

4.5 Summary of curve sketching

微分應用之五：畫圖。

如何畫圖？

找幾個點連起來？(X) 點太少，或是這些點不夠關鍵。

用繪圖軟體畫？(X) 計算不夠精準，位數不足，會誤導極值存在，看不出來。

Guidelines of sketching curve 注意事項

A. **Domain** 定義域.

B. **Intercepts** x -, y -軸交點: $(x, 0)$ with $f(x) = 0$, and $(0, f(0))$.

C. **Symmetry** 對稱性:

f is even 偶函數 if $f(-x) = f(x)$: 對稱 y -軸 ($x = 0$); ex: $\cos x$;

f is odd 奇函數 if $f(-x) = -f(x)$: 對稱原點 $(0, 0)$; ex: $\sin x$;

f is periodic 週期函數 if $f(x + p) = f(x)$: 複製 $[0, p]$; ex: $\sin x$.

D. **Asymptotes** 漸近線: (離原點越遠跟函數圖形越靠近的線.)

Vertical Asymptote 垂直: $x = a$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+/a^-} f(x) = \infty / -\infty$.

(a 通常不在 domain, 只要看 a^+/a^- .)

Horizontal Asymptote 水平: $y = L$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = L$. (if defined)

Slant Asymptote 斜: $y = mx + b$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - (mx + b)] = 0$. (?)

E. **Interval of increasing/decreasing** 遞增/減區間:

Critical number c : $f'(c) = 0$ or does not exist. 以 c 分界考慮

$f'(x) > 0$: increasing, $f'(x) < 0$: decreasing.

F. **Local max/min** 極值: The first/second derivative test:

For critical number c , $f'(x)$: $\begin{cases} + \rightarrow - & \text{local max,} \\ - \rightarrow + & \text{local min,} \\ \text{no change} & \text{no local max/min.} \end{cases}$

$f'(c) = 0$ & $f''(c) > 0$: local min, $f'(c) = 0$ & $f''(c) < 0$: local max.

G. **Concavity & inflection point** 凹性與反曲點:

Find $f''(p) = 0$ or does not exist. 以 p 分界考慮

$f''(x) > 0$: Concave Upward, $f''(x) < 0$: Concave Downward;

Inflection Point $(p, f(p))$: f is continuous and $f''(x)$ change sign at p .

H. **Just Sketch It.** ✓

Example 0.1 Sketch $y = \frac{2x^2}{x^2 - 1}$.

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

A. Domain $\{x \neq \pm 1\} = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$.

B. Intercept $(0, 0)$.

C. $f(-x) = f(x)$ even.

D. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \infty$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = -\infty$, v.a.: $x = 1$.




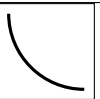
$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = -\infty$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \infty$, v.a.: $x = -1$.

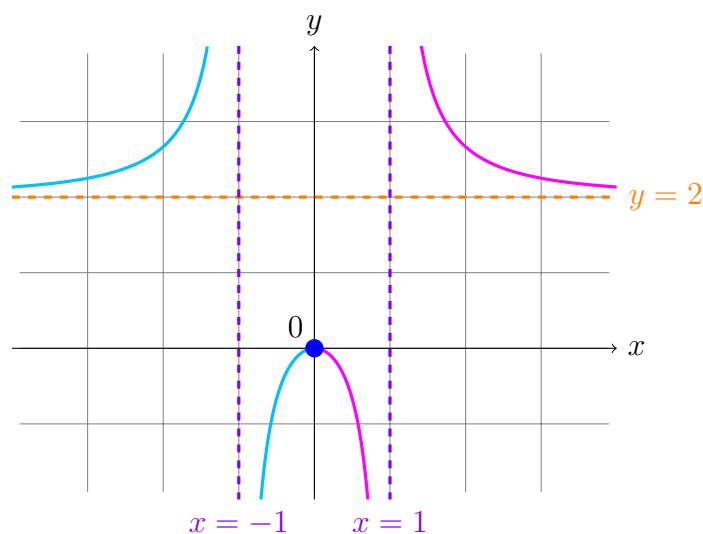
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = 2$. h.a: $y = 2$.

E-G.

$f' = \frac{-4x}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$, $f' = 0$ when $x = 0$, \nexists when $x = \pm 1$ (not in domain).

$f'' = \frac{4(3x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 - 1)^3} \neq 0$, \nexists when $x = \pm 1$ (not in domain).

	< -1	-1	$-1 < x < 0$	0	$0 < x < 1$	1	$1 < x$
f'	+	\nexists	+	0	-	\nexists	-
f''	+	\nexists	-			\nexists	+
		no		max		no	



Skill: 增減以臨界值作分界, 每段中代入好算的數字判斷 f' 的正負.

