

§4.4. Graphing functions

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Graphing guidelines:

1. Domain
2. Symmetry
3. f' , f''
4. critical points, IP
5. Interval: Increase/Decrease, CU/CD
6. Ext. values, IP
7. Asymptotes
8. Intercepts
9. Graphing

eg 1. $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - 400x$ (1) Graph $y = f(x)$. 2.

Sol. 1. Domain: $(-\infty, \infty)$

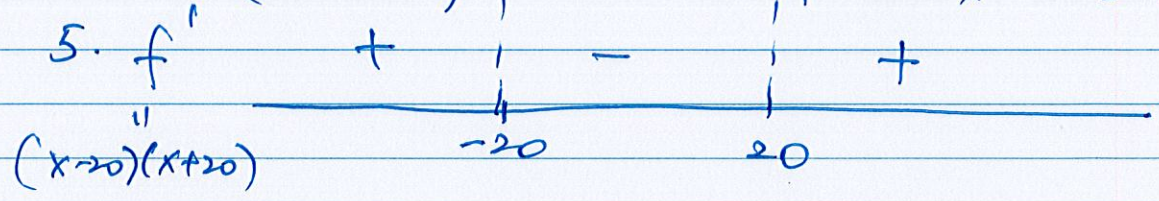
2. Symmetry: $f(-x) = -f(x)$, odd func
Sym. about origin.

3. $f' = x^2 - 400$ (2)

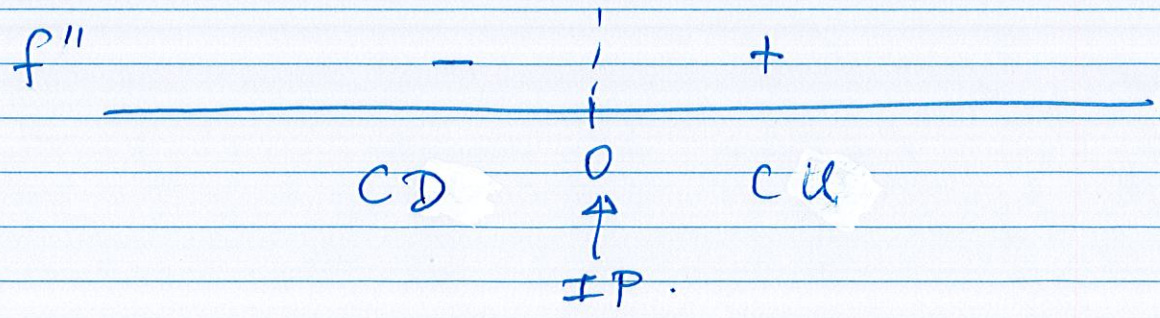
$f'' = 2x$ (3)

4. • Critical points: $0 = f' = x^2 - 400$

• (Potential) IP: $0 = f'' = 2x \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = \pm 20$



Increasing interval: $(-\infty, -20), (20, \infty)$
Decreasing interval: $(-20, 20)$



6. Ext. values : $x = -20$, $f'' < 0$, local max
 $x = 20$, $f'' > 0$, local min.
 (2nd Der Test)

IP : $x = 0$: f change from CD
 to CU
 $x = 0$ is IP

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \left(\frac{x^2}{3} - 400 \right) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \left(\frac{x^2}{3} - 400 \right) = -\infty$$

