

MATH 2301 Section 110 (Barsamian) Meeting #39 (Fri March 31, 2023) (1)

- Pick up Graded Work
- If you don't already have one, pick up a copy of the Graphing Strategy
- Today
 - ~~At~~ One more Example from 4.4 Curve Sketching
 - Section 4.5 Optimization
 - Quiz Q7
- Next Friday: Exam X3 covering Chapter 4/

General Idea:

- Start with simplest, least sophisticated analysis, then proceed to more sophisticated.
- If a step is not easy (for instance, if it is not clear how to factor $f(x)$), then skip that step.

Step 1. Analyze $f(x)$.

- Find the y -intercept
- Find the x -intercepts.
- Determine the end-behavior (Are there horizontal asymptotes? Or do the ends of the graph go up or down?) by finding $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$.
- Determine location of any vertical asymptotes
- Make a sign chart for f and use it to determine where f is positive, negative, or zero.

Step 2. Analyze $f'(x)$.

- Find $f'(x)$, factor it, and then find the partition numbers for $f'(x)$.
- Construct a sign chart for $f'(x)$ and use it to determine the x coordinates where graph of f has a horizontal tangent line, the intervals on which f is increasing and decreasing, and the x coordinates of all relative maxima and minima.
- Find the y coordinates of all relative maxima and minima.

Step 3. Analyze $f''(x)$.

- Find $f''(x)$, factor it, and then find the partition numbers for $f''(x)$.
- Construct a sign chart for $f''(x)$ and use it to determine the intervals on which f is concave up and concave down, and to find the x coordinates of all inflection points.
- Find the y coordinates of all inflection points.

Step 4: Sketch the graph of f .

- Draw any asymptotes as dotted lines, and label them with their line equations.
- Plot the axis intercepts, relative maxima and minima, and inflection points, and label them with their (x, y) coordinates.
- Using the other information from steps 1, 2, and 3, draw the graph.

One more Example from Section 4.4 Curve Sketching

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Let $f(x) = xe^x$ (function from Quiz Q6 [2])

Use Graphing Strategy to sketch graph of $f(x)$

Step 1 Analyze $f(x)$

y intercept: set $x=0$, find y

$$y = f(0) = 0 \cdot e^{(0)} = 0 \cdot 1 = 0$$

y intercept at $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

x intercepts: set $y=0$, find x

$$0 = xe^{(x)}$$

this term is zero
only when $x=0$

$e^{(x)}$ is never 0!!

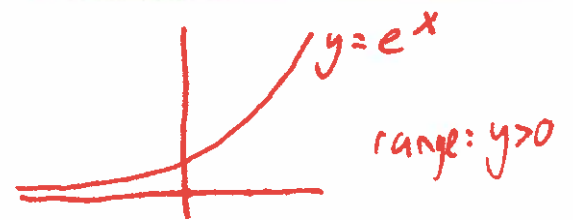
So the only solution is $x=0$

So the only x intercept is $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

Zero Product Property

If $a \cdot b = 0$

then $a=0$ or $b=0$ (or both)

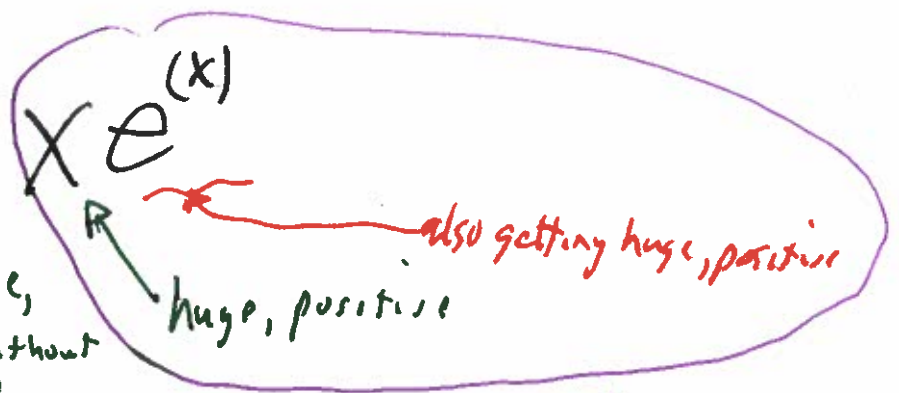


End behavior (what happens on graph as $x \rightarrow \infty$ (right end) and $x \rightarrow -\infty$ (left end)?)

