

## Functions - Complete Solutions

*Explained as a 20-year teacher would on the blackboard*

### 1. Find the range of $f(x) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4}\right)$

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Strategy:** Work from inside out. First find the domain, then analyze what values the argument of tangent can take, and finally apply the tangent function.

#### Step 1: Find the domain

For  $\sqrt{x+1}$  to be defined:  $x+1 \geq 0$

$$\boxed{x \geq -1}$$

#### Step 2: Analyze the argument inside tan

Let  $u = \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1}+4}$

Since  $\sqrt{x+1} \geq 0$  (square roots are never negative), we have:

$$\begin{aligned}\sqrt{x+1} + 4 &\geq 4 \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1} + 4} &\leq \frac{1}{4} \quad (\text{reciprocal flips inequality}) \\ \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1} + 4} &\leq \frac{\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Also, as  $x \rightarrow -1^+$ , we get  $\sqrt{x+1} \rightarrow 0$ , so:

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1} + 4} \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}$$

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , we get  $\sqrt{x+1} \rightarrow \infty$ , so:

$$\frac{\pi}{\sqrt{x+1} + 4} \rightarrow 0^+$$

Therefore:  $\boxed{0 < u \leq \frac{\pi}{4}}$

#### Step 3: Apply tangent function

Since  $\tan$  is strictly increasing on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\tan(0^+) &< f(x) \leq \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) \\ 0 &< f(x) \leq 1\end{aligned}$$

**Answer: (b)  $(0, 1]$**

2. Find the range of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1})$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Concept:** The domain of  $\sin^{-1}(u)$  is  $[-1, 1]$ . Since we have a square root, we need  $0 \leq \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} \leq 1$ .

**Step 1: Find constraints on the argument**

For  $\sin^{-1}$  to be defined:

$$0 \leq \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} \leq 1$$

Squaring both sides:

$$0 \leq x^2 + x + 1 \leq 1$$

**Step 2: Analyze the quadratic  $g(x) = x^2 + x + 1$**

Complete the square:

$$g(x) = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$$

Minimum value occurs at  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ :

$$g_{\min} = \frac{3}{4}$$

**Step 3: Determine the constraint**

Since  $x^2 + x + 1 \geq \frac{3}{4}$  for all  $x$ , and we need  $x^2 + x + 1 \leq 1$ :

$$\frac{3}{4} \leq x^2 + x + 1 \leq 1$$

Taking square roots:

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \leq \sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} \leq 1$$

**Step 4: Apply  $\sin^{-1}$  (increasing function)**

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \leq f(x) \leq \sin^{-1}(1)$$

$$\frac{\pi}{3} \leq f(x) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

**Answer: (d)  $\left[\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$**

3. Find  $f(3)$  if  $3f(x) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{2-x}{x}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Standard Technique:** When given  $f(x)$  and  $f(1/x)$  in the same equation, create a second equation by replacing  $x$  with  $1/x$ , then solve the system.

**Step 1: Write the original equation**

$$3f(x) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{2-x}{x} \quad \dots (1)$$

**Step 2: Replace  $x$  with  $\frac{1}{x}$**

$$3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 4f(x) = \frac{2 - \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}}$$

Simplify the right side:

$$= \frac{\frac{2x-1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = 2x - 1$$

So:

$$3f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + 4f(x) = 2x - 1 \quad \dots (2)$$

**Step 3: Solve for  $f(3)$  and  $f(1/3)$**

Substitute  $x = 3$  in equations (1) and (2):

From (1):

$$3f(3) + 4f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{2-3}{3} = -\frac{1}{3}$$

From (2):

$$3f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + 4f(3) = 2(3) - 1 = 5$$

**Step 4: Solve the system**

Let  $a = f(3)$  and  $b = f(1/3)$ :

$$3a + 4b = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \dots (A)$$

$$4a + 3b = 5 \quad \dots (B)$$

Multiply (A) by 3:  $9a + 12b = -1$

Multiply (B) by 4:  $16a + 12b = 20$

Subtract:  $7a = 21 \implies \boxed{a = 3}$

**Answer: (d)  $f(3) = 3$**

**4. Find the inverse of  $f(x) = \frac{10^x - 10^{-x}}{10^x + 10^{-x}} + 1$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Recognition:** This looks like a hyperbolic tangent function. We'll use algebraic manipulation and the componendo-dividendo rule.

**Step 1:** Let  $y = f(x)$  and rearrange

$$y - 1 = \frac{10^x - 10^{-x}}{10^x + 10^{-x}}$$

**Step 2:** Multiply numerator and denominator by  $10^x$

$$y - 1 = \frac{10^{2x} - 1}{10^{2x} + 1}$$

**Step 3:** Apply Componendo and Dividendo

The rule states: If  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , then  $\frac{a+b}{a-b} = \frac{c+d}{c-d}$

Here:  $\frac{10^{2x}-1}{10^{2x}+1} = \frac{y-1}{1}$

Applying the rule:

$$\frac{(10^{2x} - 1) + (10^{2x} + 1)}{(10^{2x} + 1) - (10^{2x} - 1)} = \frac{(y - 1) + 1}{1 - (y - 1)}$$

$$\frac{2 \cdot 10^{2x}}{2} = \frac{y}{2 - y}$$

$$10^{2x} = \frac{y}{2 - y}$$

**Step 4:** Take logarithm and solve for  $x$

$$2x = \log_{10} \left( \frac{y}{2 - y} \right)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} \left( \frac{y}{2 - y} \right)$$

Therefore:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} \left( \frac{x}{2 - x} \right)$$

**Answer:** (d)

**5. For which values of  $a$  is  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x+a}{x^2-x+a}$  surjective onto  $\mathbb{R}$ ?**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Idea:** For the function to be onto (surjective), every real number  $y$  must be achievable. This means for any  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , the equation  $f(x) = y$  must have real solutions.

**Step 1:** Set  $y = f(x)$  and rearrange

$$y = \frac{x^2 + x + a}{x^2 - x + a}$$

Cross-multiply:

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

$$yx^2 - yx + ya = x^2 + x + a$$

$$x^2(y - 1) - x(y + 1) + a(y - 1) = 0$$

**Step 2: For real solutions, discriminant  $\geq 0$**

For any value of  $y$  to be in the range, there must exist real  $x$ :

$$\Delta = [-(y + 1)]^2 - 4(y - 1) \cdot a(y - 1) \geq 0$$

$$(y + 1)^2 - 4a(y - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

**Step 3: This must hold for ALL  $y \in \mathbb{R}$**

Expand:

$$y^2 + 2y + 1 - 4a(y^2 - 2y + 1) \geq 0$$

$$y^2 + 2y + 1 - 4ay^2 + 8ay - 4a \geq 0$$

$$y^2(1 - 4a) + y(2 + 8a) + (1 - 4a) \geq 0$$

For this to be true for all  $y$ , the parabola in  $y$  must not dip below zero.

This happens when the discriminant (in  $y$ ) is  $\leq 0$  and the coefficient of  $y^2$  is positive:

**Condition 1:**  $1 - 4a > 0 \implies a < \frac{1}{4}$

**Condition 2:**  $(2 + 8a)^2 - 4(1 - 4a)(1 - 4a) \leq 0$

After simplification (which requires careful algebra), this yields:  $a < 0$

**Answer: (c)  $a \in (-\infty, 0)$**

**6. Find domain  $(a, b)$  and calculate  $2b$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log_{1/3}\left(\frac{x-1}{2-x}\right)}}$**

### Teacher's Explanation

**Critical Point:** Logarithms with base  $< 1$  flip inequality signs when removing the log!

**Step 1: Conditions for the function to be defined**

For square root in denominator:  $\log_{1/3}\left(\frac{x-1}{2-x}\right) > 0$

Since base  $\frac{1}{3} < 1$ , this means:

$$0 < \frac{x-1}{2-x} < \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^0 = 1$$

**Step 2: Solve the first inequality**

$$\frac{x-1}{2-x} > 0$$

Critical points:  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$

Using sign analysis:

- $x < 1$ : negative/negative = positive
- $1 < x < 2$ : positive/positive = positive ✓
- $x > 2$ : positive/negative = negative

So:  $x \in (1, 2)$

**Step 3: Solve the second inequality**

$$\frac{x-1}{2-x} < 1$$

$$\frac{x-1}{2-x} - 1 < 0$$

$$\frac{x-1-(2-x)}{2-x} < 0$$

$$\frac{2x-3}{2-x} < 0$$

Critical points:  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $x = 2$

Using sign analysis:

- $x < \frac{3}{2}$ : negative/positive = negative ✓
- $\frac{3}{2} < x < 2$ : positive/positive = positive
- $x > 2$ : positive/negative = negative ✓

So:  $x \in (-\infty, \frac{3}{2}) \cup (2, \infty)$

**Step 4: Find intersection**

$$\text{Domain} = (1, 2) \cap \left[(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}) \cup (2, \infty)\right]$$

$$\text{Domain} = \left(1, \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Therefore:  $a = 1$ ,  $b = \frac{3}{2}$

$$2b = 2 \times \frac{3}{2} = 3$$

**Answer: (d)  $2b = 3$**

7. Determine if  $f(x) = 5^{-|x|} + \text{sgn}(5^{-x})$  is one-one and/or onto

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Facts:**

- $5^{-x}$  is always positive (exponentials are always positive)
- $\text{sgn}(u) = 1$  if  $u > 0$ ,  $0$  if  $u = 0$ ,  $-1$  if  $u < 0$
- $|x|$  makes functions even:  $f(-x) = f(x)$

**Step 1: Simplify the function**

Since  $5^{-x} > 0$  for all  $x$ :

$$\text{sgn}(5^{-x}) = 1$$

Therefore:

$$f(x) = 5^{-|x|} + 1$$

**Step 2: Check if one-one (injective)**

$$\text{Test: } f(-1) = 5^{-|-1|} + 1 = 5^{-1} + 1 = \frac{1}{5} + 1 = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\text{Test: } f(1) = 5^{-|1|} + 1 = 5^{-1} + 1 = \frac{1}{5} + 1 = \frac{6}{5}$$

Since  $f(-1) = f(1)$  but  $-1 \neq 1$ :

NOT one-one

**Step 3: Find the range (to check if onto)**

Since  $|x| \geq 0$ :

$$5^{-|x|} \leq 5^0 = 1$$

$$\text{As } |x| \rightarrow \infty: 5^{-|x|} \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{As } |x| = 0: 5^{-|x|} = 1$$

$$\text{Therefore: } 0 < 5^{-|x|} \leq 1$$

$$\text{Adding 1: } 1 < f(x) \leq 2$$

$$\text{Range} = (1, 2]$$

Since codomain is  $\mathbb{R}$  and range  $\neq \mathbb{R}$ :

NOT onto

**Answer: (d) Neither one-one nor onto**

8. If range of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x+k}{x^2-x+k}$  is  $[\frac{1}{3}, 3]$ , find  $k$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** The extreme values of the range occur when the discriminant equals zero (boundary condition for real  $x$ ).

**Step 1: Set  $y = f(x)$  and form quadratic in  $x$**

$$y = \frac{x^2 + x + k}{x^2 - x + k}$$

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

$$x^2(y - 1) - x(y + 1) + k(y - 1) = 0$$

**Step 2: For real  $x$ , discriminant  $\geq 0$**

$$\Delta = (y + 1)^2 - 4(y - 1) \cdot k(y - 1) \geq 0$$

$$(y + 1)^2 - 4k(y - 1)^2 \geq 0$$

**Step 3: Boundary values satisfy  $\Delta = 0$**

At  $y = 3$  (maximum):

$$(3 + 1)^2 - 4k(3 - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$16 - 4k(4) = 0$$

$$16 - 16k = 0$$

$$\boxed{k = 1}$$

**Verification at  $y = 1/3$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\frac{1}{3} + 1\right)^2 - 4(1) \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right)^2 \\ &= \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 - 4 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \\ &= \frac{16}{9} - 4 \cdot \frac{4}{9} = \frac{16}{9} - \frac{16}{9} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

✓

**Answer: (c)  $k = 1$**

**9. If  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  and  $f(1 + k) = f(1 - k)$ , order:  $f(-1), f(0), f(1)$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Symmetry Property:** If  $f(1 + k) = f(1 - k)$  for all  $k$ , the parabola is symmetric about  $x = 1$  (this is the axis of symmetry).

**Step 1: Identify the vertex**



The condition  $f(1+k) = f(1-k)$  means the function is symmetric about  $x = 1$ .

For parabola  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  with vertex at  $x = -\frac{b}{2}$ :

$$-\frac{b}{2} = 1 \implies b = -2$$

**Step 2: Understand the parabola's behavior**

Since the coefficient of  $x^2$  is positive (equals 1), the parabola opens upward.

The function value increases as we move away from the vertex.

**Step 3: Calculate distances from vertex at  $x = 1$**

- Distance from 1 to -1:  $|1 - (-1)| = 2$
- Distance from 1 to 0:  $|1 - 0| = 1$
- Distance from 1 to 1:  $|1 - 1| = 0$  (at vertex, minimum)

**Step 4: Order the values**

Since the parabola opens upward and increases with distance from vertex:

$$f(1) < f(0) < f(-1)$$

**Answer: (a)  $f(1) < f(0) < f(-1)$**

**10. Find domain of  $f(x) = \log_{\sqrt{2}}(\sqrt{x^2 + x} + \sqrt{x^2 - x})$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Three Conditions:**

- (a) First square root defined:  $x^2 + x \geq 0$
- (b) Second square root defined:  $x^2 - x \geq 0$
- (c) Log argument positive: sum of roots  $> 0$

**Step 1: First square root**

$$x^2 + x \geq 0$$

$$x(x + 1) \geq 0$$

Sign analysis:  $x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [0, \infty)$

**Step 2: Second square root**

$$x^2 - x \geq 0$$

$$x(x - 1) \geq 0$$

Sign analysis:  $x \in (-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$

**Step 3: Log argument must be positive**

We need:  $\sqrt{x^2 + x} + \sqrt{x^2 - x} > 0$

Since both terms are non-negative, the sum is zero only when both are zero.

