

MAT170 PRECALCULUS EXAM 01 - REVIEW (SOLUTIONS)

1. Let  $x$  be the number of years since 2000 and  $y$  be the population (in millions). Then we have the points  $(1, 48.68)$  and  $(13, 45.49)$  on the graph of the function, so the slope of the line is

$$m = \frac{45.49 - 48.68}{13 - 1} = \frac{-3.19}{12} = -\frac{319}{1200}$$

and the equation of the line in *point-slope form* is given by

$$(y - 45.49) = -\frac{319}{1200}(x - 1).$$

2.

a.  $f(g(x)) = -\left(\frac{1}{x+2}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{x+2}\right) + 1.$

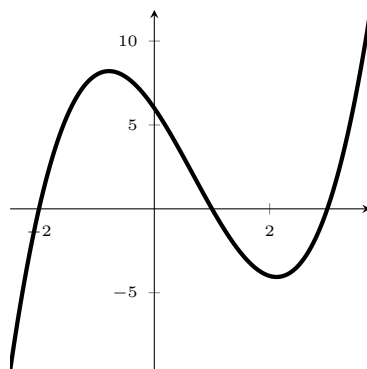
The domain of  $f \circ g$  is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$  or  $\{x \mid x \neq 2\}$

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

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3.

- a. By the Rational Root Theorem, possible roots are  $\pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 6$ .  
 b. By plugging in the possible roots from part (a), we see that the roots are  $-2, 1, 3$ .  
 c. Since  $r(x) = x^3 - 2x - 5x + 6 = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 3)$ , each root has multiplicity 1  
 d. By the leading coefficient test, since 3 is odd and  $1 > 0$ , the graph falls to the left and rises to the right.  
 e. The  $y$ -intercept is  $r(0) = 6$ .  
 f.

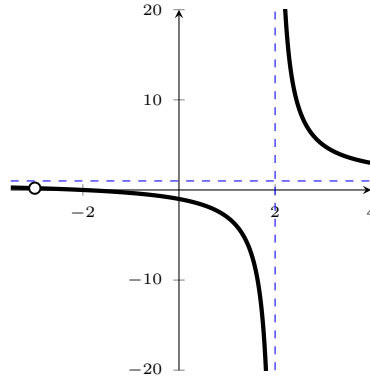


4. Let  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 6}{(x + 3)(x - 2)}.$

- a. The domain of  $g$  is  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ , or  $\{x \mid x \neq -3, 2\}$ .  
 b.  $y$ -intercept:  $g(0) = \frac{6}{-6} = -1$ .  
 c. Roots occur when the numerator is 0. So  $x^2 + 5x + 6 = (x + 3)(x + 2)$ , so they can only occur at  $x = -3, -2$ . But  $-3$  is not in the domain, so  $g(x)$  has only one root at  $x = -2$ .  
 d. Since  $x = -3$  is the only value that makes both the numerator and denominator zero, there is a hole at  $x = -3$ . Since  $g(x)$  looks like  $\frac{x + 2}{x - 2}$  (except with a different domain) the hole on the graph is at the point  $(-3, \frac{1}{5})$ .

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- e. Since  $x = 2$  does not correspond to a hole, it must be the vertical asymptote.
- f. Since the numerator and denominator have the same degree, the horizontal asymptote occurs at  $y = \frac{1}{1} = 1$ .
- g.



5. Suppose the cost for Yamaha to manufacture xylophones is modeled by the function  $c(x) = x^2 - 2x + 100$  where  $x$  is the number of xylophones manufactured.
- a. By completing the square

$$\begin{aligned}
 c(x) &= x^2 - 2x + 100 \\
 &= (x^2 - 2x) + 100 \\
 &= (x^2 - 2x + (-1)^2 - (-1)^2) + 100 \\
 &= (x^2 - 2x + (-1)^2) - (-1)^2 + 100 \\
 &= (x - 1)^2 + 99.
 \end{aligned}$$

In standard form, we see that the minimum cost (which corresponds to the vertex) occurs at  $x = 1$ , so Yamaha produces should only produce 1 xylophone to minimize cost.

- b. The minimum cost is \$99.
- c. The average rate of change in cost is

$$\frac{c(9) - c(5)}{9 - 5} = \frac{163 - 115}{9 - 5} = \frac{48}{4} = 12 \text{dollars per xylophone.}$$

6. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 4}$
- a. Since the denominator is never zero, the domain is  $(-\infty, \infty)$  or  $\mathbb{R}$ . The range of  $x^2 + 4$  is  $[4, \infty)$ , so the range of  $\frac{1}{x^2 + 4}$  is  $(0, \frac{1}{4}]$ .
  - b.  $f$  passes the vertical line test, so it is a function.

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c. To find the inverse,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{1}{y^2 + 4} \\ \frac{1}{x} &= y^2 + 4 \\ \frac{1}{x} - 4 &= y^2 \\ \Rightarrow f^{-1}(x) = y &= \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{x} - 4}. \end{aligned}$$

d.  $f^{-1}$  is not a function because it fails the vertical line test (that is, for any  $x \neq \frac{1}{4}$ ,  $f^{-1}(x)$  has two outputs).

7. Let  $g(x) = 6x^2 + 5x - 17$ .

a. For  $h \neq 0$ , difference quotient is

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{g(x+h) - g(x)}{h} &= \frac{(6(x+h)^2 + 5(x+h) - 17) - (6x^2 + 5x - 17)}{h} \\ &= \frac{6(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) + 5(x+h) - 17 - 6x^2 - 5x + 17}{h} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 + 12xh + 6h^2 + 5x + 5h - 17 - 6x^2 - 5x + 17}{h} \\ &= \frac{12xh + 6h^2 + 5h}{h} \\ &= 12x + 6h + 5. \end{aligned}$$

b. Since  $g(1) = 6(1) + 5(1) - 17 = -6$  and  $g(2) = 6(4) + 5(2) - 17 = 17$ , by the Intermediate Value Theorem, there exists a root of  $g$  between  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ .

8. Suppose  $w(x) = (x+1)^3 - 4$ .

a. First option:  $f(x) = x - 4$  and  $g(x) = (x+1)^3$ .

Second option:  $f(x) = x^3 - 4$  and  $g(x) = x + 1$ .

b. Transformations: horizontal shift left 1 and vertical shift down 4, in any order.

9. Algebraically simplify and rewrite each of the following complex numbers in standard form  $a + bi$ :

a.

$$\begin{aligned} (2 - i) + (4 + 7i) &= (2 + 4) + (-1 + 7)i \\ &= 6 + 6i \end{aligned}$$

b.

$$\begin{aligned} (4 + 2i) - (3i) &= (4 - 0) + (2 - 3)i \\ &= 4 - i \end{aligned}$$

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c.

$$\begin{aligned}(2 + 9i)(3 + 2i) &= 6 + 4i + 27i + 18i^2 \\ &= 6 + 4i + 27i - 18 \\ &= -12 + 31i\end{aligned}$$

d.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{6 + 8i}{2 - 7i} &= \frac{6 + 8i}{2 - 7i} \left( \frac{2 + 7i}{2 + 7i} \right) \\ &= \frac{(6 + 8i)(2 + 7i)}{2^2 + 7^2} \\ &= \frac{12 + 42i + 16i + 56i^2}{53} \\ &= \frac{12 + 42i + 16i - 56}{53} \\ &= \frac{-44 + 58i}{53} \\ &= -\frac{44}{53} + \frac{58i}{53}\end{aligned}$$