

Extrema on an Interval 区间上的极值(p164)

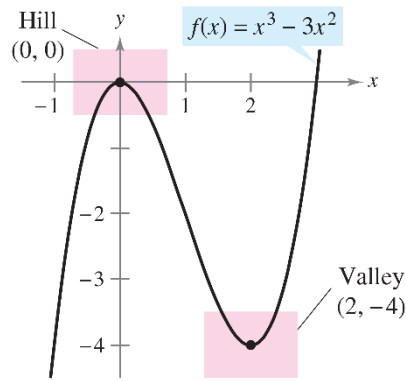
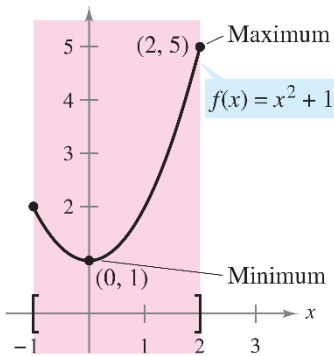
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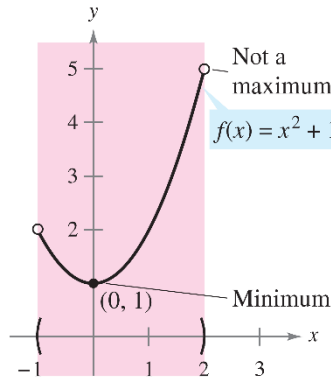
极大值和极小值也称之为区间极大极小值 (local minimum/local maximum)

中文里极值是指的某个区间的极大或极小值 (relative extrema), **最值**是指整个函数的最大和最小值 (**Absolute Extrema**)。

最大值 { 极值中最大的
函数的端点
不连续的点
不可导的点



f has a relative maximum at $(0, 0)$ and a relative minimum at $(2, -4)$.



极值存在定理 The Extreme Value Theorem (P164) 不重要

EXAMPLE 1 The Value of the Derivative at Relative Extrema

Find the value of the derivative at each relative extremum shown in Figure 3.3.

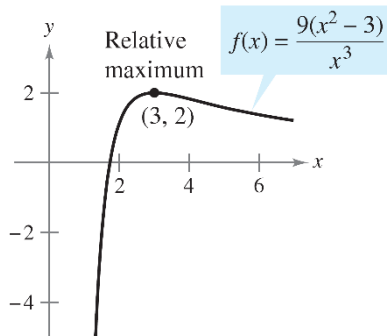
Solution

a. The derivative of $f(x) = \frac{9(x^2 - 3)}{x^3}$ is

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^3(18x) - (9)(x^2 - 3)(3x^2)}{(x^3)^2} \quad \text{Differentiate using Quotient Rule.}$$

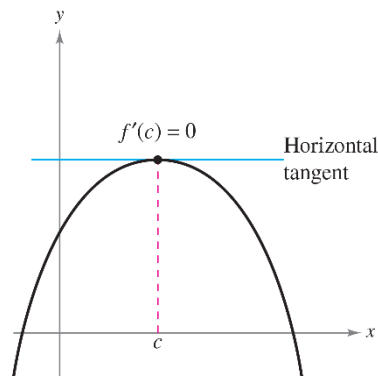
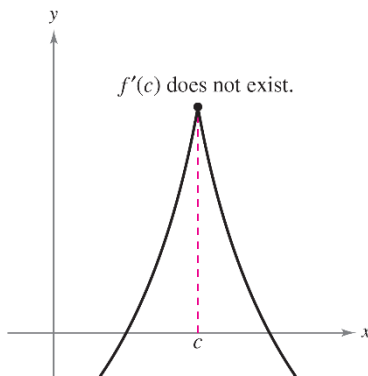
$$= \frac{9(9 - x^2)}{x^4}. \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

At the point $(3, 2)$, the value of the derivative is $f'(3) = 0$



Critical number $c \begin{cases} f'(c) = 0 \\ \text{not differentiable at } c \end{cases}$

The Relative Extrema occur only at Critical Numbers. (p166)



Example 2: Find Extrema of $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$ on the interval $[1, 2]$

Solution

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

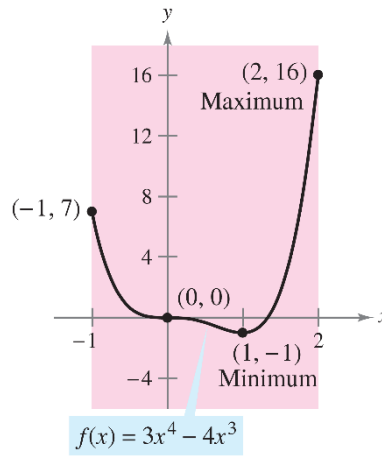
$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 1$$

Left endpoint: $f(-1) = 7$

Critical number: $f(0) = 0$

Critical number: $f(1) = -1$ Minimum

Right endpoint: $f(2) = 16$ Maximum

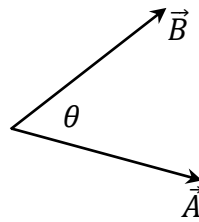


复习: 向量 $\vec{A} = a_x \vec{i} + a_y \vec{j}$, $\vec{B} = b_x \vec{i} + b_y \vec{j}$

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Coordinate Form (2D)

$$\begin{cases} \text{magnitude:} & \vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = a_x b_x + a_y b_y \\ \text{direction:} & \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B}}{|\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}|} = \frac{a_x b_x + a_y b_y}{|\vec{A}| \cdot |\vec{B}|} \end{cases}$$



Example 3: 矩形 ABCD 如图所示, $\overline{AB} =$

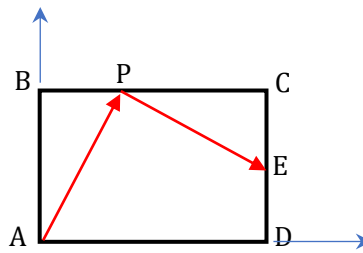
$2, \overline{BC} = 3$, E 为 CD 中点, P 为 BC 上一动点。

