

5a. (8 points) Factoring, the second fraction equals $\frac{3}{(x+3)(2x+3)}$. Get a common denominator to add the fractions:

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{3}{(x+3)(2x+3)} &= \frac{2x+3}{2x+3} \cdot \frac{1}{x+3} + \frac{3}{(x+3)(2x+3)} = \frac{2x+3+3}{(x+3)(2x+3)} \\ &= \frac{2x+6}{(x+3)(2x+3)} = \frac{2(x+3)}{(x+3)(2x+3)} = \frac{2}{2x+3}.\end{aligned}$$

5b. (11 points) It's easiest to expand $(1-x)^3$ and $(1+x)^3$ by using Pascal's triangle. Because its third row is 1 3 3 1,

$$\begin{aligned}(1+x)^3 &= 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 \\ (1-x)^3 &= 1 - 3x + 3x^2 - x^3\end{aligned}$$

and so

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{(1-x)^3 - (1+x)^3}{x} &= \frac{(1-3x+3x^2-x^3) - (1+3x+3x^2+x^3)}{x} \\ &= \frac{1-3x+3x^2-x^3-1-3x-3x^2-x^3}{x} \\ &= \frac{-6x-2x^3}{x} = \frac{x(-6-2x^2)}{x} = -6-2x^2\end{aligned}$$

5c. (5 points) $\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}-4}{x-16}\right)\left(\frac{\sqrt{x}+4}{\sqrt{x}+4}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2}-4^2}{(x-16)(\sqrt{x}+4)} = \frac{x-16}{(x-16)(\sqrt{x}+4)} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+4}$.

6.(Source: 2.1.15, 2.6.6, 2.6.more2k)

6a. (2 points) We can divide by any number except zero, so the domain of $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+2}$ is all x except -2 . In interval notation, that's $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$.

6b. (6 points) $(f \div g)(x) = \frac{\frac{x}{x+2}}{\frac{x}{x-2}}$ is defined as long as none of the three denominators $x+2$, $x-2$, and $\frac{x}{x-2}$ is zero. Remember that for a fraction to equal zero its numerator must equal zero. So the domain is all x except 0 and ± 2 . In interval notation, $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$.

Now that we've found its domain, it's safe to simplify: $\frac{\frac{x}{x+2}}{\frac{x}{x-2}} = \frac{x}{x+2} \cdot \frac{x-2}{x} = \frac{x-2}{x+2}$

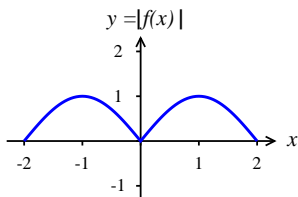
6c. (8 points) For $(f \circ g)(x) = \frac{g(x)}{g(x)+2} = \frac{\frac{x}{x-2}}{\frac{x}{x-2}+2}$ to be defined, we need the two denominators $x-2$ and $\frac{x}{x-2} + 2 = \frac{x+2(x-2)}{x-2} = \frac{3x-4}{x-2}$ to be nonzero. The domain is all x except 2 and $4/3$. In interval form, $(-\infty, 4/3) \cup (4/3, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$.

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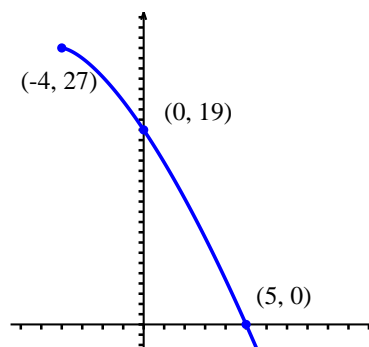
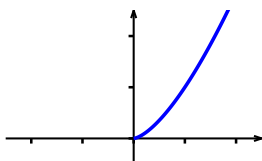
$$\frac{\frac{x}{x-2}}{\frac{x}{x-2}+2} = \frac{\frac{x}{x-2}}{\frac{3x-4}{x-2}} = \frac{x}{x-2} \times \frac{x-2}{3x-4} = \frac{x}{3x-4}$$

7.(Source: 2.2.12, 14) A function is even (odd) if its graph is symmetric across the y -axis (origin). a. Odd. b. Even. c. Even. d. Neither.

8.(Source: 2.5.25-30) The graph of $|f(x)|$ is obtained by reflecting the part of the graph of $f(x)$ that lies below the x -axis across that axis:



9.(Source: 2.2.more.1o) Start with the graph of $y = x^{3/2} = (\sqrt{x})^3$. This looks roughly like $y = x^2$ is quadrant 1. \sqrt{x} is defined only for nonnegative x -values, so the entire graph is in quadrant 1.



a. (2 points) $y = x^{3/2}$

b. (9 points) $y = -(x + 4)^{3/2} + 27$

To obtain the graph of $y = -(x + 4)^{3/2} + 27$, reflect $y = x^{3/2}$ across the x -axis, and shift the result up 27 and to the left 4. See the graph above. To illustrate this shift, it's helpful to label $(-4, 27)$ as the new "vertex."

Set $x = 0$ and calculate $y = -4^{3/2} + 27 = -\sqrt{4^3} + 27 = -8 + 27 = 19$. Therefore the y -intercept is $(0, 19)$.

Now set $y = 0$ solve for x .

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= -(x + 4)^{3/2} + 27 \\ (x + 4)^{3/2} &=^* 27 \\ (x + 4)^{1/2} &= 27^{1/3} = 3 \\ (x + 4) &= 3^2 = 9 \\ x &= 9 - 4 = 5. \end{aligned}$$

so the x -intercept is $(5, 0)$.

Avoid large numbers. After the step marked *, I took the cube root and then squared. If you squared before taking the cube root, you were left having to calculate $\sqrt[3]{729}$.