## NONLINEAR FUNCTIONS

### A. Absolute Value

Exercises:

1. We need to scale the graph of Q(x) = |x| by the factor of 3 to get the graph of f(x) = 3|x|. The graph is given below.



2. We need to scale the graph of Q(x) = |x| by the factor of -2 to get the graph of f(x) = -2|x|. The graph is given below.



3. To get the graph of f(x) = 2|x-1| by using Q(x) = |x|, firstly scale Q(x) = |x| by a factor of 2 and then shift the graph 1 unit in the x direction.



4. To draw the graph of G(x) = -|x+1| by using Q(x) = |x|, firstly reflect the graph of Q(x) = |x| across the *x* axis and then shift the new graph -1 unit in the *x* direction.



5. The graph of  $R(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x-1|+2$  can be obtained from Q(x) = |x| by

- Scaling the graph of Q(x) = |x| by a factor of 1/2
- Shifting the new graph 1 unit in *x* direction and 2 units in *y* direction.



6. The graph of T(x) = |x+1| - 3 can be obtained from Q(x) = |x| by shifting the graph of Q(x) = |x| first -1 unit in x direction and then -3 units in y direction.



7. The graph of  $H(x) = |3x-2| = \left|3\left(x-\frac{2}{3}\right)\right| = 3\left|x-\frac{2}{3}\right|$  can be obtained from Q(x) = |x| by

- Scaling the graph of Q(x) = |x| by a factor of 3
- Shifting the new graph 2/3 units in *x* direction.



8. The graph of H(x) = |2x+4| - 1 = |2(x+2)| - 1 = 2|x+2| - 1 can be obtained from Q(x) = |x| by

- Scaling the graph of Q(x) = |x| by a factor of 2
- Shifting the new graph -2 units in x direction and -1 unit in y direction.



9.  $G(x) = -|x+1| = \begin{cases} -(x+1) & \text{, if } x+1 \ge 0 \\ -(-(x+1)) & \text{, if } x+1 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} -x-1 & \text{, if } x+1 \ge 0 \\ x+1 & \text{, if } x+1 < 0 \end{cases}$  and  $x+1 \ge 0 \iff x \ge -1$ . Hence, G(x) can be written as:

$$G(x) = \begin{cases} -x - 1 & \text{, if } x \ge -1 \\ x + 1 & \text{, if } x < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$10. \ T(x) = |x+1| - 3 = \begin{cases} (x+1) - 3 & \text{, if } x+1 \ge 0 \\ -(x+1) - 3 & \text{, if } x+1 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} x-2 & \text{, if } x+1 \ge 0 \\ -x-4 & \text{, if } x+1 < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and} \\ x+1 \ge 0 \iff x \ge -1. \text{ Then,} \\ T(x) = \begin{cases} x-2 & \text{, if } x\ge -1 \\ -x-4 & \text{, if } x< -1 \end{cases} \text{ and} \\ 11. \ R(x) = \frac{1}{2}|x-1| + 2 = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x-1) + 2 & \text{, if } x-1 \ge 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}(x-1) + 2 & \text{, if } x-1 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} & \text{, if } x-1 \ge 0 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2} & \text{, if } x-1 < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and} \\ x-1\ge 0 \iff x\ge 1. \text{ So,} \end{cases} \\ R(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{3}{2} & \text{, if } x\ge 1 \\ -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{5}{2} & \text{, if } x< 1 \end{cases} \\ 12. \ H(x) = |3x-2| = \begin{cases} 3x-2 & \text{, if } 3x-2\ge 0 \\ -(3x-2) & \text{, if } 3x-2 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 3x-2 & \text{, if } 3x-2\ge 0 \\ -3x+2 & \text{, if } 3x-2 < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and} \\ 3x-2\ge 0 \iff 3x\ge 2 \iff x\ge \frac{2}{3}. \text{ Thus,} \\ H(x) = \begin{cases} 3x-2 & \text{, if } x\ge 2/3 \\ -3x+2 & \text{, if } x< 2/3 \end{cases}. \end{cases}$$

13. 
$$M(x) = |2x+4| - 1 = \begin{cases} (2x+4) - 1 & \text{, if } 2x+4 \ge 0 \\ -(2x+4) - 1 & \text{, if } 2x+4 < 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{, if } 2x+4 \ge 0 \\ -2x-5 & \text{, if } 2x+4 < 0 \end{cases}$$
 and  
 $2x+4 \ge 0 \iff 2x \ge -4 \iff x \ge -2$ . Hence,  
 $M(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{, if } x \ge -2 \\ -2x-5 & \text{, if } x < -2 \end{cases}$ .

