

1. (32%) Evaluate the following limits.

(a) (8%)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} + x)$

(c) (8%)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right)}{\sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2-1}}$

(b) (8%)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\cos x}}$

(d) (8%)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{x}{1+x}\right)^x - \frac{1}{e}\right] x$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} + x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + x} + x) \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x} - x}{\sqrt{x^2 + x} - x} \quad (3)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + x} - x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\frac{-1}{-x} \sqrt{x^2 + x} - 1} \quad (\text{as } x < 0) \quad (5)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-1 \sqrt{\frac{x^2+x}{x^2}} - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{x}} - 1} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad (8)$$

(b) Since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1,$$

we see that

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right)}{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+2} + \sqrt{x^2-1}}{\sqrt{x^2+1} \times 3}$$

$$\rightarrow 1 \times \frac{2}{3} \quad (+3)$$

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ . Therefore

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+1}}\right)}{\sqrt{x^2+2} - \sqrt{x^2-1}} = \frac{2}{3}. \quad (+3)$$

(c) Rewrite as

$$\left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\cos x}} = \exp\left(\frac{1}{1-\cos x} \ln\left|\frac{\sin x}{x}\right|\right).$$

By l'Hopital theorem, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-\cos x} \ln\left|\frac{\sin x}{x}\right| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x}{\sin x} \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{x^2}}{\sin x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos x - \sin x}{x \sin^2 x} \quad (3)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x \sin x}{\sin^2 x + 2x \sin x \cos x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-x}{\sin x + 2x \cos x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{3 \cos x - 2x \sin x} = -\frac{1}{3}. \quad (6)$$

Since  $e^x$  is continuous (7), we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{1-\cos x}} = e^{-1/3}. \quad (8)$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x}}\right)^x - \frac{1}{e}}{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\left(\frac{1}{1+t}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} - \frac{1}{e}}{t} \quad \left(x = \frac{1}{t}\right) \quad (+2) \\ &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{1}{1+t}\right)^{\frac{1}{t}} \frac{-\frac{t}{1+t} + \ln(1+t)}{t^2} \quad (L'Hopital) \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-t + (1+t)\ln(1+t)}{t^2(1+t)} \quad (L'Hopital) \quad (+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln(1+t)}{2t + 3t^2} \quad (L'Hopital) \quad (+2) \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{1+t}}{2 + 6t} = \frac{1}{2e} \quad (L'Hopital) \quad (+2) \end{aligned}$$

2. (12%) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^\alpha \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^\beta}\right), & x > 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ \frac{\sin(x^\beta)}{1 - \cos x}, & x < 0. \end{cases}$

(a) For what values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  will  $f(x)$  be continuous at  $x = 0$ ?

(b) For what values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  will  $f(x)$  be differentiable at  $x = 0$ ?

**Solution:**

(a)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

$$\implies 0 = f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \text{ (1 point)}$$

(1)  $f(0) = 0$

(2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\alpha \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^\beta}\right)$  (1 point)

since

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^\beta}\right) \leq 1 \quad \forall \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -x^\alpha = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\alpha \text{ if } \alpha > 0$$

hence (by Squeeze theorem) (1 point)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 0, \text{ if } \alpha > 0 \text{ (1 point)}$$

if  $\alpha \leq 0$  and  $\beta < 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^\alpha \sin\left(\frac{1}{x^\beta}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x^{-\beta}}{x^{-\beta}} x^{\alpha-\beta} = 0 \text{ if } \alpha - \beta > 0$$

(3)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x^\beta}{1 - \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\beta x^{\beta-1} \cos x^\beta}{\sin x} \text{ (by l'Hospital's rule) (1 point)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{\sin x} \beta x^{\beta-2} \cos x^\beta = 0 \text{ if } \beta > 2 \text{ (1 point)} \end{aligned}$$

note that if  $\beta = 0$ , then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x^0}{1 - \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 1}{1 - \cos x}$$

it doesn't converge

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$  if  $\alpha > 0$  and  $\beta > 2$

2.(b)  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  iff  $f'(0^+) = f'(0^-)$  (1 point)

