

# Math 111 Exam #1

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**Time:** 1 hour and 25 minutes  
**Instructions:** Show all work for full credit.  
No outside materials or calculators allowed.  
**Extra Space:** Use the backs of each sheet  
for extra space. Clearly label when doing so.

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Problem(s)	Score	Total

1. Show that the graph of  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 5x - 11 = 0$  has a solution between  $x=1$  and  $x=2$ . State which theorem you use to show this. (7 points)

(i)  $f(1) = 3(1)^2 + 5(1) - 11 = -3 < 0$

(ii)  $f(2) = 3(2)^2 + 5(2) - 11 = 11 > 0$

(iii)  $f$  is continuous since it is a polynomial.

(iv) By IVT there is a point  $c$  between  $x=1$  and  $x=2$  such that  $f(c) = 0$ .

1.

2. Evaluate the following limits, allowing  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$  as possible values of a limit. If the limit does not exist, explain why. Show all work. (10 points)

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+9}-3}{x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+9}-3}{x^2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2+9}+3}{\sqrt{x^2+9}+3} \right) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x^2+9)-9}{x^2(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{x^2(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x^2+9}+3)} \\ &= \frac{1}{3+3} = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x^2+5x-6}{x^2-4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x^2-5x+6)}{(x-2)(x+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-(x-3)(x-2)}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{-(-3)}{-4} = \frac{3}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Note: we could have just plugged it in!

3. Evaluate the following limits, allowing  $+\infty$  and  $-\infty$  as possible values of a limit. If the limit does not exist, explain why. Show all work. (10 points)

a.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(2x)}{x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(2x)}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{\cos(2x)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{2x} \cdot \frac{2}{\cos(2x)} = \frac{1}{1} \cdot \frac{2}{1} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

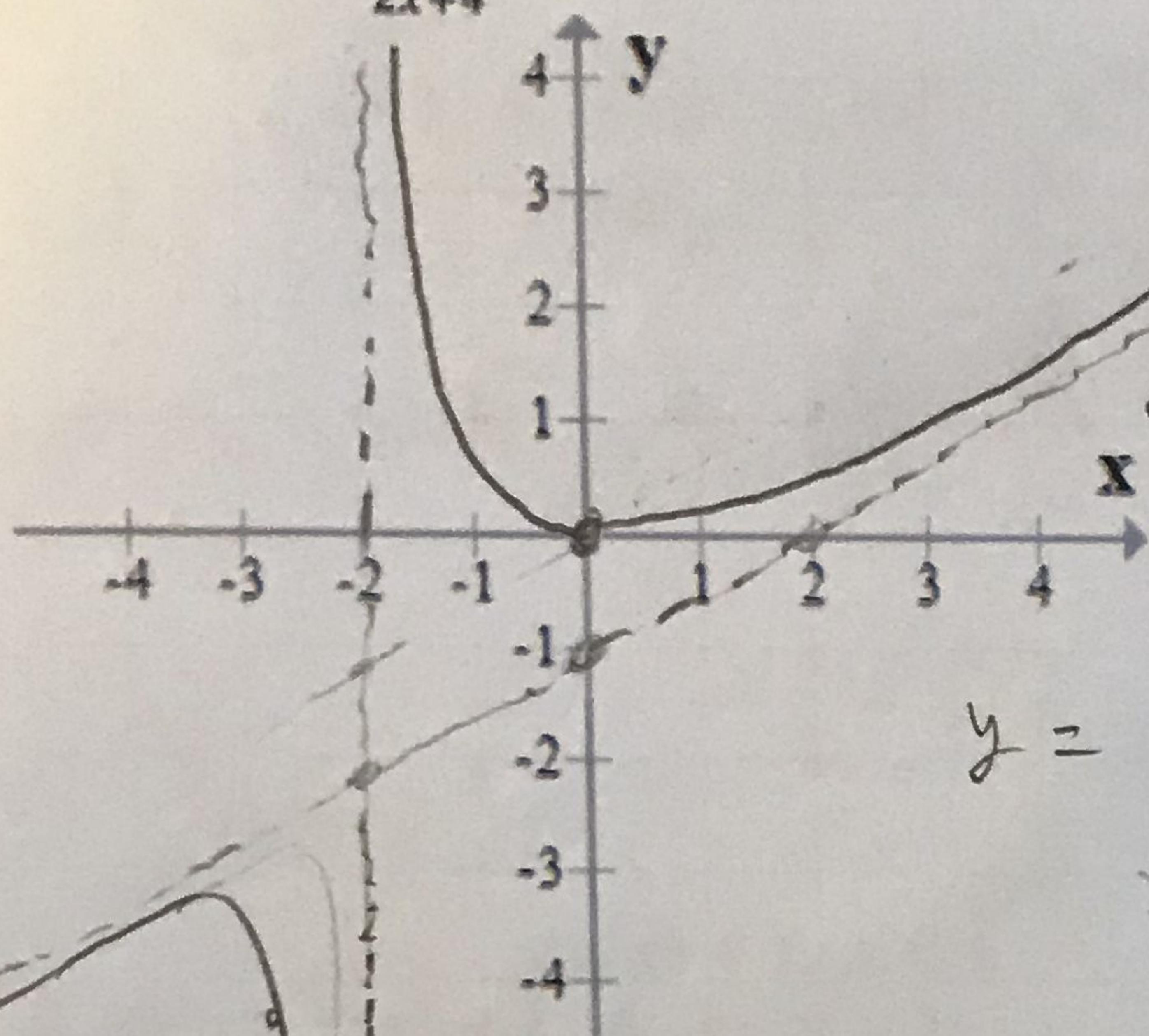
Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$

