

Section 1.5 Analyzing Graphs of Functions

Objective: In this lesson you learned how to analyze graphs of functions.

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Important Vocabulary

Define each term or concept.

Graph of a function

Even function

Odd function

I. The Graph of a Function (Pages 54–55)

To find the domain of a function from its graph, . . .

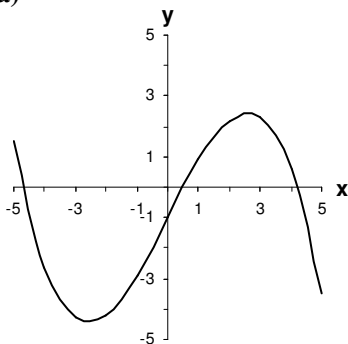
What you should learn
How to use the Vertical Line Test for functions

To find the range of a function from its graph, . . .

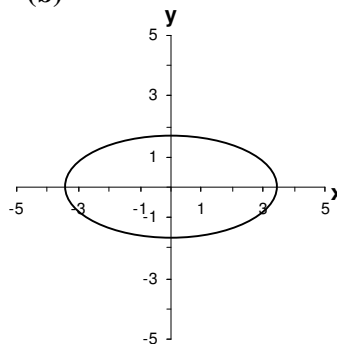
The **Vertical Line Test** for functions states that . . .

Example 1: Decide whether each graph represents y as a function of x .

(a)



(b)



II. Zeros of a Function (Page 56)

If the graph of a function of x has an x -intercept at $(a, 0)$, then a is a _____ of the function.

The **zeros of a function** f of x are . . .

To find the zeros of a function, . . .

Example 2: Find the zeros of the function

$$f(x) = 4x^2 + 19x - 5.$$

What you should learn
How to find the zeros of functions

III. Increasing and Decreasing Functions (Pages 57–58)

A function f is **increasing** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function f is **decreasing** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function f is **constant** on an interval if, for any x_1 and x_2 in the interval, . . .

A function value $f(a)$ is called a **relative minimum** of f if . . .

A function value $f(a)$ is called a **relative maximum** of f if . . .

To approximate the relative minimum or maximum of a function using a graphing utility, . . .

What you should learn
How to determine intervals on which functions are increasing or decreasing and determine relative maximum and relative minimum values of functions

IV. Average Rate of Change (Page 59)

For a nonlinear graph whose slope changes at each point, the **average rate of change** between any two points is . . .

What you should learn
How to determine the average rate of change of a function

The line through the two points is called the _____, and the slope of this line is denoted as _____.

Let $(a, f(a))$ and $(b, f(b))$ be two points on the graph of a nonlinear function f . The average rate of change of f from a to b is given by:

V. Even and Odd Functions (Page 60)

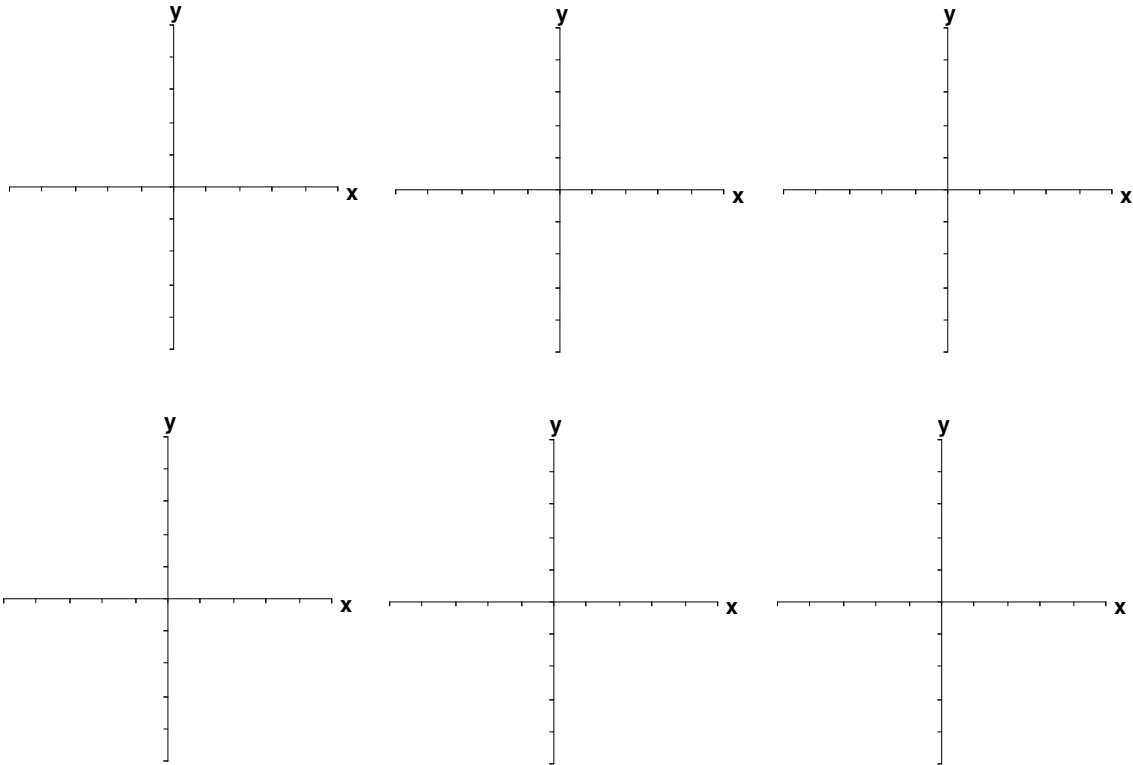
A function whose graph is symmetric with respect to the y -axis is a(n) _____ function. A function whose graph is symmetric with respect to the origin is a(n) _____ function.

What you should learn
How to identify even and odd functions

Can the graph of a nonzero function be symmetric with respect to the x -axis?

Example 3: Decide whether the function $f(x) = 4x^2 - 3x + 1$ is even, odd, or neither.

Additional notes



Homework Assignment

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Exercises