

A Problem-Solving Approach to College Algebra

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PREFACE

This book is a non traditional textbook in college algebra. Its primary objective is to encourage students to learn from asking questions rather than reading a detailed explanations of the material discussed in a typical textbook. As a result, a critical prerequisite for students wishing to take this course is attendance. Supplemental information of the mathematics involved in this book will be provided after the problems have been read and questions have been posed. Another main objective of this book is for the students to gain confidence in their ability to use mathematics. A final objective is to prepare students with a solid foundation for subsequent courses in mathematics and other disciplines.

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Chapter 1

Fundamental Concepts

In this chapter we consider the basic topics that every student needs to be familiar with when taking college algebra, namely, the familiarity with the sets of numbers and their properties, the question of solving equations, the skill of applying algebra for solving real world problems, and most importantly the concept of a function.

1.1 Sets of Numbers and their Properties

In what follows, by an **integer** we mean a number in the collection

$$\{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

Exercise 1

A **rational** number is a number that can be represented by a fraction of the form $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are both integers with $b \neq 0$. Decimal notation for rational numbers either terminates or repeats. A number that is not rational is called **irrational**. Consider the following numbers: $0, -\sqrt{3}, \frac{2}{3}, 0.\overline{45}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi$.

- (i) Which are rational numbers?
- (ii) Which are irrational numbers?

Exercise 2

Write the number $0.125125125\dots$ as a fraction. Thus, convince yourself that a decimal numbers with repeating digits is a rational number.

Exercise 3

- (i) Find a number that is rational but not an integer.
- (ii) Find a real number that is not rational.
- (iii) Find a real number that is not irrational.

Exercise 4

To find the sum of two numbers with opposite signs, ignore the negative sign, subtract the smaller number from the larger number. The sum has the same sign as the sign of the larger number. For example, to find $-6 + 13$ we subtract 6 from 13 to obtain 7 and since the larger number 13 has a positive sign then $-6 + 13 = 7$. Calculate $-35.4 + 2.51$.

Exercise 5

State the property given by each sentence, where a, b , and c are real numbers:

- (a) $a + b = b + a$
- (b) $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
- (c) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
- (d) $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$
- (e) $a + 0 = 0 + a$
- (f) $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a$
- (g) $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$
- (h) $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1, a \neq 0$
- (i) $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

Exercise 6

The opposite of the opposite of a is just a , that is, $-(-a) = a$. Calculate $-3.6 - (-7)$.

Exercise 7

The product (or ratio) of two positive numbers is always positive; the product (or ratio) of two negative numbers is always negative. Calculate $(1 - 6)(-3)$.

Exercise 8

The product of two fractions $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{c}{d}$ is defined by $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$. Simplify: $(-6\frac{3}{7})(\frac{14}{-5})$.

Exercise 9

The sum or difference of two fractions: $\frac{a}{b} \pm \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad \pm bc}{bd}$. Calculate: $(3\frac{1}{3} - 5\frac{2}{3})(-\frac{9}{2})$.

Exercise 10

The notations $a \div b$ or $\frac{a}{b}$ mean that there exists a **unique** number c such that $c \times b = a$. Find the value, if possible, of the ratio $(-3) \div 0$.

Exercise 11

To add fractions with non identical denominators, one finds the **least common denominator**, that is the least number divisible evenly by all the denominators. This is also known as the **least common multiple**. For example, to find the LCM of two numbers a and b we first write each number as a product of the form $a = 2^{c_1}3^{c_2}5^{c_3} \dots$ and $b = 2^{d_1}3^{d_2}5^{d_3} \dots$. Then $LCM(a, b) = 2^{\max(c_1, d_1)}3^{\max(c_2, d_2)}5^{\max(c_3, d_3)} \dots$

Find $LCM(24, 126)$.

Exercise 12

Find the value of

$$\frac{3}{5} + \frac{2}{7} =$$

Exercise 13

Find the value of

$$-8 - (-8) =$$

Exercise 14

Find the sum

$$\frac{x}{3} + \frac{2x}{5} =$$

Exercise 15

Find the product

$$\frac{3x}{4y} \frac{8y^2}{x^2} =$$

Exercise 16

Find the value of

$$(-5)(-1)(-7) =$$

Exercise 17

The distributive law of multiplication states $a(b+c) = ab+ac$ or $(a+b)c = ac+bc$.

Multiply

$$x(x - 2y) =$$

Exercise 18

Multiply

$$(2x - 3y)(x + 2y) =$$

Exercise 19

The world's fastest airliner, the Concorde, travels one mile in 0.0006897 hour and carries 128 passengers. Find its rate in miles per hour.

Exercise 20

If 720 is 0.6% of x , what is x ?

Exercise 21

What number is obtained from increasing 300 by 115%?

Exercise 22

If an amount of money P (called principal) is invested at an annual simple rate r for a period of t years then the balance in the account at the end of t years is given by the formula $A = P + I = P + Prt = P(1 + rt)$.

What amount must be invested at 8% simple interest so that \$50 interest is earned at the end of 6 months?

Exercise 23

What is the interest on \$500 invested at 9% per year simple interest for 4 years?

Exercise 24

The set of real numbers, denoted by \mathbb{R} , is modeled using a line directed to the right. Any point A on this line is associated with a real number a called the **abscissa** of a . We write $A(a)$. Plot the points $A(-3)$, $O(0)$, $B(2.5)$, and $C(\sqrt{2})$.

Exercise 25

If $x \geq 0$ then the **absolute value** of x is $|x| = x$; if $x < 0$ then $|x| = -x$. Geometrically, the absolute value of a number a is its distance from 0 on the number line. Calculate $\frac{-4}{|-4-1|}$.

Exercise 26

The distance between two points $A(a)$ and $B(b)$ on the real line is given by the formula $d(A, B) = |a - b|$. Find the distance between the points $A(6\frac{1}{2})$ and $B(4.2)$.

Exercise 27

When simplifying algebraic expressions one uses the following rules for order of operations:

- (i) Do all calculations within grouping symbols before operations outside. When nested grouping symbols are present work from inside out.
- (ii) Evaluate all exponential expressions.
- (iii) Do all multiplications and divisions in order from left to right.
- (iv) Do all additions and subtractions in order from left to right.

Rewrite the following expression without using parentheses.

$$4\{-[-(a - b) + 2(b - a)] - (a + b)\}$$

Exercise 28

Rewrite the following expression without using parentheses.

$$-[-2(a + c) - (b - c) + 3(-a + c)]$$

1.2 Solving Equations

An **equation** is an equality between two algebraic expressions. A number that satisfies an equation is called a **solution** or a **root**.

Exercise 29

Which of the following numbers is a solution to the equation

$$3x + 7 = -5$$

- (A) -4 (B) -7 (C) 4 (D) $-\frac{5}{3}$ (E) None of the above.

The collection of all solutions to an equation is called the **solution set**. To solve an equation is to find the solution set.

Four important principles for solving equations:

(1) The Addition Principle: Adding or subtracting the same number to both sides of an equation does not change the solution set of the original equation.

(2) The Multiplication Principle: Multiplying or dividing both sides of an equation by the same number does not change the solution set of the original equation.

(3) The Principle of Zero Products: If $ab = 0$ then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

(4) The Principle of Square Roots: If $x^2 = k$ with $k \geq 0$ then $x = \pm\sqrt{k}$.

Exercise 30

Solve

$$2x - 5 = 3x + 7$$

Exercise 31

Sometimes to solve an equation, you must simplify the equation before using the properties listed above. Solve

$$(x + 2)(x + 3) = x^2 + 16$$

Exercise 32

When an equation involves fractions, you can eliminate the fractions by multiplying both sides of the equation by the least common denominator. Solve

$$\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{5} = \frac{1 - 3x}{15}$$

Exercise 33

Solve

$$\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x - 1}{4} = \frac{x + 1}{8}$$

Exercise 34

Solve

$$\frac{-2}{x^2 - 1} + \frac{x}{x - 1} = 0$$

Exercise 35

Solve

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

Exercise 36

In a product ab , we call a and b factors. An important property of numbers is that, if $ab = 0$ then either $a = 0$ or $b = 0$. This is known, as the zero product property. Solve

$$\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 - \frac{1}{x}} = 0$$

Exercise 37

Solve

$$\frac{3x}{x-1} + 2 = \frac{3}{x-1}.$$

Exercise 38

Solve

$$3x - 5 = 4$$

Exercise 39

Solve

$$x^3 = 25x$$

Exercise 40

Solve

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

1.3 Applied Problems

Applied problems are also known as word problems or mathematical models. The following is one of the strategies that can be used for solving word problems:

- (1) Read the problem several times until you completely understand it.
- (2) If possible, draw a diagram to illustrate the problem.
- (3) Choose a variable and write down what it represents.
- (4) Represent any other unknowns in terms of that variable.
- (5) Write an equation that models the situation.
- (6) Solve the equation.
- (7) Check your answer by using it to solve the original problem (and not the equation).

Exercise 41

Beth grossed \$435 one week by working 52 hours. Her employer payes time-and-a-half for all hours worked in excess of 40 hours. With this information, can you determine Beth's regular hourly wage?

Exercise 42

Judy, an investor with \$70,000, decides to place part of her money in corporate bonds paying 12% per year and the rest in a Certificate of Deposit paying 8% per year. If she wishes to obtain an overall return of 9% per year, how much should she place in the CD investment?

Exercise 43

In a chemistry laboratory the concentration of one solution is 10% of HCl and that of a second solution is 60% HCl. How many millilitres (mL) of the 10% solution should be used to obtain 50 mL of a 30% HCl solution?

Exercise 44

From each corner of a square piece of sheet metal, remove a square of side 9 centimeters. Turn up the edges to form an open box. If the box is to hold 144 cubic centimeters, what should be the dimensions of the piece of sheet metal?

Exercise 45

A metra commuter train leaves Union Station in Chicago at 12 noon. Two hours later, an Amtrak train leaves on the same track, travelling at an average speed that is 50 miles faster than the Metra train. At 3 p.m., the Amtrak train is 10 miles behind the Metra train. How fast is the Metra train?

Exercise 46

The sum of three consecutive even integers is 72. Find the integers.

Exercise 47

If two edges of a cube are increased by 2 cm and the remaining edge is increased by 1 cm, the volume of the resulting rectangular box is $\frac{29}{5}$ cm³ larger than the volume of the original cube. Find the length of an edge of the original cube.

Exercise 48

A flask has 14 ounces of a certain chemical known to contain 20% alcohol. How many ounces of pure alcohol must be added in order to raise the concentration to 40%.

Hint: $\frac{\text{Amount of alcohol in new solution}}{\text{Total amount of liquid in the new solution}} = \frac{40}{100}$.

Exercise 49

Suppose a retailer runs a sale in which each item is discounted 20%. If x is the price of an item before the sale, give an algebraic expression for the sale price.

Exercise 50

You receive a monthly salary of \$2,000 plus a commission of 10% of sales. Suppose your monthly sale is \$1,480 then what is your wage for the month?

Exercise 51

The sum of two numbers is 8 and their product is 5. What is the sum of their squares?

Exercise 52

An auto repair shop charges \$20 shop charge plus \$25 per hour for labor. If the total charge for a repair job is \$80 plus parts, how many hours of labor did the job require?

Exercise 53

A comparison shopper notes that the competition runs a sale in which a coat is marked down 20% to \$72. What was the original price?

1.4 The graph of an Equation

By the **graph** of an equation we mean the collection of all ordered pairs (x, y) that satisfy the equation. Recall that an ordered pair is associated to a point in the Cartesian system.

Exercise 54 (*Distance Formula*)

If $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ are two points in Cartesian plane then the distance between them is found by the formula $d(A, B) = \sqrt{(x_1 - x_2)^2 + (y_1 - y_2)^2}$. Find the distance between $(-1, 2)$ and $(3, 5)$.

Exercise 55

Suppose that (x, y) is equidistant from the points $(1, 3)$ and $(-1, 2)$. Find a relationship between x and y .

Exercise 56 (*Midpoint Formulas*)

If $A(x_1, y_1)$ and $B(x_2, y_2)$ are two points in the Cartesian plane then the midpoint $M(x, y)$ is given by $x = \frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$ and $y = \frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$. Find the midpoint of the segment determined by the points $(\frac{3}{4}, \frac{7}{8})$ and $(-\frac{1}{7}, 4)$.

Exercise 57

Find all numbers x for which the distance between $(-1, x)$ and $(2, 0)$ is 5.

Exercise 58

Suppose that (x, y) is on the perpendicular bisector of $(4, 5)$ and $(3, -2)$. Find an equation giving the relationship between x and y .

Exercise 59

Suppose that a triangle with vertices (x, y) , $(2, 3)$ and $(5, -9)$ is equilateral. Find an equation giving the relationship between x and y .

Exercise 60

Graph the equation $3x - 4y + 12 = 0$.

Exercise 61

Find the distance between $(7, 4)$ and $(-2, 1)$.

Exercise 62

The equation of a circle with center (a, b) and radius r is given by $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$. Find the center of the circle $(x - 2)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 9$.

Exercise 63

Find an equation of the circle centered at $(3, -2)$ and with radius 3.

Exercise 64

Find an equation of the circle centered at $(-4, 6)$ and passing through the point $(-1, 2)$.

Exercise 65

Find the center of the circle: $x^2 + y^2 + 4x - 6y + 12 = 0$.

Exercise 66

Graph the equation $y = \frac{1}{x}$.

Exercise 67

Graph the equation $y = x^2$.

Exercise 68

Graph the equation $y = |x|$.

Exercise 69

Graph the equation $y = \sqrt{x}$ for $x \geq 0$.

Exercise 70

Graph the equation $y = x^3$.

Exercise 71

Graph the equation $x = y^2$.

Exercise 72

Find an equation for the circle whose center is $(2, -3)$ and whose radius is equal to 4.

Exercise 73

Find an equation for the circle whose center is $(-\frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{2})$ and whose radius is equal to $2\sqrt{2}$.

Exercise 74

Find the center and the radius of the circle: $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 6y = 15$.

Exercise 75

Find an equation for the set of all points (x, y) with the property that the sum of the distances from (x, y) to $(1, 0)$ and from (x, y) to $(-1, 0)$ is equal to 6.

Exercise 76

Graph the equation $y = x^2 + 2$.

1.5 The Concept of a Function

A function f with a source set (or **domain**) A is a rule which assigns to every input value x of A a unique output value y . We write $y = f(x)$. We call y the **image** of x under f . The collection of all images is called the **range** of f . Graphically, the domain of a function is part of the horizontal x -axis whereas the range is part of the y -axis. Note that y depends on the value of x . So we call x the **independent** variable and y the **dependent** variable.

Exercise 77

Suppose that $y = -2$ no matter what x is.

- (a) Is y a function of x ? Explain.
 (b) Is x a function of y ? Explain.

Exercise 78

Suppose that $x = 2$ no matter what y is.

- (a) Is y a function of x ? Explain.
 (b) Is x a function of y ? Explain.

Exercise 79

A function can be described using words. The sales tax on an item is 7.5%. Express the total cost, C , as a function of the price P of the item.

Exercise 80

Suppose you are looking at the graph of y as a function of x .

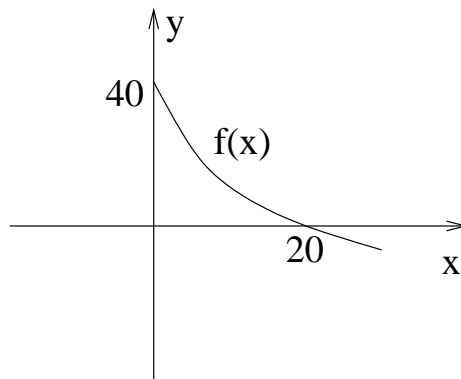
- (a) What is the maximum number of times that the graph can intersect the y axis? Explain.
 (b) Can the graph intersect the x axis an infinite number of times? Explain.

Exercise 81

- (a) You are going to graph $p = f(w)$. Which variable goes on the horizontal axis and which goes on the vertical axis?
 (b) If $10 = f(-4)$, give the coordinates of a point on the graph of f .
 (c) If 6 is a solution of the equation $f(w) = 1$, give a point on the graph of f .

Exercise 82

Use the graph to fill in the missing values: (a) $f(0) = ?$ (b) $f(?) = 0$.

