MATH 1314

Section 3.2

Functions and Graphs

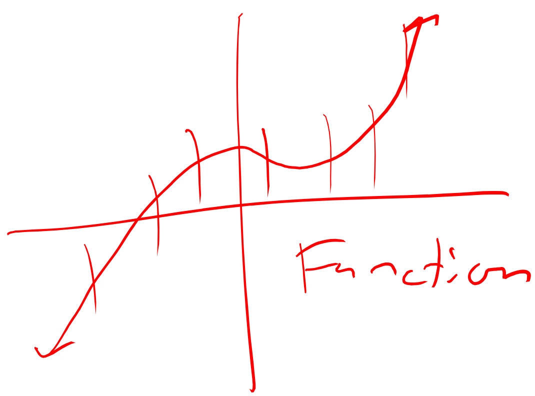
You can answer many questions given a graph.

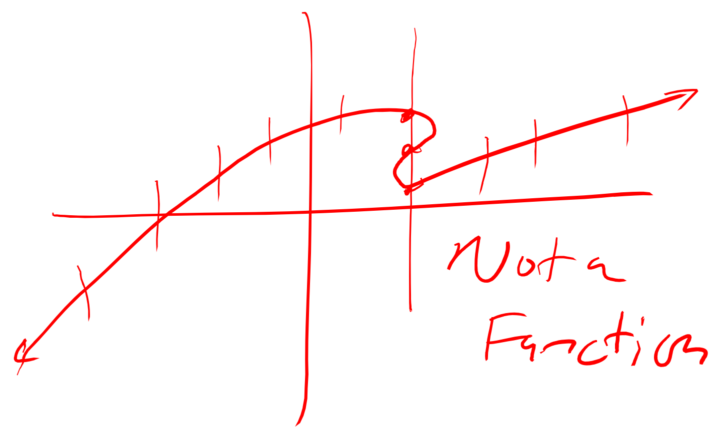
Every x-value corresponds to exactly 1 y-value.

Definition: The graph of a function $f(x)$ is the set of points (x, y) whose x coordinates are in the domain of f and whose y coordinates are given by $y = f(x)$.

First, does the graph represent a function? To answer this, you will need to use the **vertical line test (VLT)**.

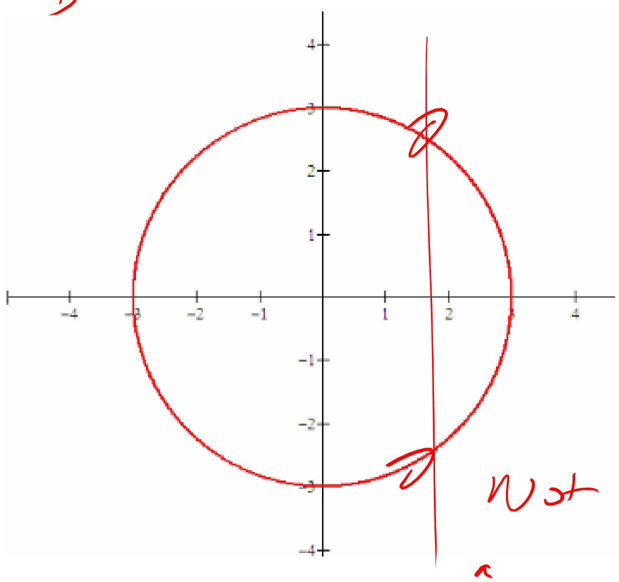
The Vertical Line Test:
If you can draw a vertical line that crosses the graph more than once, it is NOT the graph of a function.





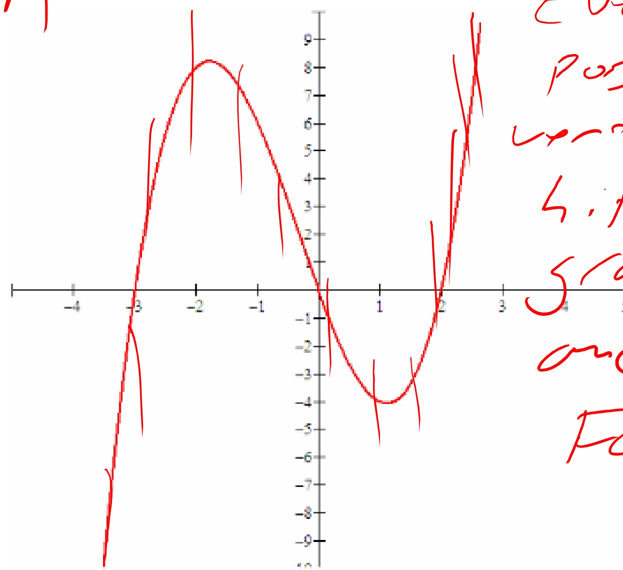
Popper 10: Does the graph represent a function? a. Yes b. No

1. B



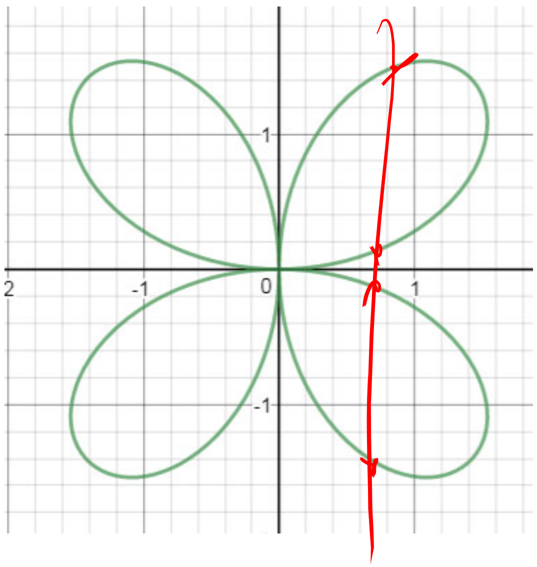
Not a Function.

2. A



Every possible vertical line hits the graph once → Function.

