

# POSTED NOTE ABOUT MIDTERM ON PIAZZA

(1)

LAST TIME

→ FIRST DERIVATIVE TEST

INCREASING / DECREASING TEST

$f' > 0$  ON  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$  INCREASING ON  $(a, b)$

$f' < 0$  ON  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$  DECREASING ON  $(a, b)$

→ SECOND DERIVATIVE TEST

INCEPTION AKA CONCAVITY TEST

$f'' > 0$  ON  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$  CONCAVE UP ON  $(a, b)$

$f'' < 0$  ON  $(a, b) \Rightarrow f$  CONCAVE DOWN ON  $(a, b)$

① END OF CLASS HW

[Q] SKETCH GRAPH OF  $f$  WITH

• DOMAIN  $(-\infty, +\infty)$

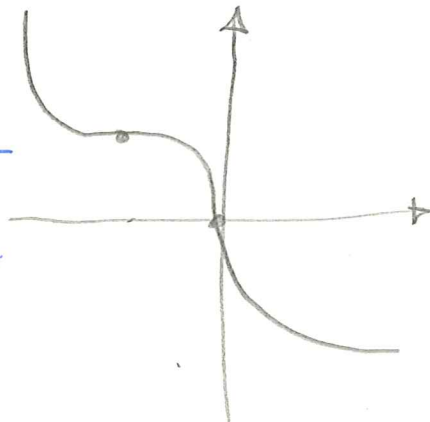
•  $f(0) = 0, f(-1) = 1$

•  $f'(x) < 0$  ON  $(-\infty, +\infty)$

•  $f''(x) > 0$  ON  $(-\infty, -1)$

•  $f''(x) < 0$  ON  $(-1, 0)$

•  $f''(x) > 0$  ON  $(0, +\infty)$



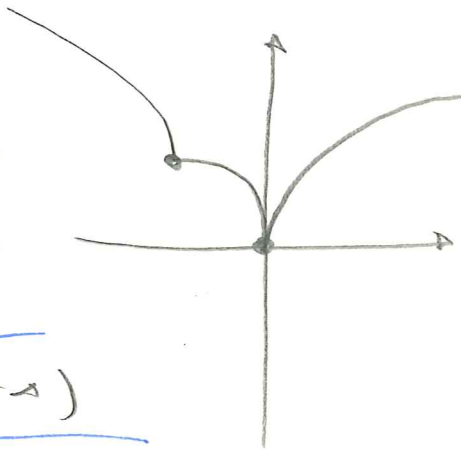
OK TODAY WE RE-DO THE

"SAME" QUESTION WITH A TWIST:

II

[Q] SKETCH GRAPH OF f WITH

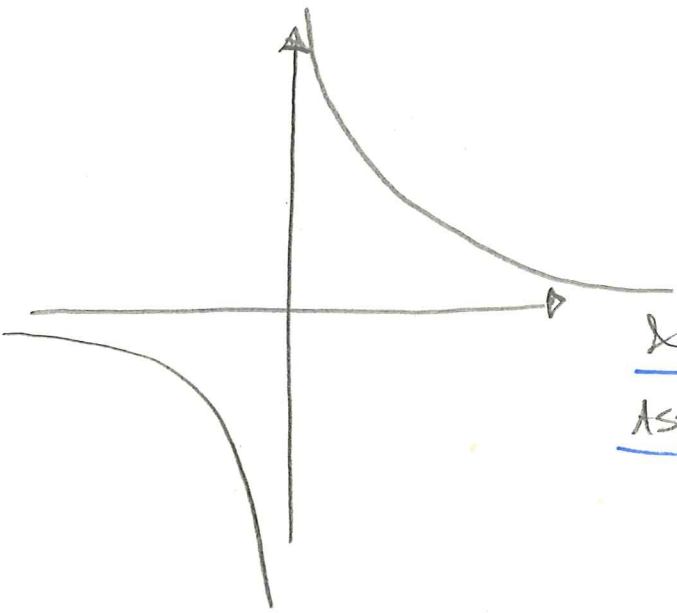
- DOMAIN  $(-\infty, +\infty)$
- $f(0) = 0, f(-1) = 1$
- $f'(x) < 0$  ON  $(-\infty, 0)$
- $f'(x) > 0$  ON  $(0, +\infty)$
- $f''(x) < 0$  ON  $(-\infty, +\infty)$



} DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT DERIVATIVE EXISTING AT 0 & -1 !!!

