Last class: worksheet

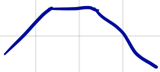
Increasing/Decreasing Test:

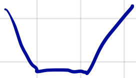
$f'(x) > 0$ on (a,b) $\Rightarrow$ f is increasing on (a,b)

$f'(x) < 0$ on (a,b) $\Rightarrow$ f is decreasing on (a,b)

First Derivative Test

At a point where $f'(c) = 0$:

$f'(x)$: $+$ on the left of c, $-$ on the right of c $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$ local max

$f'(x)$: $-$ on the left of c, $+$ on the right of c $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$ local min

$f'(x)$: $+$ on the left of c, $+$ on the right of c $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$ neither

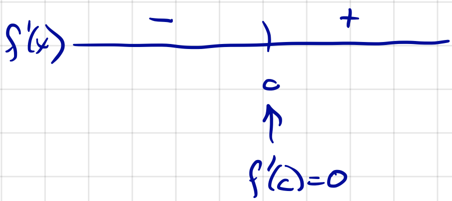
$f'(x)$: $-$ on the left of c, $-$ on the right of c $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow$ neither

2^{nd} Derivative test

E.g.: $f'(c) = 0$

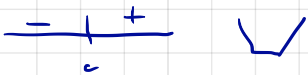
$f''(c) > 0$ (and $f''(x)$ continuous near c, so $f''(x) > 0$ near c)

Since $f''(x) > 0$ near c, $f'(x)$ is <u>increasing</u> near c.



← only possibility if f' is increasing and $f'(c) = 0$.

So:



⇒ local min.

Full test: Suppose $f(x)$ has a continuous 2^{nd} derivative near c and $f'(c) = 0$.

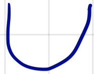
a) If $f''(c) > 0$, f achieves a local min at c.

b) If $f''(c) < 0$, f achieves a local max at c.

(c) if $f''(c) = 0$, the test is inconclusive. could be min/max/neither).

How to remember:

$f(x)=x^2$: $f'(0)=0$, $f''(0)=2$



$\hookrightarrow f''(0)>0$ — local min

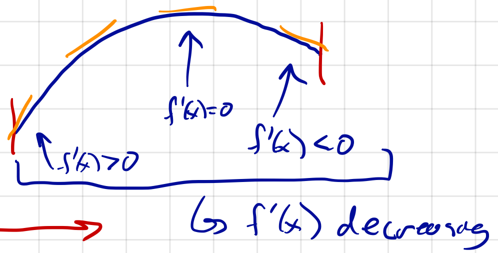
$f(x)=-x^2$ $f'(0)=0$ $f''(0)=-2$

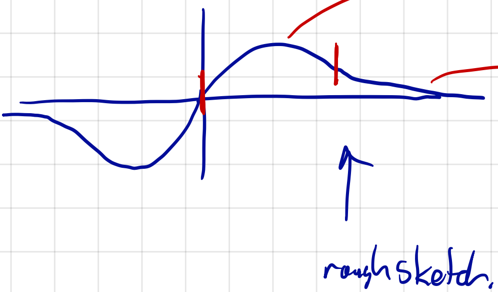
$f''(0)<0$ — local max

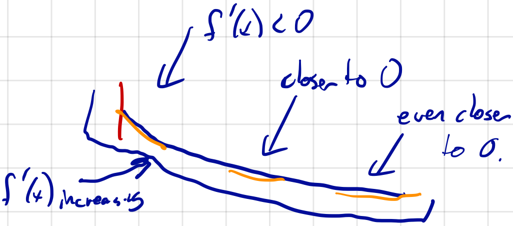
Concavity:

Regions where $f'(x)$ is increasing/decreasing are easy to spot geometrically and are useful mathematically.

e.g. $f(x)=\dfrac{x}{1+x^2}$



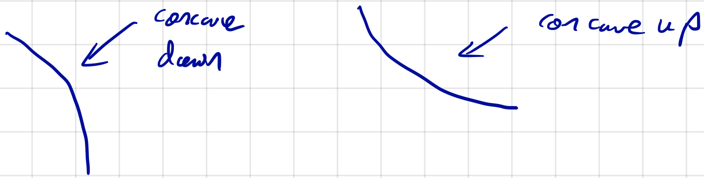




Def: We say a function is concave up on an interval if $f'(x)$ is increasing on the interval. [It is concave up, in particular, if $f''(x)$ exists and $f''(x)>0$ on the interval.

We say a function is concave down on an interval if $f'(x)$ is decreasing on the interval. [It is concave down if $f''(x)<0$].

Rule of Thumb: Up "U" $\Rightarrow$ concave up
Down "U" $\Rightarrow$ concave down

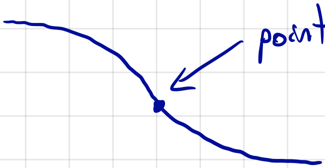


A spot where concavity changes from up to down or vice-versa, is called a __point of__ inflection.

Look for $f''(a) = 0$ but you need to see a sign change:

$f''(x)$ $\quad \underset{a}{+ \mid -}$ e.g. $\qquad$ not: f'' $\underset{a}{+ \mid +}$.

(no change in concavity.

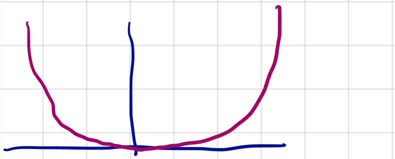


point of inflection.

For $f(x) = x^4$

$f''(x) = 12x^2$

$f''(x)$ $\quad + \mid +$



$f''(x) = 0$ but not a point of inflection