

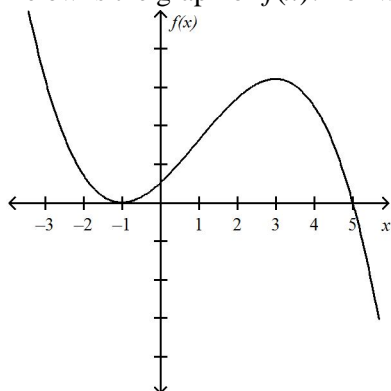
Chapter 4 Practice Test - Curve Sketching

Multiple Choice

Circle the choice that best completes the statement or answers the question. Also write the letter of your answer on the appropriate line.

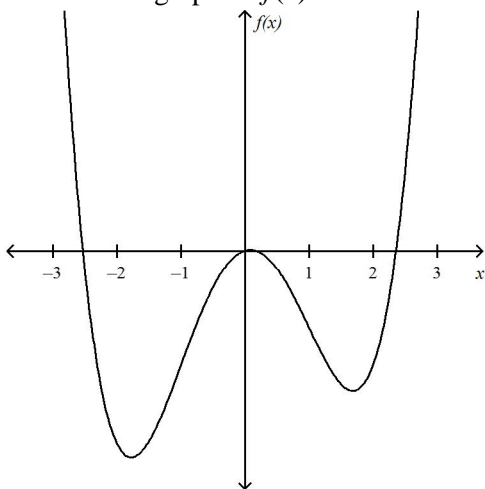
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- _____ 1. Below is the graph of $f(x)$. For what value(s) of x does $f(x)$ have a local maximum?



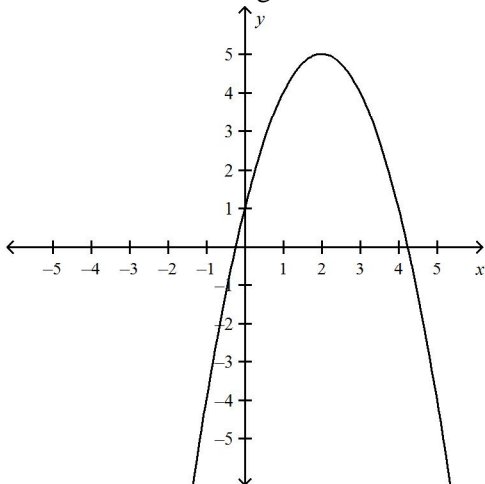
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| a. $x = -1$ | c. $x = 5$ |
| b. $x = 3$ | d. None |
- _____ 2. Let $f(x)$ be a continuous function. If $f'(x) > 0$ for $x > c$ and $f'(x) < 0$ for $x < c$ then what type of critical point is $(c, f(c))$?
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| a. Local maximum | c. Neither a local max or local min |
| b. Local minimum | d. Unknown |
- _____ 3. Let $f(x) = x^3 + 3x + 4$. What are the critical value(s)?
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| a. $x = -1$ | c. $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ |
| b. $x = 1$ | d. None |

4. Below is the graph of $f(x)$. For what values of x is $f(x)$ concave down?



- a. $x < -1$
 b. $-1 < x < 1$
 c. $x > 1$
 d. $x < -1$ and $x > 1$

5. Which of the following is true for the interval $(2, \infty)$ for the graph of $f(x)$ shown below?



- a. $f'(x) > 0, f''(x) > 0$
 b. $f'(x) > 0, f''(x) < 0$
 c. $f'(x) < 0, f''(x) > 0$
 d. $f'(x) < 0, f''(x) < 0$

6. If $f(x)$ is decreasing for every $x > 5$, then which choice is not a possibility for $f'(x)$?

- a. $f'(x) = x - 5$
 b. $f'(x) = 5 - x$
 c. $f'(x) = -x^2 + 10x - 25$
 d. $f'(x) = -5$

7. Let $f(x) = \frac{3x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 + x - 2}$. What types of asymptotes does $f(x)$ have?

- a. horizontal and vertical asymptotes
 b. oblique and vertical asymptotes
 c. horizontal and oblique asymptotes
 d. None

8. Let $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 1}{4x^2 - 16}$. What is the equation of the horizontal asymptote of $f(x)$?

- a. $x = \frac{3}{4}$
 b. $x = 2$
 c. $y = \frac{3}{4}$
 d. $y = 2$

- _____ 9. Let $f(x) = \frac{-x^2 + x + 2}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$. What is the equation of the vertical asymptote of $f(x)$ and what is the sign of $f(x)$ as x approaches the asymptote from the right?
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| a. $x = 2$, positive | c. $x = 3$, positive |
| b. $x = 2$, negative | d. $x = 3$, negative |
- _____ 10. Let $f(x) = x^4 + 10x^3 + 36x^2 + 12x + 2$. For what value(s) of x does $f(x)$ have a point of inflection?
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| a. $x = -3$ | c. $x = -2$ |
| b. $x = -1$ | d. $x = -3$ and $x = -2$ |

Problems

Write clear solutions for the following problems. *On the test a communication mark, out of 5, will be given for how well you present your mathematics.* Note that I have given an indication what these kinds of questions are “worth” as an assessment.

11. For what values of x is $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$ decreasing? **T/3**
12. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 - 36x - 54$. What type of critical point is located at $x = 2$? Does $f(x)$ have a point of inflection? If so, determine the P.O.I, and determine on what interval(s) $f(x)$ is concave down. **A/5**
13. Let $f(x) = \frac{3x^2 - 2x + 1}{x - 1}$. What are the types of asymptotes of $f(x)$? What are the equations of all of the asymptotes of $f(x)$? If there is a vertical asymptote, determine how the function is “behaving” (i.e. is $f(x)$ approaching $+\infty$ or $-\infty$) on either side of the vertical asymptote. **K/6**
14. Determine the values of a and b for $f(x) = -2x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 6$ so that $f'(-2) = 0$ and $f'(7) = 0$. **T/4**
15. Use the algorithm for curve sketching to sketch the graph of $f(x) = \frac{x - 2}{x^2 - 3x - 4}$. Be sure to label any intercepts, critical values, and points of inflection. Also label any asymptotes. **A/9**