

# Practice Midterm 1

Math 3C: Precalculus

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Midterm: Thursday October 24 at 8:00 PM in Ledden Auditorium.

**Bring your student ID.** Do NOT bring a calculator or any formula sheets.

**Problem 1** Consider two quantities,  $u$  and  $v$ , which are related to each other with the following table:

<b>x</b>	4	-2	0	1	6	7	3
<b>f(x)</b>	4	2	3	6	8	4	2

<b>x</b>	2	6	4	1	8	0	3
<b>g(x)</b>	3	2	5	6	-1	4	1

Determine the following:

(a) What is  $f(g(0))$ ?

$$g(0) = 4$$

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(b) What is  $g(f(0))$ ?

$$f(0) = 3$$

$$g(f(0)) = g(3) = \underline{\underline{1}}$$

(c) What is  $f(f(1))$ ?

$$f(1) = 6$$

$$f(f(1)) = f(6) = \underline{\underline{8}}$$

(d) What is  $f(g^{-1}(1))$ ?

$$g(3) = 1, \text{ so } g^{-1}(1) = 3.$$

$$\text{Hence } f(g^{-1}(1)) = f(3) = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

**Problem 2** Determine where the lines described by  $a(x) = \frac{3}{4}x - 2$  and  $b(x) = \frac{-5}{4}x + 4$  intersect and write your answer as a coordinate pair. Are these two lines perpendicular?

$$a(x) = b(x)$$

$$\frac{3}{4}x - 2 = \frac{-5}{4}x + 4$$

$$\frac{3}{4}x = \frac{-5}{4}x + 6$$

$$\frac{3}{4}x + \frac{5}{4}x = 6$$

$$\frac{8}{4}x = 6$$

$$2x = 6$$

$$x = 3$$

$$a(3) = \frac{3}{4} \cdot 3 - 2 = \frac{9}{4} - \frac{8}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Intersects at  $(3, \frac{1}{4})$

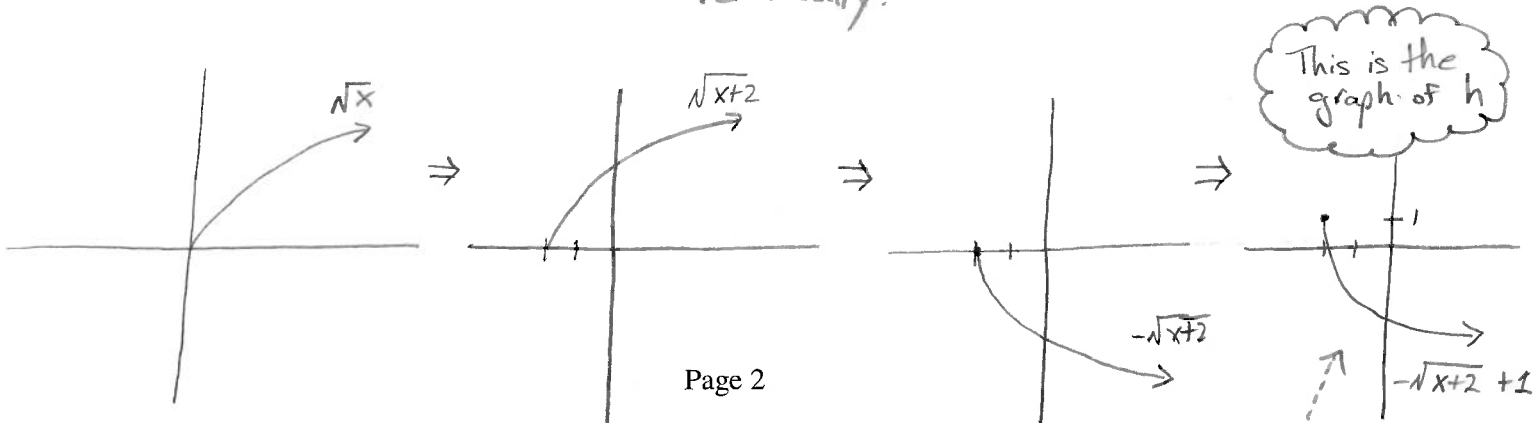
Slope of  $a = \frac{3}{4}$ , slope of  $b = \frac{-5}{4}$ .

