x)$$

$$d$$
)  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ 

Given that f(x) = x+1 and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$ 

a) Find 
$$(f+g)(x)$$

b) Find the domain of 
$$(f+g)(x)$$

c) Find: 
$$(f+g)(6)$$

- **86.** Given that  $f(x) = x^2 4$  and g(x) = x + 2
  - a) Find (f+g)(x) and its domain
  - b) Find (f/g)(x) and its domain
- **87.** Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$  and g(x) = 3x + 5. Find (f + g)(1), (f g)(-3), (fg)(5), and (fg)(0)
- **88.** Find (f+g)(x), (f-g)(x),  $(f \cdot g)(x)$ , and (f/g)(x) and the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{3-2x}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$
- **89.** Find (f+g)(x), (f-g)(x),  $(f \cdot g)(x)$ , and (f/g)(x) and the domain of  $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x-4}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+5}$
- **90.** Find (f+g)(x), (f-g)(x),  $(f \cdot g)(x)$ , and (f/g)(x) of f(x) = x-5 and  $g(x) = x^2-1$
- (88 103) Find and simplify the difference quotient  $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$  for the given function

**91.** 
$$f(x) = 9x + 5$$

**97.** 
$$f(x) = 3x - 6$$

**102.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$$

**92.** 
$$f(x) = 6x + 2$$

**98.** 
$$f(x) = -5x - 7$$

**103.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^2 - x - 3$$

**93.** 
$$f(x) = 4x + 11$$

**99.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^2$$

**104.** 
$$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5$$

**94.** 
$$f(x) = 3x - 5$$
  
**95.**  $f(x) = -2x - 3$ 

**100.** 
$$f(x) = 5x^2$$

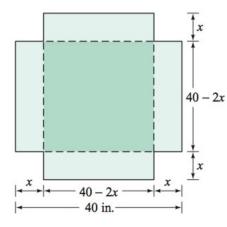
**105.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 5$$

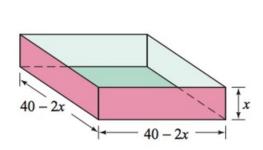
**96.** 
$$f(x) = -4x + 3$$

**101.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x$$

**106.** 
$$f(x) = -2x^2 - 3x + 7$$

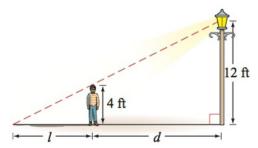
**107.** An open box is to be made from a square piece of cardboard that measures 40 *inches* on each side, to construct the box, squares that measure *x inches* on each side are cut from each corner of the cardboard.





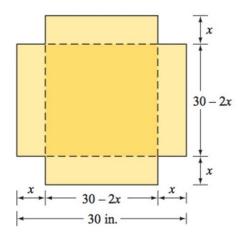
- a) Express the volume V of the box as a function of x.
- b) Determine the domain of V.

**108.** A child 4 *feet* tall is standing near a street lamp that is 12 *feet* high. The light from the lamp casts a shadow.



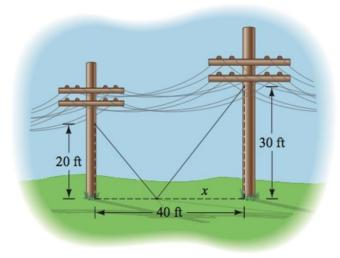
- a) Find the length l of the shadow as a function of the distance d of the child from the lamppost.
- b) What is the domain of the function?
- c) What is the length of the shadow when the child is 8 feet from the base of the lamppost?

109. An open box is to be made from a square piece of cardboard with the dimensions 30 *inches* by 30 *inches* by cutting out squares of area  $x^2$  from each corner.



- a) Express the volume V of the box as a function of x.
- b) Determine the domain of V.

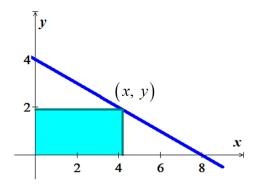
**110.** Two guy wires are attached to utility poles that are 40 *feet* apart.



- a) Find the total length of the two guy wires as a function of x.
- b) What is the domain of this function?
- **111.** A rancher has 360 *yards*. of fencing with which to enclose two adjacent rectangular corrals, one for sheep and one for cattle. A river forms one side of the corrals. Suppose the width of each corral is *x yards*.



- a) Express the total area of the two corrals as a function of x.
- b) Find the domain of the function.
- 112. A rectangle is bounded by the x- and y-axis of  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 4$



- a) Find the area of the rectangle as a function of x.
- b) What is the domain of this function.

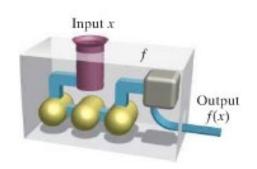
## **Section 2.3 – Composition Functions**

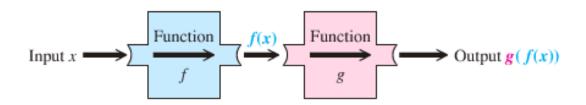
### **Composition** of Functions

The composite function  $g\circ f$  , the composite of f and g, is defined as

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

Where x is in the domain of f and g(x) is in the domain of f





#### **Example**

Given that f(x) = 5x + 6 and  $g(x) = 2x^2 - x - 1$ , find  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and  $(g \circ f)(x)$ 

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= 5(------) + 6$$

$$= 5(2x^2 - x - 1) + 6$$

$$= 10x^2 - 5x - 5 + 6$$

$$= 10x^2 - 5x + 1$$

Domain: All real numbers

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$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$
  
 $= g(5x+6)$  **Domain:** All real numbers  
 $= 2( )^2 - ( )-1$   
 $= 2(5x+6)^2 - (5x+6) - 1$   
 $= 2(25x^2 + 60x + 36) - 5x - 6 - 1$   
 $= 50x^2 + 120x + 72 - 5x - 7$   
 $= 50x^2 + 115x + 65$  **Domain:** All real numbers

### Example

Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and g(x) = 4x + 2, find each of the following and its domain.

