Analyzing Graphs of Functions

Lesson 1.5

Objectives

- Use the Vertical Line Test for functions
- Find the zeros of functions
- Determine intervals on which functions are increasing or decreasing and determine relative maximum and relative minimum values of functions
- Determine the average rate of change of a function
- Identify even and odd functions

Find the Domain and Range for the Function



Definition of a Function

Are the Following Functions?



Find the Zeros of the Function

 $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$



Find the Zeros of the Function

 $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{x - 2.2}$



Find the Zeros of the Function



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Describing Graphs

 Determine the intervals where the graph is increasing and decreasing. Also specify the relative minimum and maximum values.



 Use a graphing utility to estimate the relative minimum and maximum of f(x) = -3x² - 2x + 1

Average Rate of Change

 The slope of a line is often referred to as the rate of change of the line. The slope of a line is constant.

 With curves, you can pick two points on the curve and calculate the average rate of change by finding the slope between the two points. Find the average rate of change between (-2, 4) and (-1, 1).



Even and Odd Functions

- Even functions are symmetric with respect to the y-axis and odd functions are symmetric with respect to the origin.
- A function y = f(x) is even when, for each x in the domain of f, f(-x) = f(x).
- A function y = f(x) is odd when, for each x in the domain of f, f(-x) = -f(x).

Determine if the following functions are even or odd.

a. $f(x) = x^4 - |x|$

b.
$$g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$$

c. h(x) = x + 6