Both are zero only at  $x = 0$ , so we must exclude  $x = 0$ .

**Step 4: Find intersection**

From Step 1:  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [0, \infty)$

From Step 2:  $(-\infty, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$

Intersection:

- $(-\infty, -1] \cap (-\infty, 0] = (-\infty, -1]$
- $[0, \infty) \cap [1, \infty) = [1, \infty)$

Combined:  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

Excluding  $x = 0$  (already excluded):

$$\boxed{\text{Domain} = (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)}$$

**Answer: (b)**  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

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## Functions - Complete Solutions (Part 2)

*Problems 11-30*

11. Find domain  $A$ , range  $B$ , and  $A \cup B$  for  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x| - x^2}}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Strategy:** First find where the expression under the square root is positive (for domain), then analyze the function's output values (for range). The key is recognizing that  $|x|$  behaves differently for positive and negative  $x$ .

#### Step 1: Find Domain $A$

For the square root to be defined in the denominator:

$$|x| - x^2 > 0$$

This means:

$$|x| > x^2$$

Since both sides are non-negative, we can analyze this as  $|x| > |x|^2$

**When does  $t > t^2$  for  $t \geq 0$ ?**

$$t > t^2 \implies t - t^2 > 0 \implies t(1 - t) > 0$$

This is true when:  $0 < t < 1$

Therefore:  $\boxed{0 < |x| < 1}$

This gives us:  $x \in (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$

So:  $\boxed{A = (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)}$

#### Step 2: Find Range $B$

Let  $g(x) = |x| - x^2$ . We need to maximize this to find the minimum of  $f(x)$ .

For  $x \in (-1, 1)$ , we have  $|x| = |x|$ , so:

$$g(|x|) = |x| - |x|^2$$

This is a downward parabola in terms of  $|x|$ :

$$g'(|x|) = 1 - 2|x| = 0 \implies |x| = \frac{1}{2}$$

Maximum value:  $g(1/2) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$

As  $|x| \rightarrow 0^+$  or  $|x| \rightarrow 1^-$ :  $g(x) \rightarrow 0^+$

Therefore:  $0 < g(x) \leq \frac{1}{4}$

Taking square roots:  $0 < \sqrt{g(x)} \leq \frac{1}{2}$

Taking reciprocal (flips inequality):  $f(x) \geq 2$

So:  $B = [2, \infty)$

**Step 3: Find  $A \cup B$**

$$A \cup B = [(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$= [(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup [2, \infty)]$$

**Answer: (c)**

**12. Analyze**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3 & x \leq \frac{4}{3} \\ -3x^2 + 8x & x > \frac{4}{3} \end{cases}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Concept:** For piecewise functions, analyze each piece separately, then check what happens at the boundary point. A function is one-one if it never takes the same value twice.

**Step 1: Analyze first piece ( $x \leq 4/3$ )**

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

This is a line with slope 2 (positive), so it's strictly increasing.

At  $x = 4/3$ :  $f(4/3) = 2(4/3) + 3 = \frac{8}{3} + 3 = \frac{17}{3}$

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Range of first piece:  $(-\infty, 17/3]$

**Step 2: Analyze second piece ( $x > 4/3$ )**

$$f(x) = -3x^2 + 8x$$

This is a downward parabola. Find the vertex:

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{8}{2(-3)} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Since our domain is  $x > 4/3$  (to the right of vertex), the function is strictly decreasing.

At  $x = 4/3$ :  $f(4/3) = -3(16/9) + 8(4/3) = -\frac{16}{3} + \frac{32}{3} = \frac{16}{3}$

Wait, let me recalculate: At the boundary from the right:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (4/3)^+} f(x) = -3(4/3)^2 + 8(4/3) = -\frac{16}{3} + \frac{32}{3} = \frac{16}{3}$$

But from the left:  $f(4/3) = \frac{17}{3}$

There's a jump discontinuity!

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Range of second piece:  $(-\infty, 16/3)$

**Step 3: Check if one-one**

The function increases to  $17/3$ , then drops to values approaching  $-\infty$ .

Any value less than  $16/3$  can be achieved in BOTH pieces!

For example,  $y = 5$ : - From first piece:  $2x + 3 = 5 \implies x = 1 < 4/3$  ✓ - From second piece:  $-3x^2 + 8x = 5$  has solutions  $x > 4/3$  ✓

Therefore: NOT one-one

**Step 4: Check if onto**

Combined range:  $(-\infty, 17/3]$

Since codomain is  $\mathbb{R}$ , values greater than  $17/3$  are not achieved.

Therefore: NOT onto

**Answer: (b) Neither one-one nor onto**

**13. Find  $f_{32}(x)$  where  $f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{3x-2}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Insight:** Instead of computing  $f(f(f(...)))$  32 times, look for a pattern! Compute  $f(f(x))$  and see if the function is involutory (meaning applying it twice gives you back  $x$ ).

**Step 1: Compute  $f(f(x))$**

$$\begin{aligned} f(f(x)) &= f\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right) \\ &= \frac{2\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right) - 3}{3\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right) - 2} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2: Simplify numerator**

Numerator:  $2\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right) - 3$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{2(2x-3) - 3(3x-2)}{3x-2} \\ &= \frac{4x-6-9x+6}{3x-2} \\ &= \frac{-5x}{3x-2} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3: Simplify denominator**

Denominator:  $3\left(\frac{2x-3}{3x-2}\right) - 2$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3(2x-3) - 2(3x-2)}{3x-2} \\ &= \frac{6x-9-6x+4}{3x-2} \\ &= \frac{-5}{3x-2} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 4: Complete the composition**

$$f(f(x)) = \frac{\frac{-5x}{3x-2}}{\frac{-5}{3x-2}} = \frac{-5x}{3x-2} \cdot \frac{3x-2}{-5} = \frac{-5x}{-5} = x$$

**Conclusion:**  $f(f(x)) = x$  (involutory function)

This means: -  $f_2(x) = f(f(x)) = x$  -  $f_4(x) = f_2(f_2(x)) = x$  -  $f_{32}(x) = x$  (since 32 is even)

$$\boxed{f_{32}(x) = x}$$

**Answer: (b)**  $f_{32}(x) = x$

**14. Find domain of**  $f(x) = \sqrt{\cos(\sin x)} + \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1+x^2}{2x}\right)$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Critical Observation:** The second term is the troublesome one! For  $\cos^{-1}(u)$  to be defined, we need  $-1 \leq u \leq 1$ . Let's use the AM-GM inequality concept.

**Step 1: First term analysis**

$\sqrt{\cos(\sin x)}$  requires  $\cos(\sin x) \geq 0$

Since  $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$  and  $\cos$  is positive on  $[-1, 1]$ , this is always defined.

**Step 2: Second term - the constraint**

For  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1+x^2}{2x}\right)$ , we need:

$$-1 \leq \frac{1+x^2}{2x} \leq 1$$

Let's analyze:  $\frac{1+x^2}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$

**Step 3: Apply AM-GM inequality**

For  $x > 0$ : By AM-GM,  $x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 2\sqrt{x \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = 2$

So:  $\frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \geq 1$

For  $x < 0$ : Let  $x = -t$  where  $t > 0$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = -t + \frac{1}{-t} = -t - \frac{1}{t} = -\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) \leq -2$$

So:  $\frac{1}{2}\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \leq -1$

**Step 4: Find when equality holds**

The expression equals 1 when:

$$\frac{1+x^2}{2x} = 1 \implies 1+x^2 = 2x \implies x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2 = 0 \implies \boxed{x=1}$$

The expression equals  $-1$  when:

$$\frac{1+x^2}{2x} = -1 \implies 1+x^2 = -2x \implies x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 = 0 \implies \boxed{x=-1}$$

**Conclusion:** The only values where  $\frac{1+x^2}{2x} \in [-1, 1]$  are  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$ .

$$\boxed{\text{Domain} = \{-1, 1\}}$$

**Answer: (d)  $\{-1, 1\}$**

**15. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{\frac{\log(x^2-x-2)}{2x^2-7x+5}}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Important Note:** Cube roots (odd index) are defined for all real numbers, including negative ones! So we only worry about the logarithm and the denominator.

**Step 1: Logarithm constraint**

$$x^2 - x - 2 > 0$$

Factor:  $(x-2)(x+1) > 0$

Sign analysis:

- $x < -1$ :  $(-)(-) = (+)$  ✓
- $-1 < x < 2$ :  $(-)(+) = (-)$
- $x > 2$ :  $(+)(+) = (+)$  ✓

From logarithm:  $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

**Step 2: Denominator cannot be zero**

$$2x^2 - 7x + 5 \neq 0$$

Factor:  $(2x - 5)(x - 1) \neq 0$

So:  $x \neq \frac{5}{2}$  and  $x \neq 1$

**Step 3: Combine constraints**

Start with:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

Remove  $x = 1$ : Already not in the set ✓

Remove  $x = 5/2$ : This IS in  $(2, \infty)$ !

Final domain:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, 5/2) \cup (5/2, \infty)$

Which can be written as:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty) - \{5/2\}$

**Answer: (a)**

**16. If  $f\left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = 9x^2 + \frac{1}{4x^2}$ , solve  $f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Pattern Recognition:** Notice the relationship between the LHS and RHS. The RHS looks like the square of the LHS minus some constant. Let's use substitution!

**Step 1: Let  $t = 3x + \frac{1}{2x}$  and square it**

$$\begin{aligned} t^2 &= \left(3x + \frac{1}{2x}\right)^2 \\ &= 9x^2 + 2 \cdot 3x \cdot \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{1}{4x^2} \\ &= 9x^2 + 3 + \frac{1}{4x^2} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2: Relate to the given function**

From the given:  $f(t) = 9x^2 + \frac{1}{4x^2}$

From Step 1:  $t^2 = 9x^2 + \frac{1}{4x^2} + 3$

Therefore:

$$f(t) = t^2 - 3$$

**Step 3: Solve the required equation**

We need:  $f\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$

Substitute:

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 3 = 1$$



$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 4$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \pm 2$$

**Step 4: Solve each case**

**Case 1:**  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

Multiply by  $x$ :  $x^2 + 1 = 2x$

$$x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)^2 = 0 \implies \boxed{x = 1}$$

**Case 2:**  $x + \frac{1}{x} = -2$

Multiply by  $x$ :  $x^2 + 1 = -2x$

$$x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$$

$$(x + 1)^2 = 0 \implies \boxed{x = -1}$$

$$\boxed{\text{Solutions: } x = \pm 1}$$

**Answer: (b)  $x = \pm 1$**

**17. If domain of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x^2 - 1) + \log_3(3^x - 2)$  is not in  $(-\infty, a) \cup (b, \infty)$ , find  $3^a + b^2$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Translation:** The function IS defined on  $[a, b]$ . We need to find the intersection of domains from both terms.

**Step 1: Domain from  $\sin^{-1}(x^2 - 1)$**

For  $\sin^{-1}(u)$ :  $-1 \leq u \leq 1$

$$-1 \leq x^2 - 1 \leq 1$$

$$0 \leq x^2 \leq 2$$

$$-\sqrt{2} \leq x \leq \sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{Domain 1: } \boxed{[-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]}$$

**Step 2: Domain from  $\log_3(3^x - 2)$**

Argument must be positive:

$$3^x - 2 > 0$$

$$3^x > 2$$

$$x > \log_3 2$$

Domain 2:  $(\log_3 2, \infty)$

**Step 3: Find intersection**

$$[-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}] \cap (\log_3 2, \infty)$$

Since  $\log_3 2 \approx 0.631$  and  $\sqrt{2} \approx 1.414$ :

$$[a, b] = (\log_3 2, \sqrt{2}]$$

So:  $a = \log_3 2$  and  $b = \sqrt{2}$

**Step 4: Calculate  $3^a + b^2$**

$$3^a = 3^{\log_3 2} = 2$$

$$b^2 = (\sqrt{2})^2 = 2$$

$$3^a + b^2 = 2 + 2 = \boxed{4}$$

**Answer: (d) 4**

**18. Find  $A \cap B$  where  $A$  is domain and  $B$  is range of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x| - x}}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Observation:** When is  $|x| - x > 0$ ? Think about when the absolute value differs from the number itself!

**Step 1: Find Domain  $A$**

We need:  $|x| - x > 0$ , or  $|x| > x$

**Test cases:**

- If  $x > 0$ :  $|x| = x$ , so  $x > x$  is FALSE
- If  $x = 0$ :  $0 > 0$  is FALSE
- If  $x < 0$ :  $|x| = -x > 0$ , and  $x < 0$ , so  $-x > x$  is TRUE

Therefore:  $A = (-\infty, 0)$

**Step 2: Find Range  $B$**

For  $x < 0$ , let  $x = -t$  where  $t > 0$ :

$$f(-t) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|-t| - (-t)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{t+t}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2t}}$$

As  $t \rightarrow 0^+$  (i.e.,  $x \rightarrow 0^-$ ):  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

As  $t \rightarrow \infty$  (i.e.,  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ):  $f(x) \rightarrow 0^+$

Therefore:  $B = (0, \infty)$

**Step 3: Find intersection**

$$A \cap B = (-\infty, 0) \cap (0, \infty) = \emptyset$$

**Answer: (a)  $\emptyset$  (empty set)**

**19. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1} \left[ \log_2 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \right]$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Working backwards:** Start from the outermost function and work inward.  $\sin^{-1}$  requires its argument to be in  $[-1, 1]$ .

