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1. Simplify each expression, and eliminate any negative exponent(s).

a.  $(5x^{-3}y^3)(7x^2)^2$

b.  $\frac{y^{-2}z^{-3}}{y^{-1}}$

c.  $\left(\frac{a^3b^{-2}}{b^3}\right)^2$

2. Simplify the expression. Assume that  $a$  and  $b$  denote any real numbers. (Assume that  $a$  denotes a positive number.)

$$\sqrt[4]{80a^7b^4}$$

3. Find the sum, difference, or product. (Simplify your answer completely.)

$$7(x^2 - 3x + 5) - 6(x^2 - 2x + 1)$$

4. Factor the difference of squares.

$$49a^2 - 4$$

5. Factor the trinomial.

$$7x^2 - 36x + 5$$

6. Factor the trinomial.

$$x^2 + 10x - 39$$

7. Perform the multiplication or division and simplify.

$$\frac{x^2+3x+2}{x^2+9x+20} \cdot \frac{x^2+7x+10}{x^2+4x+4}$$

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8. Perform the addition or subtraction and simplify.

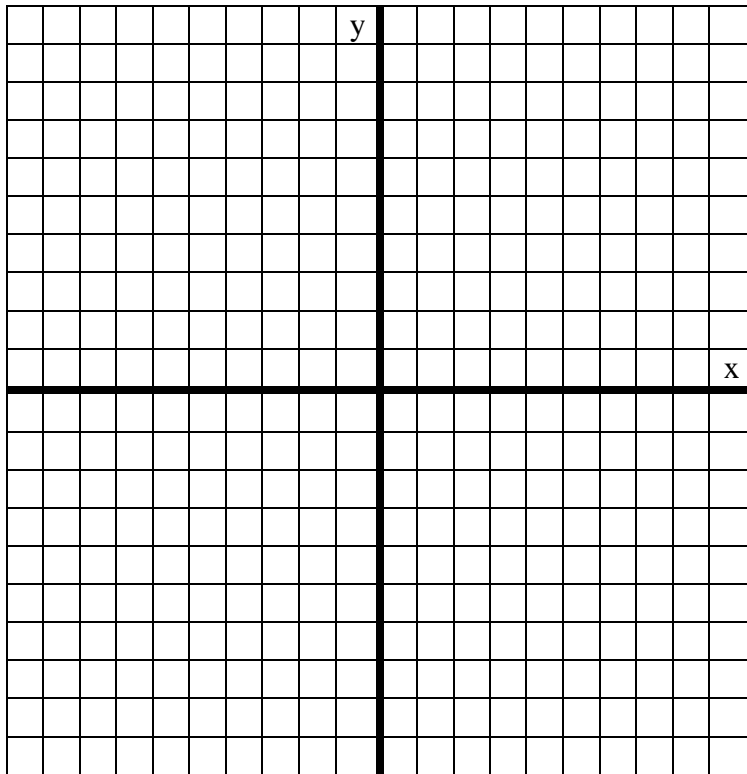
$$\frac{1}{x+6} + \frac{3}{x-1}$$

9. The given equation is either linear or equivalent to a linear equation. Solve the equation.

$$7(1 - x) = 8(1 + 2x) + 9$$

10. A pair of points is given.  $(-7, 5), (5, 0)$

a. Plot the points in a coordinate plane.



b. Find the distance between them.

c. Find the midpoint of the segment that joins them.

$$(x, y) =$$

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11. Find the x- and y-intercepts of the graph of the equation. (If answer does not exist, enter DNE.)

$$5x - 6y = 120$$

X-intercept

Y-intercept

12. Find the slope of the line through  $P$  and  $Q$ .

$$P(5, -5), Q(8, -1)$$

13. Find the equation of the line that satisfies the given conditions.

Through  $(-1, -2)$  and  $(6, 5)$ .

14. Find all real solution of the equation by factoring. (Enter your answer as a comma-separated list.)

$$x^2 - 10x + 24 = 0$$

x =

15. Find all real solutions of the equation. (Enter your answers as a comma-separated list. If there is no real solution, enter NO REAL SOLUTION.)

$$x^2 - 10x + 1 = 0$$

x =

16. Evaluate the product, and write the results in the form  $a + bi$ .

$$(9 - i)(7 + 5i)$$

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17. Find all real solutions of the equation. (Enter your answers as a comma-separated list.)

$$x^3 = 25x$$

$$x =$$

18. Solve the linear inequality. Express the solution using interval notation.

$$2 - 3x > 3$$

Graph the solution set.



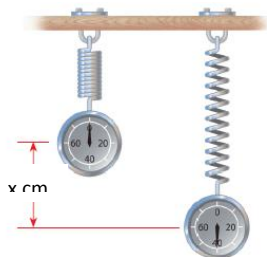
19. Solve the equation. (Enter your answers as a comma-separated list. If there is no solution, enter NO SOLUTION.)

$$3|x + 6| + 4 = 19$$

20. Hooke's Law states that the force needed to keep a spring stretched  $x$  units beyond its natural length is directly proportional to  $x$ . Here the constant of proportionality is called the **spring constant**.

