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1.2 Graphs of Functions

1. Determine intervals on which a function is increasing, decreasing or constant.
2. Identify relative maximum and minimum values of functions.
3. Identify even vs. odd functions algebraically & graphically.

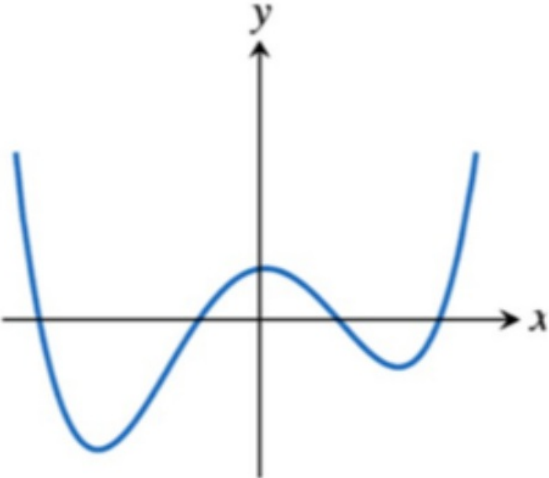


Concept: Continuity

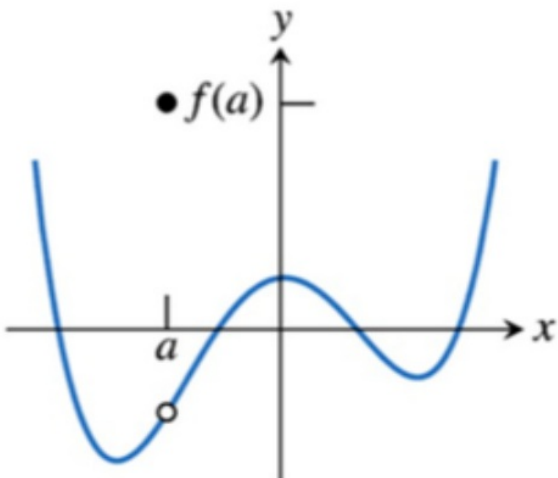
- A graph is continuous if it can be sketched without lifting your pencil.
- Graphs become discontinuous 3 ways:
 1. Holes (removable discontinuity)
 2. Jumps (jump discontinuity)
 3. Vertical asymptotes (infinite discontinuity)
- Continuity can relate to the whole function, an interval of values or a particular point.



