

$f$  is inc. when  $f'(x) > 0$

dec. when  $f'(x) < 0$

inc for  $x$  in  $(-\infty, 2)$   
and  $(5, \infty)$

decreases for  $x$  in  $(2, 5)$

Just algebraically:

First find the critical #s,

plug in values in between to see

where  $f'$  is pos vs neg.

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$$

say where it's inc & dec.

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x \quad \text{simply}$$

$$= 12x(x^2 - x - 2)$$

$$f'(x) = 12x(x-2)(x+1)$$

crit #5

$$f' = 0$$

$$12x(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$12x = 0$$

$$x-2 = 0$$

$$x+1 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$x = 2$$

$$x = -1$$

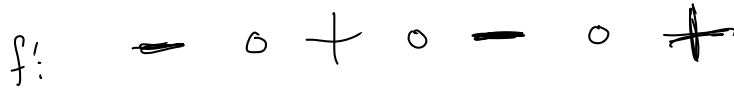
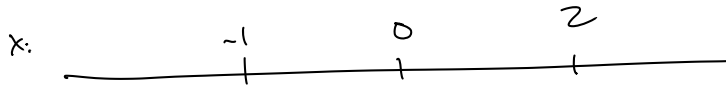


f' DNE (N/A)

crit #5 :

0, -1, 2.

$$f'(x) = 12x(x-2)(x+1)$$



is it pos/neg in between?

Choose "test points" in each little interval.

$$f'(1) = 12 \cdot 1(1-2)(1+1)$$

$$+ \cdot + \cdot - \cdot + = -$$

$$f'(3) = 12 \cdot 3(3-2)(3+1)$$

$$+ + + +$$

$$f'(-2) = 12 \cdot (-2)(-2-2)(-2+1)$$

$$+ - - -$$

$$f'(-1/2) = 12(-1/2)(-1/2-2)(-1/2+1)$$

+ - - +

So  $f$  is inc on  $(-1, 0)$  &  $(2, \infty)$

$f$  is dec on  $(-\infty, -1)$  &  $(0, 2)$

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Ex1 Where is it inc/dec?

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 7}{x - 4}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x-4) \cdot 2x - (x^2-7) \cdot 1}{(x-4)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^2 - 8x - x^2 + 7}{(x-4)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 8x + 7}{(x-4)^2} = \frac{(x-7)(x-1)}{(x-4)^2}$$

$$\underline{f' = 0} \quad \frac{(x-7)(x-1)}{(x-4)^2} = 0$$

$$(x-7)(x-1) = 0 \cdot (x-4)^2$$

$$(x-7)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x=7, \quad x=1$$

f' DNE

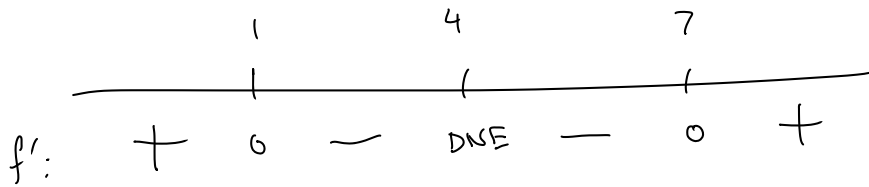
$$\text{denom} = 0$$

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

$$x-4=0$$

$$x=4$$

$$= \frac{(x-7)(x-1)}{(x-4)^2}$$



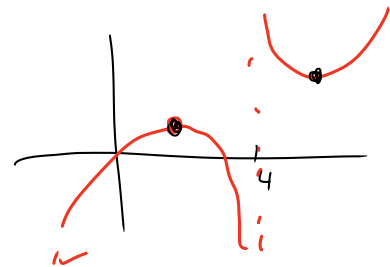
$$f'(0) = \frac{(0-7)(0-1)}{(0-4)^2} = \frac{- \cdot -}{+} = +$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{(2-7)(2-1)}{( )^2} = \frac{- \cdot +}{+} = -$$

