

1. Definition of function: Domain, mapping rule, co-domain and range.

$$\text{A function: } x \xrightarrow{f} f(x)$$

①. x : points that where the function f is defined, called domain. $D(f)$

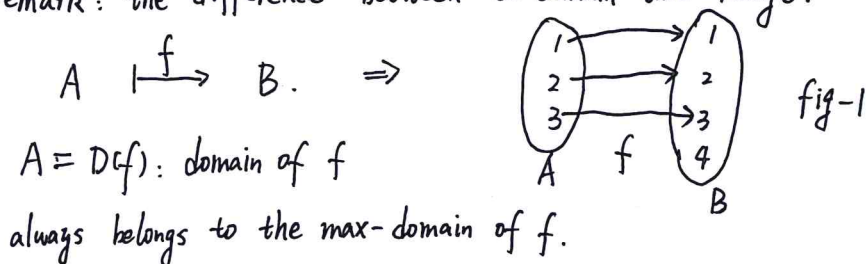
②. f : mapping rule, define the value of this function f at x , write as $f(x)$.

③. $f(x)$: If we collect all values of f , we would get a new set:

$$R(f) = \{f(x) \mid x \in D(f)\}, \text{ the range of } f(x)$$

so we can see $R(f)$ is determined by the $D(f)$ and mapping rule f .

Remark: the difference between co-domain and range:



$B = \text{co-domain}$: A set that always larger than the range of f , of course can be equal.

Ex. 1. In fig-1, $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$, so $D(f) = A = \{1, 2, 3\}$

$$\text{And we define } \begin{cases} f(1)=1 \\ f(2)=2 \\ f(3)=3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow R(f) = \{f(x) \mid x \in D(f)\} = \{1, 2, 3\}$$

while our co-domain $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ so $R(f) \subsetneq B$.

Ex. 2 Give the max-domain and range of following functions.

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} D(f) &= \{x \mid \sqrt{x^2-4} \neq 0\} \cap \{x \mid x^2-4 \geq 0\} \\ &= \{x \mid x \neq \pm 2\} \cap \{x \mid x \geq 2 \text{ or } x \leq -2\} \\ &= \{x \mid x > 2 \text{ or } x < -2\}. \end{aligned}$$

$$R(f) = (0, +\infty)$$

why? For we choose any $t \in (0, +\infty)$

$$\text{let } f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2-4}} = t \Rightarrow x^2 = 4 + \frac{1}{t^2} \Rightarrow x_0 = \pm \sqrt{4 + \frac{1}{t^2}} \in D_c$$

which means we can find some x_0 make $f(x_0) = t$

this is the definition of range.

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

$$D(f) = \{x \mid \cos x + \sin x \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \mid \sqrt{2} \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4}) \neq 0\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x \neq k\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

$$\text{for } \cos x + \sin x = \sqrt{2} \sin(x + \frac{\pi}{4}) \in [-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]$$

and $\cos x + \sin x \neq 0$. so:

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x + \sin x} \in (-\infty, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}] \cup [\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, +\infty)$$

$$\therefore R(f) = (-\infty, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}] \cup [\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, +\infty)$$

$$f(x) = \sqrt{2 - |\ln(1-x)|}$$

$$D(f) = \{x \mid 2 - |\ln(1-x)| \geq 0\} \cap \{x \mid 1-x > 0\}$$

$$= \{x \mid \cancel{1-x} - 2 \leq \ln(1-x) \leq 2\} \cap \{x \mid x < 1\}$$

$$= \{x \mid 1 - e^2 \leq x \leq 1 - e^{-2}\} \cap \{x \mid x < 1\}$$

$$= [1 - e^2, 1 - e^{-2}]$$

$$R(f) = [0, \sqrt{2}] \text{ for } 0 \leq 2 - |\ln(1-x)| \leq 2$$

Remark: domains and ranges of some important functions:

$$1) D(\frac{1}{x}) = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty) = \{x \mid x \neq 0\}, R(f) = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, +\infty)$$

$$2) f(x) = \cos x. D(f) = R = (-\infty, +\infty), R(f) = [-1, 1]$$

$$3) f(x) = \sqrt{x} D(f) = [0, +\infty) = \{x \mid x \geq 0\}, R(f) = [0, +\infty)$$

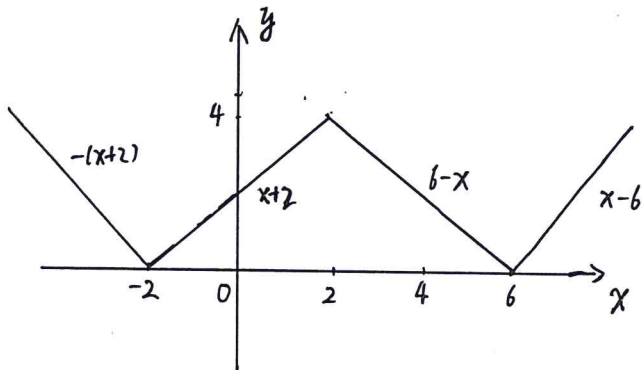
$$4) f(x) = \ln x D(f) = (0, +\infty), R(f) = (-\infty, +\infty)$$

2. Graph of functions.

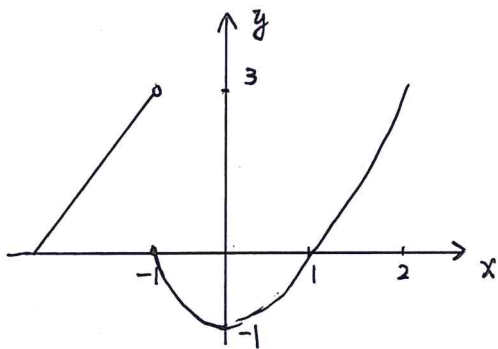
1. $f(x) = |x-2| - 4$

Step by step

$$|x-2| \begin{cases} \rightarrow x \geq 2 : f(x) = |x-2-4| = |x-6| \begin{cases} \rightarrow x \geq 6 : f(x) = x-6 \\ \rightarrow 2 \leq x < 6 : f(x) = 6-x \end{cases} \\ \rightarrow x < 2 : f(x) = |2-x-4| = |-x-2| = |x+2| \begin{cases} \rightarrow -2 \leq x < 2 : f(x) = x+2 \\ \rightarrow x < -2 : f(x) = -(x+2) \end{cases} \end{cases}$$



2. $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+5, & x < -1 \\ x^2-1, & x \geq -1 \end{cases}$



MATH 1010 tutorial 1

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Topics : Domain & Range

Question : Find the maximum domain of definition and range with that domain of the function $f(x)$?

