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Problem I :

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

1. Break $f(x)$ into the form $ax + b + \frac{cx + d}{2(x-1)^2}$ ($x \neq 1$) 4 pts

By Euclidian division or by identification we get $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 + \frac{7x - 4}{2(x-1)^2}$ for $x \neq 1$

2. Find the limits of f at the ends of each interval of its definition set 4 pts

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x^3}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{x}{2} = +\infty \text{ and similarly } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x}{2} = -\infty$$

and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^\pm} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^\pm} \frac{3}{2(x-1)^2} = +\infty$ hence $x = 1$ is a "vertical" asymptote.

3. Show that (C_f) has a "vertical" and an oblique asymptote (Δ), give their equations..... 4 pts

from (1) we get
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} [f(x) - (\frac{1}{2}x + 2)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{7x - 4}{2(x-1)^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{7x}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{7}{2x} = 0^+$$
 and similarly $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} [f(x) - (\frac{1}{2}x + 2)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{7}{2x} = 0^-$

4. Justify the position of (C_f) with respect to this asymptote. 2 pts

From the sign of the above limits we can say that (C_f) is above (Δ) in $+\infty$ and under (Δ) in $-\infty$

5. Find the derivative $f'(x)$ and factor it in binomials..... 6 pts

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

6. Give the zeroes of $f'(x)$ and justify the signs of the derivative. 6 pts

$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or $x = -1$ or $x = 4$ and $Sign[f'(x)] = Sign x(x-1)(x+1)(x-4)$ for $x \neq 1$

7. Find the intersections of (C_f) with the axes of coordinates. 4 pts

$f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ or $x = -2$ and $f(0) = 0$

8. Find the intersection of (C_f) with its asymptote (Δ). 2 pts

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 \Leftrightarrow \frac{7x - 4}{2(x-1)^2} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{4}{7} \text{ and then } y = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{7} + 2 = \frac{16}{7} \approx 2.3 \text{ Point I}(0.4 ; 2.3).$$

9. Find the equation of the tangent line in $A(-2;0)$ to (C_f) 2 pts

$f'(-2) = 2/9$ there for the equation of (T_A) is : $y = 2/9(x + 2) = 2/9x + 4/9$

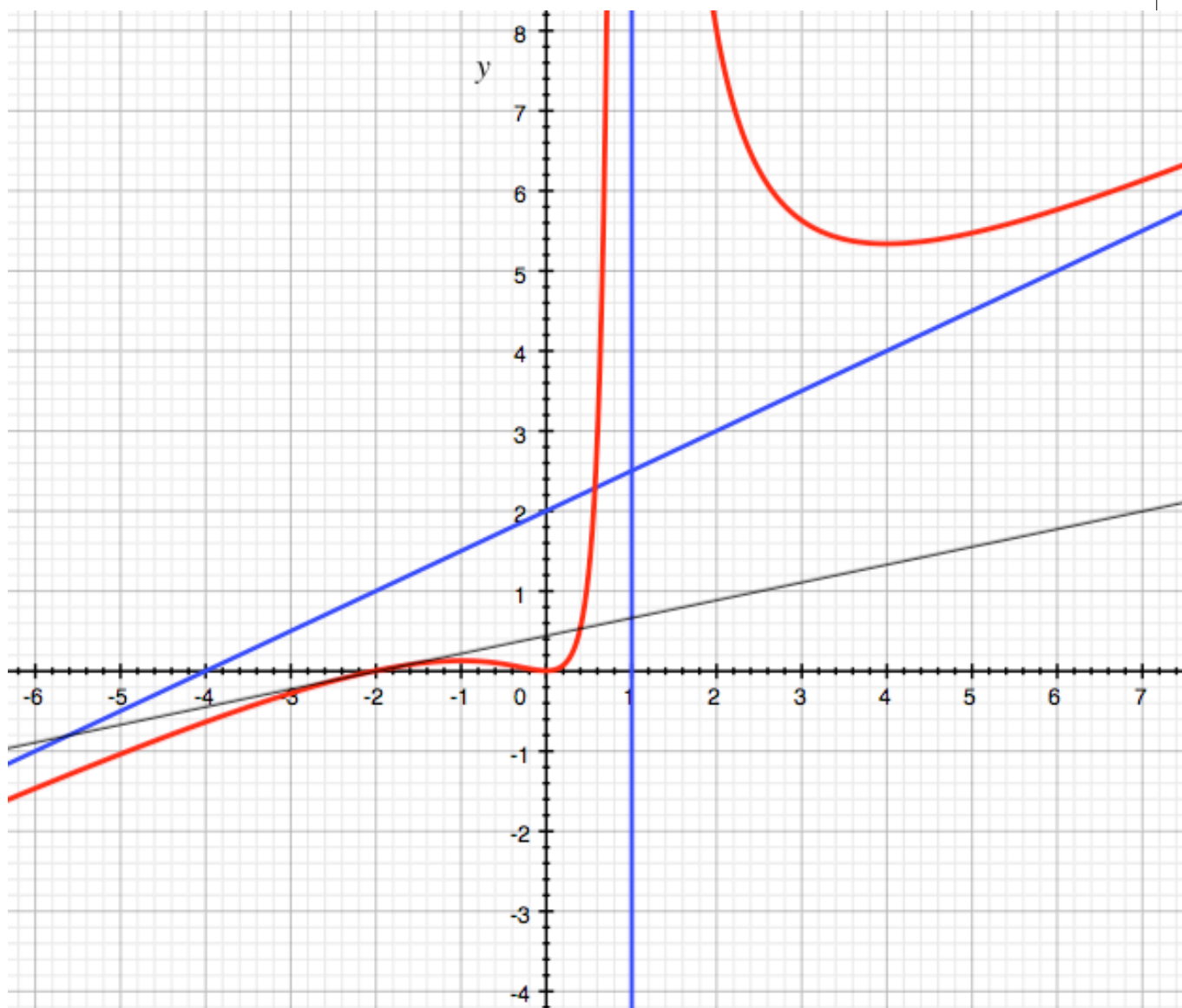
10. Show all the previous results in the chart below. 6 pts

