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	2	2	$\frac{b-8}{8} = \frac{2-b}{b} \Longrightarrow b^2 - 8b = 16 - 8b \Longrightarrow b^2 = 16$, so since $b > 0$, $b = 4$.
2			Since $f'(x) = -5$ for all x, $f'(3) = -5$.
3	3	3	$(f \circ f)(2) = f(f(2)) = f(-2) = - -2 = -2$
4	4	4	$f(5) = -4(5)^{5} + 19(5)^{4} - 2(5)^{2} - 5 + 156 = -12500 + 11875 - 50 - 5 + 156 = -524$ (admittedly, this is probably easier to do with synthetic division)
		5	$3 = \sqrt{f^{-1}(3) + 2} \Longrightarrow 9 = f^{-1}(3) + 2 \Longrightarrow 7 = f^{-1}(3)$
	5		Replacing the <i>x</i> -coordinate with the sum of the <i>x</i> - and <i>y</i> -coordinates and the <i>y</i> -coordinate with the <i>x</i> -coordinate, the following function values are all equal to 2: , $f(2,-3)$, $f(-1,2)$, $f(1,-1)$, $f(0,1)$, $f(1,0)$, $f(1,1)$, $f(2,1)$, $f(3,2)$, $f(5,3)$, $f(8,5)$, Extending the list to the left, the signs of the two coordinates will be of opposite signs, so $f(1,2)$ will never appear in that direction. Extending the list to the right, we continue to get consecutive terms in the Fibonacci sequence for the inputs, so $f(1,2)$ will never appear in that direction either. The other four terms are listed above, so the answer is 4.
5			$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{1+x^2} \Rightarrow f(x) = \ln x + \arctan x + c \Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} = \ln 1 + \arctan 1 + c = \frac{\pi}{4} + c \Rightarrow c = \frac{\pi}{4}.$ Therefore, $f(x) = \ln x + \arctan x + \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow f(-1) = \ln 1 + \arctan(-1) + \frac{\pi}{4} = 0 - \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = 0.$
6	6	6	$9 - (x-2)^2 \ge 0 \Longrightarrow (x-2)^2 \le 9 \Longrightarrow -3 \le x-2 \le 3 \Longrightarrow -1 \le x \le 5$, so the interval is $[-1,5]$.
	7	7	The graph of the function is the upper half of a circle centered at $(2,0)$ with radius of length 3, so the range must be $[0,3]$.
7			The function has zeros at -1 and 2, a relative maximum at $(0,4)$, and a relative minimum at $(2,0)$. Further, the other point with a <i>y</i> -value of 4 is $(3,4)$, so the portion of the domain of <i>f</i> with multiple points with the same <i>y</i> -values is $[-1,3]$; further, if this interval were broken up into three intervals with non-repeating <i>y</i> -values, those three intervals would be $[-1,0]$, $[0,2]$, and $[2,3]$. Removing any two of those intervals would result in an inverse function, and removing the outer two would be the way to do that resulting in the least length of such an interval. The total length of those two intervals is 2.
		8	$-3 \le 5 - x^3 \le 6 \Rightarrow -8 \le -x^3 \le 1 \Rightarrow -1 \le x^3 \le 8 \Rightarrow -1 \le x \le 2$, so the interval is $[-1,2]$.
	8		$-3 \le 5 - (x-1)^3 \le 6 \Rightarrow -8 \le -(x-1)^3 \le 1 \Rightarrow -1 \le (x-1)^3 \le 8 \Rightarrow x-1 \le 2 \Rightarrow -2 \le x-1 \le 2$ $\Rightarrow -1 \le x \le 3$, so the interval is [-1,3].

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		9	The slope of the radius drawn to this point is $\frac{-3-0}{-4-0} = \frac{3}{4}$, so the slope of the tangent at
			that point is $-\frac{4}{3}$. This makes the equation of the tangent line $y = -\frac{4}{3}(x+4)-3$, and
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			therefore, $f(2015) = -\frac{4}{3}(2019) - 3 = -2695$.
9			Since <i>f</i> is a polynomial, it is continuous and differentiable everywhere. Therefore, we $f(2) = f(-2) = 18 + (-17)$
			are trying to solve $f'(x) = \frac{f(3) - f(-2)}{3 - (-2)} = \frac{18 - (-17)}{5} = 7$ for $x \in [-2,3]$. Therefore,
			$3x^2 - 2x + 1 = 7 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 2x - 6 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{(-2)^2 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot -6}}{2 \cdot 3} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{19}}{3}$. Since both
			values are in the interval, they are both answers.
	10	10	$A(1000,2,4,2) = 1000 \left(1 + \frac{.04}{2}\right)^{2.2} = 1000 (1.02)^4 = 1082.43216$, so the answer is
			\$1082.43 (rounded to the nearest cent).
10			$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 60x^2 + 24x + 96 = 12(x+1)(x-2)(x-4)$, and $f'(x) > 0$ on the intervals
			$(-1,2)\cup(4,\infty)$, so this is where f is increasing.
11	11	11	Since $f(-x) = 3(-x)^3 + \frac{-x}{(-x)^2 + 1} + \frac{1}{-x} = -3x^3 - \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} - \frac{1}{x} = -f(x)$, f is odd.
		12	Since the prime factorization of 2015 is $5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$, the number of positive integral divisors is $(1+1)(1+1)(1+1)=8$.
	12		Since the prime factorization of 2015 is $5 \cdot 13 \cdot 31$, the sum of the positive integral divisors is $(5+1)(13+1)(31+1)=2,688$.
12	13	13	Since <i>g</i> is a first-degree polynomial, <i>r</i> is a constant function. Since $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = q(x)$
			$+\frac{r(x)}{g(x)}, f(1) = \frac{f(1)}{4(1)-3} = \frac{f(1)}{g(1)} = q(1) + \frac{r(1)}{g(1)} = q(1) + \frac{r(1)}{4(1)-3} = q(1) + r(1) = q(1)$
			+r(2015), so $q(1)+r(2015)=f(1)=32$.
13			$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24 = 3(x+4)(x-2)$, so the only critical number in the interval is -4 .
			Checking the endpoints of the interval as well as this critical number, $f(-5)=67$,
			f(-4)=77, and $f(-2)=49$, so $M-m=77-49=28$.
		14	Since 14>11, $T(14,11,18) = g(14,11,18)$, and since $11 \le 18$, $g(14,11,18) = 18$, so $T(14,11,18) = 18$.
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	14		A normal $n \times n$ magic square uses the integers from 1 to n^2 , inclusive. The sum of these integers is $\frac{n^2(n^2+1)}{2}$. Since each of the <i>n</i> rows has a sum equal to the magic constant, the magic constant is $\frac{n^2(n^2+1)}{2} = \frac{n(n^2+1)}{2}$. By inspection, $\frac{15(15^2+1)}{2} = 1695$ and $\frac{16(16^2+1)}{2} = 2056$, so the greatest such value of <i>n</i> is 15.
14			$f(x) = x^{3} + 2x^{2} - 20x + 24 = (x+6)(x-2)^{2} \text{ and } f'(x) = 3x^{2} + 4x - 20 = (3x+10)(x-2),$ so the only value satisfying $f(x) = 0$ (meaning the point is on the <i>x</i> -axis) and $f'(x) = 0$ (meaning the tangent is horizontal) is $x = 2$. Therefore, the point is $(2,0)$.
15	15	15	Since 12231 is one one, two twos, one three, and one one, $f(12231)=11221311$.