1. $f(x) = \sqrt{7 - 2x}$

2. $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x}$

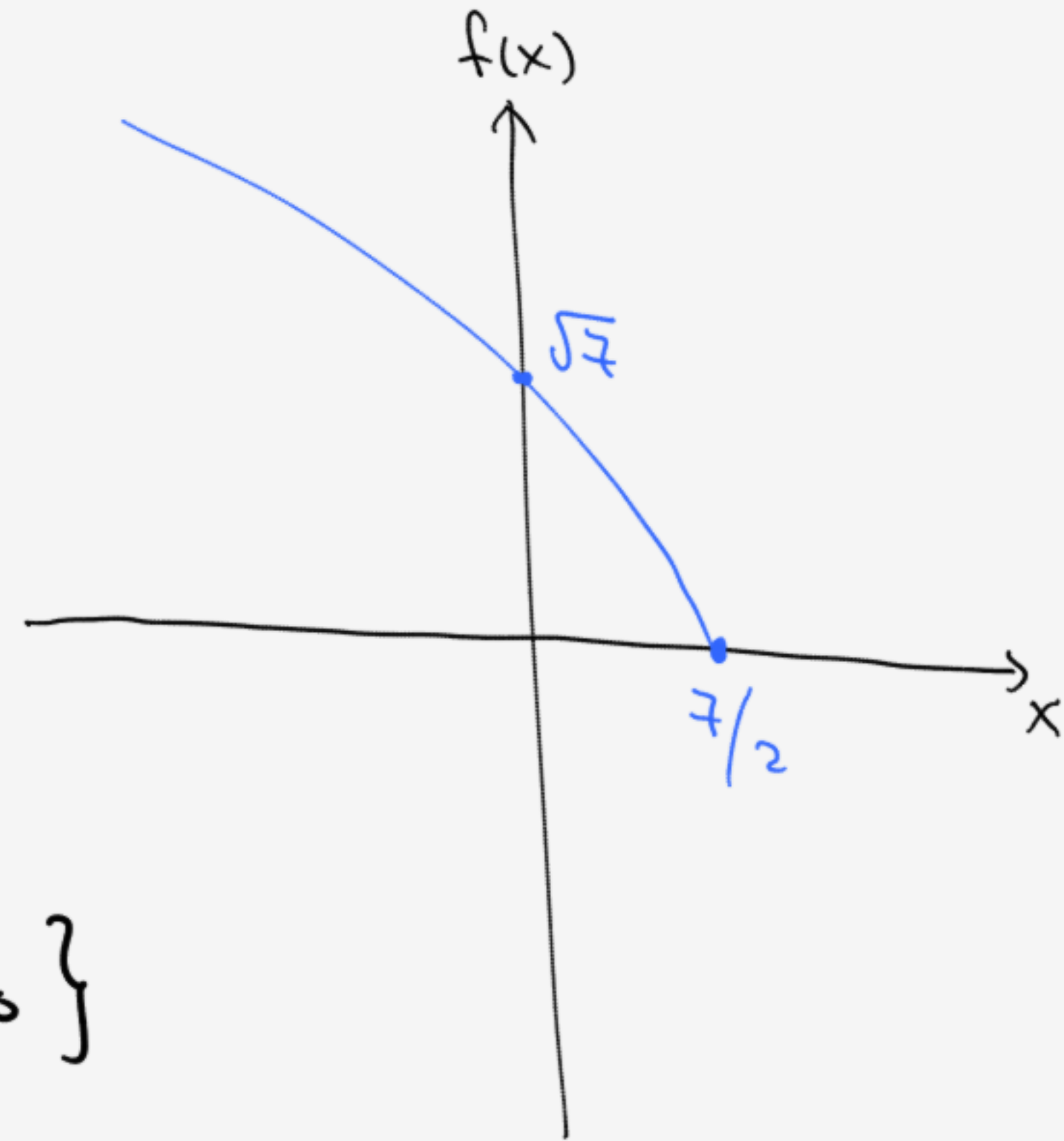
3. $f(x) = \frac{2}{1 - \ln(x)}$

4. $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$

Q1. Given $f(x) = \sqrt{7-2x}$

- Domain (f) = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 7-2x \geq 0\}$
= $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \leq 7/2\}$
= $(-\infty, 7/2]$

- Range (f) = $\{f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \in \text{Domain}(f)\}$
= $\{f(x) \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = \sqrt{7-2x} \geq 0\}$
= $[0, \infty)$



Q2. Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x}$,

- Domain (f) = $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid \sin x \neq 0\}$
= $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq k\pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$
= $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}\pi$

