

① March 17.

Is there interest in me holding a go over midterm session?

Next Week. Wednesday 5-7 pm.

### § 4.3 How Derivatives Affect the Shape of a Graph

Increasing / Decreasing

(a) If  $f'(x) > 0$  (on some interval) then  $f(x)$  is increasing (on that interval).

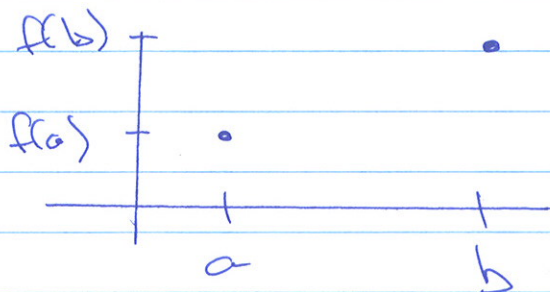
(b) If  $f'(x) < 0$  (on some interval) then  $f(x)$  is decreasing (on that interval).

Proving these statements is an application of the Mean Value Theorem.

We prove (a).

Suppose that  $f'(x) > 0$ .

We want to show that  $f(x)$  is increasing.



(2)

Take  $a$  and  $b$  with  $a < b$   
 $f(x)$  will be increasing if  $f(a) < f(b)$ .  
So, we show  $f(a) < f(b)$ .

Now MVT ~~stage~~: gives:

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{(b - a)}$$

for some  $c$  between  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\text{or } f(b) - f(a) = \underbrace{(b-a)}_{>0} \underbrace{f'(c)}_{>0}.$$

$$\text{So } f(b) - f(a) > 0$$

$$\text{So, } f(b) > f(a). \quad \text{Done } \square.$$

(b) is similar.

Example:  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$ .

Find the critical points.

Find where  $f$  is inc./dec.

Identify all local max/min.

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$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x$$

$$\text{Set } f'(x) = 0.$$

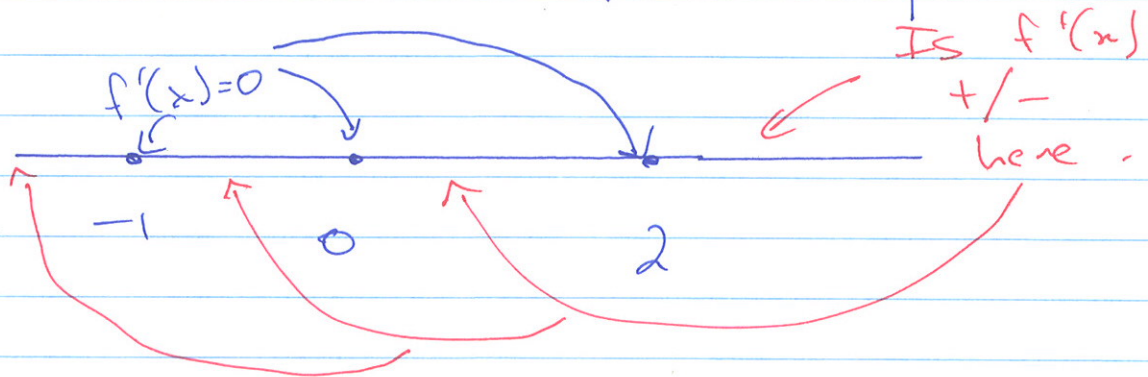
$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x \\ &= 12x(x^2 - x - 2) \\ &= 12x(x-2)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

Critical points:  $x = 0, 2, -1$   
(Note  $f'(x)$  exists everywhere)

To find where  $f$  is inc./dec.  
we find where  $f'(x)$  is positive/  
negative.

	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 0)$	$(0, 2)$	$(2, \infty)$
$f(x)$	↘	↗	↘	↗
$f'(x)$	$< 0$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$> 0$

Annotations: Red arrows point to  $x = -1$  (local min),  $x = 0$  (local max), and  $x = 2$  (local min).



