

**Mathematics for Economists I**  
**Problems 10**  
**Course of the function I**

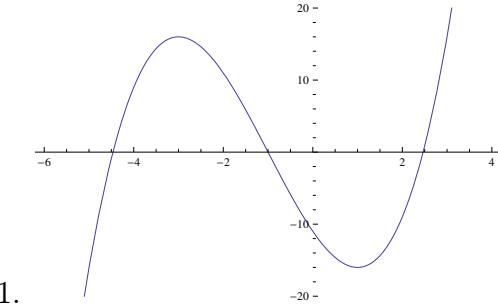
Examine the course of the function, i.e. find its domain, intersections with axes, limits at the extreme points of  $D_f$ , the derivative of the function and its zero points, local and global extrema, intervals of monotony, draw the graph. Justify everything properly.

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| <b>1.</b> $x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x - 11$ | <b>6.</b> $e^2 e^{-x^2}$                 | <b>11.</b> $(3-x)e^x$             |
| <b>2.</b> $x^4 - 4x^3$           | <b>7.</b> $x\sqrt{1-x^2}$                | <b>12.</b> $x^3 + 2x^2 - 15x$     |
| <b>3.</b> $\frac{1-2x}{3x^2}$    | <b>8.</b> $\frac{x^2-x-2}{x-3}$          | <b>13.</b> $\sqrt{x^2 + 6x - 16}$ |
| <b>4.</b> $\frac{3x-1}{1-x}$     | <b>9.</b> $\frac{1}{x^2-x-2}$            | <b>14.</b> $\frac{x^2-5x+4}{x+1}$ |
| <b>5.</b> $\frac{1}{1+e^{-x}}$   | <b>10.</b> $\frac{\ln(3+2x-x^2)}{\ln 3}$ | <b>15.</b> $\ln(1-x^2)$           |

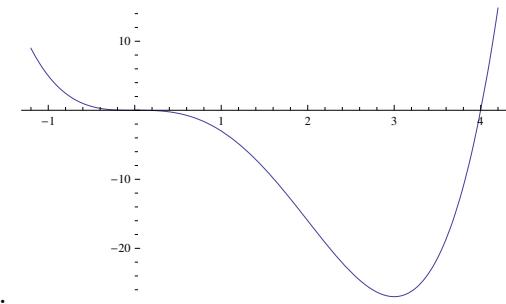
**Solutions:**

**1.**  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ , roots:  $-1, -1 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = \pm\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, -3), (1, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(-3, 1)$ .

**2.**  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ , roots: 0 (triple), 4,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = +\infty$ , decreases in  $(-\infty, 3)$ , increases in  $(3, +\infty)$ .



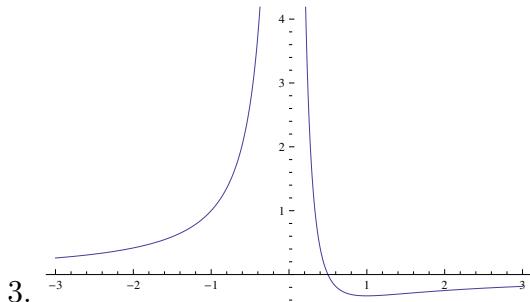
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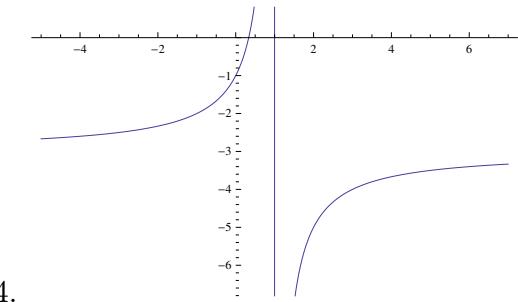
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**3.**  $D_f = \mathbb{R}_- \cup \mathbb{R}_+$ , root:  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^\pm} = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = 0$ , increases in  $(-\infty, 0), (1, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(0, 1)$ .

**4.**  $D_f = (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, +\infty)$ , root:  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^\pm} = \mp\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = -3$ , increases in  $(-\infty, 1), (1, +\infty)$ .