$\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{-5}{4} = \frac{-15}{16} \neq -1$ , so lines are not perpendicular

**Problem 3** What is the range of  $h(x) = -\sqrt{x+2} + 1$ ? Write your answer in inequality notation.

Range of  $h(x)$  is the set of all possible outputs of  $h(x)$ .

$h(x) = -\sqrt{x+2} + 1$  is like  $\sqrt{x}$ , but it is shifted horizontally, reflected, and shifted vertically.



The outputs are all less than or equal to  $-1$ , so range is all  $x \leq -1$

I didn't intend for this problem to be quite so hard. You should understand the idea, but midterm won't be as messy

(d) What is the domain of  $(h \circ g)(s)$ ? Write your answer in inequality or interval notation.

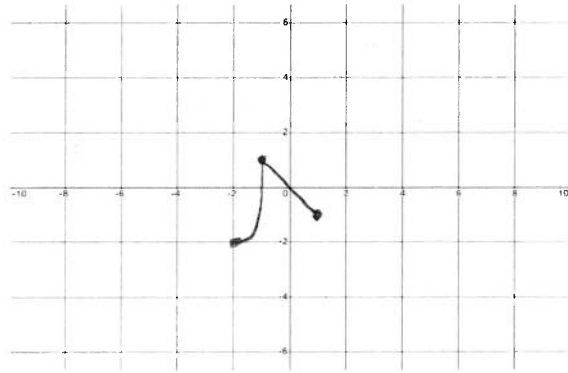
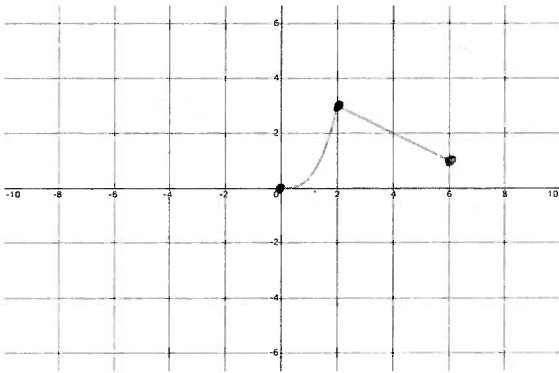
The domain of  $h \circ g$  is the intersection of the domain of  $g$  and the domain of the formula in (c), which is:  $\frac{|2s+1|}{s}$ .

Domain of this is all  $s \neq 0$ , or  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

Domain of  $g$  is  $[-1, \infty)$

Intersection of these:  $[-1, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

**Problem 5** Consider the graph of  $r(k)$  below. Sketch the graph of  $r(2k+4) - 2$ .



$$r(2k+4) - 2$$

Left shift by 4  
H. Compression by  $\frac{1}{2}$   
Shift down by 2

Left Shift      Horiz Compress      Down Shift

$(0, 0) \rightarrow (-4, 0) \rightarrow (-2, 0) \rightarrow (-2, -2)$

$(2, 3) \rightarrow (-2, 3) \rightarrow (-1, 3) \rightarrow (-1, 1)$

$(6, 1) \rightarrow (2, 1) \rightarrow (1, 1) \rightarrow (1, -1)$

**Problem 4** Let  $h(s) = \frac{|2s^2-1|}{s^2-1}$  and  $g(s) = \sqrt{s+1}$ .

(a) What is the domain of  $h(s)$ ? Write your answer in inequality or interval notation.

Domain is the set of all possible inputs to  $h(s)$ .

Can't divide by 0, so  $s^2-1 \neq 0$ . This means  $s^2 \neq 1$ , which means  $s \neq 1$  and  $s \neq -1$ .