b.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x} - 4x + 8}{3x^3}$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 \sqrt{x} - 4x + 8}{3x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{5/2} - 4x + 8}{3x^3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{5/2}/x^3 - 4/x^2 + 8/x^3}{3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x^{1/2}} - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{8}{x^3}\right)}{3} \\ &= \frac{0 - 0 + 0}{3} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

4. Graph the following rational functions. Find the equations of any asymptotes and include them on the graph, along with any x and y intercepts (16 points)

a.  $y = \frac{x^2}{2x+4}$



Step 4: Division

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{2}x - 1 \\ 2x+4 \overline{)x^2} \\ -(x^2+2x) \\ \hline -2x \\ -(-2x-4) \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

values	
x	y
-3	$\frac{9}{2} = 4.5$
-2	-infinity
-1	0
0	-1
1	0
2	1
3	2
4	2.5

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2x+4} = \left(\frac{x}{2}-1\right) + \frac{4}{2x+4}$$

$$f(x) = y = \frac{x}{2} - 1 + \frac{4}{2x+4}$$

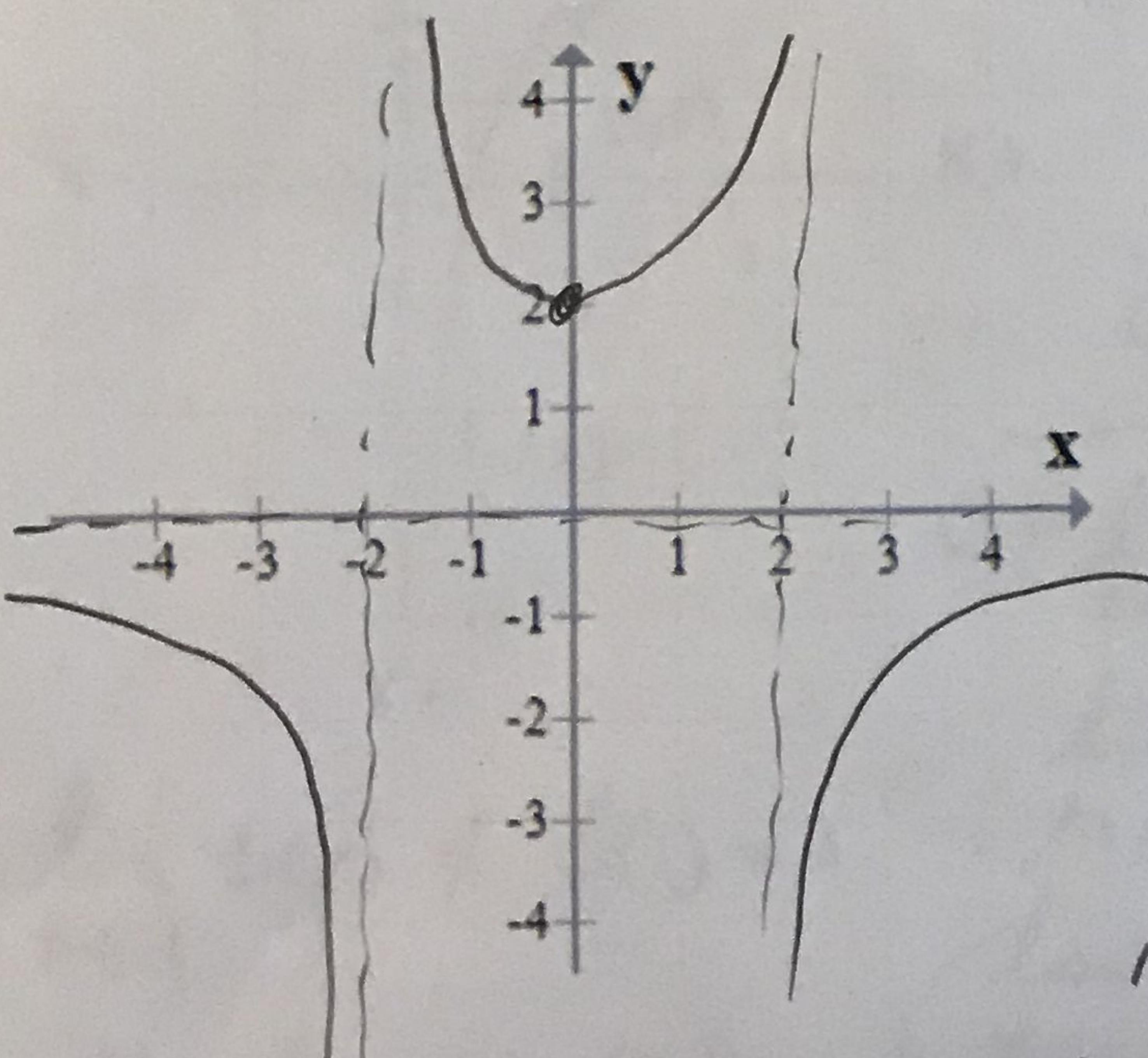
H.A.: None since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = \pm\infty$  (Num. is higher than denom by 1 power)

V.A.:  $x = -2$  since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = 0 + \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} \frac{4}{2x+4} = 0 + \infty = \infty$ .

Obligee:  $y = \left(\frac{x}{2}-1\right)$  Since for large  $x$   $\frac{4}{2x+4}$  is small.

y-intercept:  $(0, 0)$  (also x-intercept)

b.  $y = \frac{-8}{x^2-4}$



V.A.  $x = 2$

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

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

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

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

H.A.:  $y = 0$ , since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{-8}{x^2-4} = 0$

No obligee.

Intercepts.

y-int  $(0, 2)$

x-int none.

$\frac{-8}{x^2-4} \neq 0$  for any  $x$

5. For what value(s) of the constant 'a' would  $f(x)$  be continuous at every  $x$ ? (5 points)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a^2x - 2a & x \geq 2 \\ 12 & x < 2 \end{cases}$$

$$(i) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 2a^2 - 2a = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 12$$

$$2a^2 - 2a = 12$$

$$a^2 - a - 6 = 0$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} -6 \\ -3 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$(a-3)(a+2) = 0$$