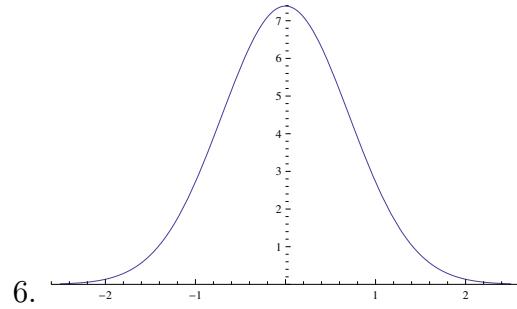
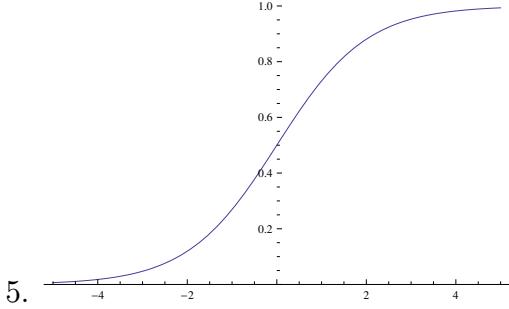
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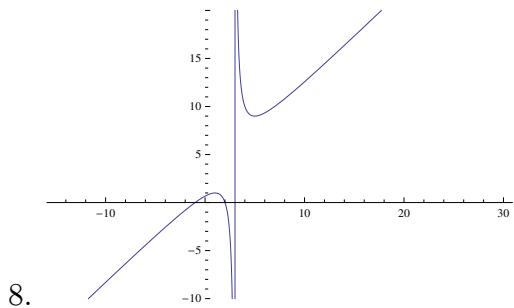
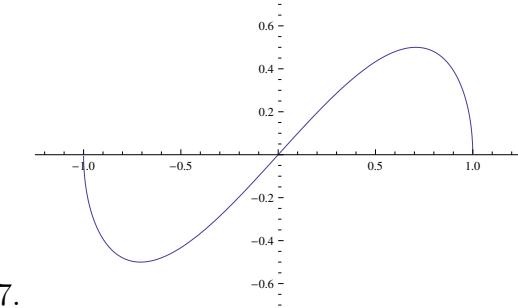
5.  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f(x) > 0$  v  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} = 1$ , increases in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

6.  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(0) = e^2$ ,  $f(x) > 0$  v  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = 0$ , increases in  $\mathbb{R}_-$ , decreases in  $\mathbb{R}_+$ .



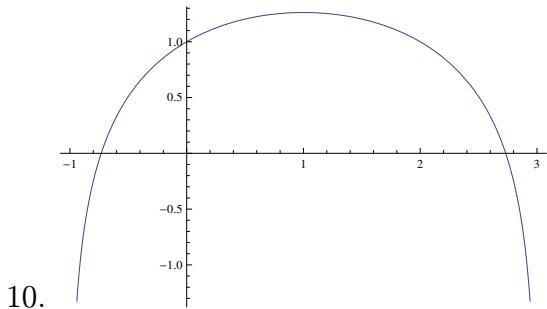
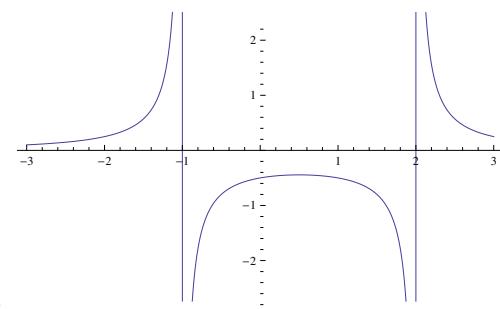
7.  $D_f = \langle -1, 1 \rangle$ ,  $f(-1) = f(0) = f(1) = 0$ , decreases in  $\langle -1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle, \langle \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, 1 \rangle$ , increases in  $\langle -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \rangle$ .

8.  $D_f = (-\infty, 3) \cup (3, +\infty)$ ,  $f(0) = \frac{2}{3}$ , roots:  $-1, 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3\pm} = \pm\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = \pm\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, 1), (5, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(1, 3), (3, 5)$ .