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(x)$$

b) 
$$(g \circ f)(x)$$

#### **Solution**

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$
  

$$= f(4x+2) \qquad (-\infty,\infty)$$

$$= \sqrt{4x+2}$$

$$4x+2 \ge 0$$

$$4x \ge -2$$

$$x \ge -\frac{2}{4}$$

**Domain:**  $\underline{x \ge -\frac{1}{2}}$   $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$ 

**b)** 
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$
  
 $= g(\sqrt{x})$   $x \ge 0$   
 $= 4\sqrt{x} + 2$   $x \ge 0$ 

**Domain:**  $\underline{x \ge 0}$   $[0, \infty)$ 

### Example

Let f(x) = 2x - 1 and  $g(x) = \frac{4}{x - 1}$  Find:

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(2)$$

b) 
$$(g \circ f)(-3)$$

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(2) = f(g(2))$$
  

$$= f(\frac{4}{2-1})$$
  

$$= f(4)$$
  

$$= 2(4)-1$$
  

$$= 7$$

**b)** 
$$(g \circ f)(-3) = g(f(-3))$$
  
=  $g(2(-3)-1)$ 

$$= g(-7)$$

$$= \frac{4}{-7 - 1}$$

$$= \frac{4}{-8}$$

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

## Example

Given that  $f(x) = \frac{4}{x+2}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , find

- a)  $(f \circ g)(x)$
- **b)** Domain of  $(f \circ g)(x)$

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$
  

$$= f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$
Domain::  $x \neq 0$   

$$= \frac{4}{\frac{1}{x} + 2}$$
  

$$= \frac{4}{\frac{1+2x}{x}}$$
  

$$= 4 \div \frac{1+2x}{x}$$
  

$$= 4\frac{x}{1+2x}$$
  

$$= \frac{4x}{1+2x}$$
  
Domain::  $x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$ 

**b)** Domain: 
$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup (0, \infty)$$

## **Exercises** Section 2.3 – Composition Functions

1. Given that f(x) = 2x - 5 and  $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 8$ , find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x)$  and their domain then find  $(f \circ g)(7)$ 

2. Given that  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and g(x) = x - 1, find

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

b) 
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

c) 
$$(f \circ g)(2) = f(g(2))$$

3. Given that  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+5}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{6}{x}$ , find

a) 
$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x))$$

b) 
$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

c) 
$$(f \circ g)(2) = f(g(2))$$

**4.** Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x)$ , f(g(-2)) and g(f(3)):  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 4$ , g(x) = 2x - 1

**5.** Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x)$ , f(g(-2)) and g(f(3)):  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2$ , g(x) = 3x

**6.** Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ ,  $(g \circ f)(x)$ , f(g(-2)) and g(f(3)): f(x) = |x|, g(x) = -7

(7-36) For the given function; find:

a) Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$  and the **domain** of  $f \circ g$ 

b) Find  $(g \circ f)(x)$  and the **domain** of  $g \circ f$ 

7. 
$$f(x) = x - 3$$
 and  $g(x) = x + 3$ 

**8.**  $f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x$  and  $g(x) = \frac{3}{2}x$ 

**9.** f(x) = x - 1 and  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 2x - 1$ 

**10.** f(x) = 3x - 2 and  $g(x) = x^2 - 5$ 

11.  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$  and g(x) = 4x - 3

**12.**  $f(x) = 4x^2 - x + 10$  and g(x) = 2x - 7

**13.**  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and g(x) = x + 3

**14.**  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and g(x) = 2 - 3x

**15.** f(x) = 3x + 2 and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$ 

**16.**  $f(x) = x^4$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt[4]{x}$ 

**17.**  $f(x) = x^n$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt[n]{x}$ 

**18.**  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$ 

**19.**  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+5}$ 

**20.**  $f(x) = x^2 + 2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{3-x}$ 

**21.**  $f(x) = x^5 - 2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt[5]{x+2}$ 

**22.**  $f(x) = 1 - x^2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 25}$ 

**23.** 
$$f(x) = 2x + 3$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{x-3}{2}$ 

**24.** 
$$f(x) = 4x - 5$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{x + 5}{4}$ 

**25.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{4}{1-5x}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ 

**26.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{x+2}{x}$ 

**27.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{1-x}{x}$ 

**28.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x+5}{2}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{2x-5}{3}$ 

**29.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-2}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{x-3}{x-4}$ 

**30.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{6}{x-3}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ 

**31.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{6}{x}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2x+1}$ 

**25.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{4}{1-5x}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  **32.**  $f(x) = 3x-7$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x+7}{3}$ 

**33.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x-4}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{4x+3}{x-2}$ 

**34.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x+4}$$
 and  $g(x) = \frac{-4x+3}{x-2}$ 

**35.** 
$$f(x) = x + 1$$
 and  $g(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x + 7$ 

**36.** 
$$f(x) = x - 1$$
 and  $g(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x - 9$ 

(37 – 48) Evaluate each composite function, where f(x) = 2x - 3 and  $g(x) = x^2 - 5x$ 

37. 
$$(f \circ g)(4)$$

**40.** 
$$(g \circ f)(-2)$$

**37.** 
$$(f \circ g)(4)$$
 **40.**  $(g \circ f)(-2)$  **43.**  $(f \circ g)(\sqrt{2})$  **46.**  $(g \circ f)(3b)$ 

**46.** 
$$(g \circ f)(3b)$$

**38.** 
$$(g \circ f)(4)$$

**41.** 
$$(f \circ f)(-3)$$

**44.** 
$$(g \circ f)(\sqrt{3})$$

**38.** 
$$(g \circ f)(4)$$
 **41.**  $(f \circ f)(-3)$  **44.**  $(g \circ f)(\sqrt{3})$  **47.**  $(f \circ g)(k+1)$ 

**39.** 
$$(f \circ g)(-2)$$
 **42.**  $(g \circ g)(7)$ 

**42.** 
$$(g \circ g)(7)$$

**45.** 
$$(f \circ g)(2a)$$

**48.** 
$$(g \circ f)(k-1)$$

## Section 2.4 – Properties of Division

#### Long Division

Divide 
$$(x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6) \div (x + 1)$$

Quotient

$$x^2 + x - 6$$

$$x + 1)x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$
Dividend

$$x^3 + x^2$$

$$x^2 - 5x$$

$$x^2 - x$$

$$x^2 - x$$

$$-6x - 6$$

$$-6x - 6$$

$$0$$
Remainder

$$Q(x) = x^2 + x - 6$$

$$R(x) = 0$$

#### Example

Use the long division to find the quotient and the remainder:  $(x^4 - 16) \div (x^2 + 3x + 1)$ 

$$\frac{x^{2} - 3x + 8}{x^{2} + 3x + 1} x^{4} + 0x^{3} + 0x^{2} + 0x - 16$$

$$\frac{x^{4} + 3x^{3} + x^{2}}{-3x^{3} - x^{2}}$$

$$\frac{-3x^{3} - 9x^{2} - 3x}{8x^{2} + 3x - 16}$$

$$\frac{8x^{2} + 24x + 8}{-21x - 24}$$

$$\frac{x^{4} - 16}{x^{2} + 3x + 1} = x^{2} - 3x + 8 + \frac{-21x - 24}{x^{2} + 3x + 1}$$

$$x^{4} - 16 = \left(x^{2} + 3x + 1\right)\left(x^{2} - 3x + 8\right) + \left(-21x - 24\right)$$

### **Remainder** Theorem

If a number c is substituted for x in the polynomial f(x), then the result f(c) is the remainder that would be obtained by dividing f(x) by x - c.

