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# MATH 1 MIDTERM 1

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10	20	20
Total:	100	100

1. Determine the inverse function  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

(a) [1 point]  $f(x) = x^3$       $y = x^3$  : swap  $x$  &  $y$ ;      $x = y^3$

cube roots :      $\sqrt[3]{x} = y$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

(b) [1 point]  $f(x) = 2^x$       $y = 2^x$  : swap  $x$  &  $y$ ;      $x = 2^y$

$\log_2$  :      $\log_2 x = \log_2(2^y)$

power rule:      $\log_2 x = y \log_2 2$

$\log_2 2 = 1$  :      $\log_2 x = y$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_2 x$$

(c) [1 point]  $f(x) = e^x$

Same as previous problem,  
but with base  $e$  instead of 2;

$$f^{-1}(x) = \log_e x = \ln x.$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \ln x$$

(d) [1 point]  $f(x) = \log_3 x$

$y = \log_3 x$   $\xrightarrow{\text{swap}}$   $x = \log_3 y$ ,      $\xrightarrow{\text{3 to power of each side: } 3^x = 3^{\log_3 y}}$   $3^x = y$   
 $3^{\log_3 y} = y$  (inverses), so  $3^x = y$ .

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

(e) [1 point]  $f(x) = \tan x$

Inverse of tangent is arctan or  $\tan^{-1}$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \arctan x \text{ or } \tan^{-1}(x)$$

(f) [2 points]  $f(x) = -\frac{1}{x}$

$y = -\frac{1}{x}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{swap}}$   $x = -\frac{1}{y}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{multiply } y}$   $yx = -1$   $\xrightarrow{\text{divide } x}$   $y = -\frac{1}{x}$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{1}{x} \quad \leftarrow \text{It's the same as } f(x)!$$

(g) [2 points]  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-1}$

$y = \sqrt{2x-1}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{swap}}$   $x = \sqrt{2y-1}$   $\xrightarrow{\text{square}}$   $x^2 = 2y-1$

$\xrightarrow{\text{add 1}}$   $x^2 + 1 = 2y$   $\xrightarrow{\text{divide 2}}$   $\frac{x^2 + 1}{2} = y$

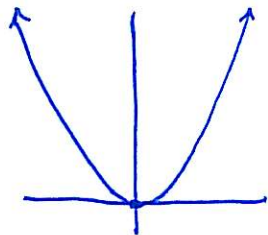
$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{2}$$

2. State the domain and range of the following functions.

(a) [2 points]  $f(x) = x^2$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range:  $[0, \infty)$

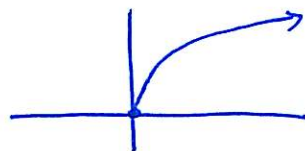


Can plug in any real number,  
out comes a nonnegative  
number.

(b) [2 points]  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Domain:  $[0, \infty)$

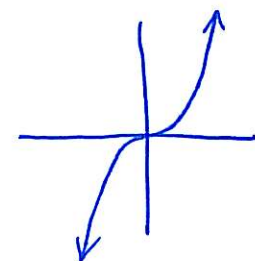
Range:  $[0, \infty)$



(c) [2 points]  $f(x) = x^3$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

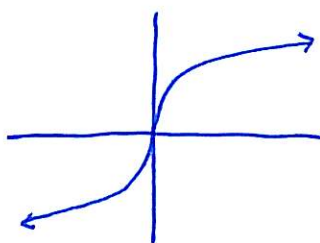
Range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$



(d) [2 points]  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range:  $(-\infty, \infty)$



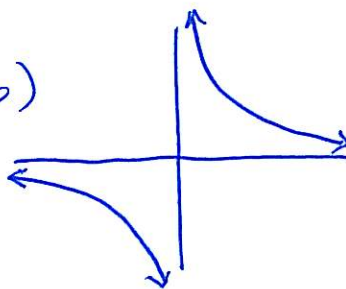
These are inverses  
of each other, so  
the domains and  
ranges swap.

Can't really tell  
here, though...

