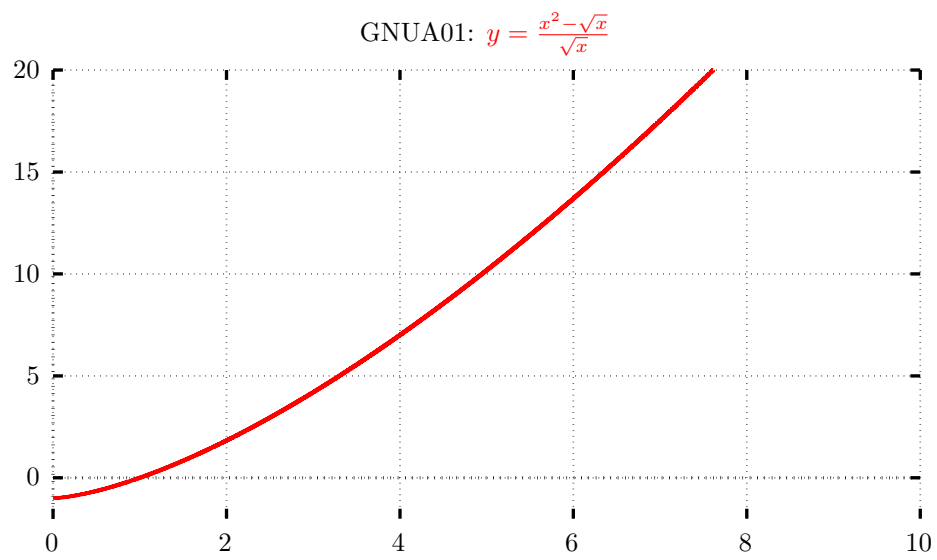


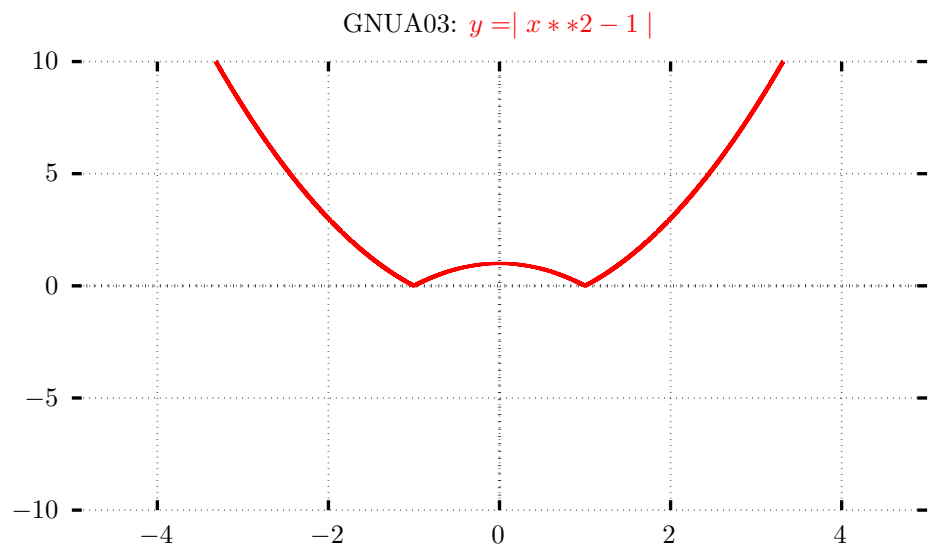
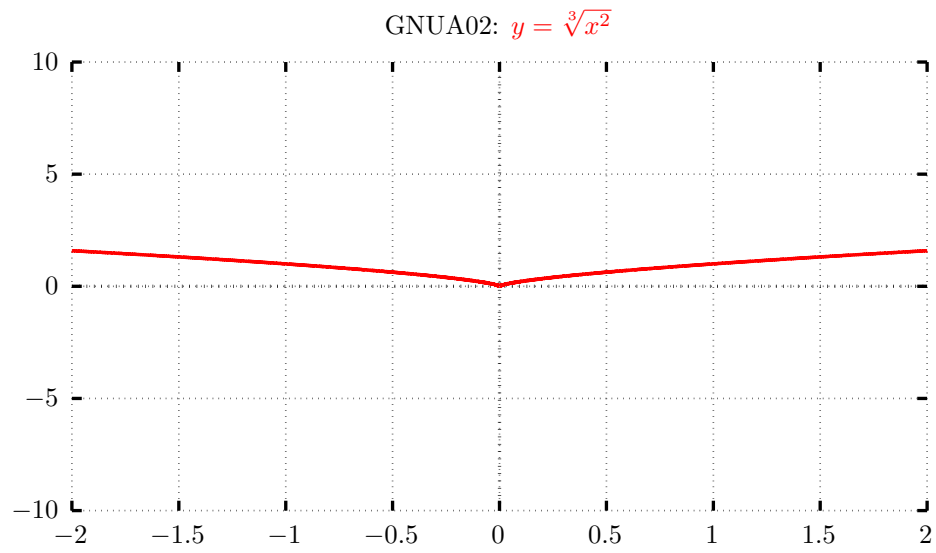
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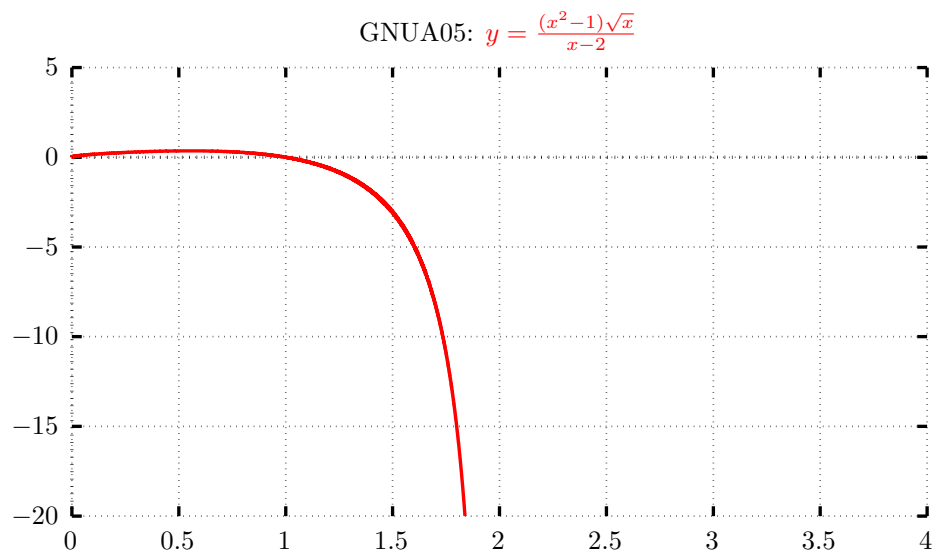
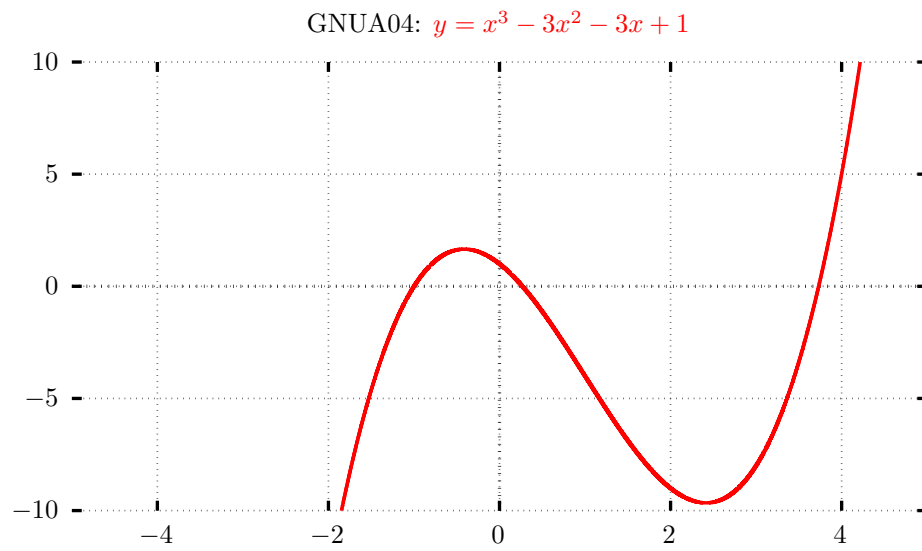
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**1 Lesson 3 Homework solutions**







