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4.6 Summary of Curve Sketching

Methods to analyze the graph of a function include:

x -intercepts	domain and range
y -intercepts	symmetry
continuity	differentiability
vertical asymptotes	horizontal asymptotes
relative extrema	increasing/decreasing
points of inflection	concavity
infinite limits at infinity	

Procedure:

1. Find first and second derivatives.

2. Identify the x and y -intercepts, domain, symmetry, horizontal and vertical asymptotes.

x -intercepts $\rightarrow y=0$, solve for x

y -intercepts $\rightarrow x=0$, solve for y

domain $\rightarrow$ watch for denom $= 0$ or $\sqrt{\text{negatives}}$

Vertical asymptotes $\rightarrow$ denom $= 0$

horizontal asymptotes $\rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$ or $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$

Symmetry: x -axis: $-f(x) = f(x)$ or replace y with $-y$
 y -axis: $f(x) = f(-x)$ or replace x with $-x$
 Origin: $-f(x) = f(-x)$ or place x and y with $-x$ and $-y$

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

x -intercepts: $(0, 0)$

y -intercepts: $(0, 0)$

domain: $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

vertical asymptotes: $x = -3$ and $x = 3$

horizontal asymptotes: $y = 0$

Symmetry: x -axis: no

y -axis: no

origin: yes

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

x -intercept: $(-\frac{1}{2}, 0)$

y -intercept: none

domain: $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

vertical asymptotes: $x = 0$

horizontal asymptotes: $y = \frac{2}{3}$

Symmetry: x -axis: no

y -axis: no

origin: no

3. Identify the critical numbers and possible points of inflection.

Critical #'s

$\rightarrow$ 1st derivative is zero or undefined

possible points of inflections

$\rightarrow$ 2nd derivative is zero or undefined

On HW worksheet:

1. Find 1st and 2nd derivatives

2. Identify x -intercepts etc.

3. Find critical #'s
and possible points of inflections

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