



• HW due on Monday (Section 15.817)
by end of day

• Quiz 5 on Wed. (Sections 15.817)

• Exam 2 \rightarrow Oct 27th

EX:

Let $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} - 3x^2$

- a) Locate and classify all extrema
- b) Find intervals of inc/dec.

a) Find crit pts first!

$$f'(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 6x$$

$\rightarrow f'(x)$ is und.?

Never!

$\rightarrow f'(x) = 0$?

$$x^3 - x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - x - 6) = 0$$

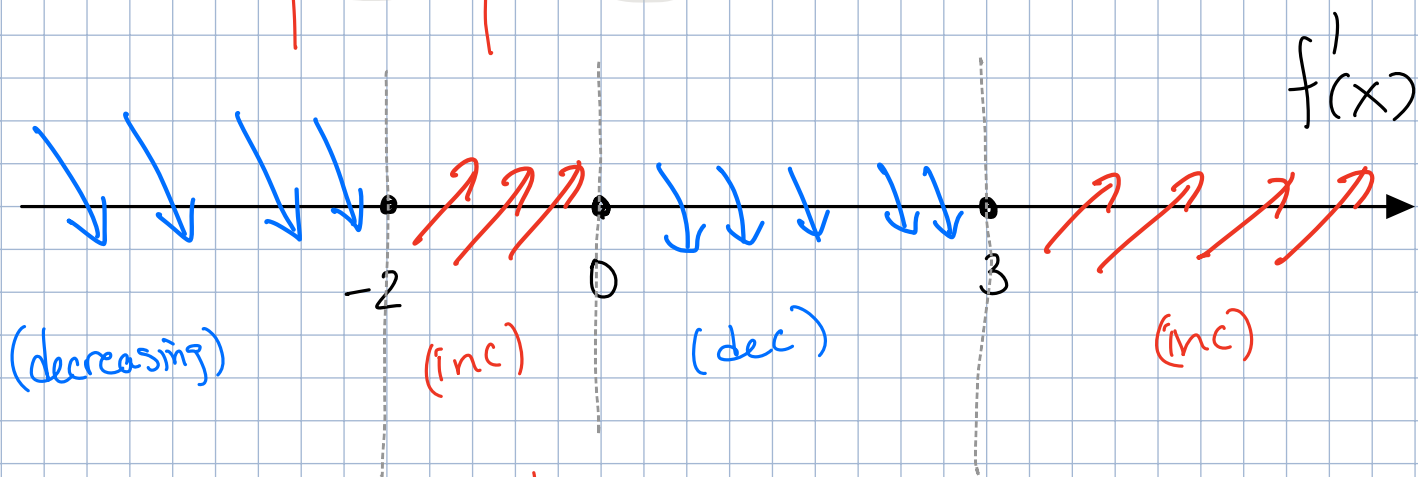
$$x(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x=0$$

$$x=3$$

$$x=-2$$



$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= x^3 - x^2 - 6x \\ &= x(x-3)(x+2) \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(-10) < 0$$

$$f'(-1) > 0$$

$$f'(1) < 0$$

$$f'(10) > 0$$

So @ $x = -2$, f has a local min
 $x = 0$, f has a local max
 $x = 3$, f has a local min.

b) f is increasing on
 $(-2, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$

f is decreasing on
 $(-\infty, -2) \cup (0, 3)$

Section 18: 2nd derivative test

→ Another tool for classifying extrema.

Let $f(x)$ be twice differentiable.