1. 建立坐标系如图所示, 设 $\overline{BP} = t$, 写出

A, B, C, D, E, P 点的坐标。

$$A(0,0) \quad B(0,2) \quad C(3,2) \quad D(3,0) \quad E(3,1)$$

$$P(t, 2), t \in [0, 3]$$



2. 写出向量 $\overrightarrow{AP}$ 与 $\overrightarrow{PE}$ 的表达式

$$\overrightarrow{AP} = t\vec{i} + 2\vec{j} \quad \overrightarrow{PE} = (3-t)\vec{i} - \vec{j}$$

3. 求 $\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \overrightarrow{PE}$ 的最大值

$$\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \overrightarrow{PE} = t(3-t) - 2 = -t^2 + 3t - 2 \quad t \in [0, 3]$$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot \overrightarrow{PE}) = \frac{d}{dt}(-t^2 + 3t - 2) = -2t + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 3/2 \in [0, 3]$$

Left endpoint: $f(0) = -2$

Critical number: $f(3/2) = 1/4$ Maximum

Right endpoint: $f(3) = -5$

Exercise: Locate the absolute extrema of the functions on the closed interval.

21. $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2$ $[-1, 2]$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 1$$

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Left endpoint: $f(-1) = -5/2$ Minimum

Critical number: $f(0) = 0$

Critical number: $f(1) = -1/2$

Right endpoint: $f(2) = 2$ Maximum

22. $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$ $[0,4]$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, 2$$

Left endpoint: $f(0) = 1/2$

Critical number: $f(-2)$ not in the interval

Critical number: $f(2) = -16$ Minimum

Right endpoint: $f(4) = 16$ Maximum

25. $g(t) = \frac{t^2}{t^2+3}$ $[-1,1]$

$$g(t) = \frac{t^2}{t^2+3} = \frac{t^2+3-3}{t^2+3} = 1 - \frac{3}{t^2+3} = 1 - 3(t^2+3)^{-1}$$

$$g'(t) = -3(-1)(t^2+3)^{-2}(2t) = 6t/(t^2+3)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 0$$

Left endpoint: $g(-1) = 1/4$ Maximum

Critical number: $g(0) = 0$ Minimum

Right endpoint: $g(1) = 1/4$ Maximum

26. $f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2+1}$ $[-2,2]$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2(x^2+1) - 2x(2x)}{x^2+1} = \frac{2-2x^2}{x^2+1} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1, 1$$

Left endpoint: $f(-2) = -4/5$ Minimum

Critical number: $f(-1) = -1$

Critical number: $f(1) = 1$

Right endpoint: $f(2) = 4/5$ Maximum

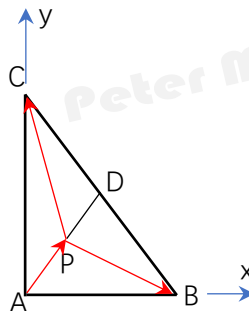
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Solution: 设置坐标系如图, 所以三角形三个顶点的坐标为 $A(0,0), B(3,0), C(0,4)$ 。D 为 BC 中点, 所以 $D(3/2, 2)$ 。

$$\text{设 } \overrightarrow{AP} = t\overrightarrow{AD} = t\left(\frac{3}{2}\vec{i} + 2\vec{j}\right) = \frac{3t}{2}\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j} \quad t \in [0,1]$$

$$\overrightarrow{PB} = \left(3 - \frac{3t}{2}\right)\vec{i} - 2t\vec{j}, \quad \overrightarrow{PC} = \left(\frac{-3t}{2}\right)\vec{i} + (4 - 2t)\vec{j}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \overrightarrow{PB} + \overrightarrow{PC} &= \left(3 - \frac{3t}{2}\right)\vec{i} - 2t\vec{j} + \left(\frac{-3t}{2}\right)\vec{i} + (4 - 2t)\vec{j} = \\ &= (3 - 3t)\vec{i} + (4 - 4t)\vec{j} \end{aligned}$$



$$\overrightarrow{AP} \cdot (\overrightarrow{PB} + \overrightarrow{PC}) = \left(\frac{3t}{2}\vec{i} + 2t\vec{j}\right) \cdot [(3-3t)\vec{i} + (4-4t)\vec{j}]$$

$$= \left(\frac{3t}{2}\right)(3-3t) + 2t(4-4t) = \frac{25}{2}t - \frac{25}{2}t^2 = f(t)$$

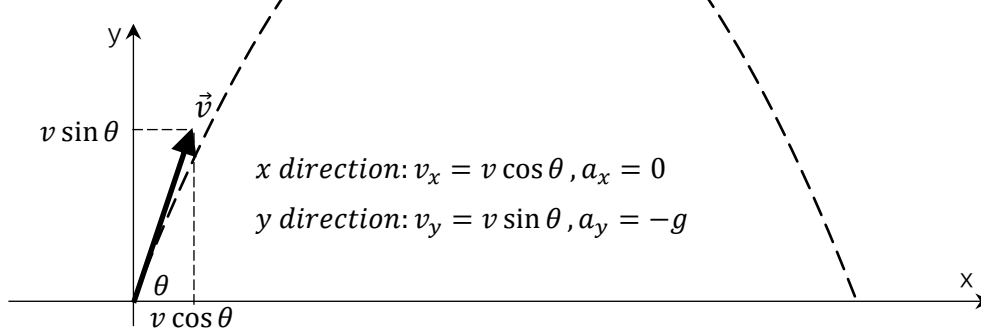
$$f'(t) = \frac{25}{2} - \frac{25}{2}(2t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2}$$

Left endpoint: $f(0) = 0$

Critical number: $f(1/2) = 25/8$ Maximum

Right endpoint: $f(1) = 0$

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Solution

y 方向: $v_{y0} = v \sin \theta, v_{yt} = -v_{y0}$ 时炮弹落地

$$-v_{y0} = v_{y0} - gt \Rightarrow 2v_{y0} = gt = 2v \sin \theta \Rightarrow t = (2v/g) \sin \theta$$

x 方向: $x_t = v_{x0}t = v \cos \theta \left(\frac{2v}{g}\right) \sin \theta = \left(\frac{v^2}{g}\right) (2 \sin \theta \cos \theta)$

$$= (v^2/g) \sin 2\theta \quad \theta \in [0, \pi/2]$$

$$x'_t = (v^2/g) 2 \cos 2\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/4$$

