Worksheet 6. Curve sketching and optimization. Calculus I

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1. Carry out the following steps to sketch the graph of

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

- (a) Find the local maxima and minima for f. Compute the local maximum and minimum values. Give each intervals of increase and decrease.
- (b) Find the inflection points for f. Give the intervals where f is increasing and decreasing.
- (c) Determine if f is even or odd.
- (d) Find $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x\to-\infty} f(x)$.
- (e) Draw a graph which reflects the above information.
- 2. Suppose that we are constructing a cylindrical can with base a circle of radius r and height h. Assume the can has no top. The volume is to be 1000π cm³. Carry out the following steps to find the dimensions of the can with least surface area.
 - (a) Write a function which gives the surface area as a function of the radius r. For what values of r is your function defined?
 - (b) Find the absolute minimum value of the function you found in part a).
 - (c) Explain briefly how you may use calculus to show the value in part b) is a minimum.
 - (d) Give the dimensions of the can of smallest surface area.

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