

Let f and g be functions.

- §3.4 Graphs and Transformations

Vertical shifts	$f(x) + b$	up b
Horizontal shifts	$f(x - a)$	right a
Vertical stretches	$df(x)$	stretch by d (vert)
Horizontal stretches	$f(\frac{1}{c}x)$	stretch by c (horz)
Vertical reflections	$-f(x)$	flip (vert)
Horizontal reflections	$f(-x)$	flip (hoz)
Combinations (order matters!)	$-df(-\frac{1}{c}(x - a)) + b$	all

- §3.4A Symmetry

Even functions	$f(-x) = f(x)$	Reflection about y-axis
Odd functions	$f(-x) = -f(x)$	Reflection about origin

- §3.5 Operations on Functions

Sum	$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$
Difference	$(f - g)(x) = f(x) - g(x)$
Product	$(f * g)(x) = f(x) * g(x)$
Quotient	$\frac{f}{g}(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}, (g(x) \neq 0)$
Composite	$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$
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Domain	Depends on original functions, as well as resultant simplified function rule

- §3.7 Inverse Functions

1. Existence when:

- A function is one-to-one
- $a \neq b \Rightarrow f(a) \neq f(b)$
- $f(a) = f(b) \Rightarrow a = b$
- Horizontal line test: graph of function intersects horizontal line at most once.

2. Definition: The function g is the inverse of f

- Algebraically
 - (a) if $g(y) = x$ exactly when $f(x) = y$
- Graphically
 - (a) if when (a, b) is on the graph of f , then (b, a) is on the graph of g .

3. If f is the inverse of g , then g is the inverse to f . For all x in the domain:

- $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = x$
- $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = x$

4. Domain and ranges given that g and f are inverses of each other.
 - Domain of g is range of f .
 - Range of f is domain of f .
5. Notation: f^{-1} denotes the inverse of f .
6. Finding the inverse, given $f(x)$:
 - Algebraically
 - (a) Examine $f(g(x))$.
 - (b) Solve for $g(x)$.
 - Graphically
 - (a) Flip $f(x)$ about the line $x = y$

• §4.1 Quadratic Functions

1. Rule:
 - Algebraically
 - (a) $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ for constants a , b , and c with $a \neq 0$
 - Graphically
 - (a) Parabola
2. Complete the square to express f in standard vertex form: $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$
3. Graphing without graph transformations:
 - Determine direction of parabola, let a be the leading coefficient.
 - * $a > 0 \Rightarrow$ parabola opens up \Leftrightarrow vertex is min
 - * $a < 0 \Rightarrow$ parabola opens down \Leftrightarrow vertex is max
 - Find the vertex given:
 - * $f(x) = a(x - h)^2 + k$. Vertex is (h, k) .
 - * $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$. Vertex is $(\frac{-b}{2a}, f(\frac{-b}{2a}))$
 - Find the y-intercept

• §4.2 Polynomial Functions

1. Definitions: a polynomial in x : $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$
 - The degree of the polynomial is n if $n \geq 0$ and is an integer.
 - The coefficients are the constants $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, a_n$
 - The leading coefficient is the coefficient of the highest power of x (a_n)
 - The constant term is the free standing coefficient ($a_0 = a_0 x^0$).
2. Division algorithm for polynomials
 It is possible to divide a polynomial $f(x)$ by a non-zero polynomial $h(x)$ with smaller degree, such that

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

where either $r(x) = 0$ or the degree of $r(x)$ is less than the degree of $h(x)$.
 The remainder in polynomial division is 0 exactly when the divisor is a factor so
 we can write

$$f(x) = h(x)q(x)$$

3. Remainder theorem:
 If the polynomial $f(x)$ is divided by $(x - c)$, then the remainder is $f(c)$.
4. Factor theorem:
 The number c is a root exactly when $(x - c)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.
5. A polynomial of degree n has at most n roots.

• §4.4 Graphs of Polynomial functions

1. Graph of $f(x) = ax^n$

$a > 0$ and n odd	$a < 0$ and n odd
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$a > 0$ and n even	$a < 0$ and n even
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2. A function is continuous if the graph contains no gaps, jumps, or holes.
 - No polynomial contains any horizontal line segments or sharp edges in its graph.
3. End behavior: When $|x|$ is very large, the graph of a polynomial function resembles the graph of its highest degree term.
 - Odd degree polynomial: one end goes up and the other goes down
 - Even degree polynomial: both ends go up or both end go down.
4. Root of multiplicity: A number c is a root of multiplicity k of a polynomial $f(x)$ if $(x - c)^k$ is a factor of $f(x)$
 - If k is odd, then the graph crosses the x-axis at $x = c$.
 - If k is even, then the graph touches but doesn't cross at $x = c$
5. Let n be the degree of a polynomial $f(x)$

n	\geq	number of roots
$n - 1$	\geq	number of extrema
$n - 2$	\geq	number of points of inflection

