

~~Instructions: You may work in pairs, and use your notes (but not *Mathematica*). Each pair turns in one solution, with both names. **No Regrade for this Quiz.**~~

(20 marks) Sketch $f(x) = e^{1/x}$ by showing a clear discussion of the following properties of $f(x)$ (note that $f(x)$ may not possess all of these things):

1. horizontal asymptotes
2. vertical asymptotes
3. zeroes
4. intervals of increasing/decreasing
5. extrema
6. intervals of concave up/concave down
7. points of inflection
8. a well labeled sketch

1. Horizontal Asymptotes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{1/x} = e^0 = 1$$

so there is a horizontal asymptote of $y=1$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} e^{1/x} = e^0 = 1$$

2. Vertical Asymptotes

we have a division by zero at $x=0$, so we should check around $x=0$ carefully.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{1/x} = e^{\infty} = \infty$$

vertical asymptote at $x=0$ from right only.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} e^{1/x} = e^{-\infty} = 0$$

3. Zeros

$$\text{Solve } e^{1/x} = 0$$

$$\ln e^{1/x} = \ln 0$$

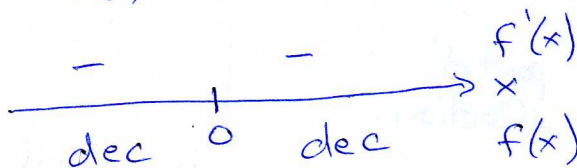
since $\ln 0$ does not exist, we have no zeros.

4. Intervals of inc/dec $\hat{=}$ 5. extrema

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [e^{1/x}] \\ &= \frac{d}{du} [e^u] \cdot \frac{du}{dx}, \quad u = 1/x \\ &= e^u \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} e^{1/x} \end{aligned}$$

$f'(x) = 0$ has no solution

$f'(x)$ does not exist at $x=0$.



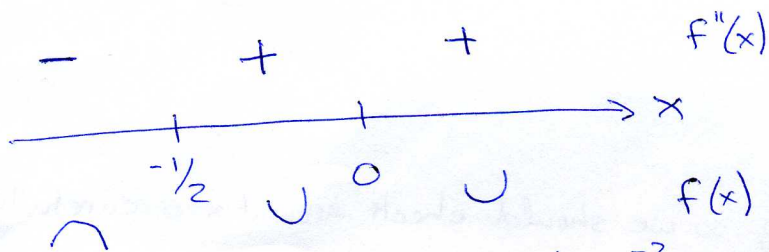
$f(x)$ is dec on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$. No extrema.

6. Intervals of concave/up down ? 7. Points of Inflection

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \left[-\frac{1}{x^2} e^{1/x} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \frac{d}{dx} [e^{1/x}] - e^{1/x} \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{1}{x^2} \right] \\ &= -\frac{1}{x^2} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} e^{1/x} \right) - e^{1/x} \left(\frac{-2}{x^3} \right) \\ &= e^{1/x} \left(\frac{1}{x^4} + \frac{2}{x^3} \right) \\ &= e^{1/x} \left(\frac{1+2x}{x^4} \right) \end{aligned}$$