## 2 Lesson 4

### 2.1 Some definitions

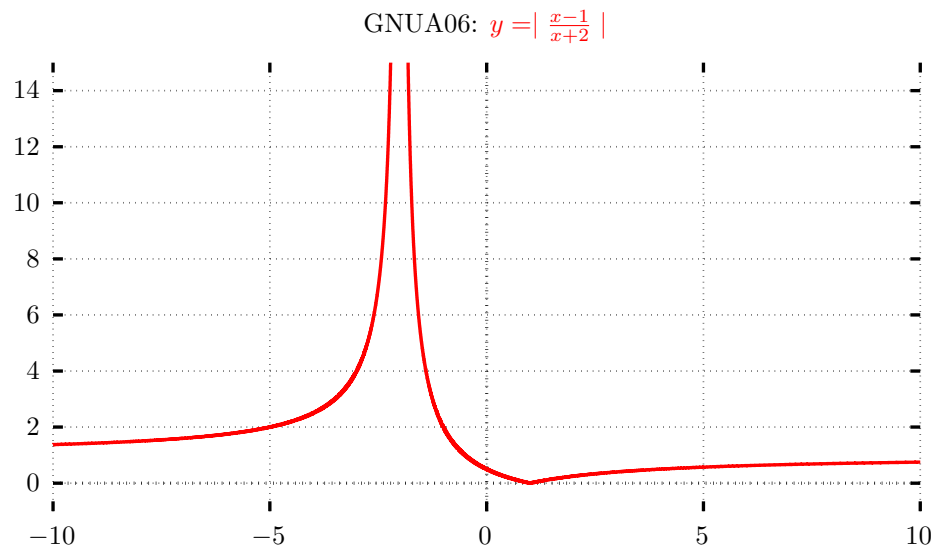
**Definition 1.** A function  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is

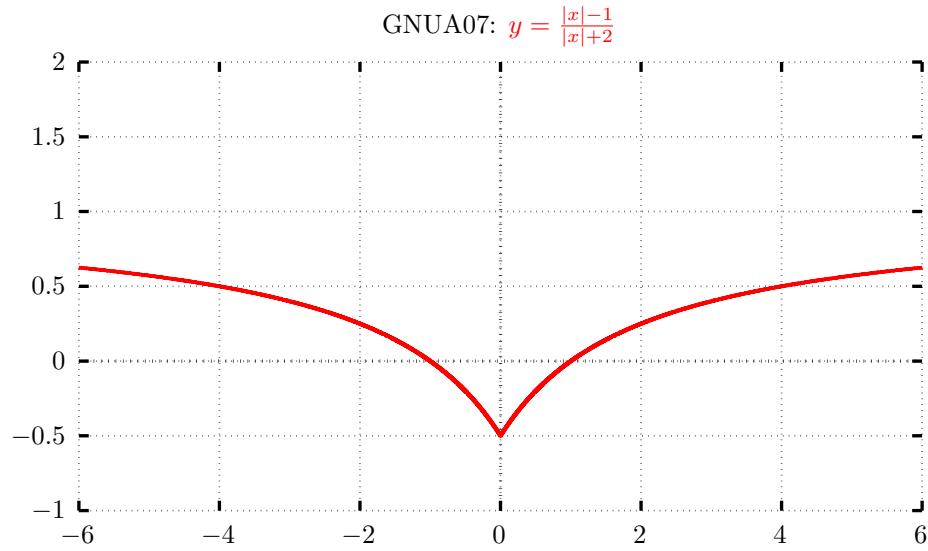
1. *EVEN* if and only if for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $F(x) = F(-x)$

2. ODD if and only if for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  we have  $F(x) = -F(-x)$ , or, equivalently,  $F(-x) = -F(x)$ .

**Definition 2.** A derivable function  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with derivable derivative  $F'$  is said to have a positive concavity in  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$  if and only if  $F(x_0)'' > 0$ . A point  $\bar{x} \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $F(x_0)'' = 0$  is called a flex for  $F$  if the sign of  $F''$  changes in  $\bar{x}$ .

## 2.2 Classwork solutions - First part





- If  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are ODD, then  $F \cdot G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is EVEN, because

