

**1) We will start off by reviewing the concept of function.**

a) What is your definition of *function*?

b) What is your definition of the *domain* of a function?

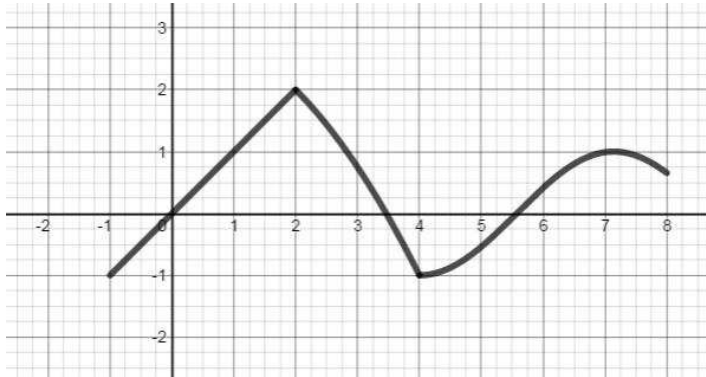
c) What is your definition of the *range* of a function?

d) What are some important features of a function that we can identify from its graph?

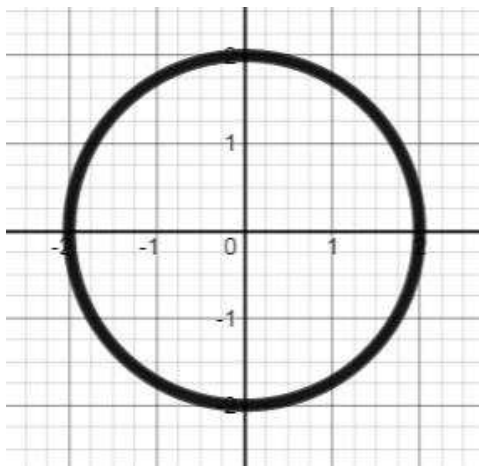
2) Using your definition of a *function*, or the definition decided on by the class, identify which of the following *relations* are functions, and explain why each is or is not. If the relation is a function, identify its domain and range.

a)  $y = x^2$ , where  $x$  is the input and  $y$  is the output

b)



c)



d)

$x$	$f(x)$
-5	3
-4	2
-3	3
-2	2
-1	3
0	2
1	3
2	2
3	3

e) Taking students in this class as the set of inputs, and outputting each student's birth mother.

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3. A function that models the volume of a box is a polynomial given as  $V(x) = x(8.5 - 2x)(11 - 2x)$ .

- a. Often times when we encounter polynomials, they are in standard form,  $a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ . Give the formula for  $V$  from problem 1 in standard form.
- b. What is the degree of  $V$ ? \_\_\_\_\_
- c. What is the leading coefficient of  $V$ ? \_\_\_\_\_

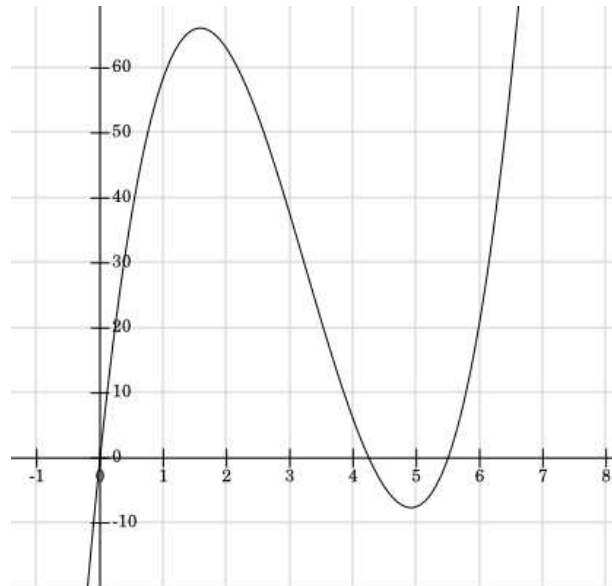
4. The graph of  $V$  is given (label each axis, include units).

a. On what interval(s) is  $V$  increasing?

b. On what interval(s) is  $V$  decreasing?

c. Estimate any local maxima of  $V$ , and identify where those occur.

d. Estimate any local minima of  $V$ , and identify where those occur.



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5. Consider the rational function  $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 3x - 6}{2x^2 - 4x - 16} = \frac{3(x-2)(x+1)}{2(x-4)(x+2)}$ .