**Exercise 83**

It is possible for two quantities to be related and yet for neither quantity to be a

function of the other.

A national park contains foxes that prey on rabbits. The table below gives two populations, F and R , over 12-month period, where $t = 0$ means January 1, $t = 1$ means February 1, and so on.

t (months)	R (rabbits)	F (foxes)
0	1000	150
1	750	143
2	567	125
3	500	100
4	567	75
5	750	57
6	1000	50
7	1250	57
8	1433	75
9	1500	100
10	1433	125
11	1250	143

- (a) Is F a function of t ? Is R a function of t ?
 (b) Is F a function of R ? Is R a function of F ?

Exercise 84

We say that a quantity y is **directly proportional** to x^n , where n is a positive number, if there exists a constant k such that $y = kx^n$. We call k the **constant of proportionality**.

- (a) Suppose y is directly proportional to x . If $y = 6$ when $x = 4$, find the constant of proportionality and write the formula for y as a function of x .
 (b) Suppose that y is directly proportional to the square of d . If $y = 45$ when $d = 3$, find the constant of proportionality and write the formula for y as a function of x .

Exercise 85

We say that a quantity y is **inversely proportional** to x^n , where n is a positive number, if there exists a constant k such that $y = \frac{k}{x^n}$. We call k the **constant of proportionality**.

- (a) Suppose y is inversely proportional to x . If $y = 6$ when $x = 4$, find the constant of proportionality and write the formula for y as a function of x .
 (b) Suppose that y is inversely proportional to the square of d . If $y = 45$ when $d = 3$, find the constant of proportionality and write the formula for y as a function of x .

Exercise 86

For each of the formulas below, state whether y is directly proportional to x and, if so, give the constant of proportionality:

(a) $y = 5x$ (b) $y = x \cdot 7$ (c) $y = x \cdot x$ (d) $y = \sqrt{5}x$ (e) $y = \frac{x}{\pi}$ (f) $y = \frac{\pi}{x}$ (g) $y = x + 2$ (h) $y = 3(x + 2)$ (j) $y = 6z$ where $z = 7x$.

Exercise 87

An astronaut's weight, w , is inversely proportional to the square of his distance, r , from the earth's center. Suppose that he weighs 180 pounds at the earth's surface and that the radius of the earth is approximately 3960 miles.

- (a) Find the constant of proportionality k .
 (b) If $w = f(r)$, find $f(5000)$.

Exercise 88

The radius, r , of a sphere is directly proportional to the cube root of its volume V .

- (a) A spherical tank has radius 10 centimeters and volume 4188.79 cubic centimeters. Find the constant of proportionality and write r as a function of V , that is $r = f(V)$.
 (b) The volume of the sphere in part (a) is doubled. What is the new radius?

Exercise 89

Let $f(x) = x^2$. Evaluate $\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$. This quantity is known as the **difference quotient** of f at a or the **average rate of change** of f on the interval $[a, a+h]$. This concept is of great importance in calculus.

Exercise 90

For $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7$, find $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$.

Exercise 91

The Fibonacci sequence is a sequence of numbers that begins 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, \dots . Notice that each term in the sequence is the sum of the two preceding terms. Let $f(n)$ be the n th term in the sequence. What is the relationship between $f(n)$, $f(n-1)$ and $f(n-2)$?

Exercise 92 (Defining functions using sums)

Let $s(n)$ be the sum of the first n positive integers. That is,

$$s(n) = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n.$$

By writing $s(n)$ in reverse order and adding the resulting expression to the previous expression show that a compact form of $s(n)$ is given by the expression

$$s(n) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}.$$

Exercise 93 (Arithmetic Sequences)

By a **sequence** we mean a list of numbers: $f(1), f(2), \dots$ where f is a function. Thus, a sequence is a function with domain the set of nonnegative integers.

The numbers in the sequence are called **terms**. Thus, $f(n)$ is called the **n th term**. Suppose that each term in the sequence is equal to the previous term plus a constant d . That is, $f(n) = f(n-1) + d$. Such a sequence is called an **arithmetic sequence**. Show that $f(n) = f(1) + (n-1)d$.

Exercise 94

Let $f(1), f(2), \dots$ be an arithmetic sequence. Show that

$$f(1) + f(2) + \dots + f(n) = \frac{n}{2}[2f(1) + (n-1)d]$$

Exercise 95

If air resistance is neglected, every falling object travels 16 ft during the first second, 48 ft during the next, 80 ft during the next, and so on. These numbers form an arithmetic sequence.

- (a) Find d and $f(n)$.
 (b) Calculate the distance an object falls after three seconds.

Exercise 96 (Geometric Sequence)

If a sequence $f(1), f(2), \dots$ is such that each term is the previous term times a constant d , i.e. $f(n) = f(n-1)d$, then we call the sequence a **geometric sequence**. Show that for a geometric sequence, $f(n) = f(1)d^n$.

Exercise 97

Let $f(1), f(2), \dots$ be a geometric sequence with ratio $d \neq 1$.

- (a) Let $S(n) = f(1) + f(2) + \dots + f(n)$. Calculate $dS(n) - S(n)$.
 (b) Use part (a) to show that $S(n) = f(1)\frac{1-d^{n+1}}{1-d}$.
 (c) Suppose that $-1 < d < 1$. What happens to $S(n)$ in the long run (i.e., when $n \rightarrow \infty$).

Exercise 98

The **present value**, $\$P$, of a future payment, $\$B$, is the amount which would have to be deposited (at some interest rate, r) in a bank account today to have exactly $\$B$ in the account at the relevant time in the future. If r is the interest rate compounded annually and if n is the number of years then

$$B = P(1+r)^n \quad \text{or} \quad P = \frac{B}{(1+r)^n}.$$

Suppose that Patrick Ewing's contract with the Knicks guaranteed him and his heirs an annual payment of \$3 million forever. How much would the owners need to deposit in an account today in order to provide these payments?

Exercise 99 (Parametric Equations)

Most of the graphing in this book will be with rectangular equations involving only two variables x and y . Thus, we defined the graph to be the collection of the

ordered pairs (x, y) . Sometimes, the variables x and y are functions of a third variable t . That is, $x = f(t)$ and $y = g(t)$. We call these equations the **parametric equations** for the curve and the variable t is called the **parameter**. Graph the curve with parametric equations $x = \frac{t}{2}$ and $y = t^2 - 3$ with $t \geq 0$. Using these equations, write y in terms of x and use a graphing calculator to graph the curve.

Exercise 100

Using a graphing calculator, graph the curve $x = \sqrt{t}$, $y = 2t + 3$ where $0 \leq t \leq 3$. Write y in terms of x .

Exercise 101

Find a set of parametric equations of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Exercise 102

When a curve is defined by a formula of the form $y = f(x)$ then we say that it is defined **explicitly**. When a curve is defined by an expression of the form $f(x, y) = 0$ then we say that the curve is defined **implicitly**. Consider the following explicitly defined curve $y = \pm\sqrt{1-x^2}$ for $-1 \leq x \leq 1$. Find the implicit formula for this curve.

Exercise 103

Sketch a graph of $|y| = |x|$. Find an explicit formula for y in terms of x .

Exercise 104

Find the domain of the function defined by the set:

$$\{(-3, 0), (-1, 4), (0, 2), (2, 2), (4, -1)\}.$$

Exercise 105

When a function is defined by more than one expression then it is called **piecewise defined function**. Consider the following piecewise defined function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & x < 0 \\ x - 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

Find $f(0)$.

Exercise 106

Let $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x + 1$. Find $f(x + 2)$.

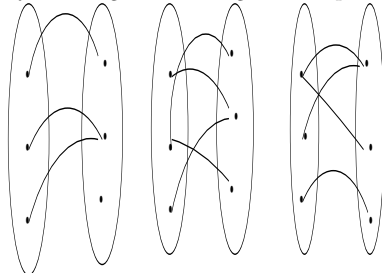
Exercise 107

Which of the following represents a function?

(A) $x = y^2$ (B) $x^2 + y^2 = 4$ (C) $x + y^2 = 4$ (D) $x = -y^2$

Exercise 108

Determine which of the following Venn diagrams represent a function.



A

B

C

Exercise 109

If $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3$ then what is $f(x^2)$?

Exercise 110

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+3)(x-3)}$.

Exercise 111

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4-x}}{(x+1)(x-4)}$.

Exercise 112

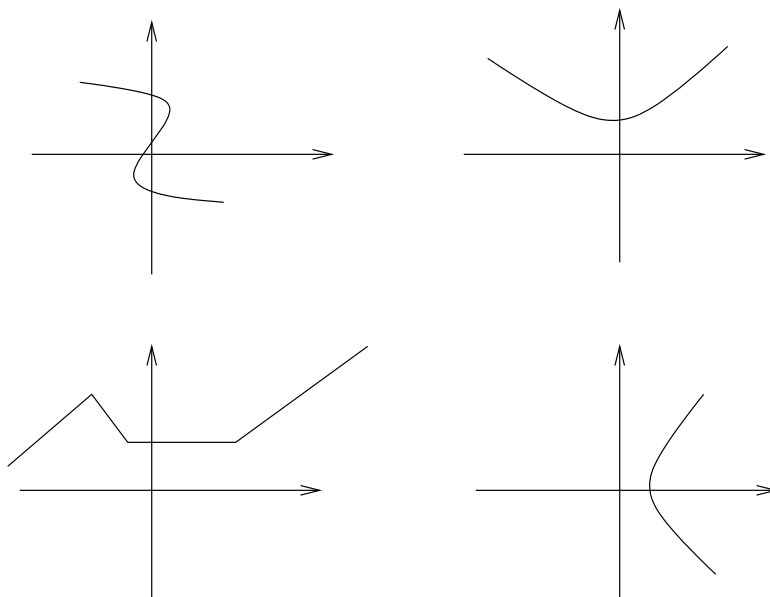
Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

Exercise 113

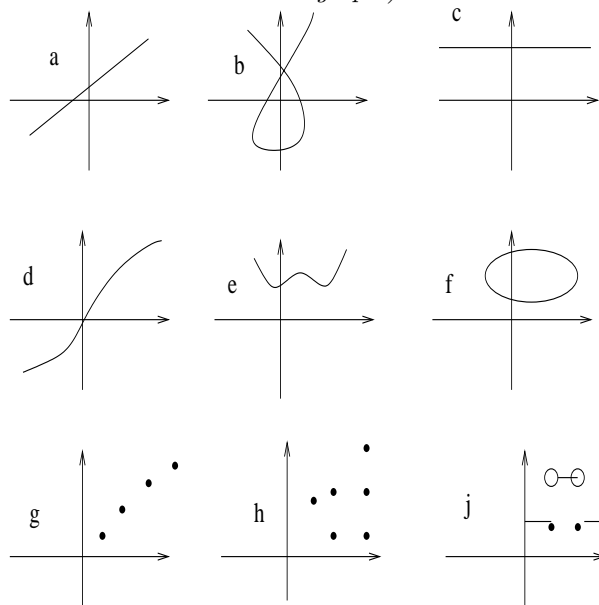
What is the range of the function $f(x) = |x|$?

Exercise 114

To say that y is a function of x means that for each value of x must be associated **exactly** one value of y . What does this requirement mean graphically? In order for a graph to represent a function, each x value must correspond to exactly one y - value. This means that the graph must intersect any vertical line at most once. If a vertical line cuts the graph for example twice, the graph could not be the graph of a function since we have two y values for the same x - value and this violates the definition of a function. The above results in the following test: **vertical line test**: If there is a vertical line that crosses the graph more than once then the graph is not the graph of a function. Which of the graphs (a) through (d) are graphs of functions?

**Exercise 115**

Which of the graphs (a) through (i) represent y as a function of x ? (Note that an open circle indicates a point that is not included in the graph; a solid dot indicates a point that is included in the graph.)

**Exercise 116**

Suppose \$200 is invested at 6% per year simple interest for t years. Find a formula for the earned interest I .

Exercise 117

A ball thrown vertically upward from the roof of a skyscraper. Let $h(t)$ denote the height of the ball from the ground t seconds after it is thrown. Then, from the laws of physics, $h(t)$ is given by an expression of the form

$$h(t) = -16t^2 + v_0t + h_0$$

where v_0 is the initial velocity of the ball and h_0 is the initial height of the ball. Suppose that the building is 1200 feet tall. Furthermore, suppose that an observer sees the ball pass by a window 800 feet from the ground 10 seconds after the ball was thrown. Determine a formula for the function $h(t)$.

Exercise 118

Two cars leave an intersection at the same time, proceeding in perpendicular directions. One car is moving at 45 mph, and the other is moving at 30mph. Determine an expression for the function $D(t)$ that gives the distance between the two cars as a function of time.

Exercise 119

For a positive integer n we define n **factorial**, denoted by $n!$, to be the product $n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots 3\cdot 2\cdot 1$. Let $p(n) = n!$. Evaluate $p(n)$ for $1 \leq n \leq 10$. Compile your results in a table. Use a calculator to find $0!$

Exercise 120

Give an example of a function that cannot be defined by a formula.

Exercise 121

Let $s(t) = 11t^2 + t + 100$ be the position, in miles, of a car driving on a straight road at time t , in hours. The car's velocity at any time t is given by $v(t) = 22t + 1$.

(a) Use function notation to express the car's position after 2 hours. Where is the car then?

(b) Use function notation to express the question, "when is the car going 65 miles per hour?"

(c) Where is the car when it is going 67 mph?

1.6 Chapter Test

Exercise 122

A car is A miles west of Dayton. Going at a constant velocity and proceeding west, the car is B miles west of Dayton after t hours. Express the velocity of the car in terms of A, B and t .

Exercise 123

Write the following expression without using parentheses and brackets: $x - 5[3 - 2(x + 2)]$

Exercise 124

Write the following statement as inequality: The length y of the new edition of a book is at most 20 percent longer than the previous edition x .

Exercise 125

Calculate: $|\frac{33}{12} - \pi|$

Exercise 126

Find the distance between the two points $A(-1)$ and $B(-5)$.

Exercise 127

Calculate: $|-8| - |17| - |-8 - 17|$.

Exercise 128

Suppose that the coordinates of a point $A(x, y)$ satisfy $x > 0, y < 0$. Locate the quadrant that A belong to.

Exercise 129

Suppose that (x, y) belongs to the third quadrant. To what quadrant does the point $(x, -y)$ belong to?

Exercise 130

Find the distance between the points $A(6, -3)$ and $(6, 5)$.

Exercise 131

Find the midpoint of the line segment joining the points $(-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3})$ and $(-\frac{1}{6}, -\frac{1}{2})$.

Exercise 132

Find the standard form of the equation of the circle with center $(2, -1)$ and radius 4.

Exercise 133

Find the standard form of the equation of the circle with diameter $(-4, -1)$ and $(4, 1)$

Exercise 134

Find the center and the radius of the circle: $(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 = 4$

Exercise 135

A plane flies in a straight line to a city that is 100 kilometers east and 150 kilometers north of the point of departure. How far does it fly?

Exercise 136

Determine the point that lies on the graph of the equation: $y = x^2 - 3x + 2$.

(A) $(2, 0)$ (B) $(-2, 8)$ (C) $(-1, 6)$ (D) $(2, 8)$

Exercise 137

Solve the equation: $2(x + 5) - 7 = 3(x - 2)$.

Exercise 138

Solve the equation: $\frac{x}{x+4} + \frac{4}{x+4} + 2 = 0$

Exercise 139

Solve the equation: $\frac{5x-4}{5x+4} = \frac{2}{3}$.

Exercise 140

Find a common solution to the two equations $y = 2 - x$ and $y = 2x - 1$.

Exercise 141

Find x so that the distance from $(2, -1)$ to the point $(x, 2)$ is 5.

Exercise 142

The energy, E , in foot-pounds delivered by an ocean wave is proportional to the length, L , of the wave times the square of its height, h .

- (a) Write a formula for E in terms of L and h .
- (b) A 30-foot high wave of length 600 feet delivers 4 million foot-pounds of energy. Find the constant of proportionality.

Exercise 143

A meal in a restaurant costs $\$M$. The tax on the meal is 5%. You decide to tip the server 15%.

