

Solution to some problems of Hw 9:

Section 3.5:

6. Use the guidelines of this section to sketch the curve.

$$y = x^5 - 5x$$

A. Domain = \mathbb{R}

B. Intercepts:

x-intercept: Solve $x^5 - 5x = 0$

$$x(x^4 - 5) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x^4 - 5 = 0$$

$$x^2 = \sqrt{5} \quad \text{and} \quad x = \pm \sqrt[4]{5}$$

y-intercept: Set $x = 0$,

$$y = 0$$

Hence, we get $(0, 0)$, $(\sqrt[4]{5}, 0)$, $(-\sqrt[4]{5}, 0)$

C. Symmetry:

$$f(-x) = (-x)^5 - 5(-x) = -x^5 + 5x = -(x^5 - 5x) = -f(x)$$

So, f is odd and hence we have symmetry about the origin.

D. Asymptotes:

No asymptotes.

E. Intervals of Increase/Decrease:

$$(1) f'(x) = 5x^4 - 5$$

(2) Critical Numbers:

$$\text{Solve } f'(x) = 0$$

$$5(x^4 - 1) = 0$$

$$x^2 = 1 \quad \& \quad x = \pm 1$$

	-1	1
$f'(x)$	+	-
$f(x)$	↗	↘
	local max	local min

Increasing on $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Decreasing on $(-1, 1)$

F. Local Max/Min:

Local maximum value $f(-1) = 4$.

Local minimum value $f(1) = -4$.

G. Concavity:

(1) $f''(x) = 20x^3$

(2) Solve $f''(x) = 0$ to get $20x^3 = 0$ and $x = 0$

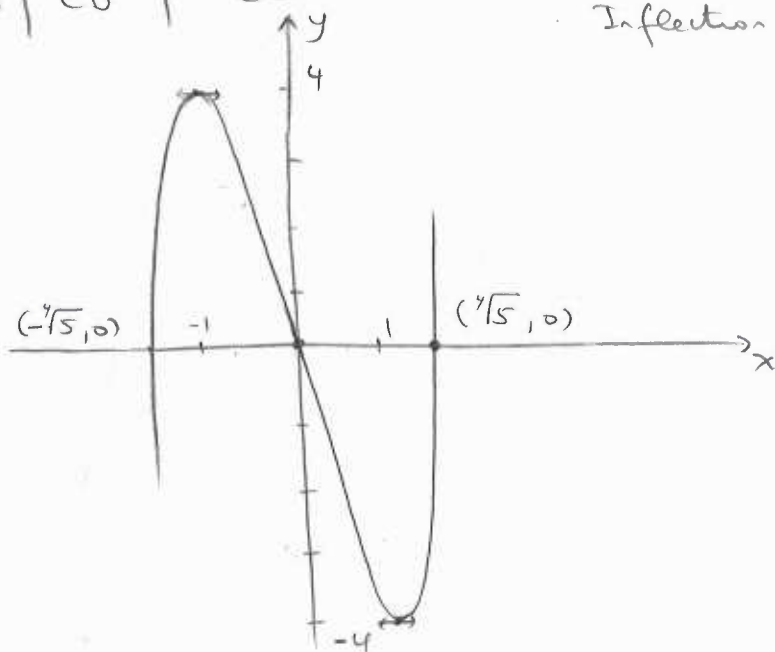
$f''(x)$	-	0	+
$f(x)$	CD		CU

- Concave up on $(0, \infty)$

- Concave down on $(-\infty, 0)$

- Inflection point: $(0, 0)$.

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18. Use the guidelines of this section to sketch the curve.

$$y = \frac{x}{x^3 - 1}$$

A. Domain:

$$x^3 - 1 \neq 0, \text{ or } x \neq 1$$

$$\text{Domain} = (-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

B. Intercepts:

x-intercept: Solve $\frac{x}{x^3 - 1} = 0$ i.e. $x = 0$

y-intercept: Plug in $x = 0$ to get $y = 0$
So we have $(0, 0)$.

C. Symmetry:

No symmetry

D. Asymptotes:

(1) H.A.:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x}{x^3 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{1}{x^3}} = 0$$

So, $y = 0$ is a H.A.

(2) V.A.:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x}{x^3 - 1} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x}{x^3 - 1} = +\infty$$

So, $x = 1$ is a V.A.

E. Intervals of Increase/Decrease:

$$(1) f'(x) = \frac{(1)(x^3 - 1) - (3x^2)(x)}{(x^3 - 1)^2} = \frac{x^3 - 1 - 3x^3}{(x^3 - 1)^2} = \frac{-2x^3 - 1}{(x^3 - 1)^2}$$

(2) Solve $f'(x) = 0$ to get

$$-2x^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$x^3 = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad x = -\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$$

		$-\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$		1	
$f'(x)$	+	0	-		-
$f(x)$		↗	↘		↘

Increasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}})$
 Decreasing on $(-\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Local max.

F. Local Min / Max:

Local max. value is $f(-\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$

No local min.

