

MATH 2501 HW1

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#14] Find domain, range, and all intercepts of

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

Solution: Here, domain is restricted by when denominator equals zero;

$$x^2 - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 16 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{16} = \pm 4$$

Thus domain is  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{4, -4\}$ .

To find y-intercept, set  $x=0$ :

$$f(0) = \frac{0}{0^2 - 16} = 0$$

Thus, y-intercept is the point  $(0, 0)$ .

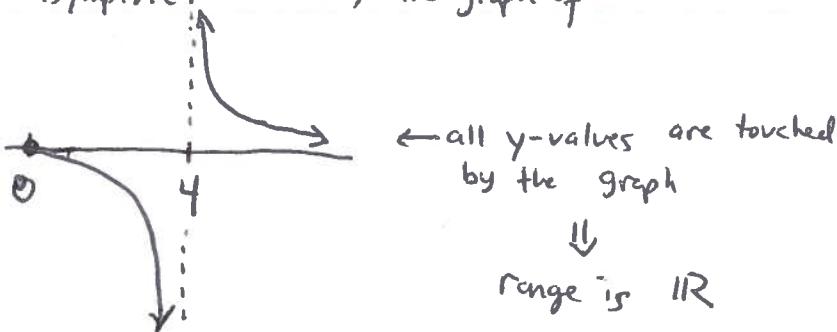
To find x-intercept, set  $f(x)=0$  + solve:

$$f(x) = 0 \\ \Downarrow$$

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - 16} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$$

Thus only x-intercept is at  $(0, 0)$ .

Finally, the range is all of  $\mathbb{R}$  because, for instance, near the vertical asymptote at  $x=4$ , the graph of  $f$  looks like this:



#17] Find domain, range, and all intercepts of  
 $f(x) = -1 + \sqrt{x+2}$

Solution: Here, domain is restricted by  $x$ -values which cause the stuff under the  $\sqrt{ }$  symbol to be negative, i.e.

$$x+2 < 0 \Rightarrow x < -2 \quad \text{not in domain}$$

thus domain is  $\mathbb{R} \setminus (-\infty, -2)$ , or also written as  $[-2, \infty)$ .

$y$ -intercept comes from setting  $x=0$ :

$$f(0) = -1 + \sqrt{0+2} = -1 + \sqrt{2}$$

thus  $y$ -intercept is the point  $(0, -1 + \sqrt{2})$

$x$ -intercept comes from setting  $f(x)=0$ :

$$f(x)=0 \Rightarrow -1 + \sqrt{x+2} = 0$$

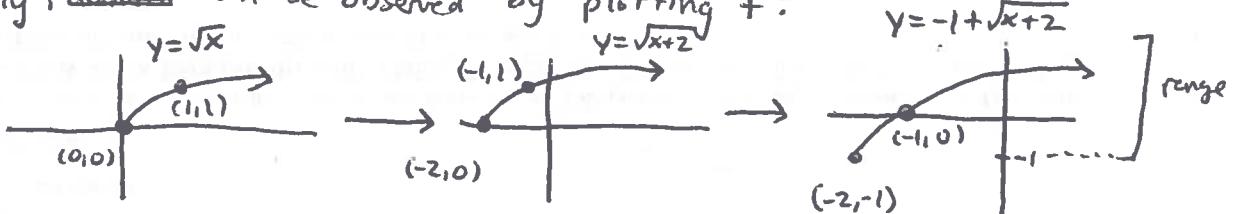
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{x+2} = 1$$

square both sides  $\Rightarrow x+2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Thus  $x$ -intercept is at  $(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 0)$

Finally, ~~range~~ can be observed by plotting  $f$ :



Thus we see that the range is  $[-1, \infty)$ .

#40] For  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $g(x) = x - 2$  find...

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a)  $f+g$

b)  $f-g$

c)  $f \cdot g$

d)  $\frac{f}{g}$

and the domains of each.

