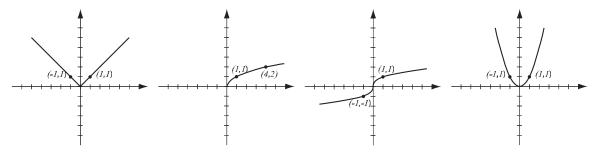
College Algebra — Exam 2
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1. (8pts) The following are graphs of basic functions. Write the equation of the graph under each one.



**2.** (20pts) Let 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{2x - 1}$$
,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x + 3}$ .

Find the following (simplify where possible):

$$(f+g)(1) = (fg)(3) =$$

$$\frac{g}{f}(x) = \qquad (g \circ f)(2) =$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) =$$

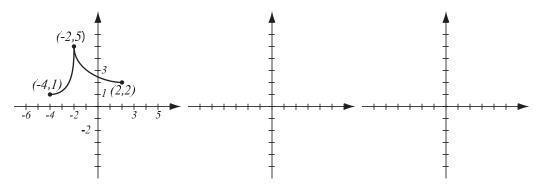
The domain of f+g in interval notation

**3.** (6pts) Consider the function  $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{2|x|+1}$  and find **two** different solutions to the following problem: find functions f and g so that h(x) = f(g(x)), where neither f nor g are the identity function.

4. (6pts) Write the equation for the function whose graph has the following characteristics:

- a) shape of  $y = x^3$ , shifted to the left by 4.
- b) shape of  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , reflected over the y-axis and then stretched vertically by factor 5.

**5.** (10pts) The graph of f(x) is drawn below. Find the graphs of f(x-1)-2 and -f(2x) and label all the relevant points.



**6.** (8pts) Sketch the graph of the piecewise-defined function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+5, & \text{if } -3 < x \le 1\\ 1-2x, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

7. (8pts) Find the values of the piecewise-defined function.

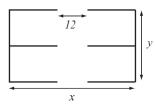
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3, & \text{if } x < 0\\ \sqrt{x + 3}, & \text{if } 0 \le x \le 4\\ \frac{x^2}{x + 1}, & \text{if } 4 < x \le 10 \end{cases}$$

$$f(4) = f(-2) =$$

$$f(2\cdot 4) = f(12) =$$

- **8.** (20pts) Let  $f(x) = |x^2 10|$  (answer with 6 decimal points accuracy).
- a) Use your graphing calculator to accurately draw the graph of f (on paper!). Indicate units on the axes.
- b) Determine algebraically whether the function is odd, even, or neither.
- c) Verify your conclusion from b) by stating symmetry.
- d) Find the local maxima and minima for this function. If there is symmetry, use it to reduce the work here.
- e) State the intervals where the function is increasing and where it is decreasing.

- 9. (14pts) A horse breeder wishes to build a stable that is to have area 1600 square feet and four stalls with a 12-ft passageway going through the middle. To minimize cost, the total length of walls has to be as small as possible.
- a) Express the total length of walls of the stable as a function of the length of one of the sides x. What is the domain of this function?
- b) Graph the function in order to find the minimum. What are the dimensions of the stable that has the smallest total wall length? What is the smallest total wall length?



**Bonus.** (10pts) In general, every function f(x) can be written as a sum of an even and an odd function. We verify this on an example. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{4+x}$ . a) Compute  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) + f(-x))$  and  $h(x) = \frac{1}{2}(f(x) - f(-x))$ ; don't simplify.

- b) Verify algebraically that one of g and h is even and the other is odd.
- c) Verify that g(x) + h(x) = f(x).