Compute limits

~~right hand~~ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$
right end

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty}$
x getting huge,
positive without
bound



$= \infty$

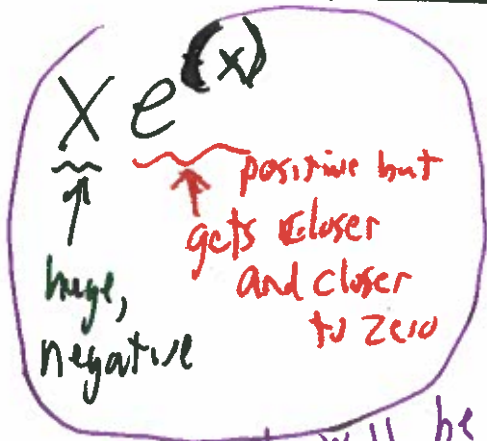
product is getting huge and positive

right end of graph goes up

~~left hand~~
left end

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty}$
x getting huge,
negative without
bound



$=$ not sure

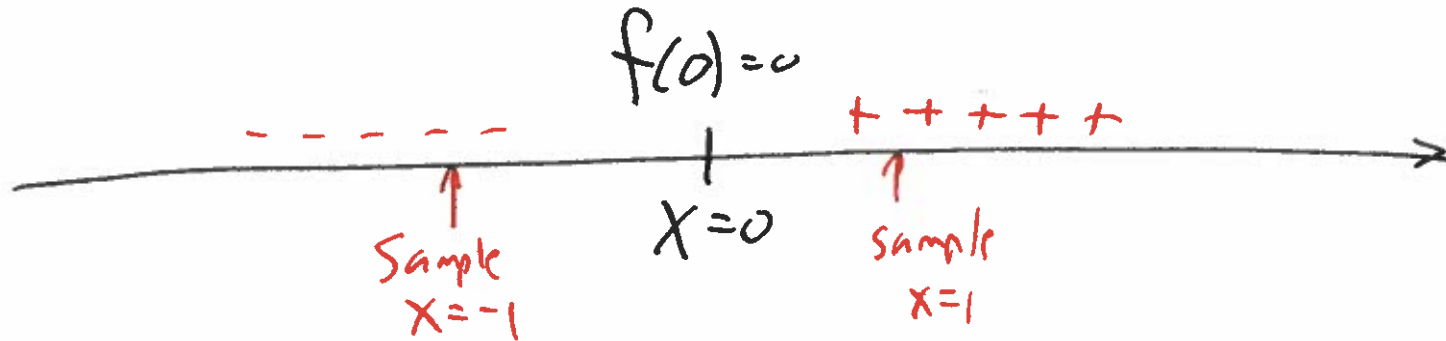
product will be negative
Not sure what the left end of graph is doing

Any vertical asymptotes for function $f(x) = xe^x$?

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No, because domain is all x .

Sign chart for $f(x) = xe^{(x)}$

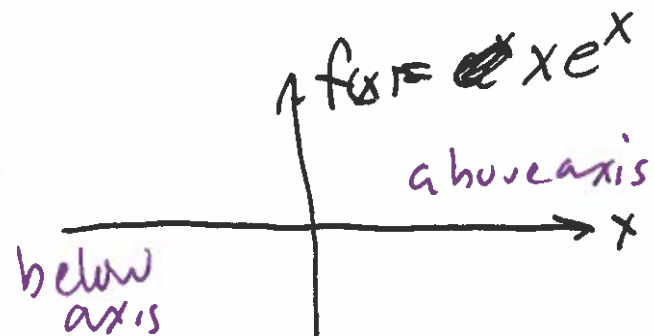


$$f(-1) = (-1)e^{(-1)} = -1 \cdot \frac{1}{e^1} = -\frac{1}{e} = \text{negative}$$

neg \cdot pos

$$f(1) = (1) \cdot e^{(1)} = \text{pos}$$

pos \cdot pos



Step 2 Analyze $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x e^{(x)}) \stackrel{\text{product rule}}{=} \left(\frac{d}{dx}x\right)e^{(x)} + x \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}e^x\right) \stackrel{\text{power rule}}{=} (1) \cdot e^{(x)} + x \cdot (e^x)$$

$$= (1)e^{(x)} + x e^{(x)}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{factor}}{=} (1+x)e^{(x)}$$

Find partition numbers for $f'(x)$

Domain of $f'(x)$ is all real numbers

So there are no x values that cause $f'(x)$ to not exist.