• §4.5 Rational Functions

1. “Big-Little” Principle: $\frac{1}{big} = little$ and $\frac{1}{little} = big$, where *big* and *little* refer to the distance from 0.
2. Domain: Let $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ where $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ are polynomials, the domain of $f(x)$ is the set of real numbers that are not roots of $h(x)$.
3. Asymptotes: A part of a graph of a function that gets arbitrarily close to a value but never reaches it. Asymptotes can be vertical or horizontal.
 - Horizontal: Let $f(x) = \frac{a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0}{b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_0}$ be a *reduced* rational function.
 - * If $n = m$, there is a horizontal asymptote at $y = \frac{a_n}{b_m}$
 - * If $n < m$, there is a horizontal asymptote at $y = 0$.
 - * If $n > m$, there is no horizontal asymptote.
 - Vertical: Let $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ be a *reduced* rational function. There is a vertical asymptote when $h(x) = 0$ and $g(x) \neq 0$
4. Intercepts: Let $f(x) = \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$
 - X-intercepts occur when $g(x) = 0$ and $h(x) \neq 0$
 - Y-intercepts occur at $f(0)$
5. Holes vs Vertical Asymptotes: In the rational function $f(x) = \frac{h(x)}{g(x)}$, if d is a root of both $g(x)$ and $h(x)$ and the multiplicity is greater or equal in the numerator compared to the denominator, then $f(x)$ has a hole at $x = d$.
6. Graphing a rational function:
 - Factor the numerator and the denominator.
 - Note the domain.
 - Cancel out like terms
 - Find any vertical asymptotes and mark them on the graph.
 - Find any horizontal asymptotes and mark them on the graph.
 - Find and graph the x and y intercepts
 - Determine graph behavior at intervals.
 - Sketch the graph.
 - Make appropriate holes in your graph by recalling the domain.

• §4.6A Absolute Value Inequalities

1. Properties: For $k > 0$ and x any real number
 - $|x| \leq k \Leftrightarrow -k \leq x \leq k$
 - $k \leq |x| \Leftrightarrow x \leq -k$ or $k \leq x$

2. Solving

- Replace the inequality with an '='
- Solve absolute value as done in §1.2A
- Check values in resulting intervals to see which one(s) to keep
or
- Use above property to solve directly
- *Remember* to switch signs when multiplying or dividing by a negative!

• §5.1 Radicals and Rational Exponents

1. Definition: Let c be a real number and n be a positive integer, the n th root of c

$$\sqrt[n]{c} = c^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

- is the solution of $x^n = c$ when n is odd
- is the nonnegative solution of $x^n = c$ when n is even

2. Definition: Let c be a real number and $\frac{r}{s}$ be a rational number with positive denominator, then

$$c^{\frac{r}{s}} = (c^r)^{\frac{1}{s}} = (c^{\frac{1}{s}})^r$$

3. Exponent Laws: Let c , and d be real numbers and r and s be positive integers.

$$\begin{array}{ll} c^r c^s = c^{r+s} & \frac{c^r}{c^s} = c^{r-s}, c \neq 0 \\ (c^r)^s = c^{rs} & (cd)^r = c^r d^r \\ \left(\frac{c}{d}\right)^r = \frac{c^r}{d^r}, d \neq 0 & c^{-r} = \frac{1}{c^r}, c \neq 0 \end{array}$$

4. Rationalize numerator/denominator

- multiply by $1 = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{a}}$ *or*
- multiply by fancy 1, $\frac{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}-\sqrt{b}}$ *or* $\frac{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a}+\sqrt{b}}$

• §5.2 Exponential Functions

1. Graph of $f(x) = a^x$

- When $a > 1$

* above y -axis

- * y -intercept is 1
 - * $f(x)$ increasing
 - * negative x -axis is the horiz. asymptote
 - * larger base a makes graph rise more steeply on the right
- When $0 < a < 1$

- * above y -axis
 - * y -intercept is 1
 - * $f(x)$ decreasing
 - * positive x -axis is the horizontal asymptote
 - * closer base a is to 0, the more steeply the graph falls to the right
2. exponential growth: $f(t) = Pa^t$ ($a > 1$) or $f(t) = Pe^{rt}$ ($r > 0$), where P is the initial amount, a is the growth factor, and r is the rate of growth
 3. exponential decay: $f(t) = Pa^t$ ($0 < a < 1$) or $f(t) = Pe^{rt}$ ($r < 0$)
 4. radioactive decay: $M(t) = c(0.5)^{\frac{t}{h}}$ is the mass at time t where c is the initial mass, and h is the half-life

• §5.2A Compound interest and the number e

1. compound interest: $A(t) = P(1 + r)^t$, where A is the amount at time t , P is the principal (initial amount), and r is the rate
2. compounded more frequently $A_n(t) = P \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt}$, where n is the number of times compounded per year
3. as $n \rightarrow \infty$, $\left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n \rightarrow e$, where $e \approx 2.718281828459045 \dots$
4. $A(t) = Pe^{rt}$ gives the balance after time t when compounded continuously at a rate of r