

## WORKSHEET 1: The real line. Functions

- 1.** Solve the following inequalities, determine the set of real numbers that satisfies them. Represent its solution using a real line.
- a)(\*)  $|9 - 2x| < 1$     b)(\*)  $-5|x + 3| < 4x - 5$     c)(\*)  $\frac{|x|}{3} + 2 < |x|$   
d)(\*)  $1 < |3 - 2x|$     e)(\*)  $\frac{(x^2 - 16)(x - 1)}{x - 3} \geq 0$     f)  $|x - 3| + |x + 3| < 10$
- 2.** (\*) Interpret the previous inequalities a), b), c) and d) geometrically using functions.
- a)  $y = |9 - 2x|$ ;  $y = 1$     b)  $y = -5|x + 3|$ ;  $y = 4x - 5$   
c)  $y = \frac{|x|}{3} + 2$ ;  $y = |x|$     d)  $y = 1$ ;  $y = |3 - 2x|$
- 3.** Discuss if the following inequalities are satisfied:
- a) (\*)  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$     b)(\*)  $|x| + |y| \leq |x + y|$     c)(\*)  $|x - y| \leq |x| + |y|$     d)(\*)  $|x| - |y| \leq |x - y|$
- 4.** Discuss if the following implications are true or false.
- a)  $x < y \Rightarrow x^2 < y^2$     b)  $|x| < |y| \Rightarrow x^2 < y^2$   
c)  $x^2 < y^2 \Rightarrow x < y$     d)  $x^2 < y^2 \Rightarrow |x| < |y|$
- 5.** Obtain for the following sets of real numbers,  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ , their maximum and minimum elements whenever they exist. Calculate them for  $\alpha = -1$ ,  $\alpha = 0$  and  $\alpha = 1$
- a)  $A = \{x : e^x \leq \alpha\}$     b)  $A = \{x : e^x \geq \alpha\}$     c)  $A = \{x : \ln x \leq \alpha\}$     d)  $A = \{x : \ln x \geq \alpha\}$
- 6.** (\*) Given the functions  $f(x) = 1/x$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 1$ .
- a) Find their domain and range.  
b) Calculate  $f(g(2))$  and  $g(f(2))$ .  
c) Obtain the functions  $f(g(x))$  and  $g(f(x))$ .
- 7.** Review the graphs of the following functions: a)(\*)  $f(x) = x^2$     b)(\*)  $f(x) = e^x$     c)(\*)  $f(x) = \ln x$
- In each case sketch the graph transformations of the previous ones, interpreting geometrically the results.
- i)  $g(x) = f(x + 1)$     ii)  $h(x) = -2f(x)$     iii)  $p(x) = f(3x)$   
iv)  $s(x) = f(x) + 1$     v)  $r(x) = |f(x)|$     vi)  $m(x) = f(|x|)$
- 8.** (\*) Find the domain and the range of the following functions:
- a)  $f(x) = \ln(1 + |x|)$     b)  $g(x) = 2 - \sqrt{1 - x^2}$     c)  $h(x) = e^{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$
- 9.** (\*) Let  $f, g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be two increasing functions. Discuss if the following statements are true or false.
- a)  $f + g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an increasing function.  
b)  $f \cdot g : I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an increasing function.
- 10.** Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be monotonic functions. Discuss if the composition  $g \circ f$  is increasing or decreasing depending on the monotonicity of  $f$  and  $g$ . (There are four different cases)
- 11.** Find the intervals  $I, J$  for the following functions so that they are bijective. For example  $(f : I \rightarrow J)$
- a)  $f(x) = x^2$     b)  $g(x) = \ln |x|$     c)  $h(x) = e^{-x^2}$
- 12.** Determine if the following functions are even, odd or neither:
- a)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1}$     b)  $g(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^4 + 1}$     c)  $h(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^5 + 1}$
- 13.** (\*) Calculate the inverse function:
- $f(x) = (x^3 - 5)^5$ ,     $g(x) = (\sqrt[3]{x - 5})^5$
- 14.** Let  $f$  be an even function and  $g$  an odd one. Prove that:
- $|g|$  is even;     $f \circ g$  is even;     $g \circ f$  is even;  
 $f \cdot g$  is odd;     $g^k$  is even (if  $k$  is even);     $g^k$  is odd (if  $k$  is odd)