Look for numbers ~~x~~ x that cause $f'(x) = 0$

exponential
function rule
 $\frac{d}{dx}e^x = e^x$

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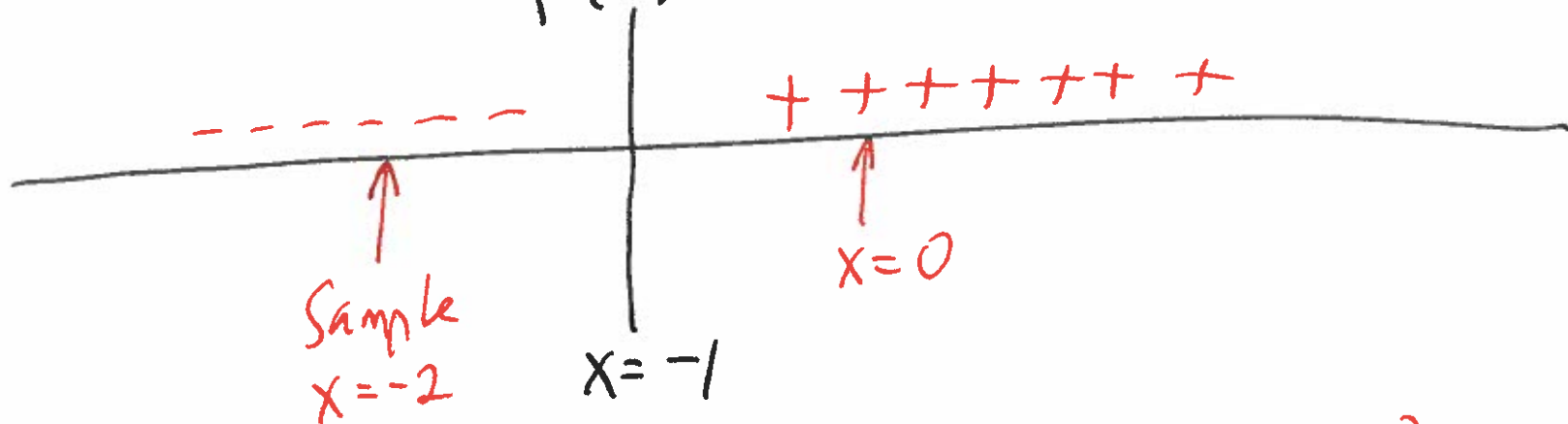
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$$0 = \underbrace{(1+x)}_{\substack{\uparrow \\ \text{only zero when} \\ x = -1}} e^{(x)} \quad \substack{\uparrow \\ \text{never zero}}$$

Only partition numbers for $f'(x) = (1+x)/e^{(x)}$
are $x = -1$ because $f'(-1) = 0$

This tells us that the only critical number
for $f(x) = x e^{(x)}$ is $x = -1$
(Quiz 6 problem [2])

Sign chart for $f'(x) = (1+x)e^x$
 $f'(-1) = 0$



$$f'(-2) = (1 + (-2))e^{(-2)} = \underset{\text{neg}}{-1} \cdot \underset{\text{pos}}{e^{-2}} = \text{neg}$$

$$f'(0) = (1 + (0))e^{(0)} = 1 \cdot 1 = \text{pos}$$

So $f(x)$ is decreasing on $(-\infty, -1)$ because f' neg

$f(x)$ is increasing on $(-1, \infty)$ because f' pos

local min (absolute min) at $x = -1$

y coordinate is $f(-1) = (-1)e^{(-1)} = -1 \cdot \frac{1}{e} = -\frac{1}{e}$

Absolute min at $(x, y) = (-1, -\frac{1}{e})$

Step 3 Analyze $f''(x)$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} ((1+x)e^x)$$

$$= \left(\frac{d}{dx} 1+x\right) \cdot e^x + (1+x) \frac{d}{dx} e^x$$

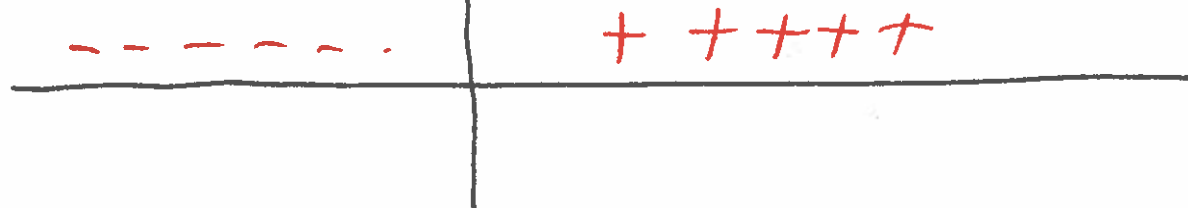
$$= 1 e^x + (1+x) e^x$$

$$\text{factor} = (1+1+x) e^x$$

$$= (2+x) e^x$$

$f''(x) = 0$ only when $x = -2$

Sign chart for $f''(x)$ $f''(-2) = 0$



Finish on Monday

$x = -2$