

## Check Your Understanding 0.1

- Is the point  $(3, 12)$  on the graph of the function  $g(x) = x^2 + 5x - 10$ ?
- Sketch the graph of the function  $h(t) = t^2 - 2$ .

## EXERCISES 0.1

Draw the following intervals on the number line.

- $[-1, 4]^*$
- $(4, 3\pi)^*$
- $[-2, \sqrt{2}]^*$
- $[1, \frac{3}{2}]^*$
- $(-\infty, 3)^*$
- $(4, \infty)^*$

Use intervals to describe the real numbers satisfying the inequalities in Exercises 7–12.

- $2 \leq x < 3$   $[2, 3)$
- $-1 < x < \frac{3}{2}$   $(-1, 3/2)$
- $x < 0$  and  $x \geq -1$   $[-1, 0)$
- $x \geq -1$  and  $x < 8$   $[-1, 8)$
- $x < 3$   $(-\infty, 3)$
- $x \geq \sqrt{2}$   $[\sqrt{2}, \infty)$
- If  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x$ , find  $f(0)$ ,  $f(5)$ ,  $f(3)$ , and  $f(-7)$ .  $0, 10, 0, 70$
- If  $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - x - 1$ , find  $f(1)$ ,  $f(-1)$ ,  $f(\frac{1}{2})$ , and  $f(a)$ .
- If  $g(t) = t^3 - 3t^2 + t$ , find  $g(2)$ ,  $g(-\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $g(\frac{2}{3})$ , and  $g(a)$ .
- If  $h(s) = s/(1+s)$ , find  $h(\frac{1}{2})$ ,  $h(-\frac{3}{2})$ , and  $h(a+1)$ .  $\frac{1}{3}, 3, \frac{a+1}{a+2}$
- If  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x$ , find  $f(a+1)$  and  $f(a+2)$ .  $a^2 - 1, a^2 + 2a$
- If  $f(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$ , find  $f(a-1)$  and  $f(a-2)$ .

**19. Computer Sales** An office supply firm finds that the number of laptop computers sold in year  $x$  is given approximately by the function  $f(x) = 150 + 2x + x^2$ , where  $x = 0$  corresponds to 2010.

- What does  $f(0)$  represent? *Sales in 2010*
- Find the number of laptops sold in 2016.  $f(6) = 198$

**20. Response of a Muscle** When a solution of acetylcholine is introduced into the heart muscle of a frog, it diminishes

the force with which the muscle contracts. The data from experiments of the biologist A. J. Clark are closely approximated by a function of the form

$$R(x) = \frac{100x}{b+x}, \quad x \geq 0,$$

where  $x$  is the concentration of acetylcholine (in appropriate units),  $b$  is a positive constant that depends on the particular frog, and  $R(x)$  is the response of the muscle to the acetylcholine, expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible effect of the drug.

- Suppose that  $b = 20$ . Find the response of the muscle when  $x = 60$ .  $R(60) = 75$
- Determine the value of  $b$  if  $R(50) = 60$ , that is, if a concentration of  $x = 50$  units produces a 60% response.  $b = 100/3$

In Exercises 21–28, describe the domain of the function.

- $f(x) = \frac{8x}{(x-1)(x-2)}$   $x \neq 1, 2$
- $f(t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t}}$   $t > 0$   $(0, \infty)$
- $g(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3-x}}$   $x < 3$
- $g(x) = \frac{4}{x(x+2)}$
- $f(x) = \frac{3x-5}{x^2+x-6}$   $x \neq -3, 2$
- $f(x) = \frac{1}{3x^2+1}$  All  $x$
- $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+7} + \sqrt{x}$   $x \geq 0$
- $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{2x+1}}{\sqrt{1-x}}$   $*$

\* indicates answers that are in the back of the book. 14.  $0, 0, -9/8, a^3 + a^2 - a - 1$  15.  $g(2) = -2, g(-1/2) = -11/8, g(2/3) = -10/27 = -.37037, g(a) = a^3 - 3a^2 + a$  18.  $f(a-1) = a^2 + 2a, f(a-2) = a^2 - 1$  24.  $x \neq 0, x \neq -2$   $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

## Check Your Understanding 0.3

1. Let  $f(x) = x^5$ ,  $g(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x - 8$ .  
 (a) Find  $f(g(x))$ . (b) Find  $g(f(x))$ .

2. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Calculate  $\frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h}$  and simplify.

## EXERCISES 0.3

Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 1$ ,  $g(x) = 9x$ , and  $h(x) = 5 - 2x^2$ .  
 Calculate the following functions.

1.  $f(x) + g(x)$   $x^2 + 9x + 1$     2.  $f(x) - h(x)$   $3x^2 - 4$   
 3.  $f(x)g(x)$   $9x^3 + 9x$     4.  $g(x)h(x)$   $45x - 18x^3$   
 5.  $\frac{f(t)}{g(t)}$   $\frac{t^2 + 1}{9t}$     6.  $\frac{g(t)}{h(t)}$   $\frac{9t}{5 - 2t^2}$

In Exercises 7–12, express  $f(x) + g(x)$  as a rational function.  
 Carry out all multiplications.

