

## Exercise

- 1.(a)  $x < \frac{1}{2}$  or  $\frac{3}{2} < x < 3$
- 1.(b)  $x < -1$  or  $x > 2$
- 1.(c)  $x = -1$  or  $x \geq 1$
- 1.(d)  $x < 3$  or  $3 < x < 10$
- 1.(e)  $x < 6$  or  $x > \frac{20}{3}$
- 1.(f)  $-4 \leq x \leq -2$
- 1.(g)  $\frac{1}{2} < x < 2$
- 1.(h)  $x < -5$  or  $0 < x < 2$
- 1.(i)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} < x < 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}$   
or  $2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} < x < 2n\pi + \frac{7\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 1.(j)  $0 < x < \frac{1}{27}$  or  $x > 9$
- 1.(k)  $1 < x \leq 9$
- 1.(l)  $2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{4} < x < 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 1.(m)  $\log(n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}) < x < \log(n\pi), n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$
- 1.(n)  $2n\pi - \frac{3\pi}{4} \leq x < 2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- 1.(o)  $2n\pi < x < 2n\pi + \pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \leq -1$   
or  $2n\pi - \pi < x < 2n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 1$
- 1.(p)  $\frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{11\pi}{6}$
- 1.(q)  $\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{3\pi}{4}$  or  $\pi < x < \frac{5\pi}{4}$   
or  $\frac{7\pi}{4} < x < 2\pi$
- 1.(r)  $x < -3$  or  $3 < x < 4$
- 1.(s) No real solution
- 1.(t)  $1 < x \leq 3$
- 1.(u)  $-4 \leq x < -3$  or  $-1 < x \leq 4$
- 1.(v)  $x < 0$  or  $x > 1$
- 1.(w)  $0 < x < 1$  or  $x > 4$
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- 2.(a) false
- 2.(b) true
- 2.(c) false
- 2.(d) true
- 2.(e) false
- 2.(f) false
- 2.(g) true
- 2.(h) false
- 2.(i) true
- 2.(j) true
- 2.(k) false
- 2.(l) false
- 2.(m) false
- 2.(n) false
- 2.(o) true
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- 3.(a)  $1 \leq x^2 - 4x + 5 \leq 37$
- 3.(b)  $\frac{1}{3^{12}} \leq (\frac{1}{3})^{x^2+5x+6} \leq \frac{1}{9}$
- 3.(c)  $1 \leq \log_2(\sin(x) + 3) \leq 2$
- 3.(d)  $-\frac{2}{7} \leq \frac{x^2+6x+4}{x^2-3x+4} \leq 10$
- 3.(e)  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{x-1} \geq 16$
- 3.(f)  $-1 \leq \frac{\sin(2x)}{1+\cos(2x)} \leq 1$
- 3.(g)  $-1 \leq \frac{\cos(x)-\sin(x)}{\cos(x)+\sin(x)} \leq 2 - \sqrt{3}$
- 3.(h)  $\frac{1}{4} \leq \frac{4-\sin(x)}{\cos^2(x)+\sin(x)+11} \leq \frac{1}{2}$
- 3.(i)  $0 \leq \log_{\frac{1}{x}}(\frac{x}{4}) \leq 1$

Selected examples:

3.(d) Assume  $x = 0$ . Then  $\frac{x^2+6x+4}{x^2-3x+4} = 1$ . If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{x+6+\frac{4}{x}}{x-3+\frac{4}{x}} = 1 + \frac{9}{x-3+\frac{4}{x}}$

(Case 1) Assume  $x > 0$ . Then  $x - 3 + \frac{4}{x} = (\sqrt{x} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}})^2 + 1 \geq 1$ .

Hence  $1 < 1 + \frac{9}{x-3+\frac{4}{x}} \leq 10$ .

(Case 2) Assume  $x < 0$ . Then  $x - 3 + \frac{4}{x} = -(\sqrt{-x} - \frac{2}{\sqrt{-x}})^2 - 7 \leq -7$ .

Hence  $-\frac{2}{7} \leq 1 + \frac{9}{x-3+\frac{4}{x}} < 1$ .

Combining all these cases together, we have  $-\frac{2}{7} \leq \frac{x^2+6x+4}{x^2-3x+4} \leq 10$ .

3.(d) (Alternative approach) Notice that  $x^2 - 3x + 4 \neq 0$  for all  $x$ .

Let  $y = \frac{x^2+6x+4}{x^2-3x+4}$ . Then  $(y-1)x^2 + (-3y-6)x + (4y-4) = 0$ .

Now, there must be real root to this equation. So,  $\Delta = (3y+6)^2 - 4(y-1)(4y-4) \geq 0$ .

Solving gives  $-\frac{2}{7} \leq y \leq 10$ .

3.(e)  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{x-1} = \frac{x^2+6x+9}{x-1} = x+7 + \frac{16}{x-1} = x-1+8 + \frac{16}{x-1}$

Since  $x > 1$ ,  $x-1+8 + \frac{16}{x-1} = (\sqrt{x-1} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{x-1}})^2 + 16 \geq 16$ .