**Step 1: Domain of  $\sin^{-1}$**

$$-1 \leq \log_2 \left( \frac{x^2}{2} \right) \leq 1$$

**Step 2: Remove logarithm (base 2 > 1)**

Since base is 2 (greater than 1), we raise 2 to all parts:

$$2^{-1} \leq \frac{x^2}{2} \leq 2^1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \leq \frac{x^2}{2} \leq 2$$

**Step 3: Solve for  $x^2$**

Multiply all parts by 2:

$$1 \leq x^2 \leq 4$$

**Step 4: Take square roots**

$$\sqrt{1} \leq |x| \leq \sqrt{4}$$

$$1 \leq |x| \leq 2$$

This gives us two intervals:

$$x \in [-2, -1] \cup [1, 2]$$

**Answer: (b)**  $[-2, -1] \cup [1, 2]$

**20. Find range of  $f(x) = \log_3(5 + 4x - x^2)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** First find the range of the inner quadratic function, then apply the logarithm to that range.

**Step 1: Analyze the quadratic**  $g(x) = 5 + 4x - x^2$

This is  $g(x) = -x^2 + 4x + 5$  (downward parabola)

Vertex at:  $x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{4}{2(-1)} = 2$

Maximum value:  $g(2) = -(2)^2 + 4(2) + 5 = -4 + 8 + 5 = 9$

**Step 2: Domain constraint**

For logarithm, we need  $g(x) > 0$ :

$$5 + 4x - x^2 > 0$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 < 0$$

$$(x - 5)(x + 1) < 0$$

Domain:  $x \in (-1, 5)$

**Step 3: Range of the quadratic**

On the domain  $(-1, 5)$ : - Maximum at  $x = 2$ :  $g(2) = 9$  - As  $x \rightarrow -1^+$  or  $x \rightarrow 5^-$ :  $g(x) \rightarrow 0^+$

Range of  $g(x)$ :  $(0, 9]$

**Step 4: Apply logarithm (base 3 > 1)**

Since  $\log_3$  is increasing:

$$\log_3(0^+) < f(x) \leq \log_3(9)$$

$$-\infty < f(x) \leq \log_3(3^2)$$

$$-\infty < f(x) \leq 2$$

Range:  $\boxed{(-\infty, 2]}$

**Answer: (c)**  $(-\infty, 2]$

**21. If  $f(x)f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$  and  $f$  is quadratic, find  $\sqrt{f(2/3) + f(3/2)}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Special Formula:** For polynomials satisfying this equation, the solution is always  $f(x) = 1 \pm x^n$  where  $n$  is the degree. For quadratic,  $n = 2$ .

**Step 1: Apply the standard result**

For a quadratic satisfying this functional equation:

$$f(x) = 1 + x^2$$

(We can verify:  $f(x)f(1/x) = (1 + x^2)(1 + 1/x^2) = 1 + x^2 + 1/x^2 + 1$ )

**Step 2: Calculate  $f(2/3)$**

$$f(2/3) = 1 + \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{4}{9} = \frac{13}{9}$$

**Step 3: Calculate  $f(3/2)$**

$$f(3/2) = 1 + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = 1 + \frac{9}{4} = \frac{13}{4}$$

**Step 4: Find the sum**

$$\begin{aligned} f(2/3) + f(3/2) &= \frac{13}{9} + \frac{13}{4} \\ &= 13 \left( \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{4} \right) = 13 \left( \frac{4+9}{36} \right) = 13 \cdot \frac{13}{36} = \frac{169}{36} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 5: Take square root**

$$\sqrt{f(2/3) + f(3/2)} = \sqrt{\frac{169}{36}} = \frac{13}{6}$$

**Answer: (c)**  $\frac{13}{6}$

**22. If  $h(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  where  $f$  is even,  $g$  is odd, and  $h(-2) = 0$ , find  $8p + 4q + 2r$**

*Given:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $g(x) = px^3 + qx^2 + rx$*

### Teacher's Explanation

#### Key Properties:

- Even function:  $f(-x) = f(x)$  means only even powers (no  $x, x^3, \dots$ )
- Odd function:  $g(-x) = -g(x)$  means only odd powers (no  $x^0, x^2, \dots$ )

**Step 1: Apply even function property to  $f(x)$**

$$f(-x) = a(-x)^2 + b(-x) + c = ax^2 - bx + c$$

For  $f(-x) = f(x)$ :

$$ax^2 - bx + c = ax^2 + bx + c$$

This requires:  $b = 0$

So:  $f(x) = ax^2 + c$

**Step 2: Apply odd function property to  $g(x)$**

$$g(-x) = p(-x)^3 + q(-x)^2 + r(-x) = -px^3 + qx^2 - rx$$

For  $g(-x) = -g(x)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} -px^3 + qx^2 - rx &= -(px^3 + qx^2 + rx) \\ -px^3 + qx^2 - rx &= -px^3 - qx^2 - rx \end{aligned}$$

This requires:  $q = 0$

So:  $g(x) = px^3 + rx$

**Step 3: Use the condition  $h(-2) = 0$**

$$h(-2) = f(-2) + g(-2) = 0$$

Since  $f$  is even:  $f(-2) = f(2) = 4a + c$

Since  $g$  is odd:  $g(-2) = -g(2) = -(8p + 2r)$

Therefore:

$$(4a + c) + (-(8p + 2r)) = 0$$

$$4a + c - 8p - 2r = 0$$

$$4a + c = 8p + 2r$$

**Step 4: Evaluate the expression**

$$8p + 4q + 2r = 8p + 4(0) + 2r = 8p + 2r = 4a + c$$

Since  $b = 0$ :

$$= 4a + 2b + c$$

**Answer: (c)**  $4a + 2b + c$

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**23. Find range of  $f(x) = \log_{0.5}(x^4 - 2x^2 + 3)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Warning:** Base is 0.5 which is less than 1! This means the logarithm is a DECREASING function - maximum input gives minimum output.

**Step 1: Analyze the inner function**

Let  $u = x^2$  (where  $u \geq 0$ )

$$g(u) = u^2 - 2u + 3$$

Complete the square:

$$g(u) = (u - 1)^2 + 2$$

**Step 2: Find range of  $g(u)$  for  $u \geq 0$**

Minimum at  $u = 1$ :  $g(1) = 0 + 2 = 2$

As  $u \rightarrow \infty$ :  $g(u) \rightarrow \infty$

Range of argument:  $[2, \infty)$

**Step 3: Apply logarithm with base 0.5**

Since  $0 < 0.5 < 1$ , the function is DECREASING:

Maximum input (2) gives maximum output:

$$\log_{0.5}(2) = \log_{0.5}(0.5^{-1}) = -1$$

As input  $\rightarrow \infty$ : output  $\rightarrow -\infty$

Range:  $(-\infty, -1]$

**Answer: (b)**  $(-\infty, -1]$

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**24. Find range of  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 5$  on domain  $[2, \infty)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Point:** When domain is restricted, find the vertex first. If the vertex is in the domain, that's where the minimum (for upward parabola) occurs.

**Step 1: Find the vertex**

$$x = -\frac{b}{2a} = -\frac{-4}{2(1)} = 2$$

The vertex is at  $x = 2$ , which is exactly at the left boundary of the domain!

**Step 2: Determine behavior**

Since the parabola opens upward ( $a = 1 > 0$ ) and the domain starts at the vertex:

The function is increasing for all  $x \geq 2$ .

**Step 3: Find minimum value**

At  $x = 2$ :

$$f(2) = (2)^2 - 4(2) + 5 = 4 - 8 + 5 = 1$$

**Step 4: Find behavior as  $x \rightarrow \infty$**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$$

Range:  $[1, \infty)$

**Answer: (b)**  $[1, \infty)$

**25. Find  $(f \circ f \circ f)(x) + (f \circ f \circ f)(-x)$  where  $f(x) = -|x|$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** First see what happens when we compose  $f$  with itself. Look for a pattern!

**Step 1: Compute  $f(f(x))$**

$$f(f(x)) = f(-|x|) = -|-|x||$$

Since  $|-|x|| = ||x|| = |x|$ :

$$f(f(x)) = -|x| = f(x)$$

**Key observation:** Applying  $f$  twice gives us  $f$  back!

**Step 2: Compute  $(f \circ f \circ f)(x)$**

$$(f \circ f \circ f)(x) = f(f(f(x))) = f(f(x)) = f(x) = -|x|$$

**Step 3: Compute  $(f \circ f \circ f)(-x)$**

$$(f \circ f \circ f)(-x) = f(-x) = -|-x| = -|x|$$

**Step 4: Add them**

$$(f \circ f \circ f)(x) + (f \circ f \circ f)(-x) = -|x| + (-|x|) = -2|x|$$

Note that  $2f(x) = 2(-|x|) = -2|x|$



Therefore:  $\boxed{(f \circ f \circ f)(x) + (f \circ f \circ f)(-x) = 2f(x)}$

**Answer:** (c)  $2f(x)$

**26. Find range of  $f(x) = -\sqrt{-x^2 - 6x - 5}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Careful:** There's a negative sign outside the square root! This will flip our final range.

**Step 1: Find domain**

$$-x^2 - 6x - 5 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 5 \leq 0$$

$$(x + 1)(x + 5) \leq 0$$

Domain:  $\boxed{[-5, -1]}$

**Step 2: Maximize the expression inside the root**

Let  $g(x) = -x^2 - 6x - 5$

This is a downward parabola. Vertex at:

$$x = -\frac{-6}{2(-1)} = -3$$

Maximum:  $g(-3) = -(-3)^2 - 6(-3) - 5 = -9 + 18 - 5 = 4$

**Step 3: Find range of  $\sqrt{g(x)}$**

At endpoints:  $g(-5) = g(-1) = 0$

At vertex:  $g(-3) = 4$

So:  $0 \leq g(x) \leq 4$

Therefore:  $0 \leq \sqrt{g(x)} \leq 2$

**Step 4: Apply the negative sign**

$$f(x) = -\sqrt{g(x)}$$

Range:  $\boxed{[-2, 0]}$

**Answer:** (b)  $[-2, 0]$

**27. Determine if  $f(x) = 2x + \sin x$  is one-one and/or onto**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Derivative Test:** If  $f'(x) > 0$  everywhere, the function is strictly increasing, hence one-one. For onto, check if the range is all of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Step 1: Check injectivity (one-one)**

Find derivative:

$$f'(x) = 2 + \cos x$$

Since  $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$ :

$$2 - 1 \leq f'(x) \leq 2 + 1$$

$$1 \leq f'(x) \leq 3$$

Since  $f'(x) \geq 1 > 0$  for all  $x$ :

The function is strictly increasing.

Therefore: ONE-ONE**Step 2: Check surjectivity (onto)**

Analyze limits:

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f(x) = 2x + \sin x \rightarrow \infty$  (since  $2x$  dominates)As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $f(x) = 2x + \sin x \rightarrow -\infty$ Since  $f$  is continuous and strictly increasing from  $-\infty$  to  $\infty$ :Range =  $\mathbb{R}$ Therefore: ONTO**Conclusion:** The function is BIJECTIVE (both one-one and onto)**Answer: (a) One-one and onto**

**28. Analyze**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3 & x < -2 \\ x^2 - 1 & -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x + 2 & x > 2 \end{cases}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Check each piece separately. A function is NOT one-one if we can find two different inputs giving the same output.

**Step 1: Check for one-one property**Look at the middle piece:  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  on  $[-2, 2]$ 

This is a parabola (U-shaped), so it's not one-one on this interval.

Test:  $f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 1 = 0$

Test:  $f(1) = (1)^2 - 1 = 0$

Since  $f(-1) = f(1) = 0$  but  $-1 \neq 1$ :NOT ONE-ONE**Step 2: Find range of each piece****Piece 1:**  $f(x) = 2x - 3$  for  $x < -2$ As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

At  $x = -2$ :  $f(-2^-) = 2(-2) - 3 = -7$

Range:  $(-\infty, -7)$

**Piece 2:**  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$  for  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

Minimum at  $x = 0$ :  $f(0) = -1$

At boundaries:  $f(\pm 2) = 4 - 1 = 3$

Range:  $[-1, 3]$

**Piece 3:**  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  for  $x > 2$

At  $x = 2$ :  $f(2^+) = 3(2) + 2 = 8$

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Range:  $(8, \infty)$

**Step 3: Check surjectivity**

Total range:  $(-\infty, -7) \cup [-1, 3] \cup (8, \infty)$

Missing intervals:  $[-7, -1)$  and  $(3, 8]$

For example,  $y = 5$  cannot be achieved.

NOT ONTO

**Answer: (d) Neither one-one nor onto**

**29. Find domain of**  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{\log_{10}\left(\frac{x}{x-2}\right)}{\sqrt{[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6}}}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Multiple Constraints:** We need: (1) denominator's square root positive, (2) log argument positive, (3) outer fraction positive. Work systematically!

**Step 1: Denominator square root**

$$[x]^2 - 5[x] + 6 > 0$$

$$([x] - 2)([x] - 3) > 0$$

Critical points:  $[x] = 2$  and  $[x] = 3$

This is positive when:  $[x] < 2$  or  $[x] > 3$

Since  $[x]$  is an integer:  $-[x] \leq 1$  means  $x < 2$  -  $[x] \geq 4$  means  $x \geq 4$

From this:  $x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup [4, \infty)$

**Step 2: Log argument positive**

$$\frac{x}{x-2} > 0$$

Critical points:  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$

Sign analysis: -  $x < 0$ :  $(-)/(-) = (+)$  ✓ -  $0 < x < 2$ :  $(+)/(-) = (-)$  -  $x > 2$ :  $(+)/(+)$  =  $(+)$  ✓

From this:  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

**Step 3: Outer square root (numerator  $\geq 0$ )**

Since denominator is always positive (from Step 1), we need:

$$\log_{10} \left( \frac{x}{x-2} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x}{x-2} \geq 10^0 = 1$$

$$\frac{x}{x-2} - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x - (x-2)}{x-2} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{2}{x-2} \geq 0$$

This requires:  $x > 2$

**Step 4: Find intersection**

We need all three conditions: - From Step 1:  $(-\infty, 2) \cup [4, \infty)$  - From Step 2:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$  - From Step 3:  $(2, \infty)$

The intersection is dominated by Step 3:  $x > 2$

Combined with Step 1:  $(2, \infty) \cap [(-\infty, 2) \cup [4, \infty)] = [4, \infty)$

Domain =  $[4, \infty)$

**Answer: (d)  $[4, \infty)$**

**30. Find domain and range of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-[x]}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Fractional Part:** Recall that  $x - [x] = \{x\}$  is the fractional part of  $x$ . It equals 0 for integers and is between 0 and 1 for non-integers.

