

Lecture Notes on Derivatives and Curve Sketching

The derivative $f'(x)$ of the function $f(x)$:
$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

(for all x for which f is differentiable the limit exists)

Property: if f is differentiable at x , then f is continuous at x

(“continuity is a condition for differentiability”)

Power rule (derivatives of powers of x can be found using the definition above, $n \neq 0$):

$f(x)$	x	x^2	x^3	$\frac{1}{x} = x^{-1}$	$\frac{1}{x^2} = x^{-2}$	$\sqrt{x} = x^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$\sqrt[3]{x} = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$
$f'(x)$	1	$2x$	$3x^2$	$-x^{-2} = -\frac{1}{x^2}$	$-2x^{-3} = -\frac{2}{x^3}$	$\frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$	$\frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

In general: $f(x) = x^n \Rightarrow f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$

Differentiation rules:

Function	Derivative	Short notations	
$f(x) = c$	$f'(x) = 0$		
$cf(x)$	$\frac{d}{dx}[cf(x)] = c \frac{d}{dx}f(x)$	$(cf)' = cf'$	
$f(x) + g(x)$ $f(x) - g(x)$	$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) + g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) + \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$ $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) - g(x)] = \frac{d}{dx}f(x) - \frac{d}{dx}g(x)$	$(f \pm g)' = f' \pm g'$	Addition rule
$f(x)g(x)$	$\frac{d}{dx}[f(x)g(x)] = f'(x)g(x) + f(x)g'(x)$	$(fg)' = f'g + fg'$	Product rule
$\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$	$\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$	$\left(\frac{f}{g} \right)' = \frac{f'g - fg'}{g^2}$	Quotient rule

Examples for $f(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$ and $g(x) = x^3 + 4$,
 then $f'(x) = 2 \frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{x} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ and $g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} x^3 + \frac{d}{dx} 4 = 3x^2 + 0$
 $\frac{d}{dx}[f(x) \pm g(x)] = f'(x) \pm g'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \pm 3x^2$
 $\frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{f'(x)g(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \times (x^3 + 4) - 2\sqrt{x} \times 3x^2}{(x^3 + 4)^2} = \frac{4 - x^3}{(x^3 + 4)^2 \sqrt{x}}$

Derivatives of common functions

and some examples

$f(x) = c$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = 0$
$f(x) = x^n$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$
$f(x) = e^x$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = e^x$
$f(x) = \ln(x)$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
$f(x) = \sin(x)$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = \cos(x)$
$f(x) = \cos(x)$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = -\sin(x)$
$f(x) = \tan(x)$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$
$f(x) = a^x$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = a^x \ln(a)$
$f(x) = \log_a(x)$	\Rightarrow	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$

$f(x) = x^4 \sqrt[3]{x} \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^{\frac{13}{3}}) = \frac{13}{3} x^{\frac{10}{3}} = \frac{13}{3} x^3 \sqrt[3]{x}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (x \cos(x)) = 1 \times \cos(x) + x \times -\sin(x) = \cos(x) - x \sin(x)$
$f(x) = \tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \Rightarrow$ (quotient rule) $f'(x) = \frac{\cos x \times \cos x - \sin x \times -\sin x}{(\cos x)^2} = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$
$\frac{d}{dx} (2^x) = 2^x \ln(2)$ and $\frac{d}{dx} \log_2(x) = \frac{1}{x \ln(2)}$

The chain rule for composite functions $f \circ g(x) = f(g(x))$: $\frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x)$

Or: in the Leibnitz notation for $u = g(x)$ and $v = f(u)$:

$$\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{dv}{du} \frac{du}{dx}$$

Note that $\frac{dv}{du} = f'(u) = f'(g(x))$ and $\frac{du}{dx} = g'(x)$

Some examples of applying the chain rule:

- If $k(x) = \sin^2 x$, then $k(x)$ has the form $f(g(x)) = (\sin x)^2$, where $g(x) = \sin x$ and $f(u) = u^2$. Since $g'(x) = \cos x$ and $f'(u) = 2u$, $k'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[f(g(x))] = f'(g(x))g'(x) = 2 \sin x \times \cos x$
- If $f(x) = e^{x^2-5x+7} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{x^2-5x+7} \times \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - 5x + 7) = (2x - 5)e^{x^2-5x+7}$, since $\frac{d}{du} e^u = e^u$
- If $k(y) = \frac{1}{\ln(y)+y^5}$, we have $k(y) = (\ln(y) + y^5)^{-1} = f(g(y))$, with $g(y) = \ln(y) + y^5$ and $f(u) = u^{-1}$. Since $f'(u) = -u^{-2}$ and $g'(y) = \frac{1}{y} + 5y^4$.

it follows $k'(y) = -(\ln(y) + y^5)^{-2} \left(\frac{1}{y} + 5y^4\right) = -\frac{\frac{1}{y} + 5y^4}{(\ln(y)+y^5)^2} = -\frac{1+5y^5}{y(\ln(y)+y^5)^2}$

- If we have $m(x) = \sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7} + 9}$, we can choose different approaches:

1. $m(x) = \sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7} + 9}$ is of the form $f(g(x))$, where $f(y) = \sqrt{y}$ and $g(x) = e^{x^2-5x+7} + 9$:

Since $f'(y) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{y}}$ and $g'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}[e^{x^2-5x+7}] = (2x - 5)e^{x^2-5x+7}$ (found above using the chain

rule!):
$$m'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7}+9}} \times (2x - 5)e^{x^2-5x+7} = \frac{(2x-5)e^{x^2-5x+7}}{2\sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7}+9}}$$

