


5.1-What Does f' say about f ?

Read Section 5.1 in the text and complete the following on your own :

If $f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is **increasing on (a, b)**

 If $f'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is **decreasing on (a, b)**
Concavity: up \curvearrowright f' inc ($f'' > 0$)

If $f''(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is **concave up on (a, b)** (f' inc)

down \curvearrowleft f' dec ($f'' < 0$)

If $f''(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$, then f is **concave down on (a, b)** (f' dec)

Example:

Sketch the graph of a function whose slope is always negative and increasing.



$$f(x) = e^{-x}$$

NOTE: $f'(x) = -e^{-x}$ always neg
 $f''(x) = e^{-x}$ always pos
so f' inc

f is dec f' is conc up

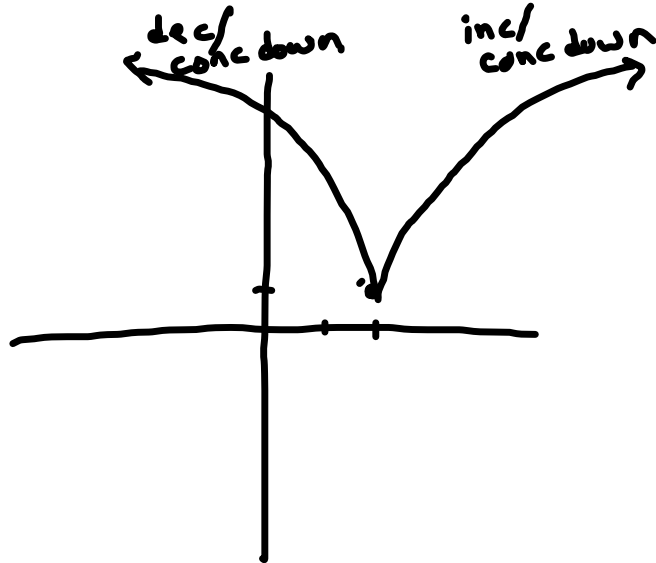
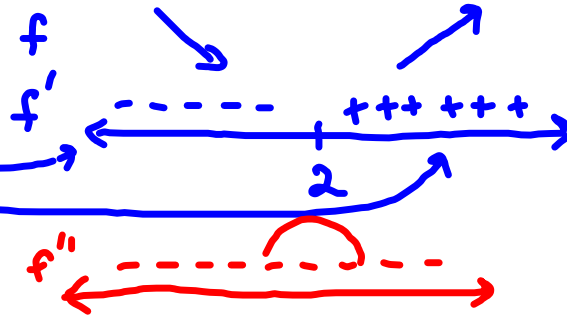
Sketch the graph of a function which satisfies the following:

$$f(2) = 1 \quad (2,1)$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \text{ for } x < 2$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x > 2$$

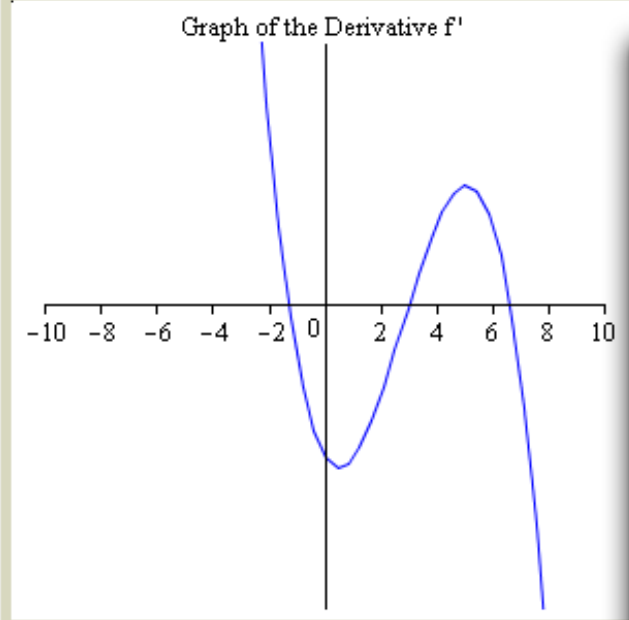
$$f''(x) < 0 \text{ for all } x$$



Basic idea:



Properties of the Graph of the Derivative



Graph of the Derivative f'

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Text Question

Give the x-coordinate(s) of all inflection point(s) of f .
max/min of f' (change from inc to dec or dec to inc)

The numbers appearing in your answers must be chosen from the following list:

-10.00, -3.01, -1.32, .46, 2.04, 2.98, 3.95, 5.04, 6.59, 8.01, 10.00

Enter Your Answer:

Learn to identify the properties of a function, its derivative and its second derivative from the graph of the second derivative.

