

5.3-Derivatives and the Shapes of Curves

Mean Value Theorem: If f cts $[a,b]$ and diff (a,b) then there is a $c \in (a,b)$
such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b)-f(a)}{b-a}$

Recall 5.1: What f' and f'' say about f :

if $f' > 0$; f is inc

$f' < 0$; f is dec

if $f'' > 0$; f is conc up and f' is inc

$f'' < 0$; f is conc down and f' is dec

Second Derivative Test: if f has a crit val at $x=a$, and:

∪ 1) $f''(a) > 0$, then f has a rel min at $x=a$

∩ 2) $f''(a) < 0$, then f has a rel max at $x=a$

Examples:

Determine where the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$ is increasing and decreasing, concave up, and concave down.

Find crit vals: $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x = 0$
 $3x(x-2) = 0$
 $x=0 \quad x=2$

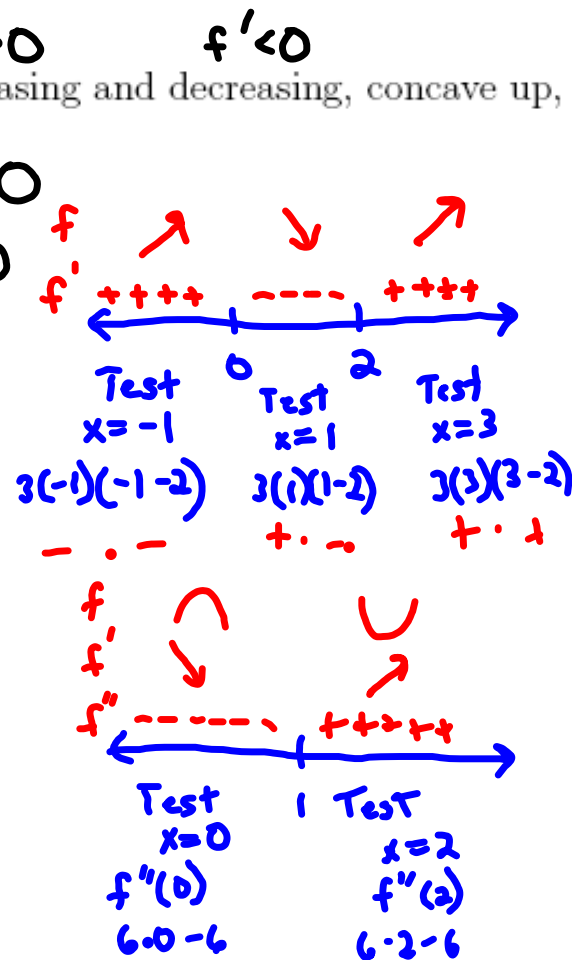
f inc $(-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$
 f dec $(0, 2)$

rel max at $x=0$
 rel min at $x=2$

Repeat using f'' : $f''(x) = 6x - 6 = 0$
 $x = 1$

f conc up $(1, \infty)$
 f conc down $(-\infty, 1)$

infl pt at $x=1$



Determine where the function $f(x) = x^2 e^{-2x}$ is increasing, decreasing, concave up, and concave down.

$$f'(x) = 2x e^{-2x} + x^2 (-2e^{-2x}) = 0$$

$$2x e^{-2x} (1-x) = 0$$

$x=0$ $x=1$

f inc $(0, 1)$
 f dec $(-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$

+	-	+	-
↑	↓	↑	↓
Test	Test	Test	Test
$x = -1$	$x = \frac{1}{2}$	$x = 2$	$x = 2$
$f'(-1)$	$f'(\frac{1}{2})$	$f'(2)$	$f'(2)$
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$$f''(x) = e^{-2x} (2x - 2x^2)$$

$$f''(x) = -2e^{-2x} (2x - 2x^2) + e^{-2x} (2 - 4x) = 0$$

$$e^{-2x} (-4x + 4x^2 + 2 - 4x) = 0$$

$$e^{-2x} (4x^2 - 8x + 2) = 0$$

$$2e^{-2x} (2x^2 - 4x + 1) = 0$$

Quad Form

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{2}}{4} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

f	U	∩	U
f'	↑	↓	↑
f''	+	-	+
f''(0)	$\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	f''(1)	$\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}$
f''(2)	$\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2}$	f''(2)	$\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}$

conc up $(-\infty, \frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2}) \cup (\frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2}, \infty)$
 conc down $(\frac{2-\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{2+\sqrt{2}}{2})$

2nd der

Find the inflection points of $f(x) = -x^2 \cos x + 6 \cos x + 4x \sin x$, $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$.

$$f'(x) = \underline{-2x \cos x} + x^2 \sin x - 6 \sin x + 4 \sin x + \underline{4x \cos x}$$

$$= x^2 \sin x + 2x \cos x - 2 \sin x$$

$$f''(x) = \cancel{2x \sin x} + x^2 \cos x + \cancel{2 \cos x} - \cancel{2x \sin x} - \cancel{2 \cos x}$$

$$f''(x) = x^2 \cos x = 0$$

not inflection $x=0$. $x = \frac{-\pi}{2}, x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ ONLY

