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WEEK 5 SOLUTIONS

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① (5pts) we refer to the figure on the right to answer the following!

②  $D(f) = [1, 7]$   
 "D" means "Domain"

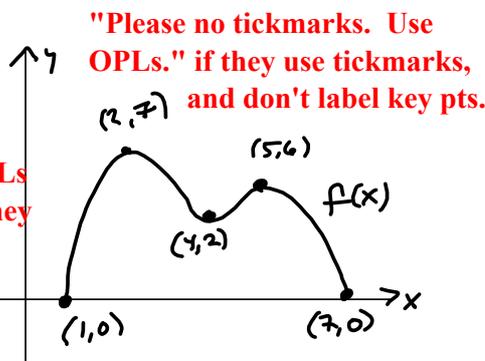
③  $R(f) = [0, 7]$   
 "R" means "Range"

④  $f$  is increasing on  $(1, 2) \cup (4, 5)$   
 Closed or half-closed intervals are also OK.

⑤  $f$  is decreasing on  $(2, 4) \cup (5, 7)$

⑥ Local max @  $(2, 7), (5, 6)$   
 .. min ..  $(4, 2)$ .

If they don't know what OPLs are, (ordered-pair labels), they are welcome to ask me.



"Please no tickmarks. Use OPLs." if they use tickmarks, and don't label key pts.  
 The graph can be a copy-paste from the book or it can be a hand sketch with key points labeled. Context is 1 pt and it includes both some kind of opening statement, such as I did, referring them to the graph, AND the graph, itself, AND the key points labeled.

Each of the above is worth 1 point, up to 4 points total. That, plus context/graph makes 5 pts.

If they miss one or more, they can't get the full 4 points.

If they miss 4, they should still get 1 point for the one they got right. I hope that makes sense.

Your eBook says:

"By convention we write the intervals on which a function is increasing or decreasing as open intervals. (It would also be true to say that the function is increasing or decreasing on the corresponding closed interval.)"

I say that if you follow the strict definition, the intervals should be closed intervals, and there's an overlap of one point between intervals of increase at the local max and local min points. Some books require that to include a point as a point of increase, that there's a point to its right to compare it to within the interval. That makes it an open-interval proposition. I wish books would make up their minds, or make more precise definitions.

In Calculus I, they use the same definition, and the WebAssign is looking for closed intervals.

To their credit, the definition used doesn't belabor the point at the end points, but of course, the end points deserve better treatment.

I'm accepting either open or closed intervals for the intervals of increase or decrease.



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④ (5pts) we sketch  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x - 24$ ,  $-4 \leq x \leq 9$

A couple ways to do this:

① Preferred: Complete the square for the vertex.

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = x^2 - 5x + \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4} - \frac{24 \cdot 4}{4}$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{25}{4} - \frac{96}{4}$$

$$= \left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{121}{4} \rightarrow (h, k) = \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{121}{4}\right) \notin$$

x-ints:  $f(x) = 0 \rightarrow$   
 $\left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{121}{4}$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{5}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{121}{4}} = \pm \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \pm 11}{2} = \frac{16}{2} = 8 \rightarrow (8, 0)$$

x-ints:  $\frac{5-11}{2} = -\frac{6}{2} = -3 \rightarrow (-3, 0)$  } x-ints

y-int:  $f(0) = -24 \rightarrow (0, -24)$  }

②\* Find the zeros. The vertex is  $\frac{1}{2}$ -way between, by symmetry about its axis

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = (x-8)(x+3) = 0 \rightarrow x \in \{-3, 8\}$$

$$h = \frac{-3+8}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$k = f(h) = \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^2 - 5\left(\frac{5}{2}\right) - 24$$

$$= \frac{25}{4} - \frac{25 \cdot 2}{2} - \frac{24 \cdot 4}{4}$$

$$= \frac{25 - 50 - 96}{4} = \frac{-25 - 96}{4} = -\frac{121}{4} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Vertex} = (h, k) = \left(\frac{5}{2}, -\frac{121}{4}\right)$$

\* Sledgehammer also works for the zeros.

