

1. Examine function and draw a graph : $y = x^3 - 3x + 2$

Domain

$x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ or we can write $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Zero function

$$y = 0 \rightarrow x^3 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

This is the equation of the third degree. In these situations we can use Bézout theorem or another “trick”.

$$x^3 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$x^3 - x - 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) - 2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x(x-1)(x+1) - 2(x-1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)[x(x+1) - 2] = 0$$

$$(x-1)[x^2 + x - 2] = 0$$

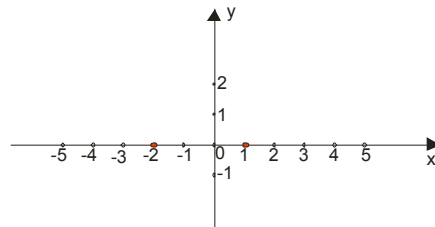
As is for $x^2 + x - 2 = 0$ $x_1 = 1, x_2 = -2$ we will use $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x - x_1)(x - x_2)$ and

$$(x-1)(x-1)(x+2) = 0$$

$$(x-1)^2(x+2) = 0$$

Zero functions are therefore $x = 1$ and $x = -2$

Points where graph cuts x axis:



Sign function

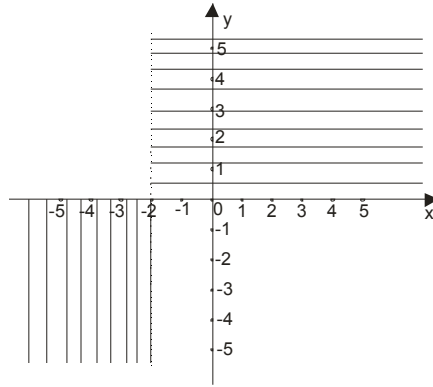
Consider the "signed" form function $y = (x-1)^2(x+2)$

From this we can conclude that $(x-1)^2 \geq 0$ and does not affect the sign function. So, sign depends only on the expression $x+2$:

$y > 0$ for $x + 2 > 0$ that is for $x > -2$

$y < 0$ for $x + 2 < 0$ that is for $x < -2$

For graphics, it would mean:



Graph is only in these marked areas.

Parity

$$f(-x) = (-x)^3 - 3(-x) + 2 = -x^3 + 3x + 2$$

and this is $\neq f(x)$ and $\neq -f(x)$

Extreme values (max and min) and monotonic function (increasing and decreasing)

$$y = x^3 - 3x + 2$$

$$y' = 3x^2 - 3$$

$$y' = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$3(x-1)(x+1) = 0 \rightarrow x = 1 \vee x = -1$$

For $x = -1$

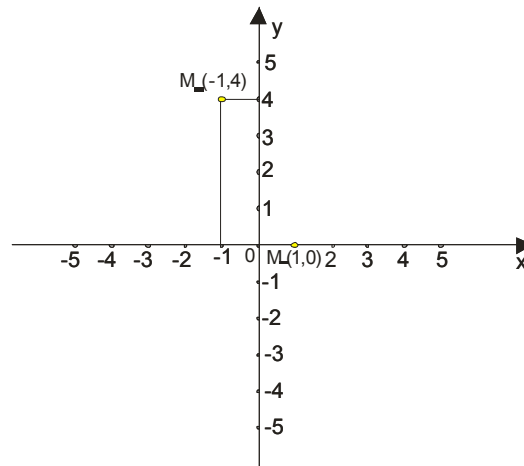
$$y = (-1)^3 - 3 \cdot (-1) + 2 = -1 + 3 + 2 = 4$$

We have point $M_1(-1, 4)$

For $x = 1$

$$y = 1^3 - 3 \cdot 1 + 2 = 0$$

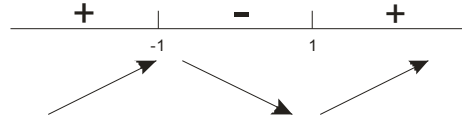
We have point $M_2(1, 0)$



we know that if $y' > 0$ the function is increasing, and if $y' < 0$ function decreasing.



So is



function is **increasing** for $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

function **decreasing** for $x \in (-1, 1)$

convexity and concavity

We are looking for second derivate :

$$y' = 3x^2 - 3$$

$$y'' = 6x$$

$$y'' = 0$$

$$6x = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$$

This change in the initial function value

for $x = 0$

$$y = 0^3 - 3 \cdot 0 + 2$$

$$y = 2$$

We have $P(0, 2)$

We know that if $y'' > 0$ that is convex function (joyful) and if $y'' < 0$ concave (sad)

$y'' > 0$ for $6x > 0, x > 0$

$y'' < 0$ for $6x < 0, x < 0$

Asymptote function (behavior functions at the ends of the field definition)

Vertical asymptote

There is not , because functions is defined everywhere ...

