

Provide a clear and organized presentation. Show all of your work, give exact values only, and completely simplify your answer.

If  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{3x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1}}{x - \pi^2}$ , determine the domain of  $f$  in interval notation.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{3} \mid 3 \quad -2 \quad -4 \quad -1 \\ \quad \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad 1 \\ \hline 3 \quad -3 \quad -3 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

So, we now have that:

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{\sqrt{3x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x - 1}}{x - \pi^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{\left(x + \frac{1}{3}\right)(3x^2 - 3x - 3)}}{x - \pi^2} \\ &= \frac{\sqrt{(3x + 1)(x^2 - x - 1)}}{x - \pi^2} \end{aligned}$$

Now, we have that  $(3x + 1)(x^2 - x - 1) \geq 0$  and  $x \neq \pi^2$

On a number line, this gives us:



In interval notation, this gives us:

$$\text{dom } f = \left[ \frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}, -\frac{1}{3} \right] \cup \left[ \frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, \pi^2 \right) \cup (\pi^2, \infty)$$