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last time graphing polynomial functions.

Rational functions

Example Sketch a graph of $f(x) = \frac{x^4 - 5x^2 + 4}{x^2 - x - 12}$

Sol. Factor numerator and denominator.

$$x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = (x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4) = (x-1)(x+1)(x-2)(x+2)$$

$$(x^2)^2 - 5(x^2) + 4$$

$$u^2 - 5u + 4 = (u-1)(u-4)$$

$$x^2 - x - 12 = (x-4)(x+3)$$

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

Find domain

$$x \neq 4, x \neq -3$$



$$(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 4) \cup (4, \infty) \quad \text{V. A. } \begin{matrix} x = -3 \\ x = 4 \end{matrix}$$

Find intercepts

$$x\text{-intercepts } x=1, x=2, x=-1, x=-2$$

$$y\text{-intercept } y = f(0) = \frac{4}{-12} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

End point behaviour

$$x \rightarrow \pm\infty$$

$$x \rightarrow -3^-$$

$$x \rightarrow -3^- \Rightarrow y \sim \frac{+}{0^+} = \infty$$

$$x \rightarrow -3^+ \Rightarrow y \rightarrow -\infty$$

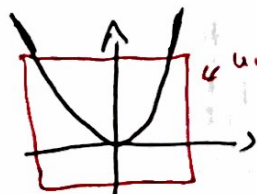
$$x \rightarrow 4^-$$

$$x \rightarrow 4^- \Rightarrow y \rightarrow -\infty$$

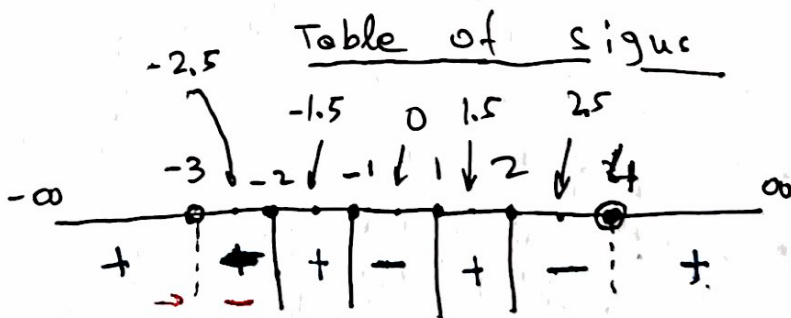
$$x \rightarrow 4^+ \Rightarrow y \rightarrow +\infty$$

Behaviour at ∞

$$x \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad f(x) \sim \frac{x^4}{x^2} = x^2$$



unknown

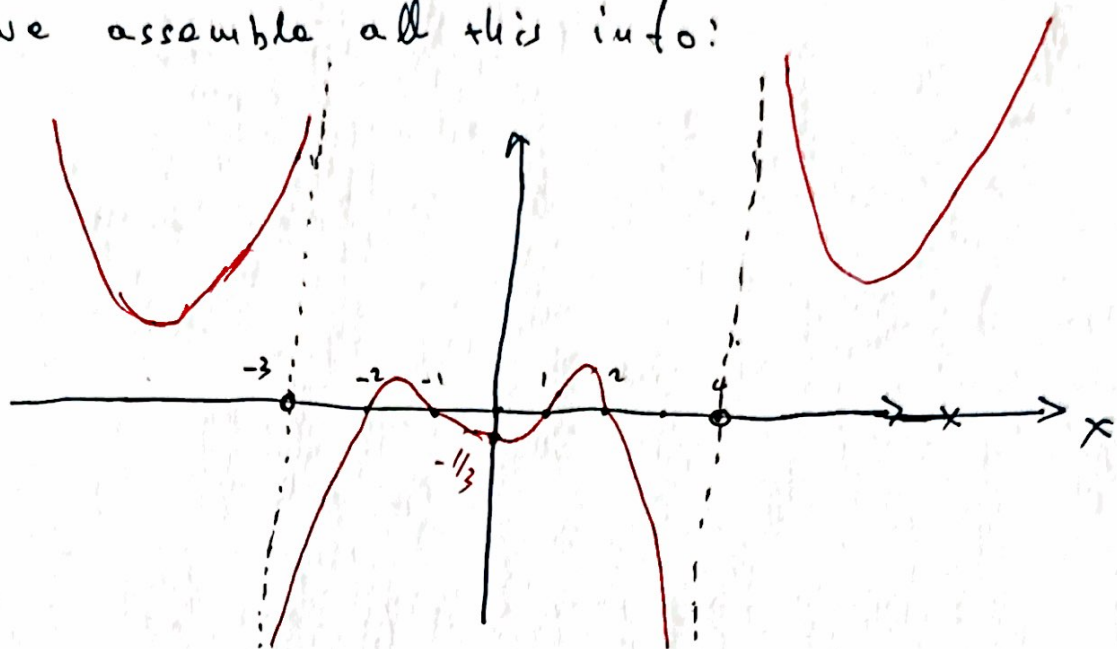


$$f(-2.5) = \frac{(-) \cdot (-) \cdot (-) \cdot (-)}{(-) \cdot (+)} = (-)$$

check

NO H.A.