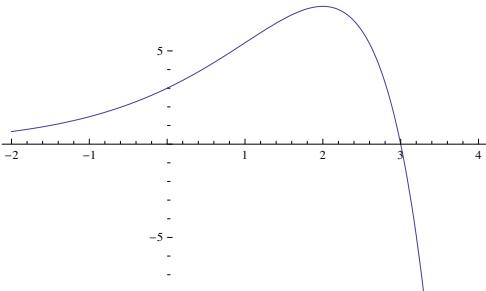
9.  $D_f = (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, 2) \cup (2, +\infty)$ ,  $f(0) = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$  v  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1\pm} = \mp\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2\pm} = \pm\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = 0$ , increases in  $(-\infty, -1), (-1, \frac{1}{2})$ , decreases in  $(\frac{1}{2}, 2), (2, +\infty)$ .

10.  $D_f = (-1, 3)$ ,  $f(0) = 1$ , roots  $1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1+} = -\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3-} = -\infty$ , increases in  $(-1, 1)$ , decreases in  $(1, 3)$ .

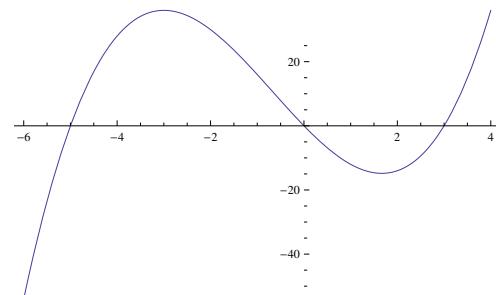


11.  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ , root: 3,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} = -\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, 2)$ , decreases in  $\langle 2, +\infty \rangle$ .

- 12.**  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ , roots:  $-5, 0, 3$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = \pm\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, -3), (\frac{5}{3}, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(-3, \frac{5}{3})$ .



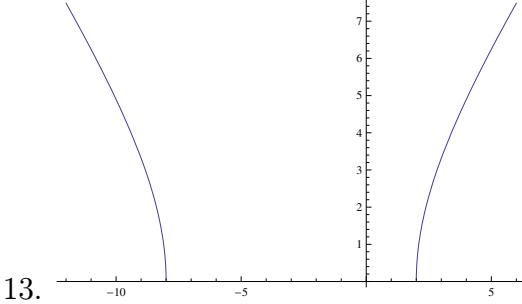
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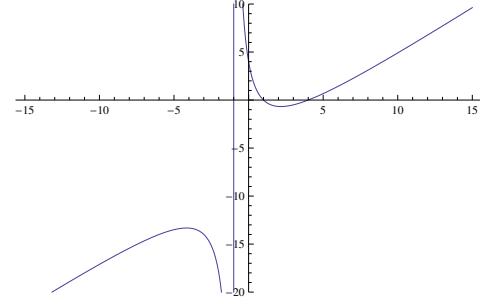
- 13.**  $D_f = (-\infty, -8) \cup (2, +\infty)$ , roots:  $-8, 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = +\infty$ , increases in  $(2, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(-\infty, -8)$ .

- 14.**  $D_f = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, +\infty)$ , roots:  $1, 4$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} = \pm\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^{\pm}} = \pm\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, -1 - \sqrt{10})$  and in  $(-1 + \sqrt{10}, +\infty)$ , decreases in  $(-1 - \sqrt{10}, -1)$  and in  $(-1, -1 + \sqrt{10})$ .

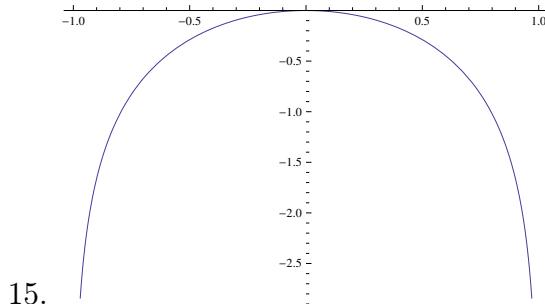
- 15.**  $D_f = (-1, 1)$ , root:  $0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm 1} = -\infty$ , increases in  $(-\infty, 0)$ , decreases in  $(0, \infty)$ .



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