

Quiz 4

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Math 115, Fall 2016

Thursday Discussion Time: _____

Directions: You have 20 minutes to complete this quiz. Read each problem carefully. There are two problems on the back of this page. No calculators are allowed.

1. (4 points)

Let $f(t) = \sqrt{t+4}$. Use this function for parts (a) and (b).

(a) Evaluate $f(12)$.

$$f(12) = \sqrt{12+4} = \sqrt{16} = \boxed{4}$$

(b) Determine the domain of f . Write your answer in interval notation.

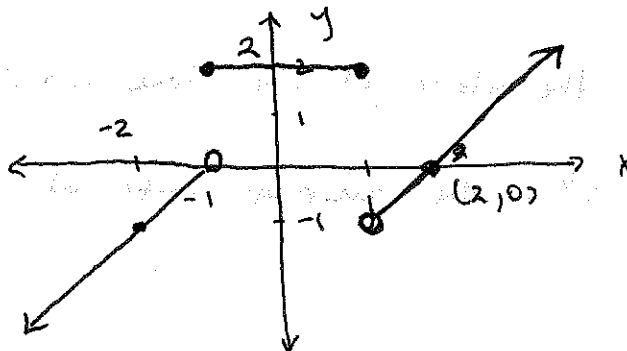
$$t+4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \geq -4$$

$$\boxed{\text{domain}(f) = [-4, \infty)}$$

2. (3 points)

Draw the graph of the function g given below. Use a closed dot for a point on the graph; use an open dot for a point not on the graph.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x < -1 \\ 2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x-2 & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$



3. (1 point)

Show that the function $h(x) = x^4 - x^2$ is even.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Observe } h(-x) &= (-x)^4 - (-x)^2 \\ &= x^4 - x^2 = h(x).\end{aligned}$$

Since $h(-x) = h(x)$, we know h is even. //

4. (2 points)

Determine the average rate of change of the function $f(x) = 2x + 3$ on the interval $[-1, 4]$.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{average rate of change} &= \frac{f(4) - f(-1)}{4 - (-1)} \\ &= \frac{2(4) + 3 - (2(-1) + 3)}{5} \\ &= \frac{11 - 1}{5} \\ &= \boxed{2}\end{aligned}$$

Note that 2 is the slope of the line $y = 2x + 3$. For linear functions, $y = mx + b$, the average rate of change is m . //