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$$f'(x) = 12x(x-2)(x+1)$$

If  $x \in (-\infty, -1)$  then  $12x < 0$   
 $x-2 < 0$   
 $x+1 < 0$

$$f'(x) = 12x(x-2)(x+1)$$

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$$= (-)$$
$$f'(x) < 0$$

Clicker Q: On  $x \in (-1, 0)$   $\rightarrow$  A:  $f'(x) > 0$   
B:  $f'(x) < 0$

$$f'(x) = 12x(x-2)(x+1)$$

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$$f'(x) > 0$$

On:  $(0, 2)$  Clicker Q A:  $f'(x) > 0$   
 $\rightarrow$  B:  $f'(x) < 0$

$$f'(x) = (+)(-)(+)$$
$$= (+)$$

On:  $(2, \infty)$   $f'(x) = (+)(+)(+)$   
 $= (+)$

f inc. on  $(-1, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

f dec. on  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 2)$

At  $x = -1$  : min  
 $x = 0$  : max  
 $x = 2$  : min

} This process is called the First Derivative Test.

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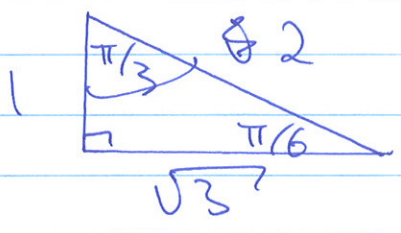
Example:  $f(x) = x + 2 \sin x$   
on  $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$ .

$f'(x) = 1 + 2 \cos x$

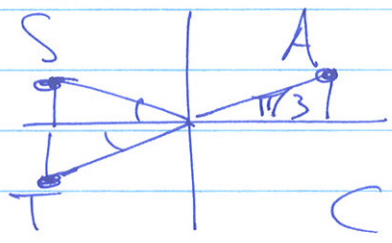
Critical Points:  $0 = 1 + 2 \cos x$

$-\frac{1}{2} = \cos x$

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$\cos(\pi/3) = 1/2$



$\pi - \pi/3 = 2\pi/3$

$\pi + \pi/3 = 4\pi/3$

$x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$

	$(0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$	$(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3})$	$(\frac{4\pi}{3}, 2\pi)$
$f(x)$	$\rightarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\rightarrow$
$f'(x)$	$> 0$	$< 0$	$> 0$

$\uparrow$  local max  $\uparrow$  local min.

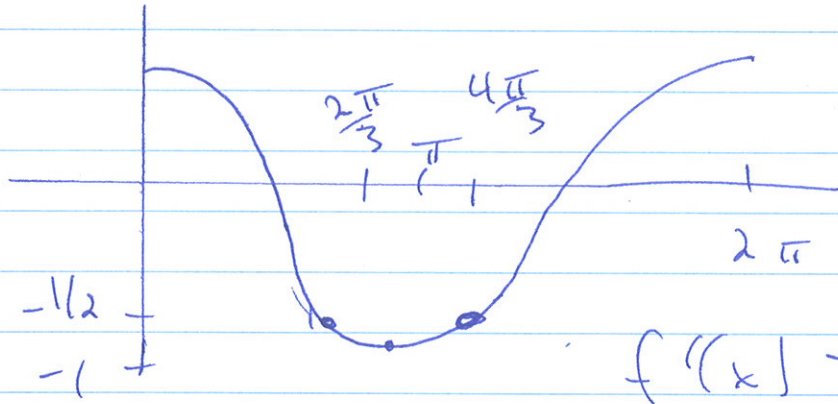
At  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$  we have local max

At  $\frac{4\pi}{3}$  " " " min.