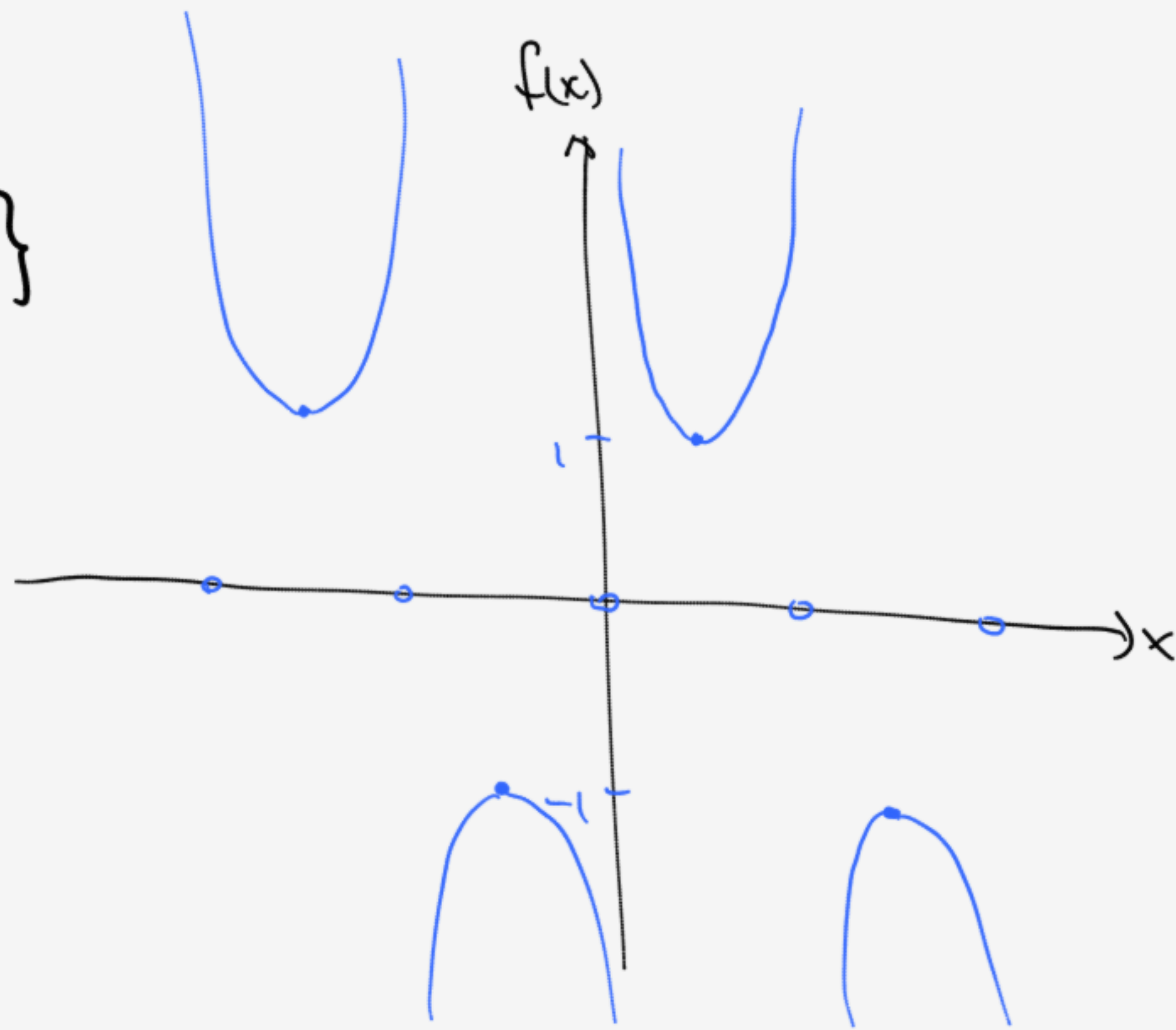
- Range (f) :

$$\forall x \in \text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Z}\pi,$$

$$\text{Range}(\sin x) = [-1, 0) \cup (0, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(f) = \text{Range}\left(\frac{1}{\sin x}\right)$$

$$= (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) = \mathbb{R} \setminus (-1, 1)$$



Q3. $f(x) = \frac{2}{1 - \ln(x)}$

• Domain $(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 1 - \ln(x) \neq 0 \ \& \ x > 0\}$
 $= \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq e \ \& \ x > 0\}$
 $= \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{e\}$

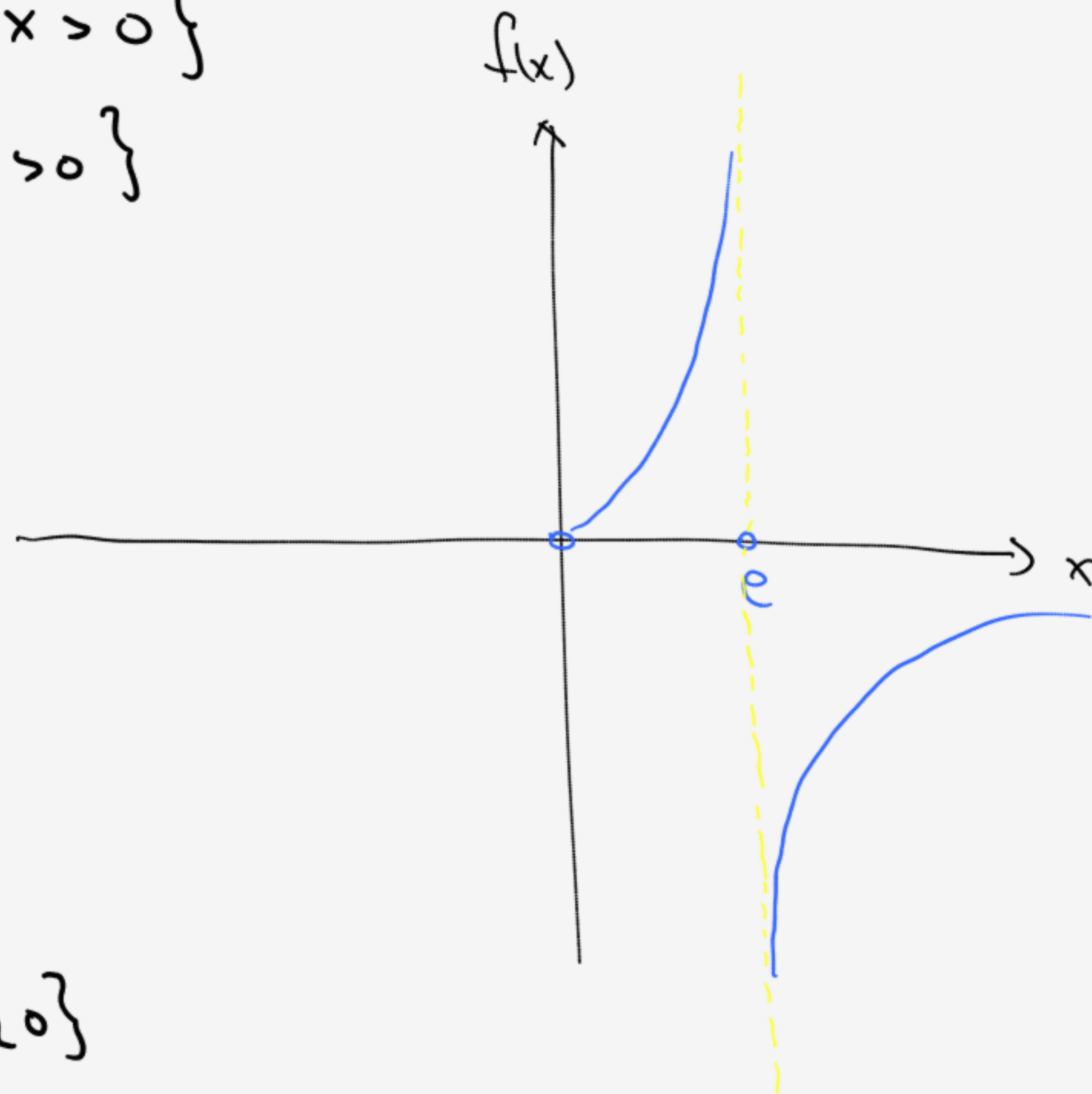
• Range (f) :