Left endpoint: $x(0) = 0$

Critical number: $x(\pi/4) = v^2/g$ Maximum

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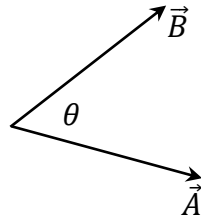
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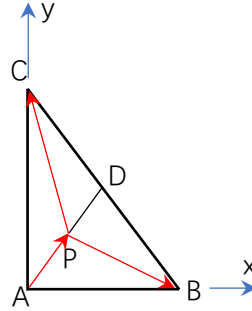
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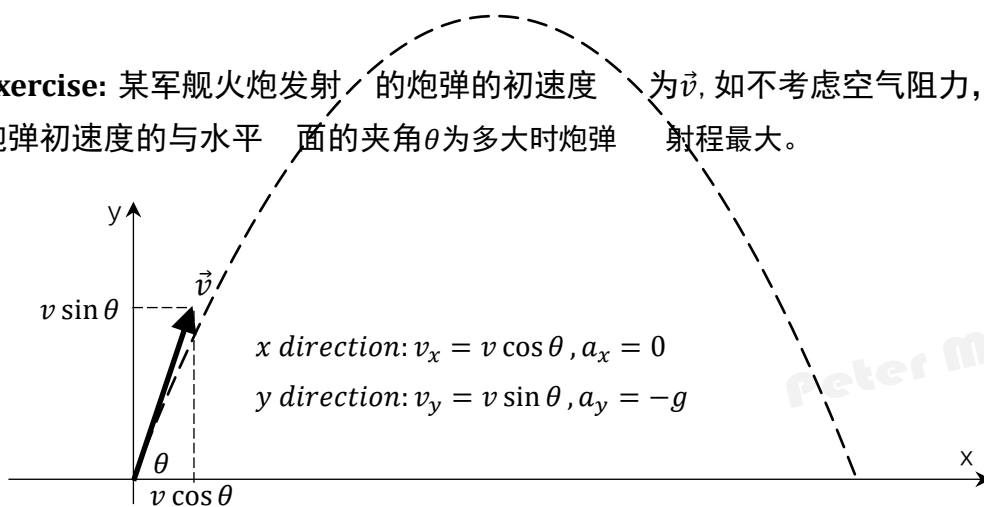
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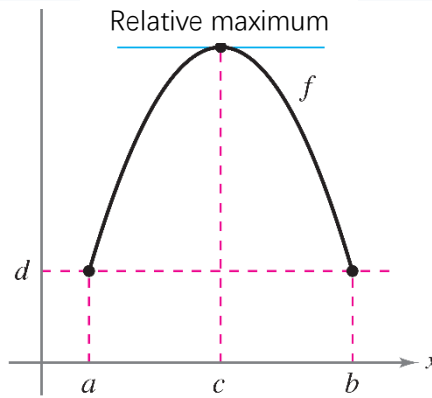
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Rolle's Theorem 罗尔定

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Example $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$. Find all values of c in $(-2, 2)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$.

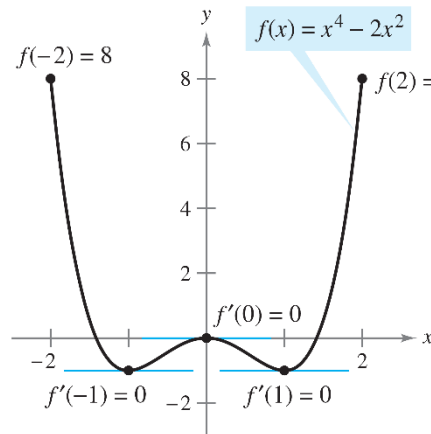
Solution $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x \Rightarrow$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous in $[-2, 2]$
 $\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable in $(-2, 2)$ $\xrightarrow{\text{Rolle's theorem}}$
 $f(-2) = f(2) = 8$

$\Rightarrow \exists c \in (-2, 2), f'(c) = 0$

$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, -1, 1$

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The Mean Value Theorem

(p174)

$f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , then there is at least a number c in (a, b) such that

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

Useful alternative form

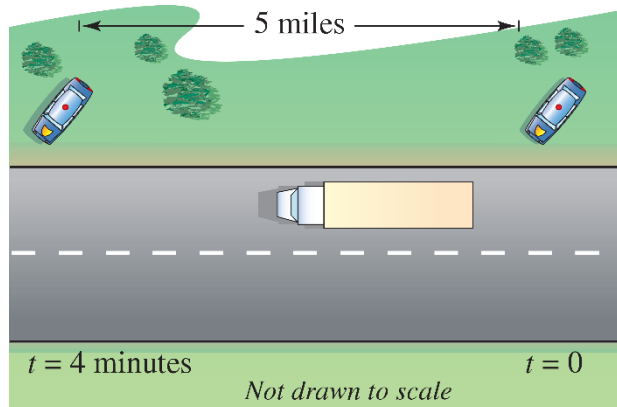
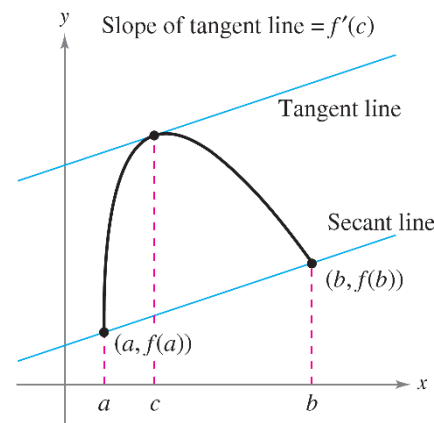
$$f(b) = f(a) + (b - a)f'(c)$$

Example Two stationary patrol cars equipped with radar are 5 miles apart on a highway, as shown in the figure. As a truck passes the first car, its speed is clocked at 55 mph. 4 minutes later, when the truck passes the second patrol car, its speed is clocked at 50 mph. Prove that the truck must have exceeded the speed limit (of 55 mph) at some time during the 4 minutes.

