

SECTION 4.6: LIMITS AT INFINITY AND ASYMPTOTES: DAY 2 (and sophisticated graphing)

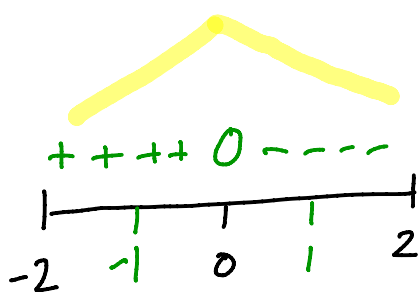
1. Given  $g(x) = \sqrt{4-x^2}$ ,  $f'(x) = \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$ ,  $f''(x) = \frac{-4}{(4-x^2)^{3/2}}$ . Identify important features of  $f(x)$  like: domain, asymptotes, local extrema, inflection points, and make a rough sketch.

domain:  $4-x^2 \geq 0$  or  $4 \geq x^2$  or  $-2 \leq x \leq 2$

So  $[-2, 2]$

asymptotes: none. (Note  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x)$  doesn't even make sense...)

↑, ↓, and extrema:  $f'(x) = 0$  when  $x=0$ .  $f'(x)$  is undefined at endpoints  $x = \pm 2$ .



← sign of  $f'$   $f'(-1) = \frac{+}{+} > 0$ ,  $f'(1) = \frac{-}{+} < 0$

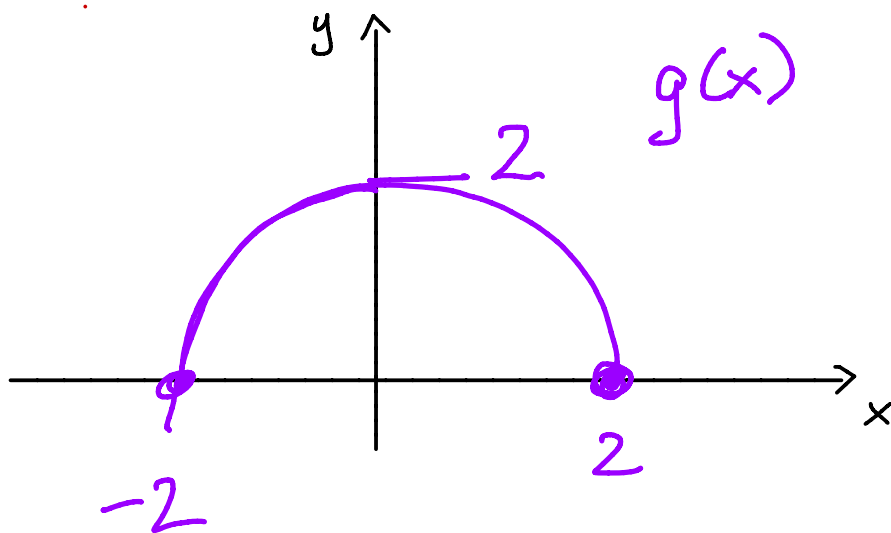
$f(x)$  is  $\uparrow$  on  $[-2, 0)$ ,  $\downarrow$  on  $(0, 2]$  and has an absolute maximum at  $x=0$ .  
The maximum value is  $f(0) = \sqrt{4} = 2$ .

concavity + i.pts:  $f''(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x$ .

So  $f(x)$  is concave down on  $[-2, 2]$  and has no inflection points.

plot some points for our graph:

x	f(x)
-2	0
0	2
2	0



Yes,  $g(x)$  is the top-half of a circle. Do you see why??

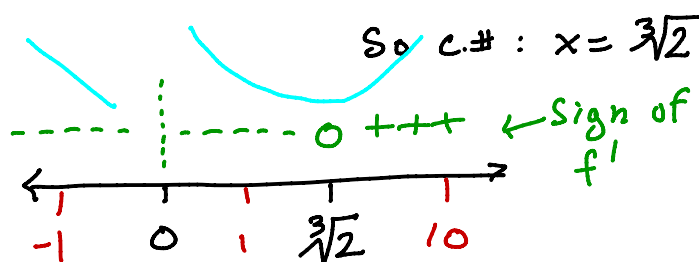
2. Given  $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2}$ ,  $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{8}{x^3}$ ,  $f''(x) = 2 + \frac{24}{x^4}$ . Identify important features of  $f(x)$  like: domain, asymptotes, local extrema, inflection points, and make a rough sketch.

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

asymptotes: h.a.: none (b/c  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f(x) = +\infty$ )

v.a.:  $x=0$ .  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} = +\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x^2 + \frac{4}{x^2} = +\infty$

↑, ↓, extrema:  $f'(x)=0$  when  $2x - \frac{8}{x^3} = 0$  or  $2x = \frac{8}{x^3}$  or  $x^4 = 4$



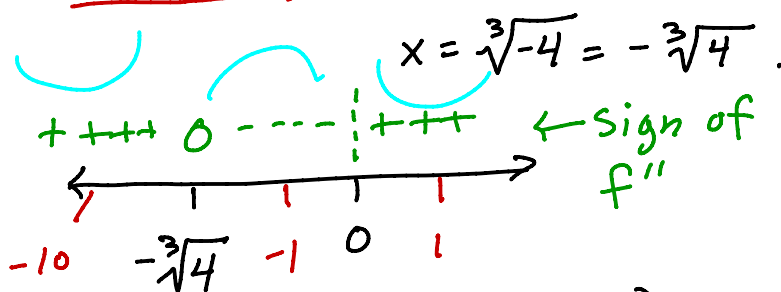
$f'(-1) = -2 - 4 < 0$ ;  $f'(1) = 2 - 4 < 0$   
 $f'(10) = 20 - \text{tiny} > 0$ .

$f(x)$  is  $\uparrow$  on  $(\sqrt[3]{2}, \infty)$  and  $\downarrow$  on  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \sqrt[3]{2})$ .

$f(x)$  has a local min at  $x = \sqrt[3]{2}$  and no local max.

No absolute extrema at all (b/c limits at  $\pm\infty$ ).

concavity:  $f''(x)=0$  when  $2 + \frac{24}{x^4} = 0$  or  $2x^4 = -24$  or  $x^4 = -12$



$f''(-10) = 2 - \text{tiny} > 0$

$f''(-1) = 2 - 8 < 0$ ,

$f''(1) = 2 + 8 > 0$ .

$f$  is conc up on  $(-\infty, -\sqrt[3]{4}) \cup (0, \infty)$  and conc down  $(-\sqrt[3]{4}, 0)$ .

$f$  has an inflection point at  $x = -\sqrt[3]{4}$ . (Not at  $x=0$ )

Since  $x=0$  is not in the domain)

Put it all together to sketch the graph

