

# 04.03 MVT and Curve Sketching

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## Lecture: Section 4.3: Derivatives and Curve Sketching

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**Today's Goal: Discuss the mean value theorem and how to sketch the graph of any function.**

Logistics: We will start this section with an activity Tuesday and finish Wednesday. There is a check-in Friday, it's set to cover the topics we are covering this week: linear approximation, min/max problems, and extreme value theorem (Sections 3.9 & 4.2).

**Warm-Up 1.1** What are the critical numbers of the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$ ?

SKIP

(A) -2, 0, 2

(B) -4, 4

(C) -2, 2

(D) -4, 0, 4

(E) None of the above.

skip this one

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

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

Do this one →

**Warm-Up 1.2** Use logarithmic differentiation to find  $y'$  for  $y = (\sin(x))^{x^2}$ .

(A)  $y' = (\sin x)^{x^2} \left( \frac{2x \cos(x)}{\sin x} \right)$ (B)  $y' = -(\sin x)^{x^2} \left( \frac{2x \cos(x)}{\sin x} \right)$ (C)  $y' = (\sin x)^{x^2} \left( 2x \ln(\sin x) - \frac{x^2 \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right)$ (D)  $y' = (\sin x)^{x^2} \left( 2x \ln(\sin x) + \frac{x^2 \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right)$ 

(E) None of the above

Apply  $\frac{d}{dx}$  both sides  
\*  $y$  is  $y(x)$ !

$$\ln(y) = \ln((\sin x)^{x^2})$$

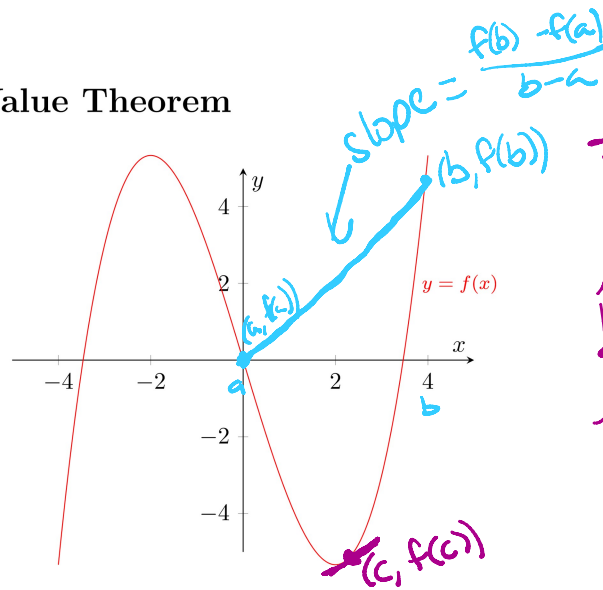
$$\ln(y) = x^2 \cdot \ln(\sin x)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} \cdot y' = 2x \ln(\sin x) + x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \cdot \cos(x)$$

$$y' = y \left( 2x \ln(\sin(x)) + \frac{x^2 \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right)$$

$$y' = (\sin x)^{x^2} \left( 2x \ln(\sin x) + \frac{x^2 \cos(x)}{\sin(x)} \right)$$

## 1.1 The Mean Value Theorem



★ The slope of this secant line must be achieved by some tangent line for a point in between.

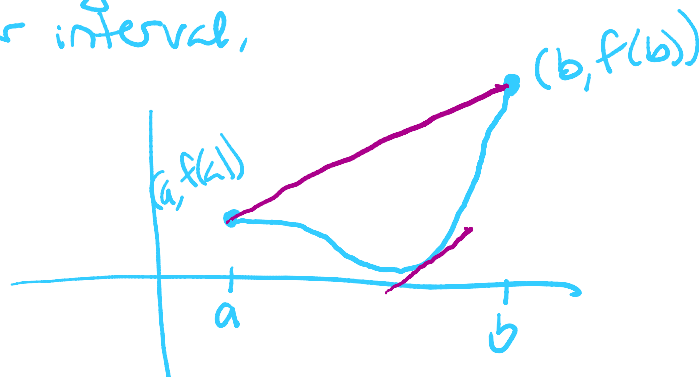
**Theorem 1.3 (The Mean Value Theorem)** If  $f$  is a differentiable function on the interval  $[a, b]$ , then there exists a number  $c$  in  $(a, b)$  such that

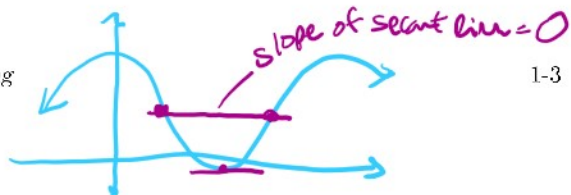
$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

the slope of the tangent lines at  $(c, f(c))$  } ← this is slope of the secant line connecting  $(a, f(a))$  and  $(b, f(b))$

- Draw a secant line between endpoints of interval.
- Find the slope

→ The MVT guarantees that there will be a tangent line that has that slope, in your interval.