Solution Let $t = 0$ be the time

when the truck passes the first car. When it passes the second car, $t = 4/60 = 1/15$ hour.

Let $s(t)$ be the distance traveled by the truck, so



$$s(0) = 0 \text{ and } s(1/15) = 5.$$

$$V_{avg} = \frac{s(1/15) - s(0)}{(1/15) - 0} = \frac{5}{1/15} = 75 \text{ mph}$$

Assuming that the position function is differentiable, according to the mean value theorem, the truck must have been traveling at a rate of 75 mph during the 4 minutes.

Exercise: $y_1 = x, y_2 = (x-1)^2 - 1 = x^2 - 2x$

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Solution1: 初中数学方法

- 求解得 $A(0,0), B(3,3)$
- C 在 y_2 上, 当过 C 点, 和直线 y_1 平行, 且和 y_2 相切时, $S_{\triangle ABC}$ 取最大值。

y_1 的斜率是 1, 所以和 y_1 平行的直线方程为 $y_3 = x + t, t$ 为参数。

求 y_2 和 y_3 的交点

$$x^2 - 2x = x + t \Rightarrow x^2 - 3x - t = 0$$

当 y_2 与 y_3 相切时, 只有 1 个交点, 此时上述二次方程 $\Delta = 0$

$$\Delta = (-3)^2 - 4(-t) = 0 \Rightarrow t = -9/4$$

$$x = \frac{-b}{2a} = \frac{3}{2} \quad y_3 = x + t = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{9}{4} = -\frac{3}{4}$$

$C\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$, 直线 BC 交 x 轴于点 $D\left(\frac{9}{5}, 0\right)$

$$S_{\triangle ABC} = S_{\triangle ABD} + S_{\triangle ACD} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{5} \cdot 3 + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{27}{8}$$

Solution2: The Mean Value Theorem

$$\left. \begin{aligned} y_2'(x) &= 2x - 2 \\ y_2'(c) &= \frac{y_2'(b) - y_2'(a)}{b - a} = \frac{3 - 3}{3 - 3} = 1 \end{aligned} \right\} \Rightarrow y_2'(x) = 2x - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$$

利用 $y_2 = x^2 - 2x, x = \frac{3}{2}$ 可得切点坐标 $C\left(\frac{3}{2}, -\frac{3}{4}\right)$

Exercise: Determine whether Rolle's theorem can be applied to $f(x)$ on the interval and, if so, find all values of c in the interval such that $f'(c) = 0$.

25. $f(x) = |x| - 1 \quad [-1, 1]$

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $(0,0)$ so Rolle's theorem does not apply.

26. $f(x) = x - x^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad [0, 1]$

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In $[0, 1]$ continuous

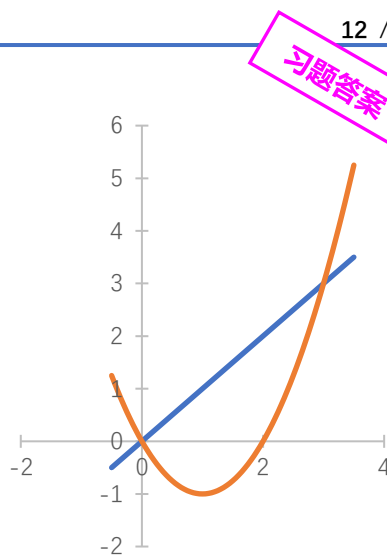
$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{3} \left(x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right) = 1 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$

In $(0, 1)$ differentiable

$$f(0) = f(1) = 0$$

$$f(b) = f(a)$$

Rolle's theorem can be applied.



习题答案

Note

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$$f'(c) = 1 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{c^2}} = 0 \Rightarrow c = \frac{\pm 1}{3\sqrt{3}} = \pm \frac{\sqrt{3}}{9}$$

27. $f(x) = x - \tan \pi x \quad \left[-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right]$

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$$f'(x) = 1 - \pi \sec^2 \pi x \quad \text{In } \left(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{4}\right) \text{ differentiable}$$

$$f\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) \neq f\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \quad f(b) \neq f(a)$$

Rolle's theorem does not apply.

28. $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{\pi x}{6} \quad [-1, 0]$

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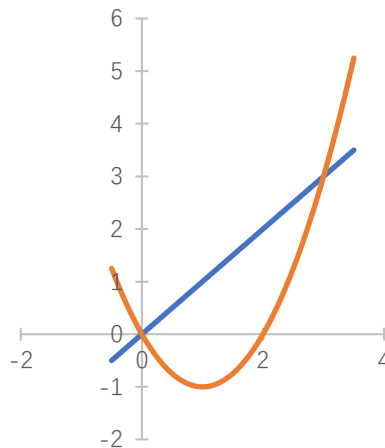
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28. $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} - \sin \frac{\pi x}{6}$ $[-1, 0]$

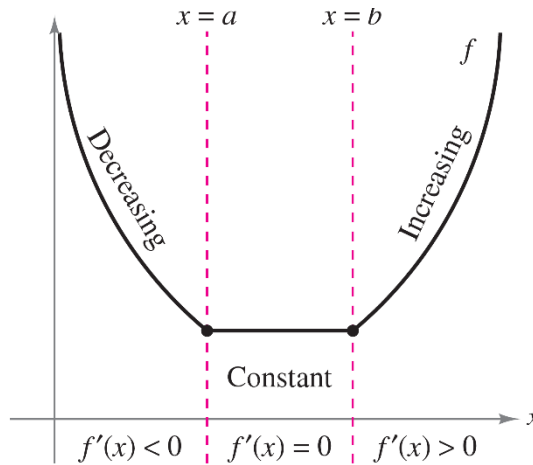
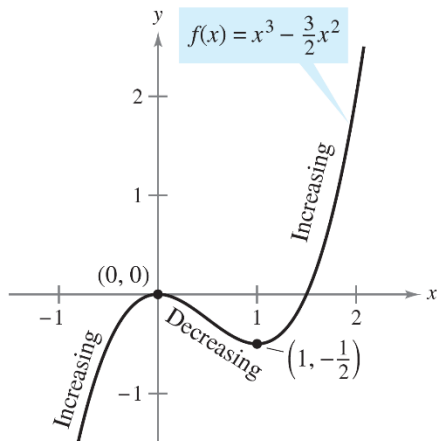
Increasing and decreasing function 增函数和减