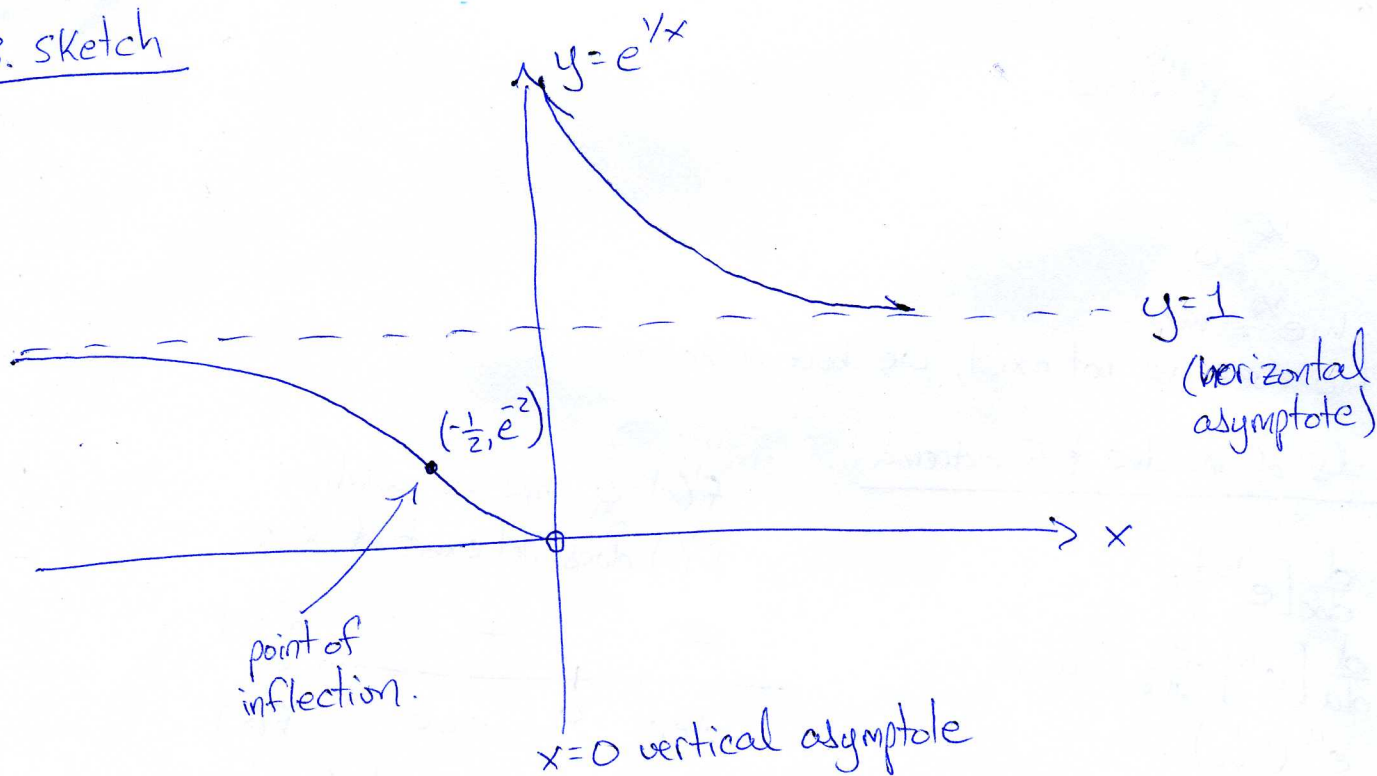
$f''(x) = 0$ when $1+2x=0 \Rightarrow x = -1/2$.

$f''(x)$ does not exist when $x=0$.



Point of inflection at $x = -1/2$, $y = f(-1/2) = e^{-2} \Rightarrow (-1/2, e^{-2})$

8. Sketch



Ex) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$

Note: no nice way to sketch using techniques from precalculus.

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

$$f''(x) = \frac{x^2 [e^x(x-1) + (1)e^x] - e^x(x-1)2x}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 (e^x x - e^x + e^x) - 2e^x x^2 + 2e^x x}{x^4}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$$

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

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

$$= \frac{e^x x^3 - 2e^x x^2 + 2e^x x}{x^4}$$

$$= \frac{e^x}{x^4} (x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x)$$

$$= \frac{e^x (x^2 - 2x + 2)}{x^3}$$

Note $x^2 - 2x + 2$ does not factor.

Horizontal Asymptotes:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty} \quad \text{L'Hospital}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{1} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{0}{-\infty} = 0$$

Horizontal Asymptote of $y=0$.

Vertical Asymptotes:

$f(x)$ is infinite at $x=0$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{+0} = \infty$$

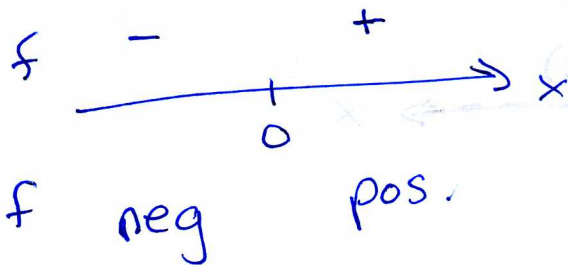
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^x}{x} \rightarrow \frac{1}{-0} = -\infty$$

Zeros:

$$\frac{e^x}{x} = 0$$

$e^x = 0$ no solution. no zeros.

if you like (sometimes this is hard to do)