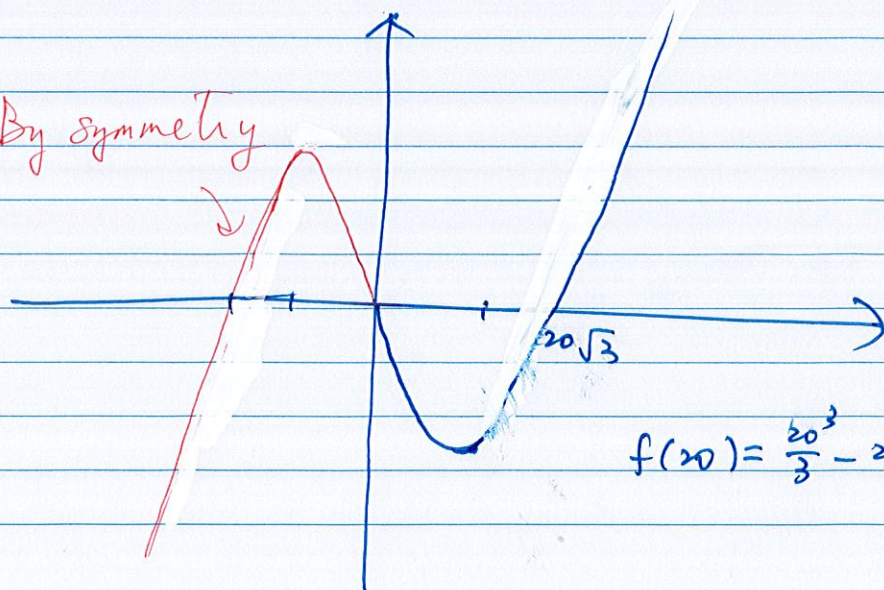
No HA, No VA.

8. Intrecepts : $y = 0 \Leftrightarrow x \left(\frac{x^2}{3} - 400 \right) = 0$
 $\Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \pm \sqrt{1200}$

x-intercept : $0, 20\sqrt{3}, -20\sqrt{3}$

9.

By symmetry



$$f(20) = \frac{20^3}{3} - 20^3 = -\frac{2}{3} \cdot 20^3$$

eg 2. Graph $y = f(x) = \frac{10x^3}{x^2-1}$ (1) 4.

Sol. 1. Domain: $x \neq \pm 1$ ($x^2 - 1 \neq 0$)

2. Symmetry: $f(-x) = \frac{10(-x)^3}{(-x)^2-1} = \frac{-10x^3}{x^2-1}$
 $= -f(x)$

odd function

Sym. about origin.

3. Deriv.: $f' = \frac{(x^2-1)(30x^2) - 10x^3(2x)}{(x^2-1)^2}$
 $= \frac{10x^4 - 20x^2}{(x^2-1)^2} = \frac{10x^2(x^2-3)}{(x^2-1)^2}$ (2)

$$f'' = \frac{(x^2-1)^2(40x^3-60x) - (10x^4-20x^2)2(x^2-1)(2x)}{(x^2-1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{(x^2-1)\{40x^3-60x(x^2-1) - (10x^4-20x^2)(4x)\}}{(x^2-1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(x^2-1)^3} \{40x^3 - 100x^3 + 60x - (40x^5 - 120x^3)\}$$

$$20x^3 + 60x$$

$$= \frac{20x(x^2+1)}{(x^2-1)^3}$$

(3)

4. Critical points: $0 = f' \Leftrightarrow 10x^2(x^2-3) = 0$ 5.
 $\Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } \pm\sqrt{3}$
 possible IP: $0 = f'' \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
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5. Inc/Dec, Concavity:

f'	+		-		-		+
$\frac{10x^2(x-3)(x+3)}{(x-1)^2}$	inc	$-\sqrt{3}$	Dec	0	dec	$\sqrt{3}$	inc

f''	-		+		-		+
$\frac{20x(x^2+1)^2}{(x^2-1)^3}$	CD	$-\sqrt{3}$	CU	0	CD	$\sqrt{3}$	CU
			IP				
$\frac{20x''(x^2+1)^2}{(x-1)^3(x+1)^3}$							

6. 2nd Der Test $\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3}$ local min
 $x = -\sqrt{3}$ " max
 (Inconclusive for $x = 0$)

(st ... $\Rightarrow x = 0$ neither max nor min)

$$\text{IP} : x=0$$

7. Asymp:

$$\text{HA} : f = \frac{10x^3}{x^2-1} = \frac{10x^3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}}{(x^2-1) \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{10x}{1-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10x}{1-\frac{1}{x^2}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1-\frac{1}{x^2}} \rightarrow \frac{1}{1-0} \right)$$

$$= \infty$$

as $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f = -\infty$$

No HA.

$$\text{VA} : x^2-1=0 \Leftrightarrow x=\pm 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^-} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^-} \frac{10x^3}{(x-1)(x+1)} = -\infty \quad (4)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^+} f = \lim_{x \rightarrow (-1)^+} \frac{10x^3}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \infty \quad (5)$$

$$\left(\begin{array}{l} \text{By sym} \\ \text{at } 0 \end{array} \right. \left. \begin{array}{l} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f = \infty \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f = -\infty \end{array} \right)$$