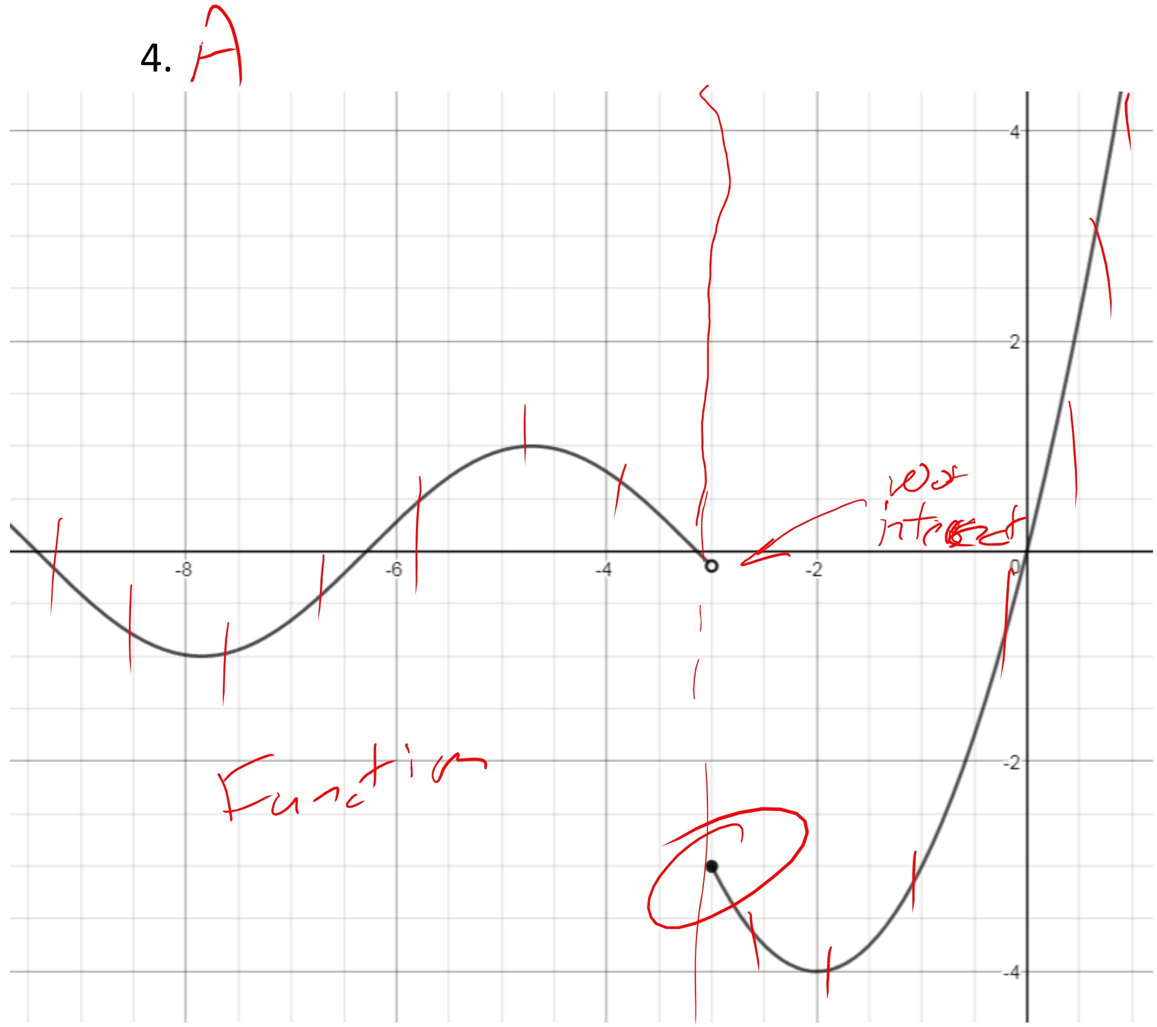
3. B



Not a

Function

4. A



Function

Definition: An **equation defines *y* as a function of *x*** if when one value for *x* is substituted in the equation, **exactly one value for *y* is returned.**

Example 2: Does the following equation define *y* as a function of *x*?

$y - x^2 = 4$

1. Solve for *y*.
2. For each value *x*, do we get exactly one value for *y* back?

$y - x^2 = 4$

$+x^2 \quad +x^2$

$y = x^2 + 4$

Function

No $\pm$ appeared in the solving.

$y = |x|$

Example: $x = 5 \rightarrow y = 5$

$x = -5 \rightarrow y = 5$

Function

$x = |y| \rightarrow y = \pm x$

Not a Function.

$x = 5 < \begin{matrix} y = 5 \\ y = -5 \end{matrix}$

b. $x^2 + y^2 = 9$

1. Solve for y.

2. For each value x, do we get exactly one value for y back?

$$\cancel{x^2} + y^2 = 9$$
$$\cancel{-x^2} \qquad -x^2$$
$$\sqrt{y^2} = \sqrt{9-x^2}$$
$$y = \pm\sqrt{9-x^2}$$

A single x gives 2 y-values (not a function)

General Rule:

If there are any y raised to an even power → Not a function.

$2x^2 + 3y^2 + 2x + 4y = 10$

→ Not a Function.

$2x^2 + 2x + 4y = 10$

Is a function.

