

UNIT 3 ASSESSMENT OF LEARNING: CURVE SKETCHING – DAY 2

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Instructions: You MUST use concepts covered in this unit/course. Show all steps for full marks.

Application - [17 marks]

1. Sketch and properly label a graph of $f(x) = \frac{4x^2 - 1}{x^3}$. Note: $f'(x) = \frac{3 - 4x^2}{x^4}$ and $f''(x) = \frac{8x^2 - 12}{x^5}$. [12 marks]

$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq 0\}$

$x\text{-int} : (\frac{1}{2}, 0), (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

$y\text{-int} : \text{none}$

Symmetry ; odd function

cross over : $(\frac{1}{2}, 0), (-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

HA : $y = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ (above)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$ (below)

VA : $x = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \infty$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = -\infty$

$f'(x) = 0$

$4x^2 = 3$

$x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \approx \pm 0.8$

$f'(x)$ dne

$x = 0$ (not in domain)

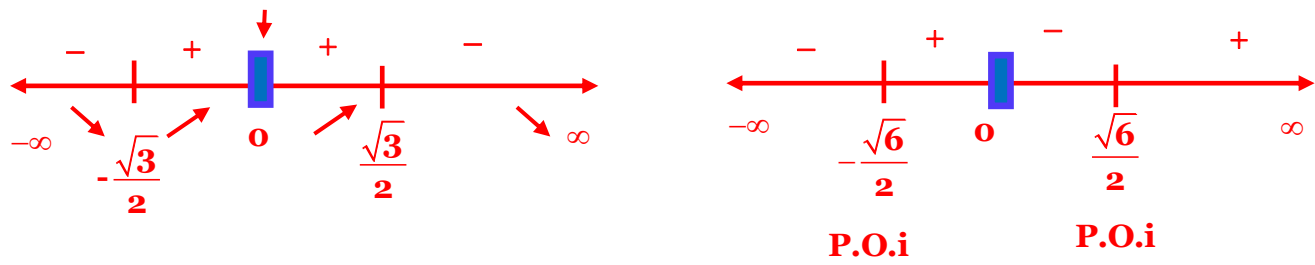
$f''(x) = 0$

$8x^2 = 12$

$x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$

$f''(x)$ dne

$x = 0$ (not in domain)