Slant Asy: $\frac{x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x + 0}{x^2 + 0 - x}$

(SA)

7.

$$\therefore \frac{x^3}{x^2-1} = x + \frac{x}{x^2-1} \Rightarrow \frac{10x^3}{x^2-1} = 10x + \frac{10x}{x^2-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{10x^3}{x^2-1} - 10x \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{10x}{x^2-1} = 0$$

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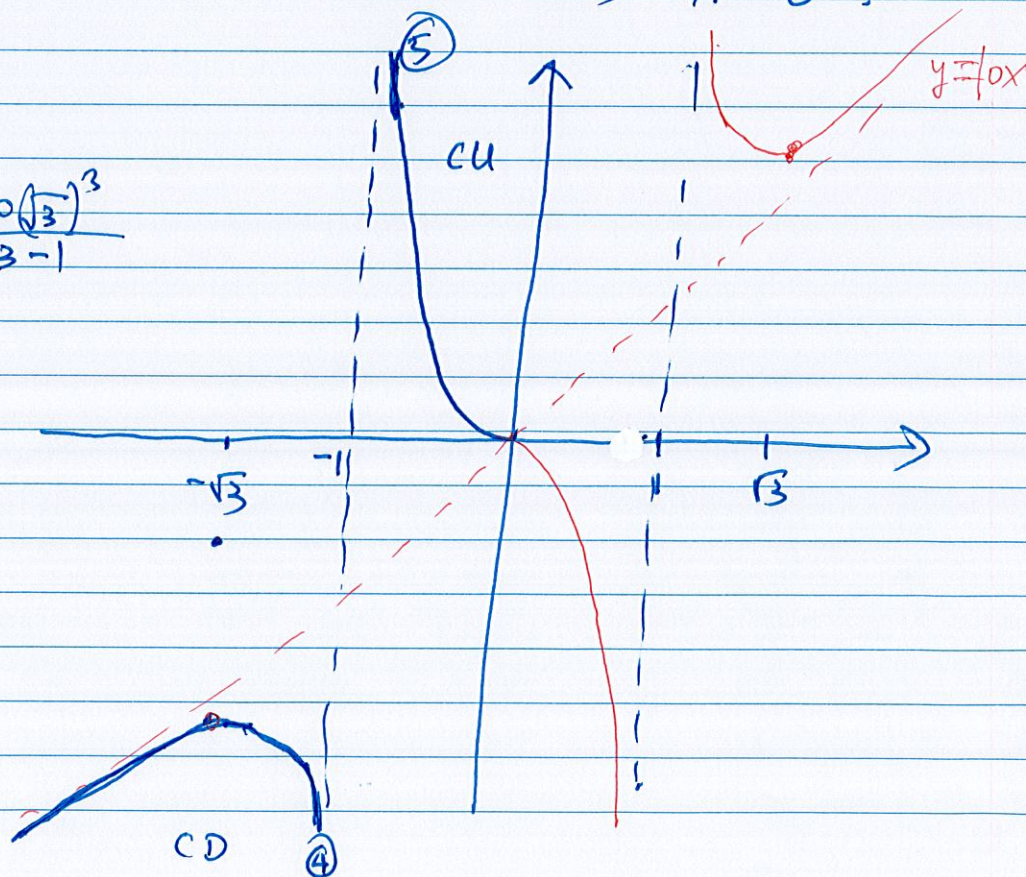
$\therefore y=10x$ is SA

8. Intercepts : $y=0 \Leftrightarrow f(x)=0$

$$\Leftrightarrow x=0$$

9.

$$f(-\sqrt{3}) = \frac{-10(\sqrt{3})^3}{3-1}$$



eg 3. Which of the following has slant asymptote? 2.

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

b) $y = \frac{x^3}{x^3-1}$

c) $y = \frac{x^5}{x^4+2x}$

Ans : Slant asymptote ^{for rational function} occurs when
 $\text{deg}(\text{denominator}) = \text{deg}(\text{Num}) + 1$

\therefore (a) and (c) have slant asymptote.