(e) [2 points]  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

Domain:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

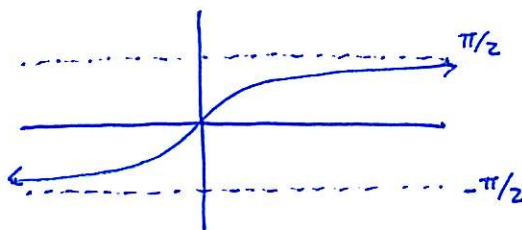
Range:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$



(f) [2 points]  $f(x) = \arctan x$

Domain:  $(-\infty, \infty)$

Range:  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$



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

(a) [1 point] Compute  $f(0)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0^3 - 2(0) + 1 \\ &= 0 - 0 + 1 \\ &= \boxed{1} \end{aligned}$$

(b) [1 point] Compute  $f(2)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f(2) &= 2^3 - 2(2) + 1 \\ &= 8 - 4 + 1 \\ &= \boxed{5} \end{aligned}$$

(c) [1 point] Find the slope of the line passing through the points  $(0, f(0))$  and  $(2, f(2))$ .

$$m = \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2 - 0} = \frac{5 - 1}{2} = \frac{4}{2} = \boxed{2}.$$

(d) [1 point] Find the equation of the line passing through the points  $(0, f(0))$  and  $(2, f(2))$ .

$$m = \frac{y - f(0)}{x - 0}$$

$$2 = \frac{y - 1}{x}, \quad 2x = y - 1, \quad \boxed{y = 2x + 1}.$$

4. Let  $d(t) = t^2 - 1$  represent the distance an object has traveled in time  $t$ .

- (a) [2 points] Determine the average velocity of the object in the interval  $[1, 2]$ .

The object starts at 1, ends at 2:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{average velocity} &= \frac{d(2) - d(1)}{2 - 1} = \frac{(2^2 - 1) - (1^2 - 1)}{1} \\ &= \frac{3 - 0}{1} = \boxed{3} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) [2 points] Evaluate and simplify  $\frac{d(1+h) - d(1)}{h}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d(1+h) - d(1)}{h} &= \frac{(1+h)^2 - 1 - (1^2 - 1)}{h} \\ &= \frac{1 + 2h + h^2 - 1 - 0}{h} \\ &= \frac{2h + h^2}{h} = \frac{h(2+h)}{h} = \boxed{2+h} \end{aligned}$$

$\uparrow$   
 $h \neq 0$

- (c) [2 points] The expression above represents the average velocity of the object in an interval  $[1, 1+h]$ . Plug in  $h = 0.1, 0.01$ , and  $0.001$  into the simplified form of the expression (or the complicated one if you prefer!) and estimate

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{d(1+h) - d(1)}{h}$$

$[1, 1+h]$	$h$	$2+h$
$[1, 1.1]$	0.1	2.1
$[1, 1.01]$	0.01	2.01
$[1, 1.001]$	0.001	2.001
		⋮

Looks like it goes to 2!

5. Starting with the function  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ , obtain  $f(x)$  by taking  $\frac{1}{x}$  and translating it right one unit followed by reflecting it about the  $x$ -axis. Obtain  $g(x)$  by taking  $\frac{1}{x}$  and reflecting it about the  $x$ -axis followed by translating it up one unit.

- (a) [2 points] What is  $f(x)$ ?

start with  $\frac{1}{x}$   
 replace  $x$  by  $x-1$ :  $\frac{1}{x-1}$   
 replace  $f(x)$  by  $-f(x)$ :  $-\frac{1}{x-1}$

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

- (b) [2 points] What is  $g(x)$ ?

start with  $\frac{1}{x}$   
 replace  $f(x)$  by  $-f(x)$ :  $-\frac{1}{x}$   
 replace  $-f(x)$  by  $-f(x)+1$ :  $-\frac{1}{x}+1$   
 (i.e., just add 1)

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

- (c) [2 points] Compute  $f \circ g$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f \circ g(x) &= f(g(x)) = -\frac{1}{g(x)-1} = -\frac{1}{(-\frac{1}{x}+1)-1} \\ &= -\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{x}} = -1 \cdot (-x) = \boxed{x} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) [2 points] Compute  $g \circ f$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g \circ f(x) &= g(f(x)) = -\frac{1}{f(x)} + 1 = -\frac{1}{-\frac{1}{x-1}} + 1 \\ &= -1 \cdot (-(x-1)) + 1 = \boxed{x} \end{aligned}$$

- (e) [2 points] Given the results from parts (c) and (d), what relationship exists between  $f$  and  $g$ ?

Since  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$  both are  $x$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  are inverse functions.