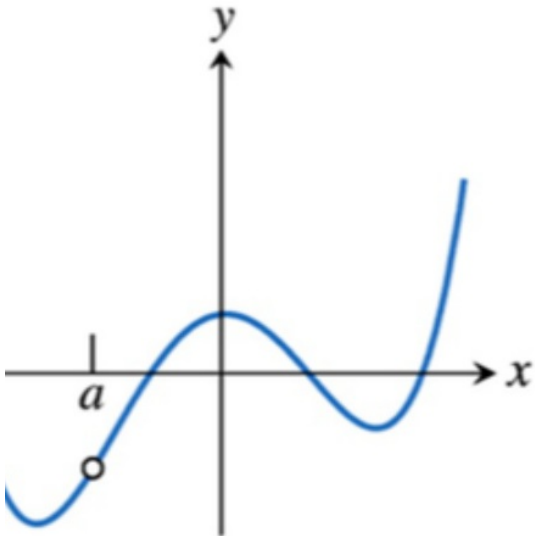
Continuity



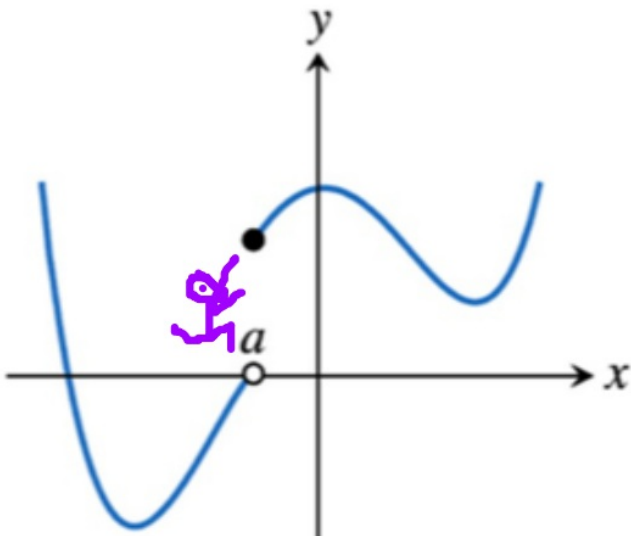
Continuous at all x



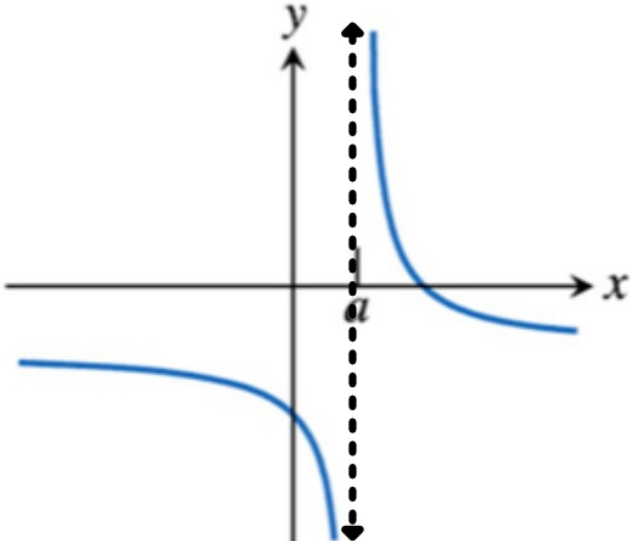
Removable discontinuity



removable discontinuity



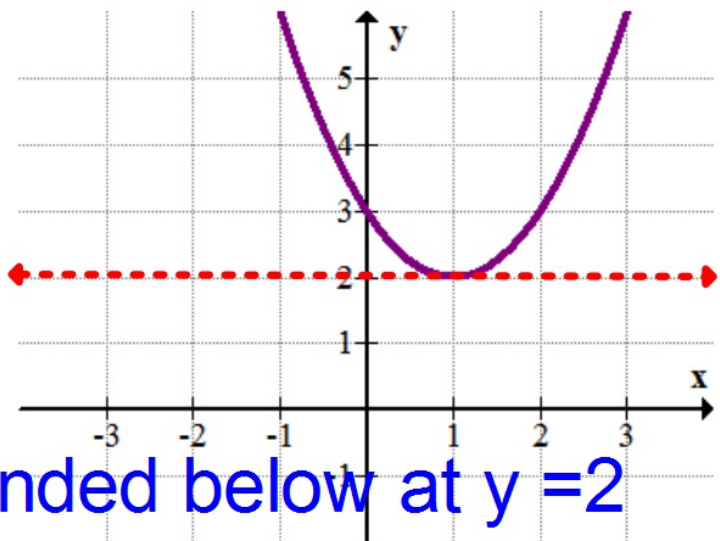
Jump discontinuity



Infinite discontinuity

Concept: Boundedness

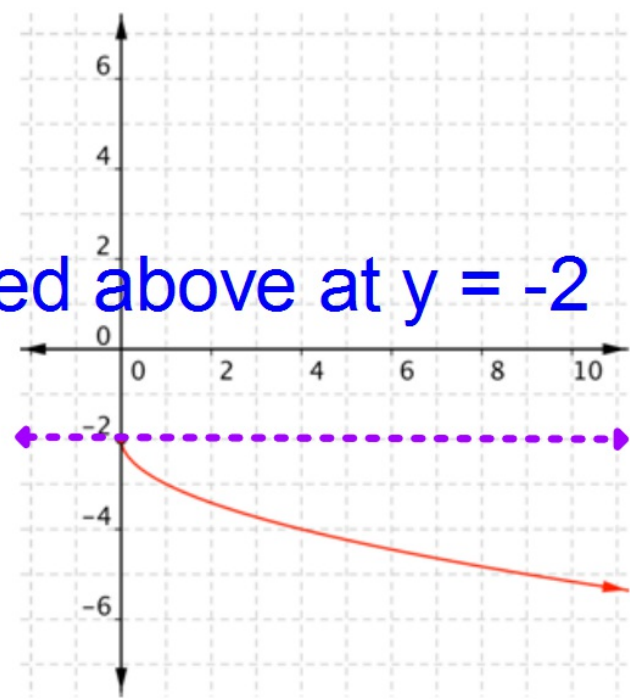
- Bounded below - graph has an absolute minimum, can draw a horizontal line below the entire graph
- Bounded above - graph has an absolute maximum, can draw a horizontal line above the entire graph
- Unbounded - graph has neither an absolute maximum or absolute minimum (extends off to infinity at both ends)
- Bounded - graph that has both an absolute maximum(s) and an absolute minimum(s) (can draw a horizontal line above & below the entire graph)



