§2.3 Getting Information from the Graph of a Function

ex. Use the graph $y = f(x)$ to find

(a) $f(2)$, $f(4)$, $f(5)$
(b) The net change in f from 2 to 5.
(c) All values of x such that $f(x) = -2$

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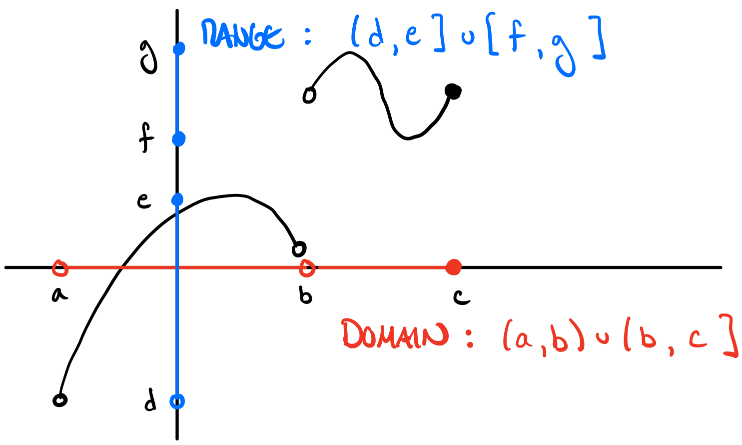
The value $f(a)$ is the height of the point on the graph $y = f(x)$ above (positive) or below (negative) the point a on the x-axis

Domain & Range: The **domain** of f is the set of all x-values for which f is defined. The **range** of f is the set of all corresponding y-values.

Domain = shadow of graph on x-axis

Range = shadow of graph on y-axis



Two Graphs

ex. Let $f(x) = (x-1)(x-3)(x-5)$ & $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-2)^2 - 1$

Use the graphs of f & g to approximate the values of x such that

(a) $f(x) = g(x)$

(b) $f(x) > g(x)$

(c) $f(x) \leq g(x)$

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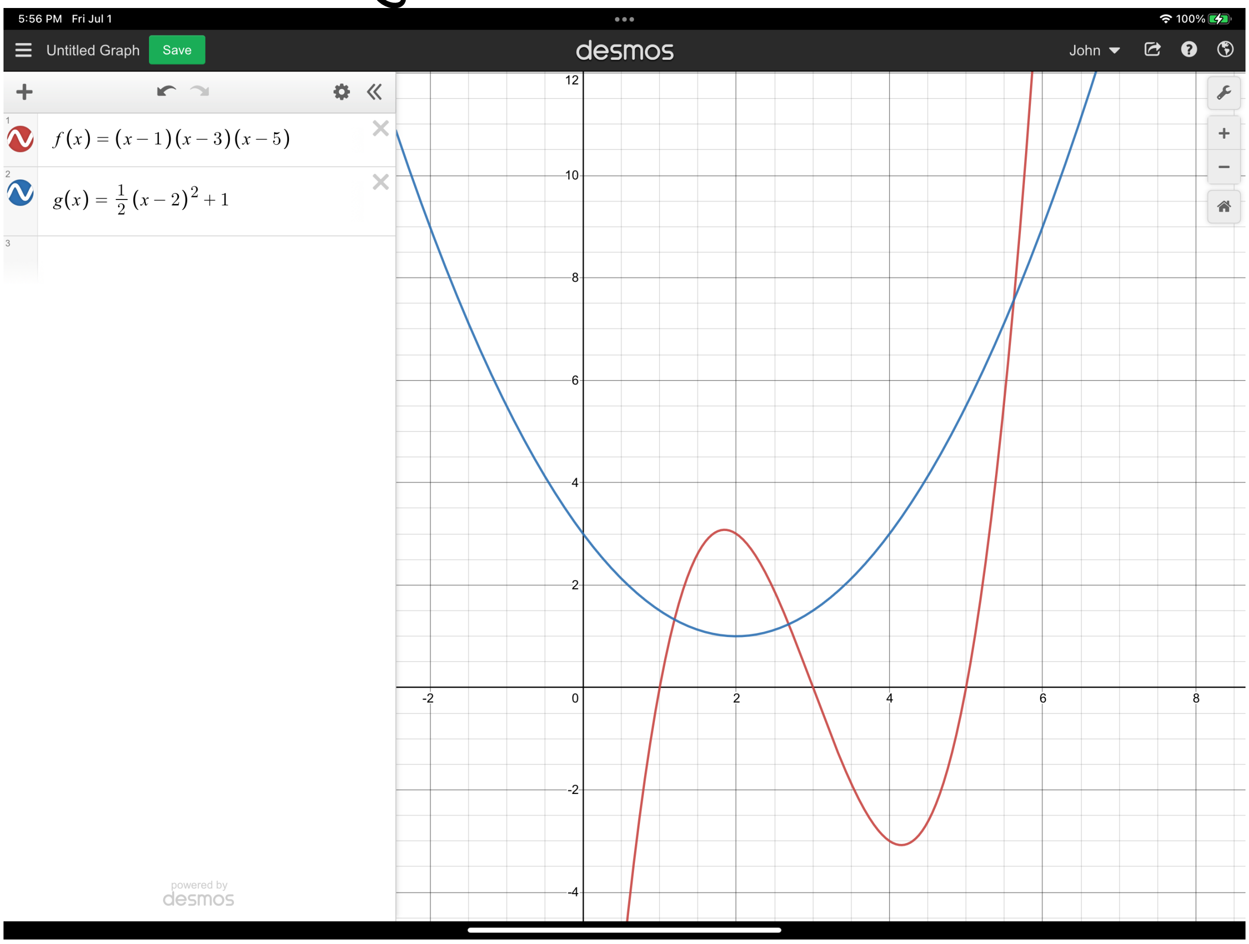
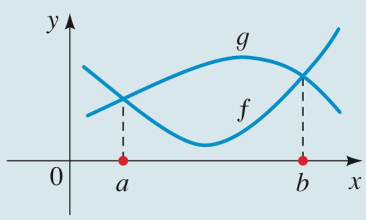