Horizontal asymptote

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x^3 - 3x + 2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x-1)^2 (x+2) = \infty \cdot \infty = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x^3 - 3x + 2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (x-1)^2 (x+2) = \infty \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty$$

Therefore, we have not a horizontal asymptote

Oblique asymptote

$$y = kx + n$$

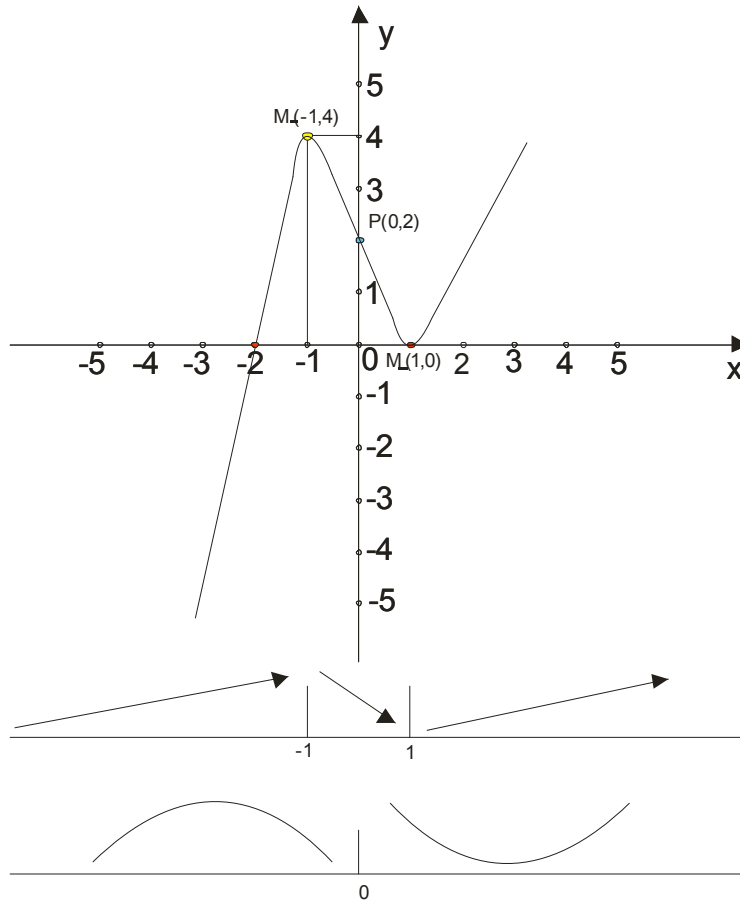
$$k = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^3 - 3x + 2}{x} = \infty$$

do not have this asymptote

Sketch graphic

As we have seen any point in examining function tells us something about how the function looks like.

To draw the whole function now:



We suggest you to start the graphic below apply two straight lines parallel to where you first enter the results for **monotonic function and convexity and concavity**.

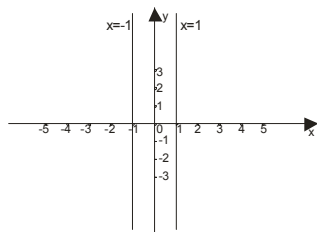
2. Examine function and draw a graph $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2}$

Domain

The function is defined for $1 - x^2 \neq 0$ then is $(1 - x)(1 + x) \neq 0 \rightarrow x \neq 1$ and $x \neq -1$

So $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

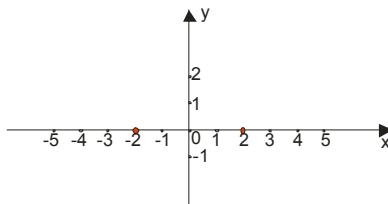
This tells us that the function is interrupted in $x = -1$ and $x = 1$



Zero function

$y = 0$ for $x^2 - 4 = 0 \rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 2) = 0 \rightarrow x = 2 \vee x = -2$

Thus, the graph cuts x axis at two points -2 and 2



Sign function

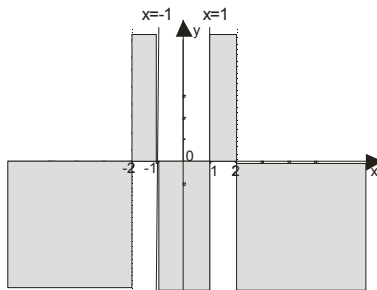
$y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = \frac{(x - 2)(x + 2)}{(1 - x)(1 + x)}$ It is best to use the table ...

