

**Problem 1.** (a) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 5}{x - 25}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 5}{x - 25} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{x - 25}{(x - 25)(\sqrt{x} + 5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 25} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + 5} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

(b) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{\sin^2(x)}$

**Solution:** We use the small angle approximation. We rewrite this as

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{\sin^2(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^2} \frac{x}{\sin(x)} \frac{x}{\sin(x)} = 1.$$

(c) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 3}}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3x}{\sqrt{4x^2 + 3}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{3}{-\sqrt{4 + 3/x^2}} = \frac{-3}{2}.$$

(d) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \tan(x) - 1}{x^2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \tan(x) - 1}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \sec^2(x)}{2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 2 \sec^2(x) \tan(x)}{2} = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

**Problem 2.** (a) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{x^2-1} & x > 1 \\ x^3 - 2x + 2 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

If possible, define an extension of  $f$  that is continuous at all real numbers.

**Solution:**

We can check that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} e^{x^2-1} = e^0 = 1 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^3 - 2x + 2 = 1 - 2 + 2 = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1$ , and so we can define an extension

$$f_F(x) = \begin{cases} e^{x^2-1} & x > 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \\ x^3 - 2x + 2 & x < 1 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} e^{x^2-1} & x \geq 1 \\ x^3 - 2x + 2 & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) Use the Squeeze Theorem to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 5) \sin\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 5}\right) = 0$ .

**Solution:** We have

$$\begin{aligned} -1 &\leq \sin\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 5}\right) \leq 1 \\ -|x - 5| &\leq (x - 5) \sin\left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 5}\right) \leq |x - 5|. \end{aligned}$$

We see that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} -|x - 5| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} |x - 5| = 0$ , so by the squeeze theorem we know that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 5) \sin \left( \frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 5} \right) = 0.$$

(c) Suppose that if a car travels at  $v$  miles per hour then its fuel efficiency is  $F(v) = 8 + 1.3v - .015v^2$  miles per gallon.

(i) What does the derivative  $F'(v)$  represent, and what are its units?

**Solution:** The derivative  $F'(v)$  is the rate at which fuel efficiency increases as your speed increases. The units are miles per gallon per mile per hour, which winds up working out to hours per gallon. (This is a little weird, but it actually makes sense: it's something like how many hours you save by burning an extra gallon of fuel).

(ii) Compute  $F'(60)$ . What does this tell you?

**Solution:**  $F'(v) = 1.3 - .03v$  hours per gallon so  $F'(60) = 1.3 - 1.8 = -.5$  hours per gallon. This tells us that if we are going sixty miles per hour, then increasing our speed by one mile per hour will reduce our gas mileage by half a mile per gallon.

**Problem 3.** (a) **Directly from the definition**, compute  $f'(1)$  where  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+3}$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+h} - \sqrt{4}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4+h) - 4}{h(\sqrt{4+h} + \sqrt{4})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+h} + 2} = \frac{1}{4}. \end{aligned}$$

(b) Compute  $g'(x)$  where  $g(x) = \ln \left| \frac{e^{\arctan(x^2)} - 5}{\sqrt[4]{x^2+1}} \right|$ .

**Solution:**

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{\frac{e^{\arctan(x^2)} - 5}{\sqrt[4]{x^2+1}}} \cdot \frac{(e^{\arctan(x^2)} \cdot \frac{2x}{1+x^4}) \sqrt[4]{x^2+1} - \frac{1}{4}(x^2+1)^{-3/4} 2x (e^{\arctan(x^2)} - 5)}{\sqrt[4]{x^2+1}}$$

(c) Find a tangent line to the function  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$  at the point given by  $x = 2$ .

