

AP Calculus AB
Curve Sketching

Complete the following table. Sketch the functions based on the information for the table.

Function	$y = 3x^4 + 4x^3$	$y = \frac{x^2 - 2x + 4}{x - 2}$	$y = 3x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 2x$	$y = \frac{\cos x}{1 + \sin x}$ for $[0, 2\pi)$
x-intercept(s)/zeros	$(0,0)$ $(-\frac{4}{3}, 0)$	none	$(0,0)$ $(\frac{27}{8}, 0)$	$(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$
y-intercept	$(0,0)$	$(0, -2)$	$(0,0)$	$(0,1)$
Vertical Asymptotes	none	$x = 2$	none	$x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$
Horizontal Asympt.	none	none (slant asymptote $y=x$)	none	none
First Derivative	$12x^3 + 12x^2$	$\frac{x(x-4)}{(x-2)^2}$	$2x^{-\frac{1}{3}} - 2$	$\frac{-1}{1 + \sin x}$
Critical numbers	$x = 0, -1$	$x = 0, 2, 4$	$x = 0, 1$	$x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

Interval(s) increasing	$(-1, \infty)$	$(-\infty, 0) \dot{\cup} (4, \infty)$	$(0, 1)$	nowhere
Interval(s) decreasing	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(0, 2) \dot{\cup} (2, 4)$	$(-\infty, 0) \dot{\cup} (1, \infty)$	$(0, \frac{3\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$
Extrema	rel. min at $(-1, -1)$	rel. min $(4, 6)$ rel. max $(0, -2)$	rel. min $(0, 0)$ rel. max $(1, 1)$	none
Second Derivative	$36x^2 + 24x$	$\frac{8}{(x-2)^3}$	$\frac{-2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$	$\frac{\cos x}{(1+\sin x)^2}$
Concave Up	$(-\infty, -\frac{2}{3}) \dot{\cup} (0, \infty)$	$(2, \infty)$	nowhere	$(0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \dot{\cup} (\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi)$
Concave Down	$(-\frac{2}{3}, 0)$	$(-\infty, 2)$	$(-\infty, \infty)$	$(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2})$
Possible Points of Inflection	$(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{16}{27})$ $(0, 0)$	no POI -- there's a v.A. at $x=2$	none	$(\frac{\pi}{2}, 0)$

On graph paper, make a sketch of each function using the information you found.