$$a = 3, -2$$

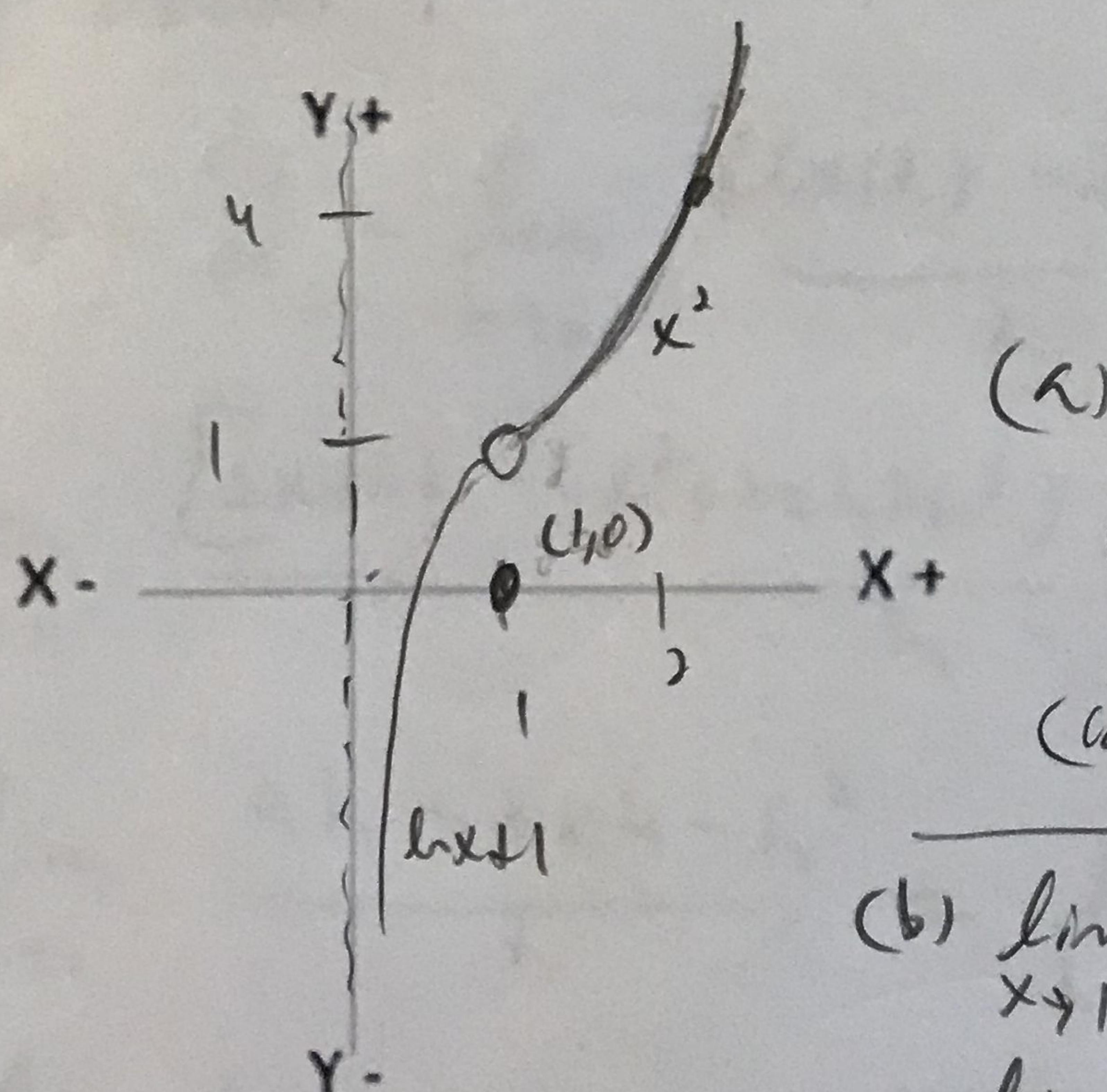
$f$  is cont. everywhere  
besides  $x=2$  already.

$$6. \text{ Given } f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln(x) + 1, & x < 1 \\ 0, & x = 1 \\ x^2, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

a. Sketch  $f(x)$  (4 points)

b. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ . Show all work, including left and right limits. (4 points)

c. Determine if the graph is continuous at  $x=1$  (4 points)



	$x < 1$	$x = 1$	$x > 1$
$x$	$\ln(x) + 1$	0	$x^2$
1	1	0	1
(open)	(closed)	(open)	

(c)  $\ln(x)+1$  has V.A. at  $x=0$ .

$$(ii) f(2) = 2^2 = 4$$

$$(b) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \ln(x) + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 = 1^2 = 1$$