6. Simplify the following expressions:

(a) [2 points]  $16^{-3/4}$

$$16^{-3/4} = \frac{1}{(\sqrt[4]{16})^3} \quad \left( \text{This is also } \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{(16^3)}}, \text{ but I'd rather not do } 16^3 \text{ first!} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^3} = \boxed{\frac{1}{8}}$$

(b) [2 points]  $\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}$

$$\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x} = \frac{x}{y} \cdot \frac{x}{x} - \frac{y}{x} \cdot \frac{y}{y} \quad \left( \text{to get a common denominator} \right)$$

$$= \frac{x^2}{xy} - \frac{y^2}{xy} = \boxed{\frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy}}$$

(c) [2 points]  $\log_8(64)$

$$\log_8 64 = \log_8 (8^2) = 2 \log_8 8 = 2 \cdot 1 = \boxed{2}$$

(d) [2 points]  $\log_2(6) - \log_2(15) + \log_2(20)$

$$\log_2 \left( \frac{6}{15} \right) + \log_2 20 = \log_2 \left( \frac{2}{5} \cdot 20 \right)$$

$$= \log_2 8$$

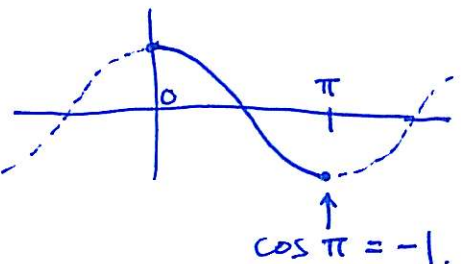
$$= \log_2 (2^3) = 3 \log_2 2 = 3 \cdot 1 = \boxed{3}$$

(e) [2 points]  $\arccos(-1)$

$$\arccos(-1) = \theta \iff \cos \theta = -1$$

$\arccos x$  has range  $[0, \pi]$

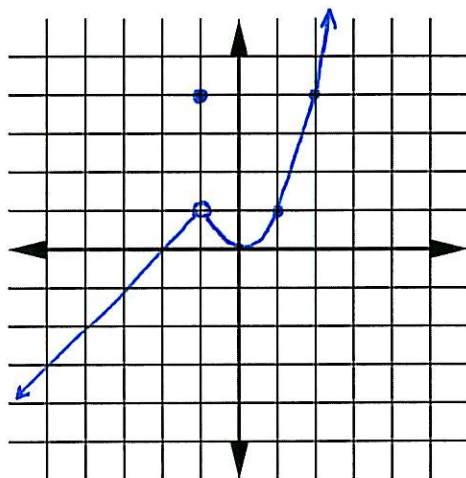
(since we choose this domain of  $\cos$ .)  
to take the inverse of.



Since  $\cos \pi = -1$ ,  $\theta = \pi$  and  $\boxed{\arccos(-1) = \pi}$ .

7. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x > -1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = -1 \end{cases}$$

(a) [4 points] Graph  $f(x)$ .(b) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = 1$$

(c) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 1$$

(d) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ .

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$  are both 1, so is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = 1$$

(e) [1 point] Find  $f(-1)$ .

$$f(-1) = 4$$



8. Solve for  $x$ .

(a) [2 points]  $x - 3 = 2 - \frac{x}{2}$

Multiply by 2:  $2x - 6 = 4 - x$

Add  $x$ :  $3x - 6 = 4$

Add 6:  $3x = 10$

Divide 3:  $x = \frac{10}{3}$

(b) [2 points]  $(\frac{1}{3})^x = 27$

$(3^{-1})^x = 27$

$3^{-x} = 3^3$

Now take  $\log_3$  on both sides:

$\log_3(3^{-x}) = \log_3(3^3)$

Power rule:  $-x \log_3 3 = 3 \log_3 3$

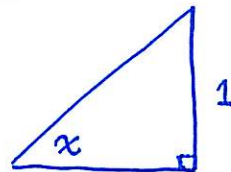
$\log_3 3 = 1$  :

mult. by  $-1$ :  $x = -3$

(c) [2 points]  $\tan(x) = 1$  with  $x$  in the interval  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Draw a triangle with  $\frac{\text{opp.}}{\text{adj.}} = 1$ :

This is one of the "special triangles,"

with angle  $\frac{\pi}{4}$ .Since this is in our interval,  $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ .

(d) [2 points]  $\sin(\arcsin(x)) = 1$

 $\sin$  and  $\arcsin$  are inverse functions, so they cancel.

$x = 1$ .

(e) [2 points]  $\ln((x+1)^3) = 3$

Power rule:  $3 \ln(x+1) = 3$

Divide by 3:  $\ln(x+1) = 1$

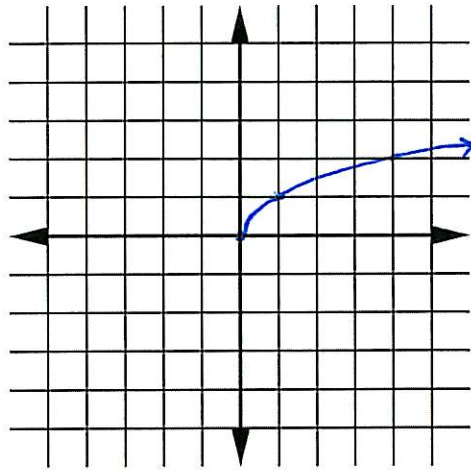
Take  $e$  to both sides:  $e^{\ln(x+1)} = e^1$

$e$  and  $\ln$  are inverses:  $(x+1) = e$

Subtract 1:

$x = e - 1$ .