**Remark 1.4** When the slope of the secant line is equal to 0, this is called Rolle's Theorem.

(just a special case MVT)

**Example 1.5** Use the Mean Value Theorem to show that  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c \in (-1, 3)$ , where  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$ .

Hyp.  $\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{NTS: } f \text{ is diff on the closed interval } [-1, 3] \\ \text{This true b/c } f \text{ is a polynomial, so } f \text{ is diff everywhere } (-\infty, \infty). \end{array} \right.$

$3^2 - 2(3) - 8 = -5$   
 $9 - 6 - 8 = -5$   
 $(-1)^2 + 2 - 8 = -5$   
 Slope of secant

$\star$  Need: slope of secant line to be 0: ✓  

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = \frac{f(3) - f(-1)}{3 - (-1)}$$

$$= \frac{-5 - (-5)}{4} = 0$$

Conclusion  $\left[ \text{By the MVT, there exists } c \in (-1, 3) \text{ w/ } f'(c) = 0. \right.$

**Example 1.6** Suppose we know that  $f(x)$  is continuous and differentiable on  $[-7, 0]$  and that  $f(-7) = -3$  and that  $f'(x) \leq 2$ . What is the largest possible value for  $f(0)$ ?

↑ hypotheses of MVT ✓

By the MVT, there exists  $c$  in  $(-7, 0)$  st:

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(0) - f(-7)}{0 - (-7)}$$

We also know  $f'(c) \leq 2$

So  $\frac{f(0) - f(-7)}{0 - (-7)} \leq 2$

$$\frac{f(0) - f(-7)}{7} \leq 2$$

$$f(0) - f(-7) \leq 14$$

$$f(0) - (-3) \leq 14$$

$\rightarrow f(0) \leq 11$   
 $\star 11$  is the largest possible value of  $f(0)$ .

## 1.2 Sketching Techniques

### 1.2.1 Increasing/Decreasing

- If  $f'(x) > 0$  on an interval, then...  $f$  is inc. on that interval
- If  $f'(x) < 0$  on an interval, then...  $f$  is dec. on that interval

### 1.2.2 Local Minima and Maxima

**Theorem 1.7 (First Derivative Test)** Suppose that  $c$  is a **critical number** of  $f(x)$  (recall: this means  $c$  is in the domain of  $f$  and either  $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  DNE). Then:

- If  $f'$  changes from positive to negative at  $c$ , then...  $f$  has a local max at  $x=c$ .
- If  $f'$  changes from negative to positive at  $c$ , then...  $f$  has a local min at  $x=c$ .
- If  $f'$  does not change sign at  $c$ , then... neither.

### 1.2.3 Concavity

A function is called **concave upward** on an interval if (equivalently)...

- $f'$  is... increasing on that interval
- $f''$  is... positive on that interval

A function is called **concave down** on an interval if (equivalently)...

- $f'$  is... decreasing on that interval
- $f''$  is... negative on that interval.

Remember,  $f(x)$  has an **inflection point** at  $x = c$  if...  $f$  changes concavity at  $x=c$ .

**Theorem 1.8 (Second Derivative Test)** Suppose  $f(x)$  is continuous near  $c$ .

- (a) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a... local min @  $x=c$
- (b) If  $f'(c) = 0$  and  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a... local max @  $x=c$

**Example 1.9**  $f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x + 1$   $f' > 0$   $f' < 0$

- ✓ (a) Find the intervals on which  $f$  is increasing or decreasing.
- (b) Find the local maximum and minimum values of  $f$ .
- (c) Find the intervals of concavity and the inflection points.

a)  $f'(x) = 12x^2 + 6x - 6$

$$f'(x) = 6(2x^2 + x - 1) = 0$$

$$6(2x - 1)(x + 1) = 0$$

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

a)  $f$  is inc:  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$   
 $f$  is dec:  $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$

