

Review questions (mostly from the online the "Math 98, Prep for Test 1" review assignment):

Example 1: Does the correspondence on a sports team between a player's name and the number on their jersey represent a function?

At any give time, yes.

But occasionally players
change numbers.

Example 2: Multiply $(x^3 + yz)(x^3 - yz)$

$$= x^6 - x^3yz + x^3yz - y^2z^2$$

$$= x^6 - y^2z^2$$

Example 3: If $f(x) = x^2 + 5$, find

a.) $f(t-1)$

b.) $f(a+h)-f(a)$

c.) $f(a)-f(a-h)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(a)} \quad f(t-1) &= (t-1)^2 + 5 \\ &= t^2 - 2t + 1 + 5 \\ &= t^2 - 2t + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(b)} \quad f(a+h) - f(a) &= [(a+h)^2 + 5] - [a^2 + 5] \\ &= a^2 + 2ah + h^2 + 5 - a^2 - 5 \\ &= 2ah + h^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(c)} \quad f(a) - f(a-h) &= [a^2 + 5] - [(a-h)^2 + 5] \\ &= a^2 + 5 - [a^2 - 2ah + h^2 + 5] \\ &= a^2 + 5 - a^2 + 2ah - h^2 - 5 \\ &= 2ah - h^2 \end{aligned}$$

Example 4: Consider the graph of f

a.) Find $f(-2) = 6$

b.) Solve $f(x) = 4$

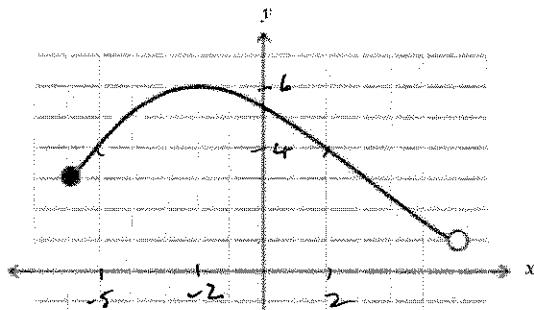
$$x = -5 \text{ or } x = 2$$

c.) Find the domain of f .

$$[-6, 6)$$

d.) Find the range of f .

$$(1, 6]$$

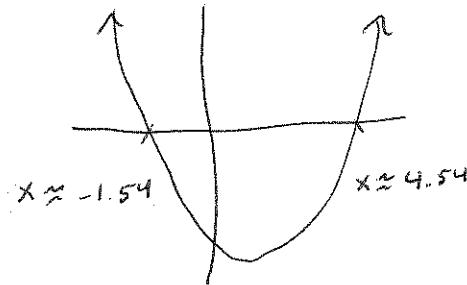


Example 5: Factor $x^4 + 3x^3 - 18x^2$

$$\begin{aligned}&= x^2(x^2 + 3x - 18) \\&= x^2(x+6)(x-3)\end{aligned}$$

Example 6: Solve $x^2 - 3x - 7 = 0$

Does not factor so solve graphically.



Example 7: Solve $35 - x^2 = 2x$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow 0 &= x^2 + 2x - 35 \\&\Rightarrow 0 = (x+7)(x-5) \\&\Rightarrow x = -7 \text{ or } x = 5\end{aligned}$$

Example 8: Find the zeros of

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x \\&\text{solve } 0 = x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x \\&= x(x^2 - 3x - 4) \\&= x(x-4)(x+1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, 4, -1$$

Example 9: Solve $(x+1)(x-2) = 4$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 &= 4 \\&\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 6 = 0 \\&\Rightarrow (x-3)(x+2) = 0 \\&\Rightarrow x = 3, -2\end{aligned}$$

Example 10: Factor $8x^2 - 8y^2$

$$\begin{aligned}&= 8(x^2 - y^2) \\&= 8(x+y)(x-y)\end{aligned}$$