	$-\infty$	-2	-1	1	2	∞
x-2	-	-	-	-	+	+
x+2	-	+	+	+	+	+
1-x	+	+	+	-	-	-
1+x	-	-	+	+	+	+
y	-	+	-	+	-	-

Table tells us what?

It tells us where the graph **above the** x axis (where are +) and where it is **below the** x axis (where are -)

The picture would look like this:



Function exists only in shaded areas.

Parity

$$f(-x) = \frac{(-x)^2 - 4}{1 - (-x)^2} = \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = f(x)$$

Thus, the function is even, so the graph will be **symmetric with respect to the y-axis**

Extreme values (max and min) and monotonic function

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{(x^2 - 4)'(1 - x^2) - (1 - x^2)'(x^2 - 4)}{(1 - x^2)^2}$$

$$y' = \frac{2x(1 - x^2) - (-2x)(x^2 - 4)}{(1 - x^2)^2}$$

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

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

$$y' = \frac{-6x}{(1 - x^2)^2}$$

$y' = 0$ for $-6x = 0$, so $x = 0$ is point of extremes. When we replace $x = 0$ in the initial function, we have:

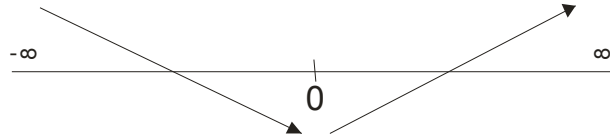
$$y = \frac{0^2 - 4}{1 - 0^2} = -4$$

We got the point of extreme values **M(0,-4)**

We need sign of first derivative to examine monotonic function (increasing and decreasing).Let's think a bit ...

Expression in the denominator is always positive (because of the square), so that the sign of the first derivative affects only the term in the numerator.

So: $y' > 0 \rightarrow -6x > 0 \rightarrow x < 0$
 $y' < 0 \rightarrow -6x < 0 \rightarrow x > 0$



Point $M(0,-4)$ is maximum.

convexity and concavity

$$y' = \frac{-6x}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

$$y'' = \frac{(-6x)'(1-x^2)^2 - ((1-x^2)^2)'(-6x)}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-6(1-x^2)^2 - 2(1-x^2)(-2x)(-6x)}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-6(1-x^2)^2 - 24x^2(1-x^2)}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$y'' = \frac{(1-x^2)[-6(1-x^2) - 24x^2]}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-6 + 6x^2 - 24x^2}{(1-x^2)^3}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-6 - 18x^2}{(1-x^2)^3}$$

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

$y'' = 0$ for $-6(3x^2 + 1) = 0$, And this has no rational solutions ...

Convex and concave character is tested in the second derivative. Let's think back a bit ..

$3x^2 + 1 > 0$ and it does not affect the sign of the second derivative.

	$-\infty$	-1	1	∞
-6	—	—	—	
$1-x$	+	+	—	
$1+x$	—	+	+	
y''	+	—	+	

Asymptote function (behavior functions at the ends of the field definition)

Vertical asymptote

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1+\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1+\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{1^2 - 4}{(1-(1+\varepsilon))(1+1+\varepsilon)} = \frac{-3}{(1-1-\varepsilon)2} = \frac{-3}{(-\varepsilon)2} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1-\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 1-\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{1^2 - 4}{(1-(1-\varepsilon))(1+1-\varepsilon)} = \frac{-3}{(1-1+\varepsilon)2} = \frac{-3}{\varepsilon 2} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -1+\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow -1+\varepsilon, \\ \varepsilon \rightarrow 0}} \frac{x^2 - 4}{(1-x)(1+x)} = \frac{(-1)^2 - 4}{(1-(-1+\varepsilon))(1+(-1+\varepsilon))} = \frac{-3}{(2-\varepsilon)\varepsilon} = \frac{-3}{2\varepsilon} = -\infty$$

