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1. (7 points) Identify the domains of the following functions:

(a) (4 points)  $g(t) = \sqrt{3-t} - \ln(2+t)$ .

There are two problematic possibilities: the argument of a square-root function cannot be negative, and the argument of a logarithm cannot be non-positive. Thus, in order for this function to be evaluated, it must be the case that both  $3-t \geq 0$  and  $2+t > 0$ . These can be algebraically simplified to  $t \leq 3$  and  $t > -2$  respectively, so the domain consists of  $-2 < t \leq 3$ , or, in interval notation,  $(-2, 3]$ .

(b) (3 points)  $f(x) = \frac{2x^3-5}{x^2+x-6}$ .

There is a problematic expression: the denominator of a fraction cannot be zero. Thus, in order for this function to be evaluated, it must be the case that  $x^2+x-6 \neq 0$ . This can be algebraically simplified, using factorization or the quadratic formula, to the requirement that  $x \neq -3$  and  $x \neq 2$ , so the domain consists of all  $x$  not equal to  $-3$  or  $2$ , or, in interval notation,  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$ .

2. (4 points) This table indicates the position of a bicyclist at several points within the first 5 seconds of a race:

Time elapsed (in seconds)	0.00	1.00	2.00	3.00	4.00	5.00
Distance traveled (in meters)	0.00	3.00	7.00	12.30	18.00	24.70

(a) (2 points) What is the biker’s average speed in the first two seconds of the race?

The average speed of an object with position function  $f(t)$  between two times  $a$  and  $b$  is known to be  $\frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$ ; here we are measuring the average speed between the start time (0 seconds in) and 2 seconds in, so the average speed is  $\frac{f(2)-f(0)}{2-0} = \frac{7.00-0.00}{2-0} = 3.5$  meters per second.

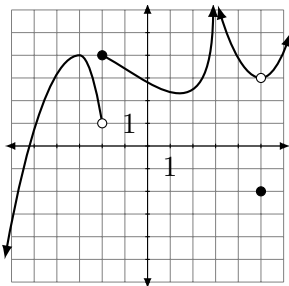
(b) (2 points) What is the biker’s average speed between the times  $t = 1$  and  $t = 4$ ?

We proceed as above, but here we are measuring the average speed between 1 second into the race and 4 seconds in, so the average speed is  $\frac{f(4)-f(1)}{4-1} = \frac{18.00-3.00}{4-1} = 5$  meters per second.

(c) (3 points) The detailed records indicate that 4.99 seconds into the race, the bicyclist had progressed 24.635 meters. Based on this information, what would be a good estimate for the instantaneous speed after 5 seconds?

The exact speed is not known, but a very good estimate for the speed at the instant  $t = 5$  would be the average speed between times  $t = 4.99$  and  $t = 5$ , since that is an interval lasting a mere hundredth of a second — which is close enough to an “instant” to be pretty accurate! So we calculate  $\frac{f(5)-f(4.99)}{5-4.99} = \frac{0.065}{0.01} = 6.5$  meters per second.

3. (6 pts) Below is the graph of a function  $f(x)$ . For each of the six quantities listed to the right, give its value if it has a value, or specifically state that it does not exist.



$f(-2)$  is 4, as evidenced by the solid dot on the graph at  $(-2, 4)$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x)$  is 4, since the curve slightly to the right of the  $x$ -value  $-2$  is very close to height 4.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x)$  is 1, since the curve slightly to the left of the  $x$ -value  $-2$  is very close to height 1.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$  is 4, since at  $x$ -values close to  $-3$  (and, in fact, at  $-3$  itself, although this is emphatically not relevant to the question) the curve is very close to height 4.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  is 3, since at  $x$ -values close to 5 (although not at  $x = 5$  itself) the curve is very close to height 3.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  does not exist, since at  $x$ -values close to 3 the curve shoots upwards instead of tending towards a specific value. The idiomatic expression  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = +\infty$  is often used to describe this behavior, but in keeping with the question asked, it should be specifically stated that this limit does not exist.

4. **(2 point bonus)** *If for every value of  $x$  it is the case that  $f(-x) = -f(x)$  and  $g(-x) = g(x)$ , what (if anything) can be said about  $f(f(x))$ ,  $f(g(x))$ ,  $g(f(x))$ , and  $g(g(x))$ ? Justify your claims on the back of this paper.*

These conditions are what is sometimes called “function parity”: the description of  $f(x)$  is what is known as an “odd” function, and the description of  $g(x)$  is an “even” function. The functions  $f(f(x))$ ,  $f(g(x))$ ,  $g(f(x))$ , and  $g(g(x))$  also possess parity, as can be seen below:

$$f(f(-x)) = f(-f(x)) = -f(f(x))$$

$$f(g(-x)) = f(g(x))$$

$$g(f(-x)) = g(-f(x)) = g(f(x))$$

$$g(g(-x)) = g(g(x))$$

so  $f(f(x))$  is odd, but the other three are even.