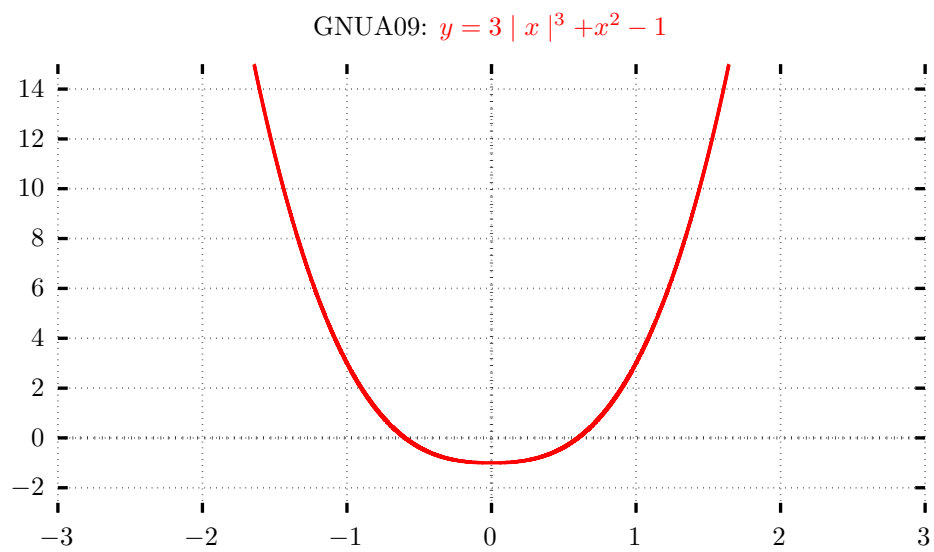
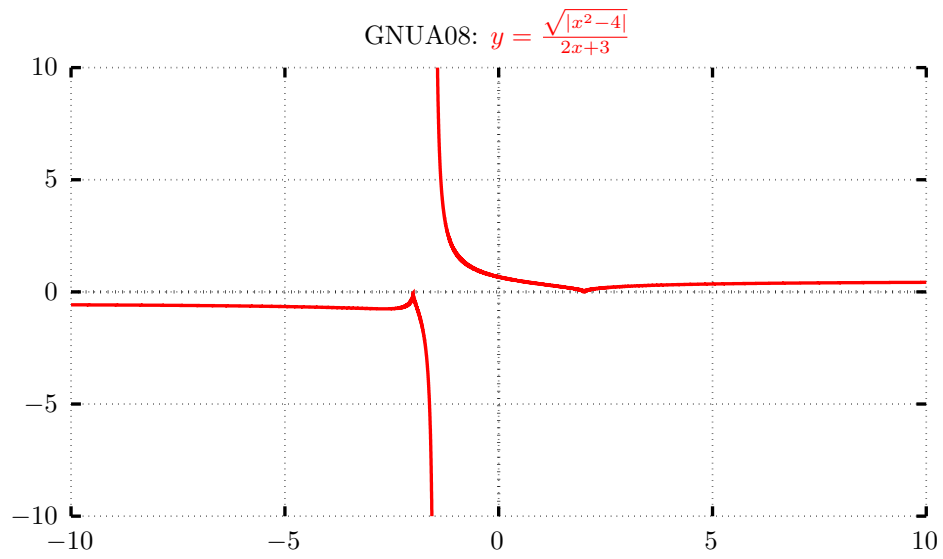
$$\begin{aligned}
 F \cdot G(x) &= F(x)G(x) \\
 &= (-F(-x))(-G(-x)) \\
 &= F(-x)G(-x) \\
 &= F \cdot G(-x)
 \end{aligned}$$

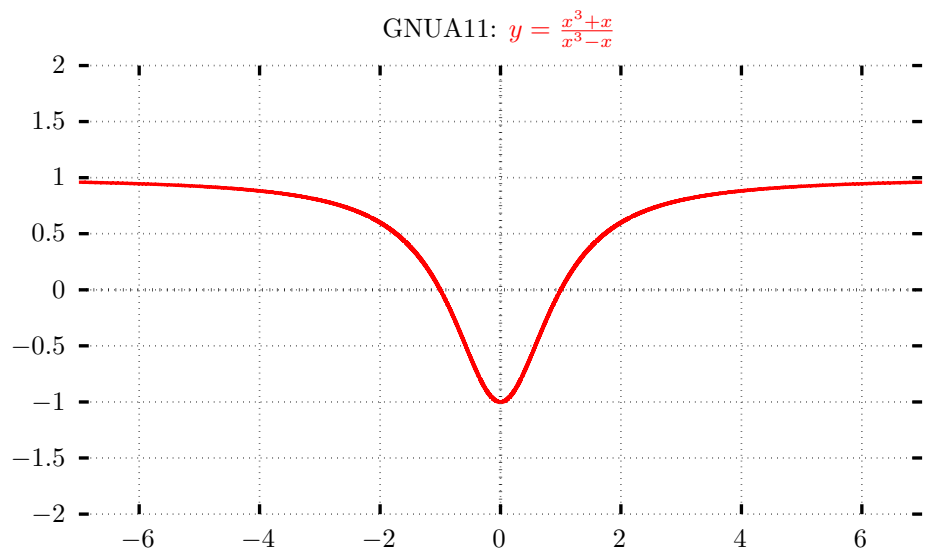
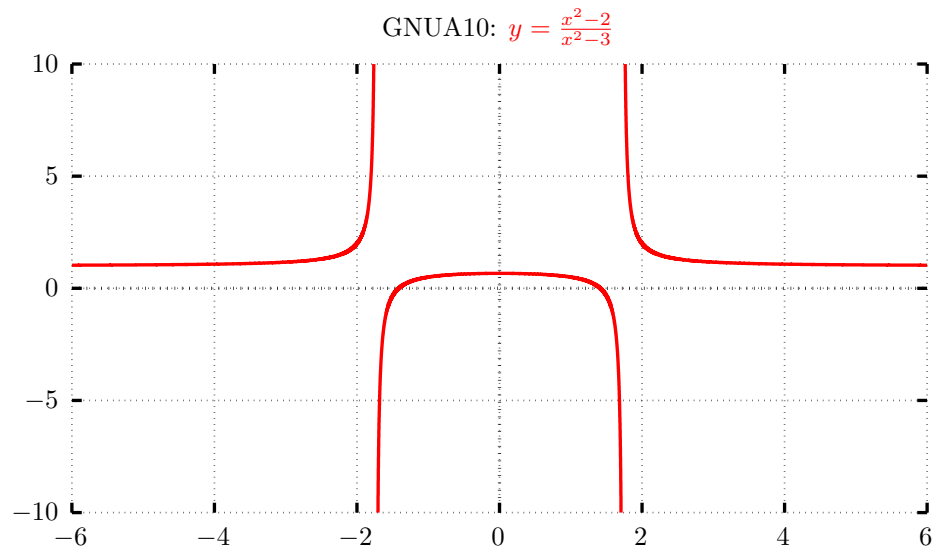
- If  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  are ODD, then  $F \circ G : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is ODD, because

$$\begin{aligned}
 F \circ G(x) &= F(G(x)) \\
 &= F(-G(-x)) \\
 &= -F(G(-x)) \\
 &= -(F \circ G)(-x)
 \end{aligned}$$

- $\left(\frac{x^2-2}{\sqrt{x}}\right)'' = \frac{3(x^2-2)}{4\sqrt{x^5}}$
- $\left(\left|\frac{x+3}{x-1}\right|\right)'' = \begin{cases} \frac{8}{x^3-3x^2+3x-1} & x \in [-3, 1) \\ -\frac{8}{x^3-3x^2+3x-1} & x \notin [-3, 1) \end{cases}$

### 2.3 Classwork solutions - Second part





### 3 Lesson 5

#### 3.1 Oblique asymptotes

**Definition 3.** Let  $F : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function for  $x \gg 0$

$$r : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto mx + n \quad m \neq 0$$

an oblique line. Then we say that  $r$  is an oblique asymptote for  $F$ , or that  $r$  is the limit of  $F$  at infinity if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) - r(x) = 0$$

That is equivalent to

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{F(x)}{x} = m \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} F(x) - mx = n$$