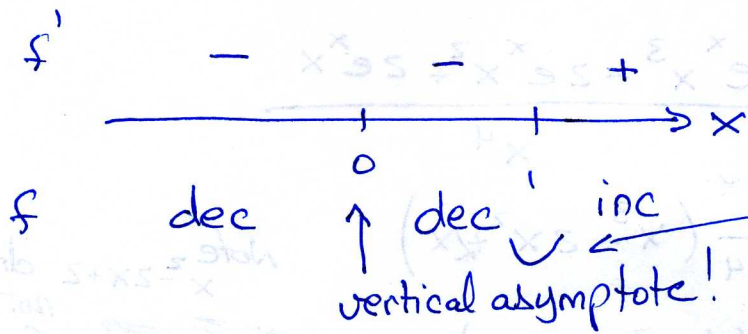


Inc/Dec/extrema:

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

$$f'(x) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f'(x) \text{ does not exist.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow e^x = 0 & \text{ or } x-1=0 \\ & \text{no solution} \qquad \qquad x=1 \end{aligned} \qquad \rightarrow x=0$$



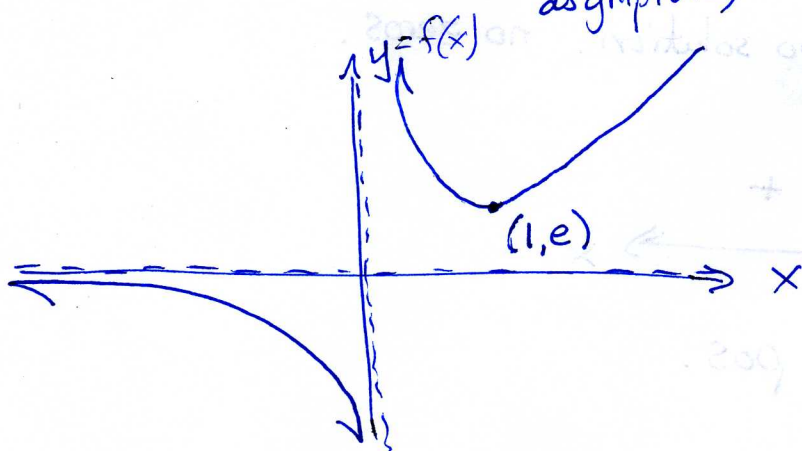
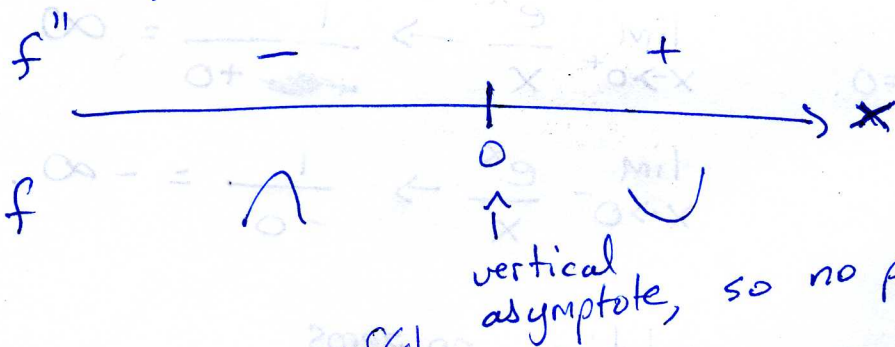
~~min~~ at $x=1$
Point $(1, f(1)) = (1, e)$

Concavity / pt inflection:

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

$$f''(x) = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad f''(x) \text{ does not exist.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \rightarrow e^x = 0 & \text{ or } x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0 \\ & \text{no solution} \qquad \qquad \text{no solution.} \end{aligned} \qquad \rightarrow x=0$$



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

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{-2x}{(x^2-1)^2} \right]$$

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

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{x^2}{x^2-1} \right]$$

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

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

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

$$= \frac{-2(-1-3x^2)}{(x^2-1)^3} = \frac{2+6x^2}{(x^2-1)^3} = f''(x)$$

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

Horizontal Asymptotes:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2-1} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{\infty}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}} = 1$$

Also $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2}} = 1$

So $y=1$ is a horizontal asymptote

Vertical Asymptotes: rational function, so look for Division by zero.

