

2. Consider the function :  $f(x) = 10x^4 - 30x^3 + 30x^2 - 10x$   
 where  $f'(x) = 10(x-1)^2(4x-1)$  and  $f''(x) = -60(1-2x)(x-1)$

(value = 20)

Supply the information requested in the boxes at right and give a careful sketch of  $f$  on the axes below.

(Note:  $f(\frac{1}{4}) \approx -1.1$  and  $f(\frac{1}{2}) \approx -0.6$ )

x-Int:  
 $0 = 10x^4 - 30x^3 + 30x^2 - 10x$   
 $0 = 10x(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1)$   
 $x=1: 1-3+3-1=0$   
 $\therefore (x-1)$  is a factor  

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -1 & 1 & -3 & 3 & -1 \\ & & -1 & 2 & -1 \\ \hline & 1 & -2 & 1 & 0 \end{array}$$
  
 $10x(x-1)(x^2-2x+1) = 0$   
 $10x(x-1)(x-1)^2 = 0$   
 $10x(x-1)^3 = 0$   
 $x = 0, 1$

y-Int  
 $(0,0)$

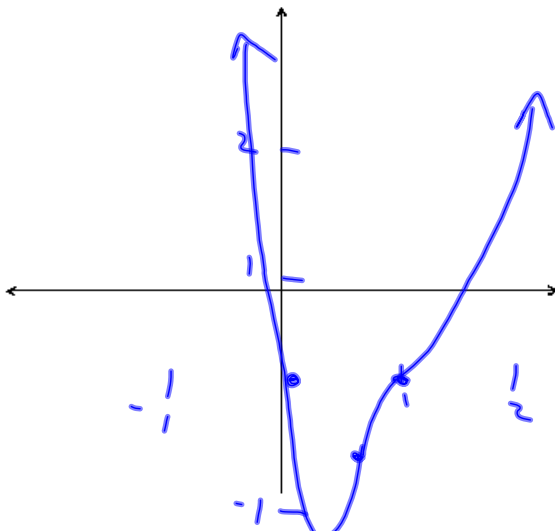
Critical Values of  $f'$   
 $x = 1, \frac{1}{4}$

	$10(x-1)^2$	$4x-1$	$f'$	$f$
$(-\infty, \frac{1}{4})$	+	-	-	Dec
$(\frac{1}{4}, 1)$	+	+	+	Inc
$(1, \infty)$	+	+	+	Inc

Critical Values of  $f''$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2}, 1$

	$-60$	$1-2x$	$x-1$	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$	-	+	-	+	Up
$(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$	-	-	-	-	Down
$(1, \infty)$	-	-	+	+	Up

x-intercept(s)	$(0,0) (1,0)$
y-intercept(s)	$(0,0)$
Region(s) of increase	$(\frac{1}{4}, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
Region(s) of decrease	$(-\infty, \frac{1}{4})$
Local maxima	None
Local minima	$(\frac{1}{4}, -1.1)$
Region(s) where concave up	$(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}) \cup (1, \infty)$
Region(s) where concave down	$(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$
Point(s) of inflection	$(\frac{1}{2}, -0.6) (1,0)$



Calculus 120  
Test : Curve Sketching

1. Consider the function :  $f(x) = \frac{4(x^2 - x - 2)}{(x+2)^2}$  (value = 20)

given  $f'(x) = \frac{4(5x+2)}{(x+2)^3}$  and  $f''(x) = \frac{-8(5x-2)}{(x+2)^4}$

Supply the information requested in the boxes at right and give a careful sketch of  $f$  on the axes below.

X-Int:

$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$   
 $(x-2)(x+1) = 0$   
 $x = 2, -1$

Y-Int:

$y = \frac{4(0-0-2)}{(0+2)^2}$   
 $y = -2$

Vertical

$(x+2)^2 = 0$   
 $x = -2$

Critical Values of  $f'$

$x = -\frac{2}{5}, -2$

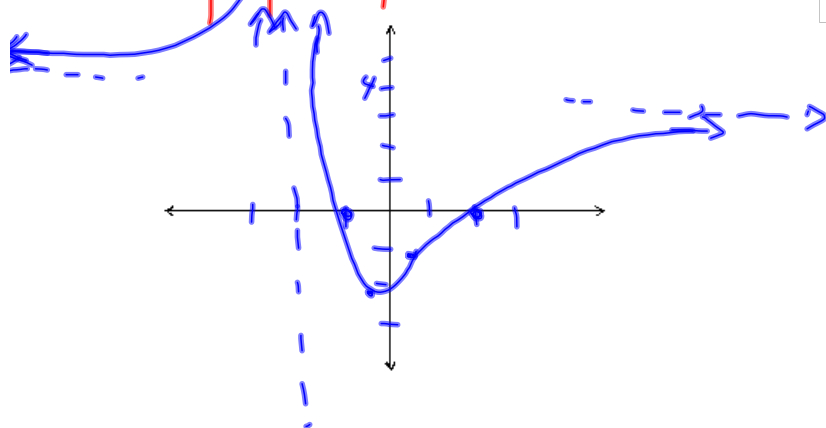
Horizontal  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^2 - 4x - 8}{x^2} = \frac{4x^2}{x^2} = 4$

