

Find the domain of each function.

Then state whether the function it is even, odd or neither.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 13x^2 + 36}$$

$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 24x^2 - x + 6$$

Find the x-intercepts of the g(x) function given above.

For what values of x is g(x) < 0?

Key to review questions

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 13x^2 + 36}$$

$$\text{Factor: } (x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) = (x + 3)(x - 3)(x + 2)(x - 2)$$

$$\text{Domain } (x + 3)(x - 3)(x + 2)(x - 2) \geq 0$$

Use number line analysis, the domain of $f(x)$ is $(-\infty, -3] \cup [-2, 2] \cup [3, \infty)$.

Test to determine even/odd/neither.

$$f(-x) = \sqrt{(-x)^4 - 13(-x)^2 + 36}$$

$f(-x) = \sqrt{x^4 - 13x^2 + 36}$; therefore since $f(-x) = f(x)$. The function is even.

$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 24x^2 - x + 6$$

Domain is all real numbers (no work required).

Test to determine even/odd/neither

$$g(-x) = 4(-x)^3 - 24(-x)^2 - (-x) + 6$$

Simplify:

$$g(-x) = -4x^3 - 24x^2 + x + 6$$

$$-g(x) = -4x^3 + 24x^2 + x - 6$$

Since $g(-x) \neq g(x)$ and $g(-x) \neq -g(x)$, the function is neither even or odd.

answer: function is neither.

x - intercepts: Set $g(x) = 0$ and solve for x .

$$\text{Factor } g(x) \text{ by grouping: } (4x^2 - 1)(x - 6) = (2x + 1)(2x - 1)(x - 6)$$

$$\text{Solve: } (2x + 1)(2x - 1)(x - 6) = 0$$

Solution $x = \pm \frac{1}{2}, 6$ are the x - intercepts.

$g(x) < 0$ Using number line analysis $g(x) < 0$ in the intervals

$$\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{2}, 6\right)$$