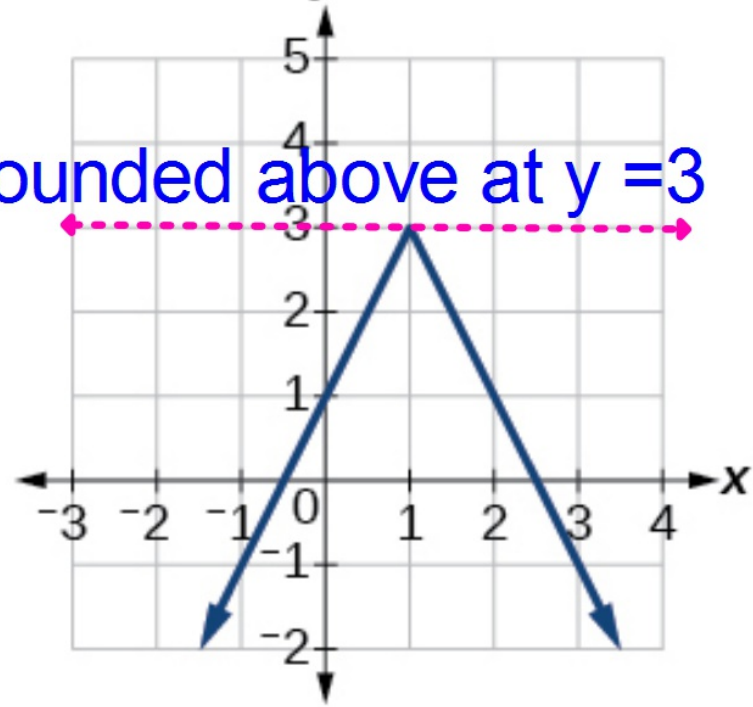
bounded below at $y = 2$



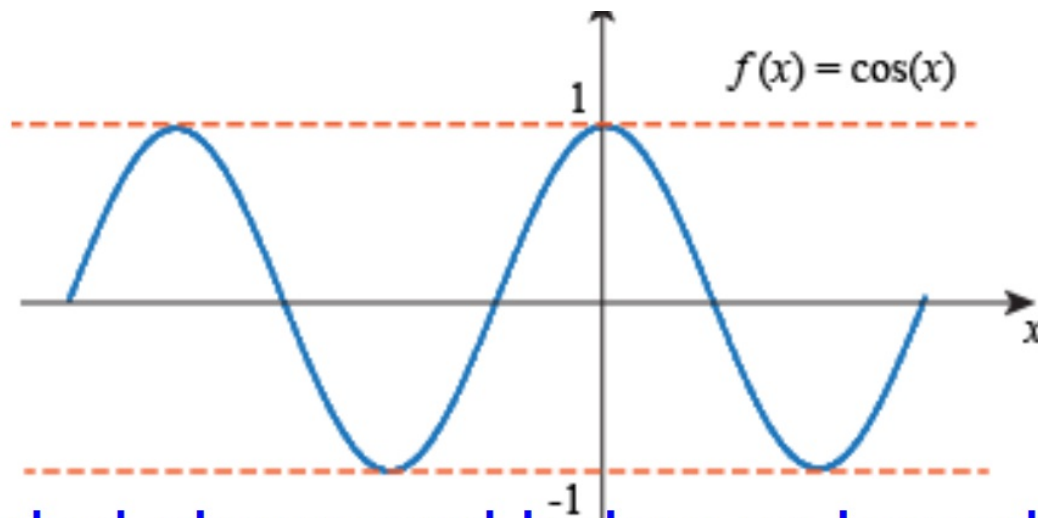
bounded below at $y = -3$



bounded above at $y = -2$

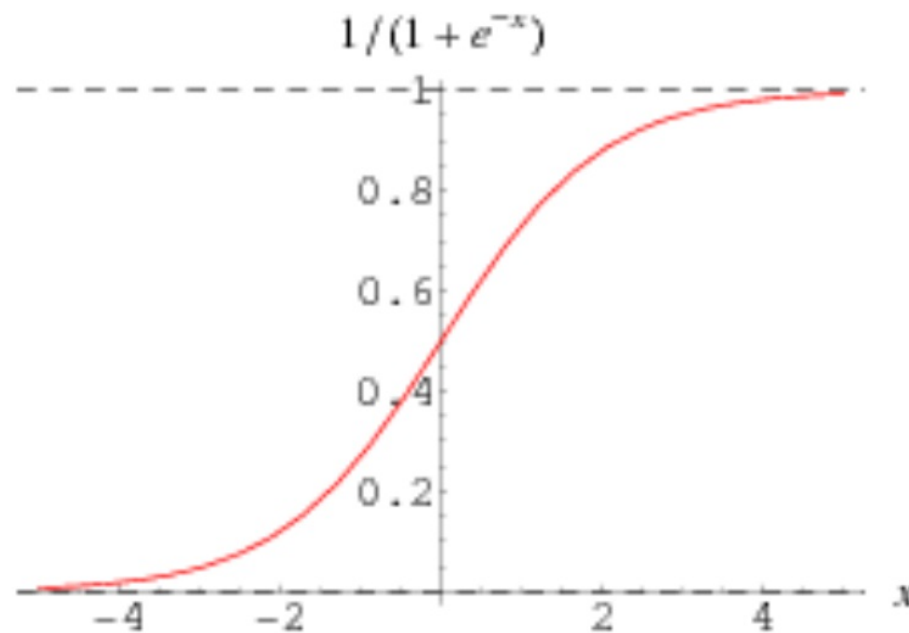


bounded above at $y = 3$



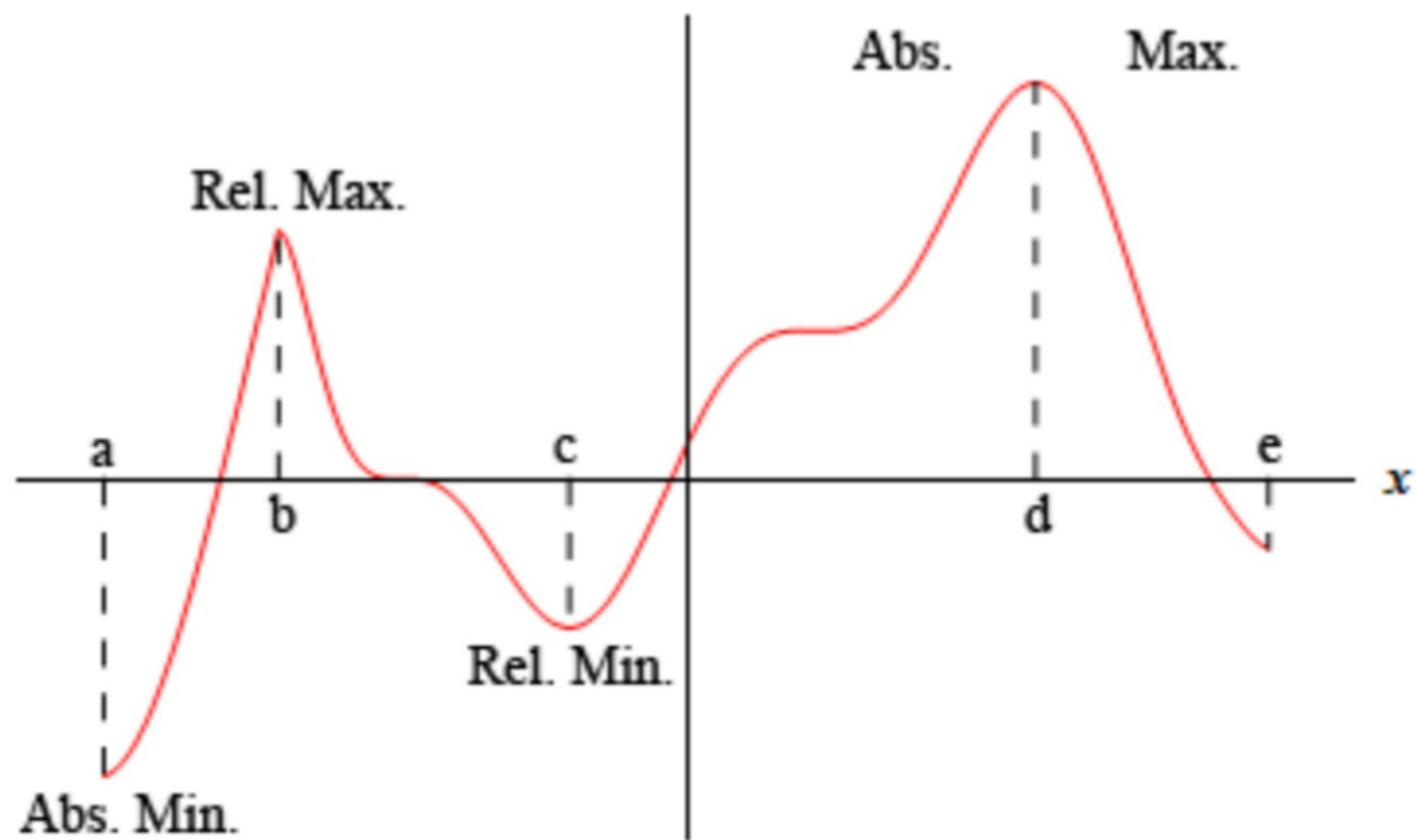
bounded above and below so bounded

unbounded, no abs max or min



Concept: Relative & Absolute Extrema

- If a graph changes from increasing to decreasing or vice versa, then it has "peaks" and "valleys"
- The point (x,y) at the top of the peak = relative maximum
- The point (x,y) at the bottom of the valley = relative minimum
- If the point is the maximum or minimum value of the ENTIRE function, it is called an absolute maximum or absolute minimum



WHY?

Global = Absolute