**Example 1.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

$$f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sqrt{4x^2 - 2x}$$

The function  $f$  is clearly continuous for  $x \gg 0$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{\frac{4x^2}{x^2} - 2 \frac{x}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{4 + 0} \\ &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

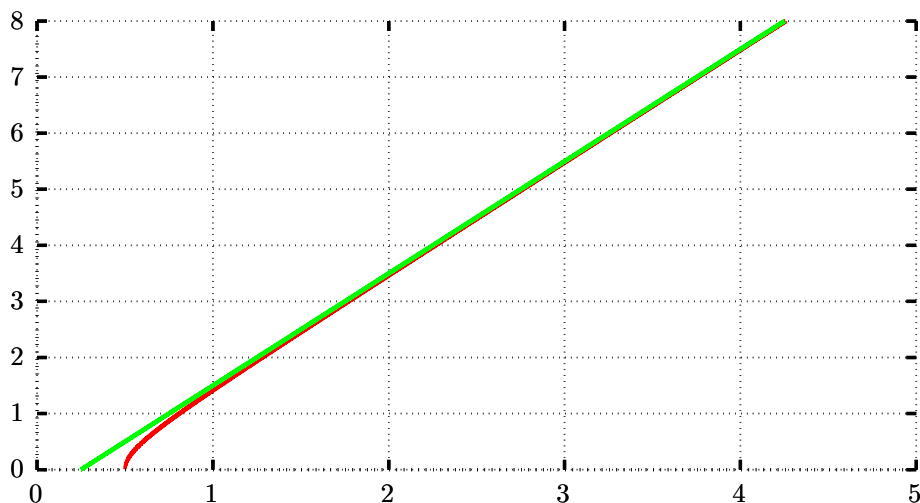
and

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} - 2x &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{(\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} - 2x)(\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} + 2x)}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} + 2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{4x^2 - 2x - 4x^2}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} + 2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 2x} + 2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-\frac{2x}{x}}{\sqrt{\frac{4x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x}}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{-2}{\sqrt{4 + 0} + 2} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

The oblique asymptote of  $f$  is

$$\begin{aligned} r : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto 2x - \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{GNUA12: } y = \sqrt{4x^2 - 2x}$$



**Example 2.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

$$\begin{aligned} f : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto 3x + \frac{1}{x} \end{aligned}$$

The function  $f$  is clearly continuous for  $x \gg 0$ . We have that

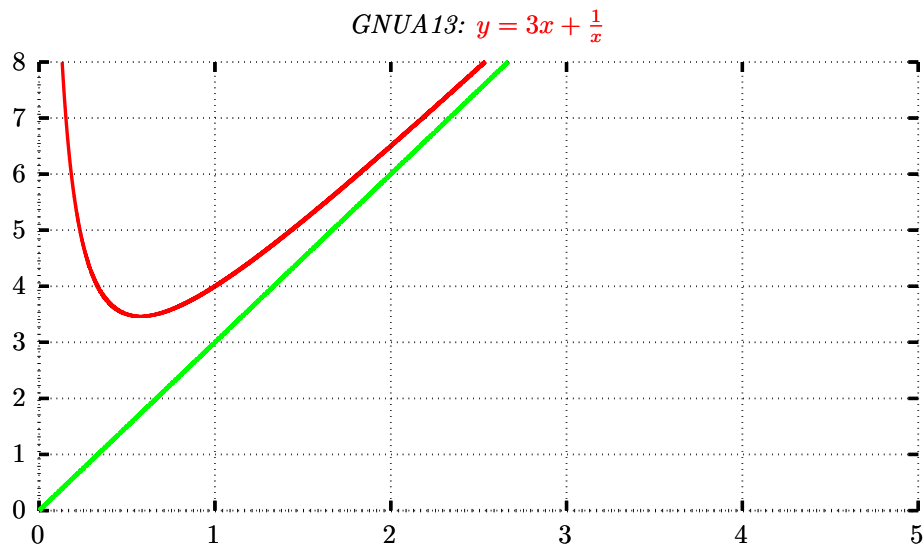
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3x + \frac{1}{x}}{x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{3x}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} 3 + 0 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} 3x + \frac{1}{x} - 3x = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

The oblique asymptote of  $f$  is

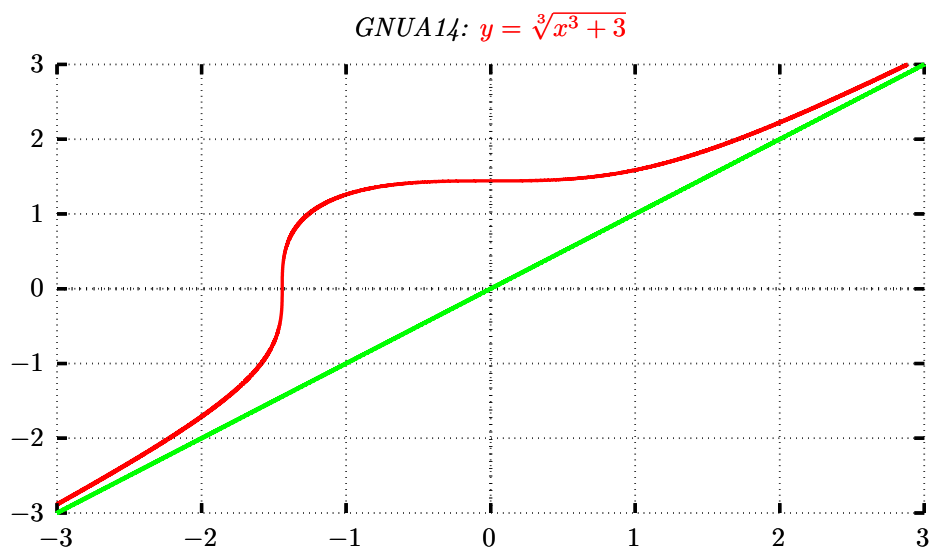
$$\begin{aligned} r : \mathbb{R} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x &\mapsto 3x \end{aligned}$$