- a. For what values of  $x$  will the numerator of  $f(x)$  be zero?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. For what values of  $x$  will the denominator of  $f(x)$  be zero?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. What is the domain of  $f$ ?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Identify any vertical asymptotes of  $f$ .
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- e. Identify the  $x$  and  $y$  intercepts of the graph of  $f$ .

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6. Now we will turn our attention towards horizontal asymptotes. Horizontal asymptotes can describe the end behavior of rational functions. Not all rational functions have a horizontal asymptote. Decide if each of the following has a horizontal asymptote or if it will blow up/down to +/- infinity. If the function has a horizontal asymptote, give its equation.

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

b.  $g(t) = \frac{3t^2+5t-2}{t+1}$

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

Explain how to determine if a rational function has each of the following *when looking at its formula*.

- A horizontal asymptote of  $y = 0$ .

- A horizontal asymptote other than  $y = 0$ .

- No horizontal asymptote.

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7. The formulas for two exponential functions are given below.

$$f(x) = 8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

$$g(x) = 2 \cdot 3^x$$

a. Determine each of the following:

$f(1) =$

$g(0) =$

$f(-2) =$

$g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) =$

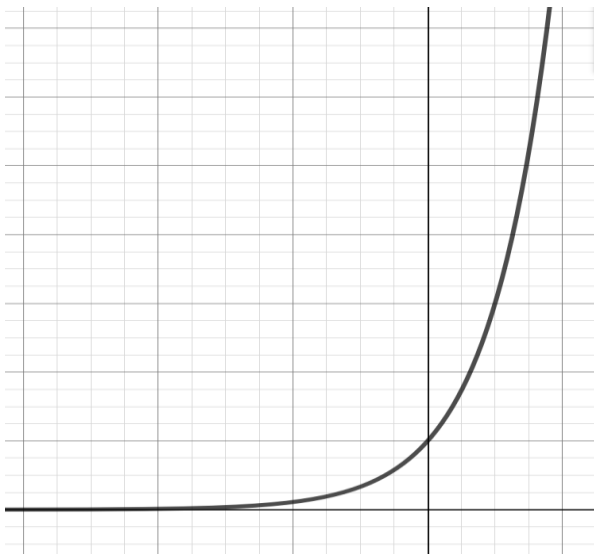
b. What is the domain of  $f$ ? What is the domain of  $g$ ?

c. Complete the tables below by looking for a pattern in the given values. (Try **not** to use your calculator.)

$x$	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$ $= 8 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$	128			16	8	4			$\frac{1}{2}$

$x$	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$g(x)$ $= 2 \cdot 3^x$	$\frac{2}{81}$			$\frac{2}{3}$	2	6			162

d. Use the tables of values above to label the graphs below as  $f$  or  $g$ .



e. Label the  $y$ -intercept on each of the graphs. How is the  $y$ -intercept related to the function formula?

8) Use positive rational exponents to rewrite each of the following without any radical symbols.

a.  $\sqrt[3]{16x^{12}}$

b.  $\sqrt[7]{t^5}$

c.  $(\sqrt[2]{t})^5$

d.  $(\sqrt[3]{y^2})^{-5}$  for  $y \neq 0$

e. Explain why we have in (d) that we have  $y \neq 0$

9) a) Determine the domain of  $g(t) = (-3t - 6)^{5/2}$  (HINT: First write  $g(t)$  in radical notation)

b) Solve the equation  $(-3t - 6)^{5/2} = 32$

**Rules of Exponents:**

$$b^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{b}$$

$$b^{m/n} = (b^m)^{1/n} = \sqrt[n]{b^m}$$

$$b^{m/n} = (b^{1/n})^m = (\sqrt[n]{b})^m$$

$$(b^r)^p = b^{r \cdot p}$$

$$b^{-r} = \frac{1}{b^r}, \quad b^{-1} = \frac{1}{b}$$

$$b^r \cdot b^p = b^{r+p}$$

$$\frac{b^r}{b^p} = b^{r-p}$$

$$b^0 = 1$$

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Trigonometric Functions Definitions: Let  $P(x, y)$  be a point on a circle of radius  $r$  associated with the angle  $\theta$ .

$$\sin(\theta) = \qquad \cos(\theta) = \qquad \tan(\theta) =$$

$$\csc(\theta) = \qquad \sec(\theta) = \qquad \cot(\theta) =$$