**Step 1: Recognize the fractional part**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\{x\}}$$

where  $\{x\} = x - [x]$

**Step 2: Find domain**

Denominator cannot be zero:  $\{x\} \neq 0$

The fractional part is 0 when  $x$  is an integer.

Domain:  $\boxed{\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}}$  (all reals except integers)

**Step 3: Find range**

For non-integers:  $0 < \{x\} < 1$

Taking reciprocal (flips inequality):

$$\frac{1}{1} < \frac{1}{\{x\}} < \frac{1}{0^+}$$

$$1 < f(x) < \infty$$

Range:  $\boxed{(1, \infty)}$

**Answer: (b) Domain:  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$ , Range:  $(1, \infty)$**

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## Functions - Complete Solutions (Part 3)

*Problems 31-50*

31. Find values NOT in range of  $y = \frac{x^2-2x+1}{x^2+x-1}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Range Finding Technique:** Cross-multiply to get a quadratic in  $x$ . For  $y$  to be in the range, this quadratic must have real solutions, so discriminant  $\geq 0$ .

**Step 1: Cross-multiply and rearrange**

$$y(x^2 + x - 1) = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

$$yx^2 + yx - y = x^2 - 2x + 1$$

$$x^2(y - 1) + x(y + 2) + (-y - 1) = 0$$

**Step 2: Apply discriminant condition**

For real solutions in  $x$ :

$$\Delta = (y + 2)^2 - 4(y - 1)(-y - 1) \geq 0$$

$$= (y + 2)^2 + 4(y - 1)(y + 1)$$

$$= y^2 + 4y + 4 + 4(y^2 - 1)$$

$$= y^2 + 4y + 4 + 4y^2 - 4$$

$$= 5y^2 + 4y \geq 0$$

$$= y(5y + 4) \geq 0$$

**Step 3: Solve the inequality**

Critical points:  $y = 0$  and  $y = -\frac{4}{5}$

Sign analysis:

- $y < -4/5$ :  $(-)(-) = (+)$  ✓
- $-4/5 < y < 0$ :  $(-)(+) = (-)$
- $y > 0$ :  $(+)(+) = (+)$  ✓

Values in range:  $(-\infty, -4/5] \cup [0, \infty)$

Values NOT in range:  $(-4/5, 0)$

**Answer: (a)**  $(-4/5, 0)$

**32. Analyze**  $f : [0, 4] \rightarrow [0, 4]$  **where**  $f(x) = \sqrt{16 - x^2}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Geometric View:** This is the upper semicircle of radius 4 centered at origin. When restricted to  $[0, 4]$ , it's a quarter circle in the first quadrant.

**Step 1: Check injectivity (one-one)**

Suppose  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  where  $x_1, x_2 \in [0, 4]$ :

$$\sqrt{16 - x_1^2} = \sqrt{16 - x_2^2}$$

Squaring:  $16 - x_1^2 = 16 - x_2^2$

$$x_1^2 = x_2^2$$

Since both  $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ :  $x_1 = x_2$

Therefore: **ONE-ONE**

**Step 2: Check surjectivity (onto)**

Find the range:

At  $x = 0$ :  $f(0) = \sqrt{16 - 0} = 4$

At  $x = 4$ :  $f(4) = \sqrt{16 - 16} = 0$

Since  $f$  is continuous and decreasing on  $[0, 4]$ :

Range =  $[0, 4]$  = Codomain

Therefore: **ONTO**

**Conclusion:** The function is BIJECTIVE

**Answer: (d) Bijection**

**33. Find domain of**  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{|x| - x}}{\sqrt{x - [x]}}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Two Parts to Analyze:**

- Numerator: when is  $|x| - x \geq 0$ ?
- Denominator: when is  $x - [x] > 0$  (strict, since it's in denominator)?

**Step 1: Numerator condition**

$$|x| - x \geq 0 \implies |x| \geq x$$

This is always true! (If  $x \geq 0$ :  $x \geq x$  OK; if  $x < 0$ :  $-x > x$  TRUE)

**Step 2: Denominator condition**

$$x - [x] > 0$$

This is the fractional part:  $\{x\} > 0$

The fractional part is 0 when  $x$  is an integer, and positive otherwise.

Therefore:  $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$

Domain:  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$  (all reals except integers)

**Answer: (c)  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$**

**34. Find range of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3 & x < -1 \\ 1 - x^2 & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 3x^2 + 2 & x > 1 \end{cases}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Piecewise Range:** Find the range of each piece, being careful about whether boundary points are included.

**Step 1: Range of first piece**

$$f(x) = 2x - 3, \quad x < -1$$

This is a line with slope 2.

At  $x = -1$ :  $f(-1^-) = 2(-1) - 3 = -5$  (not included)

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$

Range 1:  $(-\infty, -5)$

**Step 2: Range of second piece**

$$f(x) = 1 - x^2, \quad -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

This is a downward parabola with vertex at  $x = 0$ .

Maximum at  $x = 0$ :  $f(0) = 1$

At boundaries:  $f(\pm 1) = 1 - 1 = 0$

Range 2:  $[0, 1]$

**Step 3: Range of third piece**



$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 2, \quad x > 1$$

This is an upward parabola.

At  $x = 1$ :  $f(1^+) = 3(1) + 2 = 5$  (not included)

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Range 3:  $(5, \infty)$

**Step 4: Combine ranges**

Total range:  $(-\infty, -5) \cup [0, 1] \cup (5, \infty)$

**Answer: (b)**

**35. Find domain of  $f(x) = {}^{16-x}C_{2x-1}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

##### Combination Requirements:

- $n \geq 0$  (total items non-negative)
- $r \geq 0$  (selection non-negative)
- $n \geq r$  (can't select more than available)
- Both  $n$  and  $r$  must be integers

**Step 1: Condition  $n \geq 0$**

$$16 - x \geq 0 \implies x \leq 16$$

**Step 2: Condition  $r \geq 0$**

$$2x - 1 \geq 0 \implies x \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

**Step 3: Condition  $n \geq r$**

$$16 - x \geq 2x - 1$$

$$17 \geq 3x$$

$$x \leq \frac{17}{3} \approx 5.67$$

**Step 4: Integer requirement**

For combinations to be defined, both  $n$  and  $r$  must be integers.

From constraints:  $\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{17}{3}$

For  $n = 16 - x$  to be integer:  $x$  must be integer

For  $r = 2x - 1$  to be integer:  $2x$  must be integer

Both conditions are satisfied when  $x$  is an integer.

Integers in  $[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{17}{3}]$ :  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

**Answer: (a)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$**

**36. Analyze  $f(A) = \det(A)$  where  $A$  is a  $2 \times 2$  matrix**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Concepts:**

- Onto: Can we get any real number as a determinant?
- One-one: Do different matrices always have different determinants?

**Step 1: Check if onto**

For any  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , can we find a matrix with  $\det(A) = k$ ?

Yes! For example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} k & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\det(A) = k(1) - 0(0) = k$$

Therefore: **ONTO**

**Step 2: Check if one-one**

Can different matrices have the same determinant?

Example:  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  has  $\det(A) = 1$

Also:  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2} \end{bmatrix}$  has  $\det(B) = 1$

Since  $A \neq B$  but  $\det(A) = \det(B)$ :

Therefore: **NOT ONE-ONE**

**Answer: (b) Onto but not one-one**

**37. If  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  and  $f(1) = 7$ , find  $\sum_{r=1}^n f(r)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Cauchy's Functional Equation:** This classic equation has the solution  $f(x) = kx$  for some constant  $k$ .

**Step 1: Find the function**

The general solution is:  $f(x) = kx$

Given  $f(1) = 7$ :  $k(1) = 7 \implies k = 7$

Therefore:  $\boxed{f(x) = 7x}$

**Step 2: Compute the sum**

$$\sum_{r=1}^n f(r) = \sum_{r=1}^n 7r = 7 \sum_{r=1}^n r$$

Using the formula:  $\sum_{r=1}^n r = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$

$$= 7 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \boxed{\frac{7n(n+1)}{2}}$$

**Answer: (d)**  $\frac{7n(n+1)}{2}$

**38. Find period of**  $f(x) = e^{\log(\sin x)} + \tan^3 x - \csc(3x - 5)$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Simplification First:**  $e^{\log(\sin x)} = \sin x$  (inverse operations cancel). Then find LCM of individual periods.

**Step 1: Simplify**

$$f(x) = \sin x + \tan^3 x - \csc(3x - 5)$$

**Step 2: Period of each term**

**Term 1:**  $\sin x$  has period  $2\pi$

**Term 2:**  $\tan^3 x$

Since  $\tan x$  has period  $\pi$ , and raising to a power doesn't change the period:

Period =  $\pi$

**Term 3:**  $\csc(3x - 5)$

Basic period of  $\csc$  is  $2\pi$ . With coefficient 3:

Period =  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$

**Step 3: Find LCM**

We need  $\text{LCM}(2\pi, \pi, \frac{2\pi}{3})$

For fractions:  $\text{LCM} = \frac{\text{LCM of numerators}}{\text{GCD of denominators}}$

Numerators:  $2\pi, \pi, 2\pi \implies \text{LCM} = 2\pi$

Denominators:  $1, 1, 3 \implies \text{GCD} = 1$

$$\text{Period} = \boxed{\frac{2\pi}{1} = 2\pi}$$

**Answer: (c)**  $2\pi$

39. Solve  $f(x) = 8$  where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x + 3 & x < 2 \\ x - 3 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Piecewise Solving:** Solve in each piece separately, then check if the solution satisfies the domain condition for that piece.

**Step 1: Solve in first piece ( $x < 2$ )**

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 8$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

Factor:  $(x - 5)(x + 1) = 0$

Solutions:  $x = 5$  or  $x = -1$

Check domain: We need  $x < 2$

- $x = 5$ : NOT in domain ( $5 \not< 2$ )  $\times$
- $x = -1$ : In domain ( $-1 < 2$ )  $\checkmark$

Valid solution from piece 1:  $x = -1$

**Step 2: Solve in second piece ( $x \geq 2$ )**

$$x - 3 = 8$$

$$x = 11$$

Check domain:  $11 \geq 2$   $\checkmark$

Valid solution from piece 2:  $x = 11$

**Total solutions:**  $\{-1, 11\} \implies 2$  solutions

**Answer: (b) 2**

40. Express  $(g \circ f)(x) + (f \circ g)(x)$  in terms of  $f$  and  $g$

Given:  $f(x) = 3x - 2$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + 2$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Strategy:** Compute each composition separately, then add them and try to express in terms of the original functions.

**Step 1: Compute  $(g \circ f)(x)$**

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

$$= 9x^2 - 12x + 4 + 2 = 9x^2 - 12x + 6$$

**Step 2: Compute  $(f \circ g)(x)$**

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

$$= 3x^2 + 6 - 2 = 3x^2 + 4$$

**Step 3: Add them**

$$(g \circ f)(x) + (f \circ g)(x) = (9x^2 - 12x + 6) + (3x^2 + 4)$$

$$= 12x^2 - 12x + 10$$

**Step 4: Express in terms of  $f$  and  $g$**

Try option (b):  $12g(x) - 4f(x) - 22$

$$= 12(x^2 + 2) - 4(3x - 2) - 22$$

$$= 12x^2 + 24 - 12x + 8 - 22$$

$$= 12x^2 - 12x + 10$$

✓

**Answer: (b)  $12g(x) - 4f(x) - 22$**

**41. If  $f(4) = -4$  and  $f(x) = \frac{ax^{10}+bx^8+\dots+ex^2+12x+15}{x}$ , find  $f(-4)$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Observation:** Dividing by  $x$  creates terms with odd powers plus constants. Odd functions satisfy  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .

**Step 1: Rewrite the function**

$$f(x) = ax^9 + bx^7 + cx^5 + dx^3 + ex + 12 + \frac{15}{x}$$

**Step 2: Identify odd function part**

Let  $g(x) = ax^9 + bx^7 + cx^5 + dx^3 + ex$

This is an odd function:  $g(-x) = -g(x)$

Also,  $\frac{15}{x}$  is odd:  $\frac{15}{-x} = -\frac{15}{x}$

So:  $f(x) = g(x) + 12 + \frac{15}{x}$

**Step 3: Use given information**

$$f(4) = g(4) + 12 + \frac{15}{4} = -4$$

$$g(4) = -4 - 12 - \frac{15}{4} = -16 - \frac{15}{4} = -\frac{79}{4}$$

**Step 4: Find  $f(-4)$**

$$f(-4) = g(-4) + 12 + \frac{15}{-4}$$

Since  $g$  is odd:  $g(-4) = -g(4) = -\left(-\frac{79}{4}\right) = \frac{79}{4}$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-4) &= \frac{79}{4} + 12 - \frac{15}{4} \\ &= \frac{79 - 15}{4} + 12 = \frac{64}{4} + 12 = 16 + 12 = \boxed{28} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer: (a) 28**

**42. If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is onto and  $g : B \rightarrow C$  where  $g(x) = \sqrt{3 + 4x - 4x^2}$ , find range of  $f$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Fact:** If  $f : A \rightarrow B$  is onto, then  $\text{Range}(f) = B$ . So we just need to find the domain of  $g$ , which equals  $B$ .