Now we assemble all this info:



Review of exponentials and logs.

① Simplify: a) $\log_2 2^{52} - 2^{\log_2 14} + \log_2 16 = 52 - 14 + 4$
 $2^4 = \boxed{42}$

b) $\log_{10} 0.001 = \log_{10} 10^{-3} = \boxed{-3}$
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c) $\log_{42} 1 = \boxed{0}$

② Verify that $f(x) = \log_2 (2x+5) - 3$ is a pair of inverse functions.
 $g(x) = \frac{2^{x+3} - 5}{2}$
 Find domain range of each.

Solution Need to verify $f(g(x)) = x$, $g(f(x)) = x$

$$f(g(x)) = \log_2 \left(2 \left(\frac{2^{x+3} - 5}{2} \right) + 5 \right) - 3$$

$$= \log_2 (2^{x+3} - 5 + 5) - 3$$

$$= \log_2 (2^{x+3}) - 3$$

$$= x+3-3$$

$$= \boxed{x} \checkmark$$

$$g(f(x)) = \frac{2^{\log_2 (2x+5) - 3 + 3} - 5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2^{\log_2 (2x+5)} - 5}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2x+5-5}{2} = \boxed{x} \checkmark$$

$$f(x) = \log_2 (\underbrace{2x+5}_{\text{needs to be positive}}) - 3$$

Domain of f Need $2x+5 > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x > -5 \Leftrightarrow x > -\frac{5}{2}$

$(-\frac{5}{2}, \infty)$

Domain of g $(-\infty, \infty)$

$(g = f^{-1})$

Range of f = domain of g = $(-\infty, \infty)$

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Ex. Find the domain: a) $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 2x + 5)$ $\nearrow \log_e$

b) $f(x) = \log_{42} \left(\frac{x-2}{x+1} \right)$

Sol. a) Need $x^2 - 2x + 5 > 0$. This is true always so domain $(-\infty, \infty)$.

$D = 4 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 5$
 $= -16$

No real roots.

$f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 5$

doesn't change sign.

$f(0) = 5$

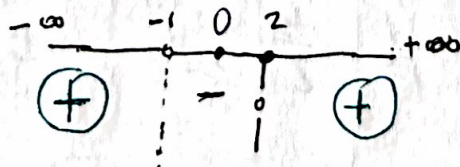
$f(x) > 0$

b) Need $\frac{x-2}{x+1} > 0$

and $x+1 \neq 0$

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

$g''(x) \quad g(0) = -2$



Domain

$(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

As $x \rightarrow \pm\infty \quad y \rightarrow \frac{x}{x} = 1 \quad y = 1 \text{ H.A.}$

~~Example~~

Expand

$$\log_2 \sqrt{\frac{x^3 y^5}{8z}}$$

Ans $\log_2 \left(\frac{x^3 y^5}{8z} \right)^{1/2} = \frac{1}{2} \log_2 \frac{x^3 y^5}{8z}$

$$\begin{aligned} \log xy &= \log x + \log y \\ \log \frac{x}{y} &= \log x - \log y \\ \log x^u &= u \log x \end{aligned}$$

Expand

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} (\log_2 (x^3 y^5) - \log_2 (8z)) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (\log_2 x^3 + \log_2 y^5 - \log_2 8 - \log_2 z) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (3 \log_2 x + 5 \log_2 y - 3 - \log_2 z) \\ &= \frac{3}{2} \log_2 x + 5 \log_2 y - \frac{1}{2} \log_2 z - \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Solve $\log_3 x + \log_3 (x^2 + 11x + 15) = 3$

Ans Contract LHS $\log_3 (x(x^2 + 11x + 15)) = 3$

Take $\exp_3$ $\log_3 (x^3 + 11x^2 + 15x) = 3^3$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^3 + 11x^2 + 15x = 27$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^3 + 11x^2 + 15x - 27 = 0$$

Do this