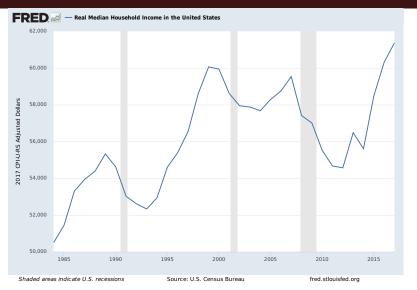
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Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x$ **and** g(x) = x + 2

1. Plot
$$y = f(x)$$

- (a) What are the roots of f? (i.e., Where is f(x) = 0?)
- (b) Where is f increasing? decreasing?
- (c) Where does f have local maxima? minima?
- (d) Where is f concave up? concave down?
- (e) Where does the concavity of *f* change?

2. Let h(x) = g(f(x))

- (a) Give the formula for h(x)
- (b) Plot y = h(x) and y = f(x) on the same set of axes
- (c) How is the graph of y = h(x) related to the graph of y = f(x)?
- 3. Repeat #2 for h(x) = f(g(x))