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for evaluation notes on the graph.

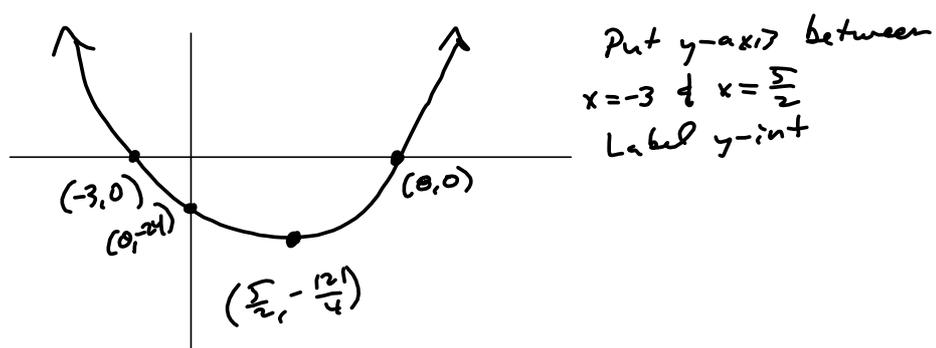
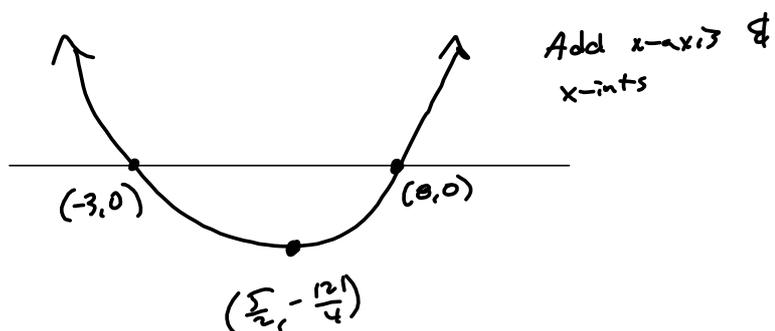
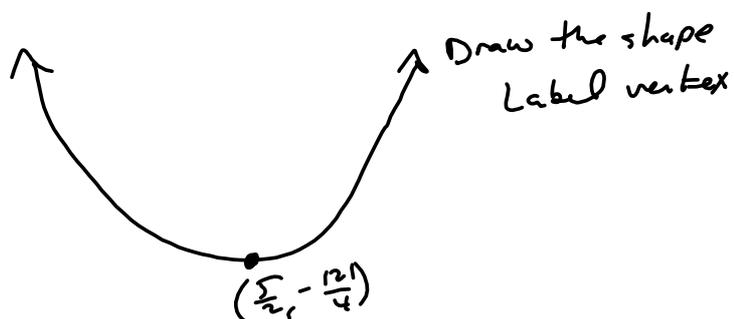
$x\text{-ints: } (-3, 0), (8, 0)$ $y\text{-int: } f(0) = -24$ $\rightarrow (0, -24)$
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Teacher stuff, to help develop the art of sketching graphs.

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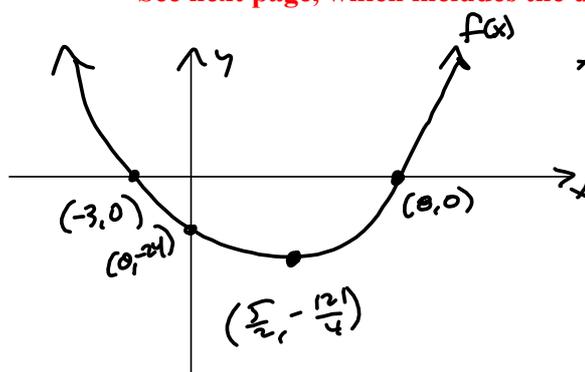
How I do the graphs, step by step, once I have all the pertinent information I need:



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See next page, which includes the domain and range support.