2. $m(x) = \sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7} + 9}$ is of the form $f(g[h(x)])$, where $f(u) = \sqrt{u}$ and $g(y) = e^y + 9$ and $h(x) = x^2 - 5x + 7$. Chain rule for $f \circ g \circ h$ with $f'(u) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{u}}$, $g'(y) = e^y$ and $h'(x) = 2x - 5$:

$$m'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}f(g[h(x)]) = f'(g[h(x)])g'[h(x)]h'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{e^{x^2-5x+7}+9}} \times e^{x^2-5x+7} \times (2x - 5)$$

Applications of the chain rule: 1. extended power rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[g(x)]^n = n[g(x)]^{n-1}g'(x)$

2. $\frac{d}{dx} a^x = \frac{d}{dx} e^{\ln a^x} = \frac{d}{dx} e^{x \ln a} = e^{x \ln a} \ln a$

So, if $f(x) = a^x$, then $f'(x) = a^x \ln(a)$

Maxima and minima: extreme values $f(c)$ of f at c :

- $f(c)$ is an **absolute** maximum if $f(x) \leq f(c)$ for all x in D_f
- $f(c)$ is an **absolute** minimum if $f(x) \geq f(c)$ for all x in D_f
- The maximum or minimum is **local** if the above is only true for “ x near c ”, not for all x in D_f .

The Extreme Value Theorem: If $f(x)$ is **continuous at a closed interval** $[a, b]$, then f attains an absolute maximum and absolute minimum at $[a, b]$.

Fermat’s theorem: if f has a **local maximum** or **minimum** at c and f is differentiable at c , then $f'(c) = 0$.

Definition: c is called a **critical value** of a function f if $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c)$ does not exist.

The closed interval method: finding extreme values of a continuous function on a closed interval $[a, b]$:

1. Compute $f(c)$ for all critical numbers c of f within the interval.
2. Compute $f(a)$ and $f(b)$.
3. The largest and the smallest of the function values at 1. and 2. are the absolute maximum and minimum

Example - applying the closed interval method on $f(x) = x^4 - 16x^2$ on the interval $[-1, 5]$:

Note that f meets the condition of continuity on the interval (f is continuous on \mathbb{R}).

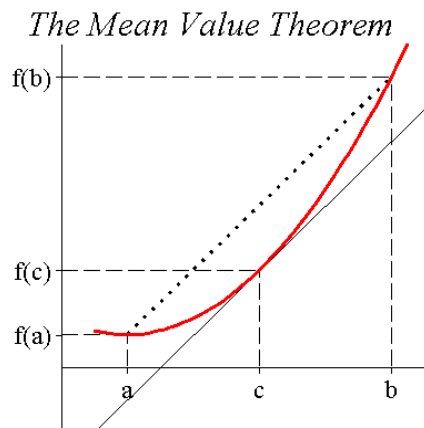
1. For the critical values $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 32x = 4x(x^2 - 8) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or $x = 2\sqrt{2}$ or $x = -2\sqrt{2}$
 $-2\sqrt{2}$ is outside the interval, so we compute $f(0) = 0$ and $f(2\sqrt{2}) = -80$
2. For the interval boundaries we find: $f(-1) = -15$ and $f(5) = 225$
3. On the interval $[-1, 5]$ is $f(5) = 225$ the absolute maximum and $f(2\sqrt{2}) = -80$ the absolute minimum

The Mean Value Theorem:

If 1. f is continuous on $[a, b]$ and

2. f is differentiable on (a, b) ,

then: there is a c in (a, b) such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$



Example – applying the Mean Value Theorem on the function $f(x) = x^2$, using the interval $[0, 3]$.

Of course, f is continuous and differentiable on $[0, 3]$.

According to the Mean Value Theorem, there must be a value of c between 0 and 3 such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a} = \frac{3^2-0^2}{3-0} = 3. \text{ Since } f'(c) = 2c, \text{ there is such a } c: c = 1.5$$

Note: for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ and the interval $[-1, 1]$ the points $(-1, -1)$ and $(1, 1)$ have a line with slope $+1$, but there is no c such that $f'(c) = +1$ (since $f'(x) < 0$ for all $x \neq 0$), due to the fact that f is discontinuous at 0!

Tests to describe the shape (“behaviour”) of the graph of the function:

The increasing/decreasing test:

If for all x in an interval I: $- f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is an **increasing** function on I

$- f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ is a **decreasing** function on I

The first derivative test:

If, for a critical value c , $f'(c) = 0$ and f' changes from positive to negative at c , then $f(c)$ is a local maximum, and $f(c)$ is a local minimum, if f' changes from negative to positive at c .

Note: $f'(c) = 0$ implies that f is continuous at $x = c$ and $f(c)$ is defined.

The concavity test If for x on an interval I: $- f''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is **concave upward (CU)** on I

$- f''(x) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ is **concave downward (CD)** on I

Note: The graph of $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ is a parabola: $f'(x) = 2ax + b$ and $f''(x) = 2a$

The parabola is opening upward/concave upward if $a > 0$ and opening/concave downward if $a < 0$.

The second derivative test: for continuous f'' near c

- If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ has a local maximum at c .

- If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ has a local minimum at c .