- (a) Write an algebraic expression in terms of M for the amount you pay the server. Included the cost of the meal, tax, and tip and assume that you tip the waiter 15% of the cost of the meal: (i) Not including the tax. (ii) Including the tax.
- (b) In each case in part (a), is the total amount paid proportional to the cost of the meal?

Exercise 144

Suppose $v(t) = t^2 - 2t$ gives the velocity, in ft/sec, of an object at time t , in seconds.

- (a) What is the initial velocity, $v(0)$?
- (b) When does the object have a velocity of zero?
- (c) What is the meaning of the quantity $v(3)$? what are its units?

Chapter 2

Algebraic Expressions

Many of the content of this chapter were covered in previous courses. However, it may be good to review some basic rules and definitions. As you work through the problems, try to make the vocabulary and the manipulations second nature so that you can use them quickly and appropriately.

2.1 Integral Exponents

Exercise 145

Let a be any real number. For any positive integer n we define

$$a^n = \underbrace{a \cdot a \cdot a \cdots a}_{n \text{ factors}}$$

where we call a the **base** and n the **exponent**. For $a \neq 0$ we define $a^0 = 1$ and for $n < 0$ we define $a^{-n} = \frac{1}{a^n}$. It is worth noticing that $a^1 = a$ because here we have only one factor of a and $a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$.

(i) Simplify π^0 and $(-\sqrt{3})^0$.

(ii) Write the following with positive exponent: $\frac{1}{(0.75)^{-6}}$ and 3^{-4} .

Exercise 146

Be aware of the following notational conventions:

(i) $-a^n = -(a^n) = (-1)a^n$ and $-a^n \neq (-a)^n$.

(ii) $-ab^n = (-a)(b^n)$.

Thus, the notation -2^4 means 2^4 multiplied by -1 . Thus, $-2^4 = -16$. On the other hand, $(-2)^4$ means the product of (-2) by itself four times. That is, $(-2)^4 = (-2)(-2)(-2)(-2) = 16$. Calculate $-3^3 - (-4)^2$.

Exercise 147 (Rule of Exponentiation)

The product rule of exponents is represented algebraically by $a^m \cdot a^n = a^{m+n}$. Find the algebraic representation of each of the following rules of exponentiation:

Exercise 157

Write the following expression so that all exponents are positive.

$$\left(\frac{4x}{5y}\right)^{-2}$$

Exercise 158

Write the following expression so that all exponents are positive.

$$\frac{3x^{-2}yz^2}{x^4y^{-3}z}$$

Exercise 159

Write the following expression so that all exponents are positive.

$$\left(\frac{3x^{-1}}{4y^{-1}}\right)^{-2}$$

Exercise 160

Simplify: $4^{-2}4^3$.

Exercise 161

Simplify: $\frac{2^3 \cdot 3^2}{2 \cdot 3^{-2}}$.

Exercise 162

Simplify, using no negative exponents: $\frac{(-6x)^0}{(2x^2)^{-1}}$.

Exercise 163

Simplify, using no negative exponents: $(3b^{-3})^2$.

Exercise 164

Simplify, using no negative exponents.

$$\left(\frac{4a}{b^2}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{2b}{a^2}\right)^4$$

Exercise 165

How much must be invested at 10% compounded semiannually so that \$1,000 will be accumulated at the end of 2 years? Recall the compound formula $A = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$.

Exercise 166

What is the compound amount on \$500 invested for 2 years at 12% compounded quarterly?

Exercise 167

Suppose that \$1,000 is invested at an annual rate of 6% compounded semiannually. How much will have accumulated at the end of 1 year?

2.2 Radicals and Rational Exponents

Exercise 168

A number c is said to be an **n th root** of a if $c^n = a$. We write $c = \sqrt[n]{a}$. We call a the **radicand** and the symbol $\sqrt[n]{}$ the **radical**. Simplify $\sqrt[5]{\frac{32}{243}}$.

Exercise 169 (Rules of Radicals)

Complete the following:

- (i) If n is even then $\sqrt[n]{a^n} =$
- (ii) If n is odd then $\sqrt[n]{a^n} =$
- (iii) $\sqrt[n]{a} \sqrt[n]{b} =$
- (iv) $\sqrt[n]{\frac{a}{b}} =$

Exercise 170

Removing the radicals in a denominator or a numerator is called **rationalizing the denominator** or **rationalizing the numerator**. Pairs of expressions of the form $a + b$ and $a - b$ are called **conjugates**. Rationalizing is done by multiplying an expression by its conjugate. Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{1}{3+\sqrt{2}}$

Exercise 171

Rationalize the numerator: $\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}$

Exercise 172

Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{2}}$

Exercise 173

The expression $\sqrt[n]{a^m}$ can be written in terms of a radical exponents such as $\sqrt[n]{a^m} = a^{\frac{m}{n}}$. Complete the following:

- (i) $a^{\frac{1}{n}} =$
- (ii) $a^{-\frac{m}{n}} =$

Exercise 174

Simplify: $\sqrt[5]{\frac{x^7}{y^8 z^{11}}}$

Exercise 175

Simplify: $(a^4 b^6 c^{\frac{2}{3}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Exercise 176

Rewrite using fractional exponent : $\sqrt[5]{(x+y)^2}$

Exercise 177

Rewrite using radicals: $(x^{\frac{1}{2}} + y^{\frac{1}{2}})^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Exercise 178

Find the value of $8^{\frac{2}{3}}$.

Exercise 179

Simplify using no negative exponents in the final answer:

$$\frac{(x^{-\frac{1}{2}}y)^3x^{-\frac{5}{2}}y^4}{(xy^2)^{-2}}$$

Exercise 180

Rationalize the numerator of $\frac{\sqrt{x+h}-\sqrt{x}}{h}$.

Exercise 181

Compute without using a calculator: $(\frac{8}{27})^{\frac{2}{3}}$.

Exercise 182

Compute without using a calculator: $(9)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$.

Exercise 183

Compute without using a calculator: $(-1000)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

Exercise 184

Simplify $\sqrt[3]{-16}$.

Exercise 185

Simplify: $\sqrt[3]{-\frac{8}{27}}$

Exercise 186

Rationalize the numerator: $\frac{\sqrt{x+2}-\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+2}+\sqrt{x}}$.

2.3 Polynomials

Exercise 187

A **polynomial** in the variable x of **degree** n is any expression of the form

$$a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1x + a_0, \quad a_n \neq 0.$$

We call a_n the **leading coefficient**. Find the leading term and the degree of the polynomial $\pi x^5 - 3x^2 - \frac{1}{2}$.

Exercise 188

If two terms in an expression have the same variables raised to the same powers then they are called **like terms**. We add and subtract polynomials by combining like terms.

Simplify: $(x^2 + 2x - 5) - (x^2 + x - 1)$

Exercise 189

Simplify: $(-5a^2b^3)(-7ab^2)$

Exercise 190

Multiplication of polynomials is based on the distributive property. Simplify: $(3x - 1)(x^2 + x - 2)$

Exercise 191

Expand: $(x + \sqrt{5})^2$.

Exercise 192

Simplify: $(x + 3)(x - 3)$

Exercise 193

Multiply: $(x^2 + 3y)(x^2 - 3y)$.

Exercise 194

To factor a polynomial is to write it as a product of factors. Important identities used in factoring are:

$$(i) x^2 - a^2 = (x - a)(x + a)$$

$$(ii) (x + a)^2 = x^2 + 2ax + a^2$$

$$(iii) (x - a)^2 = x^2 - 2ax + a^2$$

$$(iv) x^3 - a^3 = (x - a)(x^2 + ax + a^2)$$

$$(v) x^3 + a^3 = (x + a)(x^2 - ax + a^2).$$

Factor: $4x^2 - 9$

Exercise 195

Factor $-a - b$.

Exercise 196

Another way to factor algebraic expressions is to use the idea of grouping terms. Factor $x^2 - hx - x + h$.

Exercise 197

Factor $hx^2 + 12 - 4hx - 3x$.

Exercise 198

One way to factor quadratics is to mentally multiply out the possibilities. For example, $x^2 + ax + b = (x - c)(x - d)$ where $cd = b$ and $c + d = a$.

Factor: $4x^2 - 12x + 9$

Exercise 199

Factor: $x - 3$, where $x \geq 0$.

Exercise 200

An ordered triple (a, b, c) of positive integers is called a **Pythagorean triple** if $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. A Pythagorean triple can be used as lengths of a right triangle. Determine which of the following triple is a Pythagorean triple.

(A) (1, 2, 3) (B) (2, 3, 4) (C) (5, 6, 7) (D) (3, 4, 5) (E) None of the above.

Exercise 201

In a right triangle one leg is of length 4 and the other is of length 3. What is the length of the hypotenuse?

Exercise 202

Find the length of the hypotenuse in a right triangle whose sides are of lengths 5, 12, and 13.

Exercise 203

Let a, b, c be the lengths of the sides of a right triangle with c being the length of the hypotenuse. Find a given that $b = 7$ and $c = 25$.

Exercise 204

Find the diagonal of a rectangle whose length is 8 inches and whose width is 5 inches.

Exercise 205

Which of the following is a polynomial?

(A) $x^2 - \sqrt{x} + 5$ (B) $x^3 - \frac{1}{x} + 1$ (C) $x^2 - 4x + 10$ (D) $x^2 + \sin x$ (E) None of the above.

Exercise 206

Simplify: $(3x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 1) - (2x^4 - 8x^2 - 6x + 5)$

Exercise 207

Find the product: $(2x + 5)(x^2 - x + 2)$

Exercise 208

Factor: $x^4 - 16$

2.4 More of Factoring

Exercise 209

Factor $4x^2 - 7$

Exercise 210

Factor $x^4 + 2x^2y^2 + y^4$

Exercise 211

Factor $a^{2n} - 2a^n + 1$

Exercise 212

Factor $a^3 - 8b^3$

Exercise 213

Factor $x^4 + 8x$

Exercise 214

Factor $a^2 - 2ab + b^2 - 1$

Exercise 215Factor $x^2 - 6x + 9$ **Exercise 216**Factor $x^2 + x - 12$ **Exercise 217**Factor $x^3 - 9x^2 + 27x - 27$ **Exercise 218**Suppose that $f(x) = x^3$. Calculate $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$.**Exercise 219**Factor: $27x^9 - 8y^{12}$ **Exercise 220**Factor: $x^4 - 4y^4$ **Exercise 221**Factor: $x^3y - 4xy^3$ **Exercise 222**Factor: $2x^3 - x^2 - 8x + 4$ **Exercise 223**Factor: $x^2(x^2 - 9) - 16(x^2 - 9)$ **Exercise 224**Factor: $4x^4 + 12x^2y^2 + 9y^4$

2.5 Rational Expressions

Exercise 225

A **rational expression** is the ratio of two polynomials. The domain of a rational expression consists of all numbers that make the denominator nonzero. Find the domain of the expression $\frac{x^2-4}{x^2-4x-5}$.

Exercise 226Simplify: $\frac{4-2x}{x-2}$.**Exercise 227**Simplify: $\frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$.**Exercise 228 (Splitting Fractions)**To split a fraction of the form $\frac{a+b}{c}$ means to write it in the form

$$\frac{a+b}{c} = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{b}{c}.$$

Split the fraction $\frac{3x^2+2}{x^3}$ into two reduced fractions.

Exercise 229

Simplify: $\frac{x^2}{x+1} \cdot \frac{x^2+2x+1}{x}$.

Exercise 230

Simplify: $\frac{\frac{x+2}{x}}{\frac{x^2}{x^2-4}}$.

Exercise 231

Simplify: $\frac{x-1}{x} + \frac{1}{x}$.

Exercise 232

Perform the indicated operation and simplify:

$$\frac{x}{x^2 - y^2} - \frac{y}{x^2 + 2xy + y^2}$$

Exercise 233

Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{5}{2} - \frac{2}{3}}{\frac{3}{4} + \frac{1}{6}}$$

Exercise 234

Simplify: $\frac{(x+1)^3}{x^3+1}$.

Exercise 235

Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{2}{c} - \frac{2}{d}}{c - d}$$

Exercise 236

Simplify:

$$\frac{x + y}{\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2}}$$

Exercise 237

Simplify: $\left(\frac{a^{n^2-1}}{a^{1-n}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-1}}$

Exercise 238

Simplify:

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

Exercise 239

Simplify: $\left(\frac{c^{n^2-2}}{c^{3n-4}}\right)^{\frac{1}{n-2}}$

Exercise 240

Simplify:

$$\frac{x^{4n}y^n - x^n y^{4n}}{x^n y^{3n} - x^{3n} y^n}$$

Exercise 241

Let $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$. Find and simplify $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$.

2.6 Chapter Test

Exercise 242

Juanita's weekly salary increases from \$205 to \$213.20. What is the percent of increase?

Exercise 243

Simplify: $(3x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 3) - (5x^3 - 7x + 11)$

Exercise 244

Find the product: $(x^4 - 5x^2 + 7)(3x^2 + 2)$

Exercise 245

Factor: $u(v + w) + 7v(v + w)$

Exercise 246

Factor: $16x^4 - (3y + 2z)^2$

Exercise 247

Factor: $2x^2 + 9x + 4$

Exercise 248

Factor: $6x^2 + 13x - 5$

Exercise 249

Factor: $4x^3 - 8x^2 - x + 2$

Exercise 250

Factor: $x^4 + 6x^2y^2 + 25y^4$

Exercise 251

Reduce the following fraction to lowest terms: $\frac{5x^2 - 14x - 3}{2x^2 + x - 21}$

Exercise 252

Perform the indicated operation and simplify the result:

$$\frac{x^2 - 49}{x^2 - 5x - 14} \div \frac{2x^2 + 15x + 7}{2x^2 - 13x - 7}$$

Exercise 253

Perform the following operation and simplify:

$$\frac{3x}{4x - 1} + \frac{2x}{3x - 5}$$

Exercise 254

Perform the following operation and simplify:

$$\frac{x}{x^3 + x^2 + x + 1} - \frac{1}{x^3 + 2x^2 + x} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x + 1}$$

Exercise 255Simplify: $\frac{1+\frac{1}{x}}{x-\frac{1}{x}}$ **Exercise 256**

Simplify:

$$\frac{\frac{1}{x^3} + \frac{2}{x^2y} + \frac{1}{xy^2}}{\frac{y}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y}}$$

Exercise 257Simplify: $\sqrt[7]{\sqrt[5]{x^{35}}}$ **Exercise 258**Simplify: $\sqrt[5]{a^4} \sqrt[5]{a^3}$ **Exercise 259**Simplify: $7\sqrt{12} + \sqrt{75} - 5\sqrt{27}$ **Exercise 260**Expand and then simplify: $(3\sqrt{x} - 7\sqrt{y})(5\sqrt{x} + 2\sqrt{y})$ **Exercise 261**Rationalize the denominator: $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x+2}}$

2.7 Cumulative Test

Exercise 262

Factor the following expression and simplify the result:

$$(y+2)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(y+1)^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2(y+2)^{\frac{1}{3}}(y+1)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

Exercise 263

Rewrite the following expression without using parentheses:

$$3[-(2b+c) + (c-b) - b]$$

Exercise 264

Simplify so that all exponents are positive.

$$\left(\frac{a^3}{b^6c^4}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \left(\frac{8a^{\frac{1}{3}}b^{\frac{3}{2}}}{c^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^6$$

Exercise 265Express the following number as the ratio of two positive integers: $0.\overline{123}$ **Exercise 266**Find the value of the following expression without using a calculator: $\left(\frac{8}{27}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

Exercise 267

Simplify: $\frac{5}{2}(-2\frac{1}{3})$

Exercise 268

Simplify so that all exponents are positive.

$$\left(\frac{x^{-2}}{y^3}\right)^{-2}\left(\frac{x^{-3}}{y^{-4}}\right)^{-3}$$

Exercise 269

Simplify: $1\frac{3}{8} - 2\frac{5}{6} - 1$

Exercise 270

Simplify so that all exponents are positive.

$$\frac{(5x^2)^{-2}(5x^5)^{-2}}{(5^{-1}x^{-2})^2}$$

Exercise 271

Write a formula for the following statement: The area A of a circle of radius r

Exercise 272

Rationalize the numerator: $\frac{3\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{y}}{5}$

Exercise 273

Rewrite in terms of exponential: $(2a + 1)(2a + 1)(2a + 1)$

Exercise 274

Perform the indicated operations and simplify the result: $(\sqrt{a+b} - \sqrt{a})^2$

Exercise 275

Simplify: $\frac{xy^{-2}}{x^{-3}y}$

Exercise 276

Simplify: $\sqrt[3]{\frac{(a+b)^9}{27a^3}}$

Exercise 277

How much must be invested at 6% compounded monthly so that \$500 accumulates at the end of 6 months?