**Solution:**

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

so  $f'(2) = \frac{2e^2 - e^2}{4} = \frac{1}{4}e^2$ . Thus the tangent line has equation

$$y = \frac{1}{4}e^2(x - 2) + \frac{1}{2}e^2.$$

**Problem 4.** (a) Let  $g(x) = \sqrt[5]{x^9 + x^7 + x + 1}$ . Find  $(g^{-1})'(1)$ .

**Solution:** We see that  $g(0) = 1$ , so  $g^{-1}(1) = 0$ . Then by the Inverse Function Theorem we have

$$\begin{aligned} (g^{-1})'(1) &= \frac{1}{g'(g^{-1}(1))} = \frac{1}{g'(0)} \\ g'(x) &= \frac{1}{5}(x^9 + x^7 + x + 1)^{-4/5}(9x^8 + 7x^6 + 1) \\ g'(0) &= \frac{1}{5}(1)(1) = \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$(g^{-1})'(1) = 5.$$

- (b) Write a tangent line to the curve  $y^2 = x^{x \cos(x)}$  at the point  $(\pi/2, -1)$ .

**Solution:** Implicit differentiation gives us

$$\begin{aligned}2 \ln(y) &= x \cos(x) \ln(x) \\ \frac{2y'}{y} &= \cos(x) \ln(x) - x \sin(x) \ln(x) + \cos(x) \\ y' &= \frac{1}{2} (\cos(x) \ln(x) - x \sin(x) \ln(x) + \cos(x)) y.\end{aligned}$$

When  $x = \pi/2, y = -1$ , this gives us

$$\begin{aligned}y' &= \frac{1}{2} (0 \ln(\pi/2) - \pi/2 \cdot 1 \cdot \ln(\pi/2) + 0) (-1) = \frac{1}{2} (\pi/2 \ln(\pi/2)) \\ &= \frac{\pi(\ln(\pi) - \ln(2))}{4}\end{aligned}$$

and thus the tangent line has equation

$$y = \frac{\pi(\ln(\pi) - \ln(2))}{4} (x - \pi/2) - 1.$$

- (c) Find  $y'$  if  $e^y + \ln(y) = x^2 + 1$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}e^y \cdot y' + \frac{y'}{y} &= 2x \\ y'(e^y + \frac{1}{y}) &= 2x \\ y' &= \frac{2x}{e^y + \frac{1}{y}}.\end{aligned}$$

**Problem 5.** (a) A cone with height  $h$  and base radius  $r$  has volume  $\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ . Suppose we have an inverted conical water tank, of height 4m and radius 6m. Water is leaking out of a small hole at the bottom of the tank. If the current water level is 2m and the water level is dropping at  $\frac{1}{9\pi}$  meters per minute, what volume of water leaks out every minute?

**Solution:** We have  $V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$  and  $r = 3h/2$ , and thus

$$\begin{aligned}V &= \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{3h}{2}\right)^2 h = \frac{3}{4}\pi h^3 \\ V' &= \frac{9}{4}\pi h^2 h' \\ V' &= \frac{9}{4}\pi (2)^2 \frac{-1}{9\pi} = 1\end{aligned}$$

So one cubic meter of water is leaking out every minute.

- (b) Use two iterations of Newton's method, starting at 4, to estimate  $\sqrt{15}$ .

**Solution:** Set  $f(x) = x^2 - 15$ , and  $x_1 = 4$ . We have  $f'(x) = 2x$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned}x_2 &= x_1 - \frac{f(x_1)}{f'(x_1)} = 4 - \frac{1}{8} = \frac{31}{8} \\ x_3 &= x_2 - \frac{f(x_2)}{f'(x_2)} = \frac{31}{8} - \frac{31^2/8^2 - 15}{31/4} \\ &= \frac{31}{8} - \frac{1/64}{31/4} = \frac{31}{8} - \frac{1}{31 \cdot 16} \\ &= \frac{31 \cdot 62 - 1}{31 \cdot 16} = \frac{1921}{496} \approx 3.87298.\end{aligned}$$

(You can leave the last number unsimplified on the final.)

- (c) Find all the critical points of  $g(x) = \ln(x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x)$ .

