

MSLC – Math 1150  
Exam 1 Review

*Disclaimer: This should NOT be used as your only guide for what to study.*

1. Use the piece-wise defined function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ -2x + 4 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$  to answer the following:
  - a) Compute  $f(0)$ ,  $f(3)$ ,  $f(-1)$ , and  $f(4)$ .
  - b) Plot the points you found above and sketch a complete graph of  $y = f(x)$ .
  
2. Determine whether or not each equation is a function of  $x$ .
  - a)  $y = x^2 - 3x + 4$
  - b)  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$
  - c)  $x^2 + y^3 = 4$
  - d)  $xy = 1$
  
3. Use your graphing calculator to graph each of the functions below over the interval  $(-2, 2)$  and approximate any local extrema. Also, determine the intervals where the functions are increasing and decreasing.  
*Round your answers to three decimal places where appropriate.*
  - a)  $f(x) = x^2$
  - b)  $g(x) = (x-1)^2(x+1)^2$
  - c)  $h(x) = \sqrt{|x|}$
  - d)  $k(x) = x(x-1)(x+1)$
  
4. Determine the average rate of change of the functions between the given values of  $x$ .
  - a)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{3x+1}$  from  $x=1$  to  $x=t$
  - b)  $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}}$  from  $x=0$  to  $x=a$
  
5. Write the equation of the function  $f(x) = |x|$  transformed in the following ways:
  - a) shifted 2 units to the left, and shifted up 3 units
  - b) reflected about the  $x$ -axis, then shifted down 3 units
  - c) shifted 1 unit to the right, and vertically stretched by a factor of 3
  - d) shifted 1 unit to the left, then reflected about the  $y$ -axis

6. Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2x+1}$  find:

- a)  $f \circ g$
- b)  $g \circ f$
- c)  $f \circ f$
- d)  $g \circ g$

7. Find the inverse of each function, state the domain and range of both the original function and its inverse.

- a)  $f(x) = 2x - 1$
- b)  $g(x) = x^3 + 1$
- c)  $k(x) = \frac{1}{x-3}$

8. Algebraically find the maxima and minima of the functions given.

- a)  $f(x) = 3x(x-2) + 5$
- b)  $g(x) = -\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{x}{3} - 7$

9. For each of the following polynomial functions:

- i. Find each real zero and its multiplicity.
  - ii. Determine whether the graph crosses or touches the x-axis at each zero.
  - iii. Find the power function that each function resembles for large values of  $|x|$ .
  - iv. Graph each function using your graphing calculator.
- a)  $f(x) = 4(x-2)(x+1)^2$
  - b)  $g(x) = (x^2+1)(x+1)^2$
  - c)  $h(x) = -x^2(x-2)(x+3)^5$

10. Divide:

- a)  $(2x^3 - x^2 + 3) \div (x+2)$
- b)  $(x^4 - 1) \div (x^2 + 1)$

11. Factor the polynomials into linear and irreducible quadratic factors with real coefficients.

- a)  $P(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x - 3$
- b)  $Q(x) = x^4 - x^2 + 2x + 2$

12. Factor the polynomials into linear factors with complex coefficients.

a)  $P(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x - 3$

b)  $Q(x) = x^4 - x^2 + 2x + 2$

13. Find all asymptotes and any intercepts, then sketch the graph of the function:

a)  $R(x) = \frac{x}{(x-1)(x+1)}$

b)  $R(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2}{x - 2}$

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

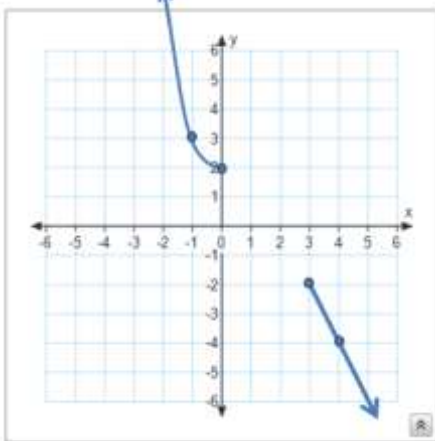
d)  $R(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 8x + 6}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$