That is, if 
$$f(x) = (x - c)Q(x) + R(x)$$
 then  $f(c) = R$ 

#### **Example**

If  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 5$ , use the remainder theorem to find f(2)

#### **Solution**

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^{2} - x - 1 \\
 x - 2 \overline{\smash)x^{3} - 3x^{2} + x + 5} \\
 \underline{x^{3} - 2x^{2}} \\
 -x^{2} + x \\
 \underline{-x^{2} + 2x} \\
 -x + 5 \\
 \underline{-x + 2} \\
 \hline
 3
 \end{array}$$

$$f(2) = 3 \mid$$

#### Factor Theorem

A polynomial f(x) has a factor x - c if and only if f(c) = 0

#### Example

Show that x-2 is a factor of  $f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x + 2$ .

#### **Solution**

Since 
$$f(2) = (2)^3 - 4(2)^2 + 3(2)$$
  
= 0

From the factor theorem; x-2 is a factor of f(x).

#### Synthetic Division

Use synthetic division to find the quotient and the remainder of  $(4x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 7) \div (x - 2)$ 



#### **Example**

If  $f(x) = 3x^5 - 38x^3 + 5x^2 - 1$ , use the synthetic division to find f(4).

#### Solution

$$f(4) = 719$$

### **Example**

Show that -11 is a zero of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 - 29x + 44$ 

$$-11$$
 | 1 | 8 | -29 | 44 |  $-11$  | 33 | -44 | Thus,  $f(-11) = 0$ , and  $-11$  is a zero of  $f$ .

#### The Rational Zeros Theorem

If the polynomial  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + ... + a_1 x + a_0$  has integer coefficients and if  $\frac{c}{d}$  is a rational zero of f(x) such that c and d have no common prime factor, then

- 1. The numerator c of the zero is a factor of the constant term  $a_0$
- 2. The denominator d of the zero is a factor of the leading coefficient  $a_n$

possible rational zeros = 
$$\frac{\text{factors of the constant term } a_0}{\text{factors of the leading coefficient } a_n} = \frac{\text{possibilities for } a_0}{\text{possibilities for } a_n}$$

#### **Example**

Find all rational solutions of the equation:  $3x^4 + 14x^3 + 14x^2 - 8x - 8 = 0$ 

#### Solution

possibilities for $a_0$	±1, ±2, ±4, ±8
possibilities for $a_n$	±1, ±3
possibilities for c/	$d = \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4, \pm 8, \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{2}{3}, \pm \frac{4}{3}, \pm \frac{8}{3}$

Using the calculator, the result will show that -2 is a zero.

We have the factorization of:  $(x+2)(3x^3+8x^2-2x-4)=0$ 

For 
$$3x^3 + 8x^2 - 2x - 4 \implies \frac{c}{d} = \frac{\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 4}{\pm 1, \pm 3}$$

 $x = -\frac{2}{3}$  is another solution.

We have the factorization of:  $(x+2)(x+\frac{2}{3})(3x^2+6x-6)=0$ 

By applying quadratic formula to solve:  $3x^2 + 6x - 6 = 0 \implies x = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ 

Hence, the polynomial has two rational roots x = -2 and  $-\frac{2}{3}$  and two irrational roots  $x = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ .

## **Exercises** Section 2.4 – Properties of Division

1. Find the quotient and remainder if f(x) is divided by p(x):

$$f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 + 7x - 12; \quad p(x) = x^2 - 3$$

(2-4) Find the quotient and remainder if f(x) is divided by p(x)

2. 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 2x - 4$$
;  $p(x) = 2x^2 + 1$ 

3. 
$$f(x) = 7x + 2$$
;  $p(x) = 2x^2 - x - 4$ 

**4.** 
$$f(x) = 9x + 4$$
;  $p(x) = 2x - 5$ 

- 5. Use the remainder theorem to find f(c):  $f(x) = x^4 6x^2 + 4x 8$ ; c = -3
- **6.** Use the remainder theorem to find f(c):  $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^2 12$ ; c = -2
- 7. Use the factor theorem to show that x-c is a factor of f(x):  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 2x + 12$ ; c = -3
- 8. Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $2x^3 3x^2 + 4x 5$ ; x 2
- 9. Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $5x^3 6x^2 + 15$ ; x 4
- 10. Use the synthetic division to find the quotient and remainder if the first polynomial is divided by the second:  $9x^3 6x^2 + 3x 4$ ;  $x \frac{1}{3}$

(11-13) Use the synthetic division to find f(c):

11. 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 4$$
;  $c = 3$ 

**12.** 
$$f(x) = 8x^5 - 3x^2 + 7$$
;  $c = \frac{1}{2}$ 

**13.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 8$$
;  $c = 1 + \sqrt{2}$ 

**14.** Use the synthetic division to show that c is a zero of f(x):

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 8x^3 - 2x^2 - 10x + 4; \quad c = -2$$

**15.** Use the synthetic division to show that c is a zero of f(x):

$$f(x) = 27x^4 - 9x^3 + 3x^2 + 6x + 1;$$
  $c = -\frac{1}{3}$ 

16. Find all values of k such that f(x) is divisible by the given linear polynomial:

$$f(x) = kx^3 + x^2 + k^2x + 3k^2 + 11; x + 2$$

(17-62) Find all solutions of the equation

17. 
$$x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8 = 0$$

18. 
$$x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 24 = 0$$

19. 
$$2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30 = 0$$

**20.** 
$$12x^3 + 8x^2 - 3x - 2 = 0$$

**21.** 
$$x^3 + x^2 - 6x - 8 = 0$$

**22.** 
$$x^3 - 19x - 30 = 0$$

**23.** 
$$2x^3 + x^2 - 25x + 12 = 0$$

**24.** 
$$3x^3 + 11x^2 - 6x - 8 = 0$$

**25.** 
$$2x^3 + 9x^2 - 2x - 9 = 0$$

**26.** 
$$x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x - 8 = 0$$

27. 
$$3x^3 - x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$$

**28.** 
$$x^3 - 8x^2 + 8x + 24 = 0$$

**29.** 
$$x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 69 = 0$$

**30.** 
$$x^3 - 3x - 2 = 0$$

31. 
$$x^3 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$32. \quad x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + 12 = 0$$