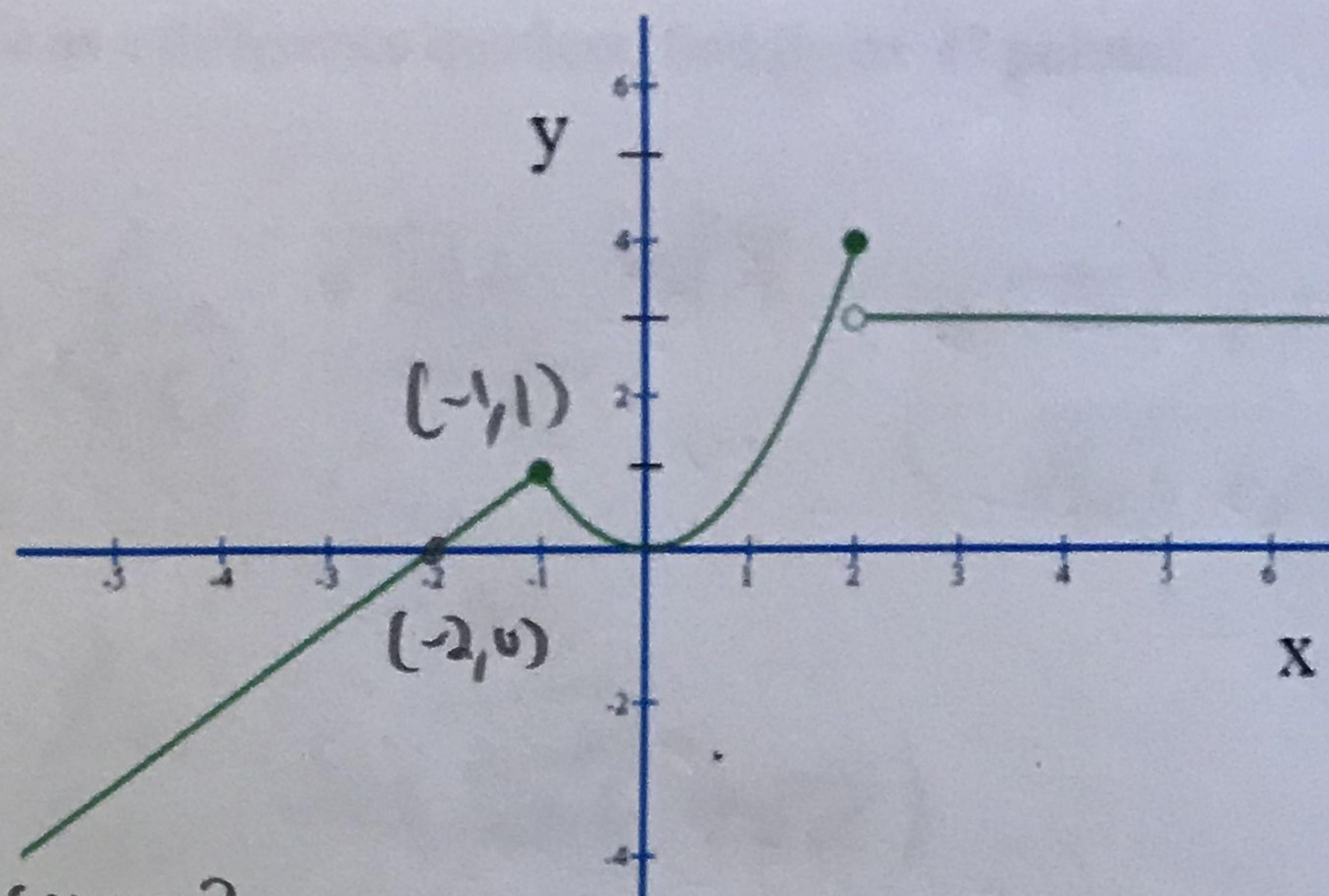
$$(c) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq f(1) = 0$$

$\therefore f$  is not continuous!