G. Concavity:

$$\begin{aligned} (1) f''(x) &= \frac{(-6x^2)(x^3-1)^2 - 2(x^3-1) \cdot (3x^2)(-2x^3-1)}{(x^3-1)^4} \\ &= \frac{-6x^2(x^3-1)[x^3-1 + (-2x^3-1)]}{(x^3-1)^4} = \frac{-6x^2(x^3-1)(-x^3-2)}{(x^3-1)^4} \\ &= \frac{6x^2(x^3+2)}{(x^3-1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Solve $f''(x) = 0$

$$6x^2(x^3+2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\sqrt[3]{2}$$

		$-\sqrt[3]{2}$	0	1	
$f''(x)$	+	0	-	0	-
$f(x)$	CU		CD	CD	CU

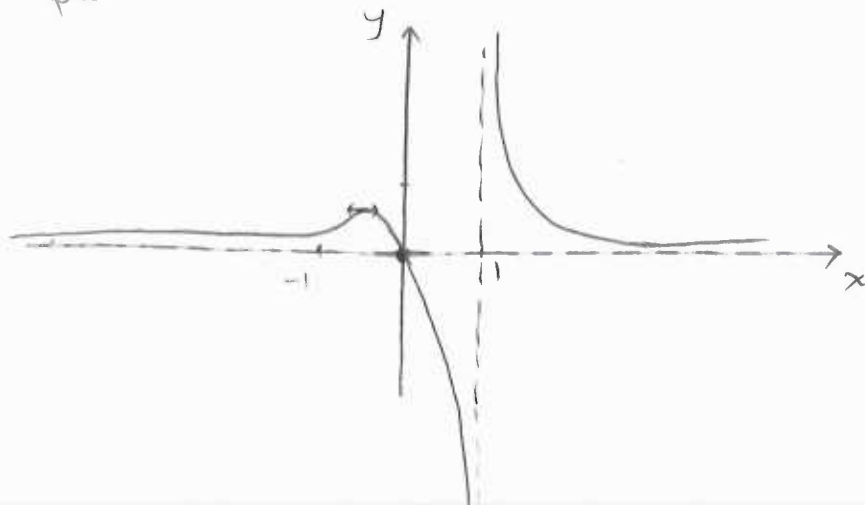
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Inflection pt.

Concave up on $(-\infty, -\sqrt[3]{2}) \cup (1, \infty)$

Concave down on $(-\sqrt[3]{2}, 1)$

Inflection pt. $(-\sqrt[3]{2}, \frac{1}{3}\sqrt[3]{2})$

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46. Find an equation of the slant asymptote. Do not sketch the curve.

$$f(x) = y = \frac{2x^3 + x^2 + x + 3}{x^2 + 2x}$$

(1) Apply long division:

$$\begin{array}{r} \boxed{x^2 + 2x} \overline{) \boxed{2x^3 + x^2 + x + 3}} \\ \ominus \underline{2x^3 + 4x^2} \\ \boxed{-3x^2} + x + 3 \\ \ominus \underline{-3x^2 - 6x} \\ 7x + 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, } y &= \frac{2x^3 + x^2 + x + 3}{x^2 + 2x} \\ &= (2x - 3) + \frac{7x + 3}{x^2 + 2x} \end{aligned}$$

(2) Show: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - (2x - 3)] = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - (2x - 3)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(\frac{7x + 3}{x^2 + 2x} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{\frac{7}{x} + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{2}{x}} = 0$$

So, $y = 2x - 3$ is a slant asymptote of $f(x) = \frac{2x^3 + x^2 + x + 3}{x^2 + 2x}$.

Section 3.7:

2. Find two numbers whose difference is 100 and whose product is a minimum.

Let x and y be the two numbers.

(1) Then, $x - y = 100$ and $y = x - 100$

(2) Let P be their product, then

$$P = x \cdot y = x(x - 100) = x^2 - 100x.$$

(3) To minimize their product:

$$P' = 2x - 100$$

Solve $P' = 0$

$$2x - 100 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x = 50$$

To check whether we have abs. max or min at $x = 50$, use the 2nd derivative test: $P'' = 2 > 0$ and we have an abs. min at $x = 50$

So, the numbers are:

$$x = 50 \quad \text{and} \quad y = 50 - 100 = -50$$

i.e. 50 and -50.

8. Find the dimensions of a rectangle with area 1000 m^2 whose perimeter is as small as possible.

Let l be the length and w be the width of the rectangle.

(1) Then, $l \cdot w = 1000$

(2) Let P be the perimeter, so $P = 2l + 2w$

(3) To minimize P ,

first solve for w in terms of l : $l \cdot w = 1000$, $w = \frac{1000}{l}$

$$P = 2l + 2w = 2l + \frac{2000}{l} = \frac{2l^2 + 2000}{l}$$

$$P' = 2 - \frac{2000}{l^2}$$

Solve $P' = 0$

$$2 - \frac{2000}{l^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{2000}{l^2} = 2$$

$$l^2 = 1000 \quad \text{and} \quad l = 10\sqrt{10} \text{ m}$$

To check that we have an absolute minimum at $l = 10\sqrt{10}$ m

$$l'' = \frac{4000}{l^3}$$

$$\text{and } l''(10\sqrt{10}) = \frac{4000}{10^4\sqrt{10}} > 0$$

So, we have an absolute minimum at $l = 10\sqrt{10}$ m

$$w = \frac{1000}{l} = \frac{1000}{10\sqrt{10}} = \frac{100}{\sqrt{10}} = 10\sqrt{10} \text{ m}$$

Hence, length = width = $10\sqrt{10}$ m (Rectangle is actually a square).