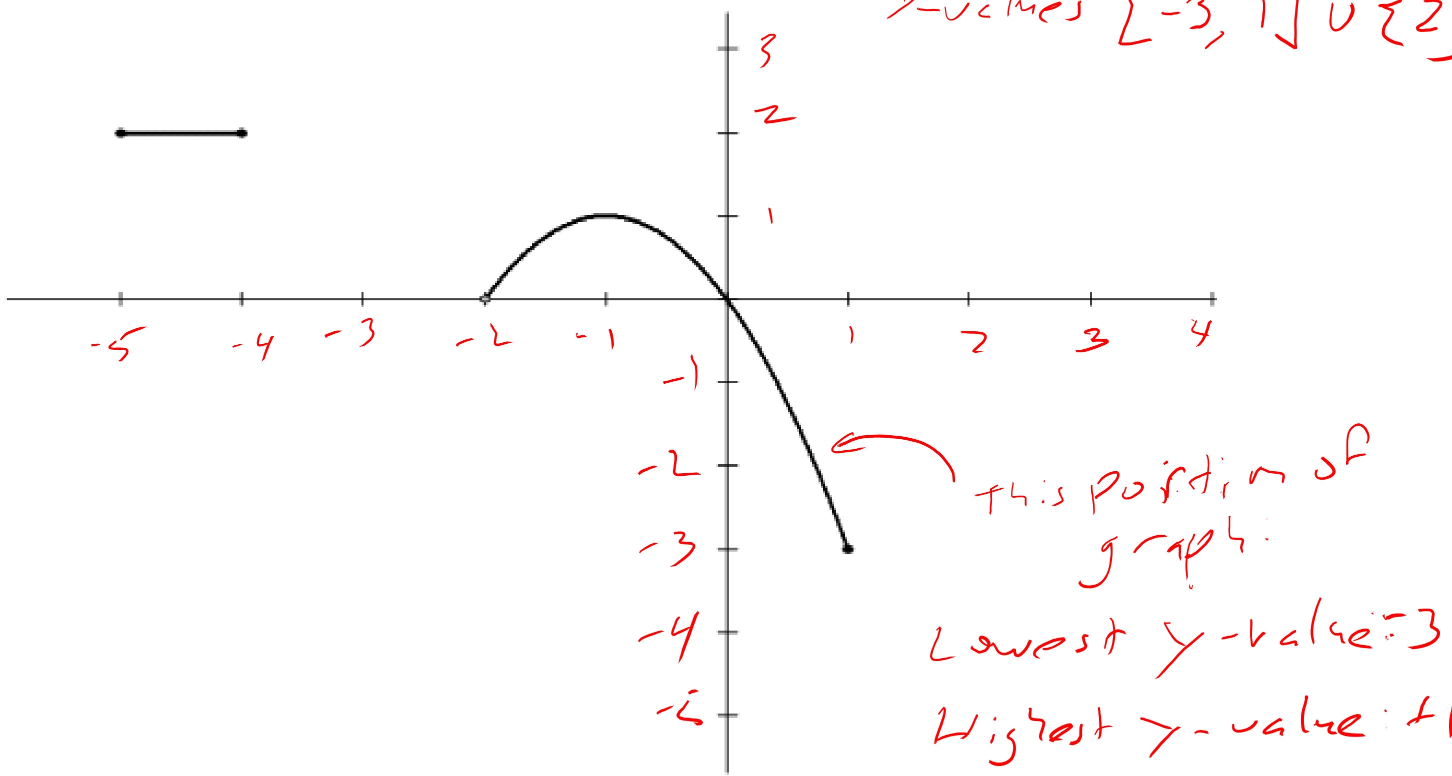
Example 3: Find the domain and range of the function whose graph is shown.

x-values

Domain: [-5, -4] ∪ (-2, 1]

Range: [-3, 1] ∪ [2, 2] or

y-values [-3, 1] ∪ {2}

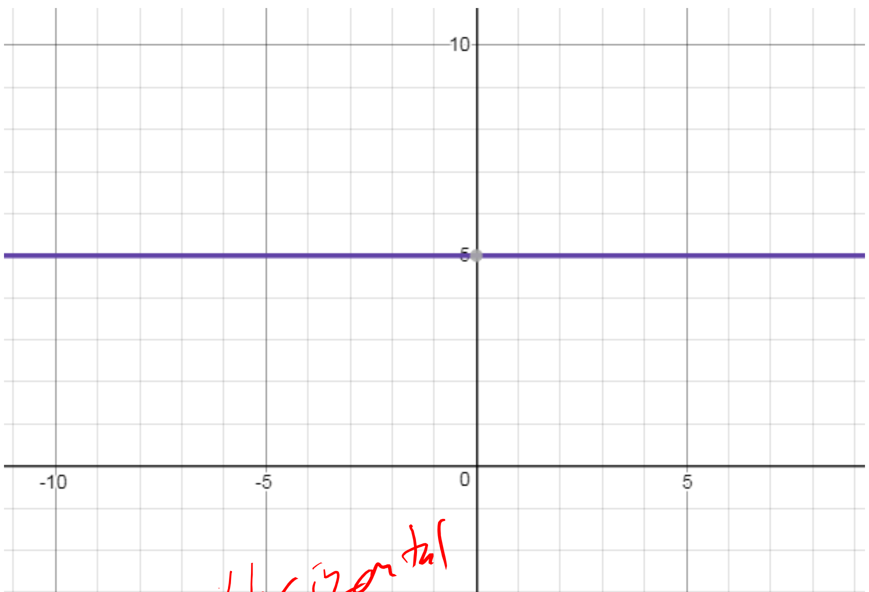


You'll also need to be able to graph functions. For now, you can do so by plotting points. But…
YOU MUST KNOW THESE FUNCTIONS AND GRAPHS

Library of Functions

Constant Function
y = k

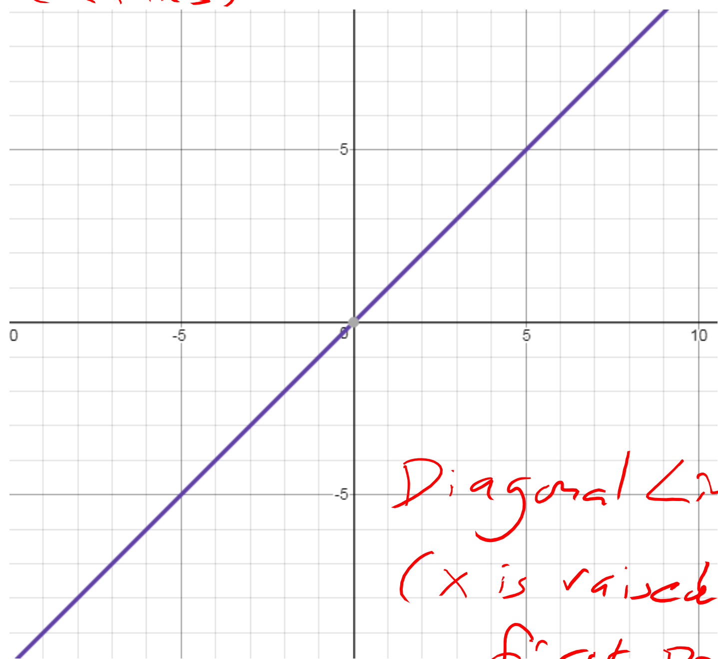
Y = 5



Horizontal Line

Identity Function (Linear)
y = x
(Lines)