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$$

7. Given the graph of the piecewise function  $f(x)$ , answer the following (6 points):

- Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  or explain why it does not exist (Show all work, including left and right limits)
- Find  $f'(-4)$ , the derivative of the function at  $x = -4$



(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  DNE since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 3$$

(b) For  $x < -1$ ,  $f(x)$  is a straight line w/ slope  $\frac{1-0}{-1-(-2)} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$ .  
Therefore  $f'(-4) = 1$  Since  $-4 < -1$ .

8. Using the definition of the derivative as a difference quotient, find  $dy/dx$  for  $y = 2x - x^2$  (7 points)

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2(x+h) - (x+h)^2] - (2x - x^2)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[2x+2h - (x^2 + 2xh + h^2)] - (2x - x^2)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2h - 2xh - h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(2 - 2x - h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2 - 2x - h = \boxed{2 - 2x} \end{aligned}$$

9. Consider the function  $y = \sqrt{x}$

a. Using the definition of the derivative as a difference quotient, find  $dy/dx$  (7 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \cdot \left( \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \right) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{h}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}} = \boxed{\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}} \end{aligned}$$

b. Find the equation of the tangent line to this curve at  $x = 4$  (5 points)

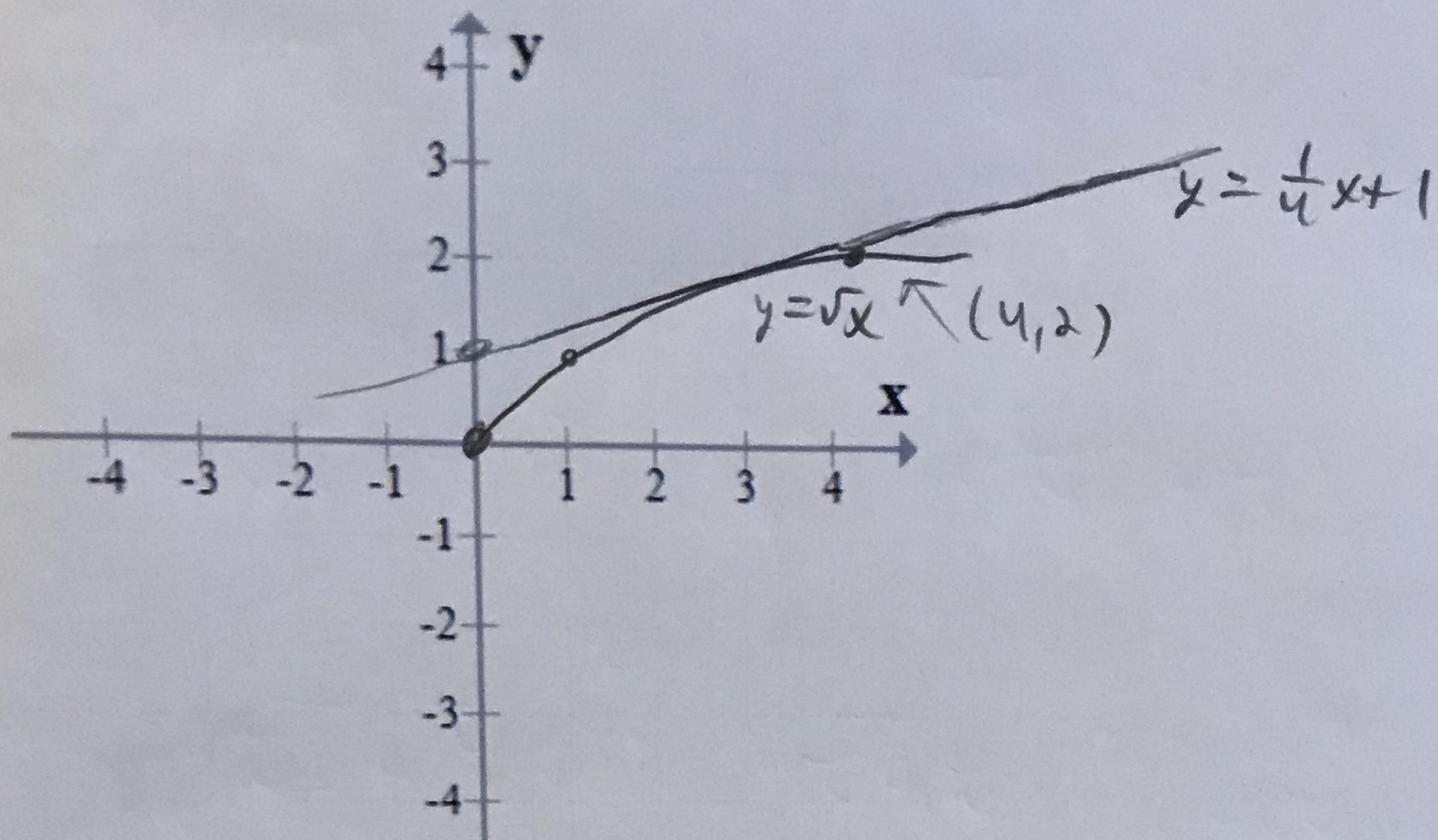
$$f'(4) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2(2)} = \boxed{\frac{1}{4} = 3}$$