$\forall x \in \text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R}^+ \setminus \{e\}$

$\text{Range}(\ln x) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{1\}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(1 - \ln x) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(f) = \text{Range}\left(\frac{2}{1 - \ln x}\right) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$



Q4. Given $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$

- Note that for any values of $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(x)$ is well-defined.

Hence, $\text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R}$.

- Range(f):

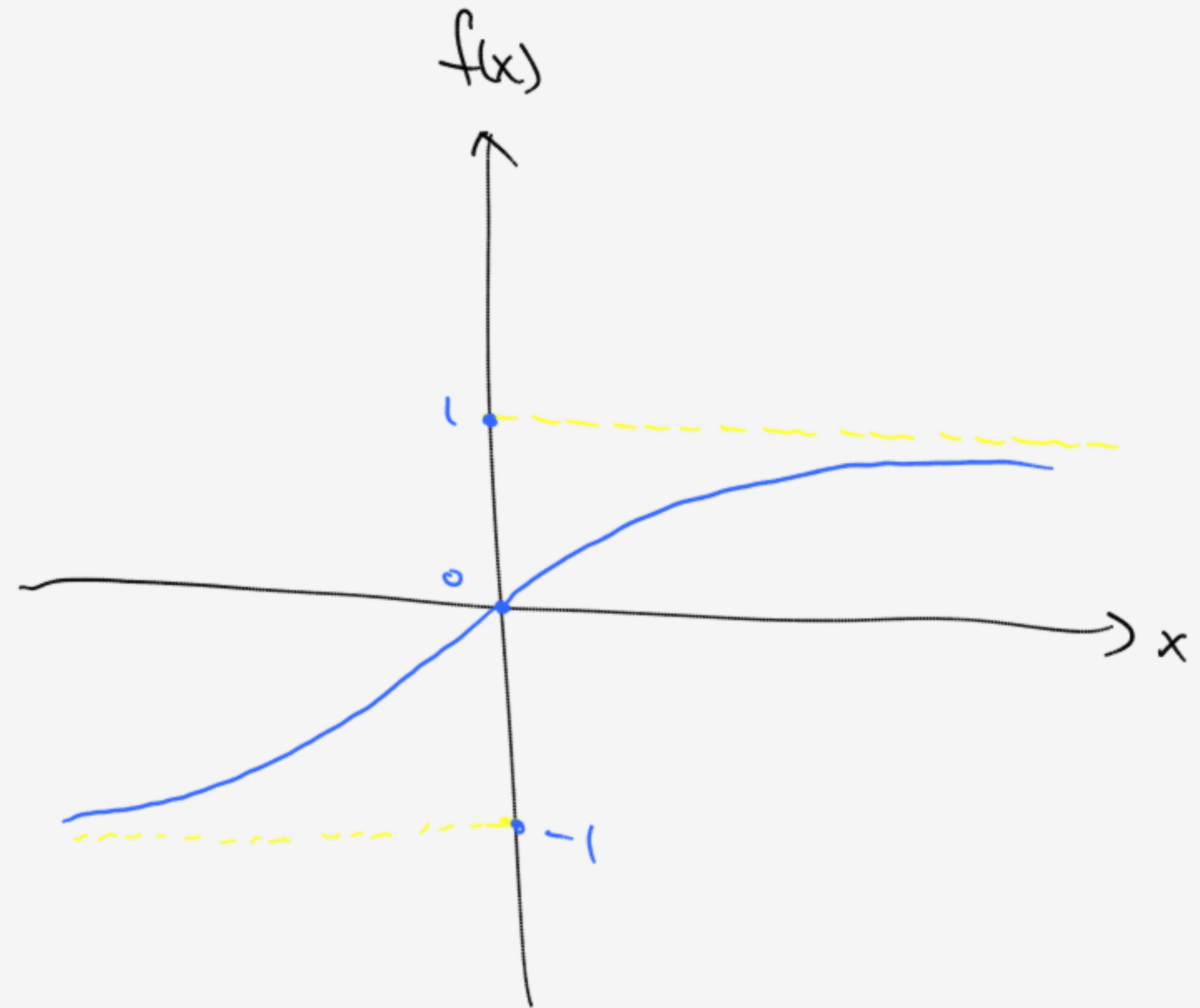
① claim: $\text{Range}(f) \subseteq (-1, 1)$

Note that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^2 < x^2 + 1$

$$\Rightarrow |x| < \sqrt{x^2+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow |f(x)| = \left| \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} \right| < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Range}(f) \subseteq (-1, 1)$$



② claim: $(-1, 1) \subseteq \text{Range}(f)$.

