

B06.

Math 1500: Quiz #6 Solutions

Solutions

[8] 1. Find the second derivative $f''(x)$.

(a) $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$

(b) $f(x) = xe^{2x}$

Solution. (a) $f'(x) = -2x \sin(x^2)$ and $f''(x) = -2 \sin(x^2) - (2x)(2x) \cos(x^2)$

(b) $f'(x) = e^{2x} + 2xe^{2x}$ and $f''(x) = 2e^{2x} + 2e^{2x} + 2x(2e^{2x})$.

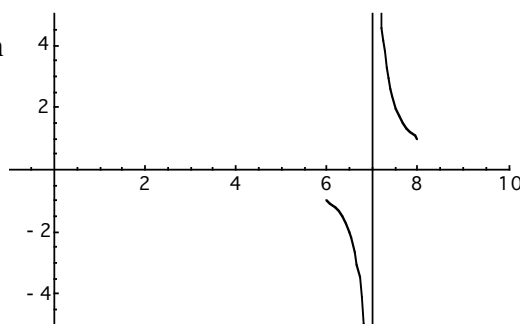
[8] 2. (a) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 2x}{\sqrt{x^4 - x}}$.

(b) Find all the vertical asymptotes of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-7}$ and sketch the graph of this function around its vertical asymptotes. (Note again that you only need to sketch the graph around the vertical asymptote, not all of the graph.)

Solution. (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 2x}{\sqrt{x^4 - x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 2x}{\sqrt{x^4(1 - \frac{1}{x^3})}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2(3 + \frac{2}{x})}{x^2 \sqrt{(1 - \frac{1}{x^3})}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3 + \frac{2}{x})}{\sqrt{(1 - \frac{1}{x^3})}} = 3$

(b) The only potential vertical asymptote is $x = 7$. We check: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^+} \frac{1}{x-7} = \infty$ and

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 7^-} \frac{1}{x-7} = -\infty$. So, $x = 7$ is a vertical asymptote. Sketch shown to the right.



[9] 3. Find the inverse $f^{-1}(x)$ of the function

$f(x) = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$. Show your work!

Solution. Set $y = \frac{x-3}{x-2}$ and solve for x in terms of y :

$$y(x-2) = x-3 \Leftrightarrow xy - 2y = x-3 \Leftrightarrow xy - x = 2y-3 \Leftrightarrow x(y-1) = 2y-3 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2y-3}{y-1}.$$

So, $f^{-1}(x) = \frac{2x-3}{x-1}$.