Moreover,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$

$$\implies f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 0 \implies \alpha > 0 \text{ and } \beta > 2$$

(1)

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0^+) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^\alpha \sin\left(\frac{1}{h^\beta}\right) - 0}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{\alpha-1} \sin\frac{1}{h^\beta} \text{ 1 point} \end{aligned}$$

since

$$-1 \leq \sin\left(\frac{1}{h^\beta}\right) \leq 1 \quad \forall \beta \in \mathbb{R}$$

and

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} -h^{\alpha-1} = 0 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^{\alpha-1} \text{ if } \alpha - 1 > 0$$

hence (by Squeeze theorem) (1 point)

$$f'(0^+) = 0 \text{ if } \alpha > 1 \text{ (1 point)}$$

if  $\alpha - 1 \leq 0$  and  $\beta < 0$ , then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin h^{-\beta}}{h^{-\beta}} h^{\alpha-\beta-1} = 0 \text{ if } \alpha - \beta - 1 > 0$$

(2)

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0^-) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\frac{\sin h^\beta}{1 - \cos h}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin h^\beta}{h^\beta} \frac{h^{\beta-1}}{1 - \cos h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{h^{\beta-1}}{1 - \cos h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{(\beta - 1)h^{\beta-2}}{\sin h} \text{ (by l'Hospital's rule)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{h}{\sin h} (\beta - 1)h^{\beta-3} = 0 \text{ if } \beta - 3 > 0 \text{ (1 point)} \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$f'(0^-) = 0 \text{ if } \beta > 3 \text{ (1 point)}$$

note that if  $\beta = 1$ , then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{1 - \cos h}$$

it doesn't converge

Therefore,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  if  $\alpha > 1$  and  $\beta > 3$

3. (8%) Let  $f(x)$  be a twice differentiable one-to-one function. Suppose that  $f(2) = 1$ ,  $f'(2) = 3$ ,  $f''(2) = e$ . Find  $\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(1)$  and  $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}f^{-1}(1)$ .

**Solution:**

let  $y = f(x)$ , then  $x = f^{-1}(y)$  and when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 1$   
(1)

$$\frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dy} = 1 \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

implies that

$$\frac{d}{dy}f^{-1}(y) = \frac{1}{f'(x)}$$

hence

$$\frac{d}{dy}f^{-1}(1) = \frac{1}{f'(2)} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

(2)

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \frac{dx}{dy} \right) = \frac{d}{dx}(1) \implies \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \frac{dx}{dy} + \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)^2 \frac{dx}{dy} = 0 \quad (2 \text{ points.})$$

i.e.

$$f''(2) \frac{d}{dy}f^{-1}(1) + (f'(2))^2 \frac{d^2}{dy^2}f^{-1}(1) = 0$$

i.e.

$$e \frac{1}{3} + 3^2 \frac{d^2}{dy^2}f^{-1}(1) = 0$$

i.e.

$$\frac{d^2}{dy^2}f^{-1}(1) = \frac{-e}{27} \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

[another way]

let  $g(x) = f^{-1}(x)$

since  $g(f(x)) = x$ , we have  $g'(f(x))f'(x) = 1$  (2 points)

that is ,

$$g'(1) = g'(f(2)) = \frac{1}{f'(2)} = \frac{1}{3} \quad (2 \text{ points})$$

moreover

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx}[g'(f(x))f'(x)] &= \frac{d}{dx}(1) \\ \implies g''(f(x))[f'(x)]^2 + g'(f(x))f''(x) &= 0 \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ \implies g''(1) = \frac{-e}{3} \frac{1}{3^2} = \frac{-e}{27} &\quad (2 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

[another way]

$$\begin{aligned} f(f^{-1}(x)) &= x \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ \implies f'(f^{-1}(x)) \frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) &= 1 \\ \implies \frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x) &= \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ \implies \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f^{-1}(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(x))} = \frac{-\frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(x)}{f'(f^{-1}(x))^2} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \\ \implies \frac{d}{dx}f^{-1}(1) &= \frac{1}{3} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \text{ and } \frac{d^2}{dx^2}f^{-1}(1) = \frac{-e}{27} \quad (2 \text{ points}) \end{aligned}$$

4. (8%) Find the value of the number  $c$  such that the families of curves  $y = (x + \alpha)^{-1}$  and  $y = c(x + \beta)^{1/3}$  are orthogonal trajectories, that is, every curve in one family is orthogonal to every curve in the other family.