Properties of the Graph of the Derivative

Graph of the Derivative f'

$f' +$
 f inc

$f' -$
 f dec

Quit

New Graph

This is the graph of the derivative of f .
Questions will appear in a separate window.

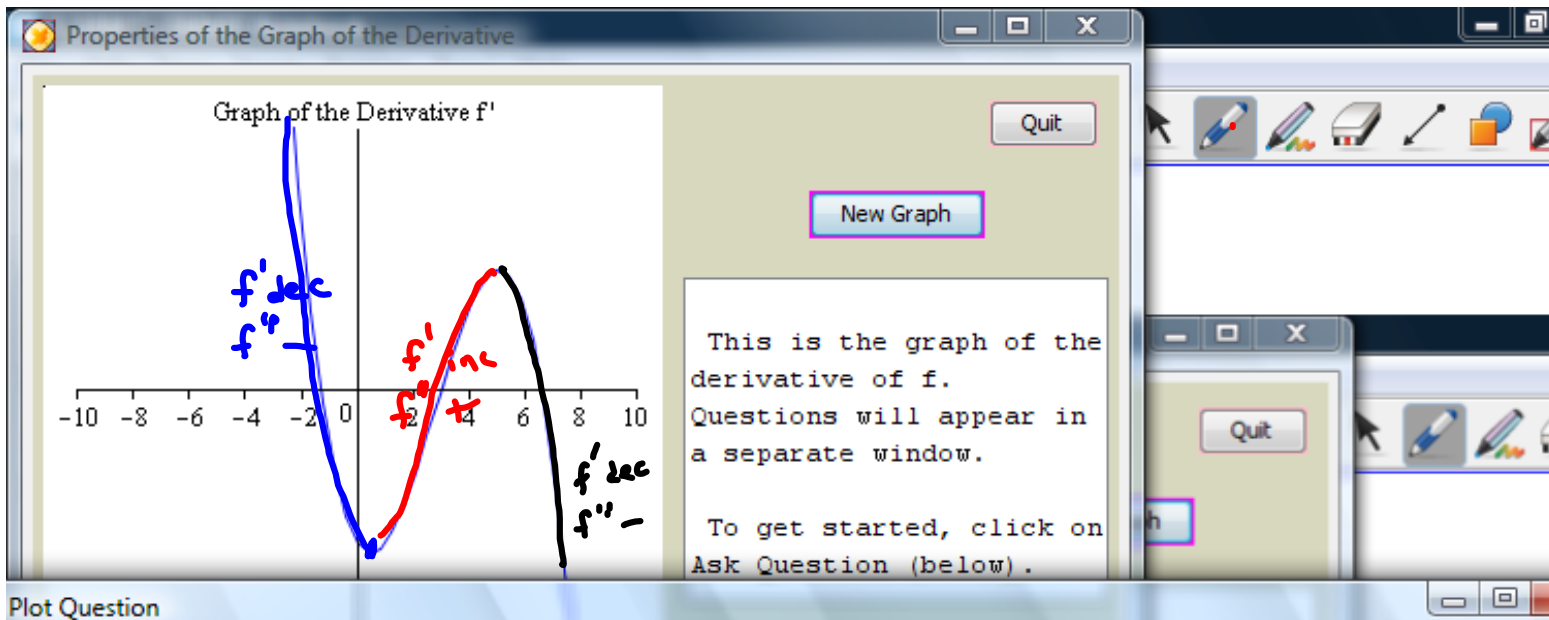
Plot Question

Which of these graphs is f ? Click below the Plot.