Y = 2x+5



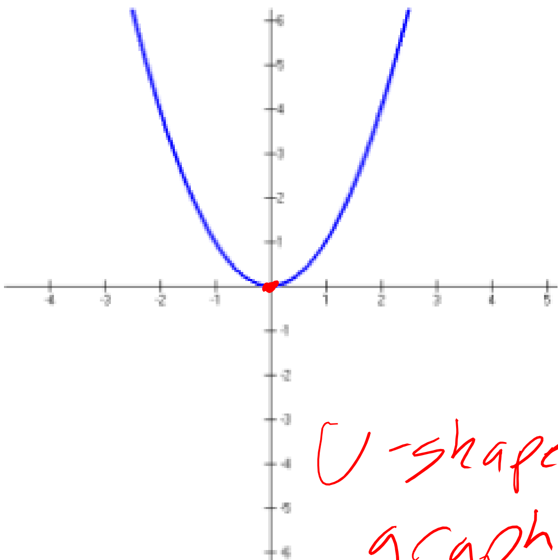
Diagonal Lines
(x is raised to first power)

Key Point: Central point on the graph that is maintained during transformations
(0,0)

Quadratic Function

(highest)
x is raised to a 2.

$f(x) = x^2$



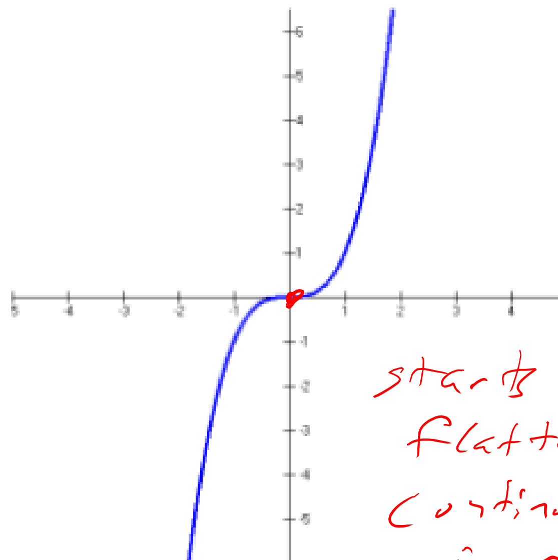
U-shaped graph

$f(x) = 2x^2+5x-1 \rightarrow$ Quadratic

Cubic Function

x raised to 3 as highest exponent.

$f(x) = x^3$

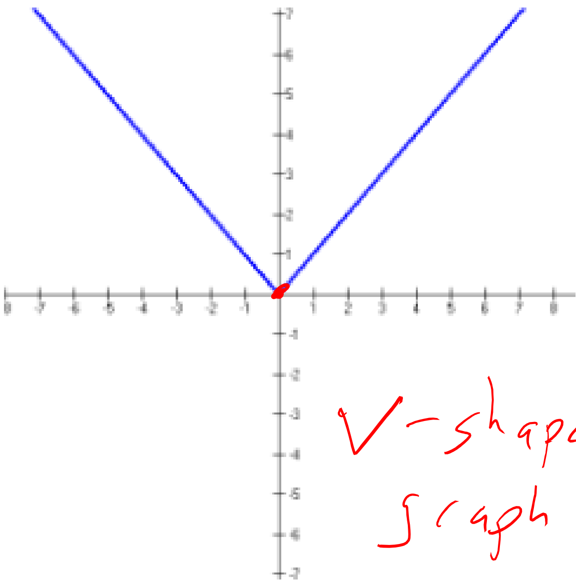


starts low, flattens, continues to increase

Absolute Value Function

$f(x) = |x|$

Absolute value symbols

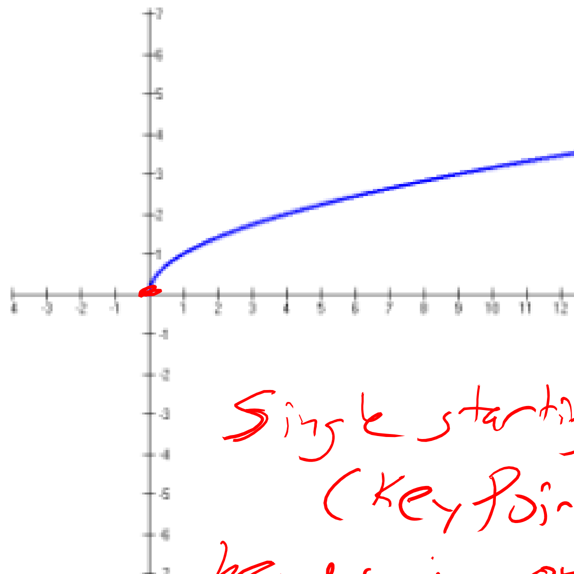


V-shaped graph

Radical Function

$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

square root in the equation.