Exercise 278

Factor completely: $9x^2y^2 - 12xy^4$

Exercise 279

Simplify: $(4\frac{1}{3} + 1\frac{2}{5}) \div (2\frac{1}{2})$

Exercise 280

Expand: $(xy^2 + 3)(2xy^2 + 1)$

Exercise 281

Use the properties of exponents to simplify: $(-x^2y)(x^4y^3)$

Exercise 282

New York state income tax is based on what is called taxable income. A person's taxable income is part of his/her total income; the tax owed to the state is calculated using the taxable income (not total income). For a person with a taxable income between \$65,000 and \$100,000, the tax owed is \$4,635 plus 7.875% of the taxable income over \$65,000.

- (a) Compute the tax owed by a lawyer whose taxable income is \$68,000.
- (b) Consider a lawyer whose taxable income is 80% of her total income, x , where x is between \$85,000 and \$120,000. Write a formula for $T(x)$ the taxable income.
- (c) Write a formula for $L(x)$, the amount the owed by the lawyer in part (a).
- (d) Use $L(x)$ to evaluate the tax liability for $x = 85,000$ and compare your results to part (a).

Chapter 3

Equations and Inequalities

In this section we discuss the skills required to solve both equations and inequalities.

3.1 Quadratic Equations

Exercise 283

A **quadratic equation** is a second degree polynomial expression of the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

where a, b , and c are real numbers with $a \neq 0$. Give an example of a quadratic equation with leading coefficient -3 .

Exercise 284

If a number α satisfies a quadratic equation then we call it a **solution, a zero, or a root**. Show that the numbers $-\sqrt{k}$ and \sqrt{k} satisfy the equation $x^2 = k$, $k \geq 0$.

Exercise 285

Solve $3x^2 = 27$

Exercise 286

To solve a quadratic equation means to find its solutions. One way for doing that is by using the method of completing the square. The method requires that the leading coefficient is 1. Then the terms with x are set on the left hand side of the equation. Add to both sides the square of half the coefficient of x to obtain a complete square of the form $(x + \alpha)^2 = k$. If $k \geq 0$ then the solutions are $x = -\alpha \pm \sqrt{k}$. Otherwise, the equation has no solutions. Solve by the method of completing the square: $x^2 = 12 - x$

Exercise 287

Solve by completing the square: $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$

Exercise 288

Solve by completing the square: $3x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

Exercise 289

Solve by completing the square: $3x^2 + 2 = 4x$

Exercise 290

Another way for solving quadratic equations is by factoring. In this process we assume the equation is of the form $x^2 + dx + e = 0$. We look for two numbers α and β such that $\alpha + \beta = d$ and $\alpha \cdot \beta = e$. Thus, $x^2 + dx + e = (x - \alpha)(x - \beta) = 0$. By the Zero Product property $x = \alpha$ or $x = \beta$. Solve by factoring: $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$

Exercise 291

Solve by factoring: $x^2 + 2x - 15 = 0$

Exercise 292

Solve by factoring: $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$

Exercise 293

Solve by factoring: $4x^2 - x - 3 = 0$

Exercise 294

Solve by completing the square: $x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$

Exercise 295

Solve by completing the square: $x^2 - 6x - 5 = 0$

Exercise 296

The quantity $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ is called the **discriminant**. If $\Delta < 0$ then the quadratic equation has no solutions. If $\Delta = 0$ then the quadratic equation has one single solution given by $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$. If $\Delta > 0$ then the equation has two different solutions given by the **quadratic formula** $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$. Solve using quadratic formula: $x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$

Exercise 297

Solve using quadratic formula: $2x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$

Exercise 298

Solve using quadratic formula: $x^2 - 2\pi x + \pi^2 = 0$

Exercise 299

Solve using quadratic formula: $x^2 + \sqrt{2}x + \pi = 0$

3.2 Miscellaneous Equations

Exercise 300

A **radical equation** is an equation in which variables appear in one or more

radicals. This type of equations is usually solved by using the so called **Principle of Powers**: If $a = b$ then $a^n = b^n$ where n is a positive integer. We must check for extraneous solutions at the end.

Solve: $\sqrt{2x+3} = 7$.

Exercise 301

Solve: $2\sqrt{x} = x - 3$.

Exercise 302

Solve: $\sqrt{x+4} = x - 2$.

Exercise 303

Solve: $\sqrt{3x-3} - \sqrt{x} = 1$.

Exercise 304

Solve: $\sqrt{2x} = 2 - \sqrt{x-2}$

Exercise 305

a **rational equation** is an equation that contains rational expressions. This type of equations is solved by multiplying through by the Least Common Denominator (also known as the least common multiple). However, when solving this type of equations one must check for extraneous solutions at the end.

Solve: $\frac{x(x-2)}{2} + \frac{x^2-4}{3} = \frac{x^2+x-6}{5}$

Exercise 306

Solve: $\frac{2x}{x+1} - 3 = \frac{2}{x^2+x}$.

Exercise 307

Solve the equation: $\frac{x^2}{x-3} - \frac{9}{x-3} = 0$.

Exercise 308

Solve: $\frac{x-1}{3x-2} + \frac{3x^2-3}{3x-2} = \frac{3x-3}{3x-2}$

Exercise 309

Solve: $\frac{x}{x-5} = \frac{3x-10}{x-5}$

Exercise 310

Solve: $\frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{4}{x} + \frac{1}{2}$

Exercise 311

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

Exercise 312

Some equations can be treated as quadratic, provided that we make a suitable substitution.

Solve: $y^4 - 3y^2 - 4 = 0$.

Exercise 313

Solve: $x^{-\frac{2}{3}} + 3x^{-\frac{1}{3}} - 10 = 0$.

Exercise 314

Solve: $(1 + \frac{1}{y})^2 + 5(1 + \frac{1}{y}) + 6 = 0$

Exercise 315

Absolute value equations are equations that involve the absolute value function. If $u(x)$ is an expression in x and $a \geq 0$ then the equation $|u(x)| = a$ is equivalent to $u(x) = a$ or $u(x) = -a$. If $a < 0$ then the equation has no solutions.

Solve: $|x - 2| = 5$

Exercise 316

Solve : $|x + 4| = 13$

Exercise 317

Solve: $|2x - 5| = 17$

Exercise 318

Solve: $|2x + 7| = |1 - x|$

Exercise 319

Solve: $|x - 5| = -4$

Exercise 320

How much water must be evaporated from 32 ounces of a 4% salt solution to make a 6% salt solution?

Exercise 321

How much water should be added to 1 gallon of pure antifreeze to obtain a solution that is 60% antifreeze?

3.3 Linear and Absolute Value Inequalities

Exercise 322

*Sets of real numbers can be expressed as **intervals**. For example, if a and b are real numbers such that $a < b$ then the **open interval** (a, b) consists of all real numbers between, but not including, a and b . In set-builder notation we write*

$$(a, b) = \{x | a < x < b\}.$$

*The points a and b are the **endpoints** of the interval. The parentheses indicate that the endpoints are not included in the interval. If an endpoint is to be included then we use a bracket instead of a parenthesis. Find the set-builder notation of the following intervals and then graph on the real line:*

(a) $(a, b]$ (b) $[a, b)$ (c) $[a, b]$

Exercise 323

Some intervals extend without bound in one or both directions. For example, the

interval $[a, \infty)$ begins at a and extends to the right without bound. In set-builder notation we have

$$[a, \infty) = \{x | x \geq a\}.$$

Write the set-builder notation of the following intervals:

(i) (a, ∞) (ii) $(-\infty, b)$ (iii) $(-\infty, b]$ (iv) $(-\infty, \infty)$

Exercise 324

Write interval notation for each set:

(i) $\{x | -10 \leq x < 5\}$.

(ii) $\{x | x > -2\}$.

(iii) $\{x | x \neq 7\}$.

Exercise 325

A linear inequality is a linear equation with the equal sign replaced by an inequality symbol such as $<$, $>$, \leq , or \geq . For example, $ax + by \leq c$. Two important principles for solving inequalities:

Addition Principle: If $a < b$ then $a + c < b + c$ and $a - c < b - c$.

Multiplication Principle: If $a < b$ and $c > 0$ then $ac < bc$. If $c < 0$ then $ca > cb$. Thus when multiplying by a negative number, we must reverse the inequality sign.

Solve the inequality: $-5x + 6 > 10$. Write the answer in interval notation.

Exercise 326

Solve the inequality: $\frac{7}{3}x + 5 \leq \frac{1}{2}(3x - 7)$. Write the answer in interval notation.

Exercise 327

Solve the inequality: $\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x-1}{5} \geq \frac{x}{10}$

Exercise 328

Solve the inequality: $x(x - 1) \geq x^2 + 2x - 5$

Exercise 329

Solve the inequality: $6 - x \leq 2x \leq 9 - x$

Exercise 330

Solve the inequality: $\frac{3x-2}{5} + 3 \geq \frac{4x-1}{3}$

Exercise 331

Solve the inequality: $4x + 7 \geq 2x - 3$.

Exercise 332

Solve the inequality: $-5 < 3x - 2 < 1$

Exercise 333

Sometimes inequalities contain absolute value notation. In this case the following properties are used to solve them:

- $|u| < a$ is equivalent to $-a < u < a$.
 - $|u| > a$ is equivalent to $u < -a$ or $u > a$. Here $a > 0$.
- Similar statements hold if $<$ and $>$ are replaced by \leq and \geq .
- Solve the inequality: $|x| \leq 5$

Exercise 334

Solve the inequality: $|x - 2| \leq 5$

Exercise 335

Solve the inequality: $|x + 4| > 3$

Exercise 336

Commonwealth Edison Company's energy charge for electricity is 10.494 cents per kilowatt-hour. In addition, each monthly bill contains a customer charge of \$9.36. If your bill ranged from a low of \$80.24 to a high of \$271.80, over what range did usage vary (in kilowatt-hour)?

Exercise 337

In your Economics 101 class, you have scores of 68, 82, 87, and 89 on the first four of five tests. To get a grade of B, the average of the first five test scores must be greater than or equal to 80 and less than 90. Solve an inequality to find the range of the score you need on the last test to get a B.

Exercise 338

The percentage method of withholding for federal income tax (1998) states that a single person whose weekly wages, after subtracting withholding allowances, are over \$517, but not over \$1,105, shall have \$69.90 plus 28% of the excess over \$517 withheld. Over what range does the amount withheld vary if the weekly wages vary from \$525 to \$600 inclusive?

3.4 Polynomial Inequalities

A polynomial inequality is a polynomial equation with the equality sign replaced by one of the inequality symbols. To solve a polynomial inequality one first finds the zeros of the polynomial equation. These zeros divide the x-axis into intervals in which the sign of the polynomial is tested using test values. Finally, determine the intervals for which the inequality is satisfied and write the solution set in interval notation. Remember to use brackets when endpoints are in the solution set (this usually occurs with inequalities such as \leq or \geq).

Exercise 339

Solve $(x - 2)x \leq (x - 2)x^2$.

Exercise 340

Solve: $x(x - 1) > 6$.

Exercise 341

Solve: $x^3 + 25x \leq 10x^2$.

Exercise 342

Solve: $x^2 + x - 12 > 0$.

Exercise 343

Solve: $x^2 \leq 4x + 12$

Exercise 344

Rational inequalities are inequalities that involve rational expressions. To solve a rational inequality we start by simplifying the inequality so that we get 0 on the right side and a fraction on the left side. Next find the values of x that make the numerator zero or the denominator undefined. Now proceed with these values in a similar fashion as the procedure of solving a polynomial inequality. Be careful not to use brackets at endpoints where the rational expression is undefined.

Solve: $\frac{x}{x+3} + 2 \leq 0$.

Exercise 345

Solve: $\frac{x}{x-1} \geq \frac{5}{x+5}$.

Exercise 346

Solve: $\frac{(x+3)(2-x)}{(x-1)^2} > 0$.

Exercise 347

Solve: $\frac{4x+5}{x+2} \geq 3$.

3.5 Chapter Test

Exercise 348

The area between two concentric circles equals twice the area of the smaller circle. The radius of the smaller circle is r . What is the radius of the larger circle?

Exercise 349

For which values of k does $2x^2 + kx + 1 = 0$ have exactly one real solution?

Exercise 350

Solve $S = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2$ for r

Exercise 351

Solve: $x^2 = 5x$

Exercise 352

Solve: $x^2 - 2x = 2$.

Exercise 353

Express the surface area ($S = 6x^2$) of a cube in terms of the volume ($V = x^3$)

Exercise 354

If a right circular cone has height h and base of radius r , then the lateral surface area is given by $S = \pi r\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$. Solve this equation for h .

Exercise 355

Solve: $|4 - x| = -1$.

Exercise 356

Solve $|x + 1| = |x - 2|$

Exercise 357

Solve: $(x - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 2$.

Exercise 358

Find all values of k for which $-x^2 + 5x + k = 0$ has no real solution.

Exercise 359

Solve: $|x - 5| < |x + 1|$.

Exercise 360

Solve: $2 < |3x - 1| < 5$.

Exercise 361

Find the domain: $\sqrt{3x + 4} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2-x}}$

Exercise 362

Solve: $\frac{1}{3}(x + 1) \geq \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$

Exercise 363

Solve: $|x| > \frac{1}{x}$

Exercise 364

Find all values of k for which $x^2 + kx + 1 = 0$ has two real solutions.

Exercise 365

Find the domain: $\sqrt{x^2 - x - 12}$

Exercise 366

Solve: $\frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - |x|} \geq 0$.

Exercise 367

Find the domain: $\sqrt{\frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - |x|}}$

3.6 Cumulative Test

Exercise 368

Simplify: $(\frac{x}{y^2})^{-3n}(\frac{y^3}{x})^{-n}$

Exercise 369

In $3\frac{1}{2}$ years you will need \$3,000 and you want to take care of this by investing now in an account that pays 10% interest compounded monthly. How much should you invest?

Exercise 370

Rewrite the following percent as a decimal: 3.15%

Exercise 371

Rationalize the numerator: $\frac{\sqrt{x+h+2}-\sqrt{x+2}}{h}$

Exercise 372

Perform the indicated operations and simplify:

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

Exercise 373

Simplify: $\sqrt{\sqrt[4]{x^{24}}}\sqrt[3]{x^{4n}}$

Exercise 374

Reduce the fraction to lowest terms: $\frac{x^2+5x+6}{x^2+4x+4}$

Exercise 375

Factor: $36x^2 - y^4$

Exercise 376

Expand: $(2x+3)(x-1)(x-2)$

Exercise 377

Simplify so that all exponents are positive: $(a^{-\frac{1}{2}} - b^{-\frac{1}{2}})(a^{-\frac{1}{2}} + b^{-\frac{1}{2}})$

Exercise 378

Factor: $a^3b + 2a^2b + a^2b^2$

Exercise 379

Simplify: $\frac{\frac{1}{(x+h)^2} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{h}$

Exercise 380

What can we conclude about the radius of a circle if we know that the area exceeds that of a square whose edges are each 5 centimeters?

Exercise 381

Find the domain: $\sqrt[4]{\frac{3x+1}{1-x}}$

Exercise 382

Find all values of k for which $kx^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$ has two real solutions.

Exercise 383

Find the domain: $\frac{3}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{3x-6}}$

Exercise 384

Express the volume ($V = \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$) of a sphere in terms of the surface area ($S = 4\pi r^2$) of the sphere.

Exercise 385

Solve: $|3x + 1| = -x$

Exercise 386

Solve: $(1 + \frac{1}{x})^2 + 5(1 + \frac{1}{x}) + 4 = 0$

Exercise 387

Write a quadratic equation with the solutions 2 and -7

Chapter 4

Graphs of Functions

When one quantity depends on another quantity in such a way that for a given value of one of them leads to a unique value of the other then we say that one quantity is a function of the other quantity. A function can be represented in several ways: in words, by a graph, by a formula, or by a table of numbers. In this chapter, we discuss two families of functions: linear functions and quadratic functions. In the last section we discuss how functions are combined to create new functions.