Soln : a)  $f+g$

$$f(x)+g(x) = \sqrt{x} + x - 2$$

Domain of  $f$ :  $[0, \infty)$

of  $g$ :  $\mathbb{R}$

of  $f+g$ :  $[0, \infty)$

b)  $f-g$

$$f(x)-g(x) = \sqrt{x} - (x-2) = \sqrt{x} - x + 2$$

domain of  $f-g$ :  $[0, \infty)$

c)  $f \cdot g$

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

domain of  $fg$  =  $[0, \infty)$

d)  $\frac{f}{g}$

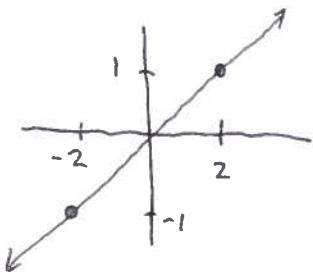
$$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x-2} \leftarrow x=2 \text{ not in domain b/c of division by zero}$$

domain of  $\frac{f}{g}$ :  $[0, \infty) \setminus \{2\} = [0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

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#71] Find an eqt of line passing thru  $(2,1)$  and  $(-2,-1)$

Soln:

$$\text{slope} = \frac{-1-1}{-2-2} = \frac{-2}{-4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Using point-slope formula

$$y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$$

with point  $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 1)$  yields

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

#84] For  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x$  find ...

- a) degree
- b) zeros
- c) y-intercept
- d) end behavior

Soln: a) the degree is 2 — the highest power on an  $x$

b) find zeros by solving  $f(x) = 0$ :

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

$$x(-3x + 6) = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} &\swarrow \\ x = 0 \quad \text{OR} \quad -3x + 6 = 0 &\Rightarrow -3x = -6 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{-6}{-3} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

c) y-intercept found by plugging in  $x=0$ :  $f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow$  y-intercept is the point  $(0, 0)$

d) end behavior of even degree polynomial normally ↑ / ↑  
but since there is a minus sign on the degree 2 term,  
the end behavior is ← + →

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#155] Solve for  $0 \leq \theta \leq 2\pi$ 

$$2\sin(\theta) - 1 = 0$$

Soln: Isolate  $\sin(\theta)$  to get  $\sin(\theta) = \frac{1}{2}$

Observe on unit circle that only angles for which the y-coordinate of the point is  $\frac{1}{2}$  are at angles

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6} \text{ and } \theta = \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\#272] \ln(a\sqrt[3]{b}) &= \ln(a) + \ln(\sqrt[3]{b}) \\ &= \ln(a) + \ln(b^{1/3}) \\ &= \ln(a) + \frac{1}{3}\ln(b)\end{aligned}$$

#277] Solve  $e^{3x} - 15 = 0$ 

Soln: Add 15 to get

$$e^{3x} = 15$$

Plug both sides into  $\ln(x)$  to get

$$\ln(e^{3x}) = \ln(15)$$

ln and e  
cancel

$$3x = \ln(15)$$

↓ divide by 3

$$x = \frac{\ln(15)}{3}$$

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#288] Solve  $\ln(\sqrt{x+3}) = 2$

Soln: Rewrite  $\sqrt{\phantom{x}}$  using fractional exponent:

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

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln(x+3) = 2$$

$$\ln(x+3) = 4$$

↓ plug both sides into  $e^x$

$$e^{\ln(x+3)} = e^4$$

$$x+3 = e^4$$

$$x = e^4 - 3$$

#307] A bacterial colony grown in a lab is known to double in number in 12 hours. Suppose, initially, there are 1000 bacteria present.

a) Use  $Q = Q_0 e^{kt}$  to determine the value  $k$ .

b) Determine approximately how long it takes for 200,000 bacteria to grow.

Soln: a) Here we are told  $Q_0 = 1000$  and at time  $t = 12$ ,  $Q = 2000$ . This yields  
 $2000 = 1000 e^{12k} \Rightarrow 2 = e^{12k} \Rightarrow \ln(2) = 12k$   
 $\Rightarrow k = \frac{\ln(2)}{12} \approx 0.0578$

b) Here we want to find time  $t$  so that  $Q = 200,000$ , i.e., solve  
 $200,000 = 1000 e^{\frac{\ln(2)}{12} t} \Rightarrow 200 = e^{\frac{\ln(2)}{12} t}$   
 $\Rightarrow \ln(200) = \frac{\ln(2)}{12} t$   
 $\Rightarrow t = \frac{12 \ln(200)}{\ln(2)} \approx 91.72 \text{ hours}$