

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2+1}$$

A) DOMAIN $(-\infty, \infty)$

B) $f(0) = 0$ $(0, 0)$ is the only intercept

$$C) f(-x) = \frac{(-x)^3}{-x^2+1} = \frac{-x^3}{x^2+1} = -f(x)$$

So $f(x)$ is ODD, symmetric w.r.t. origin.

D) $x^2+1 > 0$, so NO VERTICAL Asymptotes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3}{x^2+1} = \infty \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3}{x^2+1} = -\infty$$
 NO HORIZONTAL Asymptotes

SLANT ASYMPTOTE

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [f(x) - mx + b] = 0$, then $y = mx + b$ is a SLANT Asymptote

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

$$f(x) - x = \frac{-x}{x^2+1} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \pm \infty$$

So $y = x$ is A SLANT Asymptote

$$E) f'(x) = \frac{3x^2(x^2+1) - (x^3)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{3x^4 + 3x^2 - 2x^4}{(x^2+1)^2} = \frac{x^2(x^2+3)}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

$f'(x) > 0$ for all x except $f'(0) = 0$

$f(x)$ is an increasing function and

F) There are NO local extrema

$$G) \quad f'(x) = \frac{x^4 + 3x^2}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

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

which simplifies to $f''(x) = \frac{2x(3-x^2)}{(x^2+1)^3}$

$(2x)(3-x^2) = 0 \quad x = 0, \pm\sqrt{3} \leftarrow$ points of inflection

	$2x$	$3-x^2$	$(x^2+1)^3$	$f''(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$	-	-	+	+	concave up
$(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$	-	+	+	-	concave down
$(0, \sqrt{3})$	+	+	+	+	concave up
$(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$	+	-	+	-	concave down

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