Quiz

Name

1. Use the power and chain rules to compute the derivative of $f(x) = (1 - x^2)^{-3}$. For what values(s) of x is f'(x) = 0? For what values(s) of x is f'(x) undefined?

2. Use the limit definition of the derivative to determine the derivative of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$.

3. Consider the function $y = (x+1)^2$ for $x \le -1$ and the function $y = (x-1)^2$ for $1 \le x$. How many functions f(x) of the form $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + c$ are there such that the function g(x) defined by:

$$g(x) = (x+1)^2$$
 for $x \le -1$, $g(x) = f(x)$ for $-1 \le x \le 1$, and $g(x) = (x-1)^2$ for $1 \le x$

is differentiable for all x.