$$f'(5) = \frac{(5-7)(5-1)}{( )^2} = \frac{- \cdot +}{+} = -$$

$$f'(8) = \frac{(8-7)(8-1)}{( )^2} = \frac{+ \cdot +}{+} = +$$

inc on  $(-\infty, 1)$  &  $(7, \infty)$   
dec on  $(1, 4)$  &  $(4, 7)$

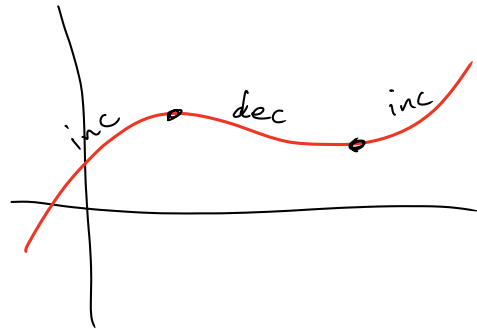


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We can use that same chart to identify local min & maxs.

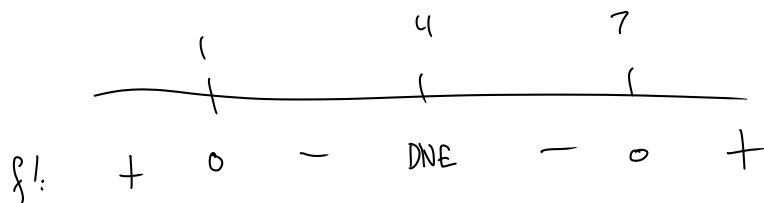
## Then The First Derivative Test

Let  $c$  be a critical number of  $f(x)$ , and assume  $f$  is continuous at  $c$ . Then:



- If  $f$  goes from inc to dec near  $c$ , then  $c$  is a local max.
- - - - - dec to inc - - - - - min.
- If  $f$  goes inc to inc or dec to dec, then  $c$  is not a local max or min.

Previous example:



So  $x=1$  is a local max (goes + to -)

$x=7$  is a local min (- to +)

( $x=4$  is not a min or max)

Ex 1

$$f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 + 1$$

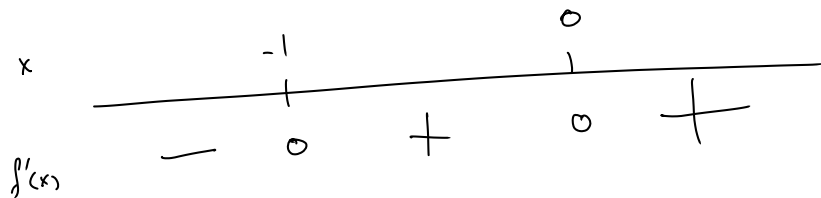
find intervals where it's inc/dec,  
find  $x$ -values for local extrema.

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

$$= 12x^2(x+1)$$

$$f' = 0 \quad x=0, \quad x=-1$$

$$f' \text{ DNE} \quad \text{n/a}$$



$$f'(-2) = 12 \cdot (-2)^2 \cdot (-2+1)$$

+ + -

$$f'(-1/2) = 12 \cdot (-1/2)^2 \cdot (-1/2+1)$$

+ + +

$$f'(1) = 12 \cdot 1^2 \cdot (1+1)$$

inc on  $(-1, 0)$  &  $(0, \infty)$

dec on  $(-\infty, -1)$

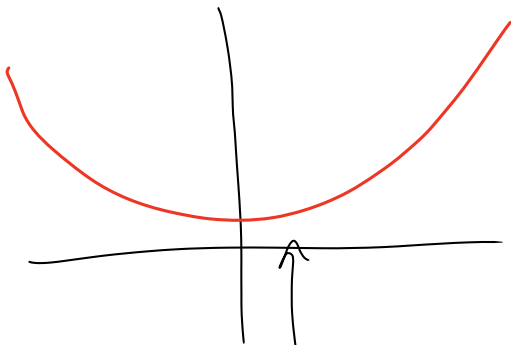
$x = -1$  is a local min.