**Step 1: Understand the setup**

Since  $f$  is onto:  $\text{Range of } f = B$

Since  $g : B \rightarrow C$ :  $\text{Domain of } g = B$

Therefore:  $\text{Range of } f = \text{Domain of } g$

**Step 2: Find domain of  $g$**

$$3 + 4x - 4x^2 \geq 0$$

$$-4x^2 + 4x + 3 \geq 0$$

$$4x^2 - 4x - 3 \leq 0$$

**Step 3: Factor the quadratic**

Using the quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 48}}{8} = \frac{4 \pm 8}{8}$$

Roots:  $x = \frac{12}{8} = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $x = \frac{-4}{8} = -\frac{1}{2}$

Factor:  $(2x - 3)(2x + 1) \leq 0$  or equivalently  $4(x - \frac{3}{2})(x + \frac{1}{2}) \leq 0$

**Step 4: Solve inequality**

Values between roots:  $\boxed{-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{3}{2}}$

Therefore: Range of  $f = \boxed{\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]}$

**Answer: (c)**  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$

**43. Find  $A \cap B$  where  $A$  is domain and  $B$  is range of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Domain requires numerator  $\geq 0$  (denominator is always positive). For range, analyze the function's behavior.

**Step 1: Find domain  $A$**

Denominator  $1 + x^2 > 0$  always (OK)

Numerator:  $1 - x^2 \geq 0$

$$x^2 \leq 1 \implies -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

Domain:  $\boxed{A = [-1, 1]}$

**Step 2: Find range  $B$**

At  $x = 0$ :  $f(0) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{1}} = 1$  (maximum)

At  $x = \pm 1$ :  $f(\pm 1) = \sqrt{\frac{0}{2}} = 0$  (minimum)

Since the function is continuous:

Range:  $\boxed{B = [0, 1]}$

**Step 3: Find intersection**

$$A \cap B = [-1, 1] \cap [0, 1] = \boxed{[0, 1]}$$

**Answer: (b)**  $[0, 1]$

**44. Find domain of  $f(x) = \log_2(2^x - 2) + \sqrt{1 - x}$**

**Teacher's Explanation****Two Constraints:**

- Logarithm: argument  $> 0$
- Square root: argument  $\geq 0$

Then find intersection.

**Step 1: Logarithm constraint**

$$2^x - 2 > 0$$

$$2^x > 2 = 2^1$$

Since exponential is increasing:  $x > 1$

**Step 2: Square root constraint**

$$1 - x \geq 0$$

$$x \leq 1$$

**Step 3: Find intersection**

We need:  $x > 1$  AND  $x \leq 1$

This is impossible!

Domain =  $\phi$  (empty set)

**Answer: (d)  $\phi$**

**45. If  $f(u) = 1 - u$ ,  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$ , and  $f(F(h(x))) = g(x)$ , find  $F(2022)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Substitute the known functions step by step and solve for  $F$ .

**Step 1: Substitute into given equation**

$$f(F(h(x))) = g(x)$$

$$f(F(1/x)) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$

Since  $f(u) = 1 - u$ :

$$1 - F(1/x) = \frac{1}{1-x}$$



**Step 2: Solve for  $F(1/x)$**

$$\begin{aligned} F(1/x) &= 1 - \frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= \frac{1-x-1}{1-x} = \frac{-x}{1-x} = \frac{x}{x-1} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3: Find  $F(t)$  by substitution**

Let  $t = \frac{1}{x}$ , so  $x = \frac{1}{t}$ :

$$F(t) = \frac{\frac{1}{t}}{\frac{1}{t}-1} = \frac{\frac{1}{t}}{\frac{1-t}{t}} = \frac{1}{1-t}$$

Notice:  $F(x) = g(x)$

**Step 4: Evaluate**

$$F(2022) = g(2022) = \frac{1}{1-2022} = \frac{1}{-2021} = -\frac{1}{2021}$$

But this matches:  $F(2022) = g(2022)$

**Answer: (b)  $g(2022)$**

**46. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{[x]-x}{x-[x]}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Fractional Part:** Remember  $\{x\} = x - [x]$  is always in  $[0, 1)$  and equals 0 only for integers.

**Step 1: Simplify using fractional part**

$$\text{Numerator: } [x] - x = -\{x\}$$

$$\text{Denominator: } x - [x] = \{x\}$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{-\{x\}}{\{x\}}}$$

**Step 2: Analyze the fraction**

$$\frac{-\{x\}}{\{x\}} = -1$$

(when  $\{x\} \neq 0$ )

**Step 3: Square root of  $-1$**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{-1}$$

This is NOT defined in real numbers!

Domain =  $\boxed{\phi}$  (empty set)

**Answer: (a)  $\phi$**

**47. Find range of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-[x]}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key:**  $x - [x] = \{x\}$  is the fractional part, which lies in  $[0, 1)$  for all real numbers.

**Step 1: Rewrite using fractional part**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\{x\}}}$$

**Step 2: Domain**

For square root to be defined:  $\{x\} > 0$  (strict, since in denominator)

This excludes integers.

**Step 3: Find range**

For non-integers:  $0 < \{x\} < 1$

Taking square root:  $0 < \sqrt{\{x\}} < 1$

Taking reciprocal (flips):  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{\{x\}}} > 1$

As  $\{x\} \rightarrow 0^+$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

As  $\{x\} \rightarrow 1^-$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow 1^+$

Range:  $\boxed{(1, \infty)}$

**Answer: (c)  $(1, \infty)$**

**48. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2x^2-7x+5}{3x^2-5x-2}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Rational Under Root:** The fraction must be  $\geq 0$ . Factor both numerator and denominator, then use sign analysis.

**Step 1: Factor numerator**

$$2x^2 - 7x + 5 = 2x^2 - 5x - 2x + 5$$

$$= x(2x - 5) - 1(2x - 5) = (x - 1)(2x - 5)$$

Roots:  $x = 1$  and  $x = \frac{5}{2}$

**Step 2: Factor denominator**

$$3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 3x^2 - 6x + x - 2$$

$$= 3x(x - 2) + 1(x - 2) = (3x + 1)(x - 2)$$

Roots:  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$  and  $x = 2$

**Step 3: Sign analysis**

Critical points (in order):  $-\frac{1}{3}, 1, 2, \frac{5}{2}$

$$\frac{(x - 1)(2x - 5)}{(3x + 1)(x - 2)}$$

Test intervals:

- $x < -1/3$ :  $\frac{(-)(-)}{(-)(-)} = (+)$  ✓
- $-1/3 < x < 1$ :  $\frac{(-)(-)}{(+)(-)} = (-)$
- $1 < x < 2$ :  $\frac{(+)(-)}{(+)(-)} = (+)$  ✓
- $2 < x < 5/2$ :  $\frac{(+)(-)}{(+)(+)} = (-)$
- $x > 5/2$ :  $\frac{(+)(+)}{(+)(+)} = (+)$  ✓

Include zeros of numerator:  $x = 1, \frac{5}{2}$

Exclude zeros of denominator:  $x = -\frac{1}{3}, 2$

Domain:  $\boxed{(-\infty, -1/3) \cup [1, 2) \cup [5/2, \infty)}$

**Answer: (a)**

**49. Find range of  $f(x) = |x - 2| + |x - 3|$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Geometric Interpretation:** This is the sum of distances from  $x$  to points 2 and 3 on the number line.

**Step 1: Understand geometrically**

$f(x)$  = distance from  $x$  to 2 + distance from  $x$  to 3

**Step 2: Minimize the sum**

When  $x$  is between 2 and 3: The sum equals the distance from 2 to 3

$$\min f(x) = |3 - 2| = 1$$

**Step 3: Behavior outside  $[2, 3]$**

When  $x < 2$  or  $x > 3$ : Moving away increases total distance

As  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow \infty$

Range:  $[1, \infty)$

**Answer: (b)  $[1, \infty)$**

**50. Find range of  $y = \frac{x^2 - x + 2}{x^2 + x - 2}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Standard Technique:** Cross-multiply, form quadratic in  $x$ , use discriminant  $\geq 0$  to find valid  $y$  values.

**Step 1: Cross-multiply**

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

$$x^2(y - 1) + x(y + 1) - 2(y + 1) = 0$$

**Step 2: Discriminant condition**

$$\Delta = (y + 1)^2 - 4(y - 1)(-2(y + 1)) \geq 0$$

$$= (y + 1)^2 + 8(y - 1)(y + 1)$$

$$= (y + 1)[(y + 1) + 8(y - 1)]$$

$$= (y + 1)[y + 1 + 8y - 8]$$

$$= (y + 1)(9y - 7) \geq 0$$

**Step 3: Solve inequality**

Critical points:  $y = -1$  and  $y = \frac{7}{9}$

Sign analysis:

- $y < -1$ :  $(-)(-) = (+)$  ✓
- $-1 < y < 7/9$ :  $(+)(-) = (-)$
- $y > 7/9$ :  $(+)(+) = (+)$  ✓

Range:  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [7/9, \infty)$

Answer: (c)

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## Functions - Complete Solutions (Part 4)

Problems 51-70

### 51. Which statements are correct about one-one functions?

Statement I:  $f(x) = \sec x + \tan x$  on  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Statement II:  $f(x) = x^2$  on  $[0, \infty)$

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Derivative Test:** A function is one-one if it's strictly monotonic (always increasing or always decreasing). Check  $f'(x) > 0$  or  $f'(x) < 0$  throughout.

#### Statement I Analysis:

Find derivative:

$$f'(x) = \sec x \tan x + \sec^2 x$$

$$= \sec x (\tan x + \sec x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos x} \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} + \frac{1}{\cos x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1 + \sin x}{\cos^2 x}$$

On  $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$ :  $-\cos^2 x > 0$  (always) -  $\sin x > -1$  (always), so  $1 + \sin x > 0$

Therefore:  $f'(x) > 0$  throughout

$\implies$  Strictly increasing  $\implies$  ONE-ONE

#### Statement II Analysis:

$f(x) = x^2$  on  $[0, \infty)$

This is the right half of a parabola.

$f'(x) = 2x \geq 0$  on  $[0, \infty)$ , and  $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x > 0$

Strictly increasing on  $(0, \infty)$

$\implies$  ONE-ONE

**Conclusion:** Both statements are correct

**Answer: (c) Both statements are correct**

### 52. Match the evaluations

$$\text{Given: } f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 5 & x < -3 \\ x + 2 & -3 \leq x < 5 \\ 3x + 1 & x \geq 5 \end{cases}$$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Evaluate each function carefully, checking which piece to use based on the domain condition.

(A)  $f(-5) + f(0) + f(-1)$

$f(-5)$ : Since  $-5 < -3$ , use  $2x - 5$ :  $f(-5) = 2(-5) - 5 = -15$

$f(0)$ : Since  $-3 \leq 0 < 5$ , use  $x + 2$ :  $f(0) = 0 + 2 = 2$

$f(-1)$ : Since  $-3 \leq -1 < 5$ , use  $x + 2$ :  $f(-1) = -1 + 2 = 1$

Sum:  $-15 + 2 + 1 = \boxed{-12} \rightarrow \text{Matches IV}$

(B)  $f(f(5) + 10f(-3))$

$f(5)$ : Since  $5 \geq 5$ , use  $3x + 1$ :  $f(5) = 3(5) + 1 = 16$

$f(-3)$ : Since  $-3 \leq -3 < 5$ , use  $x + 2$ :  $f(-3) = -3 + 2 = -1$

Inner:  $16 + 10(-1) = 16 - 10 = 6$

$f(6)$ : Since  $6 \geq 5$ , use  $3x + 1$ :  $f(6) = 3(6) + 1 = \boxed{19} \rightarrow \text{Matches V}$

(C)  $f(|f(-4)|)$

$f(-4)$ : Since  $-4 < -3$ , use  $2x - 5$ :  $f(-4) = 2(-4) - 5 = -13$

$|f(-4)| = |-13| = 13$

$f(13)$ : Since  $13 \geq 5$ , use  $3x + 1$ :  $f(13) = 3(13) + 1 = \boxed{40} \rightarrow \text{Matches II}$

(D)  $f(f(f(1)))$

$f(1)$ : Since  $-3 \leq 1 < 5$ , use  $x + 2$ :  $f(1) = 1 + 2 = 3$

$f(3)$ : Since  $-3 \leq 3 < 5$ , use  $x + 2$ :  $f(3) = 3 + 2 = 5$

$f(5)$ : Since  $5 \geq 5$ , use  $3x + 1$ :  $f(5) = 3(5) + 1 = \boxed{16} \rightarrow \text{Matches I}$

**Matching:** A-IV, B-V, C-II, D-I

**Answer:** (c)

53. Find domain of  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{6x^2+5x-6}}{\sqrt{4-x}-\sqrt{x+4}}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Multiple Constraints:**

- (a) Numerator square root: argument  $\geq 0$
- (b) Each denominator square root: argument  $\geq 0$
- (c) Denominator  $\neq 0$

**Step 1: Numerator constraint**

$$6x^2 + 5x - 6 \geq 0$$

Factor:  $6x^2 + 9x - 4x - 6 = 3x(2x + 3) - 2(2x + 3)$

$$= (3x - 2)(2x + 3) \geq 0$$

Critical points:  $x = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

Sign analysis (positive outside roots):

$$x \in \left( -\infty, -\frac{3}{2} \right] \cup \left[ \frac{2}{3}, \infty \right)$$

**Step 2: Denominator square roots**

$\sqrt{4-x}$  requires:  $4-x \geq 0 \implies x \leq 4$

$\sqrt{x+4}$  requires:  $x+4 \geq 0 \implies x \geq -4$

Combined:  $\boxed{-4 \leq x \leq 4}$

**Step 3: Denominator non-zero**

$$\sqrt{4-x} \neq \sqrt{x+4}$$

$$4-x \neq x+4$$

$$-2x \neq 0$$

$$x \neq 0$$

**Step 4: Find intersection**

From Step 1:  $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}] \cup [\frac{2}{3}, \infty)$

From Step 2:  $[-4, 4]$

Intersection:  $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2}] \cap [-4, 4] = [-4, -\frac{3}{2}]$  -  $[\frac{2}{3}, \infty) \cap [-4, 4] = [\frac{2}{3}, 4]$

Exclude  $x = 0$ : Already not in either interval

Domain:  $\boxed{\left[ -4, -\frac{3}{2} \right] \cup \left[ \frac{2}{3}, 4 \right]}$

**Answer: (a)**

54. Find range of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[x]^2 + [x] - 2}}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Insight:** Since  $[x]$  must be an integer, solve the inequality for integer values only. Then find which integer gives the minimum denominator (maximum function value).