### Exam 1 Review Solutions

1. a)  $f(0) = 2$ ;  $f(3) = -2$ ;

$f(-1) = 3$ ;  $f(4) = -4$

b)



2. a) Function b) Not a function c) Function d) Function

3. a) Min:  $(0,0)$ ; Increasing:  $(0,2)$ ; Decreasing:  $(-2,0)$

b) Mins:  $(-1,0)$  &  $(1,0)$ ; Max:  $(0,1)$

Increasing:  $(-1,0) \cup (1,2)$ ; Decreasing:  $(-2,-1) \cup (0,1)$

c) Min:  $(0,0)$ ; Increasing:  $(0,2)$ ; Decreasing:  $(-2,0)$

d) Min:  $(0.578, -0.385)$ ; Max:  $(-0.578, 0.385)$ ;

Increasing:  $(-2, -0.578) \cup (0.578, 2)$ ; Decreasing:  $(-0.578, 0.578)$

4. a)  $\frac{1}{12t+4}$       b)  $\frac{1-\sqrt{a+1}}{a\sqrt{a+1}}$

5. a)  $y = |x+2|+3$     b)  $y = -|x|-3$     c)  $y = 3|x-1|$     d)  $y = |-(x-1)|$

6. a)  $(f \circ g)(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2x+2}{2x+1}}$     b)  $(g \circ f)(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x+1}+1}$

c)  $(g \circ g)(x) = \frac{2x+1}{2x+3}$     d)  $(f \circ f)(x) = \sqrt{\sqrt{x+1}+1}$

7. a)  $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{2}$       Domain  $f(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$ ; Range  $f(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$

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b)  $g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-1}$       Domain  $g(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$ ; Range  $g(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$

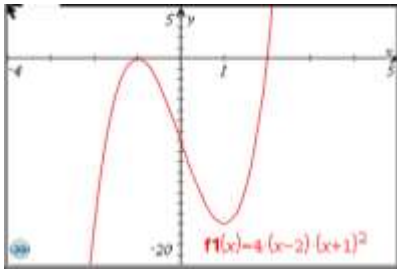
Domain  $g^{-1}(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$ ; Range  $g^{-1}(x) = (-\infty, \infty)$

c)  $k^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{x}+3$       Domain  $k(x) = (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$ ; Range  $k(x) = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

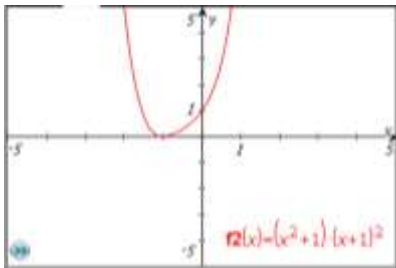
Domain  $k^{-1}(x) = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$ ; Range  $k^{-1}(x) = (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

8. a) Min.:  $(1,2)$     b) Max.:  $\left(\frac{5}{6}, -\frac{247}{36}\right)$

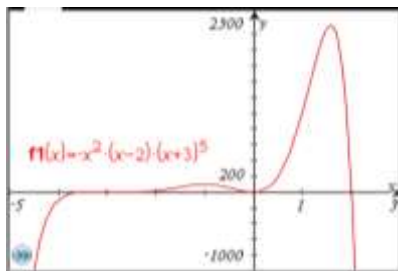
9. a) Zero: 2 (multiplicity 1) [crosses]; Zero: -1 (multiplicity 2) [touches]  
 Power function:  $p(x) = 4x^3$



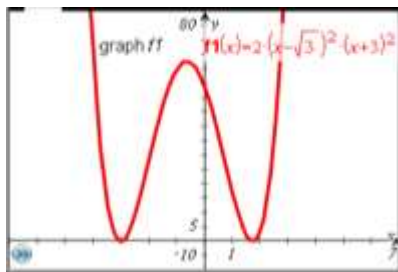
- b) Zero: -1 (multiplicity 2) [touches]; Power function:  $p(x) = x^4$



