

1. Suppose  $f$  is a differentiable function whose domain is all of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Also suppose  $f$  has the following properties:

- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = -2$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$ .
- $f'(x) = 0$  only at  $-3$ ,  $0$ , and  $2$ .
- $f'(x) > 0$  only for  $x$  in these intervals:  $(-\infty, -3)$  and  $(2, +\infty)$ .
- $f(x) = 0$  only at  $-4$ ,  $0$ , and  $5$ .
- $f(-3) = 3$  and  $f(2) = -4$ .

- Sketch the simplest graph you can of  $y = f(x)$  consistent with the information above.
- Explicitly identify (use equations and complete English sentences as necessary) any vertical or horizontal asymptotes of  $f(x)$ , and any local or global maxima or minima of  $f(x)$ . Also identify any intervals where  $f(x)$  is increasing or decreasing.
- Sketch the simplest graph you can of  $y = f'(x)$  consistent with the information in this problem.
- Identify as clearly as you can any points of inflection and intervals where  $f(x)$  is concave up and concave down. If you cannot locate the inflection points explicitly, be as clear as you can about the location of each inflection point.
- Sketch the simplest graph you can of  $y = f''(x)$  consistent with the information in this problem.

2. Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{e^x - 5}{e^{2x} - 9}$ .

- What is the domain of  $f(x)$ ? Find any vertical or horizontal asymptotes of  $y = f(x)$ . Give the equations for these asymptotes and show supporting reasoning.
- Compute  $f'(x)$  and simplify the result sufficiently so that you can find any critical numbers of  $f(x)$ . What is the sign of  $f'(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$ ? What is the sign of  $f'(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ?
- Use the information obtained in this problem to describe the range of  $f(x)$ : that is, explicitly describe as well as you can the collection of  $y$ 's for which  $f(x) = y$  has a solution. You must show supporting reasoning for your answer.

3. Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{1 + 2x}{2 + x^2}$ .

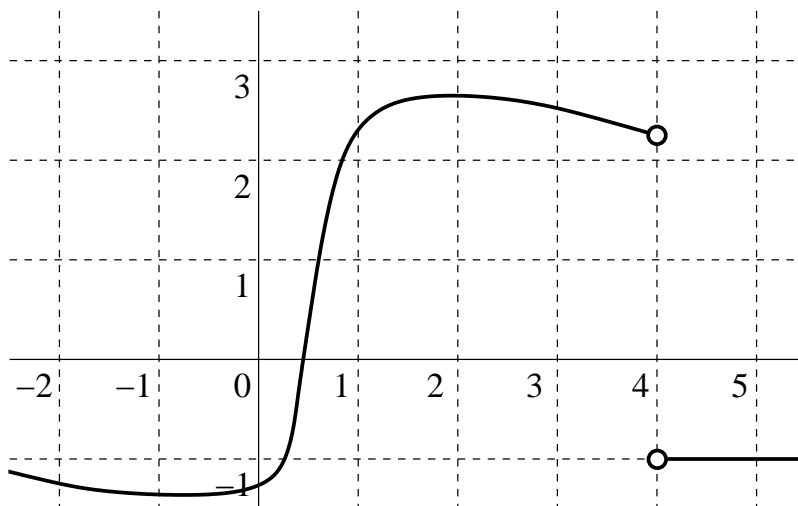
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4. A graph of the derivative of  $f(x)$  follows. Information about the function  $f(x)$  is known only for  $-2.5 < x < 4.5$ . You are told:

- $f(x)$  is continuous everywhere in that interval.
- $f(x)$  is differentiable everywhere in that interval except at one value of  $x$ .
- Also  $f(-2) = 1$ .

You will need this information in addition to the graph of  $f'(x)$  to answer the questions which follow. Please look at the graph carefully, and consider the information in both the numbers and the shapes of the graph (both “quantitative” and “qualitative” information)!



A graph of  $y = f'(x)$ , the derivative of  $f(x)$

- Explain why  $-2 < f(0) < -1$ . You must look carefully at the graph and make estimates using the MVT. Explain the steps of your reasoning in detail.
- Explain why  $f(3) > 4 + f(1)$ . Again, use the MVT and explain your reasoning in detail.
- What can you say about  $f(1) - f(0)$ ? How big and how small can this number be?
- Use the information in a), b), and c) to explain why  $f(3)$  must be positive.
- Explain why the equation  $f(x) = 0$  must have a solution between 0 and 3. You will need the IVT and the information obtained in previous parts of this problem.
- Sketch a graph of  $y = f(x)$  as well as you can using the information present.

5. Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} x^{1/x}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{1/x}$ .