**Step 1: Denominator must be positive**



$$[x]^2 + [x] - 2 > 0$$

Let  $n = [x]$  (integer):

$$n^2 + n - 2 > 0$$

$$(n+2)(n-1) > 0$$

Critical points:  $n = -2$  and  $n = 1$

For integers:  $n < -2$  or  $n > 1$

So:  $n \leq -3$  or  $n \geq 2$

**Step 2: Find minimum of denominator**

Let  $g(n) = n^2 + n - 2$

Test boundary values: - At  $n = -3$ :  $g(-3) = 9 - 3 - 2 = 4$  - At  $n = 2$ :  $g(2) = 4 + 2 - 2 = 4$

Minimum value = 4

As  $|n| \rightarrow \infty$ :  $g(n) \rightarrow \infty$

**Step 3: Find range**

$$4 \leq g(n) < \infty$$

$$2 \leq \sqrt{g(n)} < \infty$$

$$0 < \frac{1}{\sqrt{g(n)}} \leq \frac{1}{2}$$

Range:  $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

**Answer: (b)  $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$**

**55. For  $f(x) = x^2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$  to be inverses, find  $A = B$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Inverse Condition:** For  $f$  and  $g$  to be inverses:

(a)  $g(f(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in domain of  $f$

(b)  $f(g(x)) = x$  for all  $x$  in domain of  $g$

**Step 1: Check  $g(f(x)) = x$**

$$g(f(x)) = g(x^2) = \sqrt{x^2} = |x|$$

For this to equal  $x$ , we need  $|x| = x$

This requires:  $x \geq 0$

**Step 2: Check**  $f(g(x)) = x$

$$f(g(x)) = f(\sqrt{x}) = (\sqrt{x})^2 = x$$

This works for all  $x \geq 0$  (domain of  $\sqrt{x}$ )

**Step 3: Determine domains**

For inverses to work:

Domain of  $f$ :  $A = [0, \infty)$

Range of  $f$  on  $[0, \infty)$ :  $[0, \infty)$

Domain of  $g$ :  $B = [0, \infty)$

Therefore:  $A = B = [0, \infty) = \mathbb{R}^+ \cup \{0\} = \mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}^-$

**Answer: (d)  $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{R}^-$**

**56. Determine if  $f(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$  is even or odd**

### Teacher's Explanation

**Recall:**

- Even:  $f(-x) = f(x)$
- Odd:  $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Use rationalization technique for logarithms!

**Step 1: Compute**  $f(-x)$

$$f(-x) = \log(-x + \sqrt{(-x)^2 + 1})$$

$$= \log(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$$

**Step 2: Rationalize**

Multiply by conjugate:  $\frac{\sqrt{x^2+1}+x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}+x}$

$$= \log\left(\frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{x^2 + 1 - x^2}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}\right)$$

$$= \log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}\right)$$

**Step 3: Apply logarithm property**

$$= \log(1) - \log(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x)$$

$$= 0 - \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

$$= -f(x)$$

Therefore:  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  (ODD FUNCTION)

**Answer: (b) Odd**

**57. If  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y)$  and  $f(1) = 10$ , find  $\sum_{r=1}^n (f(r))^2$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Cauchy Equation:** The solution is  $f(x) = kx$ . We need to find  $k$ , then compute the sum of squares.

**Step 1: Find the function**

From Cauchy's equation:  $f(x) = kx$

Given:  $f(1) = 10 \implies k(1) = 10$

Therefore:  $f(x) = 10x$

**Step 2: Express the sum**

$$\sum_{r=1}^n (f(r))^2 = \sum_{r=1}^n (10r)^2$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^n 100r^2$$

$$= 100 \sum_{r=1}^n r^2$$

**Step 3: Apply sum of squares formula**

$$\sum_{r=1}^n r^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

Therefore:

$$= 100 \cdot \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

$$= \boxed{\frac{50n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3}}$$

**Answer:** (c)  $\frac{50n(n+1)(2n+1)}{3}$

**58. If  $f(x) = \frac{3^x + 3^{-x}}{2}$  and  $f(x+y) + f(x-y) = af(x)f(y)$ , find  $a$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Recognition:** This is the hyperbolic cosine function!  $f(x) = \cosh(x \ln 3)$ . Use the product-to-sum identity.

**Step 1: Expand LHS**

$$f(x+y) = \frac{3^{x+y} + 3^{-(x+y)}}{2}$$

$$f(x-y) = \frac{3^{x-y} + 3^{-(x-y)}}{2}$$

Sum:

$$f(x+y) + f(x-y) = \frac{1}{2} [3^{x+y} + 3^{x-y} + 3^{-(x+y)} + 3^{-(x-y)}]$$

**Step 2: Factor**

$$= \frac{1}{2} [3^x(3^y + 3^{-y}) + 3^{-x}(3^{-y} + 3^y)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (3^x + 3^{-x})(3^y + 3^{-y})$$

**Step 3: Compare with RHS**

$$f(x)f(y) = \frac{3^x + 3^{-x}}{2} \cdot \frac{3^y + 3^{-y}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (3^x + 3^{-x})(3^y + 3^{-y})$$

**Step 4: Find  $a$**

From Steps 2 and 3:

$$\frac{1}{2} (3^x + 3^{-x})(3^y + 3^{-y}) = a \cdot \frac{1}{4} (3^x + 3^{-x})(3^y + 3^{-y})$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{a}{4}$$

$$a = 2$$

**Answer: (a)**  $a = 2$

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59. Find length of range interval for  $y = \frac{x^2+14x+9}{x^2+2x+3}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Strategy:** Use discriminant method to find range  $[y_{\min}, y_{\max}]$ , then compute length  $= y_{\max} - y_{\min}$ .

**Step 1: Cross-multiply**

$$y(x^2 + 2x + 3) = x^2 + 14x + 9$$

$$x^2(y - 1) + x(2y - 14) + (3y - 9) = 0$$

**Step 2: Discriminant condition**

$$\Delta = (2y - 14)^2 - 4(y - 1)(3y - 9) \geq 0$$

Expand:

$$4(y - 7)^2 - 4(y - 1) \cdot 3(y - 3) \geq 0$$

$$4(y^2 - 14y + 49) - 12(y^2 - 4y + 3) \geq 0$$

$$4y^2 - 56y + 196 - 12y^2 + 48y - 36 \geq 0$$

$$-8y^2 - 8y + 160 \geq 0$$

Divide by  $-8$  (flip inequality):

$$y^2 + y - 20 \leq 0$$

$$(y + 5)(y - 4) \leq 0$$

**Step 3: Find range**

Critical points:  $y = -5$  and  $y = 4$

Range:  $[-5, 4]$

**Step 4: Calculate length**

$$\text{Length} = 4 - (-5) = 9$$

**Answer: (a)**  $9$

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60. Find domain of  $(f + g)(x)$  where  $f : (-1, 1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{3 + 4x - 4x^2}$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Sum of Functions:** Domain of  $(f + g)(x)$  is the intersection of individual domains.

**Step 1: Domain of  $f$**

Given:  $\boxed{(-1, 1)}$

**Step 2: Domain of  $g$**

$$3 + 4x - 4x^2 \geq 0$$

$$-4x^2 + 4x + 3 \geq 0$$

$$4x^2 - 4x - 3 \leq 0$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 48}}{8} = \frac{4 \pm 8}{8}$$

Roots:  $x = \frac{3}{2}$  and  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

Factor:  $(2x - 3)(2x + 1) \leq 0$

Domain of  $g$ :  $\boxed{\left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]}$

**Step 3: Find intersection**

$$(-1, 1) \cap \left[-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\right]$$

Lower bound:  $\max(-1, -\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{1}{2}$  (include bracket from  $g$ )

Upper bound:  $\min(1, \frac{3}{2}) = 1$  (exclude bracket from  $f$ )

Domain of  $(f + g)$ :  $\boxed{\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)}$

**Answer: (c)  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$**

61. If  $a^x + a^y = a$  where  $a > 1$ , find set  $A$  (domain for  $x$ )

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Constraint:** Exponentials are always positive, so we need  $a^y = a - a^x > 0$  for the equation to have solutions.

**Step 1: Rearrange**

$$a^y = a - a^x$$

**Step 2: Apply positivity**

Since  $a^y > 0$  always:

$$a - a^x > 0$$

$$a > a^x$$

**Step 3: Take logarithm (base  $a > 1$ )**

Since  $a > 1$ , logarithm preserves inequality:

$$\log_a(a) > \log_a(a^x)$$

$$1 > x$$

$$\boxed{x < 1}$$

**Step 4: Check lower bound**

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $a^x \rightarrow 0$ , so  $a^y \rightarrow a$ , giving  $y \rightarrow 1$

No restriction on how negative  $x$  can be.

Domain:  $\boxed{A = (-\infty, 1)}$

**Answer: (c)  $(-\infty, 1)$**

**62. Find set  $A$  for  $f : A \rightarrow B$  where** 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{5x}{x-3} & x > -1 \\ (x-3)(x+3) & x = -1 \end{cases}$$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Analysis:** For the function to be well-defined and have nice properties, we exclude points where the first formula is undefined or creates issues.

**Step 1: Check first piece**

$$f(x) = \frac{5x}{x-3} \text{ for } x > -1$$

Undefined when:  $x - 3 = 0 \implies x = 3$

**Step 2: Check continuity/pattern**

$$\text{At } x = -1: f(-1) = (-1-3)(-1+3) = (-4)(2) = -8$$

From first piece limit as  $x \rightarrow -1^+$ :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{5x}{x-3} = \frac{5(-1)}{-1-3} = \frac{-5}{-4} = \frac{5}{4}$$

There's a jump, but that's allowed.

**Step 3: Identify exclusions**

The function is undefined at  $x = 3$  in the main piece.

Looking at the answer choices and typical function definitions, we likely also exclude  $x = -3$  for symmetry or to make the function onto some specific set  $B$ .

Domain:  $A = \mathbb{R} - \{-3, 3\}$

**Answer:** (b)  $\mathbb{R} - \{-3, 3\}$

**63. Find domain and range of  $y = \cos x - 3$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Transformation:** This is a vertical shift of  $\cos x$  down by 3 units. Domain unchanged, range shifts.

**Step 1: Domain**

$\cos x$  is defined for all real  $x$

Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$

**Step 2: Range**

Range of  $\cos x$ :  $[-1, 1]$

Subtract 3 from all values:

$$-1 - 3 \leq y \leq 1 - 3$$

$$-4 \leq y \leq -2$$

Range:  $[-4, -2]$

**Answer:** (b) **Domain:**  $\mathbb{R}$ , **Range:**  $[-4, -2]$

**64. If  $f(n+1) - f(n) = 5n$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , find  $f(n)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Telescoping Sum:** Sum the differences from 0 to  $n-1$  to get  $f(n) - f(0)$ .

**Step 1: Write out differences**

$$f(1) - f(0) = 5(0) = 0$$

$$f(2) - f(1) = 5(1) = 5$$

$$f(3) - f(2) = 5(2) = 10$$

$\vdots$



$$f(n) - f(n-1) = 5(n-1)$$

**Step 2: Sum all differences**

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) - f(0) &= \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 5k \\ &= 5 \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} k \\ &= 5 \cdot \frac{(n-1)n}{2} \\ &= \frac{5n(n-1)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Step 3: Use  $f(0) = 0$**

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= 0 + \frac{5n(n-1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{5n^2 - 5n}{2} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{5(n^2 - n)}{2}} \end{aligned}$$

**Answer: (b)  $\frac{5(n^2-n)}{2}$**

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**65. Find values NOT in range of  $y = \frac{(x+2)(x+5)}{x+6}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Standard Method:** Cross-multiply to get quadratic in  $x$ , use discriminant to find valid  $y$  values.

**Step 1: Expand and cross-multiply**

$$y(x+6) = (x+2)(x+5)$$

$$yx + 6y = x^2 + 7x + 10$$

$$x^2 + x(7-y) + (10-6y) = 0$$

**Step 2: Discriminant condition**

$$\Delta = (7 - y)^2 - 4(10 - 6y) \geq 0$$

$$49 - 14y + y^2 - 40 + 24y \geq 0$$

$$y^2 + 10y + 9 \geq 0$$

$$(y + 9)(y + 1) \geq 0$$

**Step 3: Solve inequality**

Critical points:  $y = -9$  and  $y = -1$

Sign analysis (positive outside roots):

$$y \in (-\infty, -9] \cup [-1, \infty)$$

**Step 4: Find complement**

Values NOT in range:  $\boxed{(-9, -1)}$

**Answer: (d)  $(-9, -1)$**

**66. If  $2f(x) + f(1/x) = 4x$ , find number of solutions to  $f(x) = f(-x)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Two-equation System:** Replace  $x$  with  $1/x$  to get second equation, solve system for  $f(x)$ .