33. 
$$x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4 = 0$$

**34.** 
$$x^3 - 10x - 12 = 0$$

**35.** 
$$x^3 - 5x^2 + 17x - 13 = 0$$

**36.** 
$$6x^3 + 25x^2 - 24x + 5 = 0$$

37. 
$$8x^3 + 18x^2 + 45x + 27 = 0$$

$$38. \quad 3x^3 - x^2 + 11x - 20 = 0$$

**39.** 
$$x^4 - x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 18 = 0$$

**40.** 
$$2x^4 - 9x^3 + 9x^2 + x - 3 = 0$$

**41.** 
$$6x^4 + 5x^3 - 17x^2 - 6x = 0$$

**42.** 
$$x^4 - 2x^2 - 16x - 15 = 0$$

**43.** 
$$x^4 - 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$$

**44.** 
$$2x^4 - 17x^3 + 4x^2 + 35x - 24 = 0$$

**45.** 
$$x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$$

**46.** 
$$6x^4 - 17x^3 - 11x^2 + 42x = 0$$

47. 
$$x^4 - 5x^2 - 2x = 0$$

**48.** 
$$3x^4 - 4x^3 - 11x^2 + 16x - 4 = 0$$

**49.** 
$$6x^4 + 23x^3 + 19x^2 - 8x - 4 = 0$$

**50.** 
$$4x^4 - 12x^3 + 3x^2 + 12x - 7 = 0$$

**51.** 
$$2x^4 - 9x^3 - 2x^2 + 27x - 12 = 0$$

**52.** 
$$2x^4 - 19x^3 + 51x^2 - 31x + 5 = 0$$

**53.** 
$$4x^4 - 35x^3 + 71x^2 - 4x - 6 = 0$$

**54.** 
$$2x^4 + 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

55. 
$$x^4 + 3x^3 - 30x^2 - 6x + 56 = 0$$

**56.** 
$$6x^5 + 19x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2 = 0$$

**57.** 
$$3x^5 - 10x^4 - 6x^3 + 24x^2 + 11x - 6 = 0$$

**58.** 
$$x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0$$

**59.** 
$$x^5 - x^4 - 7x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x - 12 = 0$$

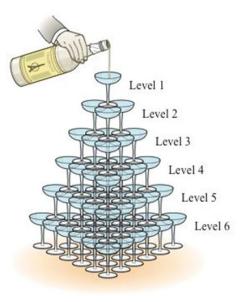
**60.** 
$$x^5 - 2x^3 - 8x = 0$$

**61.** 
$$x^5 - 32 = 0$$

**62.** 
$$3x^6 - 10x^5 - 29x^4 + 34x^3 + 50x^2 - 24x - 24 = 0$$

**63.** Glasses can be stacked to form a triangular pyramid. The total number of glasses in one of these pyramids is given by

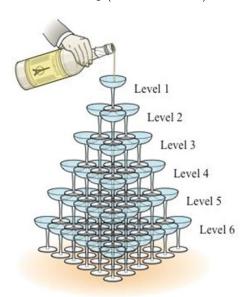
$$T(k) = \frac{1}{6}(k^3 + 3k^2 + 2k)$$



Where k is the number of levels in the pyramid. If 220 glasses are used to form a triangle pyramid, how many levels are in the pyramid?

**64.** Glasses can be stacked to form a triangular pyramid. The total number of glasses in one of these pyramids is given by

$$T(k) = \frac{1}{6}(2k^3 + 3k^2 + k)$$



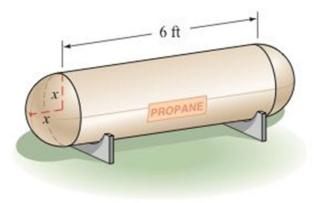
Where k is the number of levels in the pyramid. If 140 glasses are used to form a triangle pyramid, how many levels are in the pyramid?

65. A carbon dioxide cartridge for a paintball rifle has the shape of a right circular cylinder with a hemisphere at each end. The cylinder is 4 *inches* long, and the volume of the cartridge is  $2\pi$  in<sup>3</sup>.

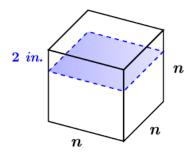


The common interior radius of the cylinder and the hemispheres is denoted by x. Estimate the length of the radius x.

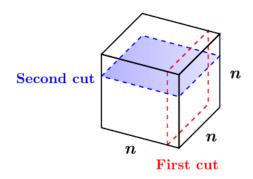
66. A propane tank has the shape of a circular cylinder with a hemisphere at each end. The cylinder is 6 feet long and the volume of the tank is  $9\pi$  ft<sup>3</sup>. Find the length of the radius x.



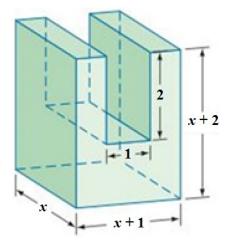
67. A cube measures n inches on each edge. If a slice 2 *inches* thick is cut from one face of the cube, the resulting solid has a volume of 567  $in^3$ . Find n.



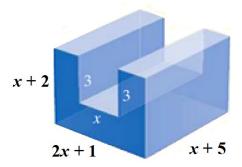
**68.** A cube measures n inches on each edge. If a slice 1 *inch* thick is cut from one face of the cube and then a slice 3 inches thick is cut from another face of the cube, the resulting solid has a volume of 1560  $in^3$ . Find the dimensions of the original cube.



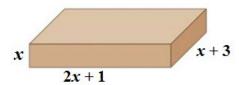
**69.** For what value of x will the volume of the following solid be  $112 in^3$ 



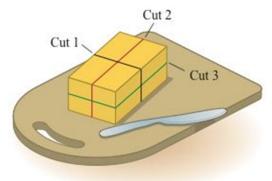
**70.** For what value of x will the volume of the following solid be  $208 ext{ in}^3$ 



71. The length of rectangular box is 1 *inch* more than twice the height of the box, and the width is 3 *inches* more than the height. If the volume of the box is  $126 in^3$ , find the dimensions of the box.



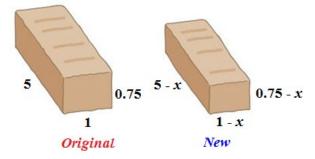
72. One straight cut through a thick piece of cheese produces two pieces. Two straight cuts can produce a maximum of four pieces. Two straight cuts can produce a maximum of four pieces. Three straight cuts can produce a maximum of eight pieces.



You might be inclined to think that every additional cut double numbers of pieces. However, for four straight cuts, you get a maximum of 15 pieces. The maximum number of pieces P that can be produced by n straight cuts is given by

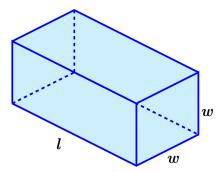
$$P(n) = \frac{n^3 + 5n + 6}{6}$$

- a) Determine number of pieces that can be produces by five straight cuts.
- b) What is the fewest number of straight cuts that are needed to produce 64 pieces?
- 73. The number of ways one can select three cards from a group of n cards (the order of the selection matters), where  $n \ge 3$ , is given by  $P(n) = n^3 3n^2 + 2n$ . For a certain card trick, a magician has determined that there are exactly 504 ways to choose three cards from a given group. How many cards are in the group?
- **74.** A nutrition bar in the shape of a rectangular solid measure 0.75 *in*. by 1 *in*. by 5 *inches*.