函数(p179)

$$f'(x) < 0 \quad \text{Decreasing}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \quad \text{Constant}$$

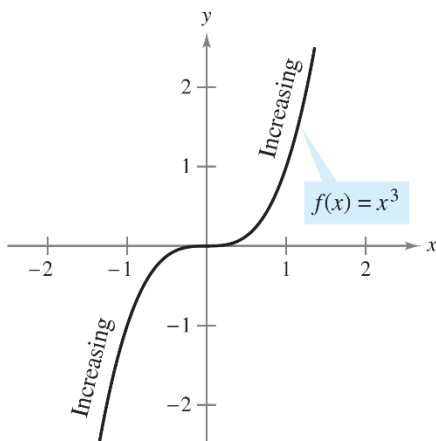
$$f'(x) > 0 \quad \text{Increasing}$$



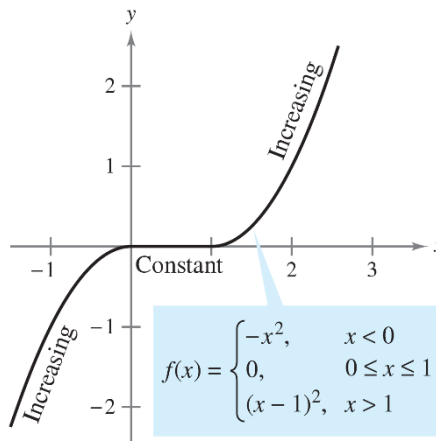
Example: Find out each monotonic interval of $f(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2$

$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2$ Domain: $x \in \mathbb{R}$				Step 1: Check Domain
$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3x = 0$				Step 2: $f'(x) = 0$
$x = 0, 1$				Step 3: Critical no
Interval	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$	Step 4: Test $f'(x)$ in each interval
Test Value	$x = -1$	$x = 1/2$	$x = 2$	
$f'(x)$	$6 > 0$	$-3/4 < 0$	$6 > 0$	
Conclusion	Inc	Dec	Inc	

Notice two types of monotonic



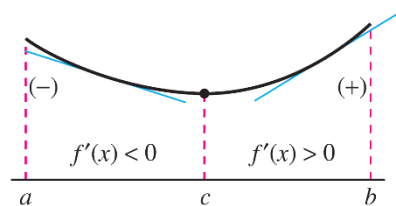
(a) Strictly monotonic function



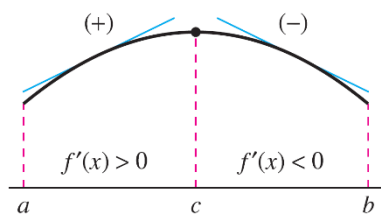
(b) Not strictly monotonic

If $f'(x)$ is positive on both side of c , it is not a extrema. Same for both negative.

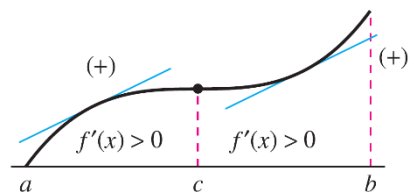
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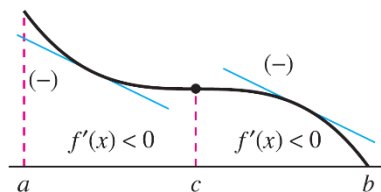
Relative minimum



Relative maximum



Neither relative minimum nor relative maximum



Example: Find the relative extrema of $f(x) = (x^2 - 4)^{2/3}$.

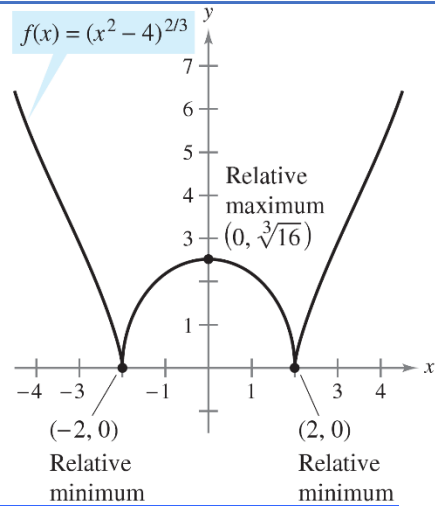
Solution

$f(x) = (x^2 - 4)^{2/3}$ Domain: $x \in R$

$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x^2 - 4)^{-\frac{1}{3}}(2x)$

$= \frac{4x}{3(x^2 - 4)^{1/3}} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$\Rightarrow f'(x)$ does not exist when $x \pm 2$



Interval	$-\infty < x < -2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$2 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -3$	$x = -1$	$x = 1$	$x = 3$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-3) < 0$	$f'(-1) > 0$	$f'(1) < 0$	$f'(3) > 0$
Conclusion	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Exercise: Find the relative extrema of

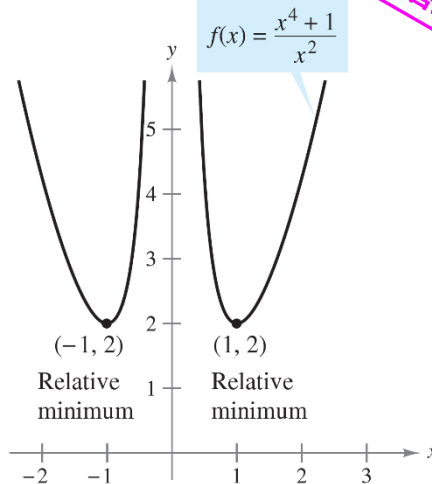
$$f(x) = \frac{x^4+1}{x^2}.$$

Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{x^4+1}{x^2} \quad \text{Domain: } x \neq 0$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2(x^4+1)}{x^3} = \frac{2(x^2+1)(x-1)(x+1)}{x^3}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0(NG), x = \pm 1$$



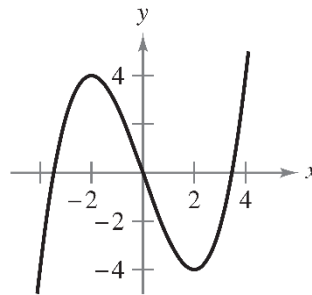
Interval	$-\infty < x < -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -2$	$x = -1/2$	$x = 1/2$	$x = 2$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-2) < 0$	$f'(-1) > 0$	$f'(1) < 0$	$f'(2) > 0$
Conclusion	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

Exercise: Identify the open intervals on which the function is increasing or decreasing.