# **B.** Polynomial Functions

Exercises: 1.  $P(x) = -x^4 + 8 = -x^4 + 0x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 8$  is a polynomial of degree 4. 2.  $F(x) = -3x^3 + 2x^2 + 12 = -3x^3 + 2x^2 + 0x + 12$  is a polynomial of degree 3. 3.  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 1 = ax^2 + bx + c$  is a second degree polynomial 4.  $h(x) = -7x^5 + 3x^3 - 2x + 1 = -7x^5 + 0x^4 + 3x^3 + 0x^2 - 2x + 1$  is a polynomial of degree 5. 5. To graph the polynomial function  $f(x) = -x^4 + 1$ , we need to reflect the graph of  $f(x) = x^4$  across the *x* axis and then shift the new graph 1 unit in *y* direction.



- 6. To graph  $g(x) = -2x^3 + 3$ , we need to
  - Reflect the graph of  $f(x) = x^3$  across the x axis
  - Scale the new graph by a factor of 2
  - Shift the graph 3 units in *y* direction.



- 7. To draw the graph of  $h(x) = -2(x-1)^3 + 1$ , we need to:
  - Reflect the graph of  $f(x) = x^3$  across the x axis
  - Scale the new graph by a factor of 2
  - Shift the graph 1 unit in *x* direction and 1 unit in *y* direction.



- 8. To draw the graph of  $F(x) = 2(x-2)^3 3$ , we need to:
  - Scale the graph of  $f(x) = x^3$  by a factor of 2
  - Shift the graph 2 units in x direction and -3 units in y direction.



9. To obtain the graph of  $F(x) = -2(x+3)^7 - 11$  from the graph of  $g(x) = x^7$ ;

- Reflect the graph of  $g(x) = x^7$  across the *x* axis
- Scale the graph by a factor of 2
- Shift the new graph -3 units in x direction and -11 units in y direction.

10. To obtain the graph of  $F(x) = 3(x-2)^{12} + 5$  from the graph of  $g(x) = x^{12}$ ;

- Scale the graph of  $g(x) = x^{12}$  by a factor of 3
- Shift the new graph 2 units in x direction and -5 units in y direction.

11. To obtain the graph of  $F(x) = (4x+1)^7 + 2 = \left(4\left(x+\frac{1}{4}\right)\right)^7 + 2 = 4^7\left(x+\frac{1}{4}\right)^7 + 2$  from the

graph of  $g(x) = x^7$ ;

- Scale the graph of  $g(x) = x^7$  by a factor of  $4^7$
- Shift the new graph -1/4 units in *x* direction and -2 units in *y* direction.

#### **C. Rational Functions**

Exercises:

1.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$  has vertical asymptotes when  $x^2 - 4 = 0 \iff x^2 = 4 \iff x = \pm 2$  (Notice that the numerator is not 0 when  $x = \pm 2$ ).

Since the degree of the numerator is smaller than the degree of the denominator, the horizontal asymptote is y = 0.

2. The vertical asymptote of  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6}$  is x=6 since  $x-6=0 \Leftrightarrow x=6$  (the numerator is not zero at this value).

The degrees of the numerator and the denominator are equal, so  $y = \frac{2}{1} = 2$  is the

horizontal asymptote of  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6}$ .

3. To find the vertical asymptote(s) of  $h(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$  we need to solve the equation.  $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$ . We have:

$$x^{2} - 3x + 2 = (x - 1)(x - 2) = 0 \iff x = 1 \text{ or } x = 2$$

Since the numerator is not 0 at these values of *x*, the vertical asymptotes are x = 1 and x = 2.

The numerator and the denominator are same degree polynomials;  $y = \frac{3}{1} = 3$  is the horizontal asymptote.

4. 
$$R(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2+4x-12}$$
 has vertical asymptotes if  $x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$  has solutions. Since  $x^2 + 4x - 12 = (x+6)(x-2) = 0 \iff x = -6$  or  $x = 2$ ,

the vertical asymptotes are x = -6 and x = 2 (the numerator is not 0 for these values).

The horizontal asymptote is y = 0 since the degree of the numerator is smaller than the degree of the denominator.

5. i)  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$ ; Domain: all values of x except  $x = \pm 2$ . The x intercept is x = 0 since f(0) = 0. The y intercept is y = 0.

*ii*)  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6}$ ; Domain: all values of x except x = 6.

The x intercept is x = -1/2 since g(-1/2) = 0. The y intercept is y = -1/6 since g(0) = -1/6. *iii*)  $h(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$ ;

Domain: all values of x except x = -6 and x = 2. There is no x intercepts since  $3x^2 + 1 = 0$  has no solutions. The y intercept is y = 1/2 since f(0) = 1/2.

*iv*) 
$$R(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x^2+4x-12}$$
;

Domain: all values of x except x = 1 and x = 2. The x intercept is x = -1/2 since R(-1/2) = 0. The y intercept is y = -1/12 since f(0) = -1/12.

6. The graph of  $h(x) = \frac{-3}{x-2}$  is given below.



The vertical asymptote of  $h(x) = \frac{-3}{x-2}$  is x = 2 and the horizontal asymptote is y = 0. To get the graph of  $h(x) = \frac{-3}{x-2}$  from  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , we need to:

- Reflect the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  across the x axis
- Scale the new graph by a factor of 3
- Shift the graph 2 units in *x* direction.