Single starting point
(key point)
heads in one direction

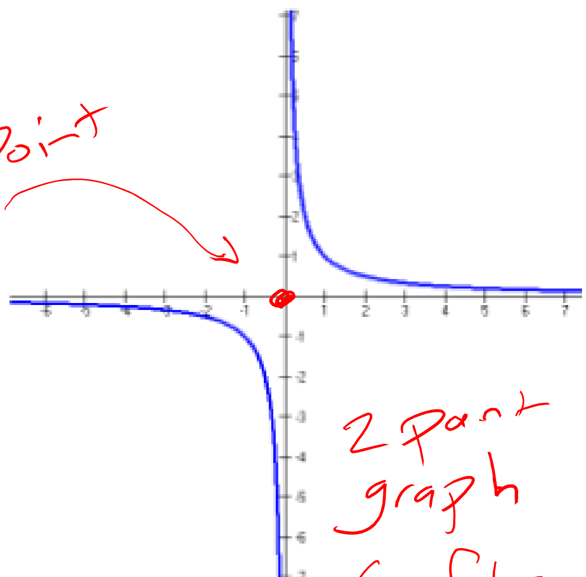
Know all by their ① Graph
② Equation
③ Name

Rational Function

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$

x in the denominator

Key Point

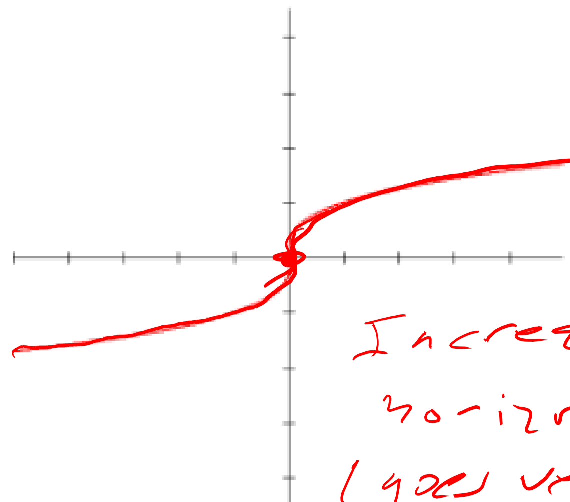


2 part graph (left and right)

Cube Root Function

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$$

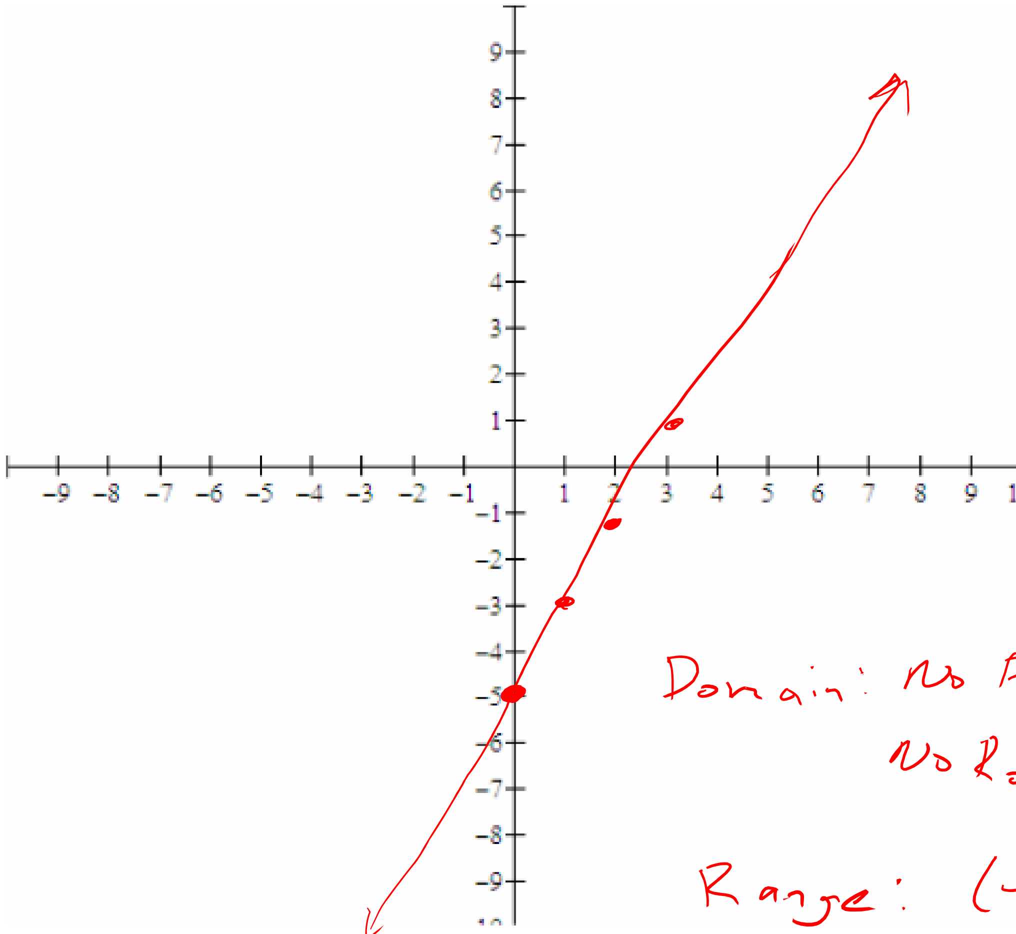
Cube root in the equation.



Increasing horizontally (goes vertical at x=0)

Linear

Example 4: Suppose $f(x) = 2x - 5$. State the domain of the function and graph it.