Local = Relative



Concept: Increasing & Decreasing Intervals

- At a particular point, a function is either increasing, decreasing or constant.
- It is easiest to figure out which is happening by looking at the graph.
- As you move from left to right:
 1. If graph has a positive slope = increasing
 2. If graph has a negative slope = decreasing
 3. If slope = 0, then it is constant
- Use interval notation to write (parenthesis) x-values



Ex 1: Use a graphing utility to approximate the relative maximum(s) and/or minimum(s) of each function.

a. $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x - 2$

x
min at $(.667, -3.333)$

b. $h(x) = -x^3 + x$

min at $(-.577, -.385)$
max at $(.577, .385)$

Increasing & Decreasing Intervals

Ex 2: Determine the open intervals on which each function is increasing or decreasing.

a. $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x - 2$

Incl: $(.667, \infty)$

Dec: $(-\infty, .667)$

b. $h(x) = -x^3 + x$

Incl: $(-.577, .577)$

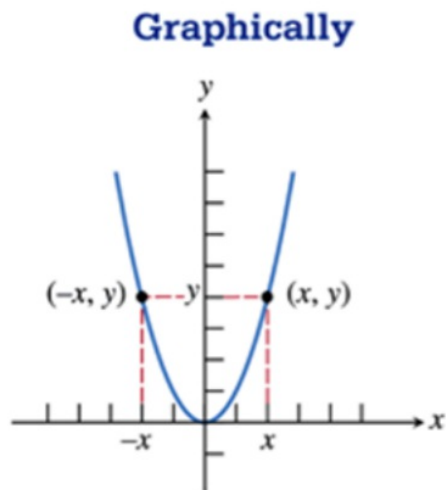
Dec: $(-\infty, -.577)$ $(.577, \infty)$



Concept: Symmetry

- y-axis symmetry - graph looks identical on the left & right side of the y-axis
 - Called an even function
 - Algebraic test: $f(-x) = f(x)$

Example: $f(x) = x^2$



Numerically

x	$f(x)$
-3	9
-2	4
-1	1
1	1
2	4
3	9

Algebraically

For all x in the domain of f ,

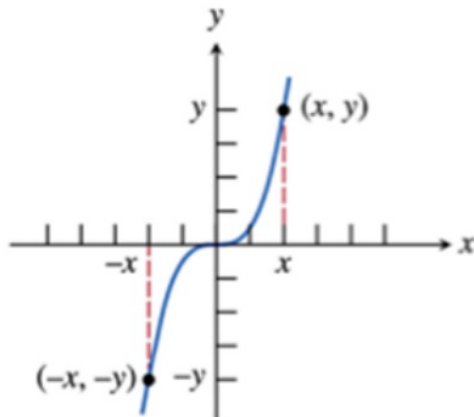
$$f(-x) = f(x)$$

Functions with this property (for example, x^n , n even) are **even** functions.