5. $y = \frac{x^3}{4} - 3x$

$$y = \frac{x^3}{4} - 3x \quad \text{Domain } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$y' = \frac{3x^2}{4} - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 2$$

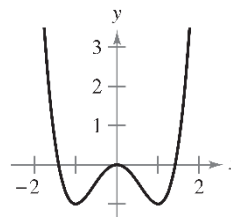


Interval	$-\infty < x < -2$	$-2 < x < 2$	$2 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -4$	$x = 0$	$x = 4$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-4) > 0$	$f'(0) < 0$	$f'(4) > 0$
Conclusion	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

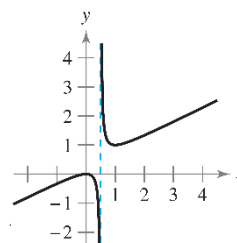
6. $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 \quad \text{Domain } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, x = \pm 1$$



Interval	$-\infty < x < -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -2$	$x = -1/2$	$x = 1/2$	$x = 2$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-2) < 0$	$f'(-1/2) > 0$	$f'(1/2) < 0$	$f'(2) > 0$



Conclusion	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing
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7. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \quad \text{Domain } x \neq -1$$

$$f'(x) = -2(x+1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ (out of domain)}$$

Interval	$-\infty < x < -1$	$-1 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -2$	$x = 0$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-4) > 0$	$f'(0) < 0$
Conclusion	Increasing	Decreasing

8. $y = \frac{x^2}{2x-1}$

$$y = \frac{x^2}{2x-1} \quad \text{Domain } x \neq 1/2$$

$$y' = \frac{2x^2-2x}{(2x-1)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 1$$

Interval	$-\infty < x < 0$	$0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2} < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -1$	$x = -1/4$	$x = 3/4$	$x = 2$
Sign of $f'(x)$	$f'(-2) > 0$	$f'(-\frac{1}{2}) < 0$	$f'(\frac{1}{2}) > 0$	$f'(2) < 0$
Conclusion	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing

Exercise: Find the relative extrema of

$$f(x) = \frac{x^4+1}{x^2}.$$

Solution

Interval

Test value

Sign of $f'(x)$

Conclusion

Exercise: Identify the open intervals on which the function is increasing or decreasing.

5. $y = \frac{x^3}{4} - 3x$

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Interval

Test value

Sign of $f'(x)$

Conclusion

6. $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$

Interval

Test value

Sign of $f'(x)$

Conclusion

7. $f(x) = \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$

Interval

Test value

Sign of $f'(x)$

Conclusion

8. $y = \frac{x^2}{2x-1}$

Interval

Test value

Sign of $f'(x)$

Conclusion

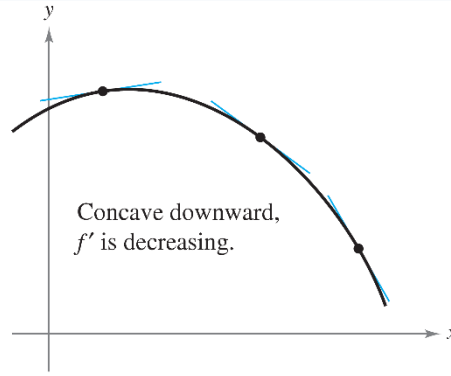
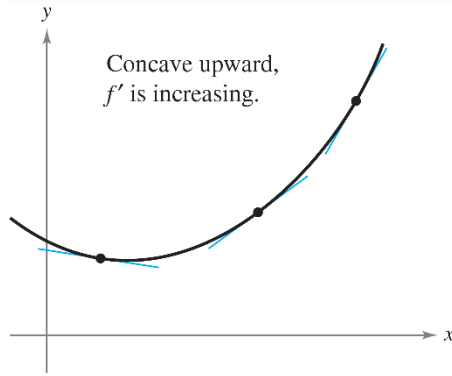
Concavity 函数的凸凹性(p190)

Concave upward 凹函数

$f'(x)$ is increasing

Concave downward 凸函数

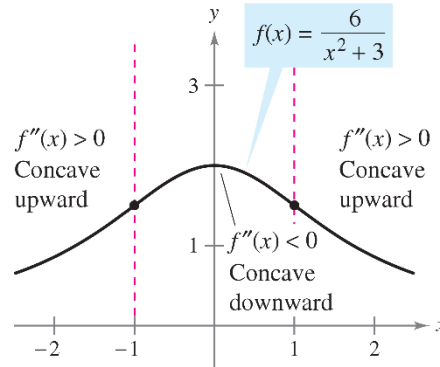
$f'(x)$ is decreasing



Example1: Determine the open intervals on which the graph of

$$f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2 + 3}$$

is concave upward or downward.



Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2 + 3} \quad \text{Domain: } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step1. Domain

$$f'(x) = (-6)(x^2 + 3)^{-2}(2x) = \frac{-12x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \quad \text{Domain: } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step2. $f'(x)$

$$f''(x) = \frac{36(x^2 - 1)}{(x^2 + 3)^3} = 0, x = \pm 1 \quad \text{Domain: } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

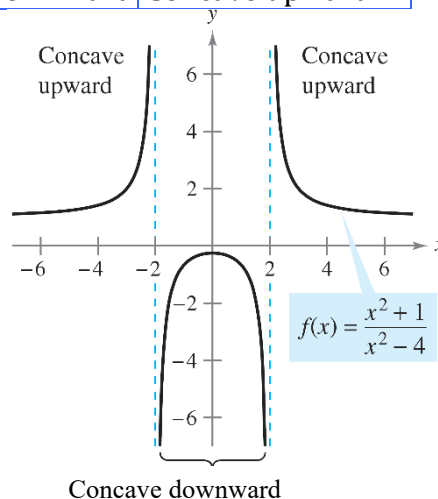
Step3. $f''(x)$

Interval	$-\infty < x < -1$	$-1 < x < 1$	$1 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -2$	$x = 0$	$x = 2$
Sign of $f''(x)$	$f''(-2) > 0$	$f''(0) < 0$	$f''(2) > 0$
Conclusion	Concave upward	Concave downward	Concave upward

Example2: Determine the open intervals on which the graph of

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 4}$$

is concave upward or downward.



Solution

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 - 4} \quad \text{Domain: } x \neq \pm 2$$

Step1. Domain

$$f'(x) = \frac{-10x}{(x^2 - 4)^2} \quad \text{Domain: } x \neq \pm 2$$

Step2. $f'(x)$

$$f''(x) = \frac{10(3x^2 + 4)}{(x^2 - 4)^3} = 0 \quad \text{No point at which } f''(x) = 0$$

Step3. $f''(x)$

Interval	$-\infty < x < -2$	$-2 < x < 2$	$2 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = -3$	$x = 0$	$x = 3$

Sign of $f'(x)$	$f''(-3) > 0$	$f''(0) < 0$	$f''(3) > 0$
Conclusion	Concave upward	Concave downward	Concave upward

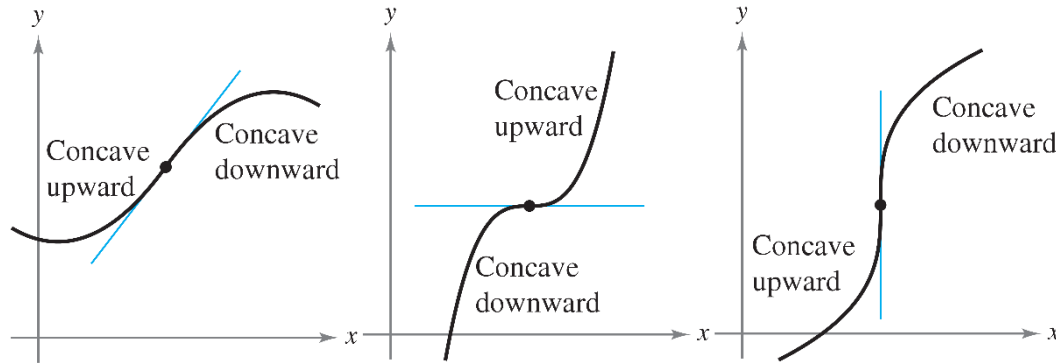
Note

Point of Inflection 拐点(p192)

The graph in Example 1 ($f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2+3}$) has two points at which the concavity changes: $x = -1, x = 1$. If the tangent line to the graph exists at such point, that point is a **point of inflection**.

$$\text{Point of Inflection} \begin{cases} f''(x) = 0 \\ \text{tangent line exist} \end{cases}$$

Three types of points of inflection



Example 3: Determine the points of inflection and discuss the concavity of the graph of $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3$

Solution

Step 1: Domain

$$f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step 2: $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step 3: $f''(x)$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 24x = 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$x = 0, x = 2 \quad \text{inflection point}$$

Step 4: test value in each interval

$$-\infty < x < 0, f''(-1) > 0: \quad \text{upward}$$

$$0 < x < 2, f''(1) < 0: \quad \text{downward}$$

$$2 < x < \infty, f''(3) > 0: \quad \text{upward}$$

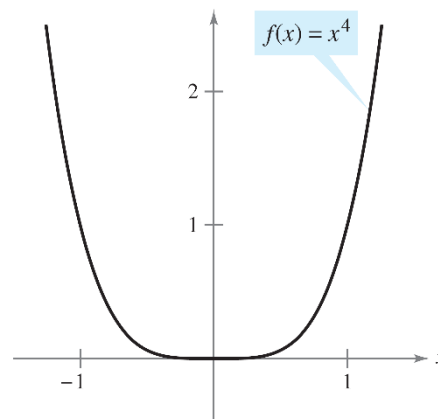
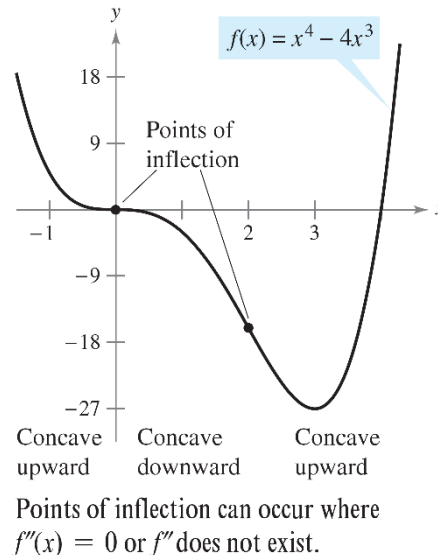
Important Notice: the graph of

$$f(x) = x^4$$

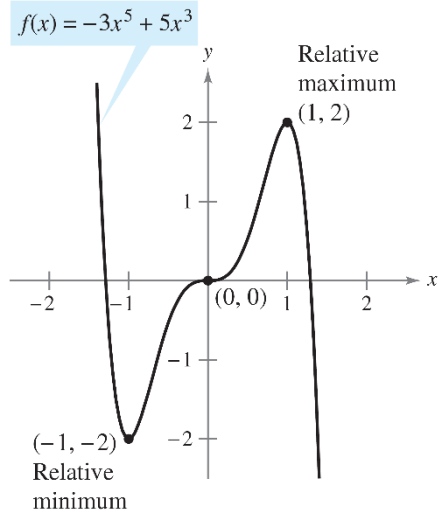
$$f''(x) = 0$$

but $(0,0)$ is not a inflection point.