Example 0.2 Sketch $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{x+1}}$.

A. Domain $\{x > -1\} = (-1, \infty)$.

B. Intercept $(0, 0)$.

C. No symmetry.

D. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \infty$. v.a.: $x = -1$.



$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$. h.a: none.

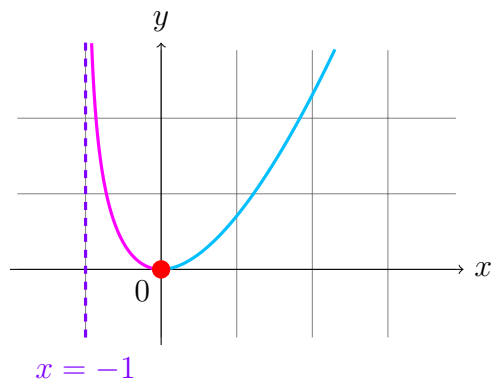
E-G.

$$f' = \frac{x(3x+4)}{2(x+1)^{3/2}}, f' = 0 \text{ when } x = 0, x = -\frac{4}{3} \notin (-1, \infty).$$

$$f'' = \frac{3x^2 + 8x + 8}{4(x+1)^{5/2}} > 0. \text{ (Both does not exist when } x = -1 \notin (-1, \infty)).$$

(分子用判別式 $b^2 - 4ac = 8^2 - 4 \times 3 \times 8 < 0$ 或 $3x^2 + 8x + 8 = x^2 + 2(x+4)^2 \geq 0$.)

	$-1 < x < 0$	0	$0 <$
f'	—	0	+
f''	+		
		\min	



Note: 知道定義域的好處: 沒有圖就不用畫到那邊.

Skill: 臨界值不在定義域的不用看!

Attention: 要在定義域的才算臨界值, 不要數錯!

Example 0.3 Sketch $f(x) = xe^x$.

A. Domain \mathbb{R} .

B. Intercept $(0, 0)$.

C. No symmetry.

D. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$, (不可以寫 $= \infty \cdot e^\infty = \infty \cdot \infty$, 直接寫 $= \infty$.)




$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} xe^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{e^{-x}} \quad (\infty \cdot 0 \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty})$$

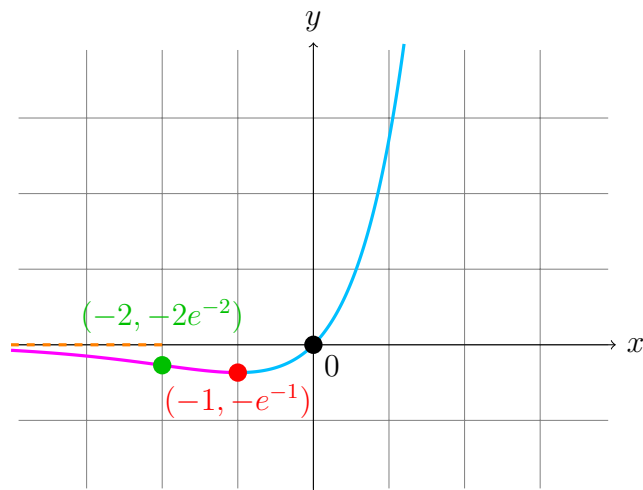
$$\stackrel{L'H}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-e^{-x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} -e^x = 0. \quad h.a.: y = 0.$$

E-G.

$$f' = e^x(1+x), \quad f' = 0 \text{ when } x = -1.$$

$$f'' = e^x(2+x), \quad f'' = 0 \text{ when } x = -2.$$

	< -2	-2	$-2 < x < -1$	-1	$-1 <$
f'	-			0	+
f''	-	0	+		
		IP		min	



Skill: 凹性找 $f''(x) = 0$ or 丕 的地方 (f' 的臨界值) 做分界.

Note: 漸近線剛好是座標軸 ($x = 0$ or $y = 0$) 可以省略標示.

Example 0.4 Sketch $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2 + \sin x}$.