Fix a $y \in (-1, 1)$

by solving $f(x) = y$ for x ,

we have $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$ — (*)

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pm y}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}}$$

notice that eqt (*) suggests that x, y must have same sign.

$$\text{so } x = \frac{\pm y}{\sqrt{1 - y^2}}$$

hence we have that

$$\forall y \in (-1, 1), \exists x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ st.}$$

$$y = f(x) \in \text{Range}(f)$$

Hence $(-1, 1) \subseteq \text{Range}(f)$

• Combining ①, ② we thus have $\text{Range}(f) = (-1, 1)$.

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Math 1010C, Tutorials

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Content: Chapter 1, functions:

- def'n of f's; max. domain of def'n; graphs of f's; injectivity, surjectivity, the range of a fn etc.
- 11/9: algebra & composition of f's, & properties of some elementary f's;

1. Find the maximum domain of def'n of the following f's, and the range of the function with this domain.

(a) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 5$;

(c) $f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-10}$;

! $f(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$

(k) $f(x) = \ln(\ln x)$;

$\left(\frac{1}{-1+\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}} \right)$

(l) $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - |\ln(1-x)|}$;

Solutions: (a) $x \in \mathbb{R}$; & $f(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$;

you can persuade yourself by showing $f(-\infty) = -\infty$, $f(+\infty) = +\infty$, & f is "continuous".

See next page.

(c)

~~$x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 5\} = (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 5) \cup (5, +\infty)$~~

Answer

$f(\mathbb{R}) = \mathbb{R}$ $\left(\frac{1}{-1+\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{2}} \right)$

$f(x) = \frac{x+4}{(x+2)(x-5)}$

$f(-\infty) = 0$;

$f(-2-\epsilon) = +\infty$;

$f(-4) = 0$; "continuously"

overlaps or not ?

(k). $f(x) = \ln(\ln x)$

$\ln x > 0 \iff x > 1$;

max domain of def'n is $(1, +\infty)$, & $f((1, +\infty)) = \mathbb{R}$;

(l). $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - |\ln(1-x)|}$

$2 - |\ln(1-x)| \geq 0 \iff |\ln(1-x)| \leq 2$

$\iff -2 \leq \ln(1-x) \leq 2 \iff e^{-2} \leq 1-x \leq e^2$

$\iff 1-e^2 \leq x \leq 1-e^{-2}$; & $f([1-e^2, 1-e^{-2}]) = [0, \sqrt{2}]$;

□

2. For each of the following fns, determine whether it is injective, surjective or bijective.

(e). $f: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $f(x) = \frac{3x+1}{x-2}$;

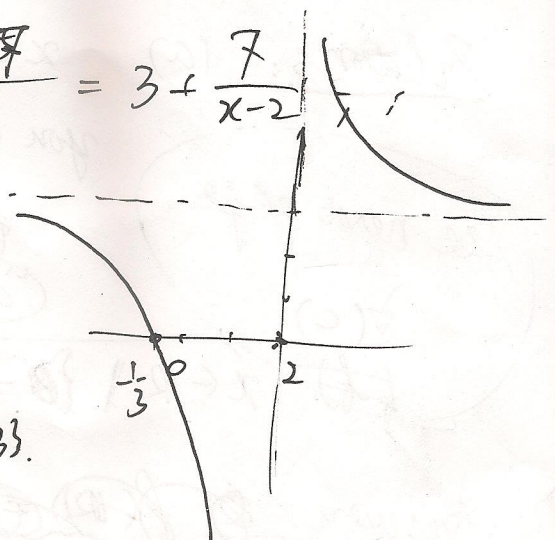
(h). $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$; $f(x) = \ln(x + \sqrt{x^2+1})$;

Solutions: (e). injective, & $f(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$.

Reason $f(x) = \frac{3x-6+7}{x-2} = 3 + \frac{7}{x-2}$

since $g(x) = \frac{7}{x}$ is injective from $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ to $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$,

hence $f(x)$ is injective from $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$ to $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$.



(h): f is bijective from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} :

Let $\ln(x + \sqrt{x^2+1}) = y$, then $x + \sqrt{x^2+1} = e^y$; ①

but inverse of ① gives:

$-x + \sqrt{x^2+1} = e^{-y}$; ②

hence ①-②: $x = \frac{1}{2}(e^y - e^{-y})$. & clearly ^{max} domain of def'n can be \mathbb{R} . □

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$$1(0) \quad f(x) = \frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-10};$$

maximal domain is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 5\}$;

for the range, f can achieve 0: $x = -4$;

Can f achieve $a \neq 0$?

i.e. $\exists? x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 5\}$, s.t. $\frac{x+4}{x^2-3x-10} = a$.