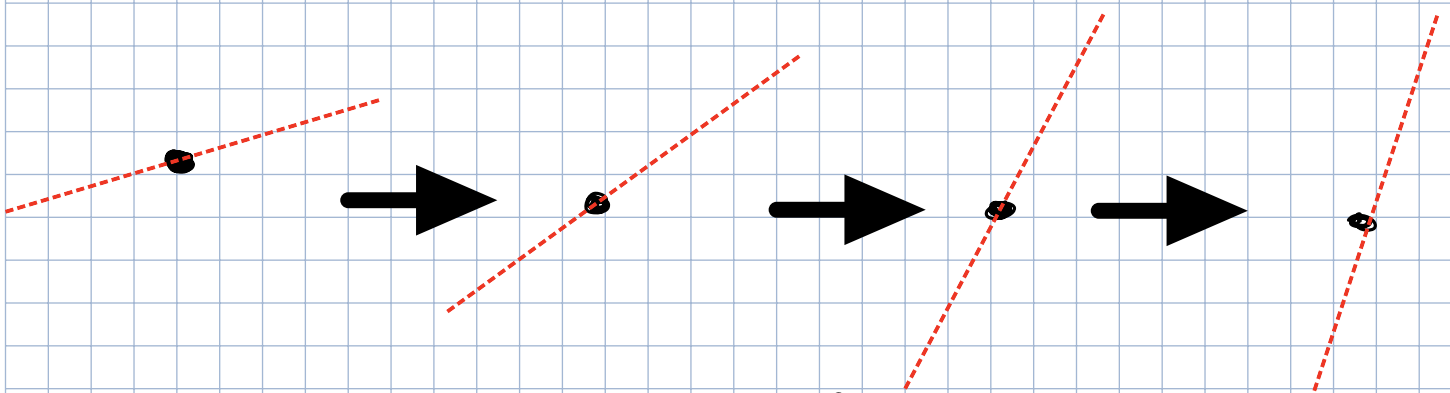
Recall: $f''(x) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x)$ → 2nd deriv

$$\frac{d}{dx} [f'(x)] \uparrow$$

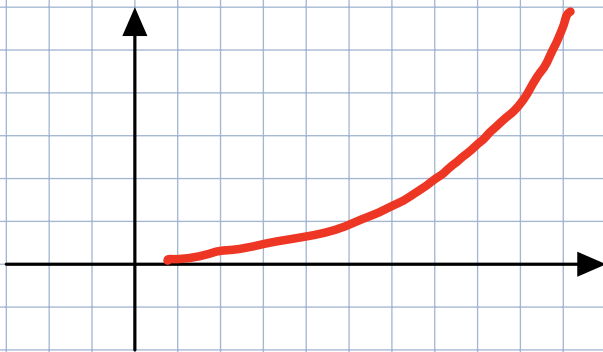
$g'(x)$ → rate of change of g .

$\frac{d}{dx} [f'(x)] \rightarrow$ rate of change of f' i.e. the slope.

• Assume $f''(x) > 0$: So $f'(x)$ is increasing

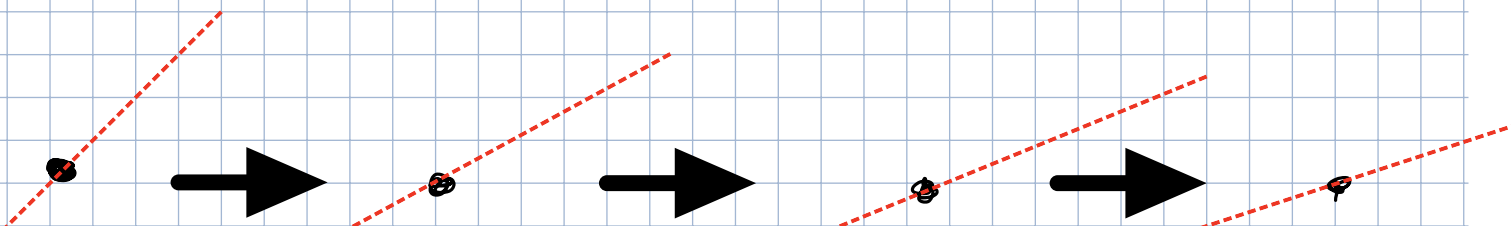


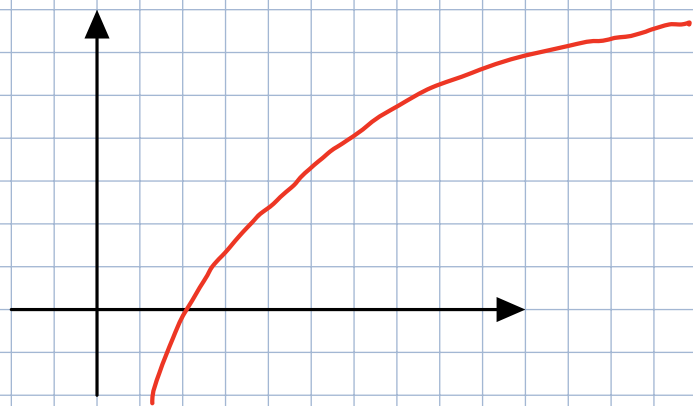
This creates the following shape



\Rightarrow concave up

• Assume $f''(x) < 0$: $f'(x)$ is decreasing





⇒ Concave down

Defⁿ:

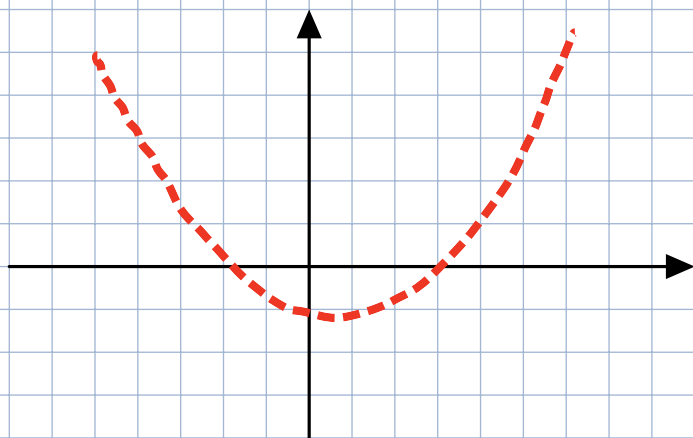
Let f be twice diffble. We say that

• f is concave up if $f''(x) > 0$

• f is concave down if $f''(x) < 0$

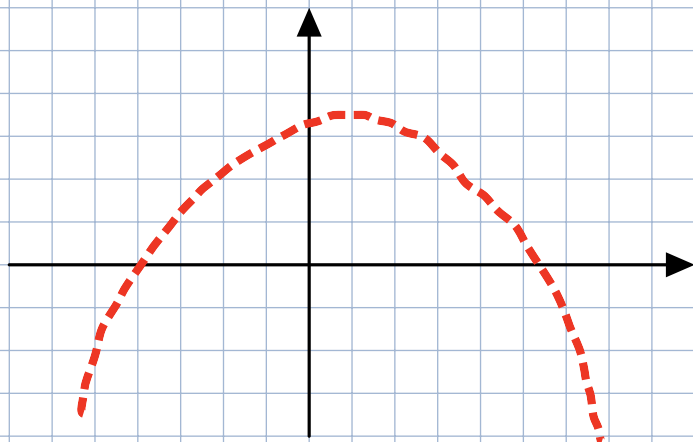
"Concave up"

$$f''(x) > 0$$

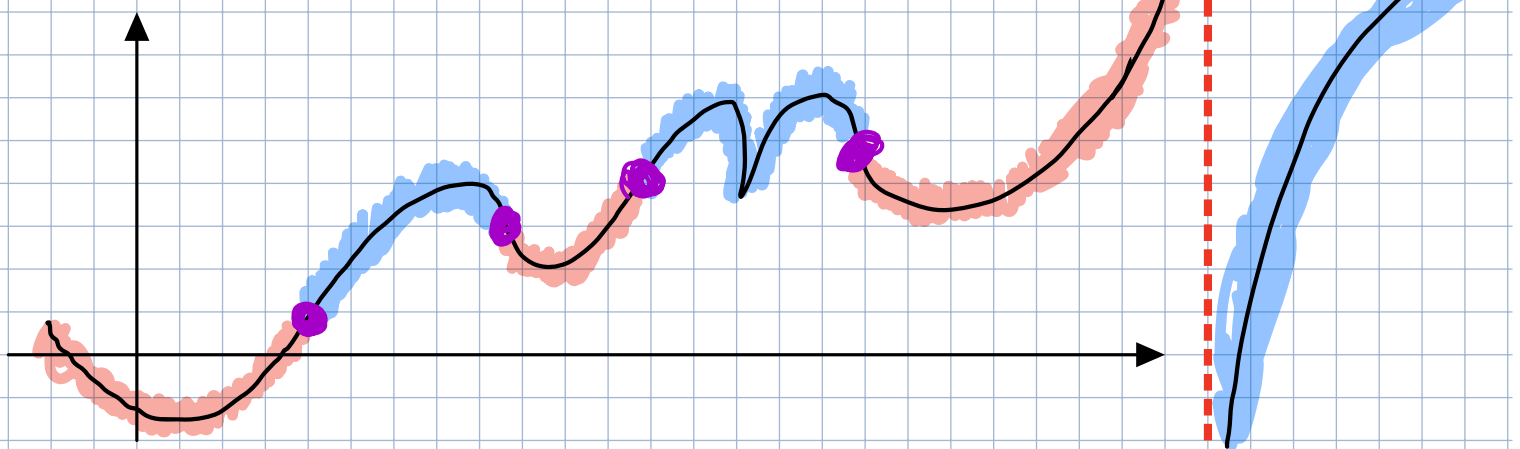


"Concave down"

$$f''(x) < 0$$



Inflection pt:



Red \rightarrow Concave up CU

blue \rightarrow Concave down CD

Inflection pt \rightarrow pts where f changes concavity

• Notice that if $x=a$ is a crit pt
with $f''(a) > 0 \Rightarrow x=a$ is a local
min

• Notice that if $x=a$ is a crit pt,
with $f''(a) < 0 \Rightarrow x=a$ is a local

max

Ex: Find intervals of concavity for

$$f(x) = \frac{x^5}{5} - x^4 - 5x$$

$$f'(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 5$$

$$f''(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2$$

→ $f''(x)$ und? Never!

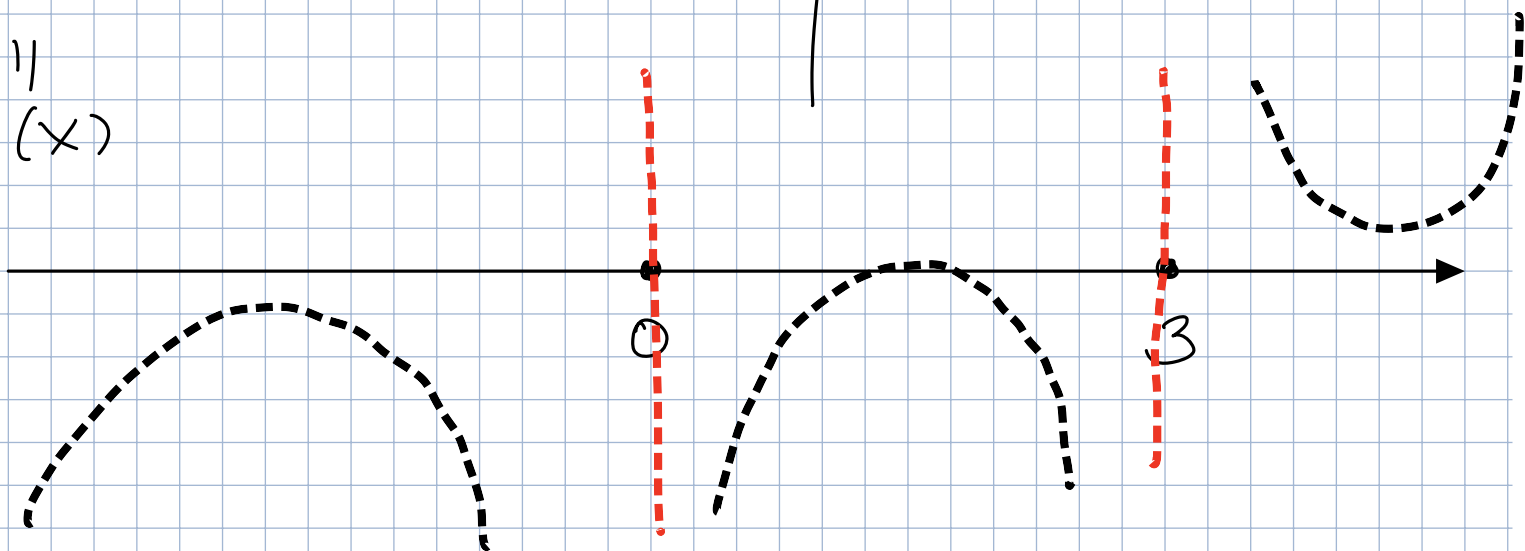
→ $f''(x) = 0$? $4x^3 - 12x^2 = 0$

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

$$x = 0$$

$$x = 3$$

$f''(x)$



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

$$f''(-1) < 0$$

$$f''(1) < 0$$

$$f''(10) > 0$$

} f is CU on $(3, \infty)$
 f is CD on
 $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 3)$