

Sample Test 3 - Answer Key

1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$

(a) $y = \arcsin(3x^2 + x)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - (3x^2 + x)^2}} (6x + 1)$$

(b) $y = x \operatorname{arccot} x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \operatorname{arccot} x + x \frac{-1}{x^2 + 1}$$

(c) $y = \cosh\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{e^{1/x} + e^{-1/x}}{2}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{e^{1/x}(-1/x^2) + e^{-1/x}(1/x^2)}{2} = \frac{-1}{x^2} \sinh\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

(d) $y = \operatorname{sech}(\sec x) = \frac{2}{e^{\sec x} + e^{-\sec x}}$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= 2(-1)(e^{\sec x} + e^{-\sec x})^{-2} (e^{\sec x} \sec x \tan x + e^{-\sec x} (-\sec x \tan x)) \\ &= -\operatorname{sech}(\sec x) \tanh(\sec x) (\sec x \tan x) \end{aligned}$$

2. Use the first derivative test to find the local extrema of $f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2 - 2$. Determine the intervals where the function is increasing and the intervals where it is decreasing.

$$f'(x) = -3x^2 + 6x = -3x(x - 2). \quad \text{Critical points: } x=0, x=2. \text{ No singular points.}$$

x		0		2	
$f'(x)$	-	0	+	0	-
$f(x)$		min		max	

Local minimum $f(0) = -2$.Local maximum: $f(2) = 2$.The function is increasing on the interval $(0, 2)$.The function is decreasing on the intervals $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

3. Use the second derivative test to find the local extrema of $f(x) = 8x^3 - 2x^4$. Determine the intervals where the function is concave up and intervals where it is concave down. Find the points of inflection.

$$f'(x) = 24x^2 - 8x^3 = 8x^2(3 - x) \text{ . Critical points: } x=0, x=3.$$

$$f''(x) = 48x - 24x^2 = 24x(2 - x) \text{ .}$$

Apply the second derivative test at each critical point:

$$f''(0) = 0 \text{ - test fails}$$

$$f''(3) = -72 < 0 \text{ - local maximum}$$

x		0		2	
$f''(x)$	-	0	+	0	-
$f(x)$		point of inflection		point of inflection	

f is concave upwards on the interval $(0,2)$

f is concave downwards on the intervals $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(2, \infty)$

Points of inflection: $(0, 0)$ and $(2, 32)$.

4. Find all the vertical, horizontal, and/or slant asymptotes of $y = \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1}$.

Vertical asymptotes can occur at the x values outside the domain, i.e., $x = -1$ and $x = 1$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = \infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = -\infty \quad \Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ is a vertical asymptote}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = -\infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = \infty \quad \Rightarrow x = 1 \text{ is a vertical asymptote}$$

Horizontal asymptote

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3/x^2 + 2x^2/x^2}{x^2/x^2 - 1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{1} = -\infty \quad \Rightarrow \text{no horiz. asymptote on the left}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3/x^2 + 2x^2/x^2}{x^2/x^2 - 1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{1} = \infty \quad \Rightarrow \text{no horiz. asymptote on the right}$$

Slant asymptote

Rational function where degree in the numerator exceeds the degree in the denominator by **one**