**Solution:** We have

$$g'(x) = \frac{3x^2 + 18x + 27}{x^3 + 9x^2 + 27x} = 3 \frac{(x+3)^2}{x(x^2 + 9x + 27)}.$$

$g'(x)$  is undefined when  $x = 0$ , but  $g$  is also defined there, so this isn't really a critical point. (I'd give credit either way).  $g'(x) = 0$  when  $(x+3)^2 = 0$  when  $x = -3$ . So the sole true critical point is  $-3$ .

- Problem 6.** (a) If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} + \tan(\pi x)$ , use a linear approximation centered at 4 to estimate  $f(4.1)$ .

**Solution:** We have  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} + \pi \sec^2(\pi x)$  so  $f'(4) = \frac{1}{4} + \pi$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &\approx f(4) + f'(4)(x-4) = 2 + 0 + (\pi + 1/4)(x-4) \\ f(4.1) &\approx 2 + \frac{\pi}{10} + \frac{1}{40} = \frac{81}{40} + \frac{\pi}{10}. \end{aligned}$$

- (b) If  $g(x) = \cos(x)$ , use a quadratic approximation centered at 0 to estimate  $g(.1)$ .

**Solution:** We have  $g'(x) = -\sin(x)$  and  $g''(x) = -\cos(x)$ . So  $g'(0) = 0$  and  $g''(0) = -1$ , and then we have

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &\approx g(0) + g'(0)(x-0) + \frac{g''(0)}{2}(x-0)^2 = 1 + 0x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 = 1 - x^2/2 \\ g(.1) &\approx 1 - .1^2/2 = .995. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) Let  $g'(x) = g(x) + 3x$ , and  $g(2) = 4$ . Use two steps of Euler's method to estimate  $g(4)$ . Is this an overestimate or an underestimate?

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} g(3) &\approx g'(2)(3-2) + g(2) = 10(1) + 4 = 14 \\ g(4) &\approx g'(3)(4-3) + g(3) = 23(1) + 14 = 37. \end{aligned}$$

This is a wild underestimate because the derivative is increasing so rapidly.

**Problem 7.**

- (a) Determine whether  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + e^x$  is a solution to the differential equation  $y'' - y' + 2x = 0$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 2x + 2 + e^x \\ f''(x) &= 2 + e^x \\ y'' - y' + 2x &= 2 + e^x - 2x - 2 - e^x + 2x = 0. \end{aligned}$$

So  $f$  is a solution to this differential equation.

- (b) A population of bacteria initially contains 90,000 bacteria, and after two weeks it will contain 180,000 bacteria. How long will it take the population to grow from its initial population to reach 150,000 bacteria?

**Solution:** This is modeled by exponential growth, so we know that  $p(t) = Ce^{rt}$ . We know that  $90,000 = p(0) = Ce^0 = C$ , so our equation is  $p(t) = 90,000e^{rt}$ . We calculate that

$$\begin{aligned} 180,000 &= p(14) = 90,000e^{14r} \\ 2 &= e^{14r} \\ \ln(2) &= 14r \\ r &= \frac{\ln(2)}{14}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we want to solve

$$\begin{aligned}150,000 &= p(t) = 90,000e^{\ln(2)t/14} \\5/3 &= e^{\ln(2)t/14} \\ \ln(5) - \ln(3) &= \ln(2)t/14 \\ t &= 14 \frac{\ln(5) - \ln(3)}{\ln(2)} \approx 10.3175.\end{aligned}$$

Thus the bacteria will reach a population of 150,000 after about 10.3 days.

- (c) Find an antiderivative for  $h(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} + \frac{1}{(1+x)^2}$ .

**Solution:**  $H(x) = \ln|1+x| - (1+x)^{-1}$ .

**Problem 8.** (a) Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 20x^3 + 24x^2 + 7$  on  $[0, 5]$ .

**Solution:**  $f$  is a continuous function on a closed interval, so it must have an absolute maximum and an absolute minimum.  $f'(x) = 12x^3 - 60x^2 + 48x = 12x(x^2 - 5x + 4) = 12x(x-4)(x-1)$  is defined everywhere and has roots at 0, 1, 4. The endpoints are 0, 5, so we need to evaluate  $f$  at 0, 1, 4, 5.

$$\begin{aligned}f(0) &= 7 \\f(1) &= 14 \\f(4) &= 3(4^4) - 5(4^4) + \frac{3}{2}(4^4) + 7 = \frac{-1}{2}4^4 + 7 = 7 - 128 = -121 \\f(5) &= 3 \cdot 5^4 - 4 \cdot 5^4 + 5^4 - 5^2 + 7 = 7 - 25 = -18.\end{aligned}$$

So the absolute maximum is 14 at 1, and the absolute minimum is  $-121$  at 4.

