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§4.8 Curve Sketching

Examples

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$$f(x) = x^{2/5} (x-2) \quad D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(x) = x^{2/5} + \frac{2}{5} x^{-3/5} (x-2) = \frac{1}{5} x^{-3/5} (5x + 2(x-2))$$

$$= \frac{7x-4}{5x^{3/5}}$$

$$\left(5x^{3/5}\right)' = 3x^{2/5}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{5x^{3/5} \cdot 7 - (7x-4) 3x^{-4/5}}{(5x^{3/5})^2}$$

$$= 3x^{2/5} \cdot (-1) = -1$$

$$= \frac{x^{-2/5} (35x - 3(7x-4))}{25x^{6/5}}$$

$$= \frac{35x - 21x + 12}{25x^{8/5}} = \frac{2(7x+6)}{25x^{8/5}}$$

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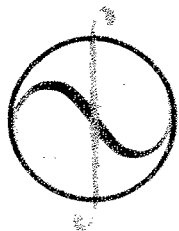
$$f' \quad \begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \\ \hline x \\ \hline 0 \quad 4/7 \end{array}$$

$$f'' \quad \begin{array}{c} - \quad + \quad + \\ \hline x \\ \hline -6/7 \quad 0 \end{array}$$

loc max: $x=0$

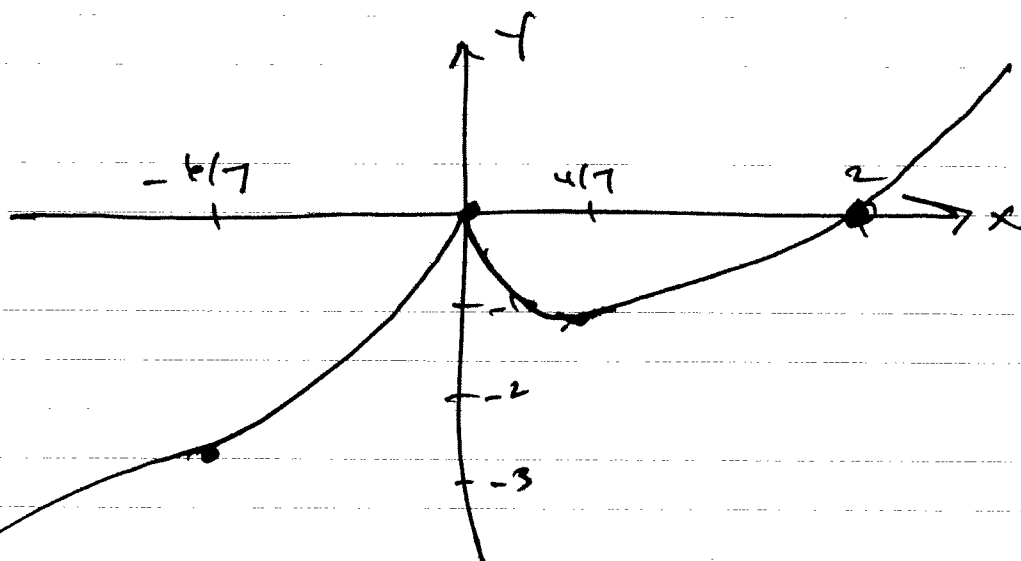
loc. min $x=4/7$

Point of inflection: $x=-6/7$



$$f(x) = x^{2/5} (x-2) \quad \text{Intercepts } x=0, x=2$$

x	y
-6/7	-2.7
0	0
4/7	-1.1
2	0



④ $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x}$ (or $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{e^x}$)

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

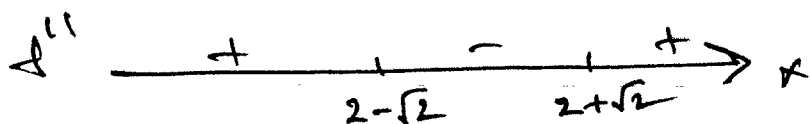
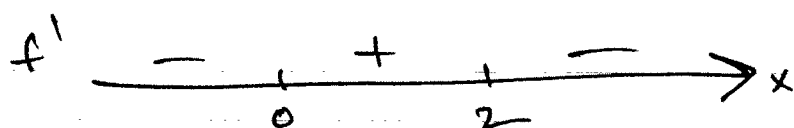
$$f''(x) = +x e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} - 2x e^{-x} + 2 e^{-x} = e^{-x} (x^2 - 2x - 2x + 2) = e^{-x} (x^2 - 4x + 2)$$

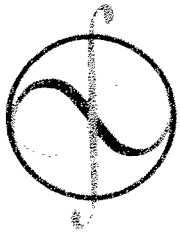
$$= \frac{x^2 - 4x + 2}{e^x}$$

Hypercritical pts

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16-8}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{2} = 2 \pm \sqrt{2}$$





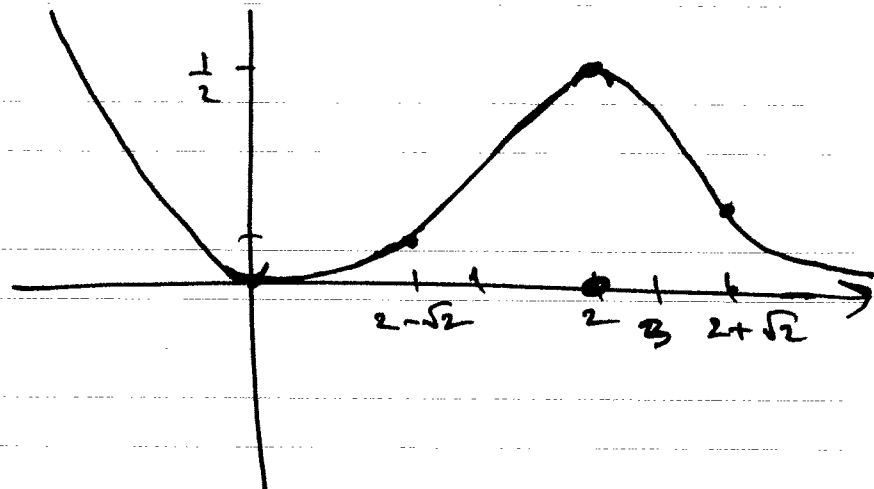
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Intercepts $x=0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{e^x} = 0$$

$y=0$
Horiz. Asymptote

x	y
0	0
$2-\sqrt{2}$	≈ 0.19
2	$\frac{4}{e^2} \approx 0.54$
$2+\sqrt{2}$	≈ 0.38



Local Min $x=0$

Local Max $x=2$

Flex Points: $x=2 \pm \sqrt{2}$.

§ 4.11 Absolute Extrema

4.12 Applied Max/min

§ 4.11

GIVEN: A function $f(x)$ with domain D_f .

RECALL $f(c)$ is the absolute maximum (minimum) of $f(x)$ if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ ($f(c) \leq f(x)$) for ALL x in D_f .