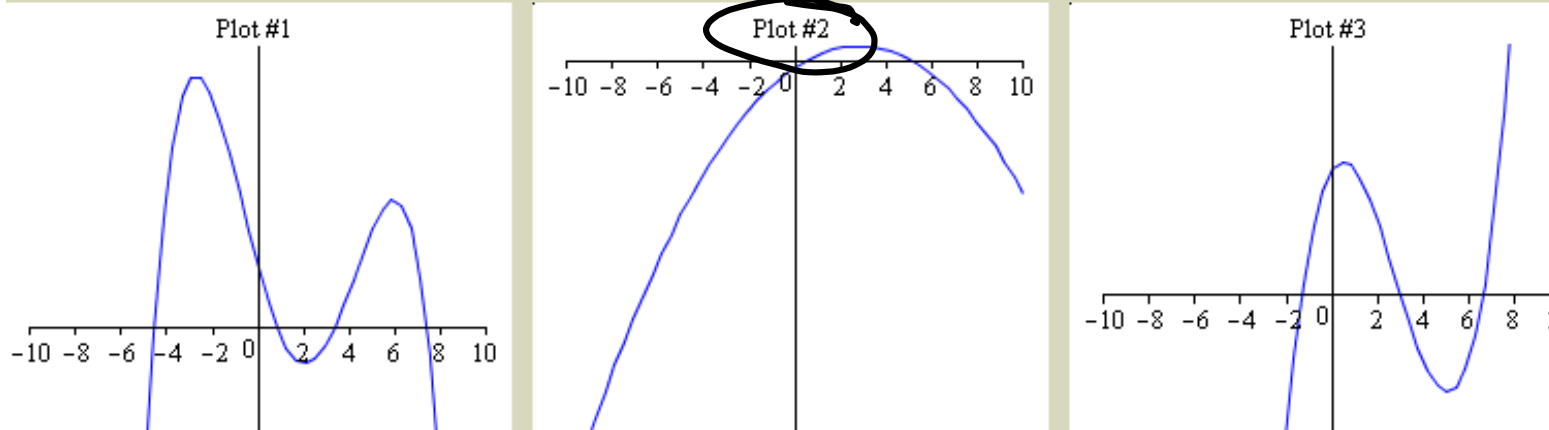
Plot #1

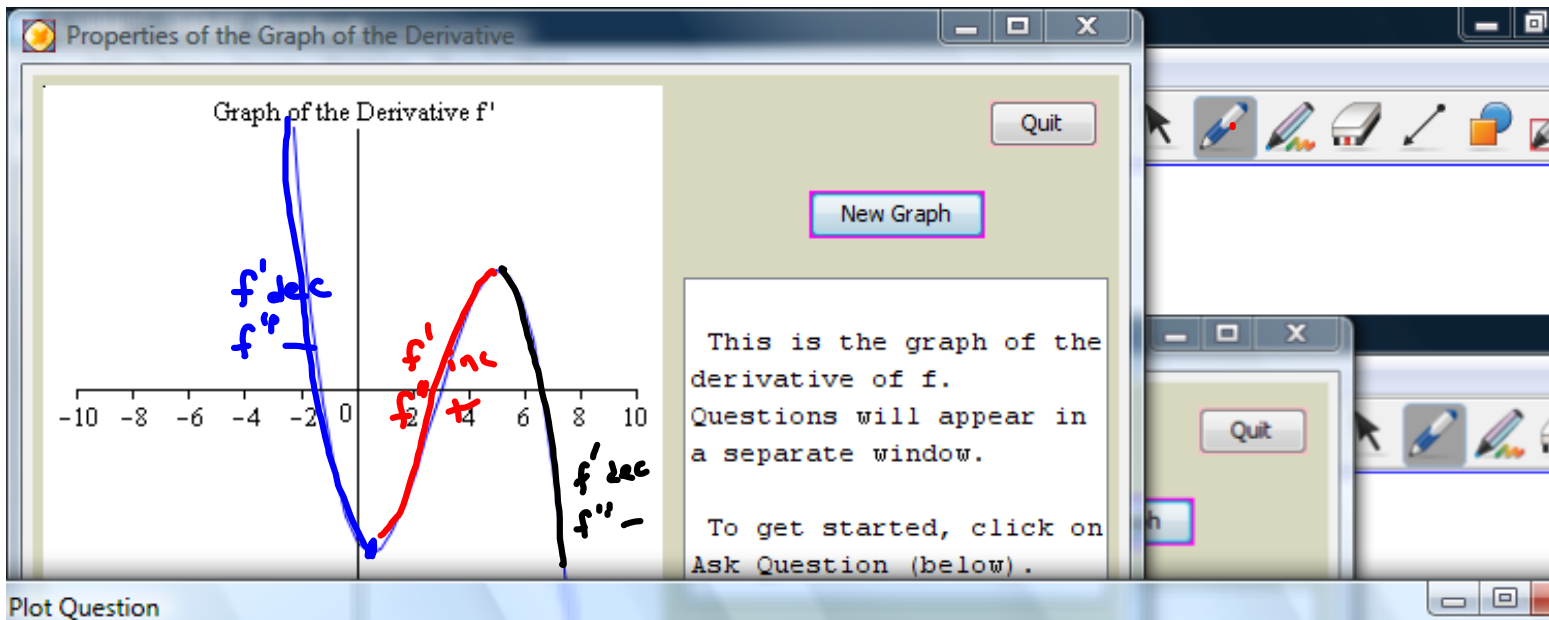
Plot #2

Plot #3



Which of these graphs is f'' ? Click below the Plot. Close





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