7.  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-3}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x+2} \frac{3x+1}{x^2-x-6}$   
 8.  $f(x) = \frac{3}{x-6}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{-2}{x-2} \frac{x+6}{x^2-8x+12}$   
 9.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-8}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{-x}{x-4} \frac{4x}{x^2-12x+32}$   
 10.  $f(x) = \frac{-x}{x+3}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+5} \frac{-2x}{x^2+8x+15}$   
 11.  $f(x) = \frac{x+5}{x-10}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+10} \frac{2x^2+5x+50}{x^2-100}$   
 12.  $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x-6}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x-6}{x+6} \frac{2x^2+72}{x^2-36}$

Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-2}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{5-x}{5+x}$ , and  $h(x) = \frac{x+1}{3x-1}$ .

Express the following as rational functions.

13.  $f(x) - g(x)$     14.  $f(t) - h(t)$   $\frac{2t^2+2}{3t^2-7t+2}$   
 15.  $f(x)g(x)$   $\frac{-x^2+5x}{x^2+3x-10}$     16.  $g(x)h(x)$   $\frac{-x^2+4x+5}{3x^2+14x-5}$   
 17.  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$   $\frac{x^2+5x}{-x^2+7x-10}$     18.  $\frac{h(s)}{f(s)}$   $\frac{s^2-s-2}{3s^2-s}$   
 19.  $f(x+1)g(x+1)$     20.  $f(x+2) + g(x+2)$   $\frac{12x+14}{x^2+7x}$   
 21.  $\frac{g(x+5)}{f(x+5)}$   $\frac{-x^2-3x}{x^2+15x+50}$     22.  $f\left(\frac{1}{t}\right)$   $\frac{1}{-2t+1}$   
 23.  $g\left(\frac{1}{u}\right)$   $\frac{5u-1}{5u+1}$ ,  $u \neq 0$     24.  $h\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$   $\frac{1+x^2}{3-x^2}$

Let  $f(x) = x^6$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$ , and  $h(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 1$ .

Calculate the following functions.

25.  $f(g(x))$     26.  $h(f(t))$   $t^{18} - 5t^{12} + 1$   
 27.  $h(g(x))$   $\frac{t^3 - 5t^2 + 1}{-t^3 + 5t^2}$     28.  $g(f(x))$   $\frac{x^6}{1-x^6}$   
 29.  $g(h(t))$   $\frac{t^3 - 5t^2 + 1}{-t^3 + 5t^2}$     30.  $f(h(x))$   $(x^3 - 5x^2 + 1)^6$   
 31. If  $f(x) = x^2$ , find  $f(x+h) - f(x)$  and simplify.  $2xh + h^2$   
 32. If  $f(x) = 1/x$ , find  $f(x+h) - f(x)$  and simplify.  $\frac{-h}{x(x+h)}$   
 33. If  $g(t) = 4t - t^2$ , find  $\frac{g(t+h) - g(t)}{h}$  and simplify.  $4 - 2t - h$   
 34. If  $g(t) = t^3 + 5$ , find  $\frac{g(t+h) - g(t)}{h}$  and simplify.  $3t^2 + 3th + h^2$

35. **Cost** After  $t$  hours of operation, an assembly line has assembled  $A(t) = 20t - \frac{1}{2}t^2$  power lawn mowers,  $0 \leq t \leq 10$ . Suppose that the factory's cost of manufacturing  $x$  units is  $C(x)$  dollars, where  $C(x) = 3000 + 80x$ .  
 (a) Express the factory's cost as a (composite) function of the number of hours of operation of the assembly line.  $C(f(t)) = 3000 + 1600t - 40t^2$   
 (b) What is the cost of the first 2 hours of operation? \$6040  
 36. **Cost** During the first  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour, the employees of a machine shop prepare the work area for the day's work. After that, they turn out 10 precision machine parts per hour, so the output after  $t$  hours is  $f(t)$  machine parts, where  $f(t) = 10(t - \frac{1}{2}) = 10t - 5$ ,  $\frac{1}{2} \leq t \leq 8$ . The total cost of producing  $x$  machine parts is  $C(x)$  dollars, where  $C(x) = .1x^2 + 25x + 200$ .  
 (a) Express the total cost as a (composite) function of  $t$ .  
 (b) What is the cost of the first 4 hours of operation? \*  
 37. **Conversion Scales** Table 1 shows a conversion table for men's hat sizes for three countries. The function  $g(x) = 8x + 1$  converts from British sizes to French sizes, and the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{8}x$  converts from French sizes to U.S. sizes. Determine the function  $h(x) = f(g(x))$  and give its interpretation. \*

TABLE 1 Conversion Table for Men's Hat Sizes

Britain	$6\frac{1}{2}$	$6\frac{5}{8}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$	$6\frac{7}{8}$	7	$7\frac{1}{8}$	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{8}$
France	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
U.S.	$6\frac{5}{8}$	$6\frac{3}{4}$	$6\frac{7}{8}$	7	$7\frac{1}{8}$	$7\frac{1}{4}$	$7\frac{3}{8}$	$7\frac{1}{2}$