- (b) Ten miles from home you remember that you left the water running, which is costing you 90 cents an hour. Driving home at speed  $s$  miles per hour costs you  $4(s/10)$  cents per mile. At what speed should you drive to minimize the total cost of gas and water?

**Solution:** The water will be running for  $10/s$  hours and thus the total cost of water will be  $900/s$  cents. The cost of driving will be  $10 \cdot 4(s/10) = 4s$  cents. Thus our total cost is  $C(s) = 4s + 900/s$ , and we want to minimize this.

We have  $C'(s) = 4 - 900/s^2$ . This has critical points at  $s = 0$  and when  $4s^2 = 900$  and thus  $s^2 = 225$  and  $s = \pm 15$ . Clearly we must have  $s > 0$  for physical reasons, so the only relevant critical point is  $s = 15$ .

Checking the second derivative we have  $C''(s) = 1800/s^3$  and thus  $C''(15) = 8/15 > 0$  and thus  $s = 15$  is a local minimum. In fact  $s$  is the global minimum for positive values; we can see this since  $C'(s) < 0$  when  $0 < s < 15$  and  $C'(s) > 0$  when  $s > 15$ . Thus you should drive at 15 miles per hour.

- (c) Classify the relative extrema of  $h(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}(x+4)$

**Solution:** We have

$$h'(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3}(x+4) = \frac{x}{\sqrt[3]{x^2}} + \frac{x+4}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} = \frac{4x+4}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$

so  $h'(x)$  is undefined at  $x = 0$  and  $h'(x) = 0$  at  $x = -1$ . Thus the critical points are 0,  $-1$ . Those are the possible relative extrema.

We can classify these points in two ways. We can use the first derivative test or the second derivative test. In these solutions I'll do both.

For the second derivative test we compute:

$$h''(x) = \frac{4(3\sqrt[3]{x^2}) - \frac{4}{3}(x+1)\frac{-2}{3}x^{-5/3}}{9\sqrt[3]{x^4}} = \frac{12\sqrt[3]{x^2} + \frac{8}{3}(x+1)x^{-5/3}}{9\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$$

$$h''(-1) = \frac{12+0}{9} = \frac{4}{3} > 0$$

$$h''(0) \text{ " = " } \frac{0+0}{0} \text{ is undefined}$$

So we see that  $h$  has a local minimum at  $-1$  since  $h''(-1) > 0$ , but this tells us nothing about the critical point at  $0$ ; the second derivative test is inconclusive there. So we're forced to use the first derivative test.

For the first derivative test we make a chart:

	$4x + 4$	$\frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$	$h'(x)$
$x < -1$	-	+	-
$-1 < x < 0$	+	+	+
$0 < x$	+	+	+

so  $h$  has a relative minimum at  $-1$  and neither a maximum nor a minimum at  $0$ .

(The first derivative test was definitely the easier path here).

**Problem 9.** (a) Find all the critical points of  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8}{x + 3}$

**Solution:** The function is undefined at  $x = -3$ .

$g'(x) = \frac{2x(x+3) - 1(x^2 - 8)}{(x+3)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 8}{(x+3)^2}$ . The denominator is zero when  $x = -3$ , and thus the derivative is undefined there, but so is the function, so we can count this as a critical point or not, to our taste. The numerator is  $(x+2)(x+4)$  and thus has roots when  $x = -2, -4$ . So the critical points of the function are  $-2$  and  $-4$ , and possibly  $-3$ .

(b) If  $-1 \leq f'(x) \leq 3$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , what can you say about  $f(4)$ ? Assume  $f$  is continuous and differentiable.

