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MATH 1004, Fall 2018  
Total marks: 15

1. Sketch the curve  $y = \frac{1}{x^2 - 1}$  (show all your work) [15 marks].

1. Interception:

$f(0) = -1 \Rightarrow (0, -1)$

$x: f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow$  undefined  $\therefore$  no  $x$ -interception

2. V.A.:

$f(x)$  is undefined at  $x = \pm 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$   $\therefore$  V.A. at  $x = +1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$   $\therefore$  V.A. at  $x = -1$

2. H.A.:

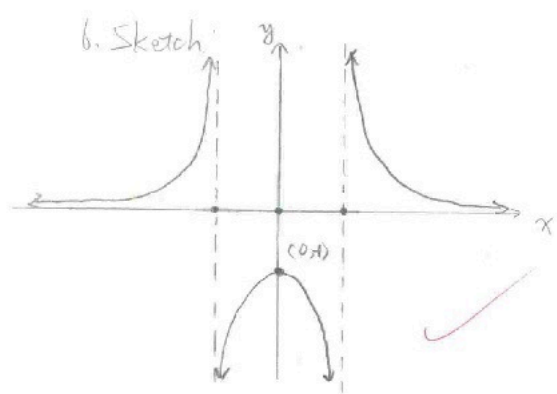
$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} = 0$   $\therefore$  H.A. at  $y = 0$

3. C.P.:  $f'(x) = \frac{0 - 2x}{(x^2 - 1)^2} = \frac{-2x}{(x^2 - 1)^2}$   
 $f'(x) = 0$  / undefined when  $x = 0, \pm 1$ .  $\therefore$  C.P. at  $f(0) = -1$   $(0, -1)$

4. I.P.:  $f''(x) = \frac{-2(x^2 - 1)^2 [4x(x^2 - 1) - 2x]}{(x^2 - 1)^4}$   
 $= \frac{-2x^2 + 2 + 8x^2}{(x^2 - 1)^3}$   
 $f''(x) = \frac{6x^2 + 2}{(x^2 - 1)^3}$   
 $f''(x) = 0$  / undefined when  $x^2 = \pm 1 \Rightarrow f''(\pm 1) =$  undefined  $\therefore$  No I.P.

5. SDT

| $(x^2 - 1)$     | $f(x)$ | $-2x$ | $(x^2 - 1)^2$   | $f'(x)$ | $(6x^2 + 2)$ | $(x^2 - 1)^3$   | $f''(x)$ |
|-----------------|--------|-------|-----------------|---------|--------------|-----------------|----------|
| $(-\infty, -1)$ | +      | +     | $(-\infty, -1)$ | +       | +            | $(-\infty, -1)$ | +        |
| $(-1, 1)$       | -      | -     | $(-1, 1)$       | +       | -            | $(-1, 1)$       | -        |
| $(1, \infty)$   | +      | -     | $(1, \infty)$   | -       | +            | $(1, \infty)$   | +        |



work:  $(\frac{10}{10})$   
 sketch:  $(\frac{5}{5})$

$f'(0) = 0$   
 $f''(0) = -2 < 0$   
 $\therefore f(0) = -1; (0, -1)$  is local max.  
 $f''(\pm 1) =$  undefined  
 $\therefore f(x)$  at  $x = \pm 1$  change concavity