

# Advanced Higher Functions.

## NAB Practice Questions.

①  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 12}{x + 2}, x \neq -2, x \in \mathbb{R}.$

- (a) Write down the equation of the vertical asymptote of the graph of  $y = f(x)$ . (1)
- (b) Show that the graph has a non-vertical asymptote and find its equation. (2)
- (c) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  showing clearly its intersections with the axes, and its turning points with appropriate justification. (6)

②  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 3}{(x - 3)(x + 1)}, x \neq -1, 3, x \in \mathbb{R}.$

- (a) Write down the equations of the vertical asymptotes of the graph of  $y = f(x)$ . (2)
- (b) Show that the graph has a horizontal asymptote and find its equation. (2)
- (c) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  showing clearly its intersections with the axes, and its turning points with appropriate justification. (6)

# Functions

1

$$y = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 12}{x+2}$$

Vertical asymptote

$$x = -2$$

approach

$x$	$\rightarrow$	$-2$	$\rightarrow$
$y = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 12}{x+2}$	$\frac{+}{-}$	$\infty$	$\frac{+}{+}$
	$-$	$\infty$	$+$



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Horizontal Asymptotes / Oblique

$$y = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 12}{x+2} = x + 4 + \frac{4}{x+2}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 4 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^2 + 6x + 12} \\ \underline{x^2 + 2x} \phantom{+ 12} \\ 4x + 12 \\ \underline{4x + 8} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

As  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$

$$y \rightarrow x + 4$$

so  $y = x + 4$  is an oblique asymptote.

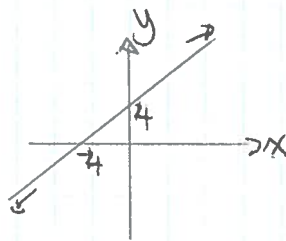
approach

as  $x \rightarrow +\infty$

$y \rightarrow x + 4 +$  a bit above.

as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

$y \rightarrow x + 4 -$  a bit below



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cuts x-axis

$$y = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + 12 = 0$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = 36 - 4 \times 12 = -ve$$

doesn't cut.

cuts y-axis

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 6$$

$$(0, 6)$$

## Stationary Points

$$y = x + 4 + \frac{4}{x+2}$$
$$= x + 4 + 4(x+2)^{-1}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 4(x+2)^{-2}$$
$$= 1 - \frac{4}{(x+2)^2}$$

For stationary points  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{4}{(x+2)^2} = 0$$

$$\frac{4}{(x+2)^2} = 1$$

$$(x+2)^2 = 4$$

$$x+2 = \pm 2$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } -4$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 6 \text{ or } y = -2 \quad (0, 6) \quad (-4, -2)$$

## Nature

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 4(x+2)^{-2}$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 8(x+2)^{-3} = \frac{8}{(x+2)^3}$$

When  $x = 0$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 1$$

$$> 0$$

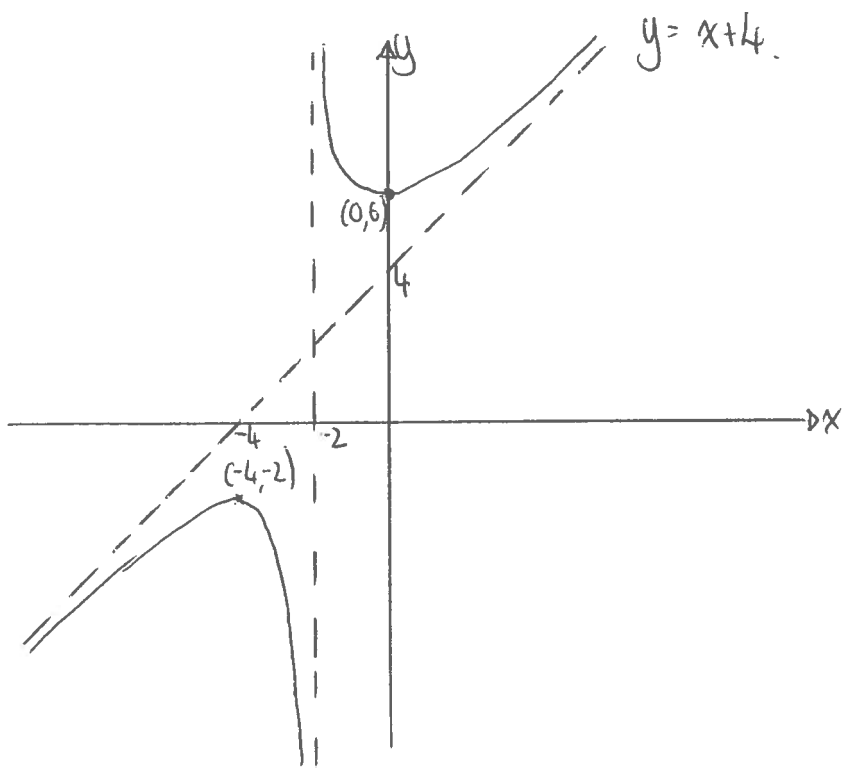
so  $(0, 6)$  is a minimum TP.