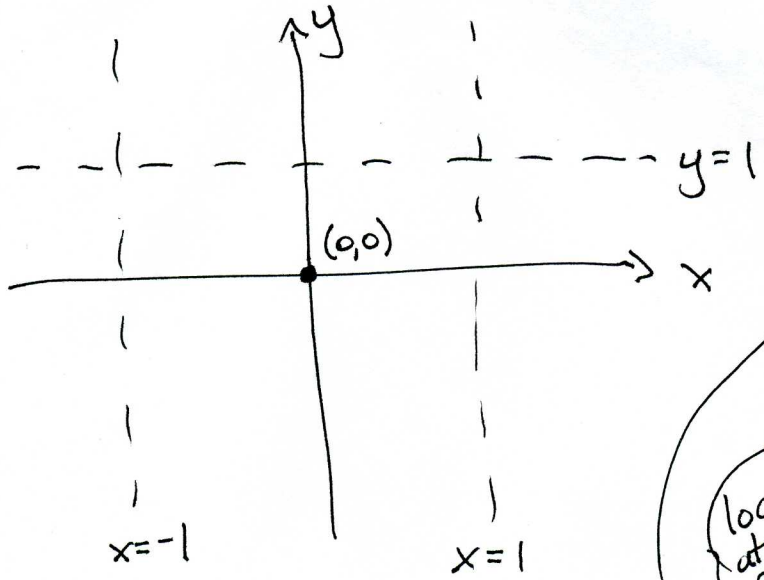
$$x^2-1=0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

Better to factor:

$$x^2-1 = (x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

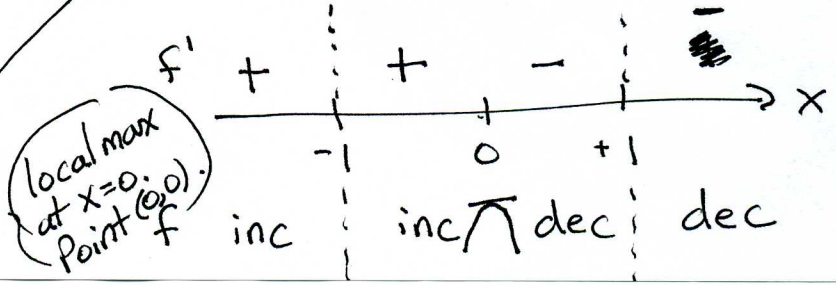
Why? Multiplicity is odd, so f changes sign at vertical asymptotes.

Let's start a sketch:



Zeros: $\frac{x^2}{x^2-1} = 0 \Rightarrow x=0$.
Point (0,0).

Inc/Dec: $f'(x) = 0$ or does not exist.
 $\frac{-2x}{(x^2-1)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x=0, x=-1, x=1$



Concavity: $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f''(x)$ does not exist.

$$\frac{2+6x^2}{(x^2-1)^3} = 0$$

$$2+6x^2 = 0$$

$$x^2 = -\frac{1}{3}$$

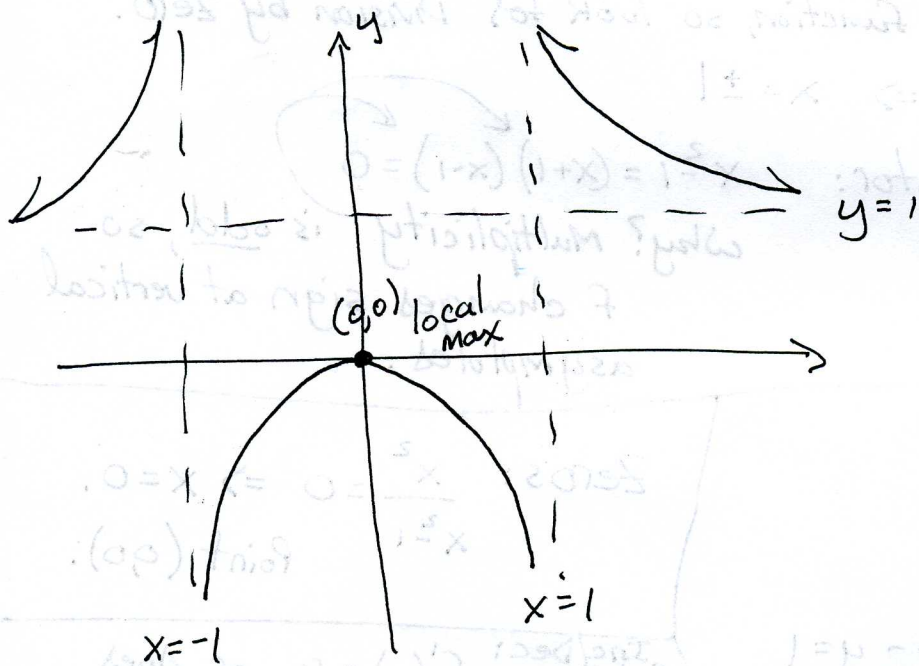
no solution..

