

Circuit Training – Rational and Polynomial Inequalities

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Directions: Begin in cell #1. Read the question and do the work necessary to answer it. Circle your answer then search for it. When you find it, call this cell #2 and proceed in this manner until you complete the circuit by returning to the beginning.

Solve the inequalities and write the answers in interval notation.

Answer: $(-5, -1) \cup (1, 2)$

#1

$$\frac{x-7}{x-1} < 0$$

Zeros: $x-7=0$

$$x=7$$

VA: $x-1=0$

$$x=1$$



$$f(0) = \frac{-}{-} = +$$

$$f(2) = \frac{-}{+} = -$$

$$f(8) = \frac{+}{+} = +$$

$$(1, 7)$$

Answer: $[-6, -3) \cup (8, \infty)$

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$$x^2 - 4x > 32$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 32 > 0$$

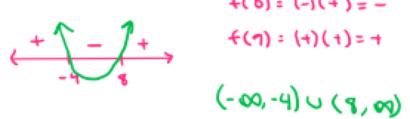
$$(x-8)(x+4) > 0$$

$$x=8, -4$$

$$f(-5) = (-)(-) = +$$

$$f(0) = (-)(+) = -$$

$$f(1) = (+)(-) = -$$



$$(-\infty, -4) \cup (8, \infty)$$

Answer: $(-\infty, -4) \cup (8, \infty)$

_____ 5

Zeros: $x-7=0$

$$x=7$$

VA: $x+6=0$

$$x=-6$$

$$f(-7) = \frac{+}{-} = -$$

$$f(0) = \frac{+}{+} = +$$

$$f(6) = \frac{-}{+} = -$$

$$\frac{x+32}{x+6} \leq 3 \left(\frac{x+6}{x+6} \right)$$

$$\frac{x+32}{x+6} \leq \frac{3x+18}{x+6}$$

$$\frac{x+32}{x+6} - \frac{3x+18}{x+6} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{-2x+14}{x+6} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{-2(x-7)}{x+6} \leq 0$$



$$(-\infty, -6) \cup [7, \infty)$$

Answer: $(-\infty, -6) \cup [7, \infty)$

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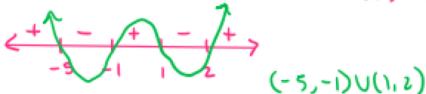
$$(x+5)(x-2)(x-1)(x+1) < 0$$

$$x=-5, 2, 1, -1$$

$$f(-6) = (-)(-)(-)(-) = + \quad f(0) = (+)(-)(-)(+) = +$$

$$f(-2) = (+)(-)(-)(-) = - \quad f(1.5) = (+)(-)(+)(+) = -$$

$$f(5) = (+)(+)(+)(+) = +$$



$$(-5, -1) \cup (1, 2)$$

Answer: $(-\infty, \infty)$

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$$\frac{x+6}{x^2 - 5x - 24} \geq 0$$

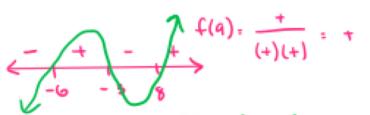
$$\frac{x+6}{(x-8)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

Zeros: $x+6=0$

$$x=-6$$

VA: $(x-8)(x+3)=0$

$$x=8, -3$$



$$[-6, -3) \cup (8, \infty)$$

Answer: $(1, 7)$

_____ 2

$$x^2 - 14x + 49 \geq 0$$

$$(x-7)^2 \geq 0$$

$$x=7$$

$$f(6) = +$$

$$f(8) = +$$



$$(-\infty, \infty)$$

3 Exercises

$$1. 2^x = 16$$

$$\log_2(2^x) = \log_2(16)$$
$$x = 4 \quad 16 = 2^4$$

$$2. 3^x = 81$$

$$\log_3(3^x) = \log_3(81)$$
$$x = 4 \quad 81 = 3^4$$

$$3. 4^x = 256$$

$$\log_4(4^x) = \log_4(256)$$
$$x = 4 \quad 256 = 4^4$$

$$4. 5^x = 625$$

$$\log_5(5^x) = \log_5(625)$$
$$x = 4 \quad 625 = 5^4$$

$$5. 10^x = 1000$$

$$\log_{10}(10^x) = \log_{10}(1000)$$
$$x = 3 \quad 1000 = 10^3$$

$$6. e^x = 20$$

$$\ln(e^x) = \ln(20)$$

$$x = \ln(20)$$

$$7. 2^{2x-1} = 8$$

$$\log_2(2^{2x-1}) = \log_2(8)$$

$$8 = 2^3$$

$$\frac{2x-1}{2} = \frac{3+1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$8. 9^{2x+1} = 729$$

$$\log_9(9^{2x+1}) = \log_9(729)$$

$$729 = 9^3$$

$$\frac{2x+1}{2} = \frac{3-1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

$$9. 5^{3x-2} = 125$$

$$\log_5(5^{3x-2}) = \log_5(125)$$

$$125 = 5^3$$

$$\frac{3x-2}{3} = \frac{3+2}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$10. 6^{x+2} = 216$$