A. Domain \mathbb{R} .

B. Intercept $((\frac{1}{2} + n)\pi, 0), (0, \frac{1}{2})$.

C. Periodic with period 2π . Draw $[0, 2\pi)$ and repeat.

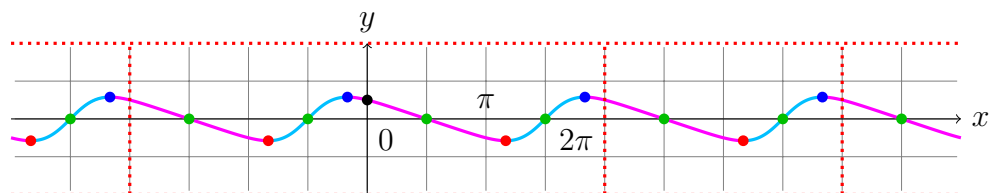
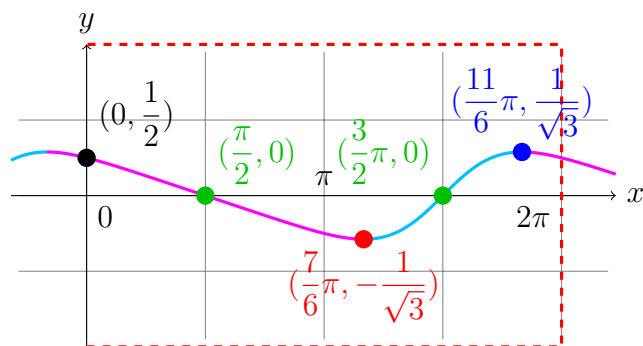
D. No asymptote.

E-G.

$f' = -\frac{1 + 2 \sin x}{(2 + \sin x)^2}$, $f' = 0$ when $x = \frac{7}{6}\pi, \frac{11}{6}\pi$. (只看 $[0, 2\pi)$.)

$f'' = \frac{-2 \cos x(1 - \sin x)}{(2 + \sin x)^2}$, $f'' = 0$ when $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3}{2}\pi$. (只看 $[0, 2\pi)$.)

	0	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{7}{6}\pi$	$\frac{7}{6}\pi$	$\frac{3}{2}\pi$	$\frac{3}{2}\pi$	$\frac{11}{6}\pi$	$\frac{11}{6}\pi$
	\downarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow		\downarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow	\downarrow
	$\frac{\pi}{2}$		$\frac{7}{6}\pi$		$\frac{3}{2}\pi$		$\frac{11}{6}\pi$		2π
f'	-			0	+			0	-
f''	-	0	+			0	-		
		<i>IP</i>		<i>min</i>		<i>IP</i>		<i>max</i>	



Skill: 看出週期 (通常是三角的) 函數畫一段就夠了.

Example 0.5 Sketch $f(x) = \ln(4 - x^2)$.

A. Domain $(-2, 2)$.

B. Intercept $(0, \ln 4), (\pm\sqrt{3}, 0)$.



C. $f(-x) = f(x)$, even.

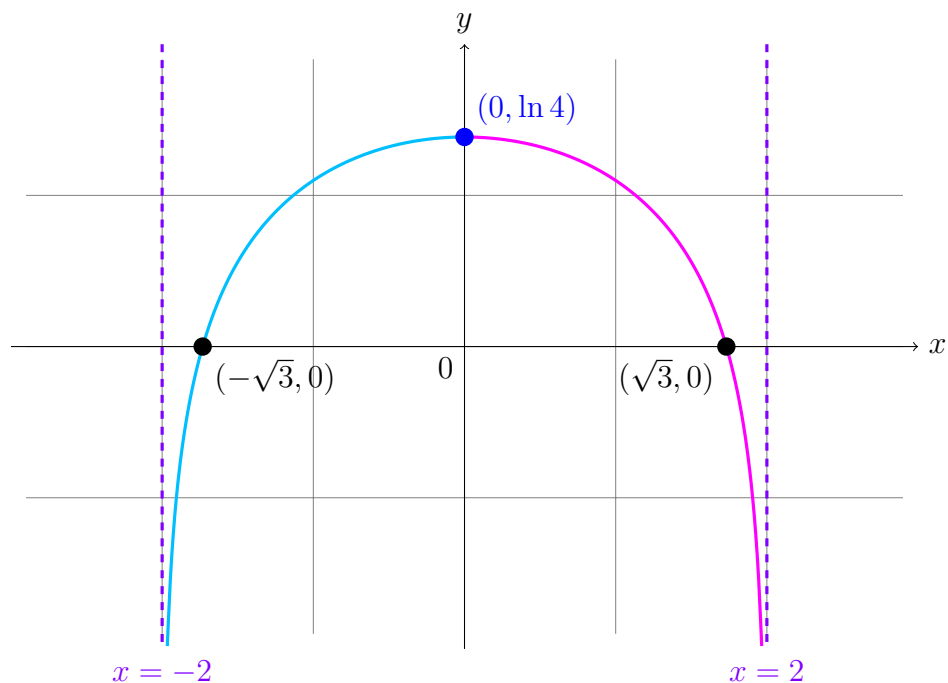
D. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = -\infty, \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = -\infty$, v.a.: $x = 2, x = -2$.

E-G.

$f' = \frac{-2x}{4 - x^2}$, $f' = 0$ when $x = 0$. (\nexists when $x = \pm 2 \notin (-2, 2)$.)