**Solution:**

$$y = (x + \alpha)^{-1} \text{ then } y' = \frac{-1}{(x + \alpha)^2} \text{ (1 pt)}$$

$$y = c(x + \beta)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ then } y' = \frac{c}{3}(x + \beta)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \text{ (1 pt)}$$

Let point of intersect be  $(x_0, y_0)$

$$\text{Orthogonal} \Rightarrow \frac{-1}{(x_0 + \alpha)^2} \cdot \frac{c}{3}(x_0 + \beta)^{-\frac{2}{3}} = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 3(x_0 + \alpha)^2(x_0 + \beta)^{\frac{2}{3}} \text{ (2 pts)}$$

$$\text{We also have } y_0 = \frac{1}{x_0 + \alpha} = c(x_0 + \beta)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c(x_0 + \alpha)} = (x_0 + \beta)^{\frac{1}{3}} \text{ (2 pts)}$$

combine with the equation above we have

$$c = \frac{3}{c^2} \Rightarrow c^3 = 3 \Rightarrow c = \sqrt[3]{3} \text{ (2 pts)}$$

5. (8%) Find the  $n$ th derivative of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^n}{1-x}$ .

**Solution:**

Here are two ways to compute  $f^{(n)}(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{First one need to write } f(x) &= \frac{x^n}{1-x} = \frac{x^n - 1}{1-x} + \frac{1}{1-x} \\ &= -(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2} + \dots + 1) + \frac{1}{1-x} \quad (3 \text{ pts}) \end{aligned}$$

Note first term become zero after  $n$  times of differentiation. (1 pt)

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)' = (-1) \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} \cdot (-1) = \frac{1}{(1-x)^2}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)^{(k)} = \frac{k!}{(1-x)^{k+1}}$$

$$\text{So we have } f^{(n)}(x) = \frac{n!}{(1-x)^{n+1}}. \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

Second way is to apply Leibniz's rule.

$$f(x) = \frac{x^n}{1-x} = x^n \cdot \frac{1}{1-x}$$

$$\text{Then } f^{(n)}(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n C_i^n (x^n)^{(n-i)} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)^{(i)} \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n C_i^n \frac{n!}{i!} x^i \cdot (i!) \frac{1}{(1-x)^{i+1}}$$

$$= \sum_{i=0}^n C_i^n n! \frac{x^i}{(1-x)^{i+1}} \quad (4 \text{ pts})$$

6. (8%) Suppose that three points on the parabola  $y = x^2$  have the property that their normal lines intersect at a common point. Show that the sum of their  $x$ -coordinates is 0.

**Solution:**

Let  $(x_1, x_1^2)$ ,  $(x_2, x_2^2)$ ,  $(x_3, x_3^2)$  be such three points.

If  $x_1x_2x_3 = 0$ , say  $x_3 = 0$ . Then the common point is on the  $y$ -axis.

The normal lines passing  $(x_1, x_1^2)$ ,  $(x_2, x_2^2)$  are

$$y - x_1^2 = \frac{-1}{2x_1}(x - x_1), \quad y - x_2^2 = \frac{-1}{2x_2}(x - x_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = x = -2x_1x_2(x_1 + x_2)$$

Since  $x_1x_2 \neq 0$ , we have  $x_1 + x_2 = 0$ . Hence  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$ .