$f''$  is also visible graphically

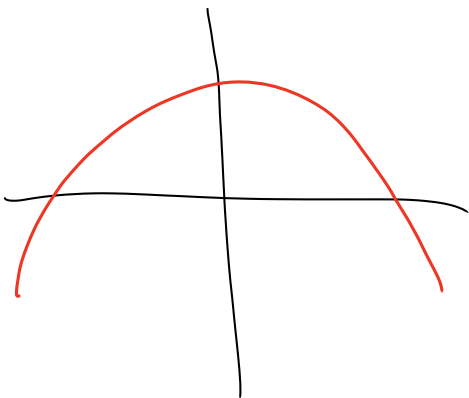
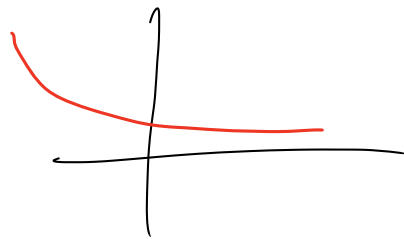
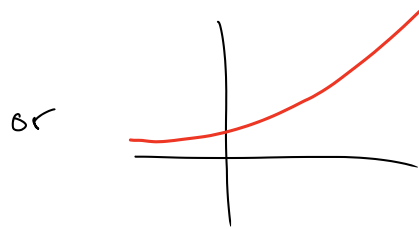
[ $f'$  is pos means  $f$  is increasing]

$f''$  is pos means  $f'$  is increasing

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slope is becoming bigger & bigger  
as we move right.

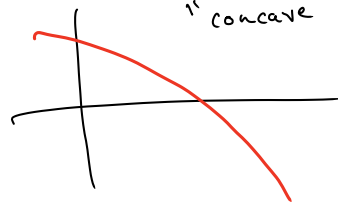


this has  $f'' > 0$   
"concave up"



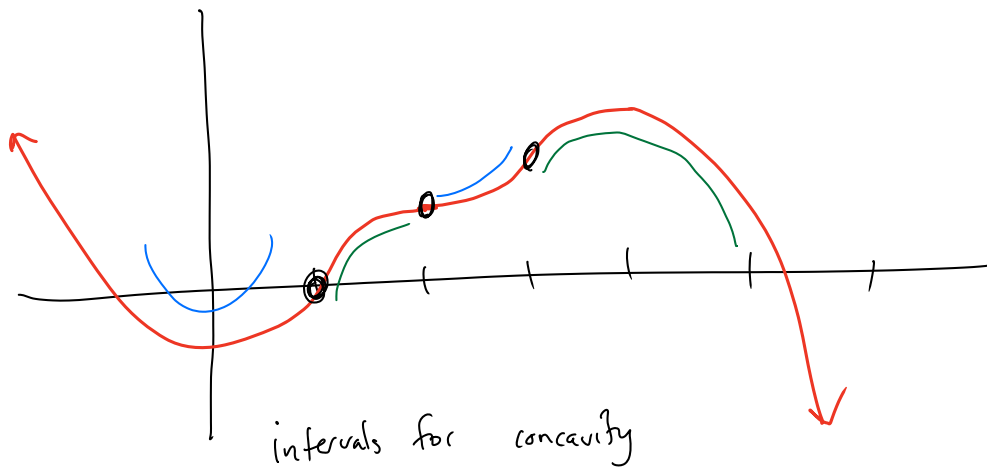
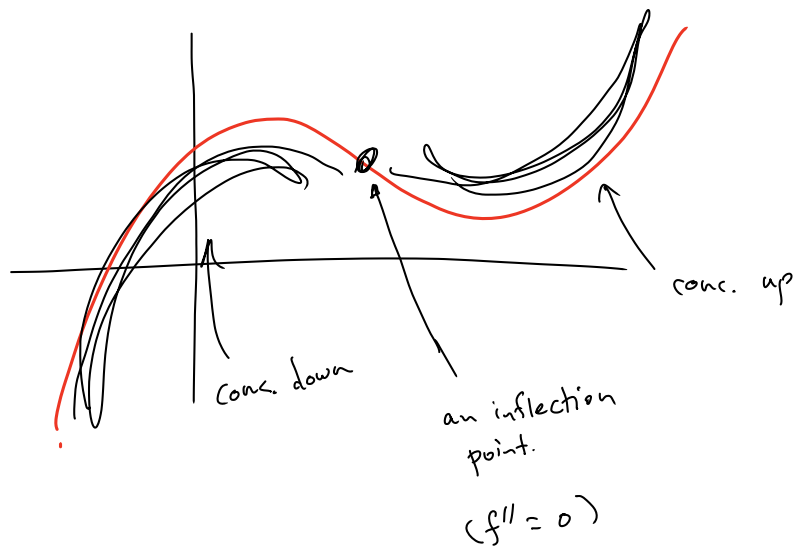
For these,  $f'' < 0$

