

**Concepts:** Familiarity with graphs of the 12 Basic Functions, and determining the properties of these functions from their graphs.

**Questions:** For the 12 Basic functions, use the sketches to answer the following (we will focus on the algebraic properties in the coming weeks).

1. Which have domain  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  (another way of saying this is domain is  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , or  $-\infty < x < \infty$ )?

$$f(x) = x, \ f(x) = x^2, \ f(x) = x^3, \ f(x) = e^x, \ f(x) = \sin(x), \ f(x) = \cos(x), \ f(x) = |x|, \ f(x) = \operatorname{int}(x), \ f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

2. Which have domain  $x \in [0, \infty)$  (domain  $0 \le x < \infty$ )?

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x}$$

3. Which have domain  $x \in (0, \infty)$  (domain  $0 < x < \infty$ )?

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

4. Which have range  $y \in \mathbb{R}$  (range  $-\infty < y < \infty$ )?

$$f(x) = x$$
,  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f(x) = \ln(x)$ 

5. Which have range  $y \in [0, \infty)$  (range  $0 \le y < \infty$ )?

$$f(x) = x^2$$
,  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,  $f(x) = |x|$ 

- 6. Which have range  $y \in (0, \infty)$  (range  $0 < y < \infty$ )? None.
- 7. Which have range  $y \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$  (range  $-\infty < y < 0$  union with  $0 < y < \infty$ , which means  $y \neq 0$ )?

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

8. Which have range  $y \in (0, 1)$  (range 0 < y < 1)?

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

9. Which have vertical asymptotes?

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$
 has a vertical asymptote at  $x = 0$ 

Aside: More formally, we may write:

 $\lim_{x \to 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \infty \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches } 0 \text{ from the right of } 1/x \text{ is infinity")}$  $\lim_{x \to 0^-} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = -\infty \text{ ("the limit as } x \text{ approaches } 0 \text{ from the left of } 1/x \text{ is minus infinity")}.$ 

We will talk about these right and left handed limits more in the coming weeks. I am including them here to help us get comfortable with the notation.

 $f(x) = \ln(x)$  has a vertical asymptote at x = 0

 $\lim_{x \to 0^+} \ln(x) = -\infty \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches } 0 \text{ from the right of } \ln(x) \text{ is minus infinity")}$ 

10. Which have horizontal asymptotes?

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$$
 has a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 0$ 

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0 \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches infinity of } 1/x \text{ is zero")}$$
$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 0 \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches minus infinity of } 1/x \text{ is zero")}$$

 $f(x) = e^x$  has a horizontal asymptote at y = 0

 $\lim_{x \to -\infty} (e^x) = 0 \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches minus infinity of } e^x \text{ is zero")}$ 

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$
 has a horizontal asymptote at  $y = 0$  and  $y = 1$ 

$$\lim_{x \to \infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) = 1 \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches infinity of } \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \text{ is one")}$$
$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \left( \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \right) = 0 \text{ (read "the limit as } x \text{ approaches minus infinity of } \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}} \text{ is zero")}$$

11. Which have local extrema?

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 $f(x) = x^2$  has a global minimum of y = 0 at x = 0 $f(x)=\sqrt{x}$  has a global minimum of y=0 at x=0 $f(x) = \sin(x)$  has an infinite number of global minimums and maximums  $f(x) = \cos(x)$  has an infinite number of global minimums and maximums f(x) = |x| has a global minimum of y = 0 at x = 0

## 12. Which are bounded below?

$$f(x) = x^2, \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x}, \quad f(x) = e^x, \quad f(x) = \sin(x), \quad f(x) = \cos(x), \quad f(x) = |x|, \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$$

13. Which have discontinuities?

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x}, \quad f(x) = \operatorname{int}(x)$$

14. Which are even (f(-x) = f(x) for all x in domain)?

$$f(x) = x^2$$
,  $f(x) = \cos(x)$ ,  $f(x) = |x|$ 

15. Which are odd (f(-x) = -f(x) for all x in domain)?

$$f(x) = x$$
,  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ ,  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ 

16. Which are increasing over the interval  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$  (increasing for  $-\infty < x < 0$ )?

$$f(x) = x$$
,  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{1 + e^{-x}}$