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Quiz 4 Solutions
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Show all relevant work to support your answer. A correct answer without supporting work will not earn the points. **Problems 3 and 4 are on the back.**

1. (1 point) What is your favorite joke? (Hint: There is no wrong answer)

1. _____

2. (4 points) Given the function $f(x) = x^4 - 9x^2$, determine the following:

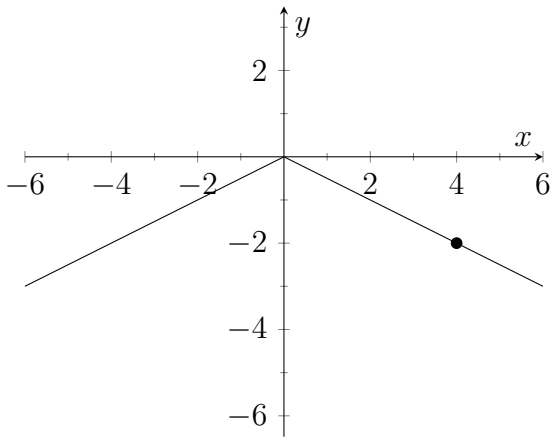
   (a) the zeros of $f(x)$.

   Solution: The zeros of $f(x)$ occur when $x^4 - 9x^2 = 0$. Simplifying, we get $x^2(x-3)(x+3) = 0$, so that the zeros occur at $x = -3, 0, 3$.

   (b) the right and left hand behaviors of $f(x)$.

   Solution: Using the leading coefficient test, we see the polynomial can be compared to an even function with positive coefficient (i.e $f(x) = x^2$). Hence, $f(x)$ increases as you go to the left and right.

3. (2 points) Use the graph of $f(x) = |x|$ to write an equation for the function shown below.



Solution: We know the general equation for the function is $f(x) = a\ |x - b| + c$, where a, b, and c are rational numbers. Observe first that there is no horizontal shift (i.e $b = 0$), and no vertical shift (i.e $c = 0$). Also there is a reflection around the x-axis, so that a is negative. In order to find a, we plug in the point $(4, -2)$ into the simplified equation $y =$a $|x|$. Therefore after solving, we see $a = -\frac{1}{2}$. Then the equation of the function is $f(x) = -\frac{1}{2}\ |x|$.

4. (3 points) Find the inverse function of $f(x) = \dfrac{5x - 3}{2x + 5}$.

Solution: We can solve for the inverse function with the following steps:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= \frac{5x - 3}{2x + 5} \\ x &= \frac{5y - 3}{2y + 5} \\ x(2y + 5) &= 5y - 3 \\ 2xy + 5x &= 5y - 3 \\ 2xy - 5y &= -5x - 3 \\ y(2x - 5) &= -5x - 3 \\ y &= \frac{-5x - 3}{2x - 5} \end{aligned}$$

Hence $f^{-1}(x) = \dfrac{-5x - 3}{2x - 5}$.