4.1 Lines

Exercise 388

A function of the form $f(x) = mx + b$ is called a **linear function**. The graph of a linear function is a straight line. So equal increments in x corresponds to equal increments in $y = f(x)$.

Which of the following tables could represent a linear function?

x	$f(x)$
0	10
5	20
10	30
15	40

x	$g(x)$
0	20
10	40
20	50
30	55

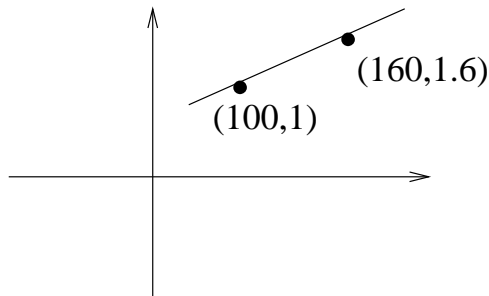
Exercise 389

The **slope** of a line is a measure to its steepness. If two points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) are on the line then the slope is the quantity $\frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$ provided that the

line is nonvertical. The slope of a vertical line is undefined.
Find the slope of the line through $(1, 2)$ and $(5, -3)$.

Exercise 390

We can calculate the slope, m , of a linear function by using the coordinates of two points on its graph. Having found m we can use either of the points to calculate b , the vertical intercept. Find the formula of $f(x)$ given its graph

**Exercise 391**

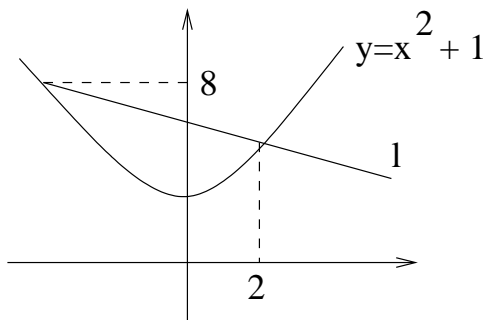
If the slope of a line is m and the line passes through the point (x_1, y_1) then the equation of the line is given by **point-slope form** of the line: $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$. Find an equation of the line through the point $(1, 2)$ and with slope 4.

Exercise 392

Find an equation of the line through the points $(-1, 1)$ and $(2, 13)$. Write the answer in **standard form** $Ax + By + C = 0$.

Exercise 393

Find the equation of the line l

**Exercise 394**

Find the equation of the horizontal line passing through the point $(3, 2)$.

Exercise 395

Find the slope m and the y -intercept b of the line $2x + 4y - 8 = 0$

Exercise 396

Find the equation of the line with slope -2 and y -intercept 4 .

Exercise 397

Non vertical lines are **parallel** if and only if they have the same slope.

Find an equation of the line that contains the point $(2, -3)$ and is parallel to the line $2x + y - 6 = 0$.

Exercise 398

The line $y = 3x - 5$ is parallel to the line:

$$(A) y = -3x - 5 \quad (B) y = -3x + 5 \quad (C) x - \frac{1}{3}y - 1 = 0 \quad (D) y = -3x$$

Exercise 399

Find an equation of the line that contains the point $(-1, 3)$ and is parallel to the line $2x + y - 1 = 0$.

Exercise 400

Two lines are **perpendicular** if and only if the product of their slopes is -1 .

Find an equation of the line that contains the point $(1, -2)$ and is perpendicular to the line $x + 3y - 6 = 0$.

Exercise 401

To find the point at which two lines intersect, notice that the (x, y) -coordinates of such a point must satisfy the equations for both lines. Thus, in order to find the point of intersection algebraically, solve the equations simultaneously.

Find the point of intersection of the lines $y = 3 - \frac{2}{3}x$ and $y = -4 + \frac{3}{2}x$.

Exercise 402

Two lines are given by $y = b_1 + m_1x$ and $y = b_2 + m_2x$, where b_1, b_2, m_1, m_2 are constants.

(a) What conditions are imposed on b_1, b_2, m_1, m_2 if the two lines have no points in common?

(b) What conditions are imposed on b_1, b_2, m_1, m_2 if the two lines have all points in common?

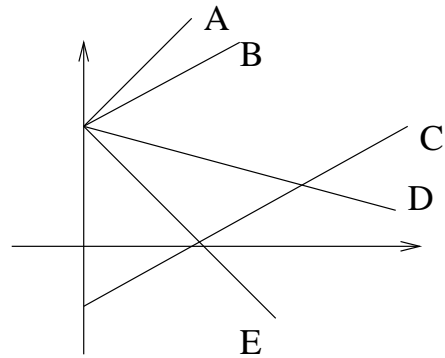
(c) What conditions are imposed on b_1, b_2, m_1, m_2 if the two lines have exactly one point in common?

(d) What conditions are imposed on b_1, b_2, m_1, m_2 if the two lines have exactly two points in common?

Exercise 403

The figure below gives five different lines A, B, C, D , and E . Match each line to one of the following functions f, g, h, u , and v :

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 20+2x \\ g(x) &= 20+4x \\ h(x) &= 2x-30 \\ u(x) &= 60-x \\ v(x) &= 60-2x \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 404**

Find the equation of the line containing the centers of the two circles

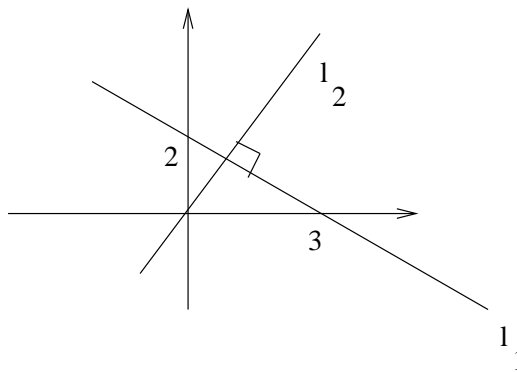
$$x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y + 4 = 0$$

and

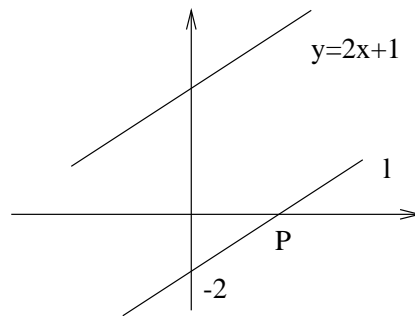
$$x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 4y + 9 = 0.$$

Exercise 405

Find the equation of the line l_2 in the figure below.

**Exercise 406**

Line l in the figure below is parallel to the line $y = 2x + 1$. Find the coordinates of the point P .

**Exercise 407**

Find the linear function $f(x) = mx + b$ such that $f(1) = 3$ and $f(2) = -4$.

Exercise 408

The following shows a situation of how a linear function can be found from a verbal description.

The relationship between Celsius (C) and Fahrenheit (F) degrees for measuring temperature is linear. Find an equation relating C and F if $0^\circ C$ corresponds to $32^\circ F$ and $100^\circ C$ corresponds to $212^\circ F$.

Exercise 409

Each Sunday a newspaper agency sells x copies of a newspaper for \$1.00. The cost to the agency of each newspaper is \$0.50. The agency pays a fixed cost for storage, delivery, and so on, of \$100 per Sunday. Find an equation that relates the profit P , in dollars, to the number x of copies sold.

Exercise 410

In 1997, Florida Power and Light Company supplied electricity to residential customers for a monthly customer charge of \$5.65 plus 6.543 cents per kilowatt-hour supplied in the month for the first 750 kilowatt-hour used. Write an equation that relates the monthly charge C , in dollars, to the number x of kilowatt-hours used in the month.

Exercise 411

A new Toyota RAV4 costs \$21,000. The car's value depreciates linearly to \$10,500 in three years time. Write a formula which expresses its value, V , in terms of its age, t , in years.

Exercise 412

If a table of data represents a linear function then one can use two points of the data to find the slope m and one point to find the y -intercept b .

A grapefruit is thrown into the air. Its velocity, v , is proportional to t , the time since it was thrown. A positive velocity indicates that the grapefruit is rising and a negative velocity indicates it is falling. Check that the data in the following table corresponds to a linear function. Find a formula for v in terms of t .

t , time (sec)	1	2	3	4
v , velocity (ft/sec)	48	16	-16	-48

4.2 Systems of Linear Equations

To find the coordinates of the point of intersection of two lines requires solving a system of two linear equations in two unknowns. This can be done in several ways: by graphing, by substitution, or by elimination.

Exercise 413

Because the graph of a linear equation is a straight line, points that satisfy both equations lie on both lines. For some systems these points can be found by graphing. Solve the following system by graphing:

$$\begin{cases} x - y = -2 \\ x + y = 4 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 414

Solve the system by graphing:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = 6 \\ -2x + 3y = 3 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 415

Solve the system by graphing:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 4 \\ 2(y + 2) = x \end{cases}$$

Exercise 416

A different way for solving a linear system is by substitution. In this method, we replace a variable in one equation with an equivalent expression obtained from the other equation. This way one eliminates a variable and get an equation involving only one variable. Solve the system by substitution

$$\begin{cases} 4x + y = 5 \\ x + 2y = -4 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 417

Solve the system by substitution:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 3 \\ 2x - 4y = 7 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 418

Solve the system by substitution:

$$\begin{cases} 2x + 3y = 5 + x + 4y \\ x - y = 5 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 419

A famous national appliance store sells both Sony and Sanyo stereos. Sony sells for \$280, and Sanyo sells for \$315. During a one day sale, a total of 85 Sonys and Sanyos were sold for a total of \$23,975. How many of each brand were sold during this one-day sale?

Exercise 420

A third way for solving linear systems is by the method of elimination. In this method we eliminate a variable by adding equations. Solve the system by elimination:

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 3y = -7 \\ 3x + y = -5 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 421

Solve the system by elimination:

$$\begin{cases} x - 2y = 3 \\ -2x + 4y = 1 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 422

Solve the system

$$\begin{cases} 2x - y = 1 \\ 4x - 2y = 2 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 423

Find k such that the following system is inconsistent, i.e. has no solutions.

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 8y = -3 \\ 2x + ky = 16 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 424

Tickets to the Fisher Theater cost \$20 for the floor and \$16 for the balcony. If the receipts from the sale of 1420 tickets were \$26,060, how many tickets were sold at each price?

Exercise 425

Solve the system

$$\begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 8 \\ \frac{3}{x} - \frac{5}{y} = 0 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 426

Find A and B such that: $\frac{6}{x(x-4)} = \frac{A}{x} + \frac{B}{x-4}$.

4.3 Quadratic Functions

Exercise 427

A quadratic function is any function of the form $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ with $a \neq 0$. Its graph is a curve known as **parabola**. By using the method of completing the square we can rewrite $f(x)$ as $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$. The point (h, k) is called the **vertex** of the parabola.

Find the vertex of $f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1$.

Exercise 428

By setting $a(x - h)^2 + k = 0$ and solving for x we find the x -intercepts of the graph, that is the points where the graph crosses the x -axis.
Find the x -intercepts of the function $f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 16$.

Exercise 429

If $a > 0$ then the parabola opens up and so the vertex is the minimum point on the curve. If $a < 0$ then the parabola opens down and the vertex is the maximum point.

Determine the extreme point of $f(x) = -2x^2 + 8x + 3$ and state whether it is a minimum or a maximum point.

Exercise 430

To sketch a parabola we look for the vertex, the x -intercepts (if any) and the y -intercept. Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 2$.

Exercise 431

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = -3x^2 + 6x + 1$.

Exercise 432

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 9$.

Exercise 433

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2x^2 + x + 1$.

Exercise 434

If the graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + 2x + 3$ contains the point $(1, -2)$, what is a ?

Exercise 435

If the graph of $f(x) = x^2 + bx + 1$ has an x -intercept at $x = -2$, what is b ?

Exercise 436

Suppose that the manufacturer of a gas clothes dryer has found that, when the unit price is p dollars, the revenue R is

$$R(p) = -4p^2 + 4,000p.$$

What unit price should be established for the dryer to maximize revenue?

Exercise 437

What is the largest rectangular area that can be enclosed with 400 ft of fencing?

Exercise 438

A farmer with 400 meters of fencing wants to enclose a rectangular plot that borders on a river. If the farmer does not fence the side along the river, what is the largest area that can be enclosed?

Exercise 439

A projectile is fired from a cliff 200 ft above the water at an inclination of 45° to the horizontal, with an initial velocity of 50 ft per second. The height h of the projectile above the water is given by

$$h(x) = -\frac{32}{2500}x^2 + x + 200$$

where x is the horizontal distance of the projectile from the base of the cliff. How far from the base of the cliff is the height of the projectile a maximum?

Exercise 440

Find two numbers whose sum is 7 and whose product is maximum.

Exercise 441

An object is thrown upward from the top of a 64-foot tall building with an initial velocity of 48 feet per second. What is its maximum altitude?

4.4 Composition of functions

Exercise 442

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are two functions such that the range of $g(x)$ is contained in the domain of $f(x)$ then we can define a new function, denoted by $f(g(x))$, with domain the domain of $g(x)$. This function, is obtained by replacing the letter x in the formula of $f(x)$ by the expression $g(x)$.

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{2}{x}$. Find $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 443

Let $f(x) = x^2$ and $g(x) = -|x|$. Calculate $g(f(-3))$.

Exercise 444

Sometimes, one needs to recognize how a function can be expressed as the composition of two functions. In this way, we are "decomposing" the function.

Find functions g and h such that $h(g(x)) = \sqrt{x} - 1$.

Exercise 445

Let $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{3-x}$. Find the domain of $f(g(x))$

Exercise 446

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$, $g(x) = x^2 + 1$, and $h(x) = x$. Find $f(g(h(x)))$.

Exercise 447

Find three functions f , g , and h such that $f(g(h(x))) = \frac{1}{|x|+3}$.

Exercise 448

Let $f(x) = (2x - 3)^2$. Find g and h such that $g(h(x)) = f(x)$.

Exercise 449

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{4}{x}$. Find the domain of $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 450

Let $\lfloor x \rfloor$ denote the largest integer less than or equal to x . For example, $\lfloor -3 \rfloor = -3$, $\lfloor -3.2 \rfloor = -4$, $\lfloor 2.5 \rfloor = 2$. Calculate $\lfloor \pi \rfloor$.

Exercise 451

Graph the function $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$.

Exercise 452

Let $f(x) = \lfloor x \rfloor$ and $g(x) = \pi$. Find $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 453

What is the range of $\lfloor x \rfloor$?

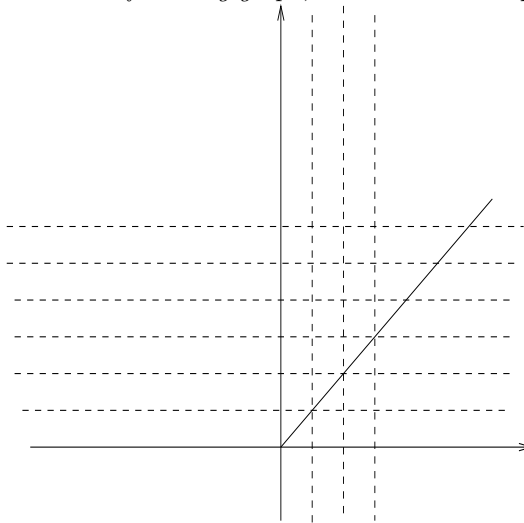
Exercise 454

Let $g(x) = \frac{1+x^2}{1+x^4}$ and $F(x) = \frac{1+x^4}{1+x^2}$. Find f such that $f(g(x)) = F(x)$.

4.5 Chapter Test

Exercise 455

For the straight line in the following graph, determine the slope.

**Exercise 456**

Determine the slope of the line that has the following equation:

$$2y = 2x + 2y - 6$$

Exercise 457

A line passes through the points $(-1, 5)$ and $(0, 4)$. Determine the slope of the line.

Exercise 458

Determine the slope m and the y -intercept b of the line $5x + 3y - 12 = 0$.

Exercise 459

Consider the line: $y = -2x + 9$. Suppose that x is decreased by 100. What is the change in the value of y ?

