

Week 9 Worksheet Thursday

Instructions. Follow the instructions given by your TA. You are not expected to finish all the problems. :)

Topics: 1. More Related Rates

2. Warm up for Graphing.

1. (from 2012 midterm2) A ladder is leaning against a wall. The bottom of the ladder is being dragged away from the wall at a speed of 2 feet/second, and someone is extending the ladder at a rate of 1 feet/second. How fast is the top of the ladder moving when the ladder is 15 feet long, and when its bottom is at 12 feet from the wall?



x : distance of bottom from the wall $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2$

L : length of ladder $\frac{dL}{dt} = 1$

y : distance of top from the wall $\frac{dy}{dt} = ?$ $L=15$ $x=12$

$$x^2 + y^2 = L^2$$

$$2x \frac{dx}{dt} + 2y \frac{dy}{dt} = 2L \frac{dL}{dt}$$

$\underbrace{\quad}_{12} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{15} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{15} \quad \underbrace{\quad}_{1}$

$$2 \cdot 12 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 9 \frac{dy}{dt} = 2 \cdot 15 \cdot 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dt} = -1 \text{ ft/s}$$

$$y^* = \sqrt{L^2 - x^2} = \sqrt{15^2 - 12^2} = 9$$

2. For each of the following functions, determine on which intervals the function is positive or negative.

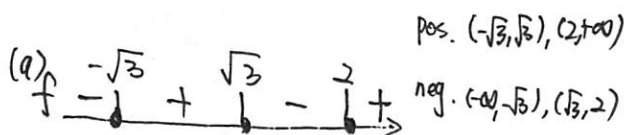
(a) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{x - 2}$

(b) $g(x) = (x^2 - 3)(x - 2)$

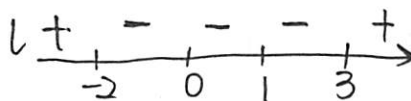
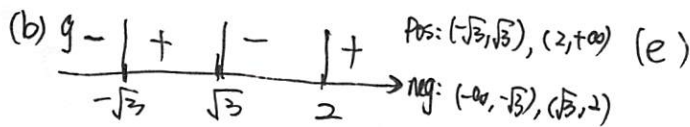
(c) $h(x) = 1 - \frac{4}{x^2}$

(d) $k(x) = -\frac{1}{1 + 4x^2}$

(e*) $l(x) = (x + 2)(x - 1)^2(x - 3)^3 x^4$



(d) $k(x) = -\frac{1}{1 + 4x^2} < 0$
 negative on $(-\infty, +\infty)$



(c) $h = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 2)}{x^2}$

Pos: $(-\infty, -2), (3, +\infty)$

Neg: $(-2, 3)$