- Write Hooke's Law as an equation. (Use  $k$  for the constant of proportionality.)
- If the spring has a natural length of 6 cm and a force of 35 N is required to maintain the spring stretched to a length of 10 cm, find the spring constant.

$$k =$$



- What force is needed to keep the spring stretched to a length of 14 cm?

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21. Find the domain of the function. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

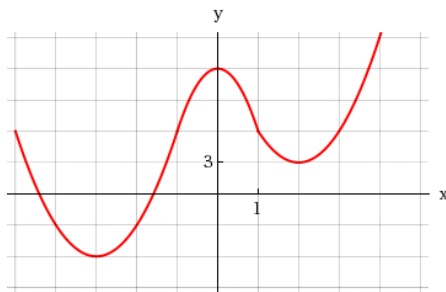
$$f(x) = \frac{x^4}{x^2+x-6}$$

22. Complete the table.

$$g(x) = |8x + 7|$$

$x$	$g(x)$
-3	
-2	
0	
1	
3	

23. The graph of a function is given. Use the graph to estimate the following.



- a. All the local maximum and minimum values of the function and the values of  $x$  at which each occurs

Local Maximum:  $(x, y) =$

Local Minimum:  $(x, y) =$

Local Minimum:  $(x, y) =$

- b. The interval on which the function is increasing and on which the function is decreasing. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

Increasing:

Decreasing:

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24. A function  $f$  is given, and the indicated transformations are applied to its graph (in the given order). Write the equation for the final transformed graph.

$f(x) = x^2$ ; stretched vertically by a factor of 2, shift downward 8 units, and shift 9 units to the right.

$y =$

25. Use  $f(x) = 4x - 5$  and  $g(x) = 2 - x^2$  to evaluate the expression.

a.  $(f \circ g)(x)$

b.  $(g \circ f)(x)$

26. Find the function  $f$  whose graph is a parabola with the given vertex and that passes through the given point.

Vertex:  $(3, -3)$ ; point:  $(4, 2)$

$f(x) =$

27. Find the quotient and remainder using long division.

$$\frac{x^6 + 4x^4 - 3x^2 - 12}{x^2 + 4}$$

Quotient:

Remainder

28. Find all the zeros of the polynomial. (Enter your answer as a comma-separated list. Enter all answers including repetitions.)

$$P(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x + 20$$

$x =$

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29. Find the intercepts and asymptotes. (If an answer does not exist, enter DNA. Enter your asymptotes as a comma-separated list of equations if necessary.)

$$s(x) = \frac{(4x-12)}{(x-4)(x+1)}$$

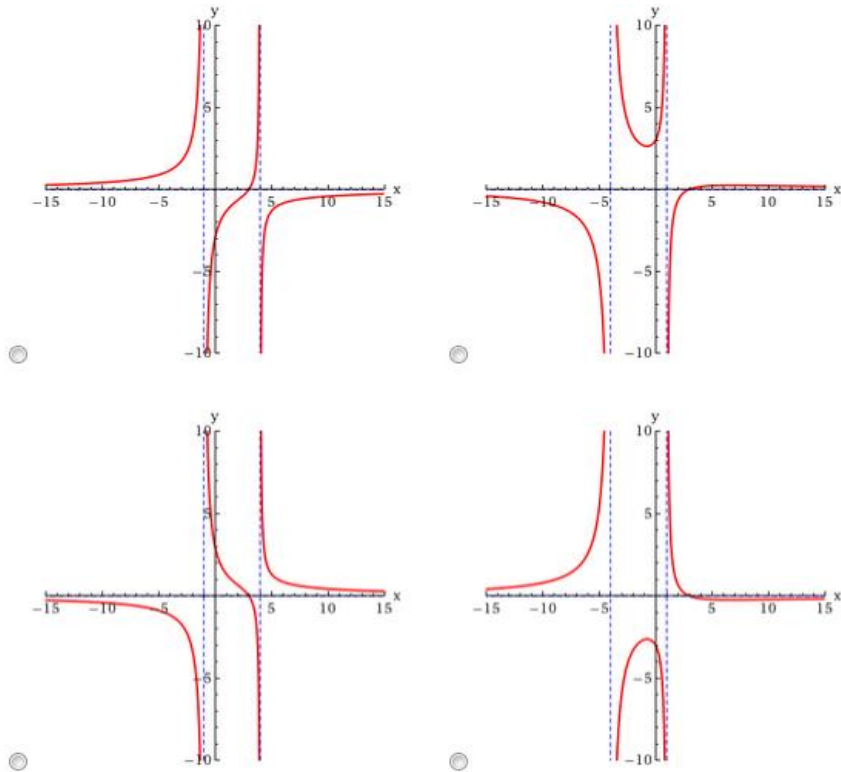
X-intercept:  $(x, y) =$

Y-intercept:  $(x, y) =$

Vertical asymptote(s):

Horizontal asymptote:

Sketch the graph of the rational function.



State the domain and range. Use a graphing device to confirm your answer. (Enter your answer using interval notation.)

Domain:

Range:

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30. Use the elimination method to find all solutions of the system of equations.

$$\begin{cases} 3x + 5y = 28 \\ 6x + y = 11 \end{cases}$$

$$(x, y) =$$