Exercise 460

Write the function $y = 2x^2 + 6x - 10$ in the form $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$.

Exercise 461

Determine the equation of a quadratic function whose graph passes through the point $(1, -2)$ and has vertex $(4, 5)$

Exercise 462

A company manufactures upholstered chairs. If it manufactures x chairs, then the revenue $R(x)$ per chair is given by the function:

$$R(x) = 200 - 0.05x$$

How many chairs should the company manufacture to maximize total revenue?

Exercise 463

Let $f(x)$ be the function whose graph is obtained by translating the graph of $g(x) = 2x^2 - 3x + 1$ two units to the left and 5 units down. Find the expression of $f(x)$.

Exercise 464

Suppose that an architect wishes to design a house with a fenced backyard. To save fencing cost, he wishes to use one side of the house to border the yard and use cyclone fence for the other three sides. The specifications call for using 100 ft of fence. What is the largest area that the yard can contain?

Exercise 465

Find the maximum value: $f(x) = -5(x - 1)^2 + 3$

Exercise 466

Find the minimum value: $f(x) = 12(x - 5)^2 + 2$

Exercise 467

Let x be the amount (in hundreds of dollars) a company spends on advertising, and let P be the profit, where $P = 230 + 20x - 0.5x^2$. What expenditure for advertising results in the maximum profit?

Exercise 468

Let $f(x) = x^2 - 9$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{9 - x^2}$. Find the domain of the composition function $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 469

Which of the following pair of functions yield $f(g(x)) = g(f(x))$?

$$(A) f(x) = x + 2, g(x) = 4 - x^2 \quad (B) f(x) = 2x + 3, g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x - 3) \quad (C) \\ f(x) = 2x - 5, g(x) = 5 \quad (D) f(x) = x^2 + 5, g(x) = \sqrt{1 - x}$$

Exercise 470

Let $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = \frac{x+2}{x-2}$. Find the domain of $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 471

Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1}$ and $g(x) = x + 1$. Determine the domain of $f(g(x))$.

Exercise 472

Let $f(x) = |x|$. Find $f(f(x))$.

Exercise 473

Express the function $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 + 1}$ as a composition of two functions $g(x)$ and $h(x)$.

Exercise 474

The number of bacteria in a refrigerated food is given by

$$N(T) = 20T^2 - 80T + 55, \quad 2 \leq T \leq 14$$

where T is the Celsius temperature of the food. When the food is removed from refrigeration, the temperature is given by

$$T(t) = 4t + 2, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 3$$

where t is the time in hours. The composition function $N(T(t))$ represents the number of bacteria as a function of the amount of time the food has been out of refrigeration. Find a formula for $N(T(t))$.

Exercise 475

Let $f(x) = 0.003 - (1.246x + 0.37)$.

- (a) Calculate the average rates of change:
 (i) $\frac{f(2)-f(1)}{2-1}$ (ii) $\frac{f(1)-f(2)}{1-2}$ (iii) $\frac{f(3)-f(4)}{3-4}$.
 (b) Rewrite $f(x)$ in the form $f(x) = b + mx$.

Exercise 476

Given data from a linear function. Find a formula for the function.

t	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
$f(t)$	0.736	0.614	0.492	0.37

4.6 Cumulative Test

Exercise 477

Perform the indicated operations and simplify the result:

$$\frac{\frac{6}{a^2+3a-10} - \frac{1}{a-2}}{\frac{1}{a-2} + 1}$$

Exercise 478

Reduce the following fraction to lowest terms:

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

Exercise 479

Factor completely: $8x^3 + 27y^3$.

Exercise 480

Factor and simplify: $(1-3x)(3x+4)^{-\frac{1}{2}} + (3x+4)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Exercise 481

Rewrite so that all exponents are positive:

$$\frac{x^{-1} - y^{-1}}{x - y}$$

Exercise 482

Rationalize the numerator:

$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{x} - \sqrt[3]{a}}{x - a}$$

Exercise 483

Simplify: $\sqrt{(x-1)^4}$

Exercise 484

Expand and simplify: $(\sqrt[3]{x} - \sqrt[3]{2})(\sqrt[3]{x^2} + \sqrt[3]{2x} + \sqrt[3]{4})$

Exercise 485

Perform the indicated operation and simplify the result:

$$\frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{3}{x+1} - \frac{x-8}{x^2-x-2}$$

Exercise 486

Factor: $t(a-b) - r(b-a)$

Exercise 487

The cost of tuition at a certain college is currently \$11,000 a year. Assume that the cost increases 8 percent each year. What will be the cost of a five-year stay at the college?

Exercise 488

Suppose that a savings account earns interest at a 4 percent annual rate and that the interest is compounded monthly. The initial balance is \$5,000. What is the balance in the account after 2 years?

Exercise 489

Determine the following product: $(\sqrt{x-1}-2)(\sqrt{x-1}+2)$

Exercise 490

A company produces a certain type of shirts. If the price x dollars for each shirt, then the number actually sold (in thousands) is given by the expression:

$$N = 57 - x$$

How much revenue does the company get by selling shirts at x dollars?

Exercise 491

Solve the inequality: $2x^3 + x^2 - x < 0$.

Exercise 492

Solve the inequality: $-6 < \frac{2-3x}{2} \leq 13$.

Exercise 493

The formula $h(t) = -16t^2 + 64t + 960$ gives the height h of an object thrown upward from the roof of a 960 ft building at an initial velocity of 64 ft/sec. For what times t will the height be greater than 992 ft?

Exercise 494

Starting salaries of programmers were \$25,000 in 1985 and \$35,000 in 1995. Determine a mathematical model that describes the growth of starting salaries for programmers.

Exercise 495

Determine the equation of a line passing through the points $(5, 3)$ and $(2, -2)$.

Exercise 496

Determine the equation of a line passing through the point $(3, -2)$ and having slope 4

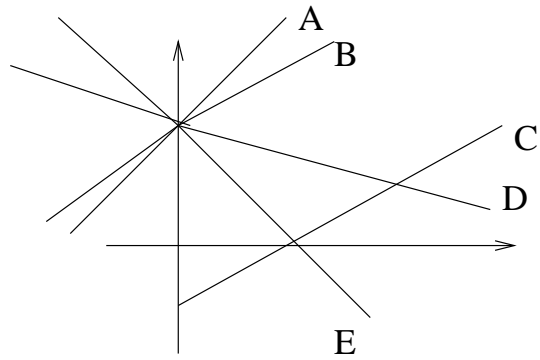
Exercise 497

In 1999, the population of a town was 18,310 and growing by 58 people per year. Find a formula for P , the town's population, in terms of t , the number of years since 1999.

Exercise 498

Match the following functions to the lines.

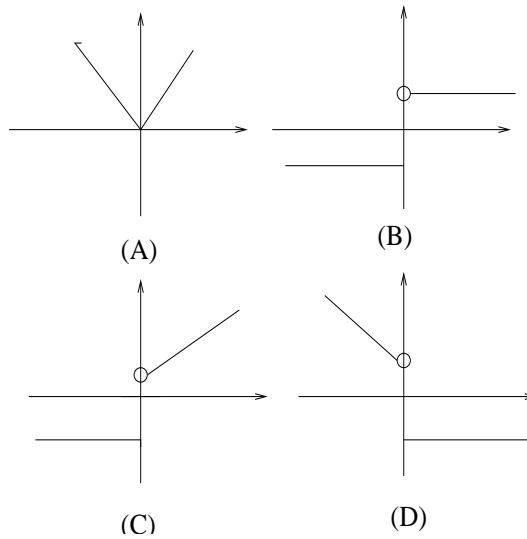
$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 5+2x \\ g(x) &= -5+2x \\ h(x) &= 5+3x \\ u(x) &= 5-2x \\ v(x) &= 5-3x \end{aligned}$$



Exercise 499

Which graph corresponds to the piecewise defined function:

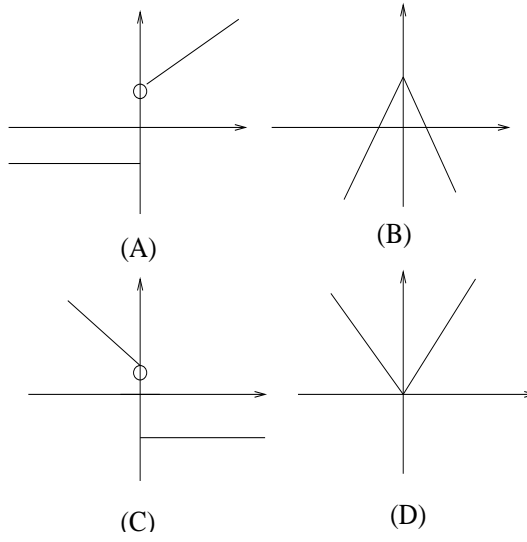
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & x \leq 0 \\ x+1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



Exercise 500

Which graph corresponds to the piecewise defined function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & x \leq 0 \\ -x+1 & x > 0 \end{cases}$$



Chapter 5

Polynomial and Rational Functions

A **polynomial** function is a function that can be defined using a polynomial expression. A **rational** function is defined to be a quotient of two polynomial functions. We will study both kinds of functions and examine the zeros of these functions. We will also study the graphs of these functions.

5.1 Division Algorithms and the Remainder Theorem

An important tool for finding the zeros of polynomials is the use of division algorithm:

$$f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$$

where $q(x)$ is the quotient and $r(x)$ is the remainder. Note that $\deg(r(x)) < \deg(g(x))$. If $r(x) = 0$ we say that $g(x)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

Exercise 501

Find the quotient and the remainder of the division of $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x + 4$ by $g(x) = x^2 + x + 1$.

Exercise 502

Find the quotient and the remainder of the division of $f(x) = 2x^5 - x^4 + 2x^2 - 1$ by $g(x) = x^3 - x^2 + 1$.

Exercise 503

The Remainder Theorem states that the remainder of the division of a polynomial $f(x)$ is $f(c)$.

Use the Remainder Theorem to find the remainder of the division of $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 - 7x - 10$ by $x - 2$.

Exercise 504

Let $f(x) = x^5 + 2x^3 - x + 1$. Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to compute $f(-2)$.

Exercise 505

Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to determine whether the given number is a solution to the equation: $x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$.

Exercise 506

Without synthetic division, find the quotient and the remainder when $x^3 - a^3$ is divided by $x - a$.

Exercise 507

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $6x^4 + 5x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 3$ is divided by $2x^2 - x + 1$.

Exercise 508

Let $f(x) = 5x^4 - 2x^2 - 1$. Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to compute $f(\frac{1}{3})$.

Exercise 509

Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to determine whether the given number is a solution to the equation: $2x^3 - x^2 + 1 = 0$.

Exercise 510

Without synthetic division, find the quotient and the remainder when $x^3 + a^3$ is divided by $x + a$.

Exercise 511

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $3x^3 - 8x - 4$ is divided by $x^2 + 2x + 1$.

Exercise 512

Find k such that when $2x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 2k$ is divided by $x + 1$ the remainder is 6.

Exercise 513

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $2x^5 - 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 3$ is divided by $x^3 + 1$.

Exercise 514

Use synthetic division to determine $f(-3)$ where $f(x) = -x^4 - 5x^3 + 4x^2 - 9x + 10$.

Exercise 515

A ball is thrown upward from the top of a 300 feet tall building with an initial velocity of 30 feet per second. Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to compute its height above the ground after 2 seconds.

5.2 The Factor Theorem and the Real Zeros of Polynomials

Exercise 516

The Factor Theorem states that if $f(c) = 0$ then we say that c is a zero of the function $f(x) = 0$ and $(x - c)$ is a factor of $f(x)$. Candidates for zeros are ratios of the form $\pm \frac{a}{b}$ where a is a divisor of the constant term of the polynomial and b is a divisor of the leading coefficients. We refer to this as the Rational Zero Test.

Find the real zeros of $f(x) = 6x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x - 2$.

Exercise 517

If a zero of a polynomial occurs n times then we call n the **multiplicity**. Let $f(x) = (x - 1)^3(x + 5)^5$. Find the multiplicity of the solution -5 .

Exercise 518

Determine the number a so that $x - 2$ is a factor of $x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 + ax + a$.

Exercise 519

For which positive integers n is $x + a$ a factor of $x^n + a^n$, where $a \neq 0$.

Exercise 520

Use synthetic division to find $q(x)$ such that $x^4 - 64 = (x - 2)q(x)$.

Exercise 521

Given that $f(1) = 0$ where $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4$. Factor $f(x)$ completely.

Exercise 522

Given that $f(5) = 0$ where $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 5x + 25$. Factor $f(x)$ completely.

Exercise 523

Form a polynomial having the specified zeros with the specified multiplicities: 0, 1, and -3 of multiplicities 2, 2, and 1 respectively.

Exercise 524

Given that 3 is a zero of $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 8x - 6$. Factor $f(x)$ completely.

Exercise 525

Given that -1 is a zero of $f(x) = x^3 + 4x^2 - 7x - 10$. Factor $f(x)$ completely.

Exercise 526

Find the three zeros of $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 2x$ by factoring.

Exercise 527

Find a polynomial having the zeros $-3, 2$, and 5 .

Exercise 528

Find $q(x)$ such that $6x^3 - 23x^2 - 6x + 8 = (x - 4)q(x)$.

Exercise 529

Given that 2 is a zero to the equation: $x^3 - 7x + 6 = 0$. Find the remaining zeros.

Exercise 530

Use the Rational Zero Test to list all possible rational zeros of

$$f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 3$$

5.3 Graphs of Polynomial Functions

Exercise 531

A function is said to be **even** if its graph is symmetric about the y -axis. Which of the following properties implies that $f(x)$ is even.

(A) $f(-x) = f(x)$ (B) $f(-x) = -f(x)$ (C) $f(-x) = -f(-x)$ (D) $f(-x) = 2$.

Exercise 532

A function is said to be **odd** if its graph is symmetric about the origin. Which of the following properties implies that $f(x)$ is odd.

(A) $f(-x) = f(x)$ (B) $f(-x) = -f(x)$ (C) $f(-x) = -f(-x)$ (D) $f(-x) = 2$

Exercise 533

Which of the following functions is even.

(A) $f(x) = x^4 - 6x$ (B) $f(x) = x^4 + 6x$ (C) $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 3$ (D) $f(x) = x^3 + 3x$

Exercise 534

The graph of $f(x) + c, c > 0$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
(C) by a horizontal shift, c units to the right (D) by a horizontal shift, c units to the left.

Exercise 535

The graph of $f(x) - c, c > 0$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
(C) by a horizontal shift, c units to the right (D) by a horizontal shift, c units to the left.

Exercise 536

The graph of $f(x + c), c > 0$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
(C) by a horizontal shift, c units to the right (D) by a horizontal shift, c units to the left.

Exercise 537

The graph of $f(x - c)$, $c > 0$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
(C) by a horizontal shift, c units to the right (D) by a horizontal shift, c units to the left.

Exercise 538

The graph of $cf(x)$, $c > 1$ is

(A) is horizontal compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(B) is a horizontal stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.
(C) is a vertical compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(D) is a vertical stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.

Exercise 539

The graph of $cf(x)$, $0 < c < 1$ is

(A) is horizontal compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(B) is a horizontal stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.
(C) is a vertical compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(D) is a vertical stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.

Exercise 540

The graph of $f(cx)$, $c > 1$ is

(A) is horizontal compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(B) is a horizontal stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.
(C) is a vertical compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(D) is a vertical stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.

Exercise 541

The graph of $f(cx)$, $0 < c < 1$ is

(A) is horizontal compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(B) is a horizontal stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.
(C) is a vertical compression of the graph of $f(x)$.
(D) is a vertical stretch of the graph of $f(x)$.

Exercise 542

The graph of $-f(x)$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
(C) by a reflection about the x -axis (D) by a reflection about the y -axis.

Exercise 543

The graph of $f(-x)$ is obtained from the graph of $f(x)$

(A) by a vertical shift, c units upward (B) by a vertical shift, c units downward
 (C) by a reflection about the x -axis (D) by a reflection about the y -axis.