To reduce costs, the manufacturer has decided to decrease each of the dimensions of the nutrition bar by x inches, what value of x will produce a new bar with a volume that is 0.75  $in^3$  less than the present bar's volume.

75. A rectangular box is square on two ends and has length plus girth of 81 *inches*. (Girth: distance around the box). Determine the possible lengths l(l > w) of the box if its volume is 4900  $in^3$ .



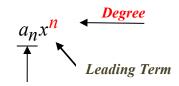
### **Section 2.5 – Graphing Polynomial Functions**

#### **Polynomial Function**

A Polynomial function P(x) in x is a sum of the form is given by:

$$P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$$

Where the coefficients  $a_n$ ,  $a_{n-1}$ , ...,  $a_2$ ,  $a_1$ ,  $a_0$  are real numbers and the exponents are whole numbers.



Leading Coefficient

Non-polynomial Functions: 
$$\frac{1}{x} + 2x$$
;  $\sqrt{x^2 - 3} + x$ ;  $\frac{x - 5}{x^2 + 2}$ 

Degree of f	Form of f(x)	Graph of f(x)
0	$f(x) = a_0$	A horizontal line
1	$f(x) = a_1 x + a_0$	A line with slope $a_1$
2	$f(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$	A parabola with a vertical axis

All polynomial functions are *continuous functions*.

# End Behavior $\left(a_n x^n\right)$

If *n* (degree) is *even*:

If  $a_n < 0$  (in front  $x^n$  is negative).

Then the function falls from the left and right side

$$x \to -\infty \implies f(x) \to -\infty$$

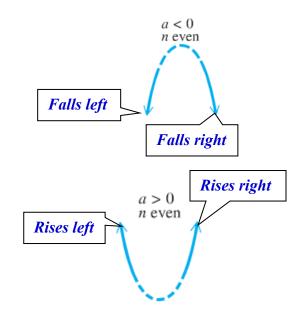
$$x \to \infty \implies f(x) \to -\infty$$

If  $a_n > 0$  (in front  $x^n$  is positive).

Then the function rises from the left and right side

$$x \to -\infty \implies f(x) \to \infty$$

$$x \to \infty \implies f(x) \to \infty$$



If *n* (degree) is *odd*:

If 
$$a_n < 0$$
 (negative).

Then the function rises from the left side and falls from the right side

$$x \to -\infty \implies f(x) \to \infty$$

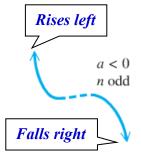
$$x \to \infty \implies f(x) \to -\infty$$

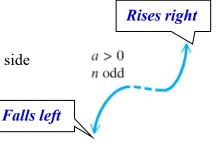
If  $a_n > 0$  (positive).

Then the function falls from the left side and rises from the right side

$$x \to -\infty \implies f(x) \to -\infty$$

$$x \to \infty \implies f(x) \to \infty$$





### **Example**

Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function  $f(x) = -4x^5 + 7x^2 - x + 9$  **Solution** 

Leading term:  $-4x^5$  with 5th degree (*n* is odd)

$$x \to -\infty \implies f(x) = -(-)^5 = (-)(-) = + \to \infty \quad f(x) \text{ rises left}$$

$$x \to \infty \implies f(x) \to -\infty$$
  $f(x)$  falls right

#### The Intermediate Value *Theorem*

For any polynomial function f(x) with real coefficients and  $f(a) \neq f(b)$  for a < b, then f takes on every value between f(a) and f(b) in the interval [a, b]

f(a) and f(b) are the *opposite signs*. Then the function has a real zero between a and b.

#### **Example**

Using the intermediate value theorem, determine, if possible, whether the function has a real zero between *a* and *b*.

a) 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 6x$$
;  $a = -4$ ,  $b = -2$ 

b) 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 6x$$
;  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 3$ 

#### Solution

b) 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 6x$$
;  $a = -1$ ,  $b = 3$   
 $f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (-1)^2 - 6(-1)$   
 $= 6$   
 $f(3) = (3)^3 + (3)^2 - 6(3) = 18$   
 $= 18$ 

 $\therefore$  f(x) zeros can't be determined

### **Example**

Show that  $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x - 3$  has a zero between 1 and 2.

#### Solution

$$f(1) = 1 + 2 - 6 + 2 - 3$$
  
= -4

$$f(2) = (2)^5 + 2(2)^4 - 6(2)^3 + 2(2) - 3$$
  
= 17

Since f(1) and f(2) have opposite signs.

Therefore, f(c) = 0 for at least one real number c between 1 and 2.

### Sketching

#### Example

Let  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4x - 4$ . Find all values of x such that f(x) > 0 and all x such that f(x) < 0, and then sketch the graph of f.

#### Solution

$$f(x) = x^{3} + x^{2} - 4x - 4$$

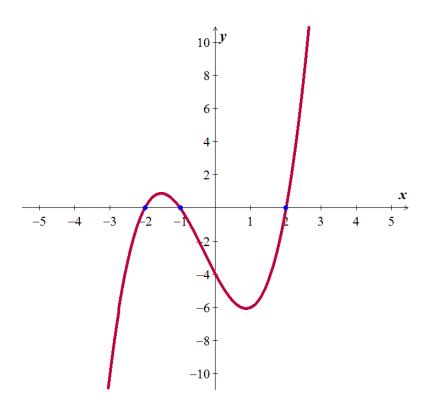
$$= x^{2}(x+1) - 4(x+1)$$

$$= (x+1)(x^{2} - 4)$$

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

The zeros of f(x) (x-intercepts) are: -2, -1, and 2

Interval	-∞	-2	-1	0	2	8
Sign of $f(x)$	_	-	+	_		+
Position	Below.	x-axis	Above x-axis	Below A	c-axis	Above x-axis



We can conclude from the chart and the graph that:

$$f(x) > 0$$
 if  $x$  is in  $(-2, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$ 

$$f(x) < 0$$
 if  $x$  is in  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, 2)$ 

### Example

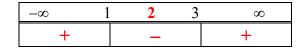
Let  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 3x^2$ . Find all values of x such that f(x) > 0 and all x such that f(x) < 0, and then sketch the graph of f.

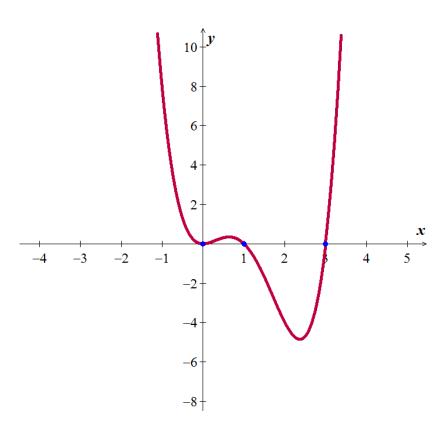
#### **Solution**

$$f(x) = x^{2} (x^{2} - 4x + 3)$$
$$= x^{2} (x-1)(x-3)$$

The zeros are: 0, 1, 3.