四次方以上的幂函数需要注意。



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



(0, 0) is neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum.

Example 4: Find the relative extrema for

$$f(x) = -3x^5 + 5x^3$$

Solution

Step 1: Domain

$$f(x) = -3x^5 + 5x^3 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Step 2: $f'(x)$

$$f'(x) = -15x^4 + 15x^2$$

$$= 15x^2(1 - x^2)$$

$$x = -1, 0, 1$$

Step 3: $f''(x)$

$$f''(x) = -60x^3 + 30x$$

$$= 30x(-2x^2 + 1)$$

$$x = 0, x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \quad \text{inflection point}$$

Step 4: test value in each interval

Point	(-1, -2)	(1, 2)	(0, 0)
Sign of $f''(x)$	$f''(-1) > 0$	$f''(1) < 0$	$f''(0) = 0$
Conclusion	Relative minimum	Relative maximum	Test fails

Notice: at (0,0), $f''(0) = 0$, so test fails

Exercise: find the points of inflection and discuss the concavity of the graph of the function.

26. $f(x) = (x-2)^3(x-1)$

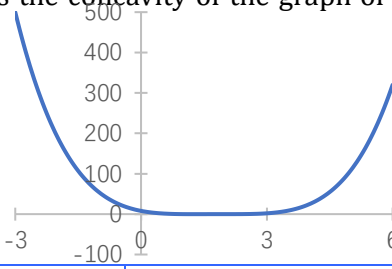
$$f'(x) = (x-2)^2(3x-2)$$

$$f''(x) = (x-2)(9x-12) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, x = 4/3$$

Notice: at $x=2$, $f'(x) = 0$ and $f''(x) = 0$

Interval	$-\infty < x < 4/3$	$4/3 < x < 2$	$2 < x < \infty$
Test value	$x = 0$	$x = 1$	$x = 3$
Sign of $f''(x)$	$f''(0) > 0$	$f''(1) > 0$	$f''(3) > 0$
Conclusion	Concave upward	Concave upward	Concave upward



27. $f(x) = x\sqrt{x+3}$

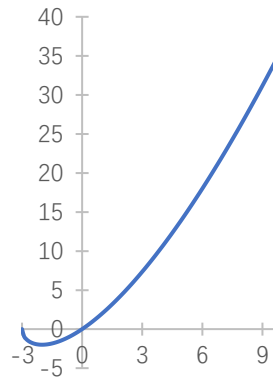
$f(x) = x\sqrt{x+3}$ Domain: $x \geq -3$ Step 1: Domain

$f'(x) = \frac{3x/2 + 3}{(x+3)^{1/2}}$ Step 2: $f'(x)$

$f''(x) = \frac{3x/4 + 3}{(x+3)^{3/2}} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -4$ Step 3: $f''(x)$

$x = -4$ is out of domain

$-3 < x < \infty$, $f''(0) > 0$: concave upward Step 4: test value



28. $f(x) = x\sqrt{9-x}$

$f(x) = x\sqrt{9-x}$ Domain: $x \leq 9$ Step 1: Domain

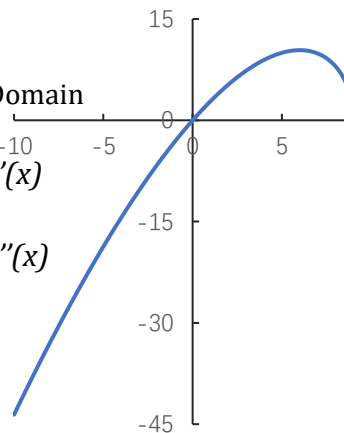
$f'(x) = \frac{9-3x/2}{\sqrt{9-x}}$ Step 2: $f'(x)$

$f''(x) = \frac{3x-36}{4(9-x)^{3/2}} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 12$ Step 3: $f''(x)$

$x = 12$ is out of domain

Step 4: test value in each interval

$-\infty < x < 9$, $f''(0) < 0$: concave downward



29. $f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2+1}$

$f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2+1}$ $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$f'(x) = -4(x^2+1)^{-2}$

$f''(x) = 8(x^2+1)^{-3} = 0$ no solution

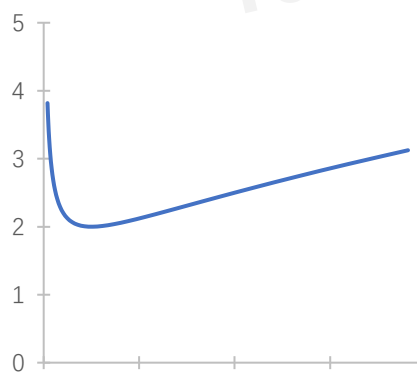
$f''(0) < 0$ concave downward

30. $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x}}$

$f(x) = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{1/2} + x^{-1/2}$ $x > 0$

$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-3/2}$

$f''(x) = \frac{-1}{4}x^{-3/2} + \frac{3}{4}x^{-5/2} = 0$



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$$x^{-\frac{3}{2}}(3x^{-1} - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$0 < x < 3, f''(1) > 0$: concave upward

$3 < x < \infty, f''(6) < 0$: concave downward

Exercise: 比较下列方程式的大小

1. $\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x}$ 与 $\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{x-1}$ ($x > 2$)

2. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x+1}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ 与 $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$ ($x > 1$)

高中方法：分子或分母有理化

微积分方法：1 题是 $y = \sqrt{x}$, $\Delta x = 1, f'' < 0$ 凸函数 Δy 越来越小, 2 题是 $y =$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, \Delta x = 1, f'' > 0$ 凹函数 Δy 越来越大.

Exercise: find the points of inflection and discuss the concavity of the graph of the function.

26. $f(x) = (x - 2)^3(x - 1)$

Interval			
Test value			
Sign of $f''(x)$			
Conclusion			

27. $f(x) = x\sqrt{x + 3}$

28. $f(x) = x\sqrt{9 - x}$

29. $f(x) = \frac{4}{x^2+1}$

30. $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x}}$

Exercise: 比较下列方程式的大小

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