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Add Final embellishments

$$f(x) = x^2 - 5x - 24$$

You can do all these steps on just one graph. I'm just trying to show you the best order in which to do the steps. Sometimes, it ends up pretty cramped, and I re-do it, once I'm sure where things go and how to position my labels for best clarity.

Notice how my graph is *relatively* or *qualitatively* correct, but there are no tickmarks and I'm not splitting hairs. Just getting the shape, general location of things, and precise labels. There's an art to making quick sketches that pass muster with the instructor....

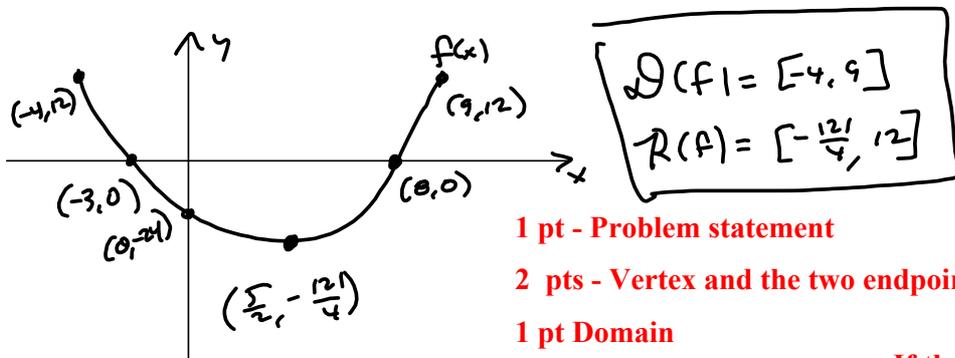
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I was having so much fun, I left out part of the question. I left out the  $-4 \leq x \leq 9$  part.

$$f(-4) = (-4)^2 - 5(-4) - 24 = 16 + 20 - 24 = 36 - 24 = 12 \rightarrow (-4, 12)$$

$$f(9) = 9^2 - 5(9) - 24 = 81 - 45 - 24 = 36 - 24 = 12 \rightarrow (9, 12)$$



1 pt - Problem statement

2 pts - Vertex and the two endpoints at  $y = 12$

1 pt Domain

1 pt Range

If they get the answer right, but they're not supporting their work, half credit.

**BONUS** Give them a point for getting the x-intercepts

**BONUS** Give them a point for the y-intercept.

**Points must be given ordered-pair labels. Tickmarks just waste our time.**

⑤ (5 pts) Let  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 5x - 24}$ . we find  $D(g)$ :

$$D(g) = \{x \mid g(x) \text{ is defined \& real}\}$$

$$= \{x \mid x^2 - 5x - 24 \geq 0\}$$

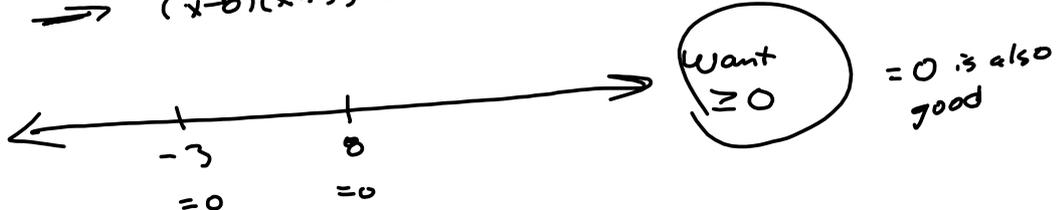
} Teacher teaching.

