

# MATH 117 PRACTICE PROBLEMS FOR TEST III

NOTE: ONLY AN INEXPENSIVE NON-GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS PERMITTED!

1. Solve for  $x$  by completing the square:

(a)  $x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$

(b)  $4x^2 - 3x - 3 = 0$

(c)  $5x - 1 = x^2$

(d)  $(x - 1)(x - 2) = (x - 3)(x - 4)$

(e)  $\frac{1}{1+x} = 8x$

(f)  $\frac{t}{2t+1} = \frac{13}{1-3t}$

2. Find the axis of symmetry and the vertex of the parabola  $y = -2x^2 + 16x - 1$ .

3. Use the quadratic formula to find the roots of  $f(x) = -x^2 + 3x + 1$ .

4. Without solving, determine the *number of roots* that each of the following polynomials has. Show your work.

(a)  $y = x^2 - 3x + 11$

(b)  $y = x^2 - x - 1$

(c)  $y = x^2 - 30x + 311$

(d)  $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 3x$

(e)  $y = x^2 - 8x + 16$

5. If  $y = g(x)$  has domain  $[-17, 23]$  and range of  $[2, 7]$ , find the *domain* and *range* of

$$y = 5 + 3g(4x - 9).$$

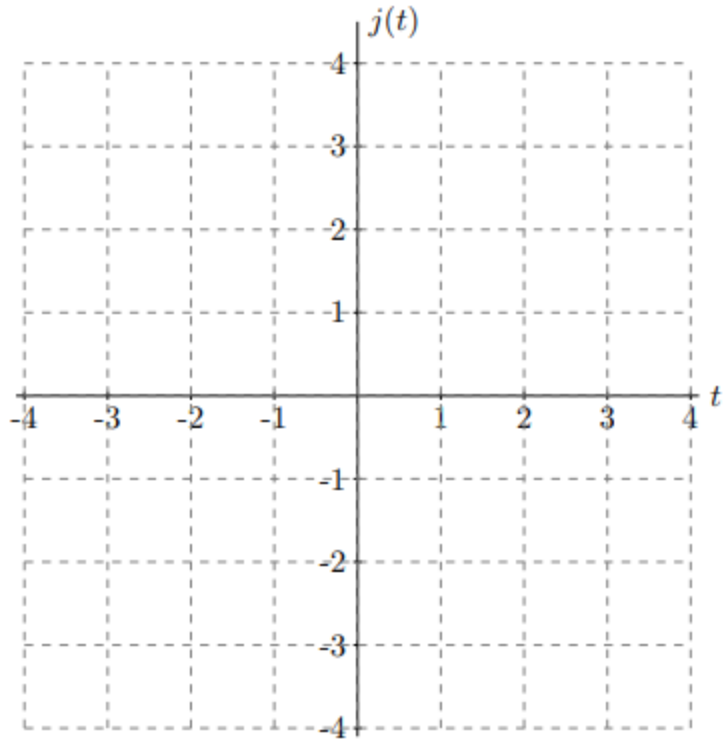
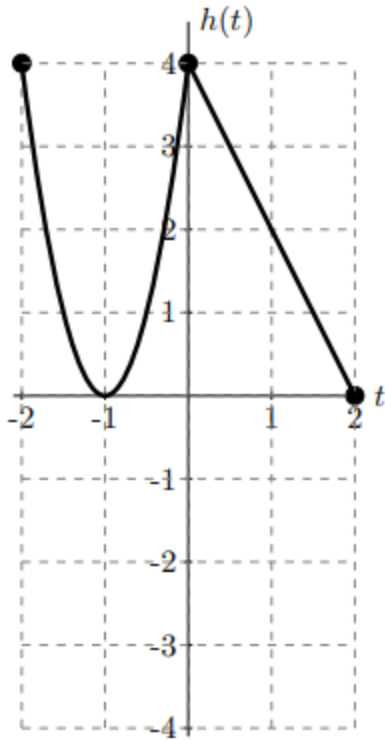
6. The temperature  $T$ , in degrees Fahrenheit,  $t$  hours after 8 AM is given by:

$$T(t) = -\frac{1}{2}t^2 + 10t + 40$$

What is the *warmest* temperature of the day? When does this happen?

*Hint:* Complete the square.

7. A graph of the function  $h(t)$  is given below. On the empty set of axes, carefully sketch a well-labeled graph of  $j(t) = -\frac{1}{2}h(t + 2) - 1$ .



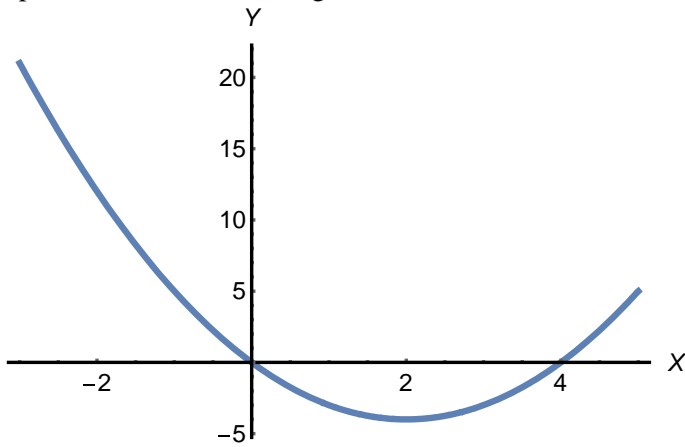
8. In the following, compute the **average rate of change** of the given function over the interval  $[1 - h, 2]$ . *Simplify your answers*

(a)  $f(x) = 1 - 3x$

(b)  $g(x) = 1/x$

(c)  $h(x) = x^2 + 3x$

9. A graph of the function  $h(t)$  is given below.



Sketch the graph of  $y = 3 - 5f(2x)$ , showing the progression of your work, one step at a time. On each graph, indicate the  $x$ -scale and the  $y$ -scale.