**Example 3.** Draw the graph of the function

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \sqrt[3]{x^3 + 3}$$

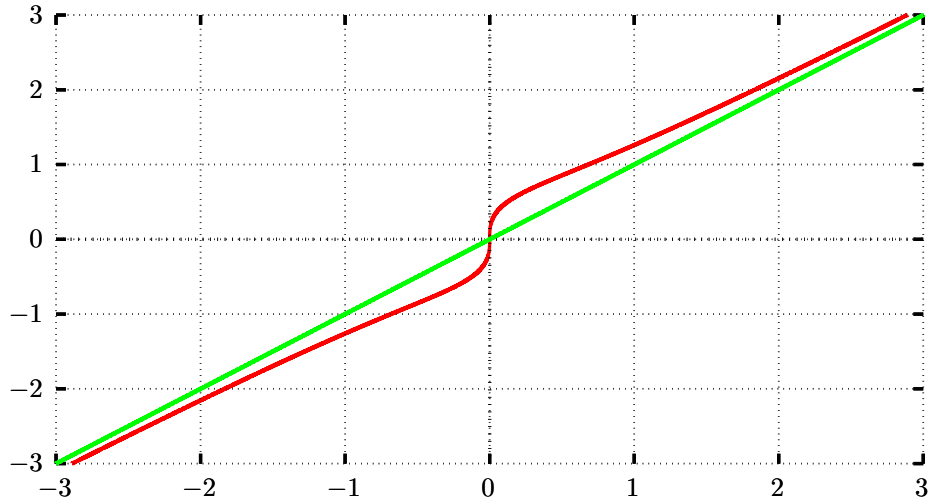


**Example 4.** Draw the graph of the function

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \sqrt[3]{x^3 + x}$$

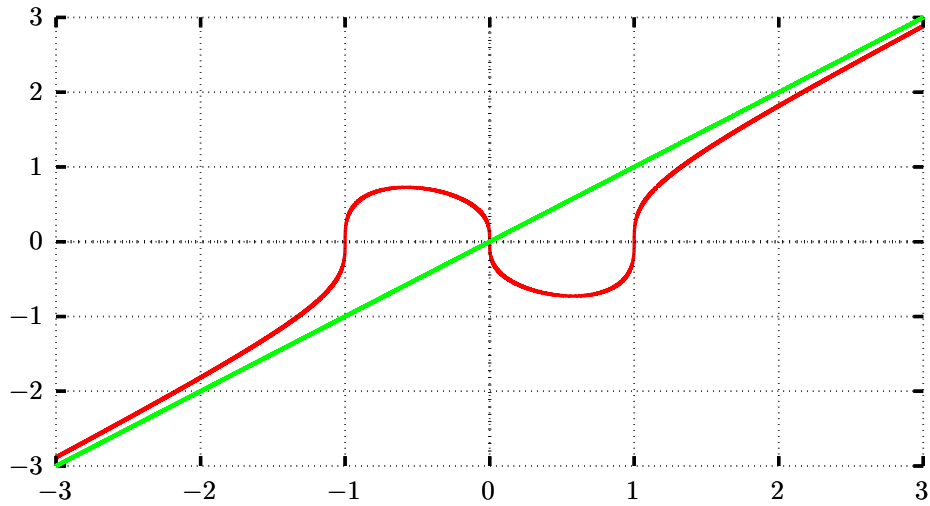
$$\text{GNUA15: } y = \sqrt[3]{x^3 + x}$$



**Example 5.** Draw the graph of the function

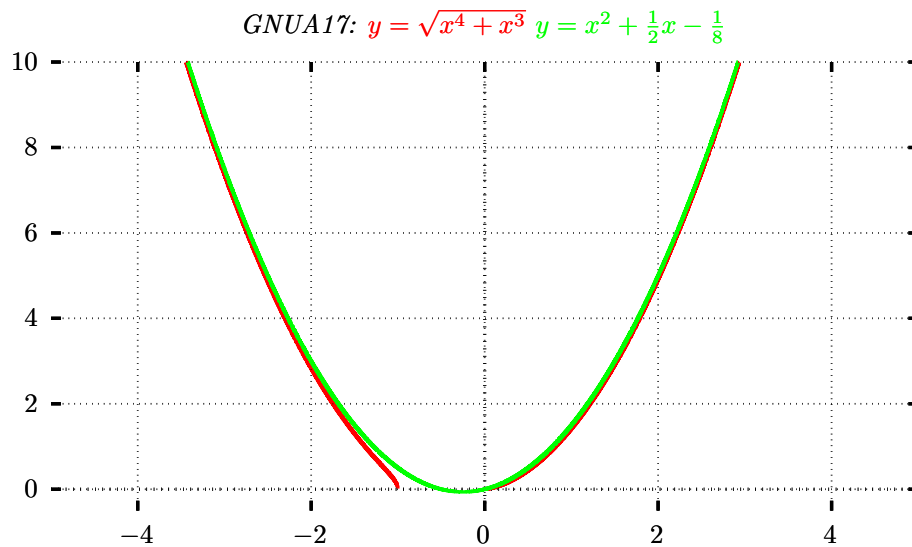
$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sqrt[3]{x^3 - x}$$

$$\text{GNUA16: } y = \sqrt[3]{x^3 - x}$$



**Example 6.** Draw the graph of the function

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \mapsto \sqrt{x^4 + x^3}$$



**Example 7.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 3}$$

The function  $f$  is clearly continuous for  $x \gg 0$ . Let us proceed with the polynomial division

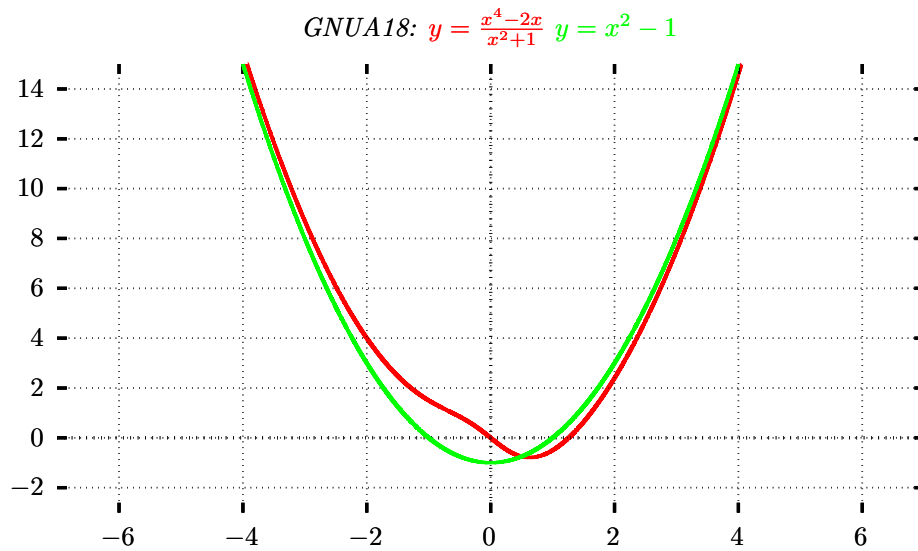
$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 \quad -1 \quad | \quad x+3 \\ -x^2 - 3x \quad | \quad x-3 \\ \hline -3x - 1 \\ \quad 3x + 9 \\ \hline \quad \quad 8 \end{array}$$

We have that  $x^2 - 1 = (x + 3)(x - 3) + 8$  and so

$$\frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 3} = \frac{(x + 3)(x - 3) + 8}{x + 3} = \frac{(x + 3)(x - 3)}{x + 3} + \frac{8}{x + 3} = (x - 3) + \frac{8}{x + 3}$$