TODAY: FINISH CURVE SKETCHING BY UNDERSTANDING ASYMPTOTES

ARCHETYPAL EXAMPLE:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$



HAS A VERTICAL ASYMPTOTE  
 $x = 0$

& A HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE  
 $y = 0$

How do we know it looks like this? (III)

USE OUR MACHINERY

$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2}$   $\rightarrow$  DNE WHEN  $x=0$   
 $f$  HAS SINGLE CRITICAL POINT

$f''(x) = -\frac{(-2)}{x^3} = \frac{2}{x^3}$   $\rightarrow$  DNE WHEN  $x=0$

$f$  HAS SINGLE CRIT

INTERVAL	$f'$	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, 0)$	$< 0$		DECREASING
$(0, \infty)$	$< 0$		DECREASING

INTERVAL	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, 0)$	$< 0$	C D
$(0, \infty)$	$> 0$	C U

WHAT ABOUT FINDING THE

ASYMPTOTES!?

## DEFINITION

$$\text{IF } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \pm \infty$$

$$\text{OR } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \pm \infty$$

USUALLY  
HAPPENS WHEN  
DENOMINATOR VANISHES  
AT  $a$

IV

THEN WE SAY THE LINE  $x=a$  IS A  
VERTICAL ASYMPTOTE OF  $f$

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

THEN WE SAY  $f$  HAS A HORIZONTAL  
ASYMPTOTE  $y=L$  AT  $+\infty$

$$\text{SIMILARLY, IF } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = M$$

THEN WE SAY  $f$  HAS A HORIZONTAL  
ASYMPTOTE  $y=M$  AT  $-\infty$

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

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

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

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

EXACTLY WHAT WE SUSPECTED

RECALL

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = L$  IF WE CAN MAKE  $f(x)$

AS CLOSE AS WE LIKE TO  $L$  BY

REQUIRING  $x$  TO BE SUFFICIENTLY CLOSE TO

BUT STRICTLY LARGER THAN  $a$

(THINK  $x = a + 0.000000000000 \dots 00001$ )

SO  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = +\infty$  IF CAN MAKE

$f(x)$  AS BIG AS WE LIKE (AKA

AS CLOSE AS WE LIKE TO  $+\infty$ ) BY  $10^{100}$

SIMILARLY  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = -\infty$  IF CAN

MAKE  $f(x)$  AS SMALL AS WE LIKE BY  $10^{100}$

(AKA AS CLOSE AS WE LIKE TO  $-\infty$ )

LASTLY

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = L$  IF WE CAN MAKE  $f(x)$