9. [1 point] Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .



Write the equations for the graphs that are obtained from the graph of  $f(x)$  as follows:

- (a) [2 points] Translate to the left by 3 units

Replace  $x$  by  $x+3$ :

$$\sqrt{x+3}$$

- (b) [2 points] Stretch horizontally by a factor of 4.

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{x}{4}$ :

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{4}}$$

- (c) [2 points] Reflect about the  $y$ -axis.

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$ :

$$\sqrt{-x}$$

- (d) [2 points] First (a) then (c).

From (a) we have  $\sqrt{x+3}$ .

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$ :

$$\sqrt{(-x)+3}$$

- (e) [2 points] First (b) then (a).

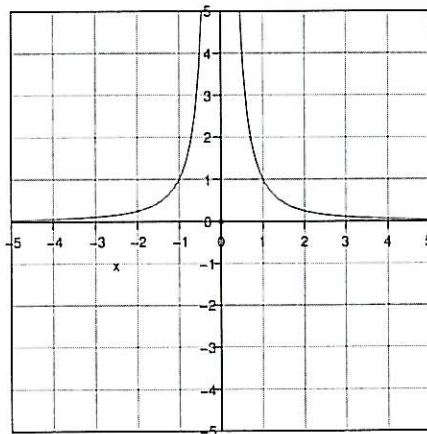
From (b) we have:

$$\sqrt{\frac{x}{4}}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $x+3$ :

$$\sqrt{\frac{x+3}{4}}$$

10. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  graphed below.



(a) [2 points] Find the domain of  $f$ .

$$(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$$

(b) [2 points] Find the range of  $f$ .

$$(0, \infty)$$

(c) [1 point] Is  $f$  one-to-one?

No, it's easy to find two  $x$ -values with the same  $y$ -value, say  $(-1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1)$ . (Also fails horiz. line test.)

(d) [1 point] What kind of symmetry does  $f$  have (even, odd, neither)?

Even. Fold the paper along the  $y$ -axis and see.

Better yet: Replace  $x$  by  $-x$ :  $f(-x) = \frac{1}{(-x)^2} = \frac{1}{x^2}$ , so  $f(-x) = f(x)$ .

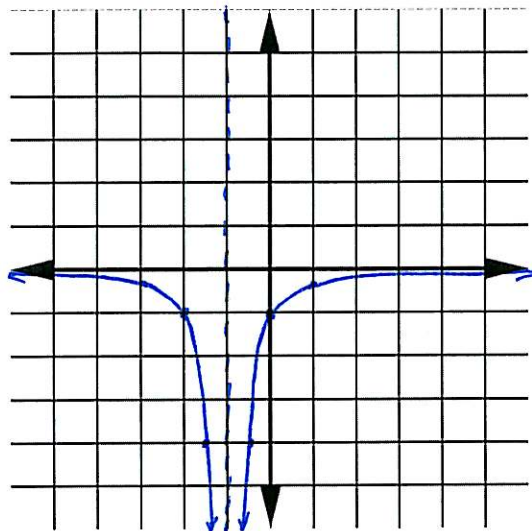
(e) [2 points] Determine the two transformations (in order) needed to obtain  $g(x) = -\frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$  from  $f(x)$ .

Actually, in this case order doesn't matter.

Do one of these followed by the other:

reflect around  $x$ -axis, translate left by 1 unit.

(f) [1 point] Sketch the graph of  $g(x)$ .



(g) [2 points] Find the domain of  $g$ .

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

← It's the domain of  $f$  shifted left 1 unit.

(h) [2 points] Find the range of  $g$ .

$$(-\infty, 0)$$

Negative of range of  $f$ .

(i) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x)$ .  $-1$

(j) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x)$ .  $-1$

(k) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ .  $-1$

(since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x)$  are both  $-1$ .)

(l) [1 point] Find  $g(0)$ .  $-1$

(m) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} g(x)$ .  $-\infty$

(n) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} g(x)$ .  $-\infty$

(o) [1 point] Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x)$ .  $-\infty$

(Again,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} g(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} g(x)$  are the same and are both  $-\infty$ , so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} g(x) = -\infty$ .)