Example: consider the function $f(x) = x^4 - 16x^2$ again, now on $\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$

We found the critical values $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 32x = 4x(x^2 - 8) = 4x(x - \sqrt{8})(x + \sqrt{8})$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ or } x = -2\sqrt{2}$$

The increasing/decreasing test: $f'(x) > 0$ if $x > 2\sqrt{2}$ or if $-2\sqrt{2} < x < 0$

and: $f'(x) < 0$ if $x < -2\sqrt{2}$ or if $0 < x < 2\sqrt{2}$

The first derivative test: $f'(x)$ changes from positive to negative at $x = 0$ and from negative to positive at $x = -2\sqrt{2}$ and $x = 2\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow f$ has a local maximum $f(0) = 0$ at $x = 0$ and

$$\text{local minima } f(\sqrt{8}) = f(-\sqrt{8}) = -64 \text{ at } x = 2\sqrt{2} \text{ and } x = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 32 \Rightarrow f \text{ is concave upward if } f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > \sqrt{\frac{32}{12}} \text{ or } x < -\sqrt{\frac{32}{12}}$$

The second derivative test (confirming the results of the 1st derivative test!):

$$f''(0) = -32 < 0 \Rightarrow f \text{ has a local maximum at } 0$$

$$\text{and } f''(\sqrt{8}) = f''(-\sqrt{8}) = 64 > 0, \text{ so } f \text{ has a local minima at } 2\sqrt{2} \text{ and } -2\sqrt{2} .$$

L' Hopital's Rule, an additional method for solving **indeterminate limits** (form $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$):

$$\text{If } f(x) \text{ and } g(x) \text{ are differentiable at } a, \text{ then: } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

How and when to apply L' Hopital's Rule:

1. This rule is also valid for limits at infinity ($x \rightarrow \pm\infty$)
2. Solving limits of form $0 \times \infty$, using L' Hopital's Rule: $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{1/g(x)}$ (now of form $\frac{0}{0}$)
3. Only apply the rule if other methods (direct substitution, factoring, root trick) do not work.

Some applications of L' Hopital's Rule

- Form $\frac{0}{0}$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sin x)'}{(x)'} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{1} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$
- Form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{e^x} = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6x}{e^x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{6}{e^x} = 0$
In general: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\text{polynomial}}{e^x} = 0$
- Form $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1/x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$. **In general:** $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{\text{polynomial}} = 0$
- Form $0 \times \infty$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin \frac{1}{x}}{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-\frac{1}{x^2} \cos \frac{1}{x}}{-\frac{1}{x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cos \frac{1}{x} = \cos 0 = 1$
- Form $0 \times \infty$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x e^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{e^{-x}} = (\text{substitute } y = -x) \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} -\frac{y}{e^y} = 0$

Reviewing the Methods of limit solving (a summary including L'Hopital):

1. Always try first **substitution: the substitution rule** can be applied to every function that is continuous on its domain.
2. If substitution leads to the form $\frac{c \neq 0}{0}$, we have a vertical asymptote: find the left and the right hand limit, by **reasoning** (∞ or $-\infty$)

If substitution leads to the **indeterminate** form $\frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ or $0 \times \infty$ or $\infty - \infty$, try:

3. **Factoring**, especially for rational functions or
4. **The root trick** for function with roots.
5. Limits at infinity of rational functions: **divide by the largest power of x in the denominator**.
(for quotients of exponential functions: divide by the highest power of e^x or a^x in the denominator).
6. **L'Hopital's Rule**.
7. **The Squeeze Theorem**. For special cases such as functions of $\cos(x)$ and $\sin(x)$ (use $-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$)

Curve Sketching: an extensive investigation of the curve of f should always cover the following 6 steps:

1. The **domain** D_f of the function f .

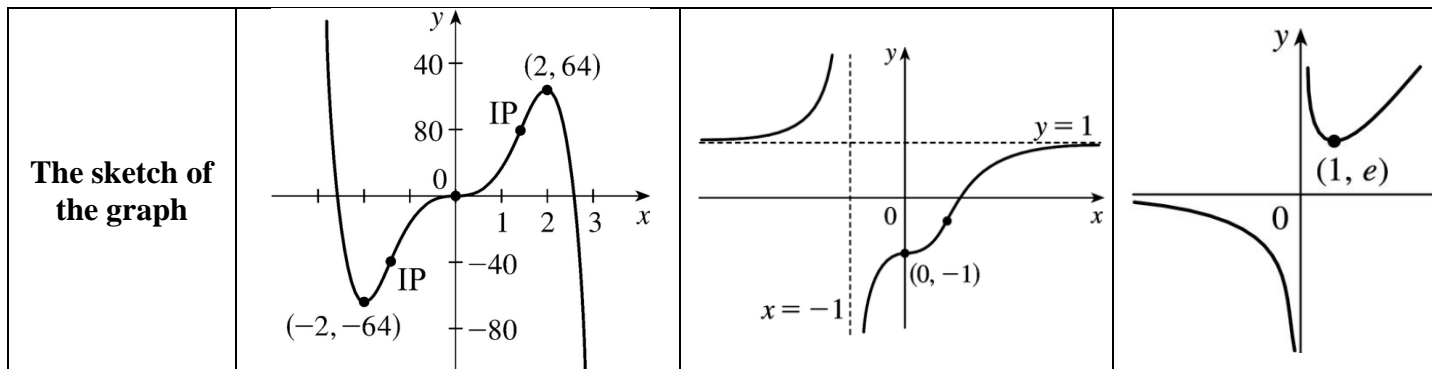
- The **x-intercepts**: roots of the equation $f(x) = 0$, and the **y-intercept** $f(0)$.
- Is f **even** ($f(-x) = f(x) \rightarrow$ the graph can be reflected about the y-axis), **odd** ($f(-x) = -f(x) \rightarrow$ reflection about the origin) or **periodic** (state the period)?
- Find the equations of the asymptotes:

Vertical asymptotes (VA) $x = a$: e.g. $\ln(x)$ at $x = 0$, $\tan x$ at $\frac{1}{2}\pi$ or rational functions if $f(a)$ has form $\frac{c \neq 0}{0}$: find in that case both $\lim_{x \downarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \uparrow a} f(x)$ (reason if it is ∞ or $-\infty$)

Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$: **horizontal asymptotes (HA)** $y = L$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$

- Compute the derivative $f'(x)$
 - Solve $f'(x) = 0$ and give all critical values, including the values for which f is not defined.
 - Use the sign scheme of $f'(x)$ or the **second derivative test** to find all **local and absolute minima and maxima (extremes)**: do not forget to take all critical values (eg VA) into account.
- Compute the **second derivative** $f''(x)$ and find the **Inflection Points (IP)**: points c where the graph of f changes from upward to downward concavity, or reverse. These inflection points can be found by:
 - Solving $f''(x) = 0$
 - Making a sign scheme of $f''(x)$:
if the sign changes at $x = a$ and $f(a)$ exists, $(a, f(a))$ is an inflection point of f .

Function (3 examples)	$f(x) = 20x^3 - 3x^5$	$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 1}{x^3 + 1}$	$f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$
1. Domain	$D = \mathbb{R}$	$D = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1\} = (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$	$D = (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
2. Intercepts	y-intercept: $f(0) = 0$ $20x^3 - 3x^5 = x^3(20 - 3x^2) = 0$ \Leftrightarrow x-intercepts $0, \sqrt{\frac{20}{3}}$ or $-\sqrt{\frac{20}{3}}$	y-intercept: $f(0) = -1$ $f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^3 = 1 \Leftrightarrow$ $x = 1$ is the x-intercept	No y-intercept and no x-intercept
3. Even/odd/ periodic	$f(-x) = -20x^3 + 3x^5$ $= -f(x) \Rightarrow$ the graph can be reflected about the origin	$f(-x) = \frac{-x^3 - 1}{-x^3 + 1}$ f is even nor odd.	$f(-x) = -\frac{e^{-x}}{x}$ f is even nor odd
4. Asymp- totes	No asymptotes: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^3(20 - 3x^2) = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^3(20 - 3x^2) = +\infty$	HA $y=1$: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3-1}{x^3+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-\frac{1}{x^3}}{1+\frac{1}{x^3}} = 1$ VA $x = -1$: $\lim_{x \downarrow -1} \frac{x^3-1}{x^3+1} = -\infty$ and $\lim_{x \uparrow -1} \frac{x^3-1}{x^3+1} = \infty$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{1} = \infty$ $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow$ HA $y = 0$ VA $x = 0$: $\lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{e^x}{x} = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \uparrow 0} \frac{e^x}{x} = -\infty$
5. $f'(x)$ and Extreme values	$f'(x) = 60x^2 - 15x^4$ $= 15x^2(2 - x)(2 + x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ $x = 0$ or $x = 2$ or $x = -2$ f is increasing on $(-2, 0)$ and $(0, 2)$ and decreasing if $x < -2$ or $x > 2 \Rightarrow$ Abs. and local max. $f(2) = 64$ and abs. and local min. $f(-2) = -64$	$f'(x) = \frac{3x^2(x^3+1) - (x^3-1)3x^2}{(x^3+1)^2}$ $= \frac{6x^2}{(x^3+1)^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ No sign change of f' at $x = 0$ or at the second critical point $x = -1$. No (absolute or local) extreme values	$f'(x) = \frac{e^x x - e^x}{x^2}$ $= \frac{e^x(x-1)}{x^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow$ $x = 1$, where f' changes sign: f is increasing for $x > 1$ and decreasing for $x < 1 \Rightarrow$ local min $f(1) = e$
6. $f''(x)$ and Inflection Points (IP)	$f''(x) = 120x - 60x^3$ $= 60x(\sqrt{2} - x)(\sqrt{2} + x) = 0$ $x = 0$ or $x = \sqrt{2}$ or $x = -\sqrt{2}$ $f''(x)$ changes sign at all 3 values, so the inflection points are $(0, 0)$, $(\sqrt{2}, 28\sqrt{2})$, $(-\sqrt{2}, -28\sqrt{2})$ f is concave upward for $x > \sqrt{2}$ or $\sqrt{2} < x < 0$ and concave downward on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2})$ and $(0, \sqrt{2})$	$f''(x) = \frac{12x(x^3+1)^2 - 6x^2 \times 2 \times (x^3+1) \times 3x^2}{(x^3+1)^4}$ $= \frac{12x - 24x^4}{(x^3+1)^3} = \frac{12x(1-2x^3)}{(x^3+1)^3} = 0$ $\Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or $x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$ $f''(x)$ is changing sign at -1 (VA), 0 and $\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$, so IP $(0, -1)$ and $(\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}, -\frac{1}{3})$ f is CU on $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(0, \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}})$ and CD on $(-1, 0)$ and $(\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}, \infty)$	$f''(x) = \frac{e^x(x^2 - 2x + 2)}{x^3}$ $f''(x) = 0$ has no roots, so no inflection points. $(x^2 - 2x + 2 =$ $(x - 1)^2 + 1 > 0)$ $f''(x) > 0$ CU if $x > 0$ $f''(x) < 0$ CD if $x < 0$



Optimization of a function f

An application of the procedure above is to find all minima and maxima of f on its domain.

