1. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - \ln(x)}{1 - x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{x^3 - \ln(x)}{1 - x^2} + 2x^{-2}$ . Applying the quotient rule to the first part and the power rule to the second, we have:

$$f'(x) = \frac{(1-x^2)(3x^2 - \frac{1}{x}) - (x^3 - \ln(x))(-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2} - 2 \cdot 2x^{-3}$$
$$= \frac{(1-x^2)(3x^2 - \frac{1}{x}) + 2x(x^3 - \ln(x))}{(1-x^2)^2} - 4x^{-3}.$$

2. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - e^{-x}}{3x + 1} + xe^{-x}$ . Applying the product and quotient rule to this function, we have:

$$f'(x) = \frac{(3x+1)(2x+e^{-x}) - (x^2 - e^{-x})(3)}{(3x+1)^2} + (-xe^{-x} + 1 \cdot e^{-x})$$
$$= \frac{(3x+1)(2x+e^{-x}) - 3(x^2 - e^{-x})}{(3x+1)^2} + (1-x)e^{-x}.$$

3. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{2+x} - \frac{1}{e^{3x}} = \frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{2+x} - e^{-3x}$ . From our rules of differentiation, we have

$$f'(x) = \frac{(2+x)\left(\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}\right) - (1)(x^{\frac{1}{2}})}{(2+x)^2} - (-3)e^{-3x}$$
$$= \frac{2+x-2x}{2(2+x)^2\sqrt{x}} + 3e^{-3x} = \frac{2-x}{2(2+x)^2\sqrt{x}} + 3e^{-3x}$$

4. Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{8e^{-2x}}{12 + \cos(2x)}$ . The quotient rule gives the derivative

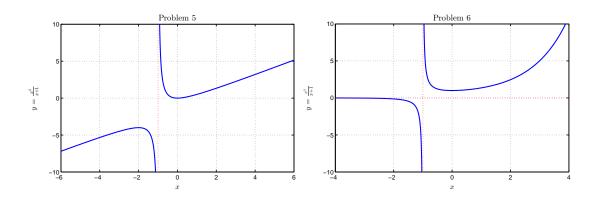
$$f'(x) = \frac{(12 + \cos(2x))(8(-2)e^{-2x}) - (8e^{-2x})(-2\sin(2x))}{(12 + \cos(2x))^2}$$
$$= \frac{16(\sin(2x) - \cos(2x) - 12)e^{-2x}}{(12 + \cos(2x))^2}.$$

5. Consider the function  $y(x) = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$ . The quotient rule finds the derivative

$$y'(x) = \frac{(x+1)(2x) - (1)x^2}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x(x+2)}{(x+1)^2}$$

The x-intercept occurs where y = 0, which is x = 0, so the x and y-intercept is the origin, (0,0). There is no horizontal asymptote, because the exponent in the numerator is higher than that in the denominator. The vertical asymptote occurs when the denominator is zero, or x + 1 = 0 so x = -1. At the critical points,  $y' = 0 = \frac{x(x+2)}{(x+1)^2}$ , so x(x+2) = 0. Thus,  $x_{1c} = -2$  and  $x_{2c} = 0$ .

The y values are  $y_{1c} = \frac{(-2)^2}{-2+1} = -4$  and  $y_{2c} = \frac{0^2}{0+1} = 0$ . It follows that (-2, -4) is a maximum and (0,0) is a minimum. The graph appears below to the left.



6. Consider the function  $y(x) = \frac{e^x}{x+1}$ . The quotient rule finds the derivative

$$y' = \frac{(x+1)e^x - (1)e^x}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{xe^x}{(x+1)^2}.$$

The x-intercept occurs when y=0. Since the exponential function is not zero, there are no x-intercepts. The y-intercept occurs when x=0 or  $y(0)=\frac{e^0}{0+1}=1$ , so the y-intercept is (0,1). Since the denominator x+1=0 when x=-1, this is a vertical asymptote. From the limit below,

$$\lim_{x \to -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x+1} = 0,$$

so there is a horizontal asymptote to the left at y = 0. The critical point satisfies y' = 0, so  $0 = xe^x$  or  $x_c = 0$ . Since  $y(x_c) = 1$ , we have (0, 1) is a minimum. The graph appears above on the right.

7. Consider the function  $y(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2x + 2}{x - 1}$ . The quotient rule finds the derivative

$$y' = \frac{(x-1)(2x-2) - (1)(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{(x-1)^2} = \frac{x(x-2)}{(x-1)^2}.$$

The x-intercept occurs when y = 0, but  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$  has no real solution, so there is no x-intercept. The y-intercept occurs when x = 0, so y(0) = -2. There is no horizontal asymptote, as the highest exponent in the numerator is larger than that in the denominator. There is a vertical asymptote where the denominator is zero, or x = 1. The critical points satisfy y' = 0, so x(x - 2) = 0. It follows that  $x_{1c} = 0$  and  $y(x_{1c}) = -2$ , which gives a maximum at (0, -2). Similarly,  $x_{2c} = 2$  and  $y(x_{2c}) = 2$ , which gives a minimum at (2, 2). The graph is shown below on the left.