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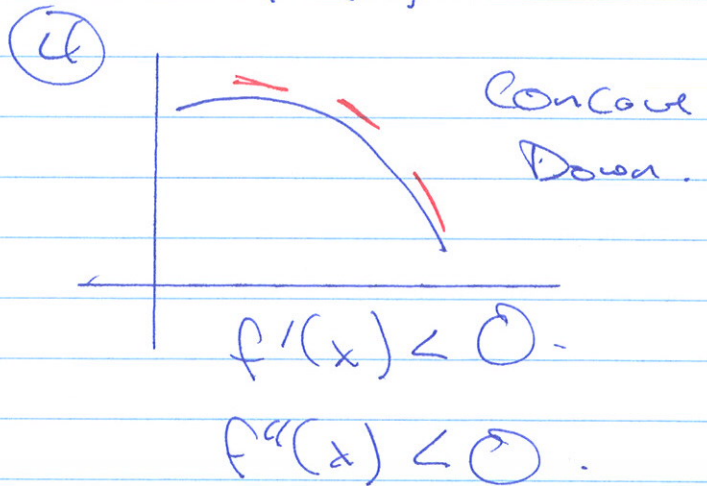
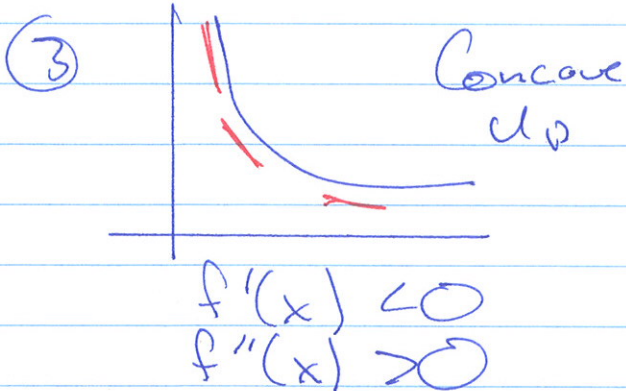
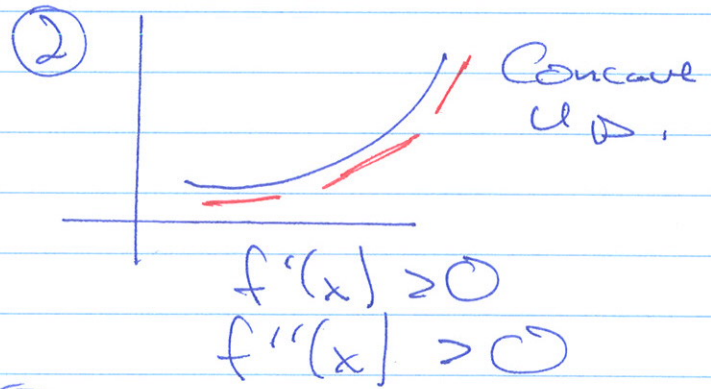
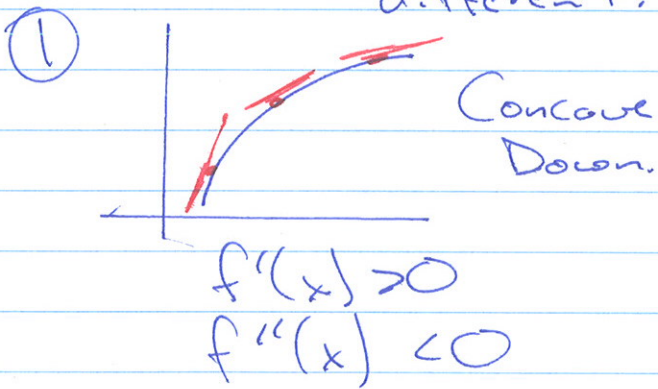
On:  $(0, \frac{2\pi}{3})$  :  $f'(x) = 1 + 2\cos x$ .

Clicker Q:  $\rightarrow$  A:  $f'(x) > 0$   
B:  $f'(x) < 0$ .

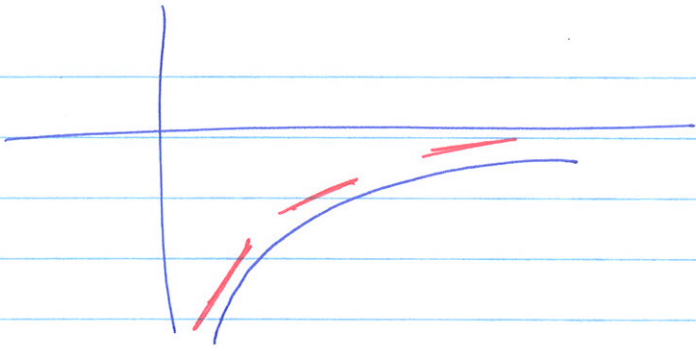


$$\begin{aligned} \cos x &> -1/2 \\ 2\cos x &> -1 \\ 1 + 2\cos x &> 0. \end{aligned}$$

Concavity: Now two functions that are increasing can look very different.



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$$f'(x) > 0.$$
$$f''(x) < 0.$$

$$\begin{cases} f''(x) > 0 & \Leftrightarrow \text{Concave Up} \\ f''(x) < 0 & \Leftrightarrow \text{Concave Down} \end{cases}$$

Clicker Q: Which of the two are speeding up?