When  $x = -4$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -1$$

$$< 0$$

so  $(-4, -2)$  is a maximum TP.



✓✓

ii

②  $y = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 3}{(x-3)(x+1)}$

vertical asymptotes  $x=3$  ✓ and  $x=-1$  ✓

approach.

$x$	$\rightarrow$	3	$\rightarrow$
$y = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 3}{(x-3)(x+1)}$ $= \frac{(2x+1)(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+1)}$		(+)(+)	(+)(+)
		(-)(+)	(+)(-)
		-	$\infty$
		$\infty$	+

$x$	$\rightarrow$	-1	$\rightarrow$
$y = \frac{(2x+1)(x+3)}{(x-3)(x+1)}$		(-)(+)	(-)(+)
		(+)(-)	(-)(-)
		-	$\infty$
		$\infty$	+



④

horizontal asymptotes.

$y = \frac{2x^2 + 7x + 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$

$y = 2 + \frac{11x + 9}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$  ✓

$$x^2 - 2x - 3 \overline{) \begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 7x + 3 \\ 2x^2 - 4x - 6 \\ \hline 11x + 9 \end{array}}$$

As  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$   $y \rightarrow 2$  so  $y=2$  ✓ is a horizontal asymptote

Approach

as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

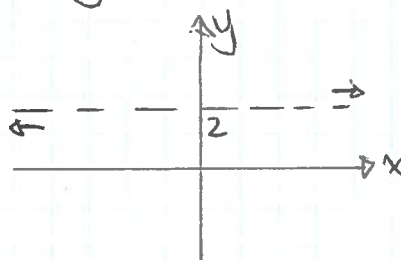
$y \rightarrow 2 +$  a little bit

above ✓

$x \rightarrow -\infty$

$y \rightarrow 2 -$  a little bit

below ✓



④

Cuts x-axis

$$\Rightarrow y=0$$

$$(2x+1)(x+3)=0$$

$$x = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } x = -3. \checkmark$$

$$\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \quad (-3, 0)$$

Cuts y-axis

$$\Rightarrow x=0$$

$$y = \frac{3}{-3} = -1 \checkmark$$

$$(0, -1)$$

Stationary Points:

$$y = 2 + \frac{11x+9}{x^2-2x-3}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(x^2-2x-3) \cdot 11 - (11x+9)(2x-2)}{(x^2-2x-3)^2} \checkmark$$

$$= \frac{11x^2 - 22x - 33 - 22x^2 + 4x + 18}{(x^2-2x-3)^2}$$

$$u = 11x+9 \\ \frac{du}{dx} = 11$$

$$v = x^2-2x-3 \\ \frac{dv}{dx} = 2x-2$$

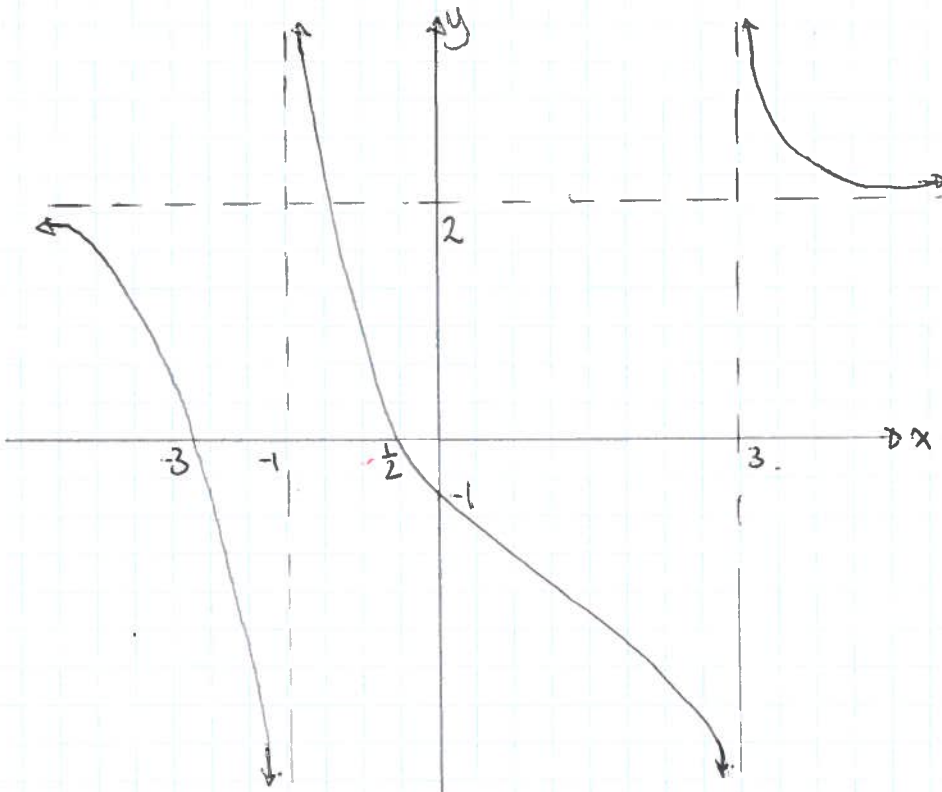
For stationary points  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \checkmark$

$$\Rightarrow -11x^2 - 18x - 15 = 0. \checkmark$$

$$b^2 - 4ac = (-18)^2 - 4(-11)(-15)$$

$$= -ve.$$

$\therefore$  no stationary points.  $\checkmark$



(8)