Since the factor  $x^2$  is always positive, it has no factor





$$f(x) > 0 \implies x \text{ is in } (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$f(x) < 0 \implies x \text{ is in } (1, 3)$$

## **Exercises** Section 2.5 – Polynomial Functions

(1-12) Determine the end behavior of the graph of the polynomial function

1. 
$$f(x) = 5x^3 + 7x^2 - x + 9$$

2. 
$$f(x) = 11x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 3$$

3. 
$$f(x) = -11x^3 - 6x^2 + x + 3$$

4. 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 23x - 42$$

5. 
$$f(x) = 5x^4 + 7x^2 - x + 9$$

6. 
$$f(x) = 11x^4 - 6x^2 + x + 3$$

7. 
$$f(x) = -5x^4 + 7x^2 - x + 9$$

8. 
$$f(x) = -11x^4 - 6x^2 + x + 3$$

9. 
$$f(x) = 5x^5 - 16x^2 - 20x + 64$$

**10.** 
$$f(x) = -5x^5 - 16x^2 - 20x + 64$$

11. 
$$f(x) = -3x^6 - 16x^3 + 64$$

12. 
$$f(x) = 3x^6 - 16x^3 + 4$$

(13 – 32) Use the Intermediate Value Theorem to show that each polynomial has a real zero between the given integers.

**13.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - x - 1$$
; between 1 and 2

**14.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 2$$
; between 0 and 1

**15.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 4x^2 + 1$$
; between  $-1$  and  $0$ 

**16.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 + 6x^3 - 18x^2$$
; between 2 and 3

17. 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 1$$
; between  $-3$  and  $-2$ 

**18.** 
$$f(x) = x^5 - x^3 - 1$$
; between 1 and 2

**19.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 10x + 9$$
; between  $-3$  and  $-2$ 

**20.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 2$$
; between 2 and 3

**21.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 8x^2 + x + 2$$
; between 1 and 2

**22.** 
$$f(x) = x^5 + 2x^4 - 6x^3 + 2x - 3$$
; between 0 and 1

**23.** 
$$P(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 23x - 42$$
,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 4$ 

**24.** 
$$P(x) = 4x^3 - x^2 - 6x + 1$$
,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ 

**25.** 
$$P(x) = 3x^3 + 7x^2 + 3x + 7$$
,  $a = -3$ ,  $b = -2$ 

**26.** 
$$P(x) = 2x^3 - 21x^2 - 2x + 25$$
,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ 

**27.** 
$$P(x) = 4x^4 + 7x^3 - 11x^2 + 7x - 15$$
,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = \frac{3}{2}$ 

**28.** 
$$P(x) = 5x^3 - 16x^2 - 20x + 64$$
,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = \frac{7}{2}$ 

**29.** 
$$P(x) = x^4 - x^2 - x - 4$$
,  $a = 1$ ,  $b = 2$ 

**30.** 
$$P(x) = x^3 - x - 8$$
,  $a = 2$ ,  $b = 3$ 

**31.** 
$$P(x) = x^3 - x - 8$$
,  $a = 0$ ,  $b = 1$ 

**32.** 
$$P(x) = x^3 - x - 8$$
,  $a = 2.1$ ,  $b = 2.2$ 

(33 – 91) Find all values of x such that f(x) > 0 and all x such that f(x) < 0, and then sketch the graph of f

$$f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2$$

**34.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 4x^2$$

**35.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 4x - 8$$

**36.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 27$$

37. 
$$f(x) = -x^4 + 12x^2 - 27$$

**38.** 
$$f(x) = x^2(x+2)(x-1)^2(x-2)$$

**39.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 11x^2 - 7x - 6$$

**40.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$$

**41.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + 8x^2 + 11x - 20$$

**42.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 + x^2 - 2$$

**43.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2 + 4x + 8$$

**44.** 
$$f(x) = 4x^5 - 8x^4 - x + 2$$

**45.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x + 2$$

**46.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 10x - 8$$

**47.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 14x - 24$$

**48.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 17x + 30$$

**49.** 
$$f(x) = 12x^3 + 8x^2 - 3x - 2$$

**50.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 6x - 8$$

**51.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 19x - 30$$

**53.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 + 11x^2 - 6x - 8$$

**54.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 2x - 9$$

**55.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x - 8$$

**56.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 - 6x + 2$$

**57.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 8x^2 + 8x + 24$$

**58.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 - 7x + 69$$

**59.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x - 2$$

**60.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 1$$

**61.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 11x + 12$$

**62.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 7x - 4$$

**63.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 10x - 12$$

**64.** 
$$f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 17x - 13$$

**65.** 
$$f(x) = 6x^3 + 25x^2 - 24x + 5$$

**66.** 
$$f(x) = 8x^3 + 18x^2 + 45x + 27$$

**67.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^3 - x^2 + 11x - 20$$

**68.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 9x^2 + 3x + 18$$

**69.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 9x^3 + 9x^2 + x - 3$$

**70.** 
$$f(x) = 6x^4 + 5x^3 - 17x^2 - 6x$$

71. 
$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 - 16x - 15$$

72. 
$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x + 4$$

73. 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 17x^3 + 4x^2 + 35x - 24$$