Slant asymptotes (an “extra” for the 6 points curve sketching above):

The graph of the function $f(x)$ has a **slant asymptote** $y = mx + b$ if $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x) - (mx + b)] = 0$
 or if $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} [f(x) - (mx + b)] = 0$

Note that rational functions $f(x) = \frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ have a slant asymptote if : degree of $P(x) = 1 +$ degree of $Q(x)$

Example: Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2+12}{x-2}$.

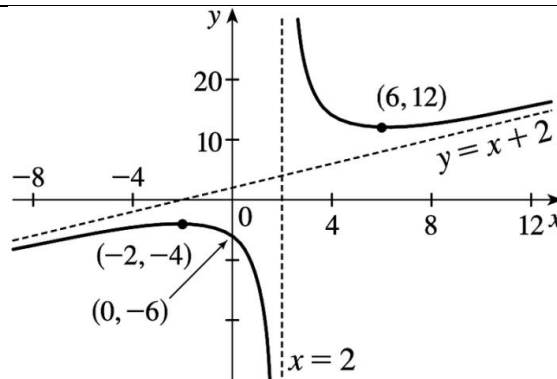
$y = x + 2$ is a **slant asymptote**, since

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x) - (x + 2)] &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^2+12}{x-2} - (x + 2) \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^2+12}{x-2} - \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{16}{x-2} \right] = 0 \end{aligned}$$

For $x \rightarrow -\infty$ we find the same result.

Note that $y = \frac{x^2+12}{x-2} = \frac{x^2-4+4+12}{x-2} = x - 2 + \frac{16}{x-2}$

This form can in general be found by applying “long division”.



To sketch the curve we found furthermore:

- The domain is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{x = 2\}$ and $x = 2$ is a VA: $\lim_{x \downarrow 2} \frac{x^2+12}{x-2} = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \uparrow 2} \frac{x^2+12}{x-2} = -\infty$
- The y-intercept $f(0) = -6$. There is no x-intercept: no solutions for $f(x) = 0$
- $f'(x) = \frac{2x(x-2) - 1(x^2+12)}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{x^2-4x-12}{(x-2)^2} = \frac{(x-6)(x+2)}{(x-2)^2} = 0$ if $x = 6$ or $x = -2$
 f is increasing if $x < -2$ or $x > 6$ and decreasing if $-2 < x < 6$, the asymptote $x = 2$ excluded:
 sign changes of f' at $x = -1$ and 6 : a local maximum $f(-2) = -4$ and a local minimum $f(6) = 12$

Implicit differentiation:

If the relation of y and x is given by an equation (not by a function), find the derivative $y' = \frac{dy}{dx}$ by:

- Differentiating the equation with respect to x .
- Solve y' from the resulting equation.

An example with implicit and explicit differentiation for finding the slope of the tangent line at an arbitrary point (x, y) on the unit circle $x^2 + y^2 = 1$.

Implicit differentiation: $\frac{d}{dx} [x^2 + y^2] = \frac{d}{dx} 1 \Leftrightarrow \frac{d}{dx} x^2 + \frac{d}{dx} y^2 = \frac{d}{dx} 1 \Leftrightarrow 2x + 2y \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

So $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y}$ For the point $\left(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5}\right)$ on the unit circle we find a slope $m = -\frac{3}{4}$ of the tangent line at this point

Explicit differentiation: $x^2 + y^2 = 1 \Leftrightarrow y^2 = 1 - x^2 \Leftrightarrow y = \pm\sqrt{1 - x^2}$ (two functions $y > 0$ or $y < 0$)
 $\Rightarrow (y > 0) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx} [1 - x^2]^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2} [1 - x^2]^{-\frac{1}{2}} \times -2x = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$: for $(\frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5})$ we find $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{3}{4}$

Some applications of Implicit differentiation

- The **derivative of $f(x) = \log_a(x)$** using the rule $\frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \ln(a)$ (see applications of chain rule)
 $y = \log_a(x) \Leftrightarrow x = a^y \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} x = \frac{d}{dx} a^y \Leftrightarrow 1 = a^y \ln(a) \frac{dy}{dx} \Leftrightarrow f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{a^y \ln(a)} = \frac{1}{x \ln(a)}$
- The **derivative of $f(x) = \sin^{-1} x$** : $y = \sin^{-1} x \Leftrightarrow x = \sin y \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} x = \frac{d}{dx} \sin y = \cos y \frac{dy}{dx}$
 $f'(x) = \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\cos y} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-\sin^2 y}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$
 the derivatives of $\cos^{-1} x$ and $\tan^{-1} x$ can be found in a similar way

Derivatives of the inverse trigonometric functions:

$$f(x) = \sin^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

$$f(x) = \cos^{-1}(x) \Rightarrow f'(x) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$$

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

The **anti derivative** of a function, a differentiation technique preparing for integrals (Calculus II):
 $F(x)$ is an anti derivative of the function if $F'(x) = f(x)$.

