

3. [14 points] Consider the functions  $H(x)$ ,  $G(x)$  and  $M(x)$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c} x & -1 & 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \hline H(x) & 2 & 3 & -1 & 0 & 1 \end{array} \quad G(x) = \begin{cases} x-2 & -1 < x < 1 \\ 0 & x = 1 \\ x^3 & 1 < x \leq 3 \end{cases} \quad M(x) = \frac{1-x}{2x}$$

Assume that the function  $H$  has an inverse.

- a. [8 points] Find the value of the following mathematical expressions. If the expression is undefined, write UNDEFINED.

*Solution:*

$$\begin{array}{ll} G(1) = 0 & G(H(1)) = G(-1) \quad \text{UNDEFINED} \\ H^{-1}(2) = -1 & H(3G(0) + 5) = H(3(-2) + 5) = H(-1) = 2 \\ (M(2))^{-1} = \frac{2(2)}{1-2} = -4 & \end{array}$$

- b. [3 points] Solve the equation  $H(M(x)) = 0$ . Show all your algebraic work.

*Solution:* The output of the function  $H$  is equal to zero when the input is equal to two. Then  $M(x) = 2$ . In this case we have

$$\frac{1-x}{2x} = 2, \quad 1-x = 4x \quad \text{then} \quad x = \frac{1}{5}.$$

- c. [3 points] What is the average rate of change of  $G(x)$  for  $-\frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 3$ . Show all your work.

*Solution:*

$$\frac{\Delta G}{\Delta x} = \frac{G(3) - G(-\frac{1}{2})}{3.5} = \frac{27 - (-2.5)}{3.5} = \frac{29.5}{3.5} = 8.428.$$