- Origin symmetry - graph can be rotated 180° and still looks the same
 - Called an odd function
 - Algebraic test: $f(-x) = -f(x)$

Example: $f(x) = x^3$

Graphically



Numerically

x	y
-3	-27
-2	-8
-1	-1
1	1
2	8
3	27

Algebraically

For all x in the domain of f ,

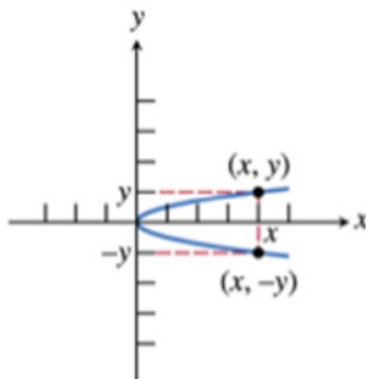
$$f(-x) = -f(x).$$

Functions with this property (for example, x^n , n odd) are **odd** functions.

- x-axis symmetry - graph looks identical above & below the x-axis
 - NOT a function
 - Algebraic test: plug $-y$ into the equation & it will simplify back to original equation

Example: $x = y^2$

Graphically



Numerically

x	y
9	-3
4	-2
1	-1
1	1
4	2
9	3

Algebraically

Graphs with this kind of symmetry are not functions (except the zero function), but we can say that $(x, -y)$ is on the graph whenever (x, y) is on the graph.



Ex 3: Determine algebraically whether each function is even, odd or neither. Use a graphical solution to confirm your answer.

