

Section 2.3 Analyzing Graphs of Functions

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to analyze graphs of functions, including linear, step, and piecewise-defined functions.

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Graph of a function

Greatest integer function

Step function

Even function

Odd function

I. The Graph of a Function (Pages 201–202)

To find the domain of a function from its graph, . . .

What you should learn

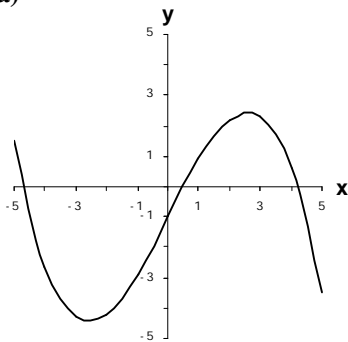
How to use the Vertical Line Test for functions

To find the range of a function from its graph, . . .

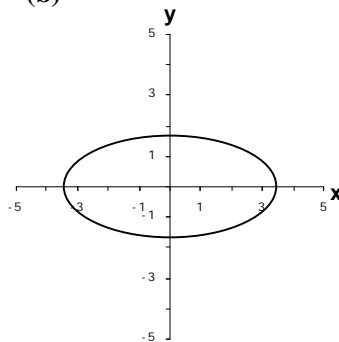
The **Vertical Line Test** for functions states . . .

Example 1: Decide whether each graph represents y as a function of x .

(a)



(b)



II. Zeros of a Function (Page 203)

If the graph of a function of x has an x -intercept at $(a, 0)$, then a is a _____ of the function.

The **zeros of a function** f of x are . . .

To find the zeros of a function, . . .

Example 2: Find the zeros of the function

$$f(x) = 4x^2 + 19x - 5.$$

What you should learn
How to find the zeros of functions

III. Increasing and Decreasing Functions (Pages 204–205)

A function f is **increasing** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function f is **decreasing** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function f is **constant** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function value $f(a)$ is called a **relative minimum** of f if . . .

A function value $f(a)$ is called a **relative maximum** of f if . . .

The point at which a function changes from increasing to decreasing is a relative _____. The point at which a function changes from decreasing to increasing is a relative _____.

What you should learn
How to determine intervals on which functions are increasing or decreasing

To approximate the relative minimum or maximum of a function using a graphing utility, . . .

IV. Linear Functions (Page 206)

A **linear function** of x is . . .

What you should learn
How to identify and graph linear functions

To sketch the graph of the linear function $f(x) = 3x - 5$, . . .

Example 3: Find the linear function g for which $g(-2) = 4$ and $g(0) = 2$.

V. Step Functions and Piecewise-Defined Functions (Page 207)

Describe the graph of the greatest integer function.

What you should learn
How to identify and graph step functions and other piecewise-defined functions

Example 4: Let $f(x) = \llbracket x \rrbracket$, the greatest integer function. Find $f(3.74)$.

To sketch the graph of a piecewise-defined function, . . .

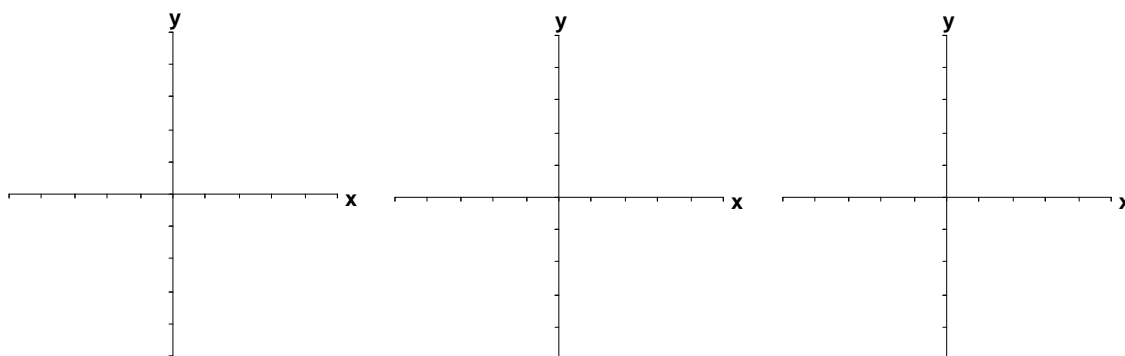
VI. Even and Odd Functions (Page 208)

A function whose graph is symmetric with respect to the y -axis is a(n) _____ function. A function whose graph is symmetric with respect to the origin is a(n) _____ function.

What you should learn
How to identify even and odd functions

Can the graph of a nonzero function be symmetric with respect to the x -axis?

Example 5: Decide whether the function $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x + 1$ is even, odd, or neither.

Additional notes**Homework Assignment**

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Exercises