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - 3x - 10 = \frac{x}{a} + \frac{4}{a}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x^2 - \left(3 + \frac{1}{a}\right)x - 10 - \frac{4}{a} = 0$$

this has solution iff

$$\Delta = \left(3 + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - 4\left(-10 - \frac{4}{a}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{22}{a} + 49$$

$$= \left(\frac{1}{a} + 11\right)^2 + \underbrace{49 - 121}_{(-72)} \geq 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left|\frac{1}{a} + 11\right| \geq \sqrt{72} = 6\sqrt{2};$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{a} + 11 \geq 6\sqrt{2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{1}{a} + 11 \leq -6\sqrt{2};$$

$$\Leftrightarrow a \in \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{-11+6\sqrt{2}}\right] \cup \left[-\frac{1}{11+6\sqrt{2}}, 0\right) \cup (0, +\infty)$$

Hence the range is

$$f(\mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 5\}) = \mathbb{R} \setminus \left(\frac{1}{-11+6\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{11+6\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

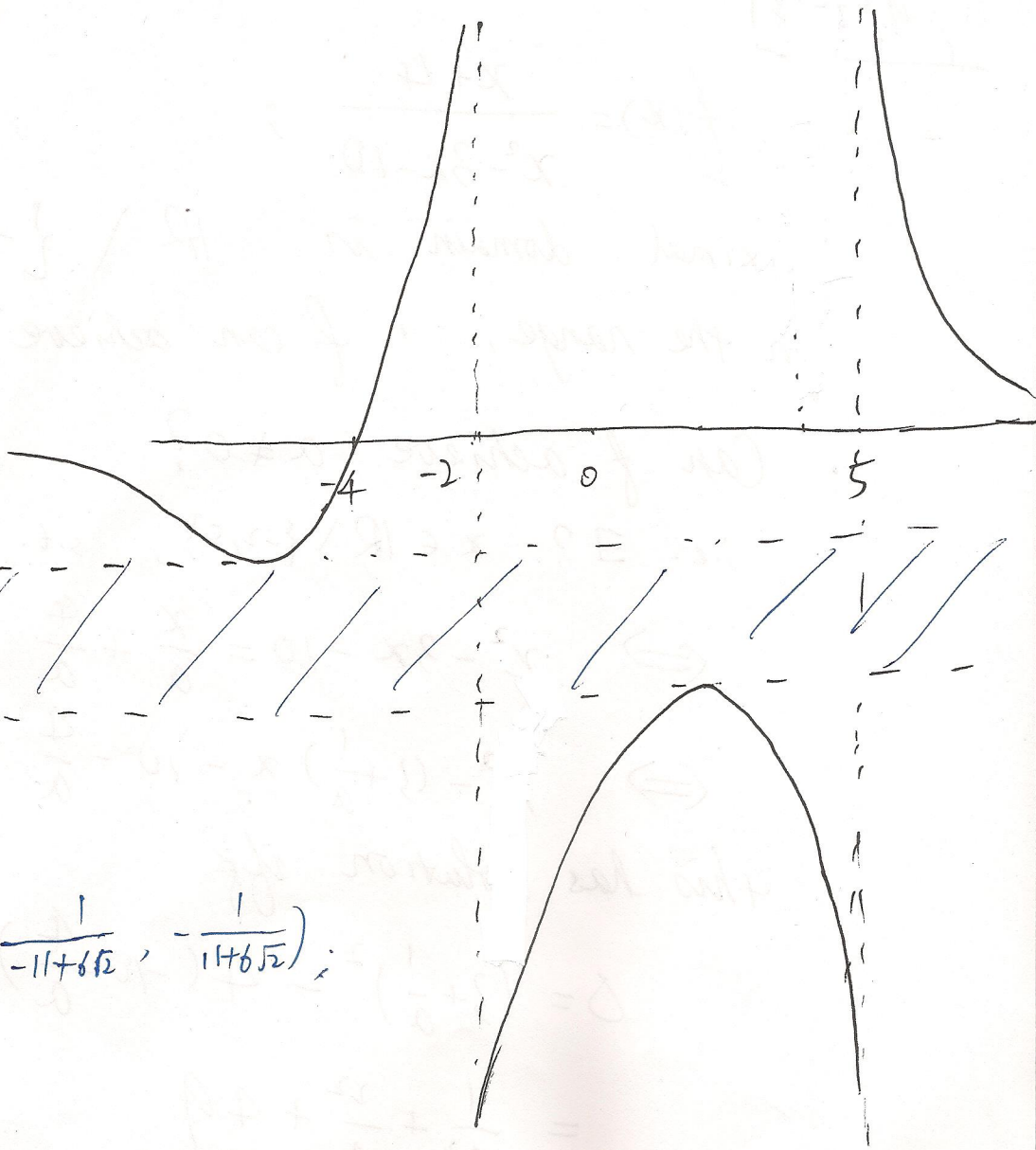
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Rough graph of (c)

$$\frac{1}{11+6\sqrt{2}}$$

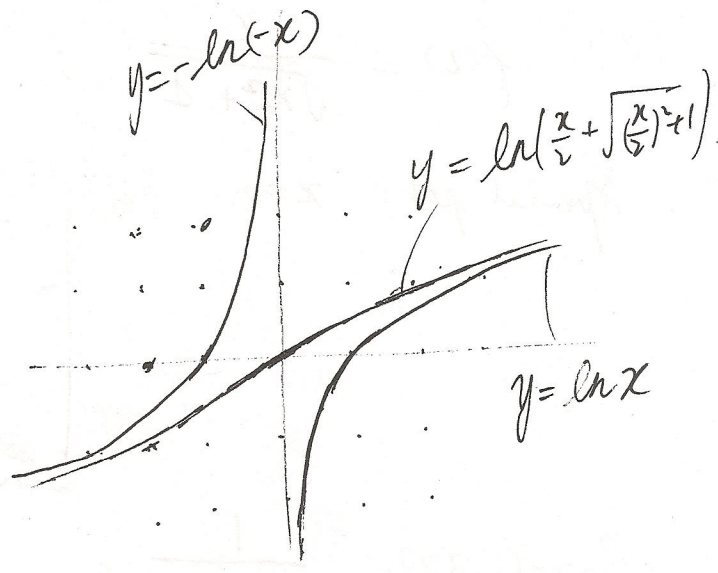
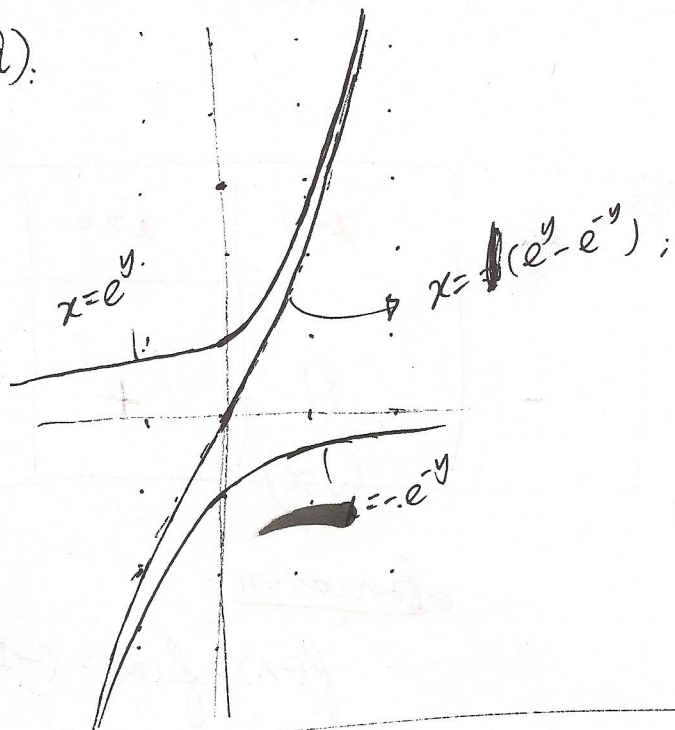
$$\frac{1}{-11+6\sqrt{2}}$$