x	$-\infty$	-2	-1	0	1	4	$+$						
$Sign [f'(x)]$		$+$	0	$+$	0	$+$	$ $	$-$	0	$+$			
Variations and <i>limits</i> of f	$-\infty$	\nearrow	0	\nearrow	M	\searrow	m_1	\nearrow	$+\infty +\infty$	\searrow	m_2	\nearrow	$+\infty$

11. Give the approximate decimal value of the extremes here : 2 pts

$$M = f(-1) = 1/8 = 0.125 ; m_1 = f(0) = 0, \text{ and } m_2 = f(4) = 16/3 = 5.3$$

12. Draw carefully (C_f) its asymptotes, and the tangent line (T_A). 8 pts



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

Problem II :

1. Break the function f in two different functions f_1 and f_2 without absolute values, and specify their intervals of definition : 4 pts

$x^3 + x^2 - 2 = (x - 1)(x^2 + 2x + 2)$ therefore the sign of the fraction is that of $(x - 1)(x + 2)$ for $x \neq -2$

$$f_1(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} \quad D_{f_1} =]-\infty ; -2[\cup]1 ; +\infty[; f_2(x) = \sqrt{\frac{-x^3 - x^2 + 2}{x + 2}} \quad D_{f_2} =]-2 ; 1]$$

2. Find the limits of f at the ends of each interval..... 4 pts

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} f_1(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \sqrt{\frac{x^3}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \sqrt{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} |x| = +\infty$$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f_1(x) = +\infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f_2(x) = +\infty$ because f is positive and the limit of $x^3 + x^2 - 2$ is not 0 in -2

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^\pm} f(x) = f(0) = 0 \quad (\text{because } f \text{ is continuous and defined in } 0)$$

3. Show that (C_f) has two oblique asymptotes $(\Delta_1) y = x - \frac{1}{2}$ & $(\Delta_2) y = -x + \frac{1}{2}$ 4 pts

$$f_1(x) - (x - \frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} - (x - \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2 - (x - \frac{1}{2})^2}{\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} + (x - \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{7x - 10}{4(x + 2) \left[\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} + (x - \frac{1}{2}) \right]}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left[f_1(x) - (x - \frac{1}{2}) \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{7}{4 \left[\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} + (x - \frac{1}{2}) \right]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{7}{8x} = 0^+$$

$$f_1(x) - (-x + \frac{1}{2}) = \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} + x - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2 - (x - \frac{1}{2})^2}{\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} - (x - \frac{1}{2})} = \frac{7x - 10}{4(x + 2) \left[\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} - (x - \frac{1}{2}) \right]}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \left[f_1(x) - (-x + \frac{1}{2}) \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{7}{4 \left[\sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} - (x - \frac{1}{2}) \right]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{7}{-8x} = 0^+$$

4. Justify the position of (C_f) with respect to these two asymptotes 2 pts

from the signs of the above results, we can tell that (C_f) is above its asymptote in $+\infty$ and in $-\infty$.

