

## Welcome back to MAT137- Section L5101

- Assignment #5 due on Dec 20.
- **Next class: No videos!**

Let's get started!!

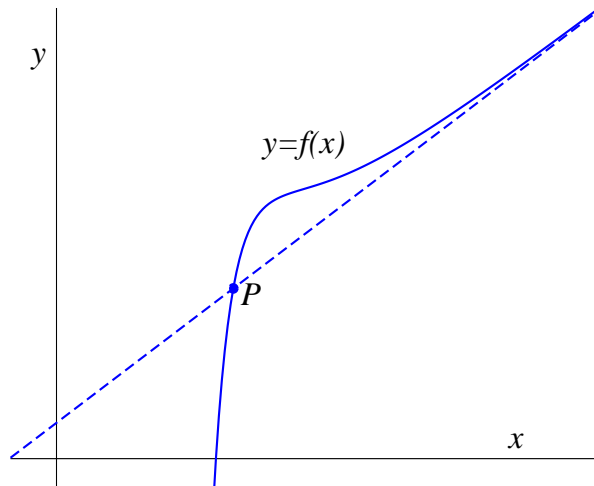
Today's videos: 6.15, 6.16, 6.17, (6.18)

Today's topic: Asymptotes

Any question from previous class?

Find the coordinates of  $P$

$$f(x) = 3x + 4 + \frac{2x - 10}{x^2}$$



## Monotonicity and concavity

Let  $f(x) = xe^{-x^2/2}$ .

1. Find the intervals where  $f$  is increasing or decreasing, and its local extrema.
2. Find the intervals where  $f$  is concave up or concave down, and its inflection points.
3. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$ .
4. Using this information, sketch the graph of  $f$ .

## Fractional exponents

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

## Hyperbolic tangent

The function  $\tanh$ , defined by

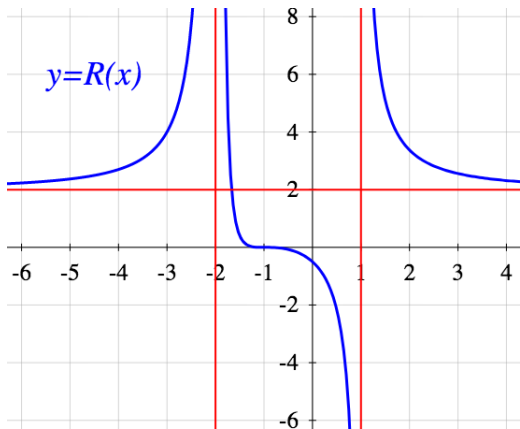
$$\tanh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}},$$

is called the “hyperbolic tangent”.

1. Find its two asymptotes
2. Study its monotonicity
3. Study its concavity
4. With this information, sketch its graph.

## Backwards graphing

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



Suggestion: Play around with Desmos.

## Unexpected asymptotes

Find the two asymptotes of the function

$$F(x) = x + \sqrt{x^2 + x}$$

*Hint:* The behaviour as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  is very different from  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ .

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