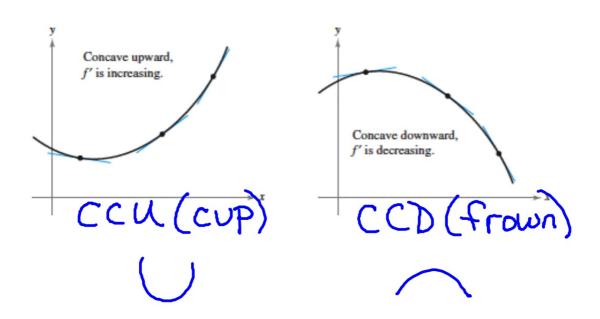


3.4 Concavity and the Second Derivative Test

- Determine intervals on which a function is concave upward or concave downward.
- Find any points of inflection of the graph of a function.
- Apply the Second Derivative Test to find relative extrema of a function.



concave down
Concave
up

Point of inflection
(POI)

1 3.8 POINTS OF INFLECTION

is a point of inflection of the graph of f, then either f''(c) = 0 or xist at x = c.

$$y'' = 3x$$

$$y'' = 6x$$

Find the intervals where f is concave up or down. Also, find the x-value of point(s) of inflection. $D: (-\infty)$

$$f(x) = 2x^{3} - 3x^{2} - 12x + 5$$

$$f'(x) = 6x^{2} - 6x - 12$$

$$f''(x) = 12x - 6$$

$$0 = 12x - 6$$

$$1/2 = 1$$

POI at x = 1/2 because f" changes signs at this value CCD on (-inf,1/2) because f"<0 on this interva CCU on (1/2, inf) because f">0 on this interva

We use the first derivative to find: intervals of increasing/decreasing and relative extrema

We use the second derivative to find: intervals of concavity and points of inflection

But, there are two tests that have an official name

First Derivative Test

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Second Derivative Test

BOTH tests are ways to locate relative extrema

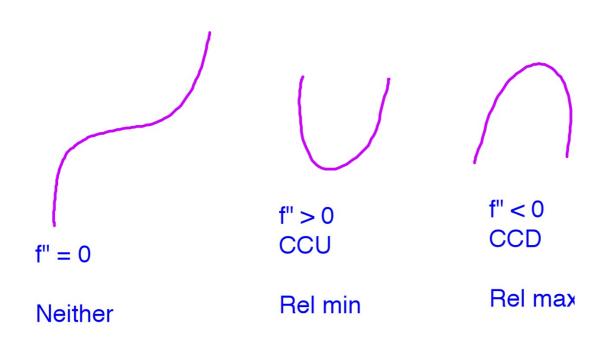
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THEOREM 3.9 SECOND DERIVATIVE TEST

Let f be a function such that f'(c) = 0 and the second derivative of f exists on an open interval containing c.

- 1. If f''(c) > 0, then f has a relative minimum at (c, f(c)).
- 2. If f''(c) < 0, then f has a relative maximum at (c, f(c)).

If f''(c) = 0, the test fails. That is, f may have a relative maximum, a relative minimum, or neither. In such cases, you can use the First Derivative Test.



$$f'(4) = 0$$
 $f'(-3) = 0$
 $f''(4) = -8$ $f''(-3) = 12$
 $f(4) \text{ rel. max}$ $f(-3) \text{ rel. min}$
 CCD CCD

Find the relative extrema using the second derivative test.

#1 '
$$f(x) = -3x^{2} + 5x^{3}$$

 $f'(x) = -15x^{4} + 15x^{2}$
 $0 = -15x^{2}(x^{2} - 1)$
 $0 = -15x^{2}$

Find the x-coordinates of the relative extrema

$$f'(x) = x^{3} - 5x^{2} + 7x$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^{2} - 10x + 7$$

$$D = (3x - 7)(x - 1)$$

$$x = 7/3, 1$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 10$$

$$f''(x) > 0; \quad \text{rel. min at } x = 7/2$$

$$f''(1) < 0; \quad \text{rel. max at } x = 1$$

Sketching a derivative (and second derivative)

Finding intervals of concavity

Finding points of inflection

Using the second derivative test

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$$f(x) = \frac{24}{x^2+12} = 24(x^2+12)^{-1}$$

 $f'(x) = -24(x^2+12)^{-2}2x = -48x(x^2+12)^{-2}$
 $f''(x) = -48(x^2-2(x^2+12)^{-2}2x + (x^2+12)^{-2}-1)$
 $= -48(-4x^2(x^2+12)^{-3}+(x^2+12)^{-2})$
 $= -48(x^2+12)^{-3}(-4x^2+x^2+12)$
 $= -48(12-3x^2)$
 $= -48(12-3x^2)$

5.)
$$f(x) = x^{2} - x - 2$$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 1$$

$$f''(x) = 2 + 3x - 1$$

$$f''(x) = 2 + 3x - 1$$

$$CCU(-\infty, \infty)$$