

24.5 Using Derivatives in Curve Sketching

Relative maximum point (Local Maximum point)

Relative maximum point will have a y -value that is larger than all other y -values for a function on a given interval.

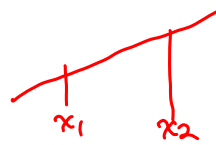


Relative minimum point (Local Minimum point)

Relative minimum point will have a y -value that is smaller than all other y -values for a function on a given interval.

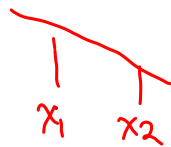


a function f is increasing on an interval I if $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ where $x_1 < x_2$ on I .

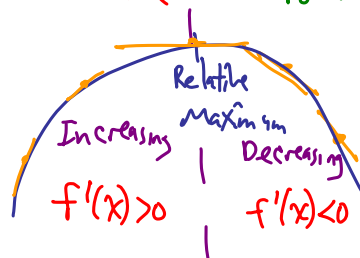
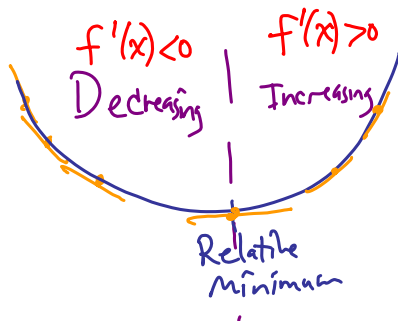


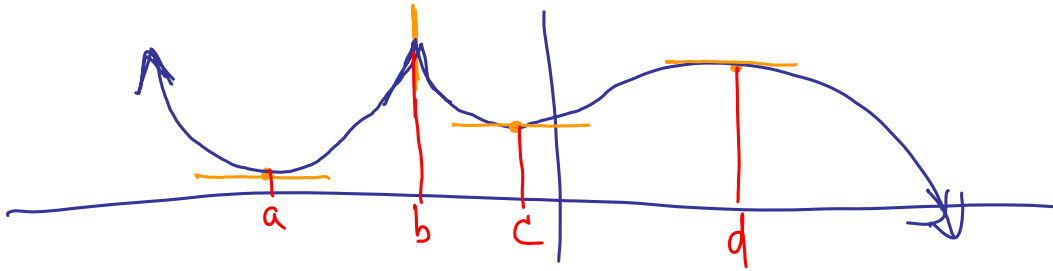
Graph goes up from left to right.

A function f is decreasing on an interval I if $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ where $x_1 < x_2$ on I .



Graph goes down from left to right.





Relative minimums at $x=a$ + $x=c$

Relative maximums at $x=b$ + $x=d$

Intervals increasing (a, b) + (c, d)
 $a < x < b$ $c < x < d$

Intervals decreasing (b, c) , (d, ∞) , + $(-\infty, a)$
 $b < x < c$ $x > d$ $x < a$

Critical Point or Critical Value - Points where derivative is 0 or Does Not exist. Maximum or Minimums will occur at Critical points.

First Derivative Test ① If $f(x)$ is ^{$f'(x) > 0$} increasing to the left of Critical value and ^{$f'(x) < 0$} decreasing to the right then relative maximum will be at the critical value.

② If $f(x)$ is ^{$f'(x) < 0$} decreasing to the left of Critical value and ^{$f'(x) > 0$} increasing to the right then relative minimum will be at the critical value.

P. 712 ⑧ + ⑫ $y = x^4 - 6x^2 \Rightarrow y' = 4x^3 - 12x$

Find Critical values $f'(x) = 0$

$$4x^3 - 12x = 0$$

$$4x(x^2 - 3) = 0$$

$$4x = 0 \quad x^2 - 3 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad x^2 = 3$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

	-2	$-\sqrt{3}$	-1	0	1	$\sqrt{3}$	2
$f(x)$	$4(-2)^3 - 12(-2)$		$4(-1)^3 - 12(-1)$		$4(1)^3 - 12(1)$		$4(2)^3 - 12(2)$
	$-8 < 0$		$+8 > 0$		$-8 < 0$		$8 > 0$
	Neg		Pos		Neg		Pos
$f(x)$	Dec		Inc		Dec		Inc