$f'' = \frac{-8 - 2x^2}{(4 - x^2)^2} < 0$. (\nexists when $x = \pm 2 \notin (-2, 2)$.)

	$-2 \sim 0$	0	$0 \sim 2$
f'	+	0	-
f''	-		
		max	



Example 0.6 Sketch $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1}$.

A. Domain \mathbb{R} .

B. Intercept $(0, 0)$.

C. $f(-x) = -f(x)$, odd.

D. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = \pm\infty$, no v.a. nor h.a.

Skill: 當 $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ 很大/小, $+1$ 影響不大, $\frac{x^3}{x^2+1} \approx x$.





$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - x] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(\frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1} - x \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{-x}{x^2 + 1} \left(\frac{\infty}{\infty} \right)$$

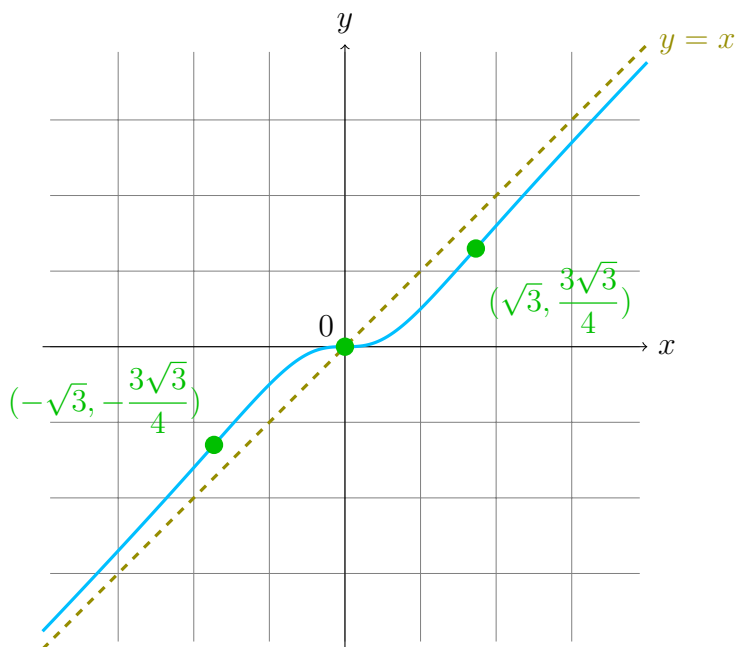
$$\stackrel{vH}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{-1}{2x} = 0, \text{ Slant asymptote: } y = x.$$

E-G.

$$f' = \frac{x^2(x^2 + 3)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}, f' = 0 \text{ when } x = 0.$$

$$f'' = \frac{2x(3 - x^2)}{(x^2 + 1)^3}, f'' = 0 \text{ when } x = 0, \pm\sqrt{3}.$$

	$< -\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$	$-\sqrt{3} < x < 0$	0	$0 < x < \sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3}$	$\sqrt{3} < x$
f'	+			0	+		
f''	+	0	-	0	+	0	-
		<i>IP</i>		<i>IP</i>		<i>IP</i>	



Note: 何時有斜漸進線? 如果是有理函數 $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, f 的次數比 g 的次數恰多 1.

Skill: 有理函數得到斜漸進線? 用長除法 $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \boxed{mx + b} + \frac{r(x)}{g(x)}$.

\Rightarrow S.A.: $y = mx + b$.

Ex: $\frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1} = x + \frac{-x}{x^2 + 1}$.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 1 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} \boxed{x} \\ x^3 \\ \hline -x \end{array}} \end{array}$$

(乘以能消去最高次的)
(由高往低排, 缺項補零)

$$\begin{array}{r} \overline{) \begin{array}{r} \boxed{x^3} \\ \hline -x \end{array}} \end{array}$$

(次數比分母小就停止)

Note: 有理函數以外很難猜, ex: $x - \tan^{-1} x$ (Exercise 4.5.71),
要驗證: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} |f(x) - (mx + b)| = 0$.

Do some practice: Exercise 4.5.61 ~ 68 (rational function).

Exercise 4.5.69.(exponential function) $1 + \frac{1}{2}x + e^{-x}$. (S.A.: $y = 1 + \frac{1}{2}x$.)

Exercise 4.5.70.(exponential function) $1 - x + e^{1+x/3}$. (S.A.: $y = 1 - x$.)
(Hint: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^x = 0$.)

Exercise 4.5.72.(root function) $\sqrt{x^2 + 4x}$. (S.A.: $y = x + 2$, $y = -x - 2$.)
(Hint: $\sqrt{x^2 + 4x} = \sqrt{(x + 2)^2 - 4} \approx \sqrt{(x + 2)^2} = |x + 2|$.)