	$4$	$5x+2$	$(x+2)^3$	$f'/f = \frac{4}{x+2}$	
$(-\infty, -2)$	+	-	-	+	Inc
$(-2, -\frac{2}{5})$	+	-	+	-	Dec
$(-\frac{2}{5}, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	Inc

Critical Values of  $f''$

	$-8$	$5x-2$	$(x+2)^4$	$f''/f'$	
$(-\infty, -2)$	-	-	+	+	UP
$(-2, \frac{2}{5})$	-	-	+	+	UP
$(\frac{2}{5}, \infty)$	-	+	+	-	Down

x-intercept(s)	$(2,0) (-1,0)$
y-intercept(s)	$(0,-2)$
Vertical asymptote(s)	$x = -2$
Horizontal asymptote(s)	$y = 4$
Region(s) of increase	$(-\infty, -2) (-\frac{2}{5}, \infty)$
Region(s) of decrease	$(-2, -\frac{2}{5})$
Local maxima	None
Local minima	$(-\frac{2}{5}, -2.25)$
Region(s) where concave up	$(-\infty, \frac{2}{5})$
Region(s) where concave down	$(\frac{2}{5}, \infty)$
Point(s) of inflection	$(\frac{2}{5}, -1.56)$



## Curve Sketching: Practice Questions

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$$2. \quad y = (x^2 - 1)^3 \qquad y' = 6x(x^2 - 1)^2 \qquad y'' = 6(x^2 - 1)(5x^2 - 1)$$

$$4. \quad y = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 3} \qquad y' = \frac{6x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \qquad y'' = \frac{18(1 - x^2)}{(x^2 + 3)^3}$$

$$5. \quad y = \frac{x}{x^2 - 1} \qquad y' = \frac{-x^2 - 1}{(x^2 - 1)^2} \qquad y'' = \frac{2x^3 + 6x}{(x^2 - 1)^3}$$

$$8. \quad y = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3} \qquad y' = \frac{-(x^2 - 3)}{x^4} \qquad y'' = \frac{2(x^2 - 6)}{x^5}$$

$$F(x) = \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2+4}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x\text{-int.} = 1 \\ x\text{-int.} = -2 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$F'(x) = \frac{(16-4x^2)}{(x^2+4)^2}$$

H-asymptote:  $y=1$   
V-asymptote:

$$F''(x) = \frac{8x(x^2+12)}{(x^2+4)^3}$$

6. Consider the graph of the function **(UNB 2000 Final Exam)**

$$f(x) = \frac{(x+2)^2}{x^2+4}.$$

You are given that

$$f'(x) = \frac{16-4x^2}{(x^2+4)^2} \quad \text{and} \quad f''(x) = \frac{8x(x^2-12)}{(x^2+4)^3}.$$

- (a) Find the  $x$ -intercept.
- (b) Find all vertical or horizontal asymptotes, if any.
- (c) Determine the intervals where  $f(x)$  is increasing or decreasing.
- (d) Determine the intervals where  $f(x)$  is concave up or concave down.
- (e) Find all inflection points.
- (f) Find the absolute maximum value of  $f(x)$ , if it exists.
- (g) Sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ .

Calculus 120  
Test: Curve Sketching

1. Consider the function:  $f(x) = \frac{8(x-2)}{x^2}$

(value = 20)

given  $f'(x) = \frac{-8(x-4)}{x^3}$  and  $f''(x) = \frac{16(x-6)}{x^4}$

Supply the information requested in the boxes at right and give a careful sketch of  $f$  on the axes below.

$x$ -Int. ( $y=0$ )  
 $0 = \frac{8(x-2)}{x^2}$   
 $x=2$

$y$ -Int. ( $x=0$ )  
 $\frac{8(0-2)}{0^2} = \text{undefined}$   
 $\therefore \text{None}$

Asymptotes:  
Vertical (Def. dom.)  
 $x^2=0$   
 $x=0$

Horizontal ( $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ )  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{8x - 16}{x^2} = \frac{0}{1}$   
 $y=0$