Range: $\mathbb{R} \setminus \left(\frac{1}{-11+6\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{11+6\sqrt{2}} \right)$

□ of 1(c).

(2h).



3. Sketch the graph of the following f's:

(c) $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-2}, x \neq 2;$

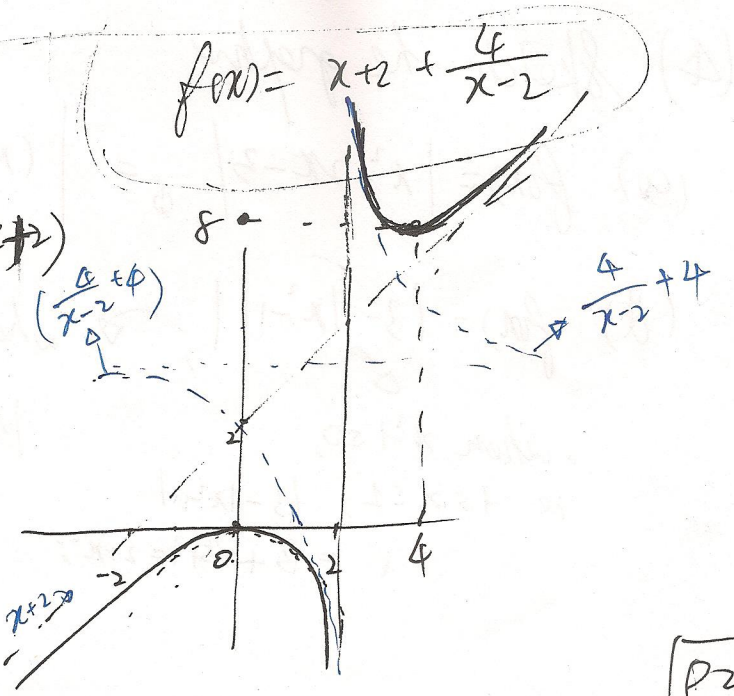
(e) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}, x \in \mathbb{R};$

Solutions:

- (c). Guiding principles:
- I. Find special pts & special values;
 - II. Transform, express the f's in terms of f's that we are familiar with;

Special pts:

$-\infty$	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$x = 2$	$x > 2$	$+\infty$
$-\infty$	-	0	-	∞	+	$+\infty$
$(\sim x^2)$		$(\sim \frac{x^2}{2})$		$(\sim \frac{4}{x-2})$		$(\sim x^2)$



(e). $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}$;

Special pts: $x=0$.

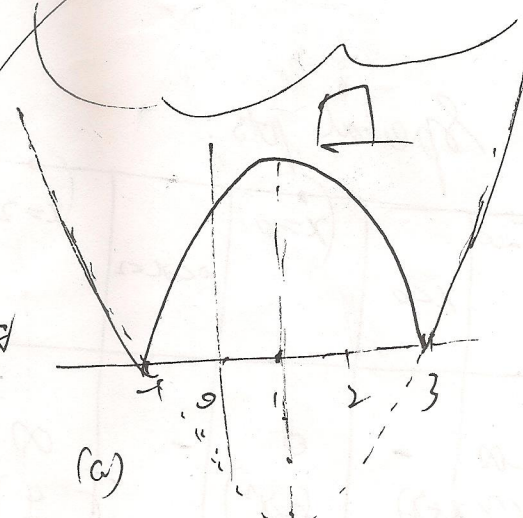
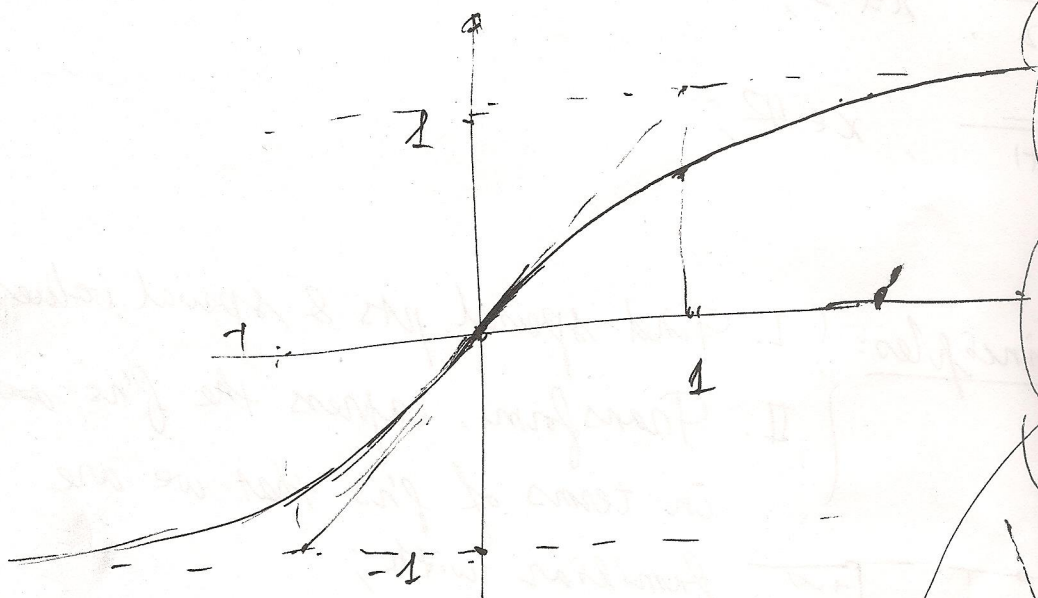
$-\infty$	$x < 0$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$	$+\infty$
-	-	0	+	+
$\frac{1}{x+1}$		$\frac{1}{x}$		$\frac{1}{x+1}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x > 0, & \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}} \\ x < 0, & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}} \end{cases}$$