Since the derivative of a constant c is 0, we can always add an arbitrary constant to $F(x)$:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [F(x) + c] = f(x)$$

Some common functions, their derivatives and anti derivatives (the constants c in F are omitted):

Anti derivative F	Function f	Derivative f'
$F(x) = ax$	$f(x) = a$	$f'(x) = 0$
$F(x) = \frac{1}{n+1}x^{n+1}$	$f(x) = x^n$	$f'(x) = nx^{n-1}$
$F(x) = e^x$	$f(x) = e^x$	$f'(x) = e^x$
$F(x) = x \ln(x) - x$	$f(x) = \ln(x)$	$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
$F(x) = -\cos(x)$	$f(x) = \sin(x)$	$f'(x) = \cos(x)$
$F(x) = \sin(x)$	$f(x) = \cos(x)$	$f'(x) = -\sin(x)$
$F(x) = \tan(x)$	$f(x) = \frac{1}{\cos^2(x)}$	
$F(x) = \frac{a^x}{\ln(a)}$	$f(x) = a^x$	$f'(x) = a^x \ln(a)$

For $f(x) = \ln(|x|)$ the derivative is
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
 for $x < 0$ $f(x) = \ln(-x)$ and
 (chain rule!) $f'(x) = -1 \times \frac{1}{-x} = \frac{1}{x}$,
 So the anti derivative of $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
 on its domain is $F(x) = \ln(|x|)$

Exercises Derivatives Calculus I (Stewart chapter 3 and 4)

- 3.1** Differentiate: **a.** $f(x) = \sqrt{30}$ **b.** $g(x) = 5x - 1$ **c.** $h(x) = 2x^2 - x - 6$ **d.** $y = x^{-2/5}$
e. $f(t) = 6t^{-9}$ **f.** $y = \sqrt[3]{x}$ **g.** $y = \frac{x^2 + 4x + 3}{\sqrt{x}}$ **h.** $f(x) = x^2 e^x$
i. $g(x) = \sqrt{x} e^x$ **j.** $y = \frac{e^x}{x^2}$ **k.** $y = \frac{1}{1+x}$ **l.** $y = \frac{x^3}{1-x^2}$
m. $y = (r^2 - 2r)e^r$ **n.** $f(x) = x - 3\sin(x)$ **o.** $y = \sin(x) + 10 \tan(x)$ **p.** $g(t) = t^3 \cos(t)$
q. $y = \sin(4x)$ **r.** $y = (1 - x^2)^{10}$ **s.** $y = e^{\sqrt{x}}$ **t.** $F(x) = (x^3 + 4x)^7$
u. $F(z) = \sqrt{\frac{z-1}{z+1}}$ **v.** $y = \frac{r}{\sqrt{r^2 + 1}}$ **w.** $y = \tan(\cos x)$ **x.** $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 10)$
y. $f(x) = \sin(\ln x)$ **z.** $f(x) = \ln(\sin^2 x)$

- 3.2** Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve at the given point
a. $y = \sqrt[4]{x}$ at $(1, 1)$ **b.** $y = x^4 + 2e^x$ at $(0, 2)$ **c.** $y = 2xe^x$ at $(0, 0)$

- 3.3** Find the first and the second derivative:
a. $h(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 16x$ **b.** $g(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ **c.** $y = xe^{2x}$ **d.** $h(x) = x^2 \ln(2x)$

- 3.4** Find the points on the curve $y = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ where the tangent line is horizontal.
 At what numbers is f differentiable?

- 3.5** Find out by graphically checking whether f is continuous and differentiable at -1 and at 1 : Sketch the graphs of f and f'

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 - 2x & \text{if } x < -1 \\ x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

- 3.6** Differentiate **a.** $f(x) = 2^x$ **b.** $g(x) = 5^x$ **c.** $h(x) = 2^{\sin(x)}$
3.7 Use the identity $y = e^{\ln(y)}$ to differentiate: **a.** $y = x^x$ **b.** $g(x) = (\cos x)^x$

- 3.8** The reciprocals of \sin , \cos and \tan are defined: $\csc(x) = (\sin x)^{-1}$, $\sec(x) = (\cos x)^{-1}$, $\cot(x) = (\tan x)^{-1}$. Find the derivatives of **a.** $\csc(x)$ **b.** $\sec(x)$ and **c.** $\cot(x)$

- 3.9** Sketch the graph of f on the given domain (use transformations) to find the absolute maximum and the absolute minimum. Check whether f is an increasing or decreasing function on this domain by computing $f'(x)$.
a. $f(x) = 8 - 3x$, $x \geq 1$ **b.** $f(x) = x^2$, $0 \leq x < 2$ **c.** $f(x) = x^2$, $-3 \leq x \leq 2$ **d.** $f(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x}$

- 3.10** Find the critical numbers of the function
a. $f(x) = 5x^2 + 4x$ **b.** $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 24x$ **c.** $g(y) = \frac{y-1}{y^2 - y + 1}$ **d.** $f(x) = x^2 e^{-3x}$

- 3.11** Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum on the given interval
a. $f(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 5$, $[0, 3]$ **b.** $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 1$, $[-2, 3]$
c. $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$, $[0, 2]$ **d.** $f(x) = x - \ln(x)$, $[1/2, 2]$

- 3.12** Verify that the function f satisfies the conditions of the Mean Value Theorem on the interval $[-1, 1]$ and find all numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem: $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 5$

- 3.13** Find the limit using L'Hospital's Rule, but only if a more elementary method is not possible.