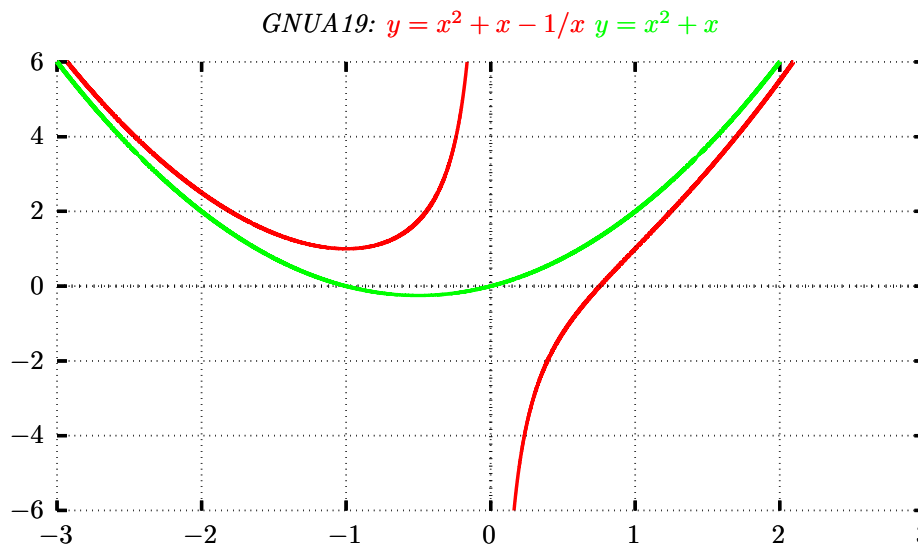
It is clear that the asymptote of  $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x + 3}$  is  $x - 3$



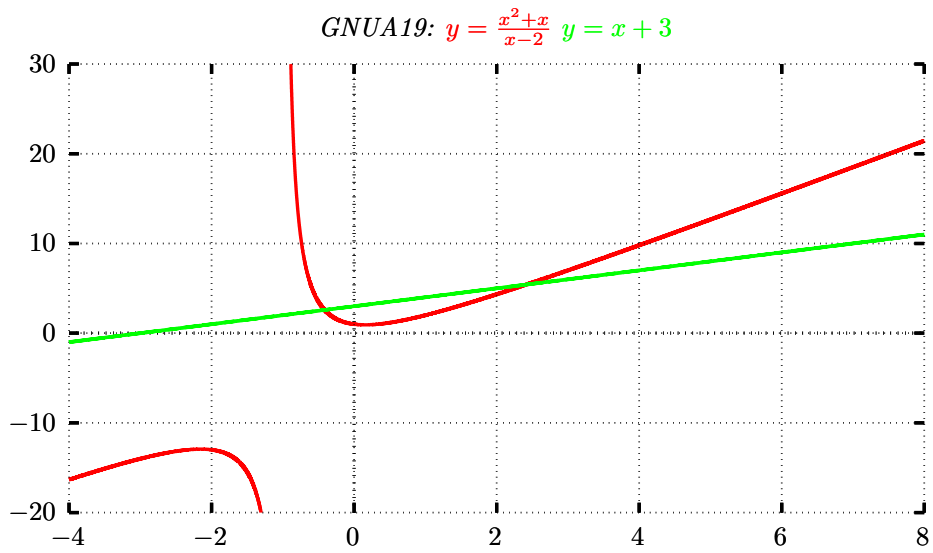


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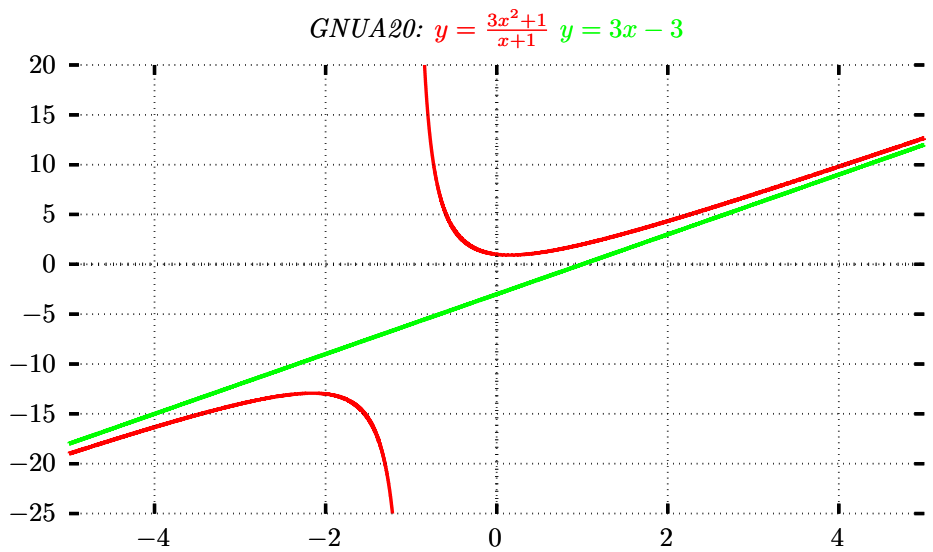
**Example 9.** Determine the oblique asymptote of