$f''(x)$ does not exist

$$x = \pm 1$$



Note: although concavity changes, there are no points of inflection.
(concavity changes at the vertical asymptotes)



Draw other possibilities and have them explain why they aren't ~~possible~~ correct.

Ex Sketch $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$

$$2(-1)^{-3+12} \\ 16 - 12 - 24$$

Derivatives: $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 12$

$$f''(x) = 12x - 6$$

Horizontal Asymptotes

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -\infty \quad \text{Why?}$$

no horizontal asymptotes.

Vertical Asymptotes

none, it's a polynomial!

zeros

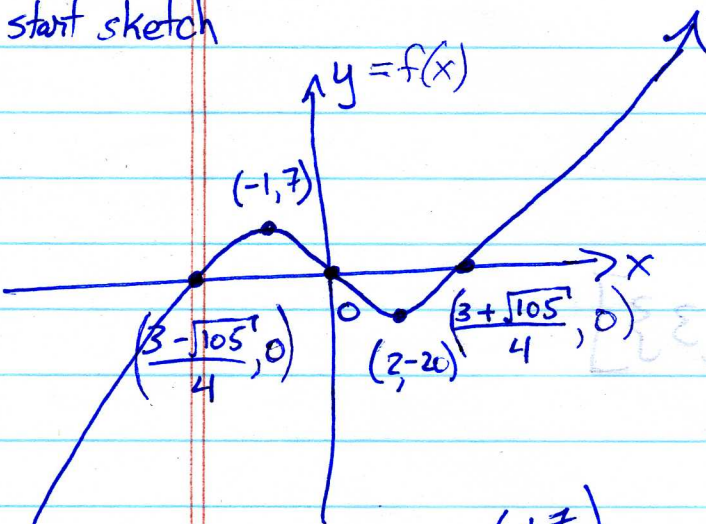
$$f(x) = 0 = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$$

$$0 = x(2x^2 - 3x - 12)$$

$$0 = x \quad \text{or} \quad 2x^2 - 3x - 12 = 0$$

quadratic formula: $x = \frac{+3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(2)(-12)}}{2(2)}$
 $= \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{105}}{4}$

start sketch



inc/dec/extrema $f'(x) = 0$ or $f'(x)$ does not exist

$$\hookrightarrow 6x^2 - 6x - 12 = 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

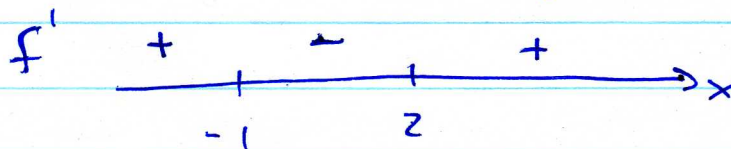
$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{1 \pm 3}{2}$$

$$x = 2, -1.$$

max $(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 7)$

min $(2, f(2)) = (2, -20)$



concavity on next page.

concavity : $f''(x) = 0$

~~$f''(x)$ does not exist~~

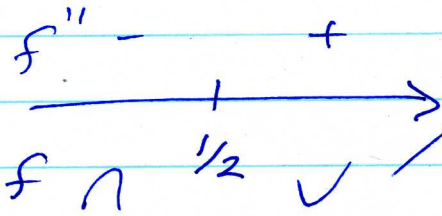
$$\hookrightarrow 12x - 6 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

pt. of inflection.

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}, f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{13}{2}\right)$$

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - 3\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 12\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{13}{2}$$



MMA to check

$$f[x] = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$$

$$f'[x]$$

$$f''[x]$$

Solve $[f[x] == 0, x]$

$$f'[x]$$

$$f''[x]$$

$$f[-1]$$

$$f[2]$$

$$f\left[\frac{1}{2}\right]$$

Plot $[f[x], \{x, -3, 3\}]$