- a.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2}$ **b.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^9 - 1}{x^5 - 1}$ **c.** $\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3t} - 1}{t}$ **d.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{\sqrt{x}}$
e. $\lim_{x \downarrow 0} \frac{\ln(x)}{x}$ **f.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}{\sqrt{2x^2 + 1}}$ **g.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x^2 e^x$ **h.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x} \ln(x)$
i. $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (xe^{1/x} - x)$ **j.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x)}{x}$ **k.** $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(x)}{x}$

- 3.14** In general $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^n}{e^x} = 0$ is true for all integer $n > 0$ Proof it for $n = 3$ using L'Hospital's Rule
 In general $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^n} = 0$ is true for all $n > 0$ Proof it for $n = 1/2$ using L'Hospital's Rule

- 3.15** **a.** Show that $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1}$ has a slant asymptote $y = x$
b. Show that $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 4x}$ has two slant asymptotes: $y = x + 2$ and $y = -x - 2$

- 3.16** Find the anti derivative (Check the correctness of the anti derivative by differentiating it!):
a. $f(x) = x^5$ **b.** $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x + 8$ **c.** $f(x) = x^3 \sqrt{x^2}$ **d.** $f(x) = \sin(x) + \cos(4x)$
e. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$ **f.** $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x}$ **g.** $f(x) = e^{-3x}$ **h.** $f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 1}$

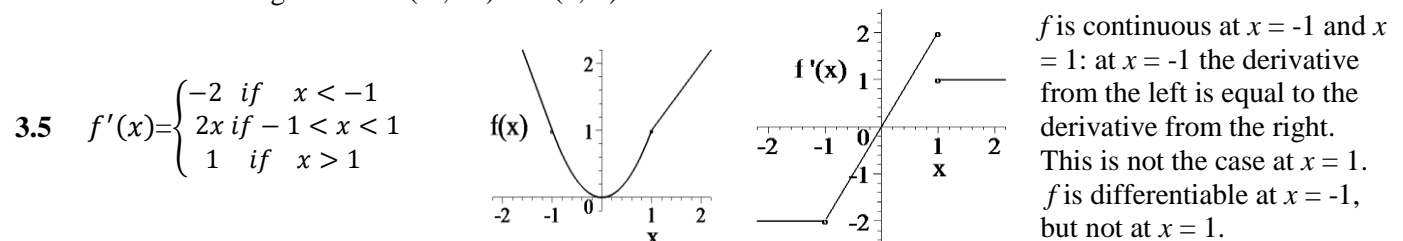
- 3.17** Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ using implicit differentiation: **a.** $x^3 + y^3 = 1$ **b.** $xe^y = x - y$

- 3.18** Sketch the graph of the following functions after investigating them: find
1. The domain, **2. x- and y-intercept,** **3. Even/odd/periodic,**
4. Vertical and horizontal asymptotes **5. Derivative and all extreme values**
6. 2nd Derivative and inflection points (Slant asymptotes are "extra")

a. $y = x^4 + 4x^3$	b. $y = \frac{x}{x-1}$	c. $y = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 3}$	d. $y = x\sqrt{5-x}$
e. $y = 8x^2 - x^4$	f. $y = \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2}$	g. $f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2+\sin x}$ $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$	h. $g(x) = \ln(4-x^2)$
			i. $f(x) = xe^x$

Answers exercises derivatives:

- 3.1** a. $f'(x) = 0$ b. $f'(x) = 5$ c. $h'(x) = 4x - 1$ d. $y' = -\frac{2}{5}x^{-7/5}$
e. $f'(t) = -54t^{-10}$ f. $y' = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$ g. $y' = \frac{3}{2}\sqrt{x} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{3}{2x\sqrt{x}}$ h. $f'(x) = (2x + x^2)e^x$
i. $g'(x) = (\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \sqrt{x})e^x$ j. $y' = \frac{(x-2)e^x}{x^3}$ k. $y' = \frac{xe^x}{(1+x)^2}$ l. $y' = \frac{3x^2 - x^4}{(1-x^2)^2}$
m. $y' = (r^2 - 2)e^r$ n. $f'(x) = 1 - 3\cos(x)$ o. $y' = \cos(x) + \frac{10}{\cos^2 x}$ p. $g'(t) = 3t^2 \cos(t) - t^3 \sin(t)$
q. $y' = 4\cos(4x)$ r. $y' = -20x(1-x^2)^9$ s. $y' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}e^{\sqrt{x}}$ t. $F'(x) = 7(3x^2 + 4) \times (x^3 + 4x)^6$
u. $F'(z) = \frac{1}{(z+1)^2} \sqrt{\frac{z+1}{z-1}}$ v. $y' = \frac{\sqrt{r^2+1} - \frac{r^2}{\sqrt{r^2+1}}}{r^2+1}$ w. $y' = \frac{-\sin(x)}{\cos^2(\cos x)}$ x. $f'(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+10}$
y. $f'(x) = \frac{\cos(\ln x)}{x}$ z. $f'(x) = \frac{2 \sin(x) \cos(x)}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{2}{\tan(x)}$ [or use $f(x) = 2 \ln(|\sin x|)$]
- 3.2** a. $y - 1 = \frac{1}{4}(x - 1)$ or $y = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{3}{4}$ b. $y - 2 = 2(x - 0)$ c. $y = 2x$
- 3.3** a. $h'(x) = 4x^3 - 9x^2 + 16$, $h''(x) = 12x^2 - 18x$ b. $g'(x) = 2ax + b$, $g''(x) = 2a$
c. $y' = (1 + 2x)e^{2x}$, $y'' = 4(1 + x)e^{2x}$ d. $h'(x) = x \ln(2x) + \frac{1}{2}x$, $h''(x) = \ln(2x) + 1$
- 3.4** $y' = 6x^2 + 6x - 12 = 6(x + 2)(x - 1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -2$ or $x = 1$:
a horizontal tangent line at $(-2, 29)$ and $(1, -6)$