"concave down"



Concave up:   $f''$  is pos

Concave down:   $f''$  is neg



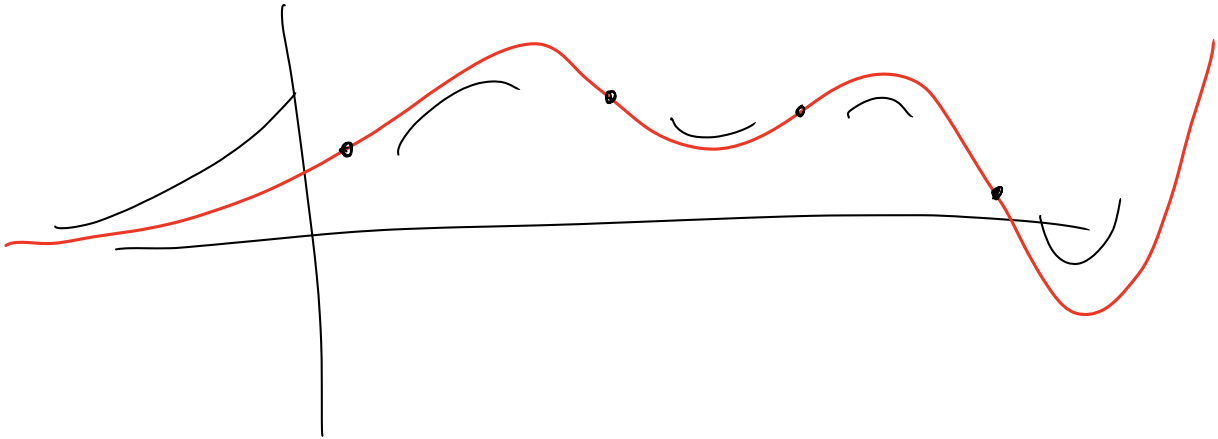
concave up:  $(-\infty, 1)$  &  $(2, 3)$

concave down:  $(1, 2)$  &  $(3, \infty)$

inflection pts at  
 $x = 1, 2, 3$



Note: inc:  $(0, 2)$  &  $(2, 4)$   
dec:  $(-\infty, 0)$  &  $(4, \infty)$



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intervals of concavity using the formula

do same procedure as inc/dec,  
but use  $f''$  instead of  $f'$ .

Ex1  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5$   
find intervals where it's concave up/down.

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x$$

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 24x - 24$$

$$= \boxed{12(3x^2 - 2x - 2)}$$

$$f'' = 0: \quad 12(3x^2 - 2x - 2) = 0$$

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

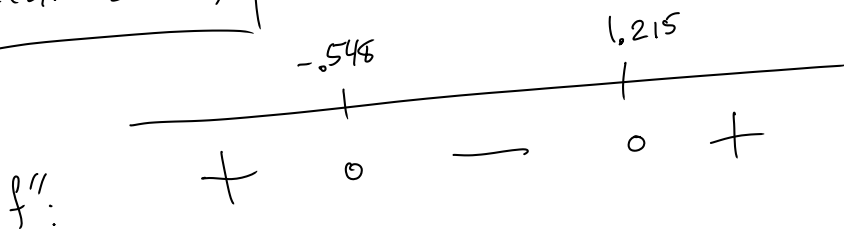
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4 \cdot 3 \cdot -2}}{2 \cdot 3}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 24}}{6} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{28}}{6}$$

$$= -.548, 1.215$$

$$12(3x^2 - 2x - 2)$$



$$\begin{aligned} f''(-1) &= 12(3 \cdot (-1)^2 - 2 \cdot (-1) - 2) \\ &= 12(3 + 2 - 2) \\ &= 12 \cdot 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(0) &= 12(3 \cdot 0^2 - 2 \cdot 0 - 2) \\ &= 12 \cdot -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''(2) &= 12(3 \cdot 2^2 - 2 \cdot 2 - 2) \\ &= 12(12 - 4 - 2) \\ &+ \quad + \end{aligned}$$

concave up:  $(-\infty, -0.548)$   
&  $(1.215, \infty)$

concave down:  $(-0.548, 1.215)$