Now if  $x_1x_2x_3 \neq 0$ , the normal lines passing  $(x_1, x_1^2)$ ,  $(x_2, x_2^2)$ ,  $(x_3, x_3^2)$  are

$$y - x_1^2 = \frac{-1}{2x_1}(x - x_1), \quad y - x_2^2 = \frac{-1}{2x_2}(x - x_2), \quad y - x_3^2 = \frac{-1}{2x_3}(x - x_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -2x_1x_2(x_1 + x_2) = -2x_2x_3(x_2 + x_3) = -2x_1x_3(x_1 + x_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(x_1 + x_2) = x_3(x_2 + x_3)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 - x_3) = x_3(x_2 + x_3 + x_1 - x_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x_1 - x_3)(x_1 + x_2 + x_3) = 0. \text{ Hence } x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0.$$

評分標準

寫出法線方程式並把點帶入得三分

解出交點的  $x$  座標得兩分

得到  $x$  座標相加是0得三分



7. (12%) A cone-shaped paper drinking cup is to be made to hold  $9 \text{ cm}^3$  of water. Find the height and radius of the cup that will use the smallest amount of paper.

**Solution:**

We have  $\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h = 9$ ,  $\theta = \frac{2\pi r}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}}$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{r^2 + h^2})^2 \frac{2\pi r}{\sqrt{r^2 + h^2}} = \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + h^2}$$

$$\text{So } A(r) = \pi r \sqrt{r^2 + \left(\frac{27}{\pi r^2}\right)^2} = \pi \sqrt{r^4 + \frac{729}{\pi^2 r^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A'(r) = \pi \left( \frac{4r^3 - \frac{1458}{\pi^2 r^3}}{2\sqrt{r^4 + \frac{729}{\pi^2 r^2}}} \right)$$

$$\text{Let } A'(r) = 0 \Rightarrow 4r^3 - \frac{1458}{\pi^2 r^3} = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{\sqrt[6]{2\pi^2}}$$

$$\text{Then } h = \frac{27}{\pi \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt[6]{2\pi^2}}\right)^2} = 3\sqrt[3]{\frac{2}{\pi}}$$

These are answer since for  $r < \frac{3}{\sqrt[6]{2\pi^2}}$ ,  $A'(r) < 0$  and for  $r > \frac{3}{\sqrt[6]{2\pi^2}}$ ,  $A'(r) > 0$ .

評分標準

列出體積關係式得兩分

算出扇形角度以及半徑各得一分

列出所要求的面積式子得一分 換成同一個變數再一分

對面積式子微分找出 critical number 得兩分

求出  $r$  和  $h$  各一分

說明為何是極小值得兩分

8. (12%)

- (a) Suppose that  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are differentiable on open interval containing  $[a, b]$  and  $f(a) > g(a)$ ,  $f(b) > g(b)$ . Show that if the equation  $f(x) = g(x)$  has exactly one solution on  $[a, b]$  then at the solution  $x_0 \in [a, b]$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have the same tangent line.  
(Hint: Consider  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ . Show that  $h(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in [a, b]$ .)
- (b) For  $\alpha > 0$ , if the equation  $e^x = kx^\alpha$  has exact one solution on  $[0, \infty)$ , solve  $k$  in terms of  $\alpha$ .

**Solution:**

(a)  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$  is diff on  $[a, b]$ .  $h(a) > 0$ ,  $h(b) > 0$

If  $h(\bar{x}) < 0$  for some  $\bar{x} \in (a, b)$  ((+2): **Correct assumption to start with.**),

then by the *intermediate value thm*, there are some  $x_1 \in [a, \bar{x}]$  and  $x_2 \in [\bar{x}, b]$  s.t.  $h(x_1) = 0 = h(x_2)$  i.e.  $f(x) = g(x)$  has at least two solution  $x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$ . ((+2): **Use IVT.**)

$\therefore h(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in [a, b]$  if  $f(x) = g(x)$  has exactly one solution on  $[a, b] \rightarrow \leftarrow$

Suppose that  $r_0$  is the only root for  $f(x) = g(x)$ ,  $r_0 \in [a, b]$ . Then  $h(r_0)$  is a local minimum value. ((+2): **See local minimum**),

$\therefore h(x)$  is diff on  $[a, b] \therefore h'(r_0) = 0 \Rightarrow f'(r_0) = g'(r_0)$ . ((+2): **Use Rolle's Theorem to conclude.**)

(b)  $f(x) = e^x$ ,  $g(x) = kx^\alpha$ .

for  $x = 0$ ,  $f(0) = 1 > g(0) = 0$

for  $x$  large enough  $f(x) > g(x)$ .