Inc/Dec

$-\frac{8(x-4)}{x^3} = 0$   
Critical Values:  
 $x=4, 0$

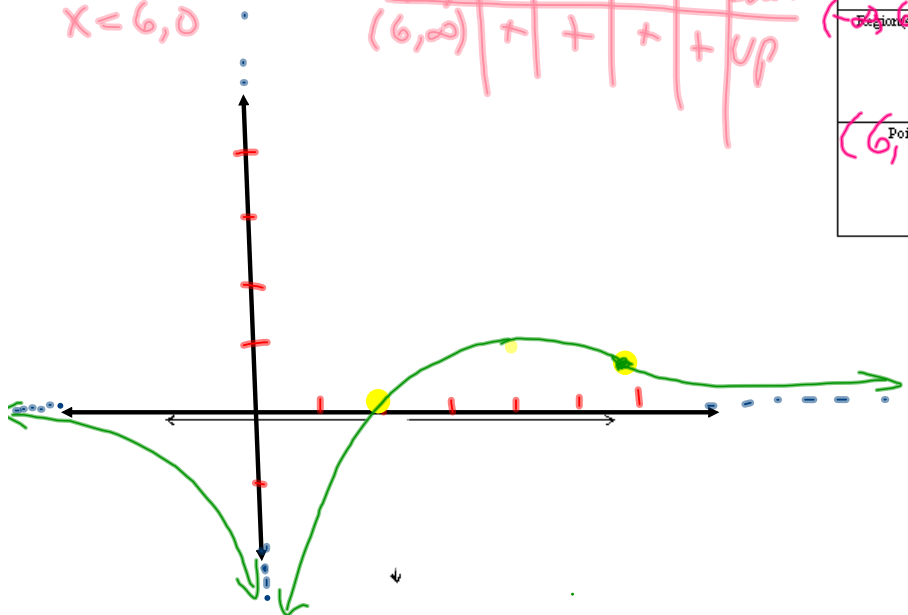
	-8	$x-4$	$x^3$	$f'$	$f$
$(-\infty, 0)$	-	-	-	-	Dec
$(0, 4)$	-	-	+	+	Inc
$(4, \infty)$	-	+	+	-	Dec

Concavity

$\frac{16(x-6)}{x^4} = 0$   
Critical Values:  
 $x=6, 0$

	16	$x-6$	$x^4$	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, 0)$	+	-	+	-	Down
$(0, 6)$	+	-	+	-	Down
$(6, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	Up

x-intercept(s)	$(2, 0)$
y-intercept(s)	None
Vertical asymptote(s)	$x=0$
Horizontal asymptote(s)	$y=0$
Region(s) of increase	$(0, 4)$
Region(s) of decrease	$(-\infty, 0)$ , $(4, \infty)$
Local maxima	$(4, 1)$
Local minima	None
Region(s) where concave up	$(6, \infty)$
Region(s) where concave down	$(-\infty, 6)$
Point(s) of inflection	$(6, \frac{2}{9})$



$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 \quad f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x = 4x(x^2 - 1)$$

2. Consider the function:  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$

(value = 20)

Supply the information requested in the boxes at right and provide a careful sketch of  $f$  on the axes below.

Note:  $f\left(\pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) \approx -\frac{5}{9}$

Intercepts

$x \rightarrow \text{Int. } (y=0)$

$0 = x^4 - 2x^2$

$0 = x^2(x^2 - 2)$

$0 = x^2(x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2})$

$x = 0, \pm\sqrt{2}$

$y = \text{Int. } (x=0)$

$y = 0^4 - 0$   
 $y = 0$

Inc/Dec

$4x(x^2 - 1) = 0$

$4x(x-1)(x+1) = 0$

$x = 0, \pm 1$

	$4x$	$x-1$	$x+1$	$f'$	$f$
$(-\infty, -1)$	-	-	-	-	Dec
$(-1, 0)$	-	-	+	+	Inc
$(0, 1)$	+	-	+	-	Dec
$(1, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	Inc

Concavity

$12x^2 - 4 = 0$

$4(3x^2 - 1) = 0$

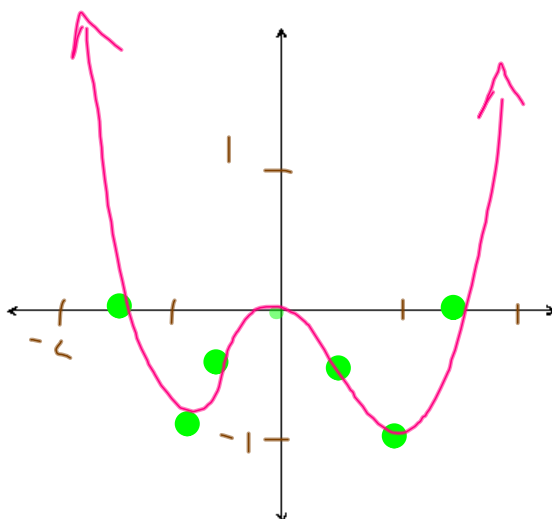
$4(\sqrt{3}x - 1)(\sqrt{3}x + 1)$

$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

	$4$	$\sqrt{3}x-1$	$\sqrt{3}x+1$	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$	+	-	-	+	up
$(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$	+	-	+	-	down
$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	up

x-intercept(s)	$(0,0)$ $(\sqrt{2},0)$ $(-\sqrt{2},0)$
y-intercept(s)	$(0,0)$
Region(s) of increase	$(-1,0) \cup (1,\infty)$
Region(s) of decrease	$(-\infty,-1) \cup (0,1)$
Local maxima	$(0,0)$
Local minima	$(-1,-1)$ $(1,-1)$
Region(s) where concave up	$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) \cup (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty)$
Region(s) where concave down	$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$
Point(s) of inflection	$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{5}{9})$ $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, -\frac{5}{9})$

$\approx -0.5$



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