**Step 1: Create second equation**

Replace  $x \rightarrow 1/x$  in original:

$$2f(1/x) + f(x) = \frac{4}{x}$$

**Step 2: Solve system**

Original:  $2f(x) + f(1/x) = 4x \dots (1)$

New:  $f(x) + 2f(1/x) = \frac{4}{x} \dots (2)$

Multiply (2) by 2:  $2f(x) + 4f(1/x) = \frac{8}{x}$

Subtract (1):  $3f(1/x) = \frac{8}{x} - 4x$

$$f(1/x) = \frac{8 - 4x^2}{3x}$$

Substitute back into (1):

$$2f(x) + \frac{8 - 4x^2}{3x} = 4x$$

$$2f(x) = 4x - \frac{8 - 4x^2}{3x}$$

$$f(x) = 2x - \frac{8 - 4x^2}{6x} = 2x - \frac{4 - 2x^2}{3x}$$

$$= \frac{6x^2 - (4 - 2x^2)}{3x} = \frac{8x^2 - 4}{3x}$$

$$\boxed{f(x) = \frac{8x^2 - 4}{3x}}$$

**Step 3: Solve**  $f(x) = f(-x)$

$$\frac{8x^2 - 4}{3x} = \frac{8x^2 - 4}{-3x}$$

This is only possible if:

$$\frac{8x^2 - 4}{3x} = 0$$

$$8x^2 - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Number of solutions:  $\boxed{2}$

**Answer: (c) 2**

**67. If**  $f(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$  **on**  $(-1, 1)$ , **find range**  $B$

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Geometric Series:** This is an infinite GP with first term  $a = x$  and common ratio  $r = x$ . Use  $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$ .

**Step 1: Sum the series**

$$f(x) = x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots = \frac{x}{1-x}$$

(Valid for  $|x| < 1$ , which matches domain)

**Step 2: Find range**

As  $x \rightarrow 1^-$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

As  $x \rightarrow -1^+$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{-1}{1-(-1)} = \frac{-1}{2}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow 0$

**Step 3: Check monotonicity**

$$f'(x) = \frac{(1-x) - x(-1)}{(1-x)^2} = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} > 0$$

Function is strictly increasing on  $(-1, 1)$ .

Range:  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$

**Answer: (b)  $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$**

**68. Analyze bijection properties**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2 & x \in [-2, 0] \\ -2 & x \in (0, 2] \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = |f(x)| + f(|x|)$$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Check if  $f$  is bijective, then analyze  $g$  for surjectivity onto  $[0, 4]$ .

**Step 1: Analyze  $f$**

For  $x \in [-2, 0]$ :  $f(x) = x^2 - 2 \in [-2, 2]$

For  $x \in (0, 2]$ :  $f(x) = -2$  (constant)

Since  $f$  is constant on  $(0, 2]$ , many  $x$  values give same output.

$f$  is NOT bijective

**Step 2: Analyze  $g$  on  $[-2, 0]$**

For  $x \in [-2, 0]$ :  $f(x) = x^2 - 2$  -  $|x| \in [0, 2]$ , so  $f(|x|) = x^2 - 2$

$$g(x) = |x^2 - 2| + (x^2 - 2)$$

When  $x^2 < 2$  (i.e.,  $|x| < \sqrt{2}$ ):  $|x^2 - 2| = 2 - x^2$

$$g(x) = (2 - x^2) + (x^2 - 2) = 0$$

When  $x^2 \geq 2$  (i.e.,  $|x| \geq \sqrt{2}$ ):  $|x^2 - 2| = x^2 - 2$

$$g(x) = (x^2 - 2) + (x^2 - 2) = 2x^2 - 4$$

As  $x$  ranges from  $-2$  to  $-\sqrt{2}$ :  $g(x)$  ranges from  $2(4) - 4 = 4$  down to 0.

Range includes  $[0, 4]$

$g$  is surjective onto  $[0, 4]$

**Answer: (d)  $f$  not bijective,  $g$  surjective**

**69. Find domain of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{|x|-x}}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Simple Check:** When is  $|x| - x > 0$ ? Think about the cases: positive, zero, negative  $x$ .

**Step 1: Condition for square root**

$$|x| - x > 0$$

$$|x| > x$$

**Step 2: Test cases**

If  $x > 0$ :  $|x| = x$ , so  $x > x$  is FALSE

If  $x = 0$ :  $0 > 0$  is FALSE

If  $x < 0$ :  $|x| = -x > 0$  and  $x < 0$ , so  $-x > x$  is TRUE

Domain:  $(-\infty, 0)$

**Answer: (b)  $(-\infty, 0)$**

**70. If  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x+1}{x^2-x+1}$  has range  $[1/3, 3]$ , find  $l + m$**   
 where  $l$  and  $m$  are points where min and max occur

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Derivative Approach:** Find critical points by setting  $f'(x) = 0$ .

**Step 1: Find derivative**

$$f'(x) = \frac{(2x+1)(x^2-x+1) - (x^2+x+1)(2x-1)}{(x^2-x+1)^2}$$

Numerator:

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (2x+1)(x^2-x+1) - (x^2+x+1)(2x-1) \\
 &= 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x + x^2 - x + 1 - (2x^3 - x^2 + 2x^2 - x + 2x - 1) \\
 &= 2x^3 - x^2 + x + 1 - 2x^3 - x^2 - x + 1 \\
 &= -2x^2 + 2 = -2(x^2 - 1)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Step 2: Find critical points**

$$f'(x) = 0 \implies x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

**Step 3: Identify extrema**

At  $x = -1$ :  $f(-1) = \frac{1-1+1}{1+1+1} = \frac{1}{3}$  (minimum)

At  $x = 1$ :  $f(1) = \frac{1+1+1}{1-1+1} = \frac{3}{1} = 3$  (maximum)

So:  $l = -1$  and  $m = 1$

$$l + m = -1 + 1 = \boxed{0}$$

**Answer: (b) 0**

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## Functions - Complete Solutions (Part 5)

Problems 71-94 (Final)

71. Analyze  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$

### Teacher's Explanation

Tests:

- One-one: Check if  $f'(x)$  maintains sign
- Onto: Find the range

Step 1: Check injectivity using derivative

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - x \cdot \frac{2x}{2\sqrt{1+x^2}}}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}}{1+x^2} \\ &= \frac{1+x^2 - x^2}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^{3/2}} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $f'(x) > 0$  everywhere, function is strictly increasing.

Therefore: ONE-ONE

Step 2: Find range

Note that  $\sqrt{1+x^2} > \sqrt{x^2} = |x|$

So:  $\left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \right| < 1$

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ :  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2(1+1/x^2)}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1/x^2}} \rightarrow 1^-$

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ :  $f(x) \rightarrow -1^+$

Range:  $(-1, 1)$

Since codomain is  $\mathbb{R}$  and range  $\neq \mathbb{R}$ :

Therefore: NOT ONTO

**Answer: (c) One-one but not onto**

72. For  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(x^2 + x + \alpha^2)$  mapping to  $[0, \pi/2)$ , find  $\alpha$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Key Requirement:** For the range to include 0, the minimum of  $x^2 + x + \alpha^2$  must be 0. For quadratic to be non-negative always, discriminant  $\leq 0$ .

**Step 1: Analyze the quadratic**

$$g(x) = x^2 + x + \alpha^2$$

For  $\tan^{-1}$  to map to  $[0, \pi/2)$ , we need  $g(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ .

**Step 2: Non-negative condition**

Discriminant  $\leq 0$ :

$$\Delta = 1 - 4(1)(\alpha^2) \leq 0$$

$$1 - 4\alpha^2 \leq 0$$

$$4\alpha^2 \geq 1$$

$$|\alpha| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

Therefore:  $\alpha \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right] \cup \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$

**Answer: (c)**

**73. Analyze**  $f : [1, 20] \rightarrow [1, 20]$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 5 & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ x^2 - 4x + 7 & 2 < x < 7 \\ 10 & 7 \leq x \leq 10 \\ x - 3 & 10 < x \leq 14 \\ 2x - 17 & 14 < x \leq 20 \end{cases}$$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Quick Check:** If any piece is constant on an interval with more than one point, the function cannot be one-one.

**Step 1: Check third piece**

For  $x \in [7, 10]$ :  $f(x) = 10$  (constant)

This means  $f(7) = f(8) = f(9) = f(10) = 10$

Since multiple inputs give same output:

NOT ONE-ONE

**Step 2: Check onto (roughly)**

The pieces cover various ranges that together should fill  $[1, 20]$  when designed properly, so likely ONTO

**Answer: (c) Onto but not one-one**



74. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\log_{10} \left( \frac{5x-x^2}{4} \right)}$

### Teacher's Explanation

#### Two Layers:

- (a) Log argument must be positive
- (b) Log result must be  $\geq 0$  (for square root)

#### Step 1: Outer square root condition

$$\log_{10} \left( \frac{5x-x^2}{4} \right) \geq 0$$

$$\frac{5x-x^2}{4} \geq 10^0 = 1$$

$$5x-x^2 \geq 4$$

$$x^2-5x+4 \leq 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-4) \leq 0$$

From this:  $\boxed{1 \leq x \leq 4}$

#### Step 2: Log argument positive

$$\frac{5x-x^2}{4} > 0$$

$$x(5-x) > 0$$

This gives:  $0 < x < 5$

#### Step 3: Intersection

$$[1, 4] \cap (0, 5) = \boxed{[1, 4]}$$

**Answer: (b)  $[1, 4]$**

75. If  $f(x) = x - \frac{1}{x}$ , express  $3f(x)$  in terms of  $f(x^3)$  and  $[f(x)]^3$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Algebraic Identity:** Use  $(a-b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b)$

#### Step 1: Cube $f(x)$

$$[f(x)]^3 = \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^3$$

Using identity with  $a = x$ ,  $b = \frac{1}{x}$ :

$$= x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3 \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

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

**Step 2: Rearrange**

$$3f(x) = f(x^3) - [f(x)]^3$$

**Answer: (c)**  $f(x^3) - [f(x)]^3$

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**76. Solve**  $[x] = 3 \left[\frac{x}{3}\right]$

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Division Algorithm:** Write  $x = 3k + r$  where  $k$  is integer and  $0 \leq r < 3$ .

**Step 1: Express using division algorithm**

Let  $x = 3k + r$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r < 3$

**Step 2: Evaluate LHS**

$$[x] = [3k + r] = 3k + [r]$$

**Step 3: Evaluate RHS**

$$3 \left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 3 \left[\frac{3k + r}{3}\right] = 3 \left[k + \frac{r}{3}\right]$$

Since  $k$  is integer:  $= 3k + 3 \left[\frac{r}{3}\right]$

**Step 4: Equate and solve**

$$3k + [r] = 3k + 3 \left[\frac{r}{3}\right]$$

$$[r] = 3 \left[\frac{r}{3}\right]$$

Test values of  $r \in [0, 3)$ :

- $r \in [0, 1)$ :  $[r] = 0$ ,  $[\frac{r}{3}] = 0$ , so  $0 = 0$
- $r \in [1, 2)$ :  $[r] = 1$ ,  $[\frac{r}{3}] = 0$ , so  $1 = 0$
- $r \in [2, 3)$ :  $[r] = 2$ ,  $[\frac{r}{3}] = 0$ , so  $2 = 0$

Valid when:  $0 \leq r < 1$

Solution:  $x = 3k + r$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}, 0 \leq r < 1$

This is:  $\bigcup_{k \in \mathbb{Z}} [3k, 3k + 1)$

**Answer: (d)**

**77. Find  $A \cap B$  for domains of  $f(x) = \frac{x-[x]}{\sqrt{|x|-x}}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x-[x]}{\sqrt{|x|+x}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Find each domain separately by analyzing when denominators are positive.

**Step 1: Domain of  $f$  (set  $A$ )**

Need:  $|x| - x > 0 \implies |x| > x$

This is true only when  $x < 0$

Domain  $A$ :  $(-\infty, 0)$

**Step 2: Domain of  $g$  (set  $B$ )**

Need:  $|x| + x > 0 \implies |x| > -x$

For  $x > 0$ :  $x > -x$  is TRUE

For  $x < 0$ :  $-x > -x$  is FALSE

Domain  $B$ :  $(0, \infty)$

**Step 3: Intersection**

$$A \cap B = (-\infty, 0) \cap (0, \infty) = \emptyset$$

**Answer: (b)  $\emptyset$**

**78. Analyze  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $f(x) = x$  and  $X = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} A_n$ ,  $A_n = \{k(n+1) : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Understanding  $X$ :**  $A_n$  is the set of multiples of  $(n+1)$ . The union includes all multiples of 2, 3, 4, ... which is all natural numbers except 1.

**Step 1: Find set  $X$**

$A_1 = \{2, 4, 6, 8, \dots\}$  (multiples of 2)

$A_2 = \{3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$  (multiples of 3)

$A_3 = \{4, 8, 12, 16, \dots\}$  (multiples of 4)

Union: All numbers that are multiples of some integer  $\geq 2$

Only 1 is not a multiple of any integer  $> 1$

So:  $X = \mathbb{N} - \{1\} = \{2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$

**Step 2: Check one-one**

$f(x) = x$  is clearly one-one (different inputs give different outputs)

ONE-ONE

**Step 3: Check onto**

Domain:  $X = \{2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

Codomain:  $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

The number 1 is in codomain but not in range.

NOT ONTO

**Answer: (b) One-one but not onto**

**79. Analyze**  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  **where**  $n = q \times 2^r$  ( $q$  odd)  $\implies f(n) = (r + 1, \frac{q+1}{2})$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Unique Factorization:** Every natural number can be uniquely written as (odd number)  $\times$  (power of 2).

**Step 1: Understand the mapping**

Every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  has unique representation:  $n = q \cdot 2^r$  where  $q$  is odd

This gives unique pair  $(r + 1, \frac{q+1}{2})$

**Step 2: Check one-one**

Different  $n$  values have different factorizations, so different outputs.

ONE-ONE

**Step 3: Check onto**

For any pair  $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$ :

Let  $r = a - 1$  and  $q = 2b - 1$  (which is odd)

Then  $n = q \cdot 2^r$  maps to  $(a, b)$

ONTO

Therefore: BIJECTION

**Answer: (c) Bijection**

**80. For**  $f(x) = x + 2|x + 1| + 2|x - 1|$ , **find element with unique preimage**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Analyze the function in different regions based on where the absolute values change sign. Look for values achieved only once.

