

Domain/Range
HA/VA/HOLE

Determine if each function is continuous. If the function is not continuous, find the x-axis location of each discontinuity and classify each discontinuity as infinite or removable. Also find any horizontal asymptotes.

A) $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 15x}{x+5} = \frac{3x(x+5)}{(x+5)} = 3x$

B) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x}{x+2}$

$f(-5) = \frac{3(-5)^2 + 15(-5)}{-5+5}$
 $= \frac{75 - 75}{-5+5}$
 $= \frac{0}{0}$

~~VA~~ $x+5=0$
 Hole $x=-5$
 D: $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, \infty)$
 R: $(-\infty, -15) \cup (-15, \infty)$
 HA: NONE

Simplified expression
 To find the y-value of hole
 Plug x-value into simplified expression

C) $f(x) = \frac{9x+6}{x^2-4}$

D) $f(x) = \frac{9x+18}{x^2-4}$

$f(x) = \frac{x-5}{(x-5)(x+1)} = \frac{1}{x+1}$

E) $f(x) = \frac{x-5}{x^2-4x-5}$

$f(5) = \frac{1}{6}$ ← Hole

D:
 $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$

HA: $y=0$
 VA: $x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$
 $(x-5)(x+1) = 0$

R: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \frac{1}{6}) \cup (\frac{1}{6}, \infty)$

$x=5$ → Hole
 $x=-1$ → VA

Summary of the Characteristics of Graphs of Rational Functions

Horizontal Asymptote

- If the degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator, then there is no horizontal asymptote

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

- If the degree of the numerator is less than the degree of the denominator, then the horizontal asymptote is $y = 0$

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

- If the degree of the numerator and denominator are the same, the horizontal asymptote will be $y =$ the coefficients of the highest power divided by each other

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

Vertical Asymptote (non-removeable discontinuities)

- Set the denominator equal to 0
- Make sure the values you get are asymptotes and not holes
- Substitute the value back into the function.
- $\frac{a}{0}$, where a is any number but 0, then there is a vertical asymptote

Holes (removeable discontinuities)

- Set the denominator equal to zero
- Make sure the values you get are holes and not vertical asymptotes
- Substitute the value back into the function.
 - o $\frac{0}{0}$ is a hole
- To find where the hole is
 - o Simplify the original function by factoring
 - o Substitute the value from the domain into the cancelled function to find the y-value of the hole

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

Oblique/Slant Asymptote

- If the degree of the numerator is greater than the degree of the denominator, use long division or synthetic division to find the asymptote ($y =$)
 - o Ignore the remainder
 - o If there is no remainder then there is not a slant asymptote

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

X-intercept

- Set the function = 0 ($y = 0$)
 - o You only need to worry about the numerator in a rational function

Y-intercept

- Set the $x = 0$
 - o The values without x will give you your y -intercept

Even/Odd/Neither

- Plug a number to the left of $x = 0$ into the function and a number to the right of $x = 0$ into the function ($x = -1$ and $x = 1$ usually work).
 - o If $f(-1) = f(1)$ the function is even
 - Even functions also reflect over the y -axis
 - o If $f(-1)$ is the opposite of $f(1)$ then the function is odd
 - Odd functions have rotational symmetry about the origin
 - o If the $f(-1)$ and $f(1)$ are not the same or opposites the function is neither even or odd

Domain:

- If you have a fraction, set the denominator = 0
- If you have a square root in the numerator, set what is under the square root greater than or equal to 0
- If there is a square root in the denominator, set what is under the square root greater than zero.

Range:

- Look at the graph for complicated functions, but be familiar with the ranges for the function given below

The domain and range of a linear/cubic function are always $(-\infty, \infty)$.

The domain of a quadratic function is always $(-\infty, \infty)$.

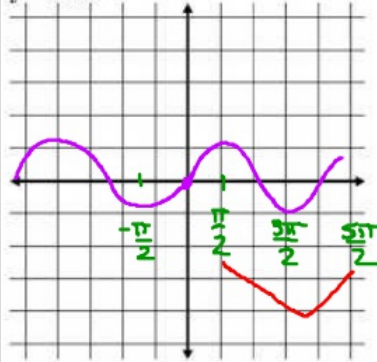
The range of a quadratic function that opens up is $[y \text{ value of the min}, \infty)$.

The range of a quadratic function that opens down is $(-\infty, y \text{ value of the max}]$.

The domain of sine and cosine are always $(-\infty, \infty)$.

The range of sine and cosine are always $[\text{minimum } y\text{-value}, \text{maximum } y\text{-value}]$.

$y = \sin x$



1) Determine the domain and range

$$D: (-\infty, \infty)$$
$$R: [-1, 1]$$

2) Is the function even, odd or neither

odd

3) Intervals of Increase or Decrease

4) Find any extrema.

max

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$$

where k is any integer

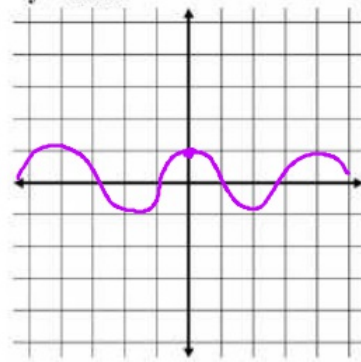
min

$$x = -\frac{\pi}{2} + 2\pi k$$

5) Determine the end behavior

6) Find any asymptotes

$y = \cos x$



1) Determine the domain and range

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even

3) Intervals of Increase or Decrease

4) Find any extrema.

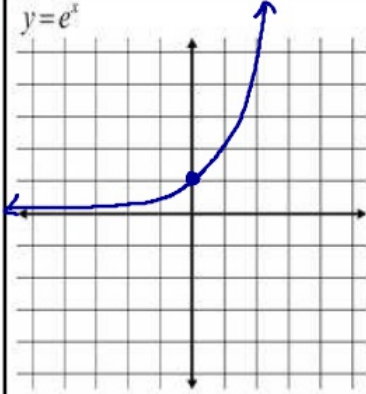
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exponential →

$$e = 2.718\dots$$

$$y = e^x$$



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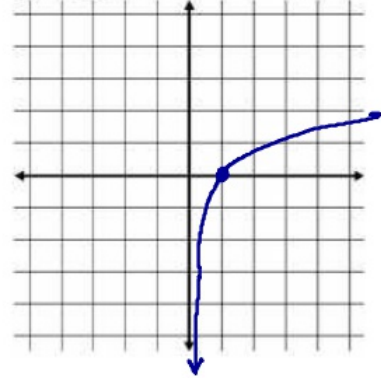
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↖ natural logarithm

$$y = \ln x$$



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