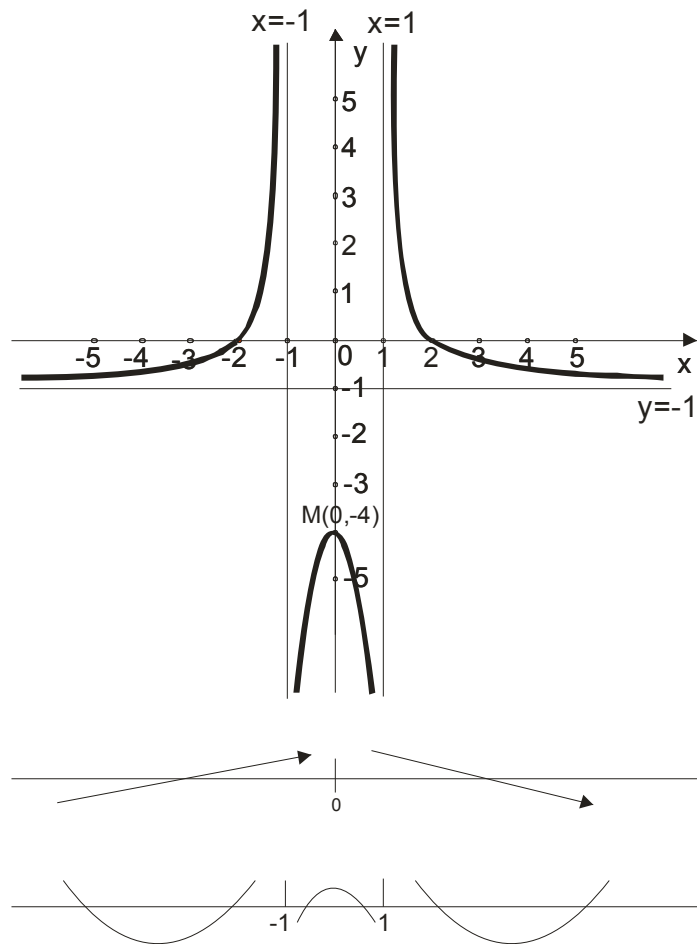
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Horizontal asymptote

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{1 - x^2} = -\frac{1}{1} = -1 \text{ so } \underline{y = -1} \text{ is Horizontal asymptote}$$

This means that, because we have horizontal asymptote, we don't have oblique asymptote.

the final graph:

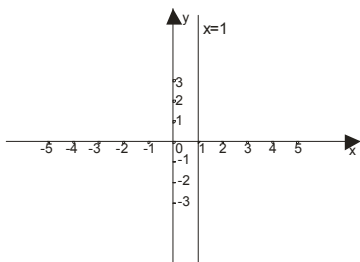


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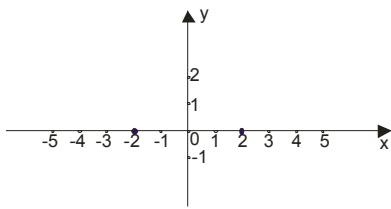
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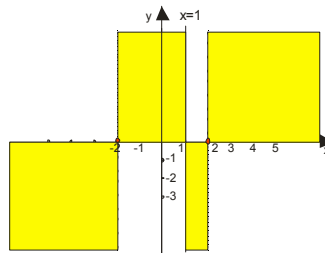
Thus, the graph cuts x axis at two points $x = -2$ and $x = 2$



Sign function

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

	$-\infty$	-2	1	2	∞
x-2	-	-	-	+	
x+2	-	+	+	+	
x-1	-	-	+	+	
y	-	+	-	+	



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$$y' = \frac{2x(x - 1) - 1(x^2 - 4)}{(x - 1)^2}$$

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

$$y' = 0 \text{ for } x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$$

As is $x^2 - 2x + 4 > 0$ because $a > 0 \wedge D < 0$

We conclude that the function **has no extreme**, and is **constantly increasing**. ($y' > 0$)

convexity and concavity

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

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

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

$$y'' = \frac{(x-1)[(2x-2)(x-1) - 2(x^2 - 2x + 4)]}{(x-1)^4}$$

$$y'' = \frac{[2x^2 - 2x - 2x + 2 - 2x^2 + 4x - 8]}{(x-1)^3}$$

$$y'' = \frac{-6}{(x-1)^3}$$

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-6	—		—
x-1	—		+
y''	+		—

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Horizontal asymptote

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 1} = \pm\infty$ This tells us that there is no horizontal asymptote and we ask for oblique asymptote.

Oblique asymptote

oblique asymptote is line $y = kx + n$

$$k = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} \quad \text{and} \quad n = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - kx]$$

$$k = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - x} = 1$$

$$n = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} [f(x) - kx] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left[\frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 1} - 1x \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left[\frac{x^2 - 4 - x(x - 1)}{x - 1} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left[\frac{x^2 - 4 - x^2 + x}{x - 1} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left[\frac{x - 4}{x - 1} \right] = 1$$

Replace k and n in : $y = kx + n$ and we have $y = x + 1$