$\Rightarrow$ has a slant asymptote

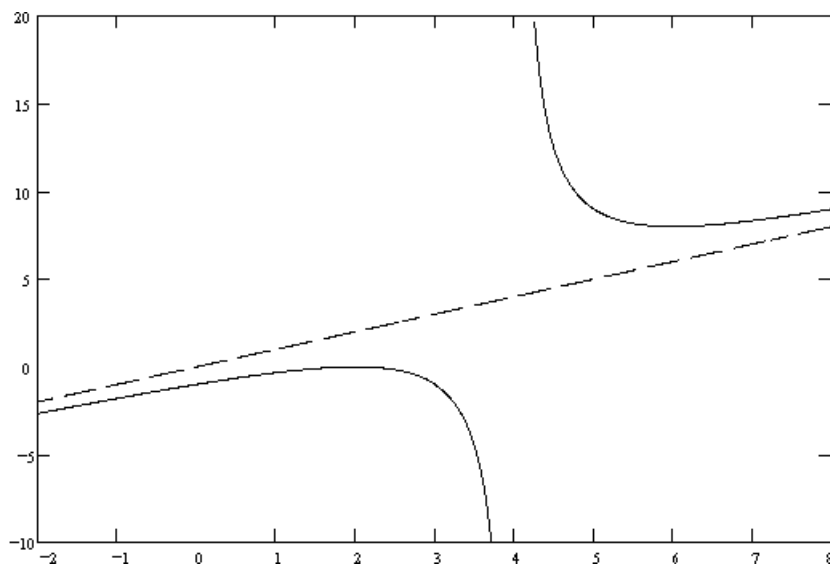
$$\text{Polynomial division: } \frac{x^3 + 2x^2}{x^2 - 1} = x + 2 + \frac{x + 2}{x^2 - 1} \Rightarrow \text{slant asymptote: } y = x + 2$$

5. Make use of domain, asymptotes, intercepts, relative extrema and points of inflection to obtain an accurate graph of

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

- Domain: all real numbers except $x = 4$.
- Vertical asymptotes: $x = 4$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x) = -\infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = \infty$.
- Horizontal asymptotes: none - $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^2}{x} - \frac{4x}{x} + \frac{4}{x}}{\frac{x}{x} - \frac{4}{x}} = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty$.
- Slant (oblique) asymptote: $y = x$, since $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{x - 4} = x + \frac{4}{x - 4}$.
- x-intercepts: Solving $\frac{x^2 - 4x + 4}{x - 4} = 0$ we have $x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x - 2)^2$ obtaining $x = 2$.
- y-intercepts: $f(0) = -1 \Rightarrow y = -1$.
- $f'(x) = \frac{(2x - 4)(x - 4) - (x^2 - 4x + 4)(1)}{(x - 4)^2} = \frac{2x^2 - 8x - 4x + 16 - x^2 + 4x - 4}{(x - 4)^2} = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{(x - 4)^2}$
 $f'(x) = \frac{(x - 6)(x - 2)}{(x - 4)^2}$ Critical values: $x = 2, x = 6$
- $f''(x) = \frac{(2x - 8)(x - 4)^2 - (x^2 - 8x + 12)(2)(x - 4)(1)}{(x - 4)^4}$
 $= \frac{(x - 4)(2x^2 - 8x - 8x + 32 - 2x^2 + 16x - 24)}{(x - 4)^4} = \frac{8}{(x - 4)^3}$ No inflection points.

x		2		4		6	
$f'(x)$	+	0	-	undefined	-	0	+
$f''(x)$	-	-	-	undefined	+	+	+
$f(x)$		max 0		undefined		min 8	



6. Evaluate and simplify

$$(a) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^x - x - 1}{\sin x - x} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^x - 1}{\cos x - 1} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^x}{\underbrace{-\sin x}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ 1 \\ \downarrow \\ 0^+}}} = \infty$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\cos x)^{1/x^2} = L$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(\cos x)^{1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^2} \ln(\cos x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(\cos x)}{x^2} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{-\sin x}{\cos x}}{2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\tan x}{2x} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\sec^2 x}{2} = \frac{-1}{2} \Rightarrow L = e^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}} \end{aligned}$$

$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x^2)}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2 \ln x}{x^3} \stackrel{\infty/\infty}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2/x}{3x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{3x^3} = 0$$

$$(d) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1+x)^{1/x} = L$$

$$\begin{aligned} \ln L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln(1+x)^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \ln(1+x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} \stackrel{0/0}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{1+x}}{1} = 1 \\ \Rightarrow L &= e^1 = e \end{aligned}$$