Note that  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{x-1}$  is unbounded above for  $x > 1$ .

4.(e) Note that  $\sqrt{x-1} < \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{x+1}$ . So  $0 < \sqrt{x-1} + \sqrt{x} < 2\sqrt{x} < \sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x+1}$ .

Then,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}+\sqrt{x}} > \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} > \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{x+1}}$ .

Now,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}+\sqrt{x}} = \sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-1}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+\sqrt{x+1}} = \sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}$ .

Hence we have  $2\sqrt{x+1} - 2\sqrt{x} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} < 2\sqrt{x} - 2\sqrt{x-1}$ .

4.(f) Note that  $2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 - 2ab - 2bc - 2ca = (a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2 \geq 0$ .

So  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca$ .

Hence  $(a+b+c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca \leq 3(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$ .

Also,  $(a+b+c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca \geq 3(ab + bc + ca)$ .

Equality holds iff  $a = b = c$ .

4.(j) From 4.(i), we have  $\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \geq \sqrt[4]{abcd}$  for  $a, b, c, d \geq 0$ .

Now consider  $a = u, b = v, c = w, d = \frac{u+v+w}{3}$ . We have  $\frac{a+b+c+d}{4} = \frac{u+v+w+\frac{u+v+w}{3}}{4} = \frac{u+v+w}{3} = d$ .

Note that  $d = 0$  iff  $u, v, w = 0$ , in which case the inequality is obvious. So assume  $d > 0$ .

Since  $d = \frac{a+b+c+d}{4} \geq \sqrt[4]{abcd}$ ,  $\sqrt[4]{d^3} \geq \sqrt[4]{abc}$ .

So  $d^3 \geq abc$  and hence  $\frac{u+v+w}{3} = d \geq \sqrt[3]{abc} = \sqrt[3]{uvw}$ .

4.(l) Since  $a, b, c > 0$ ,  $(a + \frac{1}{b}), (b + \frac{1}{c}), (c + \frac{1}{a}) > 0$ .

Now,  $(a + \frac{1}{b}) \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}$ ,  $(b + \frac{1}{c}) \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}}$ ,  $(c + \frac{1}{a}) \geq 2\sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}$ .

So  $(a + \frac{1}{b})(b + \frac{1}{c})(c + \frac{1}{a}) \geq (2\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}})(2\sqrt{\frac{b}{c}})(2\sqrt{\frac{c}{a}}) = 8$ .

Equality holds iff  $a = b = c$ .

5.(a) Negative

5.(b) Suppose  $a_2 < m < a_3$ .

Then  $c, m - a_1, m - a_2 < 0$  and  $m - a_3, \dots, m - a_8 > 0$ .

Hence  $f(m) = c(m - a_1)(m - a_2)\dots(m - a_8) < 0$ .

5.(c)  $a_n \leq x \leq a_{n+1}$ ,  $n = 1, 3, 5, 7$



5.(d)

6.(b) Local maximum at  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$ ,  $y = \csc(\frac{3\pi}{4}) = -1$   
 Local minimum at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y = \csc(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 1$

6.(c) Take  $\delta = \frac{1}{2}$ .

Notice that when  $-\delta < x < \delta$ ,  $0 \leq x^2 < \delta^2 = \frac{1}{4}$ .

So  $x^4 - x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 1) \leq 0$ .

6.(e) Assume  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  attains maximum at  $a > 0$ .

So there is  $\delta > 0$  such that if  $0 < a - \delta < x < a + \delta$  then  $f(x) \leq f(a)$ .

However  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing for  $x > 0$ , so  $f(a - \frac{\delta}{2}) > f(a)$ .

Contradiction arises. Proof for local minimum is similar.

7.(b)  $4n-2$

7.(d)  $\beta - \alpha = \sqrt{(\beta + \alpha)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{(2-n)^2 - 4(n-5)} = \sqrt{n^2 - 8n + 24} < \sqrt{44}$

So  $n^2 - 8n + 24 < 44$  and hence  $-2 < n < 10$ .

Combined with 7.(c) gives  $-2 < n < \frac{1}{2}$ .

8.(a) Suppose  $x > y$ . Then  $e^x > e^y$  and  $e^{-x} < e^{-y}$ .

So  $\frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} > \frac{e^y - e^{-y}}{2}$ .

8.(b)

Note that  $\frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = \frac{(e^{\frac{x}{2}} - e^{-\frac{x}{2}})^2}{2} + 1$

Also,  $e^{\frac{x}{2}} - e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$  is strictly increasing and passes through (0,0).

$$8.(d) \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = 1 - \frac{2e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} = 1 - \frac{2}{e^{2x} + 1}$$

9.(b) Since  $\sqrt{x} \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ ,  $(\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})^2 > 0$ .

So  $y = x + \frac{1}{x} = (\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}})^2 + 2 > 2$ .

Then,  $y^2 > 2y > y + 2$ . Hence  $y^2 - y - 2 > 0$ .