## Technology Exercises

38. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Graph the functions  $f(x+1)$ ,  $f(x-1)$ ,  $f(x+2)$ , and  $f(x-2)$ . Make a guess about the relationship between the graph of a general function  $f(x)$  and the graph of  $f(g(x))$ , where  $g(x) = x + a$  for some constant  $a$ . Test your guess on the functions  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .  
 39. **Shifting a Graph** Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Graph the functions  $f(x) + 1$ ,  $f(x) - 1$ ,  $f(x) + 2$ , and  $f(x) - 2$ . Make a guess about the relationship between the graph of a general function  $f(x)$  and the graph of  $f(x) + c$  for some constant  $c$ . Test your guess on the functions  $f(x) = x^3$  and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .  
 40. Based on the results of Exercises 38 and 39, sketch the graph of  $f(x) = (x-1)^2 + 2$  without using a graphing calculator. Check your result with a graphing calculator.  
 41. Based on the results of Exercises 38 and 39, sketch the graph of  $f(x) = (x+2)^2 - 1$  without using a graphing calculator. Check your result with a graphing calculator.

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13.  $\frac{2x^2 - 2x + 10}{x^2 + 3x - 10}$     19.  $\frac{-x^2 + 3x + 4}{x^2 + 5x - 6}$     25.  $\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^6$     27.  $\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^3 - 5\left(\frac{x}{1-x}\right)^2 + 1$

you view the polynomial on the domain  $[-M, M]$ , you can usually find a smaller domain that also contains all the zeros.

## Check Your Understanding 0.4

1. Solve the equation  $x - \frac{14}{x} = 5$ .

2. Use the quadratic formula to solve  $7x^2 - 35x + 35 = 0$ .

## EXERCISES 0.4

Use the quadratic formula to find the zeros of the functions in Exercises 1–6.

1.  $f(x) = 2x^2 - 7x + 6$   $2, 3/2$     2.  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$   $-1, 1/3$

3.  $f(t) = 4t^2 - 12t + 9$   $3/2$     4.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 + x + 1$   $x = -2$

5.  $f(x) = -2x^2 + 3x - 4$    
 No zeros    6.  $f(a) = 11a^2 - 7a + 1$    
  $(7 \pm \sqrt{5})/22$

Use the quadratic formula to solve the equations in Exercises 7–12.

7.  $5x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$   $1, -1/5$     8.  $x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$  No soln

9.  $15x^2 - 135x + 300 = 0$   $5, 4$     10.  $z^2 - \sqrt{2}z - \frac{5}{4} = 0$

11.  $\frac{3}{2}x^2 - 6x + 5 = 0$    
  $2 + \sqrt{6}/3, 2 - \sqrt{6}/3$     12.  $9x^2 - 12x + 4 = 0$   $x = 2/3$

Factor the polynomials in Exercises 13–30.

13.  $x^2 + 8x + 15$   $(x+5)(x+3)$     14.  $x^2 - 10x + 16$   $(x-2)(x-8)$

15.  $x^2 - 16$   $(x-4)(x+4)$     16.  $x^2 - 1$   $(x+1)(x-1)$

17.  $3x^2 + 12x + 12$   $3(x+2)^2$     18.  $2x^2 - 12x + 18$   $2(x-3)^2$

19.  $30 - 4x - 2x^2$

21.  $3x - x^2$   $x(3-x)$

23.  $6x - 2x^3$

25.  $x^3 - 1$   $(x-1)(x^2+x+1)$

27.  $8x^3 + 27$

29.  $x^2 - 14x + 49$   $(x-7)^2$

20.  $15 + 12x - 3x^2$   $-3(x-5)(x+1)$

22.  $4x^2 - 1$   $(2x+1)(2x-1)$

24.  $16x + 6x^2 - x^3$   $-x(x-8)(x+2)$

26.  $x^3 + 125$   $(x+5)(x^2-5x+25)$

28.  $x^3 - \frac{1}{8}$   $(x-1/2)(x^2+x/2+1/4)$

30.  $x^2 + x + \frac{1}{4}$   $(x+1/2)^2$

Find the points of intersection of the pairs of curves in Exercises 31–38.

31.  $y = 2x^2 - 5x - 6$ ,  $y = 3x + 4$   $(-1, 1), (5, 19)$

32.  $y = x^2 - 10x + 9$ ,  $y = x - 9$   $(9, 0), (2, -7)$

33.  $y = x^2 - 4x + 4$ ,  $y = 12 + 2x - x^2$   $(-1, 9), (4, 4)$

34.  $y = 3x^2 + 9$ ,  $y = 2x^2 - 5x + 3$   $(-3, 36), (-2, 21)$

35.  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 + x$ ,  $y = x^2 - 3x$   $(0, 0), (2, -2)$

10.  $(\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{7})/2$     19.  $-2(x-3)(x+5)$     23.  $-2x(x-\sqrt{3})(x+\sqrt{3})$     27.  $(2x+3)(4x^2-6x+9)$