

Exercise Set 1.1: An Introduction to Functions

Key

Find the domain of each of the following functions.
Then express your answer in interval notation.

1. $f(x) = \frac{5}{x-3}$ $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

2. $f(x) = \frac{x-6}{x+1}$ $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

3. $g(x) = \frac{x-4}{x^2-9}$ $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

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

5. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+6x+5}{x^2-11x+28}$ $(-\infty, 4) \cup (4, 7) \cup (7, \infty)$
 $(x-7)(x-4)$

6. $g(x) = \frac{3x+15}{x^2+8x-20}$ $(-\infty, -10) \cup (-10, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
 $(x+10)(x-2)$

7. $f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x-4}}$ $(4, \infty)$
 $x > 4$

8. $f(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$ $[5, \infty)$

9. $g(x) = \sqrt{x+7}$ $[-7, \infty)$

10. $F(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3-2x}}{x+4}$ $x \leq \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } x \neq -4$

11. $G(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-3}}{x-7}$ $x \geq 3 \text{ and } x \neq 7$

12. $g(x) = \frac{-3}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$ $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$
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13. $f(x) = |x^2 - 4|$ $(-\infty, \infty)$

Evaluate the following.

14. If $f(x) = 5x - 4$, find:

$f(3), f(-\frac{1}{2}), f(a), f(a+3), f(a)+3, f(a)+f(3)$

11. $-\frac{13}{2}, 5a-4, 5a+11, 5a-1, 5a+7$

15. If $f(x) = \frac{2+x}{x-3}$, find:

$f(-7), f(0), f(\frac{3}{5}), f(t), f(t^2 - 3)$

$\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{13}{12}$

$\frac{2+t}{t-3}, \frac{t^2-1}{t^2-6}$

16. If $g(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4$, find:

$g(0), g(-\frac{1}{4}), g(x+5), g(\frac{1}{a}), g(3a), 3g(a)$

4. $\frac{77}{16}, x^2+7x+14,$

$\frac{4a^2-3a+1}{a^2}, 9a^2-9a+4, 3a^2-9a+12$

Transformations of Functions – Extra Practice

Write an equation for a function that has a graph with the given characteristics.

1. The shape of $y = x^2$ but is shifted left 3 units

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

2. The shape of $y = \sqrt{x}$ but upside down and shifted right 3 units and up 4 units.

$$y = -\sqrt{x-3} + 4$$

3. The shape of $y = |x|$ but stretched vertically by a factor of 2 and shifted right 3 units.

$$y = 2|x-3|$$

4. The shape of $y = x^2$ but upside-down and shifted right 8 units

$$y = -(x-8)^2$$

5. The shape of $y = |x|$ but stretched horizontally by a factor of 2 and shifted down 5 units

$$y = |\frac{1}{2}x| - 5$$

6. The shape of $y = x^3$ but reflected across the x-axis and shifted up 1 unit.

$$y = -x^3 + 1$$

7. The shape of $y = \sqrt{x}$ but reflected across the y axis, shifted down 2, and left 4.

$$y = \sqrt{-x+4} - 2$$

8. The shape of $y = x^2$ but compressed vertically by a factor of 2 and shifted up 6.

$$y = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + 6$$