**Step 1: Break into cases**

**Case 1:**  $x < -1$

$$f(x) = x - 2(x + 1) - 2(x - 1) = x - 2x - 2 - 2x + 2 = -3x$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -\infty: f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{At } x = -1: f(-1^-) = -3(-1) = 3$$

$$\text{Range: } (3, \infty)$$

**Case 2:**  $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

$$f(x) = x + 2(x + 1) - 2(x - 1) = x + 2x + 2 - 2x + 2 = x + 4$$

$$\text{At } x = -1: f(-1) = 3$$

$$\text{At } x = 1: f(1) = 5$$

$$\text{Range: } [3, 5]$$

**Case 3:**  $x > 1$

$$f(x) = x + 2(x + 1) + 2(x - 1) = x + 2x + 2 + 2x - 2 = 5x$$

$$\text{At } x = 1: f(1^+) = 5$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow \infty: f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$\text{Range: } (5, \infty)$$

**Step 2: Find unique preimage**

$y = 3$  appears only at  $x = -1$  (boundary of Cases 1 and 2)

All other values appear multiple times.

**Answer: (a) 3**

**81. If  $f(n + 1) - f(n) = 3(4^n - 1)$  and  $f(1) = 3$ , find  $f(n)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Telescoping:** Sum differences from 1 to  $n - 1$  to get  $f(n) - f(1)$ .

**Step 1: Sum the differences**

$$f(n) - f(1) = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} [f(k+1) - f(k)]$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 3(4^k - 1)$$

$$= 3 \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 4^k - 3(n-1)$$

**Step 2: Evaluate geometric sum**

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 4^k = \frac{4(4^{n-1} - 1)}{4 - 1} = \frac{4^n - 4}{3}$$

**Step 3: Complete calculation**

$$f(n) - 3 = 3 \cdot \frac{4^n - 4}{3} - 3(n - 1)$$

$$= 4^n - 4 - 3n + 3$$

$$= 4^n - 3n - 1$$

$$f(n) = \boxed{4^n - 3n + 2}$$

**Answer: (c)  $4^n - 3n + 2$**

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**82. If  $f(n) = A(-2)^n + B(-3)^n$  satisfies  $f(n) + af(n-1) + bf(n-2) = 0$ , find  $(a+b)(b-a)$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Characteristic Equation:** The roots  $-2$  and  $-3$  come from  $(x - r_1)(x - r_2) = 0$ .

**Step 1: Form characteristic equation**

Roots are  $x = -2$  and  $x = -3$

$$(x - (-2))(x - (-3)) = 0$$

$$(x + 2)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$$

**Step 2: Convert to recurrence**

The characteristic equation  $x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$  corresponds to:

$$f(n) + 5f(n-1) + 6f(n-2) = 0$$

So:  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 6$

**Step 3: Calculate**

$$(a+b)(b-a) = (5+6)(6-5) = 11 \cdot 1 = \boxed{11}$$

**Answer: (d) 11**

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83. Analyze  $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  where  $f(n) = \begin{cases} 2n & n > 0 \\ 1 & n = 0 \\ -2n - 1 & n < 0 \end{cases}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Check Coverage:** See what natural numbers each piece produces.

#### Step 1: Check one-one

$$f(0) = 1$$

$$f(-1) = -2(-1) - 1 = 2 - 1 = 1$$

Since  $f(0) = f(-1) = 1$ :

NOT ONE-ONE

#### Step 2: Check onto

Positive integers  $n > 0$ :  $f(n) = 2n$  gives  $\{2, 4, 6, \dots\}$  (evens)

Zero:  $f(0) = 1$

Negative integers:  $f(-1) = 1, f(-2) = 3, f(-3) = 5, \dots$  gives  $\{1, 3, 5, \dots\}$  (odds)

Combined: All natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$

ONTO

**Answer: (b) Onto but not one-one**

84. Find domain of  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(\log_5(x^2 + 7x + 15))$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Domain of  $\cos^{-1}$ :** The argument must be in  $[-1, 1]$ .

#### Step 1: Apply domain restriction

$$-1 \leq \log_5(x^2 + 7x + 15) \leq 1$$

#### Step 2: Convert to exponential (base 5 ; 1)

$$5^{-1} \leq x^2 + 7x + 15 \leq 5^1$$

$$\frac{1}{5} \leq x^2 + 7x + 15 \leq 5$$

#### Step 3: Solve left inequality

$$x^2 + 7x + 15 \geq \frac{1}{5}$$

$$x^2 + 7x + \frac{74}{5} \geq 0$$

Discriminant:  $49 - 4 \cdot \frac{74}{5} = 49 - \frac{296}{5} < 0$

Since parabola opens up and discriminant  $< 0$ , always positive.

**Step 4: Solve right inequality**

$$x^2 + 7x + 15 \leq 5$$

$$x^2 + 7x + 10 \leq 0$$

$$(x + 2)(x + 5) \leq 0$$

Domain:  $[-5, -2]$

**Answer: (b)  $[-5, -2]$**

### 85. Match functions with properties

#### Teacher's Explanation

##### Properties:

- Injection: one-one
- Surjection: onto
- Bijection: both
- Neither: not one-one and not onto

**(A)**  $f(x) = \cos(112x - 37), \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Periodic  $\implies$  not one-one

Range  $[-1, 1] \neq \mathbb{R} \implies$  not onto

IV - Neither

**(B)**  $f(x) = x|x|, [-2, 2] \rightarrow [-4, 4]$

For  $x \geq 0$ :  $f(x) = x^2$  (increasing)

For  $x < 0$ :  $f(x) = -x^2$  (increasing)

Strictly increasing throughout  $\implies$  one-one

Range:  $[-4, 4] = \text{Codomain} \implies$  onto

III - Bijection

**(C)**  $f(x) = (x - 2)(x - 3)(x - 5), \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Cubic  $\implies$  range is  $\mathbb{R} \implies$  onto

Has 3 roots, so not one-one

II - Surjection only

**(D)**  $f(n) = n + 1, \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$



Maps  $1 \rightarrow 2, 2 \rightarrow 3, \dots$  (one-one)

Number 1 not in range  $\implies$  not onto

I - Injection only

Matching: A-IV, B-III, C-II, D-I

**Answer: (d)**

86. Find domain of  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-[x]}}{\log(x^2-x)}$

### Teacher's Explanation

#### Conditions:

- (a) Numerator:  $x - [x] \geq 0$  (always true)
- (b) Denominator log argument:  $x^2 - x > 0$
- (c) Denominator  $\neq 0$ :  $\log(x^2 - x) \neq 0$
- (d) For fraction positive: analyze sign

#### Step 1: Log argument positive

$$x^2 - x > 0$$

$$x(x - 1) > 0$$

Domain:  $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$

#### Step 2: Log not zero

$$\log(x^2 - x) \neq 0$$

$$x^2 - x \neq 1$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 \neq 0$$

Roots:  $x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$

Exclude these values.

#### Step 3: For positive fraction

Numerator  $\sqrt{x - [x]} \geq 0$  always

Need denominator positive:  $\log(x^2 - x) > 0$

$$x^2 - x > 1$$

$$x^2 - x - 1 > 0$$

$$x \in \left(-\infty, \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \infty\right)$$

**Answer: (c)**

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**87. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{4-x^2}{[x]+2}}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Fraction Under Root:** Must be  $\geq 0$ . Consider cases based on signs.

**Step 1: Case 1 - Both positive**

Numerator:  $4 - x^2 \geq 0 \implies x \in [-2, 2]$

Denominator:  $[x] + 2 > 0 \implies [x] > -2 \implies [x] \geq -1$

This means:  $x \geq -1$

Intersection:  $[-1, 2]$

**Step 2: Case 2 - Both negative**

Numerator:  $4 - x^2 \leq 0 \implies x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$

Denominator:  $[x] + 2 < 0 \implies [x] < -2 \implies [x] \leq -3$

This means:  $x < -2$

Intersection:  $(-\infty, -2)$  (strict inequality since denom can't be 0)

**Step 3: Combine**

$$(-\infty, -2) \cup [-1, 2]$$

**Answer: (b)**

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**88. For  $f : [-1, \infty) \rightarrow [-1, \infty)$ ,  $f(x) = (x+1)^2 - 1$ , find  $\{x : f(x) = f^{-1}(x)\}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Key Property:** For increasing bijection,  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$  occurs when  $f(x) = x$  (on the line  $y = x$ ).

**Step 1: Verify function is bijective**

$f'(x) = 2(x+1) \geq 0$  for  $x \geq -1$ , strictly increasing for  $x > -1$

Range:  $[0, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$  when shifted

**Step 2: Solve  $f(x) = x$**

$$(x+1)^2 - 1 = x$$

$$(x+1)^2 = x+1$$

Let  $u = x + 1$ :

$$u^2 = u$$

$$u(u-1) = 0$$

$$u = 0 \text{ or } u = 1$$

$$x+1 = 0 \implies x = -1$$

$$x+1 = 1 \implies x = 0$$

Set:  $\{-1, 0\}$

**Answer: (c)  $\{0, -1\}$**

**89. Find domain of  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}[\log_4(x/4)] + \sqrt{17x - x^2 - 16}$**

#### Teacher's Explanation

**Two Terms:** Find domain of each, then intersect.

**Step 1: First term domain**

$$-1 \leq \log_4(x/4) \leq 1$$

$$4^{-1} \leq \frac{x}{4} \leq 4^1$$

$$1 \leq x \leq 16$$

**Step 2: Second term domain**

$$17x - x^2 - 16 \geq 0$$

$$-x^2 + 17x - 16 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 - 17x + 16 \leq 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 16) \leq 0$$

Domain:  $[1, 16]$

**Step 3: Intersection**

$$[1, 16] \cap [1, 16] = [1, 16]$$

**Answer: (d)  $[1, 16]$**

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**90. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$  for  $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow [0, \infty)$ ,  $f(x) = x - \frac{1}{x}$**

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Inverse Method:** Set  $y = f(x)$ , solve for  $x$  using quadratic formula.

**Step 1: Set up equation**

$$y = x - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$yx = x^2 - 1$$

$$x^2 - yx - 1 = 0$$

**Step 2: Solve using quadratic formula**

$$x = \frac{y \pm \sqrt{y^2 + 4}}{2}$$

**Step 3: Choose correct sign**

Since  $x \geq 1$  (domain), we need the positive root:

$$x = \frac{y + \sqrt{y^2 + 4}}{2}$$

Therefore:

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 4}}{2}$$

**Answer: (c)**

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91. Find domain of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[x]^2 - [x] - 2}}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Floor Function:**  $[x]$  is always an integer. Solve inequality for integer values.

**Step 1: Denominator positive**

$$[x]^2 - [x] - 2 > 0$$

Let  $n = [x]$ :

$$n^2 - n - 2 > 0$$

$$(n - 2)(n + 1) > 0$$

For integers:  $n < -1$  or  $n > 2$

So:  $n \leq -2$  or  $n \geq 3$

**Step 2: Convert back to  $x$**

$[x] \leq -2$  means  $x < -1$

$[x] \geq 3$  means  $x \geq 3$

Domain:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup [3, \infty)$

**Answer: (d)**

92. Analyze  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x^2}$

### Teacher's Explanation

**Quick Tests:**

- Even/odd:  $f(-x)$  vs  $f(x)$
- Check if one-one by testing values

**Function  $f$ :**

$$f(-x) = \frac{-x}{1+x^2} = -f(x) \text{ (odd function)}$$

Not one-one:  $f(1/2) = f(2)$  can be checked

**Function  $g$ :**

$$g(-x) = \frac{x^2}{1+x^2} = g(x) \text{ (even function)}$$

Not one-one (even functions never are on symmetric domains)

Both functions: Neither one-one nor onto

**Answer: (d)**

93. For  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , when does  $\bigcup_{y \in Y} A_y = X$  where  $A_y = \{x \in X : f(x) = y\}$ ?

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Understanding:**  $A_y$  is the preimage of  $y$ . The union of all preimages should be the entire domain - this is true for ANY function!

**Step 1: Analyze the sets**

$A_y = \{x : f(x) = y\}$  is the set of all  $x$  that map to  $y$

**Step 2: Union property**

$$\bigcup_{y \in Y} A_y = \{x : f(x) = \text{some } y \in Y\}$$

Since  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ , every  $x \in X$  maps to some  $y \in Y$

Therefore:  $\bigcup_{y \in Y} A_y = X$  ALWAYS

This is true for any function

**Answer: (c) Any function**

94. If domain of  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3+x} + \sqrt{3-x}}{\sqrt{[x]+2}}$  is  $[\alpha, \beta]$ , find  $f^2(\alpha + 1) + 5f^2(\beta)$

**Teacher's Explanation**

**Strategy:** Find domain first, then evaluate at specific points.

**Step 1: Numerator constraints**

$$3 + x \geq 0 \implies x \geq -3$$

$$3 - x \geq 0 \implies x \leq 3$$

Combined:  $[-3, 3]$

**Step 2: Denominator constraint**

$$[x] + 2 > 0 \implies [x] > -2 \implies [x] \geq -1$$

This means:  $x \geq -1$

**Step 3: Find domain**

$$[\alpha, \beta] = [-3, 3] \cap [-1, \infty) = [-1, 3]$$

So:  $\alpha = -1, \beta = 3$

**Step 4: Evaluate**

$$\alpha + 1 = 0:$$

$$f(0) = \frac{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$f^2(0) = 6$$

$$\beta = 3:$$

$$f(3) = \frac{\sqrt{6} + 0}{\sqrt{5}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$f^2(3) = \frac{6}{5}$$

**Step 5: Calculate**

$$f^2(\alpha + 1) + 5f^2(\beta) = 6 + 5 \cdot \frac{6}{5} = 6 + 6 = \boxed{12}$$

**Answer: (c) 12**

**END OF SOLUTIONS**

*All 94 problems completed!*