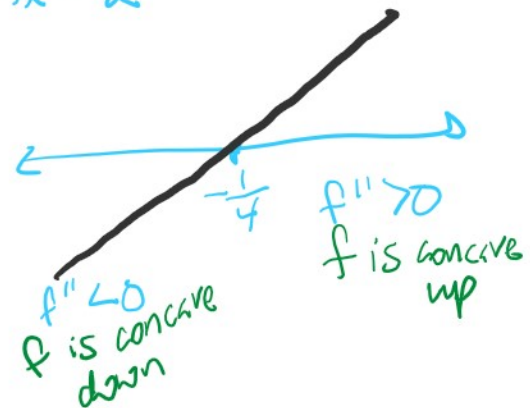
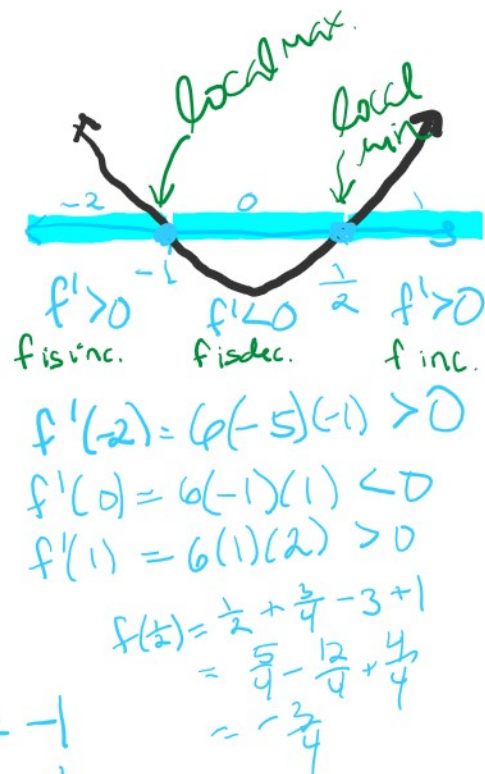
- b)  $f$  has a local max of  $f(-1) = 6$ , at  $x = -1$   
 $f$  has a local min of  $f(\frac{1}{2}) = -\frac{3}{4}$ , at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

c)  $f''(x) = 24x + 6 = 0$   
 $24x = -6$   
 $x = \frac{-6}{24} = -\frac{1}{4}$

$f$  concave down:  $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4})$

$f$  concave up:  $(-\frac{1}{4}, \infty)$

$f$  has an inflection point at  $x = -\frac{1}{4}$   
 the words of this pt.  $(-\frac{1}{2}, f(-\frac{1}{4}))$

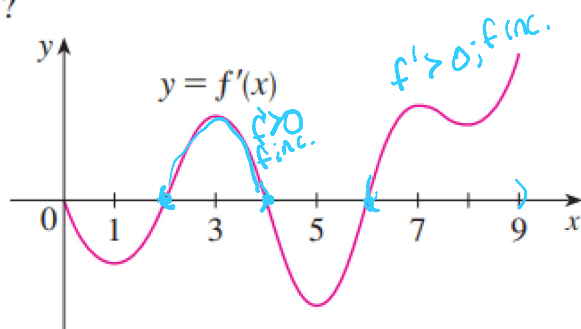


Example 1.10 From the textbook:

6. The graph of the first derivative  $f'$  of a function  $f$  is shown.

- On what intervals is  $f$  increasing? Explain.
- At what values of  $x$  does  $f$  have a local maximum or minimum? Explain.
- On what intervals is  $f$  concave upward or concave downward? Explain.
- What are the  $x$ -coordinates of the inflection points of  $f$ ?

Why?



a)  $f$  is increasing  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $f' > 0$   
 $(2, 4) \cup (6, 9)$

b)  $f$  has a local max  
 $\leftrightarrow f'$  change from  $+$  to  $-$   
 $x = 4$   


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 $f$  has a local min  $\leftrightarrow$   
 $f'$  changes from  $-$  to  $+$   
 $x = 2, 6$

c)  $f$  concave up  $\leftrightarrow f'' > 0$   
 $\leftrightarrow f'$  is increasing  
 $(1, 3), (5, 7), (8, 9)$

$f$  concave down  $\leftrightarrow f'$  is decreasing  
(i.e.,  $f'$  has a neg. slope)

