

Sketch the graph $f(x)$, where

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

(1) Find the domain of f

$$\text{Dom}_f = \{(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)\} \quad (1)$$

(2) Find x and y intercepts

$$\begin{aligned} f(x_{int}) &= 0 \\ \left(\frac{x_{int}^2(x_{int}-1)}{x_{int}+2} \right) (x_{int}+2) &= 0(x_{int}+2) \\ x_{int}^2(x_{int}-1) &= 0 \\ x_{int} &= \{0, 1\} \end{aligned} \quad (2)$$

(3) Check for any symmetry with respect to the y-axis and its origin Let x be some arbitrary number say 4, then its reverse -4 so:

$$\begin{aligned} f(4) &= f(-4) \\ \frac{4^2(4-1)}{4+2} &= \frac{(-4)^2((-4)-1)}{(-4)+2} \\ 8 &\neq 40 \end{aligned} \quad (3)$$

We conclude that f is not symmetrical.

(5) Check for asymptotes

Vertical Asymptote: Let $x = -2$ and since $f(x)$ D.N.E, then -2 is the vertical asymptote.

Horizontal Asymptote: Because the highest degree $\delta_{p(x)}(v) = 3$ and $\delta_{q(x)}(v) = 1$, where $p(x) = x^2(x-1)$ and $q(x) = x+2$

We can deduce that there is no horizontal asymptote in f

Oblique Asymptote Because $\delta_{p(x)} - \delta_{q(x)} = 2$, then there is no oblique asymptote

(6) Determine critical points c to determine if f has a relative extremum $f'(c) = 0$ and inflection point $f''(c) = 0$

Finding the critical point/s first of f'

$$\begin{aligned}
 f'(x) &= \frac{x^2(x-1)}{x+2} \\
 &= \frac{x^3 - x^2}{x+2} \\
 &= \frac{(3x^2 - 2x)(x+2) - (x^3 - x^2)}{(x+2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{3x^3 + 6x^2 - 2x^2 - 4x - x^3 + x^2}{(x+2)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x}{(x+2)^2}$$

$$\implies f'(c) = 0$$

$$\frac{2c^3 + 5c^2 - 4c}{(c+2)^2} \cdot (c+2)^2 = 0 \cdot (c+2)^2 \quad (4)$$

$$2c^3 + 5c^2 - 4c = 0$$

$$c(2c^2 + 5c - 4) = 0$$

$$c^2 + \frac{5}{2}c - 2 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \left(-\frac{5}{4} + u \right) \left(-\frac{5}{4} - u \right) = -2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} \frac{25}{16} - u^2 = -2 \\ u^2 = \frac{25}{16} + 2 \\ u = \pm \frac{\sqrt{57}}{4} \end{array} \right. \\
 & \left(-\frac{5}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{57}}{4} \right) \left(-\frac{5}{4} - \frac{\sqrt{57}}{4} \right) = -2 \\
 & c = \left\{ -\frac{5 - \sqrt{57}}{4}, 0, -\frac{5 + \sqrt{57}}{4} \right\}
 \end{aligned}$$

Critical points of the first derivatives are $-\frac{5-\sqrt{57}}{4}, 0, -\frac{5+\sqrt{57}}{4}$

Finding critical point/s next of f''

$$\begin{aligned}
f''(x) &= \frac{2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x}{(x+2)^2} \\
&= \frac{(6x^2 + 10x - 4)(x+2)^2 - [2(2x^3 + 5x^2 - 4x)(x+2)]}{(x+2)^4} \\
&= \frac{\cancel{(x+2)} [(6x^2 + 10x - 4)(x+2) - (4x^3 + 10x^2 - 8x)]}{(x+2)^4} \\
&= \frac{6x^3 + 22x^2 + 16x - 8 - 4x^3 - 10x^2 + 8x}{(x+2)^3} \\
f''(x) &= \frac{2x^3 + 12x^2 + 24x - 8}{(x+2)^3} \\
\implies f''(c) &= 0 \\
\frac{2(c^3 + 6c^2 + 12c - 4)}{\cancel{(c+2)^3}} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(c+2)^3}}{2} &= 0 \left(\frac{\cancel{(c+2)^3}}{2} \right) \\
c^3 + 6c^2 + 12c - 4 &= 0 \\
c(c^2 + 6c + 12) &= 4
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

We have discovered something impossible. That is by solving $f''(c) = 0$ algebraically. Luckily, there is a method that we can use, and that is by using Newton's Method:

$$x_n = x_{n-1} - \frac{f(x)}{f'(x)}, \quad f'(x) \neq 0 \tag{6}$$

With this information, we now can at least approximate $f''(c) = 0$.

Create a program in **C** to find the critical value c such that $f''(c) \approx 0$