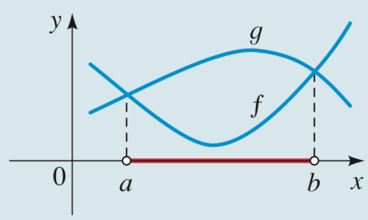
SOLVING EQUATIONS AND INEQUALITIES GRAPHICALLY

The **solution(s) of the equation** $f(x) = g(x)$ are the values of x where the graphs of f and g intersect.

The **solution(s) of the inequality** $f(x) < g(x)$ are the values of x where the graph of g is higher than the graph of f.



The solutions of $f(x) = g(x)$ are the values a and b.



The solution of $f(x) < g(x)$ is the interval (a, b).

INCREASING / DECREASING, MAX/MIN

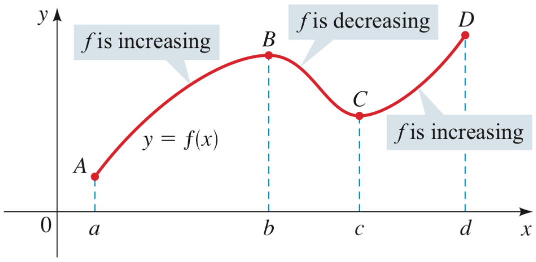


FIGURE 5 f is increasing on (a, b) and (c, d); f is decreasing on (b, c)

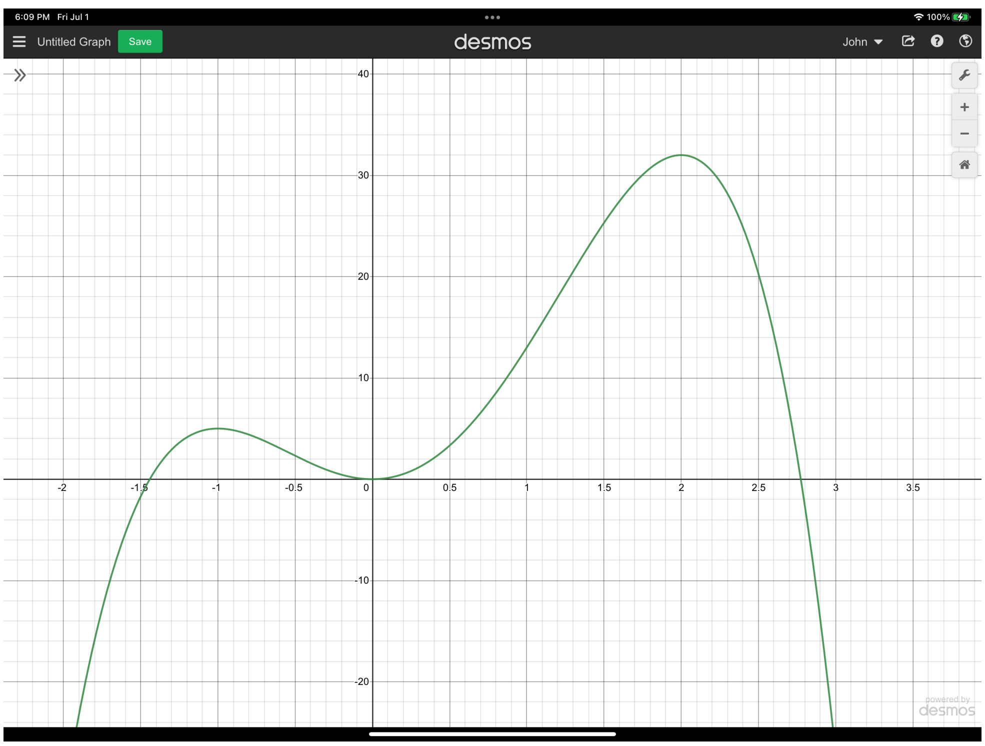
BY CONVENTION, INTERVALS OF INCR/DECR ARE OPEN INTERVALS WITH ENDPOINTS NOT INCLUDED.

ex. USE THE GRAPH OF $h(x) = 12x^2 + 4x^3 - 3x^4$ TO DETERMINE

(a) THE DOMAIN & RANGE OF h

(b) THE INTERVALS ON WHICH h IS INCREASING / DECREASING

(c) ALL LOCAL MAXIMUM VALUES & LOCAL MINIMUM VALUES OF h



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LOCAL MAXIMA AND MINIMA OF A FUNCTION

1. The function value $f(a)$ is a **local maximum value** of f if

$$f(a) \geq f(x) \quad \text{when } x \text{ is near } a$$

(This means that $f(a) \geq f(x)$ for all x in some open interval containing a.) In this case we say that f has a **local maximum** at $x = a$.

2. The function value $f(a)$ is a **local minimum value** of f if

$$f(a) \leq f(x) \quad \text{when } x \text{ is near } a$$

(This means that $f(a) \leq f(x)$ for all x in some open interval containing a.) In this case we say that f has a **local minimum** at $x = a$.