**52.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 25x + 12$$

**74.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x - 2$$

**75.** 
$$f(x) = 6x^4 - 17x^3 - 11x^2 + 42x$$

**84.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 30x^2 - 6x + 56$$

**76.** 
$$f(x) = x^4 - 5x^2 - 2x$$

**85.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^5 - 10x^4 - 6x^3 + 24x^2 + 11x - 6$$

77. 
$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 11x^2 + 16x - 4$$

**86.** 
$$f(x) = 6x^5 + 19x^4 + x^3 - 6x^2$$

**78.** 
$$f(x) = 6x^4 + 23x^3 + 19x^2 - 8x - 4$$

87. 
$$f(x) = x^5 + 5x^4 + 10x^3 + 10x^2 + 5x + 1$$

79. 
$$f(x) = 4x^4 - 12x^3 + 3x^2 + 12x - 7$$

**88.** 
$$f(x) = x^5 - x^4 - 7x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x - 12$$

**80.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 9x^3 - 2x^2 + 27x - 12$$

**89.** 
$$f(x) = x^5 - 2x^3 - 8x$$

**81.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 - 19x^3 + 51x^2 - 31x + 5$$

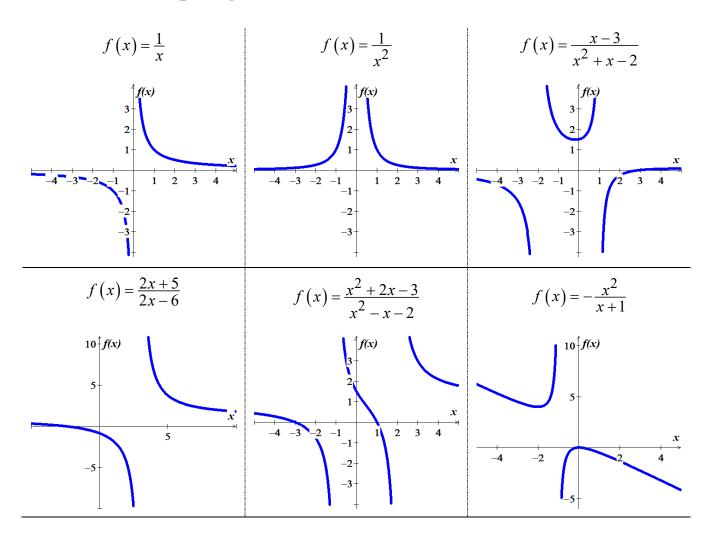
**90.** 
$$f(x) = x^5 - 7x^4 + 19x^3 - 37x^2 + 60x - 36$$

**82.** 
$$f(x) = 4x^4 - 35x^3 + 71x^2 - 4x - 6$$

**91.** 
$$f(x) = 3x^6 - 10x^5 - 29x^4 + 34x^3 + 50x^2 - 24x - 24$$

**83.** 
$$f(x) = 2x^4 + 3x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x + 2$$

## **Section 2.6 – Graphing Rational Functions**



#### **Rational Function**

A rational function is a function f that is a quotient of two polynomials, that is,

$$f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$$

Where g(x) and h(x) are polynomials. The domain of f consists of all real numbers *except* the zeros of the denominator h(x).

### The Domain of a Rational Function

### Example

Consider:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$ 

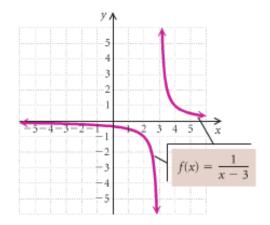
Find the domain and graph f.

#### Solution

$$x-3=0$$

$$x=3$$

Thus, the domain is:  $\{x \mid x \neq 3\}$  or  $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$ 



Function	Domain		
$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$	$\left\{x \middle  x \neq 0\right\}$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$	
$f\left(x\right) = \frac{1}{x^2}$	$\left\{x \middle  x \neq 0\right\}$	$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$	
$f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2 + x - 2}$	$\left\{x \middle  x \neq -2 \text{ and } x \neq 1\right\}$	$(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$	
$f(x) = \frac{2x+5}{2x-6} = \frac{2x+5}{2(x-3)}$	$\left\{x \middle  x \neq 3\right\}$	$(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$	

### **Asymptotes**

### Vertical Asymptote (VA) - Think Domain

The line x = a is a **vertical asymptote** for the graph of a function f if

$$f(x) \to \infty$$
 or  $f(x) \to -\infty$ 

As x approaches a from either the left or the right

### Example

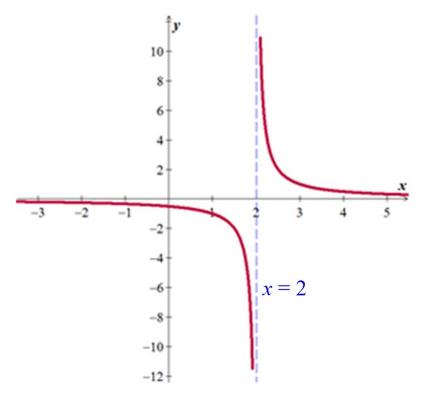
Find the vertical asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ , and sketch the graph.

#### **Solution**

*VA*: x = 2

$$f(x) \to \infty$$
 as  $x \to 2^+$ 

$$f(x) \to -\infty$$
 as  $x \to 2^-$ 



### Horizontal Asymptote (HA)

The line y = c is a **horizontal asymptote** for the graph of a function f if

$$f(x) \rightarrow c$$
 as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$  or  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ 

Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{p(x)}{q(x)} = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0} = \frac{a_n x^n}{b_m x^m}$$
 be a rational function.

1. If the degree of numerator is less than of denominator  $(n < m) \Rightarrow y = 0$ 

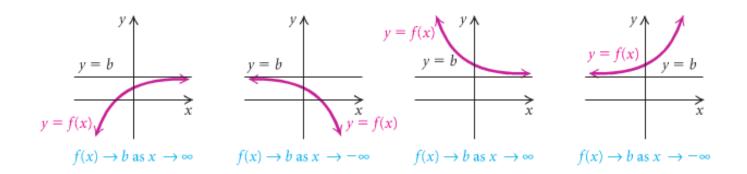
$$y = \frac{2x+1}{4x^2+5}$$
  $\Rightarrow y = 0$ 

2. If the degree of numerator is equal of denominator  $(n = m) \Rightarrow y = \frac{a_n}{b_m}$ 

$$y = \frac{2x^2 + 1}{4x^2 + 5} \implies \left| \underline{y} = \frac{2}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \right|$$

3. If the degree of numerator is greater than of denominator  $(n > m) \Rightarrow$  No horizontal asymptote

$$y = \frac{2x^3 + 1}{4x^2 + 5} \implies No \ HA$$



Determine the horizontal asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{-7x^4 - 10x^2 + 1}{11x^4 + x - 2}$ 

### Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{-7x^4}{11x^4} = -\frac{7}{11}$$

Therefore, the horizontal asymptote (*HA*) is:  $y = -\frac{7}{11}$ 

### Example

Find the vertical and the horizontal asymptote for the graph of f, if it exists

a) 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x^2-x-6}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 1}{3x^2 - 4}$$

c) 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^4 - 3x^2 + 5}{x^2 + 1}$$

#### Solution

a) 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x-1}{x^2-x-6}$$

$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \rightarrow x = -2, 3$$

$$VA: x = -2, x = 3$$

*HA*: 
$$y = 0$$

**b)** 
$$f(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 1}{3x^2 - 4}$$

$$3x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$3x^2 = 4$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4}{3}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

**VA**: 
$$x = -\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$
,  $x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ 

***HA***: 
$$y = \frac{5}{3}$$

c) 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^4 - 3x^2 + 5}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 0 \rightarrow x^2 = -1$$

*VA*: *n/a* 

**HA**: n/a

#### **Slant or Oblique Asymptotes**

When the degree of the numerator is one greater than the degree of the numerator, the graph has a slant or oblique asymptote and it is a line y = ax + b,  $a \ne 0$ . To find the slant asymptote, divide the fraction using long division. The quotient (not remainder) is the slant asymptote.