- 3.6** a. $f'(x) = 2^x \ln(2)$ b. $g'(x) = 5^x \ln(5)$ c. $h'(x) = 2^{\sin(x)} \cos(x) \ln(\sin x)$
- 3.7** a. $y = x^x = e^{\ln(x^x)} = e^{x \ln(x)} \Rightarrow y' = e^{x \ln(x)} (\ln(x) + 1) = x^x (\ln(x) + 1)$
b. $g'(x) = (\cos x)^x (-x \tan x + \ln(\cos x))$
- 3.8** a. $\csc x = (\sin x)^{-1} \Rightarrow (\csc x)' = -(\sin x)^{-2} \cos(x)$ b. $(\sec x)' = (\cos x)^{-2} \sin(x) [= \sec(x) \tan(x)]$
c. $\cot(x) = (\tan x)^{-1} = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \Rightarrow (\cot x)' = \frac{(\cos x)' \times \sin(x) - \cos(x) \times (\sin x)'}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{-\sin^2(x) - \cos^2(x)}{\sin^2(x)} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2(x)}$
- 3.9** a. $f'(x) = -3$: decreasing on $[0, \infty)$ b. $f'(x) = 2x$: increasing on $[0, 2)$ c. $f'(x) = 2x$ (nor incr. or decr. on $[-3, 2]$) d. $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$: decreasing
- 3.10** a. $-2/5$ b. -4 and 2 c. 0 and 2 d. 0 and $2/3$
- 3.11** a. $f(0) = 5$: abs. max
 $f(2) = -7$: abs. min. b. $f(3) = 19$: abs. max
 $f(1) = -1$: abs. min. c. $f(\pm\sqrt{2}) = -2$: abs. min.
 $f(-3) = 47$: abs. max. d. $f(2) = 2 - \ln(2) \approx 1.31$ abs. max.
 $f(1) = 1$: abs. min.
- 3.12** $c = 0$
- 3.13** a. 5 (factor!) b. $9/5$ (L'Hospital) c. 3 (L'Hospital) d. 0 (L'Hospital)
e. $-\infty$ (Reasoning) f. $1/4$ (divide by $x = \sqrt{x^2}$) g. 0 (L'Hospital) h. 0 (L'Hospital)
i. 1 (fact. + L'Hospital)
- 3.16** a. $\frac{1}{6}x^6$ b. $\frac{1}{4}x^4 - x^3 - 5x + 8$ c. $\frac{3}{8}x^{8/3} = \frac{3}{8}x^{2\frac{2}{3}}\sqrt[3]{x^2}$ d. $-\cos x + \frac{1}{4}\sin 4x$

e. $\tan^{-1} x$

f. $\frac{1}{2} \ln |2x|$

g. $-\frac{1}{3} e^{-3x}$

h. $\frac{1}{3} (2x + 1)^{\frac{3}{2}}$

3.17 a. $y' = -\frac{x^2}{y^2}$

b. $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1-e^y}{xe^y+1}$

3.18	a.	b.	c.	d.	e.	f.
1. Domain	$D = \mathbb{R}$	$D = \{x/x \neq 1\}$	$D = \mathbb{R}$	$D = (-\infty, 5]$	$D = \mathbb{R}$	$D = (0, \infty)$
2. intercepts	$f(0) = 0, f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -4, 0$	$f(0) = 0, f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$	$f(0) = 0, f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$	$f(0) = 0, f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0, 5$	$f(0) = 0, f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0, \pm 2\sqrt{2}$	$f(0)$ does not exist, $f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$
3 even/per.	No symmetry	No symmetry	f is even	no symmetry	f is even	no symmetry
4. Asymptote	No asymptotes	H.A. $y = 1$ V.A. $x = 1$	H.A. $y = 1$	No asymptote	No asymptote	V.A. $x = 0,$ H.A. $y = 0$
5. $f'(x)$ and extreme values	$y' = 4x^3 + 12x^2$ Local and absolute minimum: $f(-3) = 27$	$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$ no extreme values	$f'(x) = \frac{6x}{(x^2+3)^2}$ Absolute minimum: $f(0) = 0$	$f'(x) = \frac{10-3x}{2\sqrt{5-x}}$ Absolute maximum $f(\frac{10}{3}) \approx 4.3$	$f'(x) = 16x - 4x^3$ Local and absolute max. $f(\pm 2) = 16,$ loc. min $f(0) = 0$	$f'(x) = \frac{1-2 \ln x}{x^3}$ Local and abs. max.: $f(e^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{1}{2e}$
6. $f''(x)$ and Inflection Points (IP)	$y'' = 12x^2 + 24x$ IP: $(0, 0)$ and $(-2, -16)$	$f''(x) = \frac{2}{(x-1)^3}$ no IP	$f''(x) = \frac{-18(x+1)(x-1)}{(x^2+3)^3}$ 2 IP: $(\pm 1, \frac{1}{4})$	$f''(x) = \frac{3x-20}{4(5-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$ no IP: $\frac{20}{3}$ not in domain	$f''(x) = 16 - 12x^3$ 2 IP's: $(\pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{80}{9})$	$f''(x) = \frac{6 \ln x - 5}{x^4}$ IP: $(e^{\frac{5}{6}}, \frac{5}{6e^{\frac{5}{3}}})$
The graphs						

