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Quiz 2

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Math 0220

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No calculators, no notes, no books. Show all your work (no work = no credit). Write neatly. Simplify your answers.

1. (a) [4 points] The functions $F(x) = \sec((x^2 - 4)^{-1/3})$ can be expressed in the form $f \circ g \circ h$. Find $f(x)$, $g(x)$, and $h(x)$.

$$f(x) = \sec x, \quad g(x) = x^{-1/3}, \quad h(x) = x^2 - 4$$

- (b) [3 points] What is the domain of $g \circ h$?

$$g \circ h = g(h(x)) = (x^2 - 4)^{-1/3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{x^2 - 4}}$$

$$\text{Domain: } x^2 - 4 \neq 0, \quad x \neq -2, \quad x \neq 2$$

$$\text{Answer } D = (-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

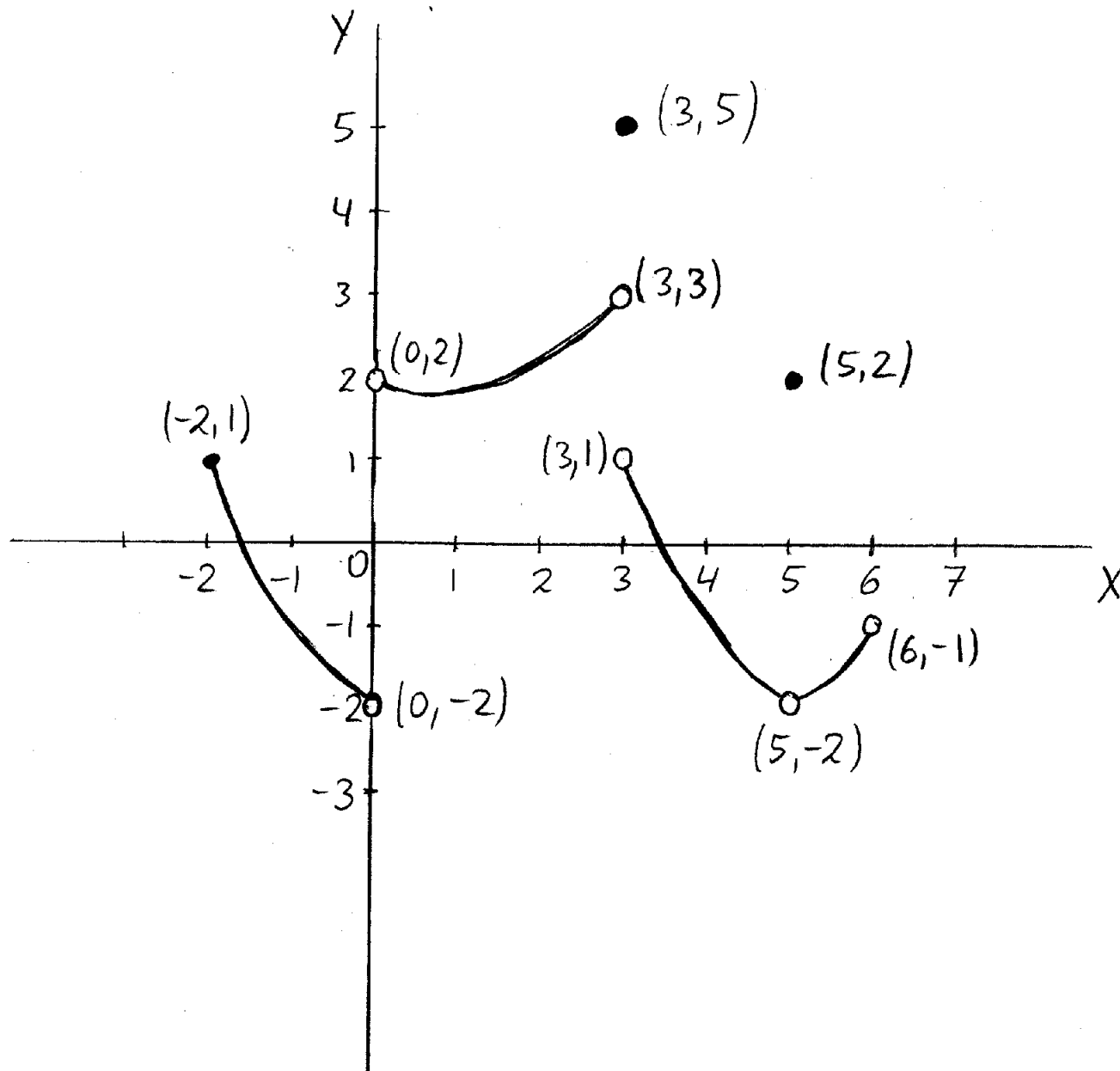
(Note: the root has odd degree $\Rightarrow$
 $x^2 - 4$ can be negative)

2. [7 points] Sketch the graph of an example of a function $g(x)$ if it has the domain $[-2, 6)$ and satisfies all the given conditions. Mark all important points on the graph and the axes.

$$g(-2) = 1, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = -2, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = 2, \quad g(2) \text{ is undefined},$$

$$g(3) = 5, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = 3, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = 1,$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} g(x) = -2, \quad g(5) = 2, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 6^-} g(x) = -1.$$



3. [6 points] Evaluate the difference quotient $\frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h}$ for the function $f(x) = x^3$.

$$\frac{f(2+h) - f(2)}{h} = \frac{(2+h)^3 - 2^3}{h}$$

$$= \frac{2^3 + 3 \cdot 2^2 h + 3 \cdot 2 h^2 + h^3 - 2^3}{h}$$

$$= \frac{12h + 6h^2 + h^3}{h}$$

$$= 12 + 6h + h^2$$

bonus problem [5 points extra] How big do you think the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - x - 2}$$

is?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 2x}{x^2 - x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x}{x+1} = \frac{2}{2+1} = \frac{2}{3}$$