Exercise 544

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = 3(x+2)(x-1)(x-4)$

Exercise 545

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = (x-2)^2(x+3)$

Exercise 546

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^2$

Exercise 547

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = (x-2)^3 + 1$

Exercise 548

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = -x^4$

Exercise 549

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 4x^2 + 16x$

Exercise 550

Let $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = x^2 - 2$, and $h(x) = x^2 + 3$. What is the relationship between the graph of $f(x)$ and the graphs of $g(x)$ and $h(x)$?

Exercise 551

At a jazz club, the cost of an evening is based on a cover charge of \$5 plus a beverage charge of \$3 per drink.

(a) Find a formula for $t(x)$, the total cost for an evening in which x drinks are consumed.

(b) If the price of the cover charge is raised by \$1, express the new total cost function, $n(x)$, as a transformation of $t(x)$.

(c) The management decides to increase the cover charge to \$10, leave the price of a drink at \$3, but include the first two drinks for free. For $x \geq 2$, express $p(x)$, the new total cost, as a transformation of $t(x)$.

Exercise 552

Sketch the graphs of $f(x) = -x^2$ and $y = f(-x)$ on the same set of axes. How are these graphs related? Give an explicit formula for $y = f(-x)$.

Exercise 553

Sketch the graphs of $y = g(x) = -x^2$ and $y = -g(x)$ on the same set of axes. How are these graphs related? Give an explicit formula for $y = -g(x)$.

Exercise 554

Are the following functions even, odd, or neither?

(A) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$ (B) $g(x) = x^3 + x$ (C) $h(x) = x^2 + 2x$ (D) $j(x) = 2^{x+1}$

Exercise 555

Let $f(x) = x^3$.

(a) Sketch the graph of the function obtained from f by first reflecting about the x -axis, then translating up two units. Write a formula for the resulting function.

(b) Sketch the graph of the function obtained from f by first translating up two units, then reflecting about x -axis. Write a formula for the resulting function.

(c) Are the functions you found in parts (a) and (b) the same?

Exercise 556

A company projects a total profit, $P(t)$ dollars, in year t . Explain the economic meaning of $r(t) = 0.5P(t)$ and $s(t) = P(0.5t)$.

Exercise 557

You are a banker with a table showing year-end values of \$1 invested at an interest rate of 1% per year, compounded annually, for a period of 50 years.

(a) Can this table be used to show 1% monthly interest charges on a credit card? Explain.

(b) Can this table be used to show values of an annual interest rate of 5%? Explain.

5.4 Graphs of Rational Functions

Exercise 558

A **rational function** is a function that is the quotient of two polynomials $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$. The domain consists of all numbers such that $g(x) \neq 0$.

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-x-6}$.

Exercise 559

Geometrically, the values of x for which the denominator of a rational function is zero are called **vertical asymptotes**. Thus, if $x = a$ is a vertical asymptote then as x approaches a from either sides the function becomes either positively large or negatively large. The graph of a function never crosses its vertical asymptotes. Find the vertical asymptote of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x-11}{x^2+2x-8}$.

Exercise 560

If $f(x)$ approaches a value b as $x \rightarrow \infty$ or $x \rightarrow -\infty$ then we call $y = b$ a **horizontal asymptote**. The graph of a rational function may cross its horizontal asymptote. Find the horizontal asymptote, if it exists, for each of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = \frac{3x^2+2x-4}{2x^2-x+1}$.

(b) $f(x) = \frac{2x+3}{x^3-2x^2+4}$.

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

Exercise 561

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (mx + b) - f(x) = 0$ then we call the line $y = mx + b$ an **oblique asymptote**. Find the oblique asymptote of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{x - 2}$.

To graph a rational function $h(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$:

1. Find the domain of $h(x)$ and therefore sketch the vertical asymptotes of $h(x)$.
2. Sketch the horizontal or the oblique asymptote if they exist.
3. Find the x -intercepts of $h(x)$ by solving the equation $f(x) = 0$.
4. Find the y -intercept: $h(0)$
5. Draw the graph

Exercise 562

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

Exercise 563

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{2}{x+3}$

Exercise 564

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{-3}{(x-1)^2}$

Exercise 565

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{3x}{x+1}$

Exercise 566

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2-1}$

Exercise 567

Find the vertical asymptotes of $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2+x-2}$

Exercise 568

Find the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+x-2}$

Exercise 569

Find the oblique asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{2x}$

Exercise 570

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2+1}$

Exercise 571

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x+1}$

Exercise 572

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{2x^2}{3x^2+1}$

Exercise 573

Write a rational function with vertical asymptotes $x = -2$ and $x = 1$.

Exercise 574

Find the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{x^2+1}$

Exercise 575

Find the zeros of the rational function $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x-2}{x+1}$.

Exercise 576

Find the y -intercept of the function $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-2}$.

5.5 Chapter Test

Exercise 577

Find the oblique asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{2x^3-1}{x^2-1}$

Exercise 578

Write a rational function satisfying the following criteria:

Vertical asymptote: $x = -1$.

Horizontal asymptote: $y = 2$.

x -intercept: $x = 3$.

Exercise 579

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2-x-2}{x-1}$.

Exercise 580

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x^2+x-6}$

Exercise 581

Find the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{3x^2-4x-1}$

Exercise 582

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 1$.

Exercise 583

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = x^5 - x$.

Exercise 584

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = -2x^4 + 2x^2$.

Exercise 585

For the polynomial

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

which zero is of multiplicity 3?

(A) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (B) -3 (C) 2 (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Exercise 586

Determine which function is a polynomial function.

$$(A) f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x} \quad (B) f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} \quad (C) f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1 \quad (D) f(x) = x^2 - \sqrt{x}$$

Exercise 587

Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to determine whether the given number is a zero to the equation:

$$5x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 2 = 0$$

$$(A) 0.4 \quad (B) -4 \quad (C) -0.4 \quad (D) 4$$

Exercise 588

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ of the division of $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 + x$ by $g(x) = x^3 + 1$.

Exercise 589

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ of the division of $f(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ by $g(x) = 5x^2 - x$.

Exercise 590

Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 5x + 1$. Use the Remainder Theorem and synthetic division to compute $f(1)$.

Exercise 591

Without synthetic division find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $x^2 - a^2$ is divided by $x - a$.

Exercise 592

Let $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 5x - 6$. Use the Factor Theorem to determine whether $x + 1$ is a factor of $f(x)$. If so, what is the value of $f(-1)$.

Exercise 593

Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial of degree n . What is the maximum number of zeros of $f(x)$?

Exercise 594

Use the Rational Zero Test to completely factor the polynomial $f(x) = 4x^4 - 4x^3 - 25x^2 + 6$.

Exercise 595

List all possible real zeros of the polynomial $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x + 2$.

Exercise 596

A plot of land has the shape of a right triangle with a hypotenuse 1 ft longer than one of the sides. Find the lengths of the sides of the plot of land if its area is 6 ft^2 .

5.6 Cumulative Test

Exercise 597

Determine the equation of a line passing through the point $(4, -6)$ and parallel to the line containing the points $(-2, 3)$ and $(4, 5)$.

Exercise 598

Find k so that the line containing $(-2, k)$ and $(3, 8)$ is parallel to the line containing the points $(5, 3)$ and $(1, -3)$.

Exercise 599

Sketch the graph of the parabola $f(x) = (x + 2)^2 - 3$.

Exercise 600

Write the function $f(x) = -x^2 + 6x - 8$ in the form $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$.

Exercise 601

Find two positive real numbers whose sum is 110 and the product is maximum.

Exercise 602

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - x - 2}$.

Exercise 603

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \frac{2(x^2 - 9)}{x^2 - 4}$.

Exercise 604

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x}{x + 1}$.

Exercise 605

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 1 - x^5$.

Exercise 606

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 12x$.

Exercise 607

Find a cubic function f with leading coefficient 1 and with x -intercepts $-2, 3$, and 4 .

Exercise 608

Find a cubic function $f(x)$ whose graph has x -intercepts $-1, 0$, and 2 and also passes through $(1, -6)$.

Exercise 609

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 4$ is divided by $g(x) = x^4 + 1$.

Exercise 610

Find the quotient $q(x)$ and the remainder $r(x)$ when $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x + 7$ is divided by $g(x) = 3x + 1$.

Exercise 611

Find the domain of $f(g(x))$ if $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ and $g(x) = \frac{4}{x-1}$.

Exercise 612

Solve: $|\frac{x-1}{x+1}| \leq 1$.

Exercise 613

Solve: $\frac{x+1}{1-x}$.

Exercise 614

Solve: $\frac{5}{x+3} + 3 = \frac{8+x}{x+3}$.

Exercise 615

Solve: $|x^2 + x - 1| = 1$.

Exercise 616

Descartes Rule of sign is used to provide information about the number of real zeros of a polynomial function with real coefficients. The steps of the rule are as follows:

The number of positive real zeros of a polynomial $P(x)$ is either:

1. The same as the number of variations of sign in $P(x)$, or
2. Less than the number of variations of sign of $P(x)$ by a positive even integer.

The number of negative real zeros of $P(x)$ is either:

3. The same as the number of variations of sign in $P(-x)$, or
4. Less than the number of variations of sign in $P(-x)$ by a positive even integer.

Use Descartes' rule of signs to determine the possible number of positive zeros of the function $f(x) = 3x^6 - 4x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 3$.

Exercise 617

In a college meal plan you pay a membership fee; then all your meals are at a fixed price per meal.

- (a) If 30 meals cost \$152.50 and 60 meals cost \$250, find the membership fee and the price per meal.
- (b) Write a formula for the cost of a meal plan, C , in terms of the number of meals, n .
- (c) Find the cost for 50 meals.
- (d) Find n in terms of C .
- (e) Use part (d) to determine the maximum number of meals you can buy on a budget of \$300.

Exercise 618

In economics terms, the **demand** for a product is the amount of that product

that consumers are willing to buy at a given price. The quantity demanded of a product usually decreases if the price of that product increases. Suppose that a company believes there is a linear relationship between the demand for its product and its price. The company knows that when the price of its product was \$3 per unit, the quantity demanded weekly was 500 units, and when the unit price was raised to \$4, the quantity demanded weekly dropped to 300 units. Let D represent the quantity demanded weekly at a unit price of p dollars.

- (a) Find a formula for D in terms of p .
- (b) Give an economic interpretation of the slope of the function in part (a).
- (c) Find D when $p = 0$. Find p when $D = 0$. Give economic interpretation of both results.

Exercise 619

In economics terms, the **supply** for a product is the quantity of that product that suppliers are willing to provide at a given price. The quantity supplied of a product usually increases if the price of that product increases. Suppose that a company believes there is a linear relationship between the quantity supplied, S , for its product and its price. The quantity supplied weekly is \$100 when the price is \$2 and the quantity supplied rises by 50 units when the price rises by \$0.50.

- (a) Find a formula for S in terms of p .
- (b) Give an economic interpretation of the slope of the function in part (a).
- (c) Is there a price below which suppliers will not provide this product?
- (d) The **market clearing price** is the price at which supply equals demand. According to theory, the free market price of a product is its market clearing price. Using the demand equation from the previous problem, find the market clearing price for this product.

Chapter 6

Exponential and Logarithmic Functions

Recall that a function takes an input to an output. Suppose that we can reverse the process and take the output back to an input. That process produces the **inverse** of the original function. In this chapter we study the family of exponential functions and their inverses, the logarithmic functions.

6.1 One-to-one and Inverse Functions

Exercise 620

If the graph of a function is such that every horizontal line intersects the graph in at most one point then we say that the function is **one-to-one**. Show that the function $f(x) = x^3 - 5$ is one-to-one function.

Exercise 621

If a function f is one-to-one then there exists a new function, denoted by f^{-1} , with the following properties:

1. $y = f^{-1}(x)$ is equivalent to $f(y) = x$.
2. $\text{Dom}(f^{-1}) = \text{Range}(f)$ and $\text{Range}(f^{-1}) = \text{Dom}(f)$.
3. $f(f^{-1}(x)) = x$ for all x in $\text{Dom}(f^{-1})$ and $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$ for all x in $\text{Dom}(f)$.

To find a formula for f^{-1} we start by interchanging the letters x and y in $y = f(x)$ to obtain $x = f(y)$ and then we solve for y in terms of x .

Find the inverse function of $f(x) = x^3 - 5$.

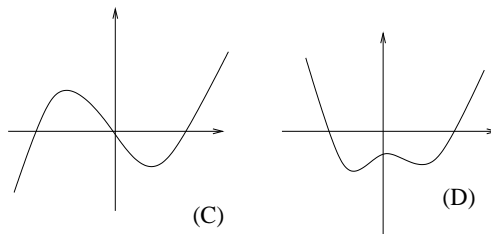
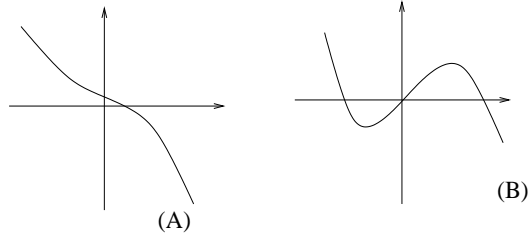
Exercise 622

Geometrically, the graph of f^{-1} is the reflection of the graph of f about the line $y = x$. That is, if (x, y) is a point on the graph of f then (y, x) is a point on the graph of f^{-1} .

Find the graph of the inverse function of $f = \{(-2, 5), (-1, 3), (3, 7), (4, 12)\}$.

Exercise 623

Which of the following graph represents the graph of a one-to-one function?

**Exercise 624**

Find the inverse of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 1$.

Exercise 625

Find the inverse function of $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$.

Exercise 626

Find the domain of $f^{-1}(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$.

Exercise 627

Find the range of $f^{-1}(x)$ if $f(x) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$.

Exercise 628

Find the inverse function of $f(x) = 1 - 2\sqrt{x}$.

Exercise 629

Compute $f^{-1}(2)$ if $f(x) = \sqrt{2x}$.

Exercise 630

Find the inverse of the function $f(x) = 2x + 3$.

Exercise 631

Find the inverse of $f(x) = -|x - 1|$ for $x \leq 1$.

Exercise 632

Find the inverse of $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}}$.

Exercise 633

Which of the following is a one-to-one function?

- (A) $f(x) = x^3 + 1$ (B) $f(x) = |x|$ (C) $f(x) = x^2 - x$ (D) $f(x) = -x^2$
 (E) $f(x) = -|x| + 1$

Exercise 634

Find the range of $f^{-1}(x)$ if $f(x) = \sqrt{2x - 3}$.

Exercise 635

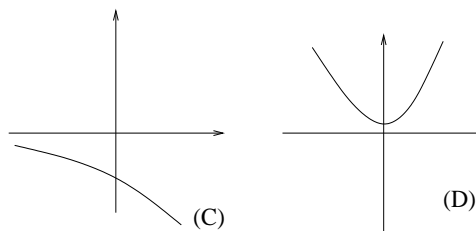
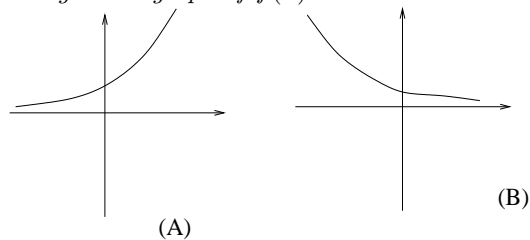
Let $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x+1}{2}}$. Compute $(f^{-1} \circ f^{-1})(1)$.

6.2 Exponential Functions

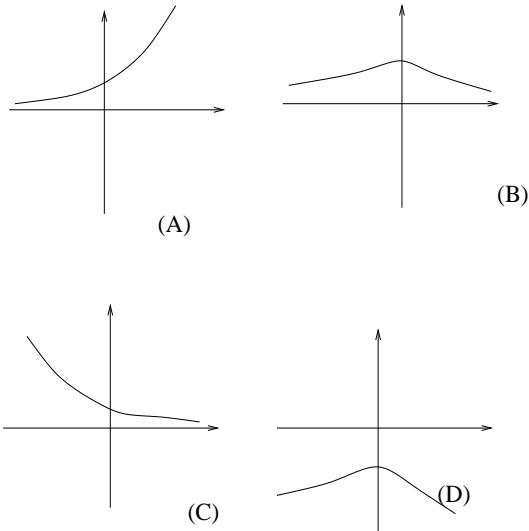
Exercise 636

The function $f(x) = a^x$ where $a > 0, a \neq 1$ and x a real number is called the **exponential function** with base a .