**Example 10.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

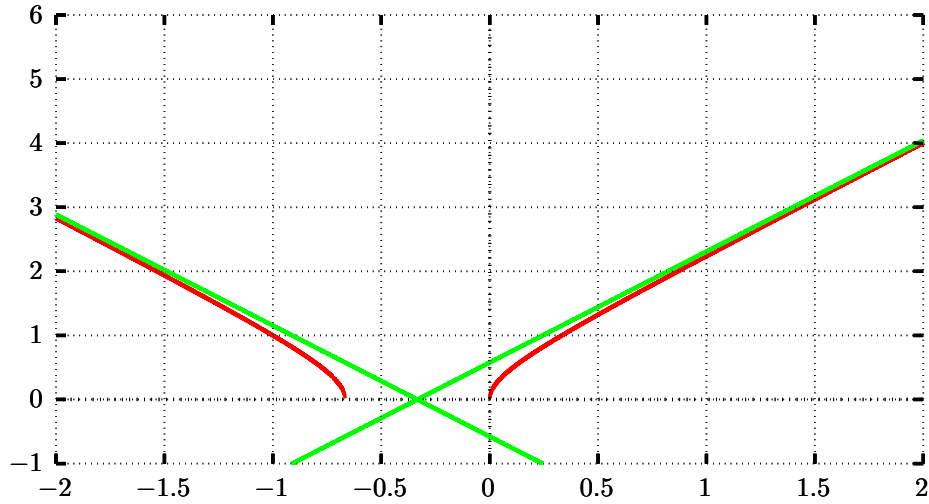


**Example 11.** Determine the oblique asymptote of



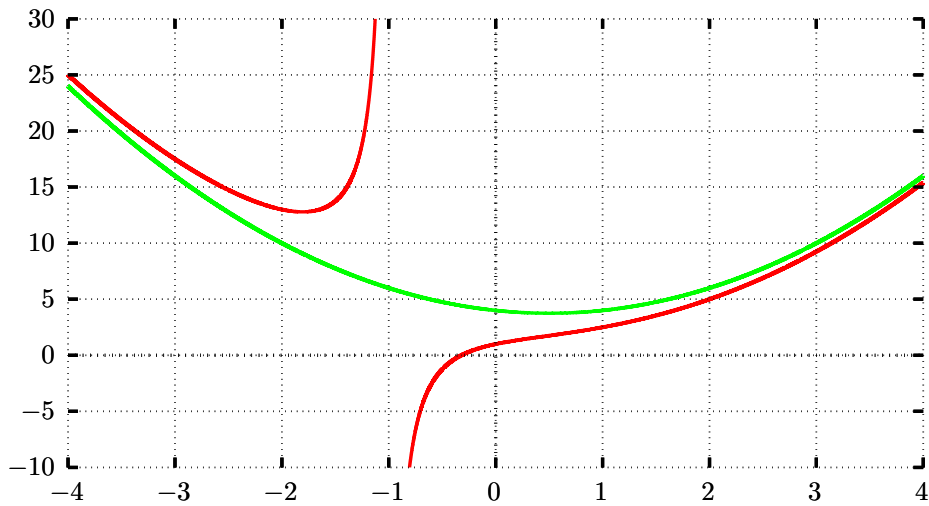
**Example 12.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

*GNUA21:*  $y = \sqrt{3x^2 + 2x}$   $y = \frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{3}}$ ,  $y = -\frac{3x+1}{\sqrt{3}}$



**Example 13.** Determine the oblique asymptote of

*GNUA22:*  $y = \sqrt{3x^2 + 2x}$   $y = x^2 - x + 4$



## 5 Fifth lesson homework

Due April 20<sup>th</sup>

**Exercise 1.** Find the asymptotes, if any exist, of the following formulas:

- $$F: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$x \mapsto \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}$$

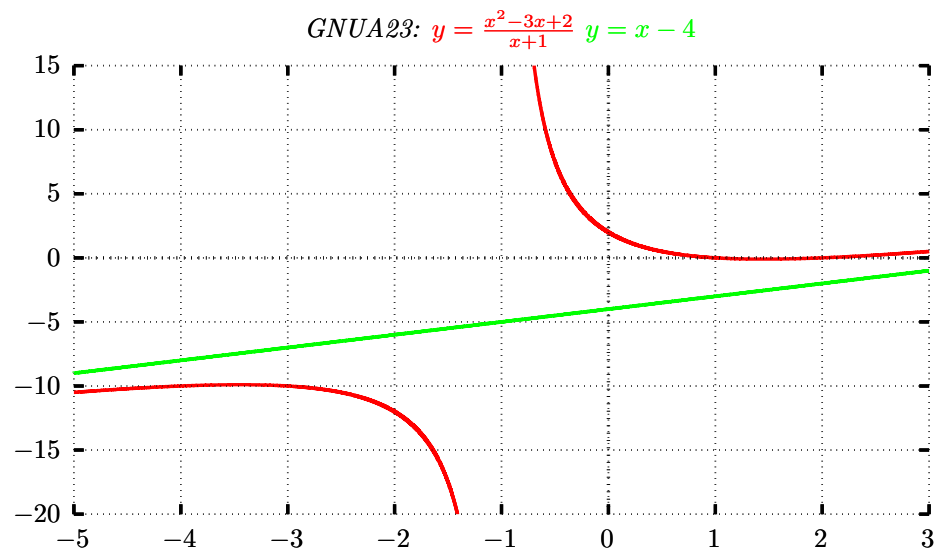
$$2. \quad \begin{array}{l} F: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto \frac{x^2-x+3}{x+3} . \end{array}$$

$$3. \quad \begin{array}{l} F: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ x \longmapsto \frac{\sqrt{x^4+2}}{x-2} . \end{array}$$

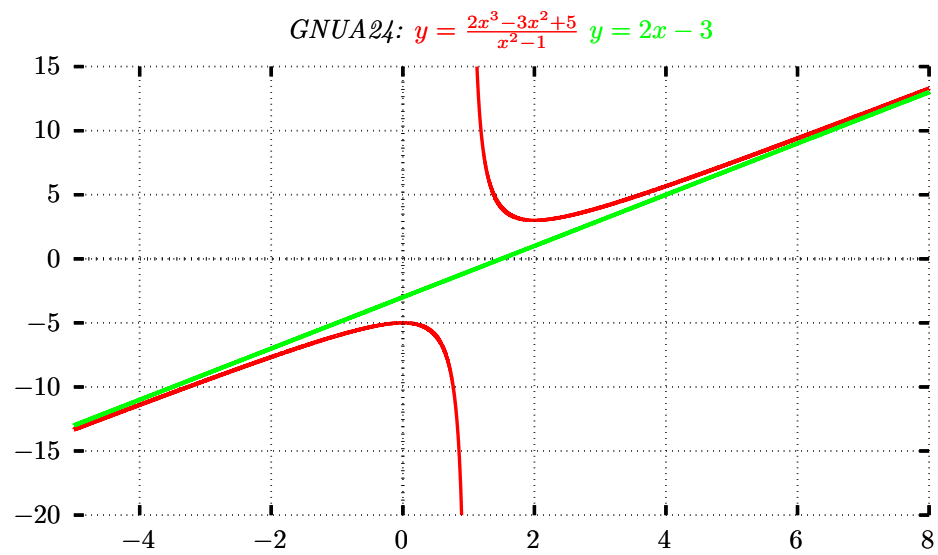
**Exercise 2.** Draw the graphs of the formulas in the previous exercise:

## 6 Sixth lesson classwork and more

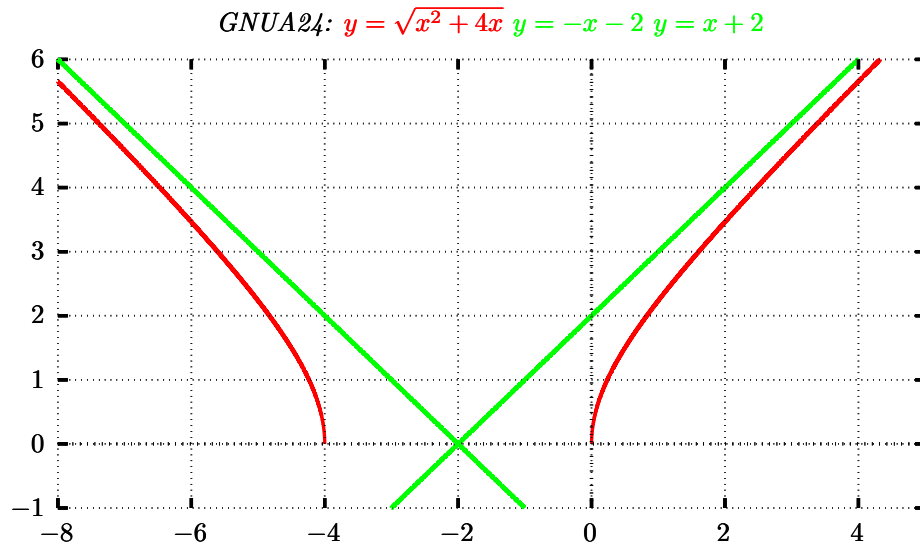
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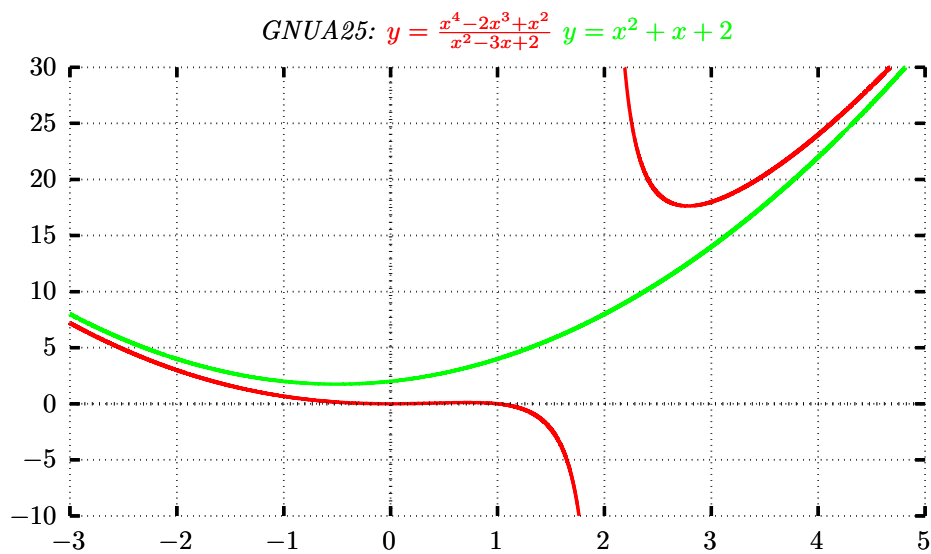
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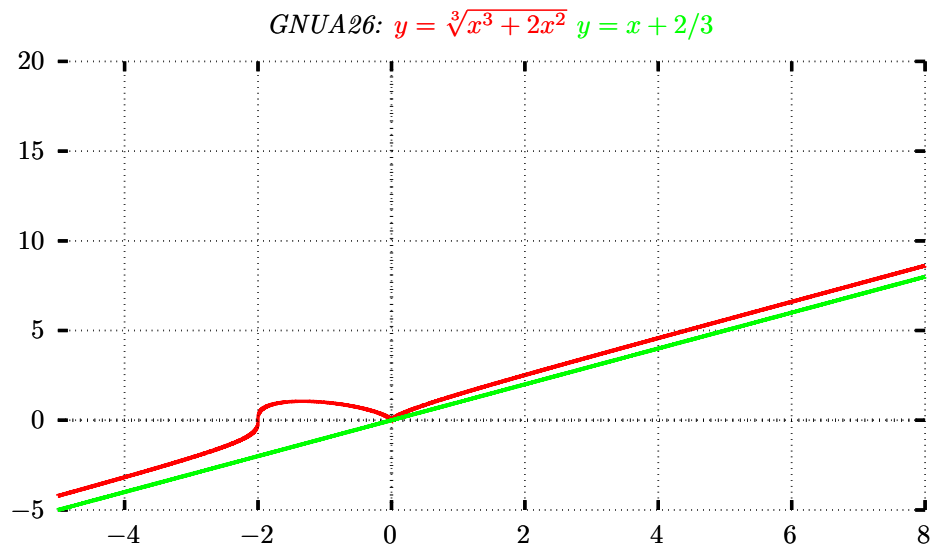
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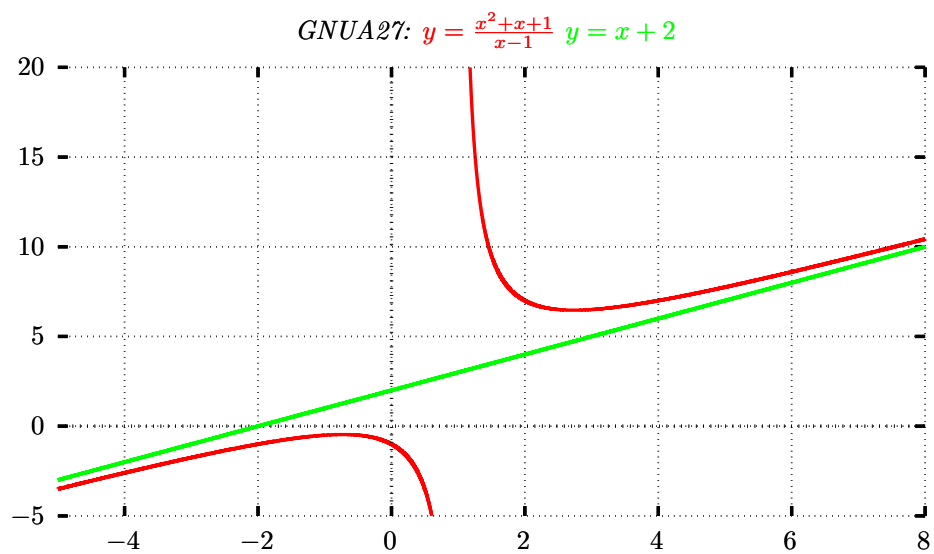
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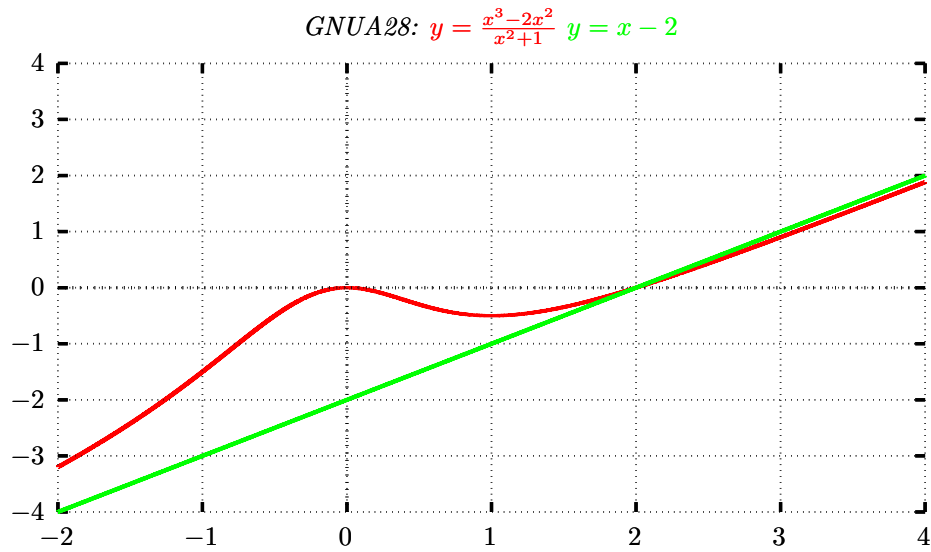
Example 18. Draw



Example 19. Draw



Example 20. Draw



Example 21. Draw