## Functions

1. Prove whether the following functions are odd, even or neither.
- (a)  $f(x) = x^6 - 6x^2 - 1$       (b)  $f(x) = 3 \sin x$       2, 2
2. Find the domain and range of the following functions
- (a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$       (b)  $f(x) = \frac{2}{\cos x}$       2,2
3.  $f(x) = 3x - 1$
- Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = |3x - 1|$       3
4.  $y = x + 2 + \frac{1}{x-1}$
- (a) Write down the equation of the vertical asymptote and the coordinates of the y-intercept.
- (b) Find the equation of the non-vertical asymptote.
- (c) Find the coordinates and justify the nature of any stationary points.
- (d) Sketch the curve showing all the main features.      2,2,4,2
5.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 5}{x + 2}, \quad x \neq -2$
- (a) Write down the equation of the vertical asymptote and the coordinates of the y-intercept.
- (b) Find the equation of the non-vertical asymptote.
- (c) Find the coordinates and justify the nature of any stationary points.
- (d) Sketch the curve showing all the main features.

2,3,4,2

**Total = 32 marks**

# Functions

# AH1

# Assignment

① (a)  $f(x) = x^6 - 6x^2 - 1$

$$f(-x) = x^6 - 6x^2 - 1$$

$$f(x) = f(-x) \text{ so } \underline{\text{even}}$$

(b)  $f(x) = 3 \sin x$

$$f(-x) = -3 \sin x = -f(x)$$

so odd.

② (a)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$

Domain  
 $x \geq 3$

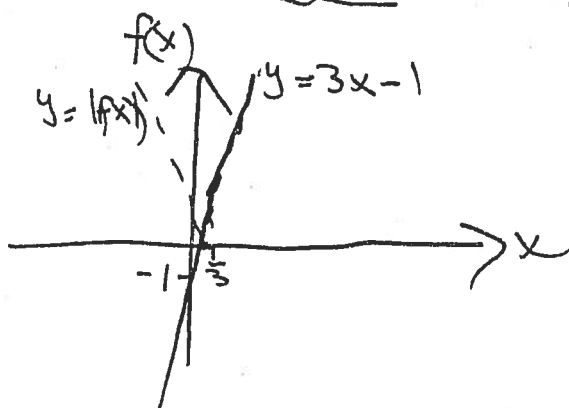
Range  
 $f(x) \geq 0$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{2}{\cos x}$

Domain  $-\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

Range  $-2 \leq f(x) \leq 2$

③  $f(x) = 3x - 1$



④  $y = x + 2 + \frac{1}{(x-1)}$

$$\Rightarrow y = x + 2 + (x-1)^{-1}$$

(a) V.A.  $x = 1$

y-intercept  $x = 0$   
 $y = 1$

(b) Non-vertical asymptote

$y = x + 2$

( $y > x + 2$   
as  $x > 1$ )

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - (x-1)^{-2}$   
 $= 0$  when  $1 = \frac{1}{(x-1)^2}$

$$\text{So } (x-1)^2 = 1$$

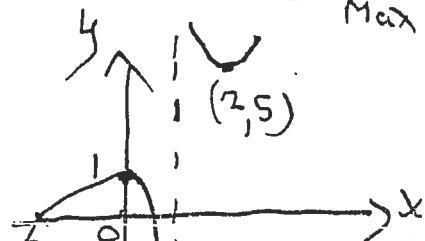
$$(x-1) = \pm 1$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2}{(x-1)^3}$$

$x = 2 > 0$

So min

$x = 0 < 0$   
Max





⑤  $f(x) = \frac{(x^2 - x - 5)}{(x+2)}, x \neq -2$

(a) V.A  $x = -2$

y intercept  $x=0, y = -\frac{5}{2}$

$$\begin{array}{r} x-3 \\ x+2 \overline{) x^2 - x - 5} \\ \underline{-(x^2 + 2x)} \phantom{-5} \\ -3x - 5 \\ \underline{-(-3x - 6)} \\ 1 \end{array}$$

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

Non-vertical asymptote

(c)  $y = (x-3) + \frac{1}{(x+2)}$   
 $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$  when  $1 = \frac{1}{(x+2)^2}$

$(x+2)^2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow x+2 = \pm 1$

Start pts  $x = -1$   $(-1, -3)$  Min  
 $x = -3$   $(-3, -7)$  Max

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{2}{(x+2)^3}$   $x = -1, > 0$  Min  
 $x = -3, < 0$  Max

$y = x-3$