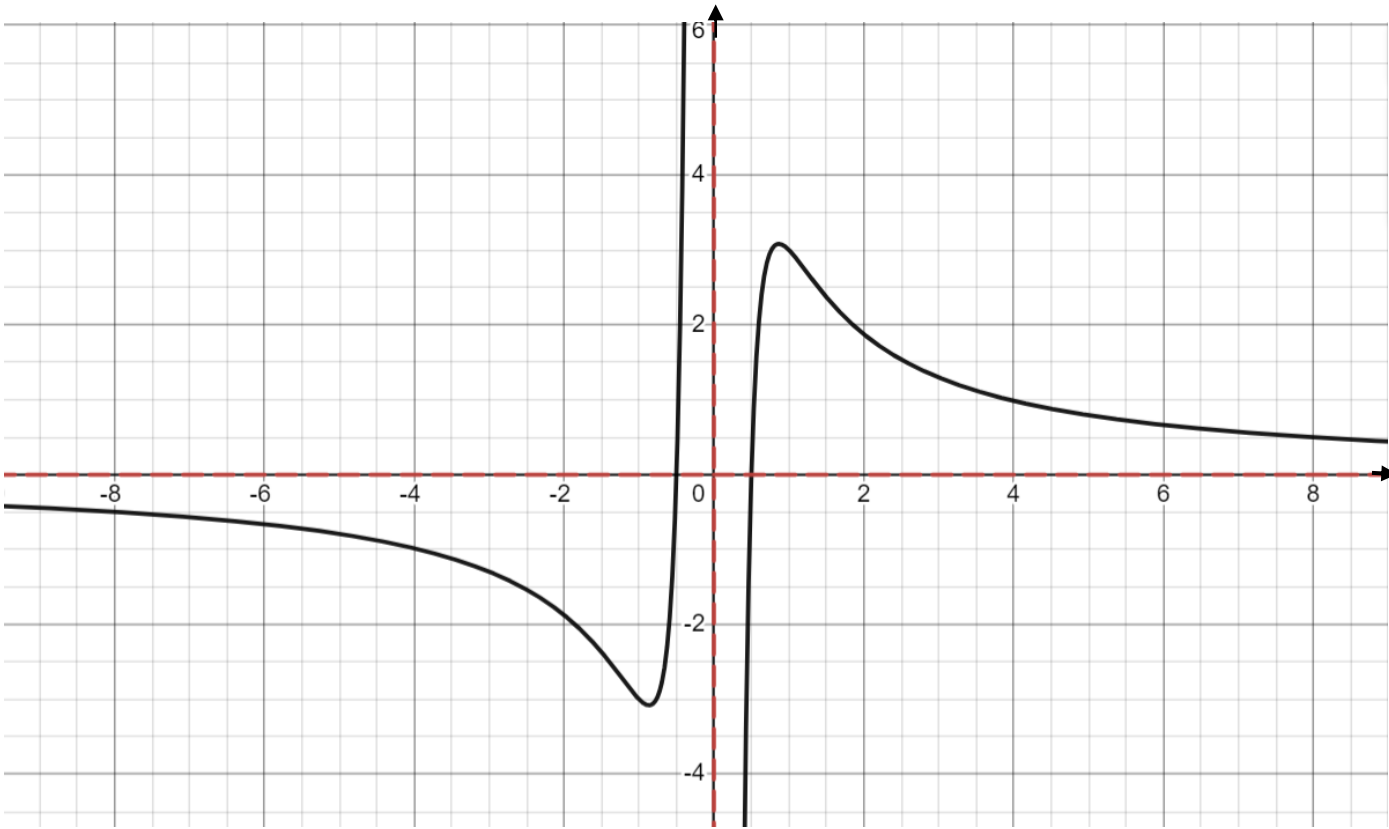


local min : $(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -3.1)$

local max : $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, 3.1)$

P.O.i : $(-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, -2.7)$

P.O.i : $(\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}, 2.7)$



2. Determine the values of a , b and c such that the slope of the tangent to the function $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + c$ is equal to 6 at the function's point of inflection of $(1, 5)$. [5 marks]

$$f(1) = 5$$

$$a + b + c = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$f''(1) = 0$$

$$3a + 2b = 6 \quad (2)$$

$$f'(1) = 6$$

$$6a + 2b = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx$$

$$(3) - (2) \text{ we get: } 3a = -6$$

$$f''(x) = 6ax + 2b$$

$$a = -2 \xrightarrow{\text{sub. into (1)}} -6 + 2b = 6$$

$$b = 6$$

$$-2 + 6 + c = 5 \quad (1)$$

$$c = 1$$

Thinking - [5 marks]

1. Given the function $f(x) = \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{x - 2}$, determine the values of a , b , c and d and the **exact** x -intercepts of $f(x)$ if there is a local extremum at $(-1, 1)$ and an oblique asymptote at $y = x + d$. [5 marks]

$$f(-1) = 1$$

$$f'(-1) = 0$$

$$f(x) = (ax + (2a + b)) + \frac{4a + 2b + c}{x - 2}$$

$$\text{O.A : } y = ax + (2a + b)$$

$$y = x + d$$

$$a = 1, 2 + b = d$$

$$b - d = -2$$

$$f(-1) = 1$$

$$1 = \frac{1 - b + c}{-3}$$

$$-b + c = -4 \quad (1)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(2x + b)(x - 2) - x^2 - bx - c}{(x - 2)^2}$$

$$f'(-1) = 0 : (-2 + b)(-3) - 1 + b - c = 0$$

$$-2b - c = -5 \quad (2)$$

$$\begin{cases} -b + c = -4 & (1) \\ -2b - c = -5 & (2) \end{cases}$$

$$\oplus -3b = -9$$

$$b = 3, c = -1$$

$$b - d = -2$$

$$3 - d = -2$$

$$d = 5$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

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

$$x = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2} \quad \therefore x\text{-int: } \left(\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{13}}{2}, 0 \right)$$

Communication - [7 marks]

1. List **two** situations where $f(x)$, $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$ are all undefined at $x = c$. [2 marks]

- When the function has vertical asymptote at $x = c$
- When the function has a hole at $x = c$

2. Write a concise step by step explanation on how to determine whether or not a function has a vertical tangent. [3 marks]

- Find the derivative of the function.
- Find a value of x that makes dy/dx infinite and the sign of dy/dx does not change at that point.
- Find the d^2y/dx^2 , we are looking for an infinite slope, so the vertical tangent of the curve is a vertical line at this value of x providing that the concavity changes at this point.

*** 2 marks will be awarded in the Communication Category for proper mathematical form. ***