

4.3 Derivative Tests

Objectives:

- I can find extremes of a function using the first derivative test
- I can determine concavity of a function using the second derivative
- I can use the second derivative test to find extreme values

The First Derivative Test (for local extrema)

*Find all extreme values and increasing/decreasing intervals

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 2$$

What does $f(x)$ represent?

What does $f'(x)$ represent?

What does $f''(x)$ represent?

Concavity and the Second Derivative

Concave up:

Concave down:

Inflection point:

Concavity Test

Analyze the function using the first derivative test and the concavity test

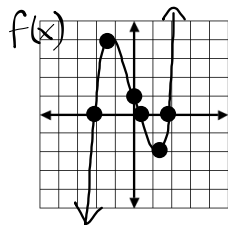
- $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 + x^2 - 3x + 2$

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Analyze the function using the first derivative test and the concavity test

$$y = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 3$$

2. Use the given graph of $f(x)$ to estimate the following.



a) Increasing

b) Decreasing

c) Local Extrema

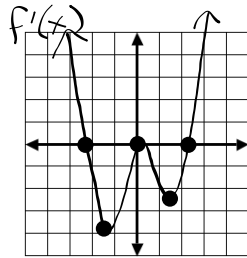
d) Inflection Points

e) Concave up

f) Concave down

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Use the given graph of $f'(x)$ to estimate the following on $f(x)$.



- a) Increasing
- b) Decreasing
- c) Local Extrema
- d) Inflection Points
- e) Concave up
- f) Concave down

How do we find a critical point?

How do we know if a critical point is an extreme value?

How do we find an inflection point?

What is an inflection point?

Second Derivative Test For Extrema

If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$, then f has a local max at $x=c$

If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0$, then f has a local min at $x=c$

Use the second derivative test to find all max/min values of each function

1. $g(x) = -x^3 + 9x$

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2. $f(x) = x^5 - 80x + 100$

3. $y = xe^x$