Use point  $(4, 2)$  since  $f(4) = \sqrt{4} = 2$ .

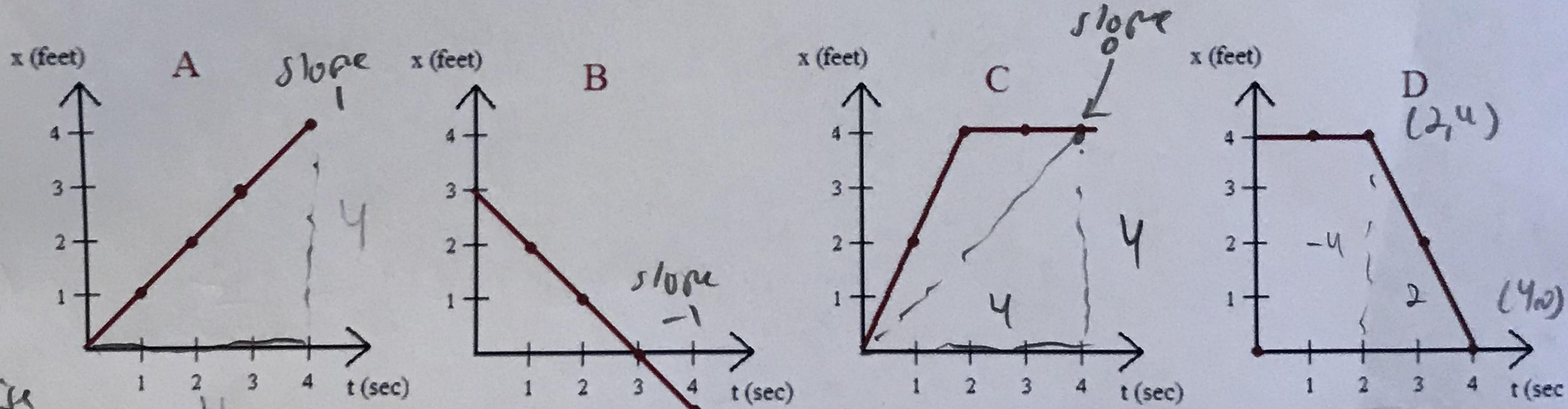
$$y - 2 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 4)$$

$$y = \frac{1}{4}x + 1$$

- c. (continued from previous page): Graph both the function and its tangent line on the following xy-axis (show all x and y-intercepts): (5 points)



10. The graphs below show the motion of four particles (A, B, C, and D) and their position  $x(t)$  in feet with respect to time ( $t$ ) in seconds. Answer the following: (2 points each)



$$\text{Avg speed} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

- a. What is the average speed of particle C between 0 and 4 seconds?  $\frac{4+5}{4\text{sec}} = 1\frac{1}{4}\text{ft/sec}$
- b. Which particle is moving fastest at  $t=1$  second?  $D$   $\text{velocity} = -4/2 + 1/2 = -1\frac{1}{2}\text{ft/sec}$
- c. What is the velocity of the particle from part (b) at  $t=1$  second?  $-1\frac{1}{2}\text{ft/sec}$
- d. Which particle(s) have a velocity of 0 feet/sec at  $t=3$  seconds?  $C$
- e. Which particle(s) are moving during the entire time between 0 and 4 seconds?  $A, B, D$