⑧ $f(x)$ is increasing on $(-\sqrt{3}, 0) + (\sqrt{3}, \infty)$


$f(x)$ is decreasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) + (0, \sqrt{3})$

⑫ Relative Minimums at $(-\sqrt{3}, f(-\sqrt{3}))$ and $(\sqrt{3}, f(\sqrt{3}))$ or $(-\sqrt{3}, -9)$ and $(\sqrt{3}, -9)$
 Relative Maximum at $(0, f(0)) = (0, 0)$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2$$

$$f(-\sqrt{3}) = f(\sqrt{3}) = (-\sqrt{3})^4 - 6(-\sqrt{3})^2 = 9 - 6(3) = -9$$

If $f''(x) > 0$ on interval I then function $f(x)$ is Concave up on I .  Looks like \cup .

If $f''(x) < 0$ on interval I then function $f(x)$ is Concave Down on I . 

Second Derivative Test If c is a critical value and

1) $f''(c) > 0$ then Relative minimum at $x=c$.

2) $f''(c) < 0$ then Relative Maximum at $x=c$

3) $f''(c) = 0$ then test Fails use First Derivative Test.

Inflection Point is where function changes concavity
 Will occur where $f''(x) = 0$ or $f''(x)$ is undefined.

⑩ + ⑫ $y = x^4 - 6x^2 \Rightarrow y' = 4x^3 - 12x$
 $y'' = 12x^2 - 12$

Possible Inflection Points ($y'' = 0$)

$12x^2 - 12 = 0$
 $12(x^2 - 1) = 0$
 $x = \pm 1$

	-2	-1	0	1	2
$f''(x)$	$12(-2)^2 - 12$ $= 36 > 0$		$12(0)^2 - 12$ $= -12 < 0$		$12(2)^2 - 12$ $= 36 > 0$
$f(x)$	Concave up		Concave Down		Concave up

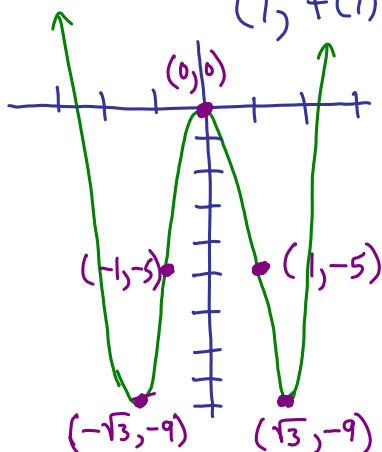
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Concave Up on $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

Concave Down on $(-1, 1)$

Inflection points: $(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, -5)$

$(1, f(1)) = (1, 5)$



p. 712-713: 5, 9, 13, 17, 23, 27

②④ $f(x) = y = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x + 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 18x + 15$
 $f''(x) = 6x - 18$

Find Critical Values ($f'(x) = 0$)

$$3x^2 - 18x + 15 = 0$$

$$3(x^2 - 6x + 5) = 0$$

$$3(x-5)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = 1, 5$$

	0	1	2	5	6
$f'(x)$	$3(0)^2 - 18(0) + 15$ $= 15 > 0$	$3(2)^2 - 18(2) + 15$ $= -9 < 0$		$3(6)^2 - 18(6) + 15$ > 0	
$f(x)$	Increasing ↙	Decreasing ↘		Increasing ↙	

Increasing on $(-\infty, 1) + (5, \infty)$ Decreasing on $(1, 5)$

Relative maximum $(1, f(1)) = (1, 8)$

Relative minimum $(5, f(5)) = (5, -24)$

Find Possible Inflection Points ($f''(x) = 0$)

$$6x - 18 = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

	0	3	4
$f''(x)$	$6(0) - 18$ $= -18 < 0$		$6(4) - 18$ $= 6 > 0$
$f(x)$	Concave Down ↘		Concave Up ↖

Concave up on $(3, \infty)$

Concave Down on $(-\infty, 3)$

Inflection Point $(3, f(3)) = (3, -8)$