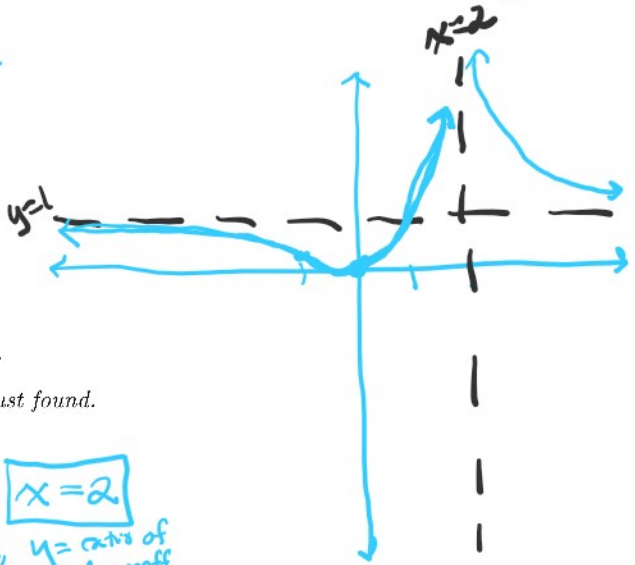
$(0, 1), (3, 5), (7, 8)$

d)  $f$  has inflection points at  $x = 1, 3, 5, 7, 8$   
 b/c  $f$  changes concavity at these  $x$ -values.

$$f(-1) = \frac{1}{9}$$

Example 1.11  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x-2)^2}$

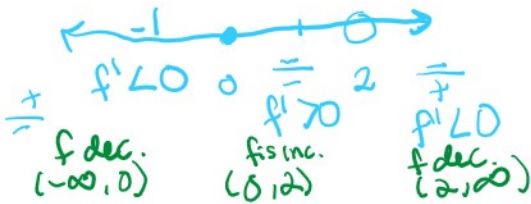
- (a) Find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of  $f(x)$ .
- (b) Find the intervals of increase or decrease.
- (c) Find the local maximum and local minimum values.
- (d) Find the intervals of concavity and inflection points.
- (e) Sketch the graph, using all of the information you just found.



a) Vertical Asymptote: set denom = 0 →  $x=2$   
 Horizontal Asymptote: same deg. in num & denom,  $y = \frac{\text{ratio of leading coeff}}{\text{leading coeff}}$  →  $y=1$

$$\begin{aligned} b) f'(x) &= \frac{\overbrace{x^2}^{\text{low}} \cdot \overbrace{2x}^{\text{d-hi}} - \overbrace{x^2}^{\text{hi}} \cdot \overbrace{2(x-2)}^{\text{d-low}}}{(x-2)^4} \\ &= \frac{(x-2)[(x-2)2x - x^2 \cdot 2]}{(x-2)^4} \\ &= \frac{(x-2)2x - 2x^2}{(x-2)^3} \\ &= \frac{-4x}{(x-2)^3} \end{aligned}$$

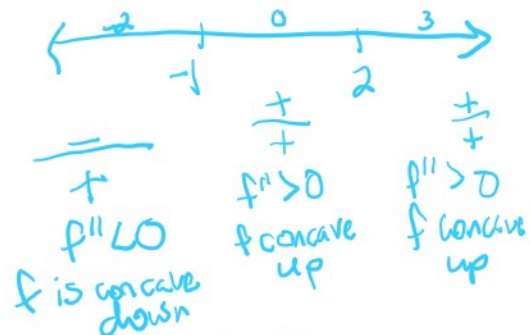
critical #'s:  $f'=0$  or DNE:  
 $x=2, 0$   
 not in domain of  $f$



c) min at  $x=0$  b/c  $f'$  goes  $-$  to  $+$   
 $f$  goes  $\cup$   
 local min value:  $f(0) = 0$

(VA @  $x=2$  means 2 is not in domain of  $f$ )

$$\begin{aligned} d) f'(x) &= \frac{-4x}{(x-2)^3} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{\overbrace{x^2}^{\text{low}}(-4) - (-4x) \cdot 3 \cdot \overbrace{(x-2)}^{\text{d-low}}}{(x-2)^6} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{(x-2)^2[(x-2)(-4) + 12x]}{(x-2)^6} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{-4x + 8 + 12x}{(x-2)^4} \\ f''(x) &= \frac{8x + 8}{(x-2)^4} \end{aligned}$$



Concave up:  $(-1, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 Concave down:  $(-\infty, -1)$   
 Inflection pt.  $(-1, \frac{1}{9})$