5. Give the derivatives of the functions f_1 and f_2 on each interval where they are defined..... 8 pts

for $x \in]-\infty ; -2[\cup]1 ; +\infty[$ we have $f_1'(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 2}{2(x + 2)^2 \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}}}$ ($x \neq 1$ and $x \neq -2$)

for $x \in]-\infty ; -2 ; 1 [$, we have $f_2'(x) = \frac{-(2x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 2)}{2(x + 2)^2 \sqrt{\frac{-x^3 - x^2 + 2}{x + 2}}}$ ($x \neq 1$ and $x \neq -2$)

6. Show that the sign of the derivatives depends on $P(x) = 2x^3 + 7x^2 + 4x + 2$ 6 pts

and show that there is only one zero α for $P(x)$, with $-3.0 < \alpha < -2.9$ [Use back of page]
 $P'(x) = 6x^2 + 14x + 4$ has two zeroes $x' = -2$ and $x'' = -1/3$. $\therefore P'(x) > 0$ for $x \leq -2$ or $x \geq -1/3$ and $P'(x) \leq 0$ for $-2 \leq x \leq -1/3$. $\therefore P(-2)$ is a Maximum and $P(-1/3)$ is a Minimum.
 Finally, since $P(-1/3) = 1.4 > 0$ it means that $P(x)$ has only one zero α between -3 and -2.9 .
 P is strictly increasing on the interval $[-3.0 ; -2.9]$ and changes sign : $P(-3) = -1 < 0$,
 $P(-2.9) \approx +0.5 > 0$. The variations of P show that $x \geq -2.9 \Rightarrow P(x) > 0$. See Graph of P below.
 Then we have proved that $f'(x)$ has one and only one zero $\alpha \approx -3$. and $f(\alpha) \approx 4.4$ and $f'(x)$ changes sign only once on the interval $]-\infty ; -2]$. This allows us to fill the chart of sign of $f'(x)$ below.

7. Study the singularity of (C_f) in $A(1;0)$ by studying the limits of the rate of growth of the function f on both sides of A 6 pts

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f_1(x) - f_1(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x - 1} \sqrt{\frac{x^3 + x^2 - 2}{x + 2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{\frac{(x-1)(x^2 + 2x + 2)}{(x-1)^2(x+2)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 2x + 2}{(x-1)(x+2)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \sqrt{\frac{5}{3(x-1)}} = +\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f_2(x)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x - 1} \sqrt{\frac{-x^3 - x^2 + 2}{x + 2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (-1) \sqrt{\frac{(1-x)(x^2 + 2x + 2)}{(1-x)^2(x+2)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (-1) \sqrt{\frac{x^2 + 2x + 2}{(1-x)(x+2)}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (-1) \sqrt{\frac{5}{3(1-x)}} = -\infty$$

This means that in A we have a vertical tangent of the \curvearrowright type.

8. Show the previous results in the chart below, with the intersections of (C_f) with the axes..... 6 pts

x	$-\infty$	$\alpha \approx -3$	-2	0	1	$+\infty$
Sign $[f_1'(x)]$	-	0	+			$+\infty$
Sign $[f_2'(x)]$				-	-	- $-\infty$
Sign $[f'(x)]$	-	0	+		-	- $-\infty$ $+\infty$
Variations and limits of f	$-\infty$	$\searrow M_1$	$\nearrow +\infty$	$+\infty$	\searrow	$1 \searrow 0 \nearrow +\infty$

9. Give the approximate decimal value of the extremes here.: $M_1 = f(\alpha) \approx f(-3) \approx 4.4$ 2 pts

10. Draw carefully (C_f) its asymptotes, and the tangent line (T_A) 8 pts

