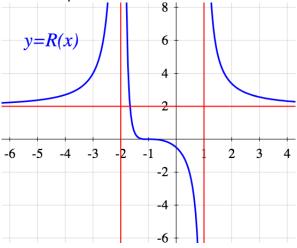
MAT137 - Calculus with proofs

• Assignment #5 due on December 20

• Watch videos 7.1, 7.2 by Monday, January 11. Happy holidays!

Backwards graphing

R is a rational function (a quotient of polynomials). Find its equation.



Suggestion: Play with desmos.

A very hard function to graph

The function $G(x) = xe^{1/x}$ is deceiving. To help you out:

$$G'(x) = \frac{x-1}{x}e^{1/x}, \qquad G''(x) = \frac{e^{1/x}}{x^3}$$

- 1. Carefully study the behaviour as $x \to 0^+$ and $x \to 0^-$. The two are very different.
- 2. Carefully study the behaviour as $x \to \pm \infty$. You should find an asymptote, but it is not easy.
- 3. Use G' to study monotonocity.
- 4. Use G'' to study concavity.
- 5. Sketch the graph of G.

Come to the dark side

Help me write a difficult question for Test 3! I will ask you to compute a limit like this

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{e^{x} + e^{-x} - 2\cos x + ???}{x^{?}}$$

I have not decided yet what to put instead of the question marks, but I do not want it to look too scary.

I want the calculation to require 6 iterations of L'Hôpital's Rule.

I do not want the answer to be 0 or ∞ or $-\infty$ or "DNE", because you could guess that answer.

What limit should I ask? And what will the answer be?

A polynomial from 3 points

Construct a polynomial that satisfies the following three properties at once:

- 1. It has an inflection point at x = 2
- 2. It has a a local extremum at x = 1
- 3. It has y-intercept at y = 1.

Fractional exponents

Let
$$h(x) = \frac{x^{2/3}}{(x-1)^{2/3}}$$
. Its first two derviatives are

$$h'(x) = \frac{-2}{3x^{1/3}(x-1)^{5/3}} \qquad h''(x) = \frac{2(6x-1)}{9x^{4/3}(x-1)^{8/3}}$$

- 1. Find all asymptotes of h
- 2. Study the monotonicity of h and local extrema
- 3. Study the concavity of h and inflection points
- 4. With this information, sketch the graph of h