Linear:
x is raised to the first power

$y = 2x - 5$

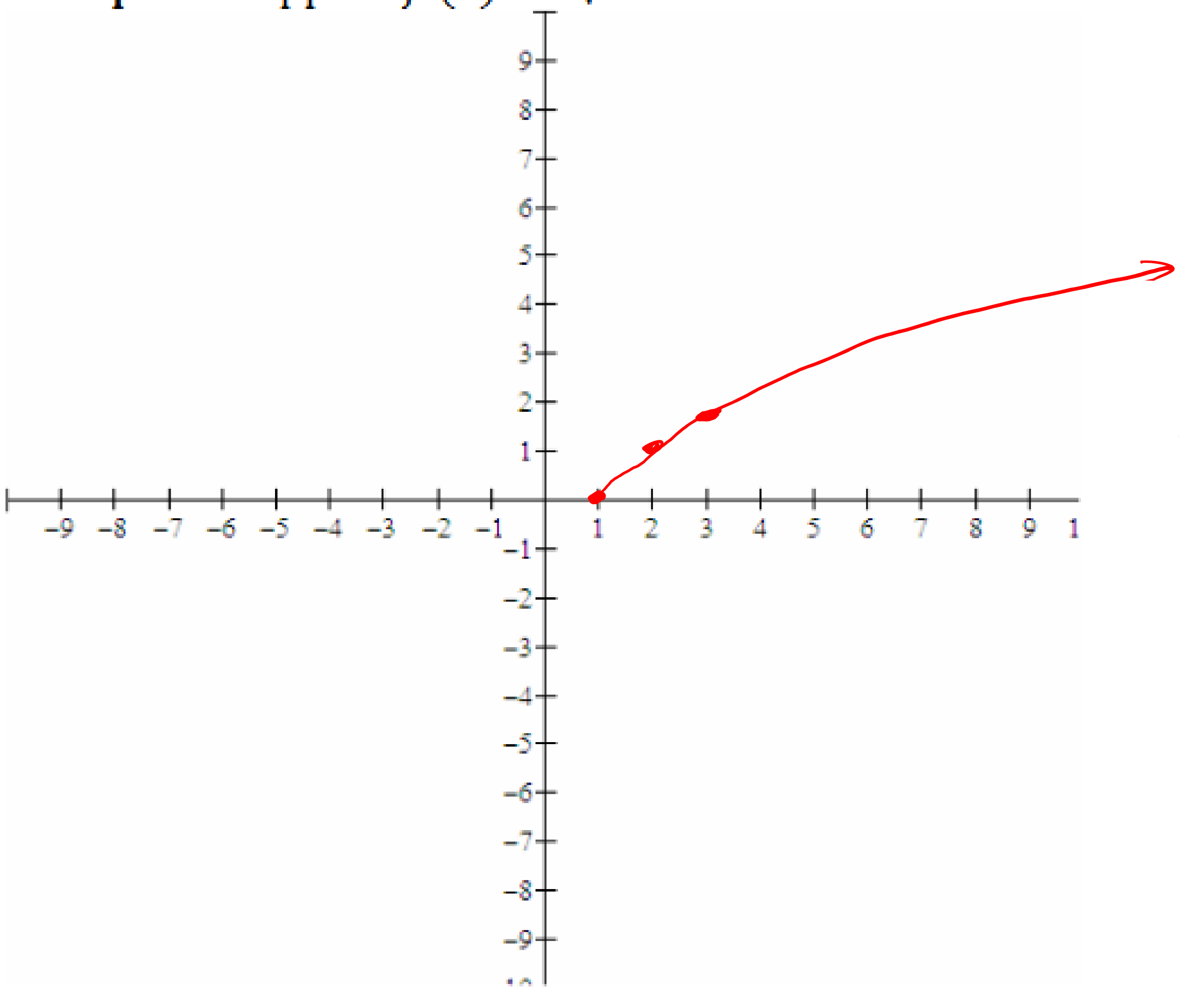
slope: $m = \frac{2}{1}$

y-intercept: $b = -5$

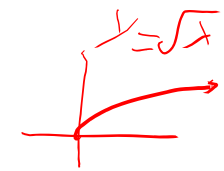
Domain: No Fractions
No Roots
$(-\infty, \infty)$

Range: $(-\infty, \infty)$
↳ From the Graph

Example 6: Suppose $f\,(x) = \sqrt{x-1}$. State the domain of the function and graph it.



Radical Function:



(Parent function)

Domain: $x - 1 \geq 0$

$\quad\quad +1 \quad +1$

$x \geq 1 \rightarrow [1, \infty)$

x	y	
1	$\sqrt{1-1} = \sqrt{0} = 0$	$(1,0)$
2	$\sqrt{2-1} = \sqrt{1} = 1$	$(2,1)$
3	$\sqrt{3-1} = \sqrt{2} \approx 1.4$	$(3,\sqrt{2})$

For $f(x) = \dfrac{5}{2x+4}$ evaluate $f\left(\dfrac{a+1}{a-1}\right)$

$$f\left(\frac{a+1}{a-1}\right) = \frac{5}{2\left(\frac{a+1}{a-1}\right)+4} = \frac{5 \quad (a-1)}{\frac{2a+2}{\cancel{a-1}}\cancel{(a-1)} + 4(a-1)} = \frac{5a-5}{2a+2+4a-4}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{5a-5}{6a-2}}$$

For $g(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$ evaluate $g\left(\frac{5}{b}\right)$

$$g\left(\frac{5}{b}\right) = \left(\frac{5}{b}\right)^2 + \frac{2}{1}\left(\frac{5}{b}\right) - 1$$

(CD: b^2)

$$= \frac{25}{b^2} + \frac{10 \cdot b}{b \cdot b} - \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{b^2}{b^2} = \frac{25}{b^2} + \frac{10b}{b^2} - \frac{b^2}{b^2}$$

$$= \frac{25 + 10b - b^2}{b^2} = \boxed{-\frac{b^2 - 10b - 25}{b^2}}$$

negative is factored out

Popper 10….continued:

constant

$D: (-\infty, \infty)$

Example 8: Let $P(x) = \begin{cases} -3, & x < 2 \\ x^2, & x > 2 \\ 2, & x = 2 \end{cases}$ State the domain of the function and graph it. $\longrightarrow (2,2)$

Quadratic

Find $p(-2)$, $p(2)$ and $p(3)$.