- c) Zero: 0 (multiplicity 2) [touches]; Zero: 2 (multiplicity 1) [crosses];  
 Zero: -3 (multiplicity 5) [crosses]; Power function:  $p(x) = -x^8$ ;



- d) Zero:  $\sqrt{3}$  (multiplicity 2) [touches]; Zero: -3 (multiplicity 2) [touches];  
 Power function:  $p(x) = 2x^4$

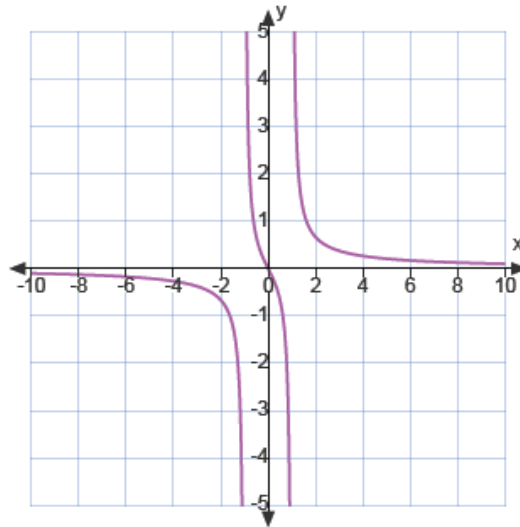


10. a)  $2x^2 - 5x + 10 - \frac{17}{x+2}$       b)  $x^2 - 1$

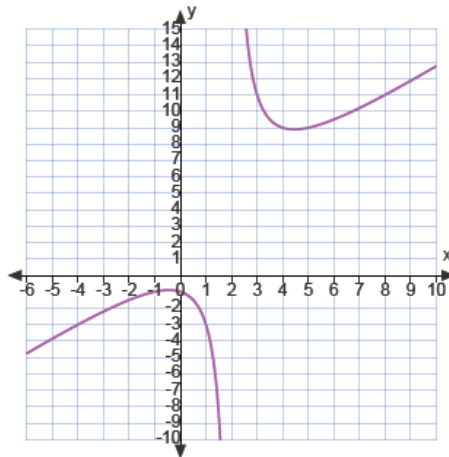
11. a)  $(x+1)(x-3)(x^2+1)$       b)  $(x+1)^2(x^2-2x+2)$

12. a)  $(x+1)(x-3)(x+i)(x-i)$       b)  $(x+1)^2[x-(1-i)][x-(1+i)]$

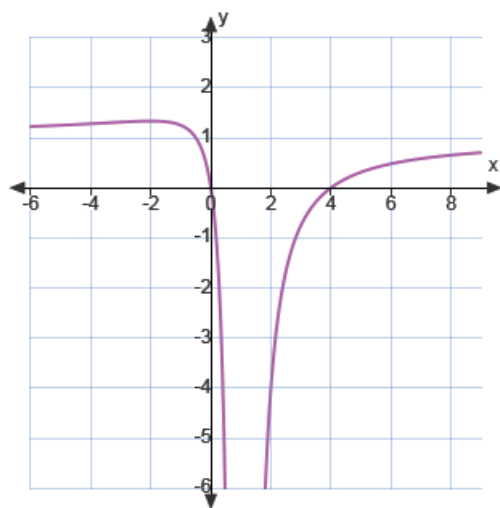
13. a) Intercept: (0,0); Vertical Asymptotes:  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$  Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 0$



b) Intercept: (0, -1); Vertical Asymptote:  $x = 2$ ; Slant Asymptote:  $y = x + 2$



c) Intercepts:  $(0,0)$  and  $(4, 0)$ ; Vertical Asymptote:  $x = 1$  Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 1$



d) Intercepts:  $(3,0)$  and  $(0,3)$ ; Vertical Asymptote:  $x = 2$  Horizontal Asymptote:  $y = 2$