**Solution:** By the Mean Value Theorem, there is some  $c$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(4) - f(0)}{4 - 0}$ . Since  $-1 \leq f'(c) \leq 3$ , we have

$$-1 \leq \frac{f(4) - f(0)}{4} \leq 3$$

$$-4 \leq f(4) - 0 \leq 12$$

$$-4 \leq f(4) \leq 12$$

so  $f(4)$  is between  $-4$  and  $12$ .

(c) Prove that  $x^2 - (e^2 + 1)\ln(x)$  has exactly two real roots.

**Solution:** Let  $g(x) = x^2 - (e^2 + 1)\ln(x)$ . Then  $g$  is continuous and differentiable for all real numbers greater than  $0$ . We see that  $g(1) = 1 > 0$ ,  $g(e) = -1 < 0$ , and  $g(e^2) = e^4 - 2e^2 - 2 > 0$ . So by the intermediate value theorem,  $g$  has a root between  $1$  and  $e$ , and another between  $e$  and  $e^2$ .

Now  $g'(x) = 2x - \frac{e^2+1}{x}$  is zero precisely when  $x^2 = \frac{e^2+1}{2}$ . This equation has exactly one positive root, and  $g$  is only defined for  $x > 0$ , so the derivative of  $g$  is zero in exactly one place.

So suppose  $g$  has three roots,  $a < b < c$ . Then by Rolle's theorem (or the mean value theorem), there exists  $a < x < b$  and  $b < y < c$  such that  $g'(x) = g'(y) = 0$ . But  $g'$  has only one root, so this is impossible; thus  $g$  has exactly two roots.

**Problem 10.** (a) Let  $F(0) = 2$  and  $F'(x) = x^3 + x$ . Use a modified Euler's method with three steps to estimate  $F(3)$ .

**Solution:**

$$F(1) \approx F(0) + F'(0)(1 - 0) = 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$F(2) \approx 2 + 2(2 - 1) = 4$$

$$F(3) \approx 4 + 10(3 - 2) = 14.$$

- (b) Give a formula for the quadratic approximation of  $g(x) = e^{x^2-1} + x$  near the point  $a = 1$ .

**Solution:** We compute

$$\begin{array}{ll} g(1) = 2 & \\ g'(x) = 2xe^{x^2-1} + 1 & g'(1) = 3 \\ g''(x) = 2e^{x^2-1} + 4x^2e^{x^2-1} & g''(1) = 6 \end{array}$$

and thus

$$g(x) = 2 + 3(x - 1) + \frac{6}{2}(x - 1)^2.$$

- (c) Suppose you want to design a closed box with a square base and a volume of  $2250\text{in}^3$ . The material for the top and bottom costs \$2 per square inch, and the material for the sides costs \$3 per square inch. What are the dimensions of the box with minimum possible cost?

**Solution:** Our box will have length and width  $l$  and height  $h$ . Our objective function is  $C = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot l^2 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot l \cdot h$ . Our constraint is that  $l^2h = 2250$  and thus  $h = \frac{2250}{l^2}$ . Then we have

$$C = 4l^2 + 12\frac{2250}{l}$$

$$C' = 8l - 12\frac{2250}{l^2}$$

$$8l^3 = 27000$$

$$2l = 30$$

$$l = 15$$

so the box will have a square side length of 15in and a height of 10in. (The box will cost  $900 + 1800 = 2700$  dollars).

**Problem 11.** Let  $j(x) = x^4 - 14x^2 + 24x + 6$ . We can compute  $j'(x) = 4(x + 3)(x - 1)(x - 2)$  and  $j''(x) = 4(3x^2 - 7)$ . Sketch a graph of  $j$ .

Your answer should discuss the domain, asymptotes, limits at infinity, critical points and values, intervals of increase and decrease, and concavity.

**Solution:** The domain of  $j$  is all reals. I'm not going to worry about finding roots now, and there are no obvious symmetries. It's a polynomial of even degree, so it's easy to see that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} j(x) = +\infty$ .