$$y = \frac{3x^{2} - 1}{x + 2}$$

$$x + 2\sqrt{3x^{2} + 0x - 1}$$

$$\frac{3x^{2} + 6x}{-6x - 1}$$

$$\frac{-6x - 12}{R = 11}$$

$$y = \frac{3x^{2} - 1}{x + 2} = 3x - 6 + \frac{11}{x + 2}$$

The *oblique asymptote* is the line y = 3x - 6

### **Example**

Find all the asymptotes of  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2}$ 

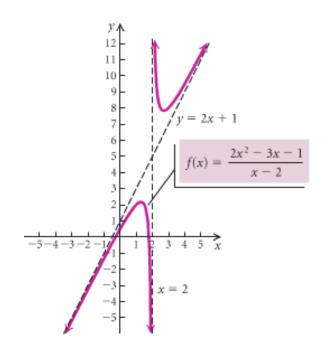
Solution

$$\begin{array}{r}
2x+1 \\
x-2 \overline{\smash)2x^2 - 3x - 1} \\
\underline{-2x^2 + 4x} \\
x-1 \\
\underline{-x+2} \\
1
\end{array}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2} = (2x + 1) + \frac{1}{x - 2}$$

The *oblique asymptote* is the line y = 2x + 1

*VA*:: x = 2



### Graph That Has a *Hole*

### Example

Sketch the graph of g if  $g(x) = \frac{3x^2 + x - 4}{2x^2 - 7x + 5}$ 

#### Solution

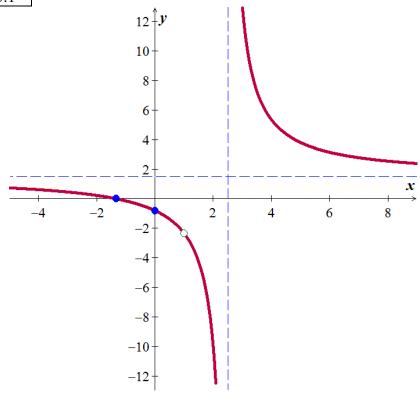
$$g(x) = \frac{(3x+4)(x-1)}{(2x-5)(x-1)}$$
$$= \frac{3x+4}{2x-5} = f(x)$$

*VA*: 
$$x = \frac{5}{2}$$

*HA*: 
$$y = \frac{3}{2}$$

The only different between the graphs that g has a **hole** at  $x = 1 \rightarrow f(1) = -\frac{7}{3}$ 

x	y
-4	.6
1.3	0
0	8
4	5.3
6	3.1



#### **Exercises Section 2.6 – Rational Functions**

Determine all asymptotes of the function

1. 
$$y = \frac{3x}{1-x}$$

**8.** 
$$y = \frac{x-3}{x^2-9}$$

**15.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{3-x}{(x-4)(x+6)}$$

2. 
$$y = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 9}$$

9. 
$$y = \frac{6}{\sqrt{x^2 - 4x}}$$

**16.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{2x^3 - x^2 - 3x}$$

$$3. \qquad y = \frac{x-2}{x^2 - 4x + 3}$$

10. 
$$y = \frac{5x-1}{1-3x}$$

17. 
$$f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 5}{4x^2 - 3}$$

**4.** 
$$y = \frac{3}{x-5}$$

11. 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x - 11}{x^2 + 2x - 8}$$

**18.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x^3+2x^2}$$

$$5. y = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^2 + 1}$$

12. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^3 - x}$$

**19.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4x - 1}{x + 3}$$

**6.** 
$$y = \frac{3x^2 - 27}{(x+3)(2x+1)}$$
 **13.**  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^3 - 5x}$ 

13. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^3 - 5x}$$

**20.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 6x}{x - 5}$$

7. 
$$y = \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 2}{x^2 - 4}$$
 14.  $f(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + 10x}$ 

**14.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{4x}{x^2 + 10x}$$

**21.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 + x - 4}{x^2 + 2x - 1}$$

(22 – 53) Determine all asymptotes (if any) (Vertical Asymptote, Horizontal Asymptote; Hole; Oblique Asymptote) and sketch the graph of

**22.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{-3x}{x+2}$$

**29.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-1}{1-x^2}$$

**36.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$$

23. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$$

**30.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x - 2}{x + 2}$$

**37.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{-2}{x+3}$$

**24.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 2x - 4}{x^2 + x - 12}$$

31. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 8}{x - 2}$$

$$38. \quad f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$$

**25.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{-2x^2 + 10x - 12}{x^2 + x}$$

**32.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2}$$

$$39. \quad f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x+4}$$

**26.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x + 1}$$

$$33. \quad f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{3x^2+7x-6}$$

**40.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 2}{x^2 - 9}$$

**27.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 1}{x - 2}$$

**34.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2 + x - 6}$$

**41.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{x^2 + 4}$$

**28.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + x - 6}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$$

35. 
$$f(x) = \frac{-2x^2 - x + 15}{x^2 - x - 12}$$

**42.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 4}{x^2 - 3}$$

**43.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$
 **47.**  $f(x) = \frac{x - 3}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$  **51.**  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x - 2}$ 

**47.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

**51.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x - 2}$$

43. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 - 6x + 9}$$

47.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$ 

51.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x - 2}$ 

48.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 3x + 2}$ 

52.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x + 3}$ 

45.  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 14}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$ 

49.  $f(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$ 

53.  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 6}{x + 2}$ 

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**45.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 14}{x^2 - 6x + 5}$$

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$$f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-3x+2}$$

**53.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x + 6}{x + 2}$$

**46.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4x - 5}{2x + 5}$$

**50.** 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x}{x + 1}$$

(54-59) Find an equation of a rational function f that satisfies the given conditions

54. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: \ x = 4 \\ horizontal \ asymptote: \ y = -1 \\ x - intercept: \ 3 \end{cases}$$

57. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: \ x = -2, \ x = 0 \\ horizontal \ asymptote: \ y = 0 \\ x - intercept: \ 2, \quad f(3) = 1 \end{cases}$$

55. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: \ x = -4, x = 5 \\ horizontal \ asymptote: \ y = \frac{3}{2} \\ x - intercept: \ -2 \end{cases}$$

58. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: \ x = -3, \ x = 1, \\ horizontal \ asymptote: \ y = 0, \\ x - intercept: \ -1, \ f(0) = -2, \\ hole \ at \ x = 2, \end{cases}$$

56. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: x = 5 \\ horizontal \ asymptote: y = -1 \\ x - intercept: 2 \end{cases}$$

59. 
$$\begin{cases} vertical \ asymptote: \ x = -1, \ x = 3 \\ horizontal \ asymptote: \ y = 2 \\ x - intercept: \ -2, \ 1 \\ hole: \ x = 0 \end{cases}$$