5. P(-2) $= -3$ 5C

$[-2 < 2]: y = -3$

6. P(2) $= 2$ 6A

$[2 = 2]: (2, 2)$

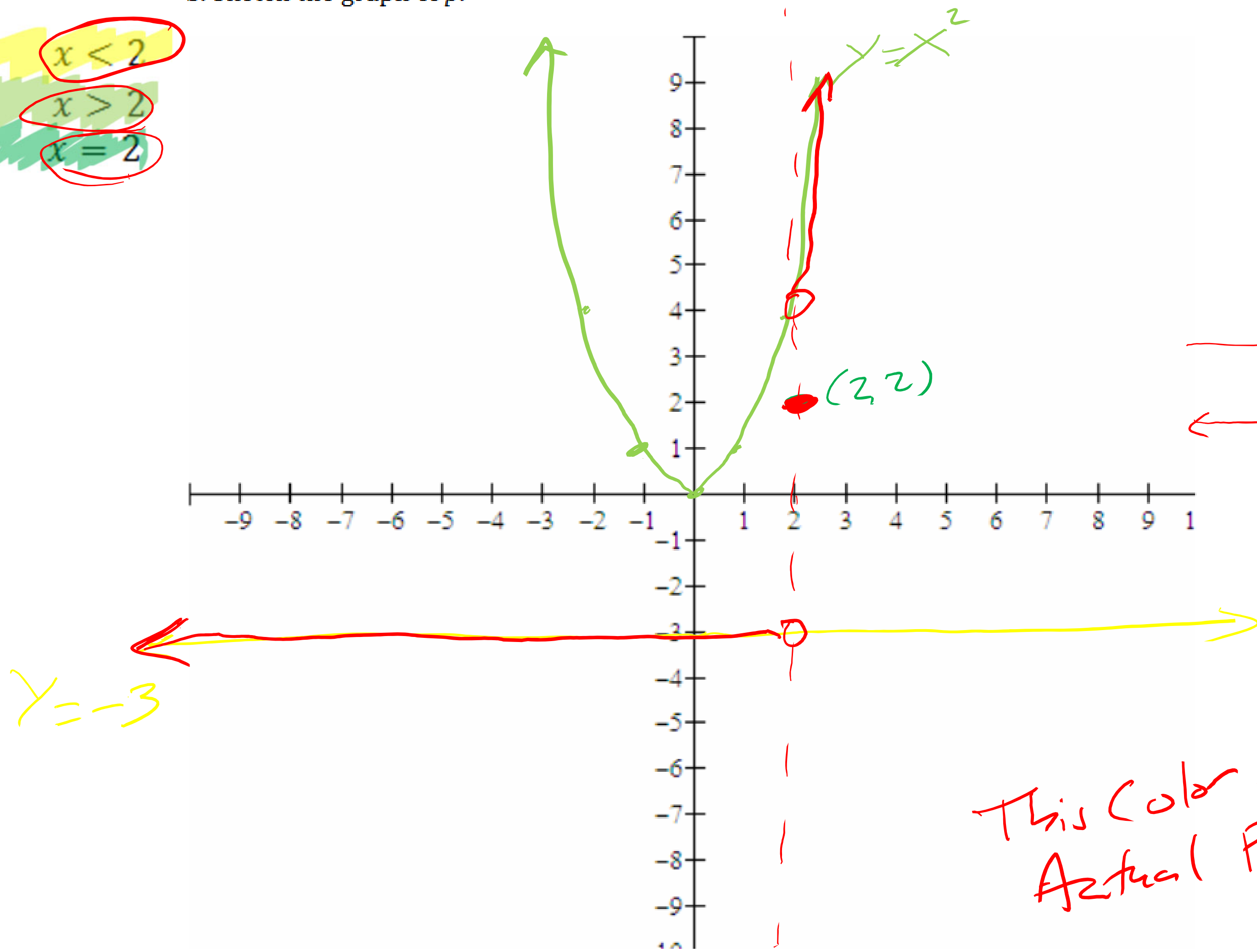
7. P(3) $= 3^2 = 9$ 7D

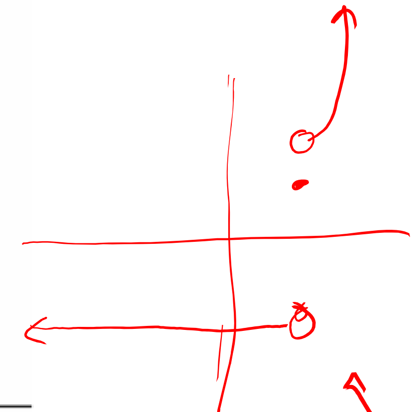
$[3 > 2]: y = x^2$

a. 2
b. 4
c. -3
d. 9

$$P(x) = \begin{cases} -3, & x < 2 \\ x^2, & x > 2 \\ 2, & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

b. Sketch the graph of *p*.





This Color is Actual P(x) Graph

Odd and Even Functions:

Odd Functions have only odd exponents, such as $f(x) = 2x^3 + 8x^1$.

They satisfy the formula: $f(-x) = -f(x)$

They are symmetric about the origin.

If they contain the point (a, b) they also contain (-a, -b).

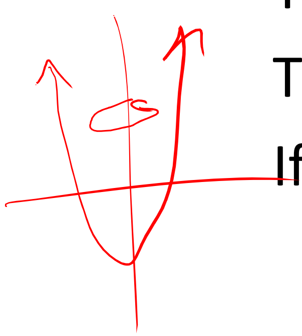
$x=2$ $f(2)=2(2)^3+8(2)$
$2(8)+16$
$16+16=32$
$f(-2)=2(-2)^3+8(-2)$
$2(-8)+8(-2)=-32$

(2, 32) (-2, -32)

Constants → Even Exponents

Even Functions only have even exponents, such as $g(x) = 3x^4 + 2x^2 + 5$.

$5 \rightarrow 5x^0$



They satisfy the formula: $g(-x) = g(x)$

They are symmetric about the y-axis.

If they contain the point (a, b), they also contain (-a, b).

$x=2$ $g(2)=3(2)^4+2(2)^2+5$
$3(16)+2(4)+5$
$48+8+5=61$

$g(-2)=3(-2)^4+2(-2)^2+5$
$3(16)+2(4)+5$
$48+8+5=61$

(2, 61)

(-2, 61)

An even function contains the point (-5, -2).

