Consider the following functions:

$$f_1(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 - 15x^2 - 4x + 9$$
  

$$f_2(x) = e^x \sin(\sqrt{3}x)$$
  

$$f_3(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x+4)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 6x + 8}{(x-3)^2}$$

For the function  $f_i$  assigned to your group:

- 1. Find the critical numbers of  $f_i$ , and classify each critical number as a local min, local max, vertical asymptote, or none of the above. (Hints: For  $f_1$ , x = -2 is one critical number; for  $f_2$ , note that  $\tan \theta$  is periodic with period  $\pi$ .)
- 2. In the regions on the x-axis between critical numbers, find the regions where  $f_i$  is increasing and where  $f_i$  is decreasing.
- 3. Using pencil or something else you can erase, draw a "stick figure" (piecewise linear) graph of  $f_i$  to match the information from (1)–(2). I.e., your graph should be made of line segments, it should show where  $f_i$  is increasing and decreasing, and it should have accurate x- and y-coordinates for the graph of  $f_i$  at the critical numbers of  $f_i$ . (For  $f_2$ , draw the portion of the graph with  $-\frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}} \le x \le \frac{4\pi}{\sqrt{3}}$ .)
- 4. Find the zeros of  $f_i''(x)$ .
- 5. In the regions on the x-axis between zeros of  $f''_i(x)$ , find the regions where  $f_i$  is concave up and where  $f_i$  is concave down.
- 6. Revise your "stick figure" graph from (3) with the concavity information from (5). Also, add in accurate x- and y-coordinates for the graph of  $f_i$  at the zeros of  $f''_i$ .)