Interval notation:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Inequality:  $s < -1$  or  $-1 < s < 1$  or  $s > 1$

(b) What is the domain of  $g(s)$ ? Write your answer in inequality or interval notation.

All possible inputs to  $g(s)$ . Can't take the square root of a negative number, so  $s+1$  must be greater than or equal to  $-1$ .

Interval:  $[-1, \infty)$

Inequality:  $s \geq -1$

(c) Determine a formula for  $(h \circ g)(s)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (h \circ g)(s) &= h(g(s)) = h(\sqrt{s+1}) \\ &= \frac{|2(\sqrt{s+1})^2 - 1|}{(\sqrt{s+1})^2 - 1} \\ &= \frac{|2(s+1) - 1|}{(s+1) - 1} \\ &= \frac{|2s+2-1|}{s} \\ &= \frac{|2s+1|}{s} \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 6** Is  $f(t) = \frac{3}{t^2-1}$  a one-to-one function? Why or why not?

No, because  $f(2) = \frac{3}{2^2-1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$   
 and  $f(-2) = \frac{3}{(-2)^2-1} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$  ↑

So this function has an output with more than one corresponding input, which makes it not one-to-one.

**Problem 7** Solve the inequality  $|3x + 8| < 4$  for  $x$ . Write your answer in inequality and interval notation.

Solve equality first:  $|3x + 8| = 4$

Two Cases:

$$3x + 8 = 4$$

$$3x = -4$$

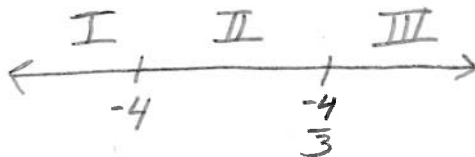
$$x = -\frac{4}{3}$$

$$-(3x + 8) = 4$$

$$-3x - 8 = 4$$

$$-3x = 12$$

$$x = -4$$

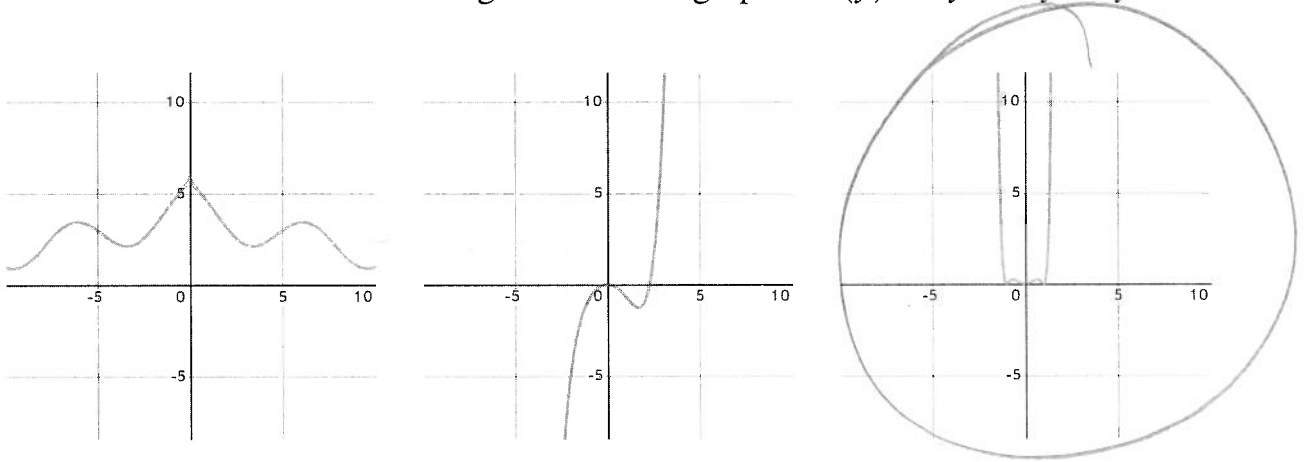


Point Test:  $x = -5$ .  $|3 \cdot (-5) + 8| = |-15 + 8| = |-7| = 7 \leftarrow \text{not } < 4 \quad \times$   
 $x = -3$ .  $|3 \cdot (-3) + 8| = |-9 + 8| = |-1| = 1 \leftarrow \text{yes } < 4 \quad \checkmark$   
 $x = 0$ .  $|3 \cdot 0 + 8| = |8| = 8 \leftarrow \text{not } < 4 \quad \times$