Observation:

$$f(-x) = f(x) \cdot (-1)$$

Principle:
Classify / Enumerate all situations & analyze separately;

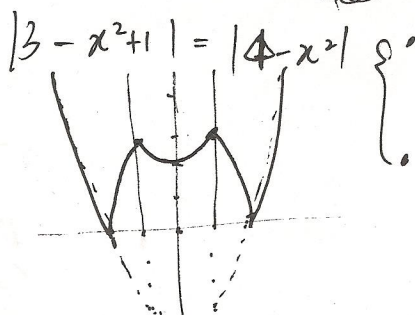


(4). Sketch the graphs

(a). $f(x) = |x^2 - 2x - 3| \Leftrightarrow |(x-3)(x+1)|$

(d) $f(x) = |3 - |x^2 - 1||$; ∇ when $x^2 - 1 \geq 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq -1$ or $x \geq 1$;

when $x^2 < 1$,
i.e. $-1 < x < 1$, $|3 - |x^2 - 1||$
 $= 3 + x^2 + 1 = 2 + x^2$;



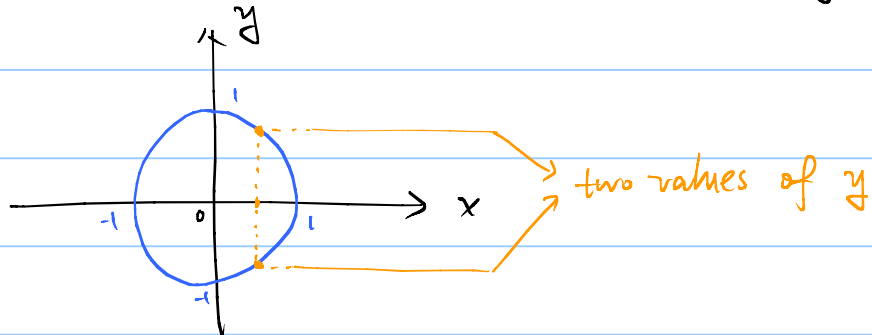
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* Functions. determine whether y is a function of x
 ("function" \Leftrightarrow for every x in domain, there is a unique y)

(1) $x^2 + y^2 = 1$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ is NOT a function.

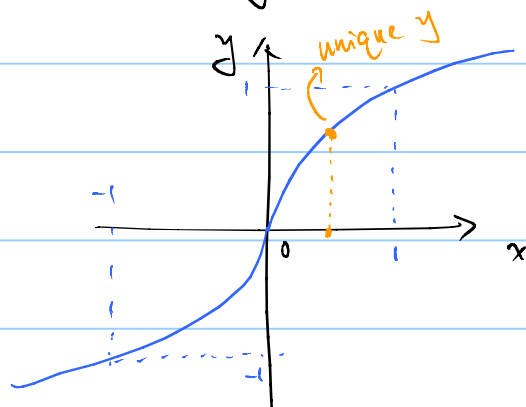
Because $\Leftrightarrow y^2 = 1 - x^2 \Leftrightarrow y = \pm \sqrt{1 - x^2}$

for each $-1 < x < 1$, there two values of y



(2) $y^3 = x$, $-1 \leq x \leq 1$ is a function

Because $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$ for each x there is a unique y



* Maximal domain of a function

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

In order that $\frac{1}{x-1}$ is defined, we need $x-1 \neq 0$ that is $x \neq 1$, then the maximal domain.

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 1\} \quad \left. \vphantom{D} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{you may write it in} \\ \text{either of the two forms} \end{array}$$
$$= (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$$

(2) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 6x + 2}$

In order that f is defined, we need $x^2 - 6x + 2 \neq 0$

Find sol'n to $x^2 - 6x + 2 = 0$ use the formula $\frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$x_1 = \frac{6 + \sqrt{36 - 8}}{2} = 3 + \sqrt{5}$$

$$x_2 = \frac{6 - \sqrt{36 - 8}}{2} = 3 - \sqrt{5}$$

So the maximal domain for f is

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 3 + \sqrt{5}, x \neq 3 - \sqrt{5}\}$$
$$= (-\infty, 3 - \sqrt{5}) \cup (3 - \sqrt{5}, 3 + \sqrt{5}) \cup (3 + \sqrt{5}, +\infty)$$

(3) $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5}}$

In order that f is defined, we need

$$\begin{cases} \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 5} \neq 0 \\ x^2 - 6x + 5 \geq 0 \end{cases} \iff x^2 - 6x + 5 > 0$$

Since $x^2 - 6x + 5 = (x-1)(x-5)$

$$\text{then } x^2 - 6x + 5 > 0 \Leftrightarrow (x-1)(x-5) > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x > 5 \text{ or } x < 1$$

$$D = \{ x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x < 1 \text{ or } x > 5 \}$$

$$= (-\infty, 1) \cup (5, +\infty)$$