Hence if  $e^x = kx^\alpha$  has exactly one solution on  $[0, \infty)$  then at the root  $x = x_0$ ,  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  have the same tangent line.

i.e. if  $f(x_0) = g(x_0)$  then  $f'(x_0) = g'(x_0)$ . ((+2): **Apply part (a)**),

$$\begin{cases} e^{x_0} = kx_0^\alpha & -(1) \\ e^{x_0} = k\alpha x_0^{\alpha-1} & -(2) \end{cases} \Rightarrow kx_0^\alpha = k\alpha x_0^{\alpha-1} \Rightarrow x_0 = \alpha$$

(1)  $\Rightarrow e^\alpha = k\alpha^\alpha$ ,  $k = \left(\frac{e}{\alpha}\right)^\alpha$ . ((+2): **Find correct answer**).

9. (20%) Let  $f(x) = (x^3 + x^2)^{1/3}$ .

- (a) Find all asymptotes of  $f(x)$ .
- (b) Find the intervals of increase or decrease.
- (c) Find the intervals of concavity.
- (d) Find the local maximum and minimum values.
- (e) Find the inflection points.
- (f) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

**Solution:**

(a) Since  $f(x)$  is finite for any finite  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) \rightarrow \pm\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$ , it does not have any vertical or horizontal asymptotes. However, since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 1 \quad (2\%)$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} (f(x) - 1 \cdot x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{(x^3 + x^2) - x^3}{(x^3 + x^2)^{\frac{2}{3}} + x(x^3 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} + \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1} \\ &= \frac{1}{3} \end{aligned} \quad (2\%)$$

$f$  has a slant asymptote  $y = x + \frac{1}{3}$ .

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x^3 + x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ f'(x) &= \frac{1}{3}(x^3 + x^2)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(3x^2 + 2x) = \frac{3x + 2}{3x^{\frac{1}{3}}(x + 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}} \end{aligned} \quad (2\%)$$

$f'(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{2}{3})$  or  $(0, \infty)$ , and  $f'(x) < 0$  for  $x \in (-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(x)$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, -\frac{2}{3})$  and  $(0, \infty)$ , decreasing on  $(-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$ . (3%)

(c)

$$f''(x) = \frac{1}{3} \left[ -\frac{2}{3}(x^3 + x^2)^{-\frac{5}{3}}(3x^2 + 2x)^2 + (x^3 + x^2)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(6x + 2) \right] = -\frac{2}{9x^{\frac{4}{3}}(x + 1)^{\frac{5}{3}}} \quad (2\%)$$

$f''(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (-\infty, -1)$ , and  $f''(x) < 0$  for  $x \in (-1, 0)$  or  $(0, \infty)$ .  
 $\Rightarrow f(x)$  is concave upward on  $(-\infty, -1)$ , concave downward on  $(-1, 0)$  and  $(0, \infty)$ . (3%)

(d)  $f'(x)$  goes from positive to negative across  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$  and from negative to positive across  $x = 0$ , and  $f(x)$  is defined at these points.

$\Rightarrow f(-\frac{2}{3}) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{3}$  is the local maximum (1%) and  $f(0) = 0$  is the local minimum (1%).

(e)  $f''(x)$  changes sign only across  $x = -1$  and  $f$  is continuous at that point.

$\Rightarrow f(-1) = 0$  is the only inflection point (1%).

(f)

| $x$      |   | -1       |   | $-\frac{2}{3}$          |   | 0        |   |
|----------|---|----------|---|-------------------------|---|----------|---|
| $f'(x)$  | + | <b>X</b> | + | 0                       | - | <b>X</b> | + |
| $f''(x)$ | + | <b>X</b> | - |                         | - | <b>X</b> | - |
| $f(x)$   | ↷ | 0        | ↶ | $\frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{3}$ | ↷ | 0        | ↶ |