7. The graph of  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6}$  is given below.



The vertical asymptote of  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6}$  is x = 6 and the horizontal asymptote is y = 2. To get the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-6} = 2 + \frac{13}{x-6}$  from  $R(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , we need to:

- Scale the graph of  $R(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  by a factor of 13
- Shift the graph 6 units in *x* direction and 2 units in *y* direction.

8. The graph of  $f(x) = \frac{-3x+6}{x-1}$  is given below.



The vertical asymptote of  $f(x) = \frac{-3x+6}{x-1}$  is x = 1 and the horizontal asymptote is y = -3. To get the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{-3x+6}{x-1} = -3 + \frac{3}{x-1}$  from  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , we need to:

- Scale the graph of  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  by a factor of 3
- Shift the graph 1 unit in x direction and -3 units in y direction.

#### **D.** Exponential Functions

#### **Exercises:**

1. The horizontal asymptote for the graph of  $g(x) = 2^x - 3$  is y = -3. The *y* intercept is y = -2 since  $g(0) = 2^0 - 3 = 1 - 3 = -2$ .

2. We have 
$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-x} = \left(3^{-1}\right)^{-x} = \left(3^{(-1)(-x)} = 3^x\right)$$
, which means that  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-x}$  and  $f(x) = 3^x$  have the same graph.

3. The horizontal asymptote for the graph of  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^{-x} + 5 = \left(4^{-1}\right)^{-x} + 5 = 4^x + 5$  is y = 5.

The y intercept is y = 6 since  $g(0) = 4^0 + 5 = 6$ .

4. To get the graph of  $g(x) = 2^x - 3$  from  $f(x) = 2^x$ , we need to shift the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x - 3$  units in y direction.

5. To get the graph of  $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{x+3} - 7$  from  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$ , we need to shift the graph of  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$ 

- -3 units in *x* direction
- 7 units in *y* direction.

6. To get the graph of  $g(x) = 5^{2x} - 1 = (5^2)^x - 1 = 25^x - 1$  from  $f(x) = 25^x$ , we need to shift the graph of  $f(x) = 25^x - 1$  unit in y direction.

7. To graph  $g(x) = 2^x - 3$ , shift the graph of  $f(x) = 2^x - 3$  units in y direction.



8. To get the graph of  $g(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{x+3} - 7$  we need to shift the graph of  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x - 3$ units in x direction and -7 units in y direction.



9. The graph of  $g(x) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x + 2$  is obtained by shifting  $f(x) = \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^x 2$  units in y direction.



#### E. The number *e*, Radioactive Decay, and savings accounts

Exercises:

1. To draw the graph of  $p(t) = e^{t} + 1$  we need to shift the graph of  $f(t) = e^{t} + 1$  unit in y direction.



2. To draw the graph of  $g(t) = e^{-t} + 2$  we need to reflect the graph of  $f(t) = e^{t}$  across the y axis and then shift it 2 units in y direction.



3. The graph of  $f(t) = 100e^{0.21t}$  is given below.



4.

t	Percentage remaining
(measured in years)	$e^{-0.015t}$
1	0.98511194 = 98.51%
10	0.860707977 = 86.07%
50	0.472366554 = 47.23%
100	0.223130161 = 22.31%
500	0.000553084 = 0.05%

5.

t	Percentage remaining
(measured in years)	$e^{-0.0045t}$
1	0.99551011 = 99.55%
10	0.955997482 = 95.59%
50	0.798516219 = 79.85%
100	0.637628153 = 60.76%
500	0.105399225 = 10.53%

6. We want to estimate the time when the percentage remaining is 50%. If you look at the table in Exercise-4, you'll see that after 50 years 47.23% of the substance is left. So,  $\frac{1}{2}$  life of this substance must be smaller than 50.

Percentage remaining is given by  $e^{-0.015t}$ . Thus, we need to find *t* such that  $e^{-0.015t} = 0.50$ . If we take the natural logarithms of both sides, we get  $-0.015t = \ln(0.5)$ . That is,

$$t = \frac{\ln(0.5)}{-0.015} = 46.2098 \,.$$

Thus, the 1/2 life of this substance is approximately 46.2 years.

7. We know that  $A_0$  dollars will be worth  $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$  dollars after *t* years. Here,  $A_0 = 1000$ , r = 0.08 and t = 10. Since  $A(10) = 1000e^{(0.08)(10)} = 1000e^{0.8} = 2225.54$ ,

there will be 2225.54 dollars in the account after 10 years.

8. In the formula  $A(t) = A_0 e^{rt}$ ,  $A_0 = 100$ , r = 0.07 and t = 100. We have  $A(100) = 100e^{(0.07)(100)} = 100e^7 = 109663.32$ .

Thus, there is approximately 109,663.32 dollars in the account.