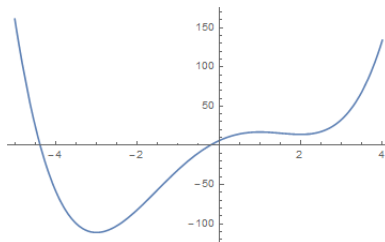
The function  $j$  is defined everywhere and is zero at three points. Thus  $j$  has three critical points, at  $-3, 1, 2$ . We compute  $j$  at these critical points:  $j(-3) = 81 - 126 - 72 + 6 = -111$ ,  $j(1) = 1 - 14 + 24 + 6 = 17$ ,  $j(2) = 14$ .

We can make a chart to determine when  $j$  increases or decreases:

	$(x + 3)$	$(x - 1)$	$(x - 2)$	$j'(x)$
$x < -3$	-	-	-	-
$-3 < x < 1$	+	-	-	+
$1 < x < 2$	+	+	-	-
$2 < x$	+	+	+	+

So  $j$  is increasing between  $-3$  and  $1$  and when bigger than  $2$ , and  $j$  is decreasing when smaller than  $-3$  or between  $1$  and  $2$ . This implies that  $j$  has a relative minimum (of  $-111$ ) at  $-3$ , a relative maximum (of  $17$ ) at  $1$ , and a relative minimum of  $14$  at  $2$ .

$j''(x) = 4(3x^2 - 7)$  is defined everywhere, and is zero when  $x^2 = 7/3$ , when  $x = \pm\sqrt{7/3}$ .  $j''(x)$  is positive when  $|x| > \sqrt{7/3}$  and negative when  $|x| < \sqrt{7/3}$ .



Graph of  $j(x)$

**Problem 12.** Let  $g(x) = \arctan(x^2 + x)$ . We can compute that  $g'(x) = \frac{2x+1}{1+(x^2+x)^2}$  and

$$g''(x) = \frac{-6x^4 - 12x^3 - 8x^2 - 2x + 2}{(1 + (x^2 + x)^2)^2}.$$

Sketch a graph of  $g$ .

Your answer should discuss the domain, asymptotes, roots, limits at infinity, critical points and values, intervals of increase and decrease, and concavity.

(Note: concavity is hard on this problem, but good practice).

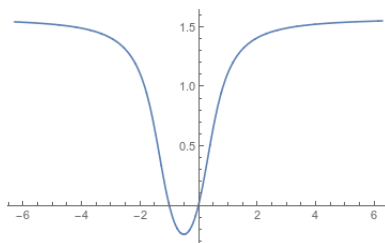
**Solution:**

$g$  has domain all reals.  $g(x) = 0$  when  $x^2 + x = 0$  when  $x = 0$  or  $x = -1$ .  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x^2 + x = +\infty$ , so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} g(x) = \pi/2$ .

$g'(x) = \frac{1}{1+(x^2+x)^2}(2x+1) = \frac{2x+1}{1+(x^2+x)^2}$ . The denominator has no roots, so the function is defined everywhere. The numerator is zero when  $x = -1/2$ , so the only critical point of  $g$  is  $x = -1/2$ .  $g'(-1) = -1$  and  $g'(0) = 1$ , so  $g$  is decreasing for  $x < -1/2$  and increasing for  $x > -1/2$ . Thus  $g$  has a minimum at  $-1/2$ . We see that  $g(-1/2) = \arctan(-1/4)$  is a small negative number, but we can't be much more precise than that.

$$g''(x) = \frac{-6x^4 - 12x^3 - 8x^2 - 2x + 2}{(1 + (x^2 + x)^2)^2}$$

The denominator is positive everywhere. It's clear that  $g''(0) = 2 > 0$ , but the numerator is negative if  $x = 1$  or if  $x = -2$ , so there is an inflection point between 0 and 1 and another between 0 and  $-2$ . These are the only inflection points, so the function is concave up near 0 and concave down in the tails.



The graph of  $g$  from  $-2\pi$  to  $2\pi$