So only region II passes the point test. Since the question was a strict inequality  $<$ , endpoints are not included.

$$\boxed{(-4, -\frac{4}{3})} \quad \boxed{-4 < x < -\frac{4}{3}}$$

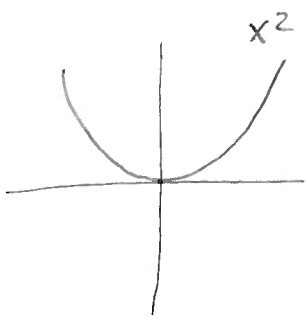
**Problem 8** Which of the following could be the graph of  $r(y) = 2y^8 - 3y^6 + y^2$ ?



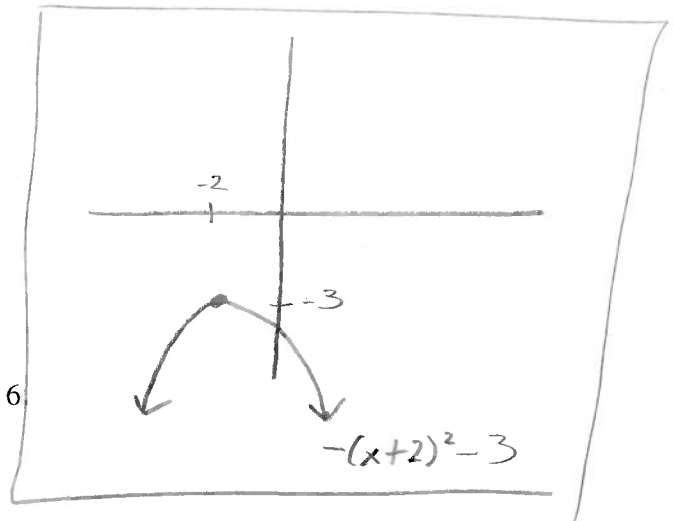
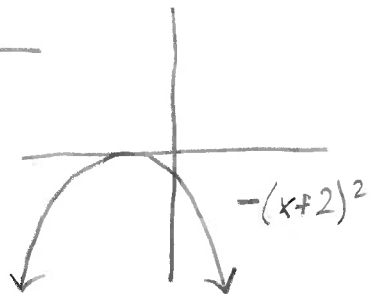
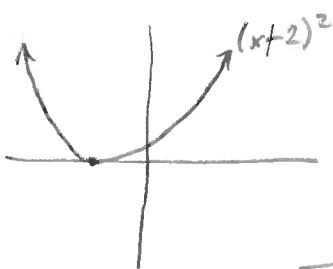
**Problem 9** Let  $f(x) = -(x + 2)^2 - 3$

(a) Sketch  $f(x)$

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This is like  $f(x) = x^2$ , shifted left by 2, shifted down by 3, and vertically reflected



When combining vertical transformation, we do reflections before shifts



(b) Describe the region where  $f$  is non-decreasing using inequality notation

Non-decreasing from  $-\infty$  to  $-2$  (inclusive)

That is, all  $x \leq -2$

(c) Restricting the domain of  $f$  to the region in part (b), determine the formula for  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$f(x) = -(x+2)^2 - 3$$

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

Solve for  $x$ :  $y + 3 = -(x+2)^2$

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

$$\pm \sqrt{-y-3} = x+2$$

$$\pm \sqrt{-y-3} - 2 = x$$

Now, since we restrict  $x$  to be  $x \leq -2$ , we exclude the case where  $\sqrt{-y-3} - 2 = x$ , since this could make  $x > -2$ .

→ Hence  $-\sqrt{-y-3} - 2 = x$

or  $f^{-1}(y) = -\sqrt{-y-3} - 2$