10. A tomato is thrown vertically into the air at time  $t=0$ . Its height,  $d(t)$  (in feet), above the ground at time  $t$  (in seconds) is given by

$$d(t) = -16t^2 + 48t$$

(a) Graph  $d(t)$ .

(b) Find  $t$  when  $d(t)=0$ . What is happening to the tomato the first time  $d(t)=0$ ? The second time?

(c) When does the tomato reach its maximum height?

(d) What is the maximum height that the tomato reaches?

**11. TRUE OR FALSE:** Are the statements in Problems (1)-(15) true or false? Explain your answer.

1. The parabola  $y=ax^2+k$  has vertex  $(0,-14)$  and passes through the point  $(5,6)$ . Find its equation.
2. The quadratic function  $f(x)=x(x+2)$  is in factored form.
3. If  $f(x) = (x + 1)(x+2)$ , then the zeros of  $f$  are 1 and 2.
4. A quadratic function whose graph is concave up has a maximum.
5. All quadratic equations have the form  $f(x)=ax^2$ .
6. If the height above the ground of an object at time  $t$  is given by  $s(t)=at^2+bt+c$ , then  $s(0)$  tells us when the object hits the ground.
7. To find the zeros of  $f(x)=ax^2+bx+c$ , solve the equation  $ax^2+bx+c=0$  for  $x$ .
8. Every quadratic equation has two real solutions.
9. There is only one quadratic function with zeros at  $x=-2$  and  $x=2$ .
10. A quadratic function has exactly two zeros.
11. The graph of every quadratic function is a parabola.
12. The maximum or minimum point of a parabola is called its vertex.
13. If a parabola is concave up its vertex is a maximum point.
14. If the equation of a parabola is written as  $y=a(x-h)^2+k$ , then the vertex is located at the point  $(-h, k)$ .
15. If the equation of a parabola is written as  $y=a(x-h)^2+k$ , then the axis of symmetry is found at  $x=h$ .

16. If the equation of a parabola is  $y=ax^2+bx+c$  and  $a<0$ , then the parabola opens downward.

12. When a yam is taken from a refrigerator at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and put into an oven at  $150^\circ\text{C}$ , the yam's temperature rises toward that of the oven.<sup>1</sup> Let  $Y(t)$  be the temperature in  $^\circ\text{C}$  of the yam  $t$  minutes after it is put in the oven. Let  $D(t)=150-Y(t)$  be the temperature difference between the oven and the yam at time  $t$ . Figure 6.6 gives the graph of  $D(t)$ .

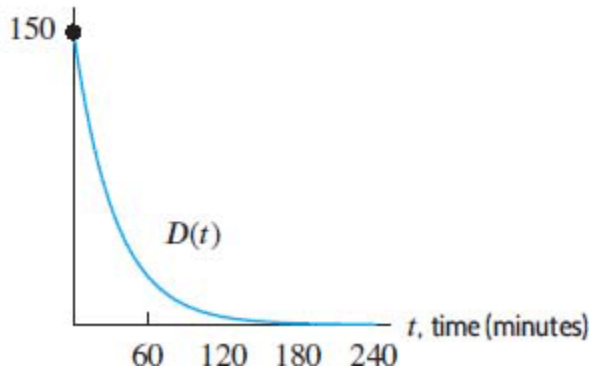


Figure 6.6

Temperature difference: Decreasing over time

- (a) From the formula relating  $Y(t)$  and  $D(t)$ , describe the transformations we apply to the graph of  $D(t)$  to obtain the graph of  $Y(t)$ .
- (b) Use the graph of  $D(t)$  to sketch a graph of  $Y(t)$ .
- (c) Explain the significance of the vertical intercept of  $D$ , then of  $Y$ .
- (d) Explain the significance of the horizontal asymptote of  $D$ , then of  $Y$ .

13. Determine whether the following functions are even, odd, or neither.

- (a)  $f(x)=|x|$
- (b)  $g(x)=1/x$
- (c)  $h(x)=-x^3-3x^2+2$

14. The graph of  $P = g(t)$  contains the point  $(-1,-5)$ .

- (a) If the graph has even symmetry, which other point must lie on the graph?
- (b) What point must lie on the graph of  $-g(t)$ ?

15. Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Assume domain of  $[-1, 2]$ . Sketch each of the following graphs. Also find domain and range.

- (a)  $y = -3f(x)$
- (b)  $y = f(-x)$
- (c)  $y = f(3x)$
- (d)  $y = 3f(x - 1)$
- (e)  $y = 4f(2x +$