$$\log_6(6^{x+2}) = \log_6(216)$$

$$216 = 6^3$$

$$\frac{x+2}{2} = \frac{3-2}{2}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$11. 7^{3x} = 343$$

$$\log_7(7^{3x}) = \log_7(343)$$

$$343 = 7^3$$

$$\frac{3x}{3} = \frac{3}{3}$$

$$x = 1$$

$$12. 8^{x-1} = 4$$

$$\log_8(8^{x-1}) = \log_8(4) \quad 4 = 8^{\frac{x}{3}} \Rightarrow 2^2 = (2^3)^{\frac{x}{3}} = 2^{3x}$$

$$\frac{x-1}{x+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$1 = \frac{3}{3}$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\log_2(2^2) = \log_2(2^{3x})$$

$$2 = 3x$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = x$$

$$13. 11^x = 121$$

$$\log_{11}(11^x) = \log_{11}(121)$$
$$x = 2 \quad 121 = 11^{\underline{2}}$$

$$14. 12^x = 144$$

$$\log_{12}(12^x) = \log_{12}(144)$$
$$x = 2 \quad 144 = 12^{\underline{2}}$$

$$15. 15^x = 225$$

$$\log_{15}(15^x) = \log_{15}(225)$$
$$x = 2 \quad 225 = 15^{\underline{2}}$$

4 Logarithmic Equations

Solve the following logarithmic equations:

$$1. \log_2(x+1) = 3$$

$$2^{\log_2(x+1)} = 2^3$$
$$x+1 = 8$$
$$x = 7$$

$$2. \log_3(x+2) = 2$$

$$3^{\log_3(x+2)} = 3^2$$
$$x+2 = 9$$
$$x = 7$$

$$3. \log_4(x+3) = 1$$

$$4^{\log_4(x+3)} = 4^1$$
$$x+3 = 4$$
$$x = 1$$

$$4. \log_5(x+4) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5^{\log_5(x+4)} & = & 5^2 \\ x+4 & = & 25 \\ -4 & & -4 \end{array} \quad x = 21$$

$$5. \log_{10}(x+5) = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 10^{\log_{10}(x+5)} & = & 10^3 \\ x+5 & = & 1000 \\ -5 & & -5 \end{array} \quad x = 995$$

$$6. \log_2(x-1) = 4$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 2^{\log_2(x-1)} & = & 2^4 \\ x-1 & = & 16 \\ +1 & & +1 \end{array} \quad x = 17$$

$$7. \log_3(x-2) = 3$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3^{\log_3(x-2)} & = & 3^3 \\ x-2 & = & 27 \\ +2 & & +2 \end{array} \quad x = 29$$

$$8. \log_4(x-3) = 2$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 4^{\log_4(x-3)} & = & 4^2 \\ x-3 & = & 16 \\ +3 & & +3 \end{array} \quad x = 19$$

$$9. \log_5(x-4) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 5^{\log_5(x-4)} & = & 5^1 \\ x-4 & = & 5 \\ +4 & & +4 \end{array} \quad x = 9$$

$$10. \log_{10}(x - 5) = 0$$

$$10^{\log_{10}(x-5)} = 10^0$$

$$\frac{x-5}{+5} = \frac{1}{+5} \quad x = 6$$

$$11. \ln(x + 1) = 2$$

$$e^{\ln(x+1)} = e^2$$

$$\frac{x+1}{-1} = \frac{e^2}{-1} \quad x = e^2 - 1$$

$$12. \ln(x - 1) = 1$$

$$e^{\ln(x-1)} = e^1$$

$$\frac{x-1}{+1} = \frac{e}{+1} \quad x = e + 1$$

$$13. \log_2(x + 1) + \log_2(x - 1) = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{\log_2(x+1) + \log_2(x-1)} &= 2^4 \\ (2^{\log_2(x+1)})(2^{\log_2(x-1)}) &= 16 \\ (x+1)(x-1) &= 16 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x & +1 \\ \hline x & x^2 \\ \hline -1 & -1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 1 &= 16 \\ x &= \sqrt{17} \end{aligned}$$

$$14. \log_3(x + 2) - \log_3(x - 2) = 2$$

$$\log_3\left(\frac{x+2}{x-2}\right) = 2$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-2} = 9$$

$$8x = 20$$

$$3^{\log_3\left(\frac{x+2}{x-2}\right)} = 3^2$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x+2 = 9x - 18 \\ +18 \quad +18 \end{array}$$

$$x = \frac{20}{8} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$x + 20 = 9x$$

$$15. \ln(x + 3) - \ln(x - 3) = 1$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x+3}{x-3}\right) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x+3 = ex - 3e \\ +3e \quad +3e \end{array}$$

$$\frac{3+3e}{e-1} = x$$

$$e^{\ln\left(\frac{x+3}{x-3}\right)} = e^1$$

$$x+3+3e = ex$$

$$\frac{x+3}{x-3} = e$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 3+3e = ex - x \\ 7 \\ 3+3e = x(e-1) \end{array}$$