AS CLOSE AS WE LIKE TO  $L$  BY

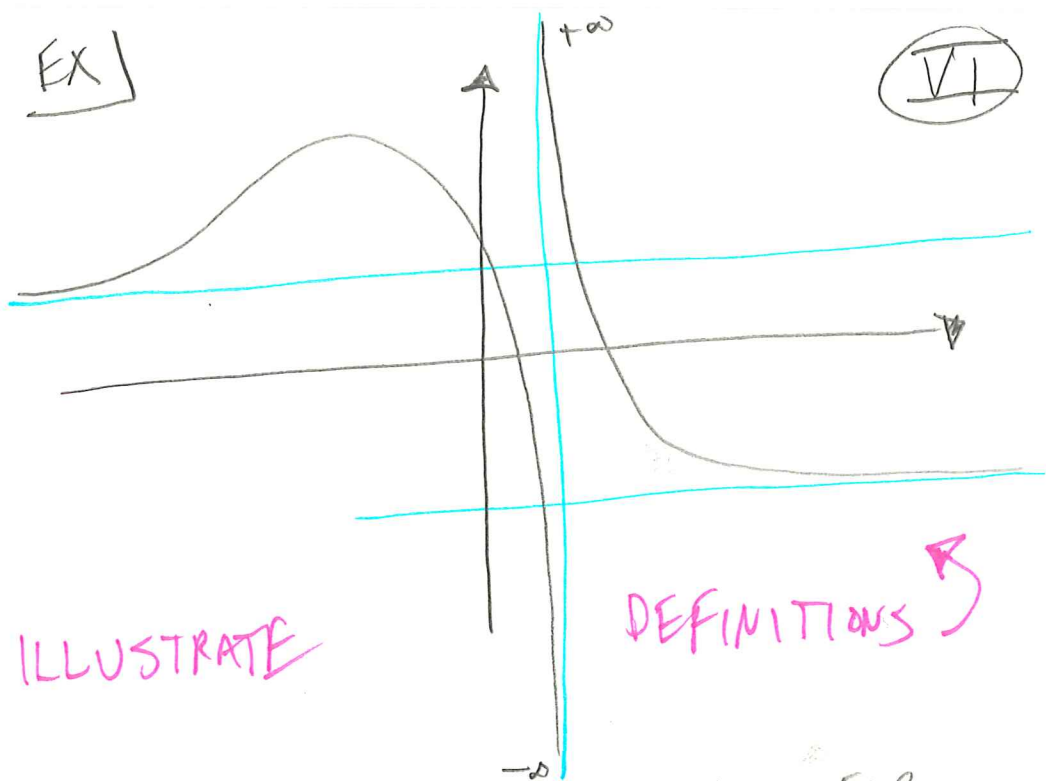
REQUIRING  $x$  TO BE LARGER THAN SOME

HUGE POSITIVE NUMBER (SMALLER

THAN SOME TINY NEGATIVE NUMBER FOR  $-\infty$ )

EX

VI



ILLUSTRATE

DEFINITIONS

TYPICALLY, ONLY NEED TO DO THIS FOR POLYNOMIAL FRACTIONS (IN THIS COURSE)

THM IF  $r > 0$  IS A RATIONAL NUMBER

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

IF  $r < 0$  IS A RATIONAL NUMBER

FOR WHICH  $x^r$  IS DEFINED FOR ALL  $x$

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

WHY EXTRA CONDITION!?

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

VII

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^3 (5 + \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3})}{x^4 (1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^4})}$

LET  $h(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^4}$  &  $g(x) = \frac{(5 + \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3})}{(1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^4})}$

THEN  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} h(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( \frac{5 + \frac{3}{x} - \frac{2}{x^3}}{1 - \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^4}} \right) = 5$

SINCE BOTH EXIST CAN USE LIMIT RULE

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} h(x) \right) \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} g(x) \right)$   
 $= 0 \cdot 5 = 0$

CAN USE LIMIT RULES BUT HAVE TO BE CAREFUL

$\hookrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = +\infty$  IS SHORTHAND FOR

THE LIMIT ONE BUT GROWS ARBITRARILY LARGE  
 $+\infty$  IS NOT A NUMBER!

# GRAPHING A FUNCTION f

VIII

- FIND DOMAIN OF DEFINITION
- FIND  $f'$  &  $f''$  & GET ALL INFO YOU CAN OUT OF THEM
- LOCATE VERTICAL & HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTES
- FIND x & y INTERCEPTS

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$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 5x + 1}{x^2} = 1 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}$$

DOMAIN: REAL LINE EXCEPT  $x=0$

DERIVATIVES:

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

$$f''(x) = \frac{10}{x^3} + \frac{6}{x^4} = \frac{(10x+6)}{x^4}$$

EASIER TO TELL SIGN vs COMPUT






CRIT POINTS :  $x=0$      $x = -\frac{2}{5}$

(IX)

POSSIBLE INFLECTION  
POINTS :  $x=0$      $x = -\frac{6}{10} = -\frac{3}{5}$

INTERVAL	$f'$	$f$
$(-\infty, -\frac{2}{5})$	$< 0$	$\downarrow$
$(-\frac{2}{5}, 0)$	$> 0$	$\uparrow$
$(0, +\infty)$	$< 0$	$\downarrow$

INTERVAL	$f''$	$f$
$(-\infty, -\frac{3}{5})$	$< 0$	
$(-\frac{3}{5}, 0)$	$> 0$	
$(0, +\infty)$	$> 0$	

LOCAL MIN AT  $-\frac{2}{5}$ , INFLECTION POINT  
AT  $-\frac{3}{5}$

# ASYMPTOTES



CHECK WHERE DENOMINATOR VANISHES

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) &= +\infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) &= +\infty \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{VERTICAL} \\ \text{ASYMPTOTE} \end{array}$$

DIDN'T HAVE TO BE SAME

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) &= 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) &= 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \begin{array}{l} \text{HORIZONTAL} \\ \text{ASYMPTOTE} \end{array}$$

## INTERCEPTS

$$x^2 + 5x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2} \rightarrow \begin{array}{l} -4.8 \\ -0.2 \end{array}$$