A: (1) and (2) (2) (4) speeding up

B: (2) and (3)

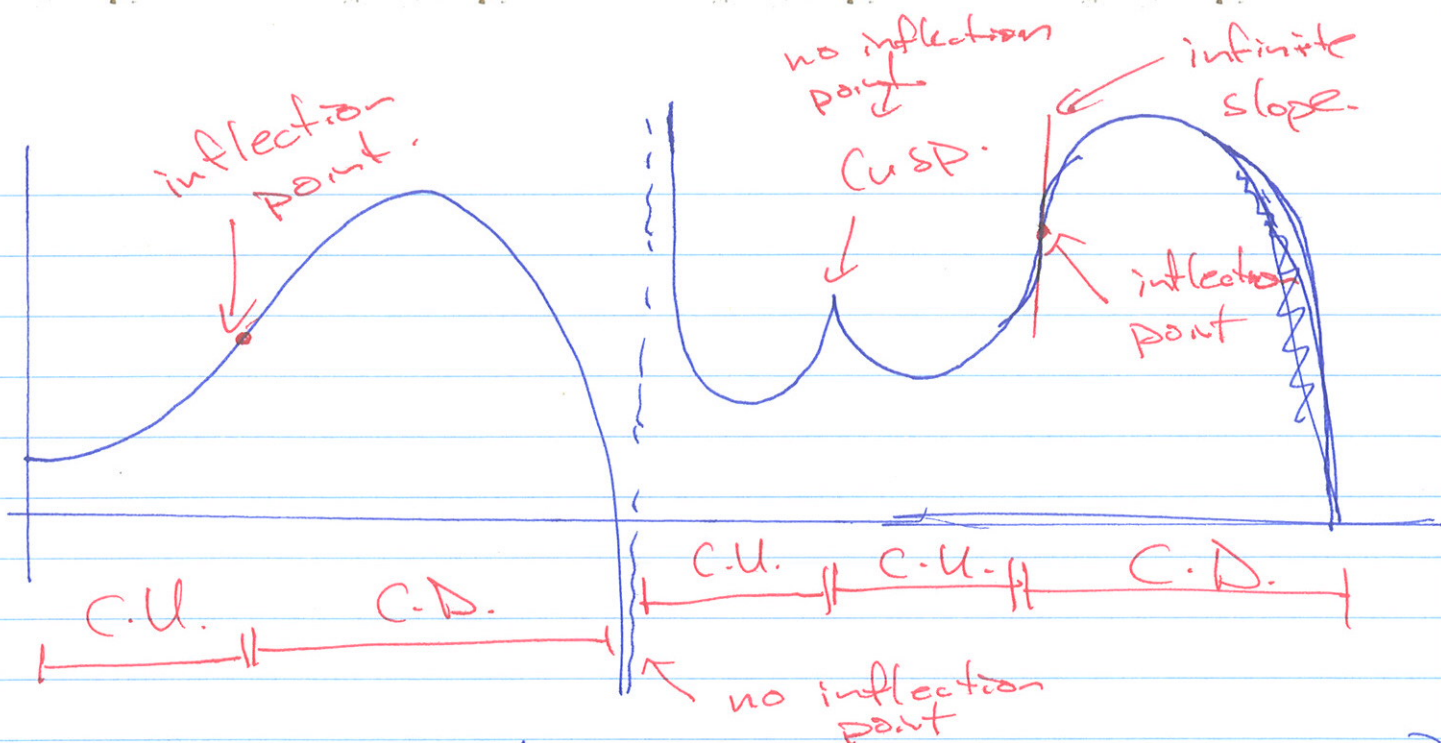
→ C: (2) and (4) (1), (3) slowing down.

D: (3) and (4).

Definition: A point is called an inflection point if  $f(x)$  switches concavity at that point.

on the graph

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Clicker Q: How many inflection points?

- A: 1
- B: 2
- C: 3
- D: 4

We can also use concavity to find out if a critical point is a local max/min or neither.

Second Derivative Test:

If

$$f''(x) > 0$$

at a critical point.

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local min at a critical point.

$$f''(x) < 0$$

⇒

local max.

~~$f(x) = 12x^3 - 2x^2 - 2x$~~



(9)

Before we had.

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x.$$

We found local min at  $x = -1$ .  
using F.D.T.

OR

$$f'(-1) = \dots = 12 \cdot 3 > 0.$$

$\Rightarrow$  local min.