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Worksheet week 11

Calculus I

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1. Give a complete graph for $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$. The actual graph should be supported by your work, which should include: domain, critical points (coordinates and type of critical points), sign chart for f' and f'' , inflection points, end behavior of the function and eventual asymptotes (vertical/horizontal).

Domain: $x \in (0, +\infty)$

$$f'(x) = \left(\frac{\ln x}{x^2} \right)' = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x^2 - (\ln x) \cdot 2x}{x^4} = \frac{x(1 - 2\ln x)}{x^4} = \frac{1 - 2\ln x}{x^3}$$

Critical point(s): $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - 2\ln x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ln x = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \boxed{x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}}$

Sign chart

$$f''(x) = \left(\frac{1 - 2\ln x}{x^3} \right)' = \frac{-2 \cdot \frac{1}{x} \cdot x^3 - (1 - 2\ln x) \cdot 3x^2}{x^6} = \frac{-2x^2 - 3x^2 + 6x^2 \ln x}{x^6}$$

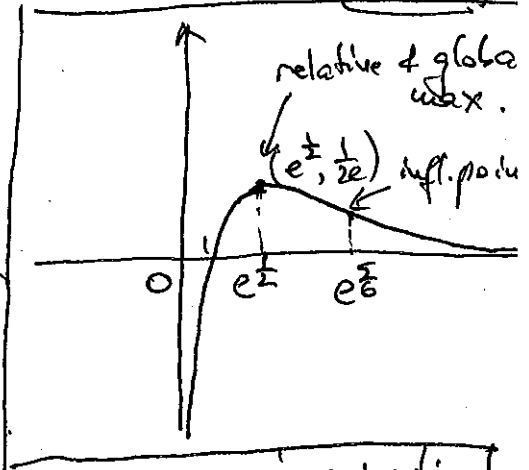
$$\boxed{f''(x) = \frac{-5 + 6\ln x}{x^4}}$$

so $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -5 + 6\ln x = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = e^{\frac{5}{6}}}$

Sign chart relative maximum: $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$ inflection point: $e^{\frac{5}{6}}$

x	0	$e^{\frac{1}{2}}$	$e^{\frac{5}{6}}$	$+\infty$
$f'(x)$	+	+	+	+
$f''(x)$	-	-	0	+

concave down \leftarrow \rightarrow concave up



End behavior / possible asymptotes for $f(x)$.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} = \frac{-\infty}{0^+} = -\infty$ so $x=0$ is a vertical asymptote

$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x^2} \stackrel{\frac{\infty}{\infty}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1/x}{2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{2x^2} = \boxed{0}$ so $y=0$ is a horiz. asymptote

y Coord. of critical point

$$y = f(e^{\frac{1}{2}}) = \frac{\ln(e^{\frac{1}{2}})}{(e^{\frac{1}{2}})^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{e} = \frac{1}{2e}$$

Coord. of x -axis intercept

$y = \frac{\ln x}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow \cancel{x=0} \quad x=1$