

Lecture: Section 4.3: Derivatives and Curve Sketching

*Lecturer: Sarah Arpin***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).

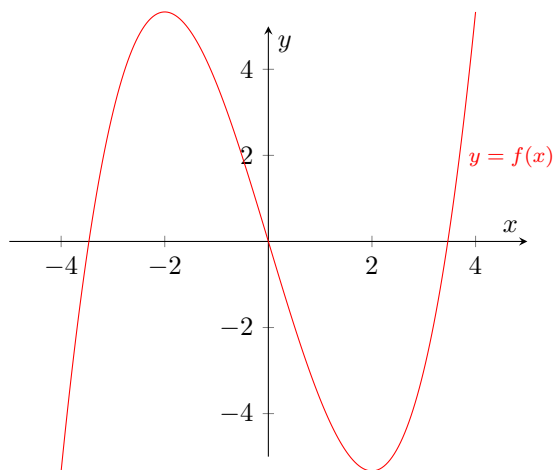
Warm-Up 1.1 What are the critical numbers of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$?

- (A) $-2, 0, 2$
- (B) $-4, 4$
- (C) $-2, 2$
- (D) $-4, 0, 4$
- (E) *None of the above.*

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*

1.1 The Mean Value Theorem



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*

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

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

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

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 $f(0)$?*

1.2 Sketching Techniques

1.2.1 Increasing/Decreasing

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

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...
- If f' changes from negative to positive at c , then...
- If f' does not change sign at c , then...

1.2.3 Concavity

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

- f' is...
- f'' is...

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

- f' is...
- f'' is...

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

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

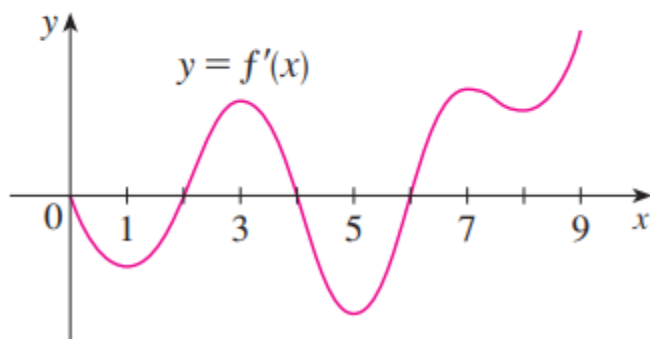
- (a) If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0$, then f has a...
- (b) If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$, then f has a...

Example 1.9 $f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x + 1$

- (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.

Example 1.10 From the textbook:

6. The graph of the first derivative f' of a function f is shown.
- (a) On what intervals is f increasing? Explain.
 - (b) At what values of x does f have a local maximum or minimum? Explain.
 - (c) On what intervals is f concave upward or concave downward? Explain.
 - (d) What are the x -coordinates of the inflection points of f ? Why?



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.