

4.1 Piecewise Functions

* If the value you want to plug in does not fit in intervals, the function is undefined at that point *

Function: For each input (x), there's only one output (y).

* Test with vertical line test *

ex: $f(x) = 3x - 5 \rightarrow$ function notation

find $f(2)$
 $f = 1 \rightarrow (2, 1)$

Piecewise function: function that is defined over specific intervals.

Equation	Domain
$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2 \\ x+1 + 3 \\ x \end{cases}$	$\begin{cases} x < 7 \\ 7 \leq x < 12 \\ x \geq 12 \end{cases}$

a) $g(10) = 14$

b) $g(20) = 20$

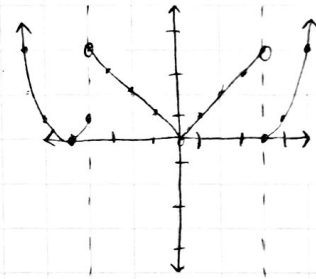
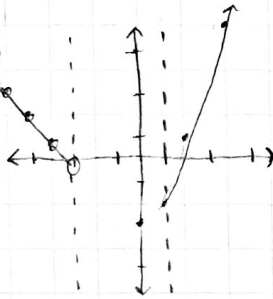
c) $g(5) = 23$

d) $g(7) = 11$

Graphing

ex: $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x+3|, & x < -3 \\ x^2 - 3, & x \geq -3 \end{cases}$

1) section off domain



$g(x) = \begin{cases} (x+5)^2, & x \leq 4 \\ |x|, & -4 < x < 4 \\ (x-4)^2, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$

Average rate of change

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Average rate of change is the slope between two points.

ex: $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2$

a) $[-2, 5]$
 x -values $f(-2) = 3(-2)^2 + 2 = 14 \rightarrow (-2, 14)$
 $f(5) = 3(5)^2 + 2 = 77 \rightarrow (5, 77)$
 $\rightarrow \frac{77 - 14}{5 - (-2)} = \frac{63}{7} = 9$

4.1 Examples

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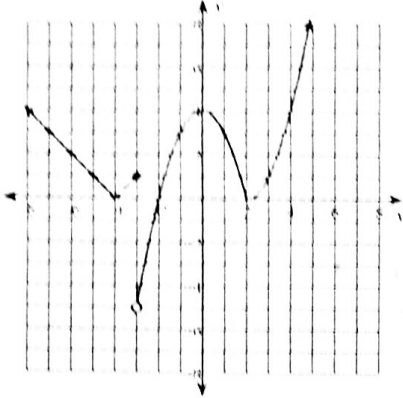
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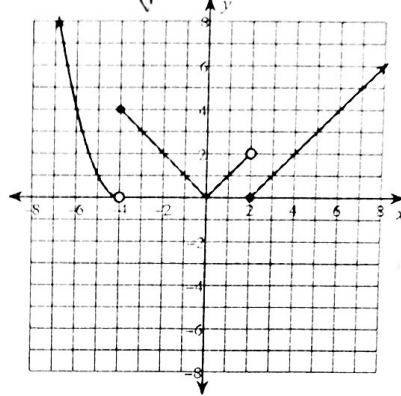
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Write the equation of each function.

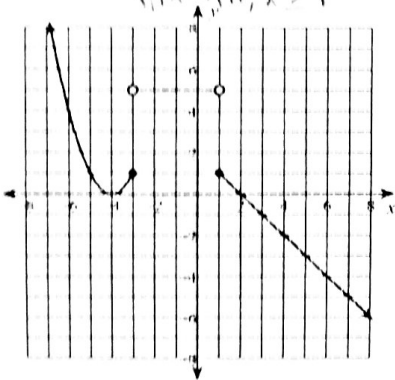
$$1) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} |x+1|, & x < -3 \\ -x^2 - 1, & -3 < x < 2 \\ (x-2)^2, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$



$$2) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} (x+4)^2, & x < -4 \\ |x|, & -4 < x < 2 \\ |x-2|, & x > 2 \end{cases}$$



$$3) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^2, & x < -3 \\ x, & -3 < x < 1 \\ |x-1|, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$



$$4) \quad g(x) = \begin{cases} |x|-1, & x \leq 0 \\ (x-1)^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

