MATH 1 Homework 2

Assigned September 21st, due September 28th

- (a) You're riding a bike and want to see how fast you can go. After 2 seconds you've gone 1 meter, after 4 seconds you've gone 5 meters, and after 10 seconds you've gone 20 meters. Use Lagrange interpolation to find a polynomial that fits these data points, and then use that polynomial to predict how far you will have gone in 15 seconds. (Leave the polynomial unsimplified and use a calculator to evaluate).
 - (b) Use a graphing tool to find the plot of your polynomial that you got in part (a). Sketch the plot. Does this model make sense? Why or why not?
- 2. Let f be a function with domain [2,3] and range [-1,2]. Give the domain and range of the following functions:
 - (a) f(3x+2) + 3
 - (b) 4f(-x+1) 1
 - (c) -2f(x+1) + 1
- 3. Below is the graph of a function f:



- (a) Describe the transformations needed to draw the graph of -f(x-5) + 2. What order do the transformations need to be performed in?
- (b) Sketch the graph of -f(x-5) + 2.
- (c) Why does the order matter? What would happen if you did the transformations in a different order?
- 4. For the following functions, decompose into the given number of nonidentity functions.
 - (a) Write $\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4x + 4}$ as the composition of two nonidentity functions.
 - (b) Write $\sqrt[3]{x^2 + 4x + 4}$ as the composition of three nonidentity functions.
 - (c) Write $\sqrt{x} + 34x^2$ as the composition of two nonidentity functions.
 - (d) Write -f(x-5) + 2 as the composition of three nonidentity functions.
- 5. (a) Sketch the graphs of the following functions

$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$
, $g(x) = |x|$, $h(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$.

- (b) For each function you have sketched, choose a maximal part of the domain where the function is one-to-one (by maximal we mean that if we add another point, the function wouldn't be 1-1). Specify this part of the domain, then sketch the inverse function with respect to that domain.
- (c) Find the equation of the inverse for each function.
- 6. Suppose you are offered a job that lasts one month. Which of the following methods of payment do you prefer? Explain your answer.
 - Seven million dollars at the end of the month.
 - One cent on the first day of the month, two cents on the second day, four cents on the third day, and, in general, 2^{n-1} cents on the *n*th day. (This month has 30 days).