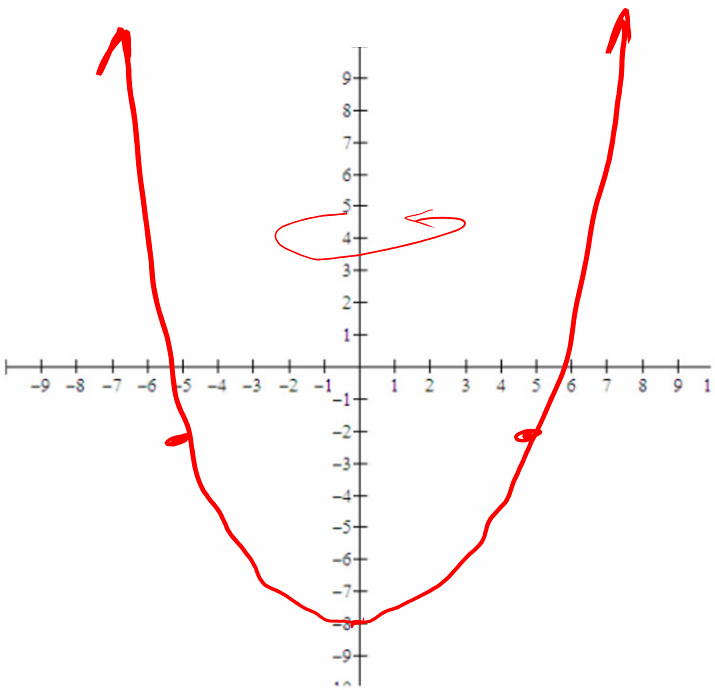
What point must it also contain?

$(-5, -2) \to (a, b)$

$(5, -2) \to (-a, b)$

(change x-sign, keep y-sign)

What is a possible graph of the function?



Anything with y-axis symmetry.

Popper 11

The following function passes through the point (8, -11).

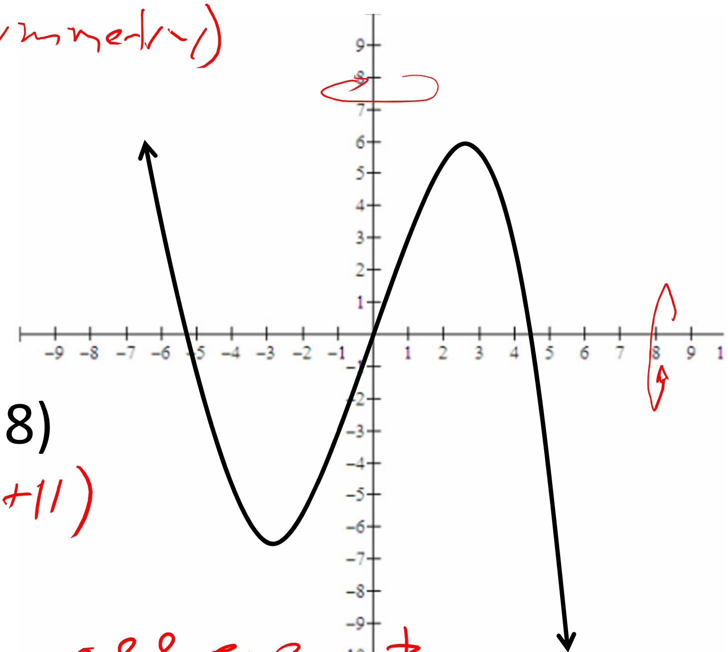
1. Is the function even or odd? (origin symmetry)

a. even b. odd c. neither

2. Why? How?

a. symmetry on y-axis b. symmetry on x-axis

c. symmetry on origin d. it's got arrows



3. What other point must it contain?

a. (-8, -11) b. (-8, 11) c. (8, 11) d. (-11, 8)

Negate x and y $(8,-11) \to (-8,+11)$

4. What is a possible equation?

(assume all letters represent constants) only odd exponents

~~a.~~ $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

c. $h(x) = ax^3 + bx^1$

b. ~~g(x)~~ $= ax^2 + b$

~~d.~~ $j(x) = ax^2 + bx$

5. (Again) Why? How?

a. a, b, c, and d are letters

b. x is also a letter

c. don't get me started on f, g, h, j

d. exponents

Determine the value of the difference quotient for $\boxed{f(x) = -4x + 5}$

The difference quotient is: (Not Memorize)

$$\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

① $f(x+h) = -4(x+h) + 5 = \underline{-4x - 4h + 5}$

② $\underline{f(x+h)} - f(x) = \cancel{-4x} - 4h \cancel{+5} \cancel{+4x} \cancel{-5} = -4h$

↳ change all signs of f(x)

③ $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{-4\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}} = \boxed{-4}$

should always cancel

Check #1: only terms with h will remain.

Check #2: −f(x) will cancel completely

Determine the value of the difference quotient for f(x) = 2x² + 3x – 1

$(x+h)^2$

$(x+h)(x+h)$

$x^2+xh+xh+h^2$

$x^2+2xh+h^2$

The difference quotient is:

$$\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h}$$

$f(x+h) = 2(x+h)^2 + 3(x+h) - 1 = 2(x^2+2xh+h^2) + 3(x+h) - 1$

$= 2x^2 + 4xh + 2h^2 + 3x + 3h - 1$

$f(x+h) - f(x) = \underbrace{\cancel{2x^2} + 4xh + 2h^2 \cancel{+3x} + 3h \cancel{-1}}_{f(x+h)} \underbrace{\cancel{-2x^2} \cancel{-3x} \cancel{+1}}_{-f(x)} =$

$4xh + 2h^2 + 3h$

$$\frac{f(x+h)-f(x)}{h} = \frac{4xh+2h^2+3h}{h} = \frac{4x\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}} + \frac{2h\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}} + \frac{3\cancel{h}}{\cancel{h}} = \boxed{4x+2h+3}$$