Which of the following is the graph of $f(x) = 3^x$.

**Exercise 637**

Which of the following is the graph of $f(x) = 4^{-x}$.

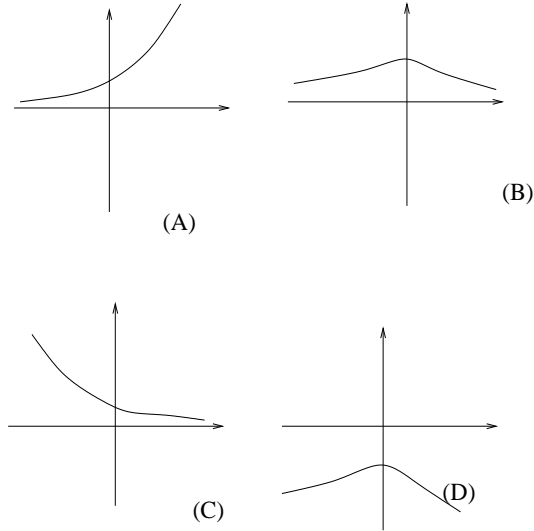


Exercise 638

For n very large the quantity $(1 + \frac{1}{n})^n$ is approximated by $e \approx 2.71 \dots$.
 Simplify: $(e^x + e^{-x})^2 - (e^x - e^{-x})^2$.

Exercise 639

Which of the following is the graph of $f(x) = e^{-|x|}$.

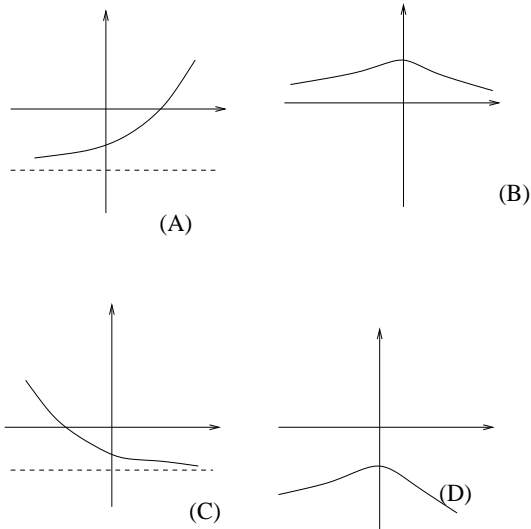


Exercise 640

Using a calculator evaluate $2^{1.4}$ to three decimal places.

Exercise 641

Which of the following is the graph of $f(x) = 2^{-x} - 3$.

**Exercise 642**

What is the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = 2^{-x} - 3$?

Exercise 643

What is the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = -e^{x-3}$?

Exercise 644

Sketch the graph of the piecewise defined function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-x}, & x < 0 \\ e^x, & x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 645

If $2^x = 3$ what does 4^{-x} equal?

Exercise 646

Suppose that P dollars are deposited in a bank account paying annual interest at a rate r and compounded n times per year. After a length of time t , in years, the amount $A(t)$ in the account is given by the formula

$$A(t) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$$

Suppose that $n = 1$, $r = 10\%$, $P = \$10,000$ and $t = 10$ years. Find $A(10)$. Round the answer to the nearest penny.

Exercise 647

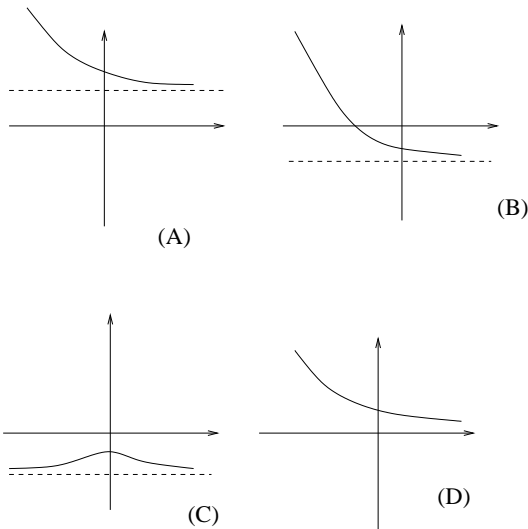
Simplify: $(e^x + 1)(e^x - 4)$.

Exercise 648

Suppose that at time t (in hours), the number $N(t)$ of E - coli bacteria in a culture is given by the formula $N(t) = 5000e^{0.1t}$. How many bacteria are in the culture at time 5 hours? Approximate the answer to a whole integer.

Exercise 649

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = e^{-x} + 2$.

**Exercise 650**

Simplify: $(e^x + e^{-x})(e^x - e^{-x})$.

Exercise 651 (Hyperbolic Sine)

The expression $\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$ is called the **hyperbolic sine**. We write $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$. Graph $\sinh x$.

Exercise 652 (Hyperbolic Cosine)

The expression $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ is called the **hyperbolic cosine**. We write $\cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$. Graph $\cosh x$.

Exercise 653 (Hyperbolic Tangent)

The expression $\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$ is called the **hyperbolic tangent**. We write $\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$. Graph $\tanh x$.

Exercise 654

Show, algebraically, that

- $\cosh 0 = 1$ and $\sinh 0 = 0$. (y -intercepts)
- $\cosh(-x) = \cosh x$. That is, $\cosh x$ is an even function.
- $\sinh(-x) = -\sinh x$. That is, $\sinh x$ is an odd function.

Exercise 655

Show that

- (a) $\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x}$.
 (b) $\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$.
 (c) $\cosh x > \sinh x$ for all x .

6.3 Logarithmic Functions**Exercise 656**

We define $y = \log_a x$ as that number y such that $a^y = x$ where $x > 0$, $a > 0$, and $a \neq 1$. We call $a^y = x$ the **exponential form** of $y = \log_a x$ and $y = \log_a x$ the **logarithmic form** of $a^y = x$.

Write the logarithmic form of $x^\pi = e$.

Exercise 657

Write the exponential form of $\log_\pi x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Exercise 658

Find the exact value of $\log_{\sqrt{3}} 9$.

Exercise 659

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \log_5 \frac{x+1}{x}$.

Exercise 660

Find k such that the graph of $\log_k x$ contains the point $(2, 2)$.

Exercise 661

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = \ln(4 - x)$ where $\ln x = \log_e x$ is the **natural logarithm function**.

Exercise 662

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = 2 - \ln x$.

Exercise 663

Sketch the graph of

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -\ln x & , 0 < x < 1 \\ \ln x & , x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Exercise 664

Find x such that $2 \cdot 5^x = 4$.

Exercise 665

Find x such that $5 \log_2 x = 20$.

Exercise 666

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = |\log_2 x|$.

Exercise 667

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \log_2(2 - x - x^2)$.

Exercise 668

Solve for x : $\log_2 x = \log_2 3$.

Exercise 669

Simplify: $a^{\log_a 2^b}$.

Exercise 670

Simplify: $e^{\ln 2 - 3 \ln 5}$.

6.4 Properties of Logarithmic Functions

Exercise 671

Complete the following:

1. $\log_a(uv) =$
2. $\log_a\left(\frac{u}{v}\right) =$
3. $\log_a u^n =$
4. $\log_a 1 =$
5. $\log_a a =$
6. $a^{\log_a u} =$

Exercise 672

Let $\ln 2 = a$ and $\ln 3 = b$. Write $\ln \sqrt[4]{48}$ in terms of a and b .

Exercise 673

Write the following expression as a sum/difference of logarithms.

$$\ln \frac{5x^2 \sqrt[3]{1-x}}{4(x+1)^2}$$

Exercise 674

Write the following expression as a single logarithm.

$$\ln\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) + \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right) - \ln(x^2 - 1)$$

Exercise 675

Find the exact value of: $5^{\log_5 6 + \log_5 7}$.

Exercise 676

Use the change of base formula and a calculator to evaluate $\log_{\frac{1}{2}} 15$ to three decimal places.

Exercise 677

Simplify: $\log_a(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}) + \log_a(x - \sqrt{x^2 - 1})$

Exercise 678

Given: $2 \ln y = -\frac{1}{2} \ln x + \frac{1}{3} \ln(x^2 + 1) + \ln C$. Express y in terms of x and C .

Exercise 679

A reservoir has become polluted due to an industrial waste spill. The pollution has caused a buildup of algae. The number of algae $N(t)$ present per 1000 gallons of water t days after the spill is given by the formula: $N(t) = 100e^{2.1t}$.

How long will it take before the algae count reaches 20,000 per 1000 gallons? Write answer to three decimal places.

Exercise 680

Let $f(x) = \ln x$. Express the difference quotient $\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$ as a single logarithm.

Exercise 681

Express the product $(\log_x a)(\log_a b)$ as a single logarithm.

Exercise 682

After t years the value of a car that originally cost \$14,000 is given by: $V(t) = 14,000\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^t$. Find the value of the car two years after it was purchased. Write your answer to two decimal places.

Exercise 683

On the day a child is born, a deposit of \$50,000 is made in a trust fund that pays 8.75% interest compounded continuously. Determine the balance in the account after 35 years. Write your answer to two decimal places. Recall that $A(t) = Pe^{rt}$.

Exercise 684

Find a constant k such that $\log_2 x = k \log_8 x$.

Exercise 685

Solve for x : $\log(\log_5(\log_2 x)) = 0$

Exercise 686

Write as a single logarithm: $2 \log_a x - 3 \log_a y + \log_a x + y$.

6.5 Solving Exponential and Logarithmic Equations

Exercise 687

Solve: $\ln\left(\frac{x-1}{2x}\right) = 4$.

Exercise 688

Solve: $2e^{2x} - e^x - 2 = 0$.

Exercise 689

Solve: $\ln(x^2 + 2x) = 0$.

Exercise 690

Solve: $\log_4(x+5) + \log_4(x-5) = 2$.

Exercise 691

Solve: $\log_3(2x-5) - \log_3(3x+1) = 4$.

Exercise 692

Solve: $\frac{\log(x+1)}{\log x} = 2$.

Exercise 693

Solve: $xa^{3\log_a x} = 16$.

Exercise 694

Solve: $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = 1$.

Exercise 695

Solve: $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} = 1$.

Exercise 696

Solve: $\ln(x-2) + \ln(2x-3) = 2\ln x$

Exercise 697

The demand equation for a certain product is given by

$$p = 500 - 0.5e^{0.004x}$$

Find the demand x for the price $p = \$350$. Round answer to a whole integer.

Exercise 698

Solve: $e^{x-1} = e^x$.

Exercise 699

Solve: $\log(x-2) - \log(x+2) = \log(x-1)$.

Exercise 700

Solve: $4^x - 2^x - 12 = 0$.

Exercise 701

Solve: $5^{x-2} = 3^{x+2}$.

6.6 Chapter Test

Exercise 702

Find the inverse of the function $f(x) = (1-x^3)^{\frac{1}{5}} + 2$.

Exercise 703

What is the relationship between $(f^{-1})^{-1}$ and f ?

Exercise 704

Express $(f \circ g)^{-1}(x)$ in terms of $f^{-1}(x)$ and $g^{-1}(x)$.

Exercise 705

Sketch the graph of $f^{-1}(x)$ if $f(x) = \sqrt{1-x^2}$, $0 \leq x \leq 1$.

Exercise 706

Sketch the region bounded by $y = e^x$, $y = e^{-x}$ and the line $y = 3$.

Exercise 707

Sketch the graph of: $f(x) = 1 - 2^{-x}$.

Exercise 708

Sketch the graph of: $f(x) = |2^x - 1|$.

Exercise 709

A radioactive decay function is given by

$$Q(t) = Q_0 2^{-\frac{t}{H}}$$

where Q_0 denotes the amount of a radioactive substance at time $t = 0$ and H is the half-life. Suppose that $Q_0 = 4$ and $H = 5.3$. Find $Q(2)$. Round answer to three decimal places.

Exercise 710

Simplify: $\frac{(1+e^x)(1+e^{-x}) - (1+e^x)(1-e^{-x})}{(1+e^x)^2}$

Exercise 711

Find a constant k such that $\log_8 x = k \log_{16} x$.

Exercise 712

Solve: $\pi^{1-x} = e^x$.

Exercise 713

Solve: $\log(x^2 - x + 1) + \log(x + 1) = 1$.

Exercise 714

Solve: $2^x < 3$.

Exercise 715

Solve: $e^{8x+2} = 3^x$.

Exercise 716

Find the exponential function $y = Ae^{bx}$ that passes through the two points $(0, 2)$ and $(4, 3)$.

Exercise 717

Solve: $\log_2(x^2 + 1) - \log_4 x^2 = 1$.

Exercise 718

Solve: $(\sqrt[3]{2})^{2-x} = 2^{x^2}$.

Exercise 719

What annual rate of interest compounded annually should you seek if you want to double your investment in 5 years? Round your answer to two decimal places.

Exercise 720

How long will it take for an investment to double in value if it earns 5% compounded continuously? Write answer to two decimal places.

Exercise 721

One of the problems that challenged early Greek mathematicians was whether it was possible to construct a square whose area was equal to that of a given circle.

(a) If the radius of a given circle is r , give an expression, in terms of r , for the side, s , of the square with area equal to that of the circle.

(b) The side, s , of such a square is a function of the radius of the circle. What kind of function is it? How do you know?

(c) For what values of r is the side, s , equal to zero?

6.7 Cumulative Test

Exercise 722

Find the inverse $f^{-1}(x)$ of $f(x) = x^2 - 4, x \geq 0$.

Exercise 723

Let $f(x) = 23,457x - 3,456$ find $(f \circ f^{-1})(5,00023)$.

Exercise 724

The relationship between degree Fahrenheit and degree Celsius is given by $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$. Write C in terms of F .

Exercise 725

Sketch the region bounded by $y = e^x, y = e$ and y -axis.

Exercise 726

Solve: $\log_2(\log_x 3) = 1$.

Exercise 727

Solve: $e^{2x} - 3e^x + 2 = 0$.

Exercise 728

Find the length of a rectangle of width 3 inches if the diagonal is 20 inches long.

Exercise 729

What number does the repeating decimal $0.123123\dots$ equal?

Exercise 730

A ball is thrown vertically upward from the top of a building 96 feet tall with an initial velocity of 80 feet per second. The distance s (in feet) of the ball from the ground after t seconds is $s = 96 + 80t - 16t^2$. After how many seconds does the ball strike the ground?

Exercise 731

The monthly revenue achieved by setting x wristwatches is figured to be $x(40 - 0.2x)$ dollars. The wholesale cost of each watch is \$28. How many watches must be sold each month to achieve a profit (revenue - cost) of at least \$100?

Exercise 732

Solve: $-2(5 - 3x) + 8 = 4 + 5x$.

Exercise 733

Solve: $|2x - 3| = 5$

Exercise 734

Solve: $\frac{(x-2)(x-2)}{x-3} > 0$.

Exercise 735

Find the equation of the line perpendicular to the line $x + y - 2 = 0$ and passing through $(1, -3)$.

Exercise 736

Find the radius of the circle: $x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 4y - 4 = 0$.

Exercise 737

How much water should be added to 64 ounces of a 10% salt solution to make a 2% salt solution?

Exercise 738

Given that $f(x)$ is a linear function, $f(4) = -5$ and $f(0) = 3$, write the formula for $f(x)$.

Exercise 739

Find the domain of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 2x - 3}$.

Exercise 740

Find the domain of $(f \circ g)(x)$ where $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

Exercise 741

Sketch the graph of $f(x) = |x| - 4$.

Exercise 742

Line l is given by $y = 3 - \frac{3}{2}x$ and point P has coordinates $(6, 5)$.

- Find the equation of the line containing P and parallel to l .
- Find the equation of the line containing P and is perpendicular to l .
- Graph the equations in parts (a) and (b).

Exercise 743

Hooke's Law states that the force in pounds, $F(x)$, necessary to keep a spring stretched x units beyond its natural length is directly proportional to x , so $F(x) = kx$. The positive constant k is called the spring constant.

- (a) Do you expect $F(x)$ to be an increasing function or a decreasing function of x ? Explain.
- (b) A force of 2.36 pounds is required to hold a certain spring stretched 1.9 inches beyond its natural length. Find the value of k for this spring and rewrite the formula for $F(x)$ using this value of k .
- (c) How much force is needed to stretch this spring 3 inches beyond its natural length?