

Problem 1. Sketch $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 24x + 32$.

(1) The domain of $f(x)$ is: \mathbb{R} .

(2) The x -intercepts of $f(x)$ are: on the intervals $[-5, -4]$, $[1, 2]$, $[6, 7]$
The y -intercepts of $f(x)$ are: $(0, 32)$.

(3) Compute:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \text{DNE } (\infty)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \text{DNE } (-\infty)$$

(4) Does $f(x)$ have any horizontal or vertical asymptotes? If so, list them:

No. because f is a polynomial.

(5) Find the intervals on which $f(x)$ increases and decreases.

$f(x)$ is increasing on: $(-\infty, -2)$, $(4, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing on: $(-2, 4)$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - 24 = 3(x^2 - 2x - 8) = 3(x-4)(x+2)$$

$$\begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \\ -2 \quad 4 \end{array}$$

(6) $f(x)$ has the following critical points: $4, -2$

$f(x)$ has the following relative maxima: $(-2, 60)$

$f(x)$ has the following relative minima: $(4, -48)$

$$f(-2) = 60$$

$$f(4) = -48$$

(7) Find the intervals on which $f(x)$ is concave up and concave down.

$f(x)$ is concave up on: $(1, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is concave down on: $(-\infty, 1)$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6$$

$$\begin{array}{c} - \quad + \\ x=1 \end{array}$$

(8) For the following x , $f''(x) = 0$ or DNE:

$f(x)$ has the following inflection points (list both x and y values):

$$(1, 6)$$

(9) Now plot the function!

