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Quiz 10A

Question 1. (5 marks) Find the horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the function

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

$$x^2 + x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 1, -2$$

$$P(1) = 2(1) = 2 \neq 0$$

$\therefore x=1$ IS A VERTICAL ASYMPTOTE

$$P(-2) = 2(-2) = -4 \neq 0$$

$\therefore x=-2$ IS A VERTICAL ASYMPTOTE

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x}{x^2+x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{2x}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}} \\ &= \frac{0}{1+0-0} = 0 \\ \therefore y = 0 &\text{ IS A HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x}{x^2+x-2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{2x}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}} \\ &= \frac{0}{1+0-0} \\ \therefore y = 0 &\text{ IS A HORIZONTAL ASYMPTOTE.} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. (5 marks) Use the second derivative test to find the relative extrema if any of

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x - 10$$

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 4x - 5 = 0$$

$$(x-5)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = -1, 5$$

$$f''(x) = 2x - 4$$

$$f''(-1) = 2(-1) - 4 = -6 < 0$$

$\therefore f(-1) = -\frac{22}{3}$ IS A RELATIVE MAXIMUM

$$f''(5) = 2(5) - 4 = 16 > 0$$

$$\therefore f(5) = -\frac{30}{3}$$