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We need  $x^2 - 5x - 24 \geq 0$  (1pt)

(1pt) Context of question. MILLS

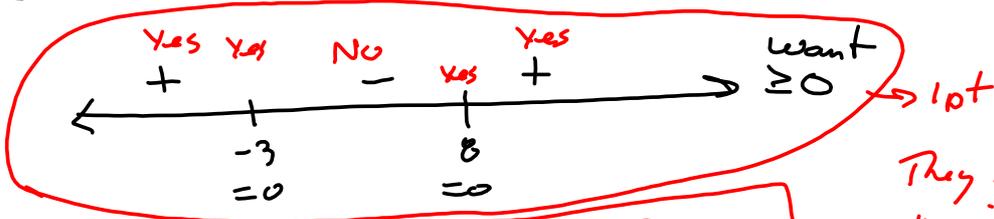
$\rightarrow (x-8)(x+3) \geq 0$



Interval	Test	$(x+3)(x-8)$
$(-\infty, -3)$	$x = -4$	$(-)(-) = +$
$(-3, 8)$	$x = 0$	$(3)(-8) = -$
$(8, \infty)$	$x = 9$	$(12)(1) = +$

There are more intuitive ways to do a sign pattern, based on the controlling factors at the x-intercept or vertical asymptote.

It's important that the student show their decision-making process, by laying out a number line and arriving at a +/- pattern and then write the solution.



$x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [8, \infty) = D(f)$  (1pt)

They need to make it clear that it's the domain. write "Domain" or use  $D$  or  $D$  to indicate it.

They may also write

Charge .5pt for not making it a set.  $x \leq 3$  or  $8 \leq x$ , but I would prefer to see  $\{x \mid x \leq 3 \text{ or } 8 \leq x\}$

without putting it as a set or in Interval notation, it's not a domain. It's only conditions to be in the set. so charge .5pts.

Domain and range are sets.

The bar isn't the sign that says "21 or over."

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(6) Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 5x - 24$ . Then

Context - 1 pt MILLS

(a) (5 pts)  $f(x+2) = (x+2)^2 - 5(x+2) - 24$  2 pts

$$= x^2 + 4x + 4 - 5x - 10 - 24$$

$$= x^2 - x - 30 = f(x+2) \rightarrow 3 \text{ pts}$$

(b) (5 pts)  $f(x) + f(2) = x^2 - 5x - 24 + (2^2 - 5(2) - 24)$  3 pts

$$= x^2 - 5x - 24 + (4 - 10 - 24)$$

$$= x^2 - 5x - 24 + (-30)$$

$$= x^2 - 5x - 54 = f(x) + f(2) \rightarrow 3 \text{ pts}$$

The POINT is that  $f(x+2) \neq f(x) + f(2)$  !

(7) Let  $s(x) = x^2 - 5x$ . Then the

(a) (5 pts) NET CHANGE in  $s$  from  $x=1$  to  $x=5$  is 1 pts context

(2 pts)  $f(5) - f(1) = 5^2 - 5(5) - (1^2 - 5(1))$

$$= 25 - 25 - (-4)$$

$$= 4 = f(5) - f(1) \rightarrow 2 \text{ pts}$$

(b) (5 pts) The AVERAGE RATE OF CHANGE from  $x=1$  to  $x=5$

is  $\frac{f(5) - f(1)}{5 - 1} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$  = Avg. Rate of change

1 pt context

2 pts

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(2 pts)

$$\textcircled{c} \text{ 5 pts } \frac{s(a+h) - s(a)}{h} = \frac{(a+h)^2 - 5(a+h) - (a^2 - 5a)}{h}$$

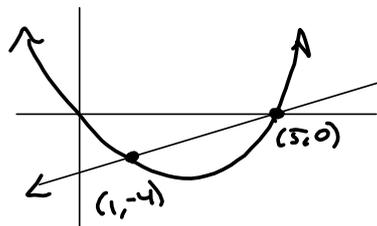
$$= \frac{a^2 + 2ah + h^2 - 5a - 5h - a^2 + 5a}{h} = \frac{2ah + h^2 - 5h}{h}$$

$$= \frac{h(2a+h-5)}{h} = \boxed{2a+h-5} \text{ (as long as } h \neq 0)$$

=  $\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  (2 pts)

(1 pt context from the top)

Note: Part b picture:



Slope of this line is  $\frac{f(5) - f(1)}{5 - 1}$

$(x_1, y_1) = (1, f(1)) = (1, -4)$

$(x_2, y_2) = (5, f(5)) = (5, 0)$