

Example $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^4 = x^4(x-5)$.

$$f'(x) = 5x^4 - 20x^3 = 5x^3(x-4)$$

$$f''(x) = 20x^3 - 60x^2$$

critical points: $f'(x)=0 \Rightarrow x=0, 4$.

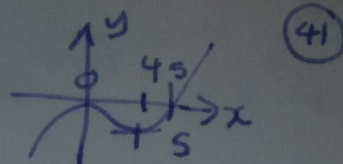
2nd derivative test: $x=0$ $f''(0)=0$ no information

$x=4$ $f''(4)=320 > 0 \Rightarrow$ local min

at $x=0$ use first derivative test:

	0	
(x-4)	-	+
x^3	-	+
$f'(x)$	+	-
	0	

$\Rightarrow$ local max.



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§4.5 L'Hôpital's rule

Thm suppose $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are differentiable and $f(a)=g(a)=0$
(or $f(a)=g(a)=\pm\infty$).

then $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$, if this limit exists.

warning: ① this is not the quotient rule!

② $\frac{f(a)}{g(a)}$ must be indeterminate form $\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}$ etc, can't use this as $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$

Examples ① $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{3x^2}{1} = 3$

② $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\cos^2 x}{\sin x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{-2\cos x \sin x}{\cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} -2\sin x = -2$

③ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} x \ln(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} \frac{\ln(x)}{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} \frac{1/x}{-1/x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} -x = 0$

④ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - x - 1}{\cos x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{\cos x} = -e$

⑤ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x + x \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} = 0$

⑥ $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{x \ln(x)}$ write e^x as $e^{\ln e^x}$ so $= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln e^x} = e^0 = 1$ (42)

Comparing growth rates of functions

Q: which grows faster $(\ln(x))^2$ or $\sqrt{x}$?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{(\ln(x))^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}}{2 \ln(x) \cdot \frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{4 \ln(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}}{4/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x}}{8} = \infty$$

so $\sqrt{x}$ grows faster.

Thm e^x grows faster than any polynomial.

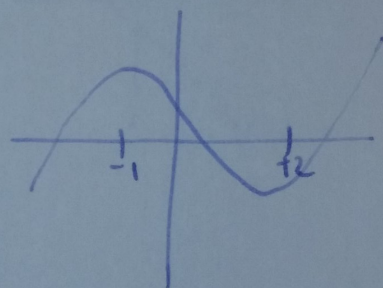
Proof $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^n} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{n x^{n-1}} = \dots = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{n!} = \infty$.

§4.6 Graph sketching and asymptotes

Example sketch graph of $\frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 2x + 3 = f(x)$

helpful info:

- critical points $f'(x) = x^2 - x - 2$
- sign of $f'(x)$
- sign of $f''(x)$ $f''(x) = 2x - 1$



critical points at $x = -1, 2$

$$f''(-1) = -3 < 0 \text{ max}$$

$$f''(2) = 3 > 0 \text{ min}$$

Example $f(x) = (4x - x^2)e^x$

critical points $x = 1 \pm \sqrt{5}$

$$f'(x) = (4 + 2x - x^2)e^x$$

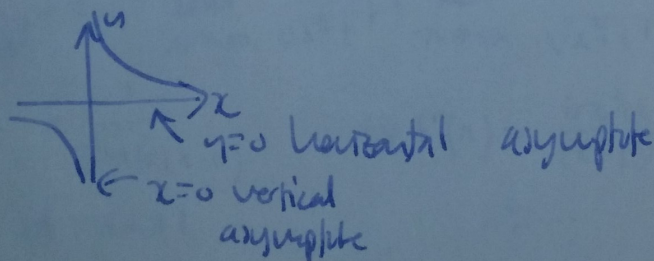
$$f''(x) = (6 - x^2)e^x$$

$1 + \sqrt{5}$
local max

$1 - \sqrt{5}$
local min.

Asymptotes

Example $y = \frac{1}{x}$



Defn $x=c$ is a vertical asymptote if $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \pm \infty$

$y=c$ is a horizontal asymptote if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = c$

Observation: rational function $\frac{p(x)}{q(x)}$ have horizontal asymptotes if $\deg p \leq \deg q$

Example $f(x) = \frac{x^2+x+1}{3x^2+2} \sim \frac{x^2}{3x^2} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$

Example sketch graph of $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{2x-4}$

① find vertical asymptotes $\leftrightarrow$ denominator zero: $2x-4=0$, $x=2$.

② find $f'(x) = \frac{(2x-4) \cdot 3 - (3x+2) \cdot 2}{(2x-4)^2} = \frac{-16}{(2x-4)^2} = \frac{-4}{(x-2)^2} \leftarrow \text{always -ve (decreasing)}$

no critical points except vertical asymptote at $x=2$.

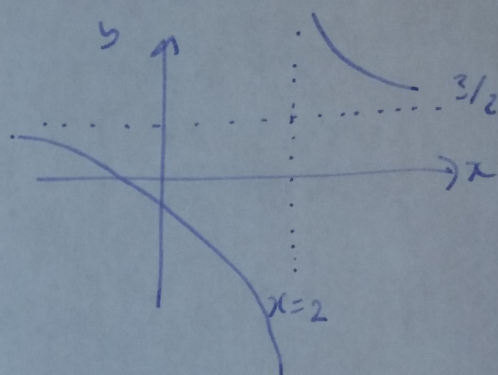
③ $f''(x) = \frac{8}{(x-2)^3}$ +ve $x > 2$ concave up
-ve $x < 2$ concave down.

④ horizontal asymptotes $\frac{3x+2}{2x-4} \sim \frac{3x}{2x} \sim \frac{3}{2}$

behaviour near asymptote:

$3x+2$	-	+	+
$2x-4$	-	-	+
	$-2/3$	2	

$f(x)$	+	-	+
	$-2/3$	2	



Example sketch graph of $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = x(x^2+1)^{-1/2}$

① vertical asymptotes: none

② $f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} \cdot 1 - x \cdot \frac{1}{2}(x^2+1)^{-1/2}}{(x^2+1)^1} = \frac{x^2+1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^{3/2}} = \frac{1}{(x^2+1)^{3/2}} > 0$

f always increasing, no critical points.

③ $f''(x) = -\frac{3}{2}(x^2+1)^{-5/2} \cdot 2x$

point of inflection at $x=0$

+ve $x < 0$ concave up
-ve $x > 0$ concave down

④ horizontal asymptotes:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+1/x^2}} = 1$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{-x}{\sqrt{x^2+1}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1+1/x^2}} = -1$

Example $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2-1} = \frac{1}{(x+1)(x-1)}$

③ $f''(x) = \frac{6x^2}{(x^2-1)^3}$

etc...

① vertical asymptotes at $x=\pm 1$

② $f'(x) = -\frac{2x}{(x^2-1)^2}$ critical pt at $x=0$