a. $h(x) = x^3 - 1$

b. $g(x) = \frac{x^3}{4-x^2}$

c. $f(x) = x^2 + 1$

a. $h(-x) = (-x)^3 - 1$
 $= -x^3 - 1$
neither

1.2 Ticket Out The Door

Vertex: _____

Is this a max or a min? _____

Domain: _____

Range: _____

Root(s): _____

Y-Intercept(s): _____

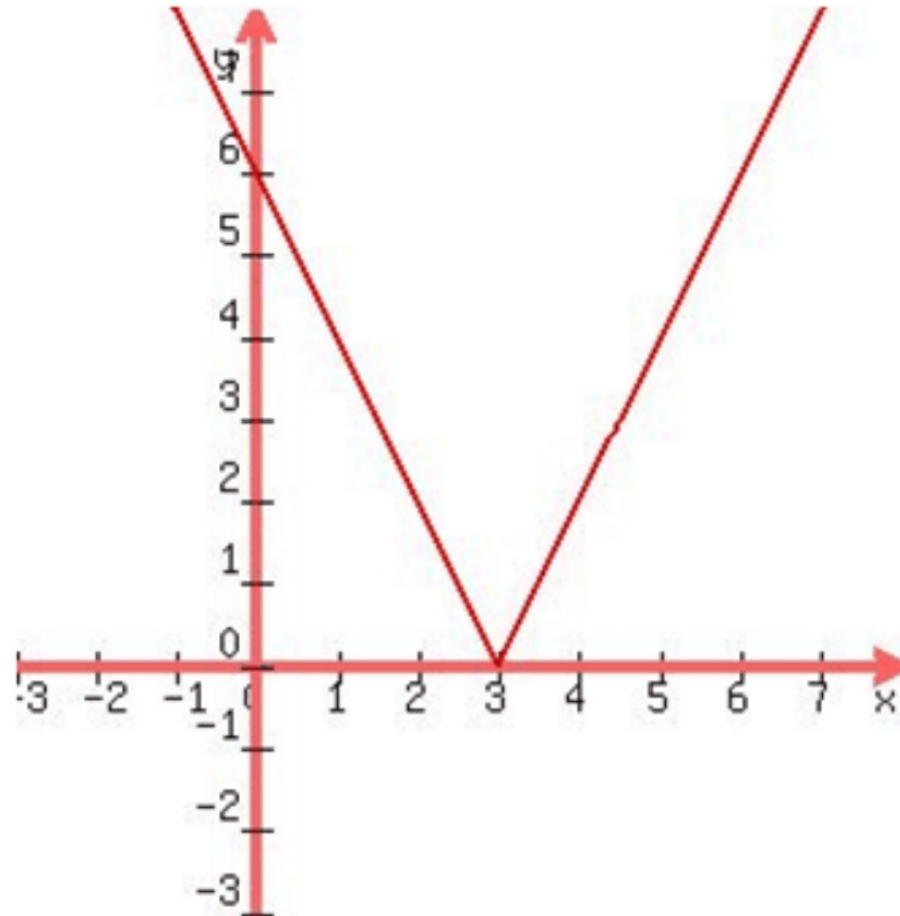
Interval increasing: _____

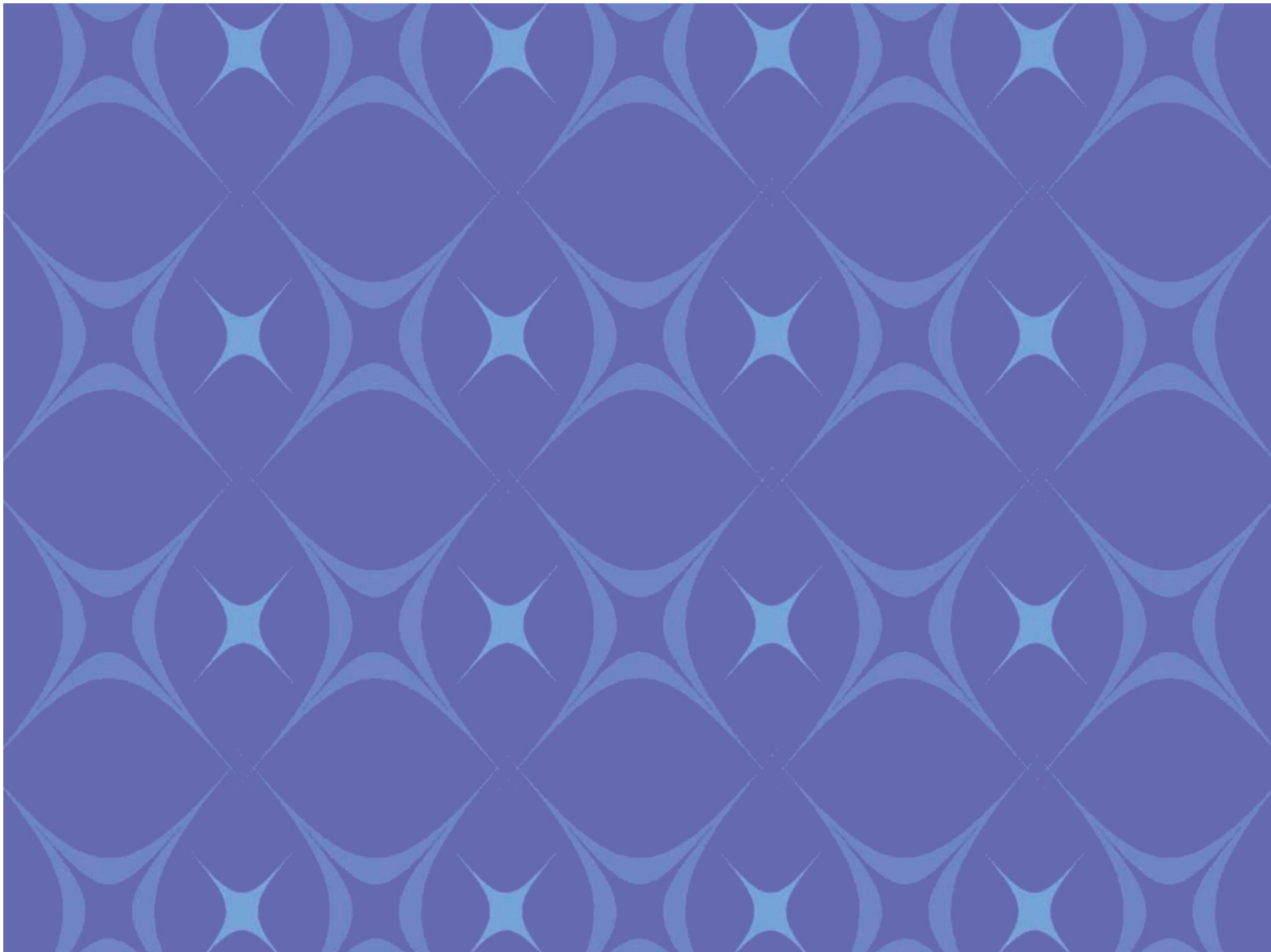
Interval decreasing: _____

End behavior: _____

Axis of Symmetry: _____

Even, Odd or Neither? _____





Think Tank 1.2



Hint Zone

