

# WARM UP!!



GIVEN:  $f(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 1)}{x}$ , find:

- |                                                                                    |                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| a) all critical values                                                             | a) $\pm 1$ (0 is not in the domain)                       |
| b) all relative extrema                                                            | b) rel max at $(-1, -2)$ b/c $f'(x)$ chgs from (+) to (-) |
| c) extrema on the interval $[1/2, 3]$                                              | ✓ rel min at $(1, 2)$ b/c $f'(x)$ chgs from (-) to (+)    |
| d) all values of $c$ that verify the Mean Value Theorem on the interval $[1/2, 3]$ | c) $\max = 10/3$ , $\min = 2$<br>d) $c = \sqrt{3/2}$      |

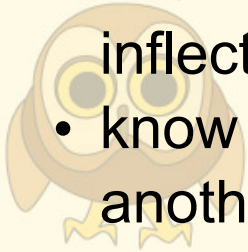


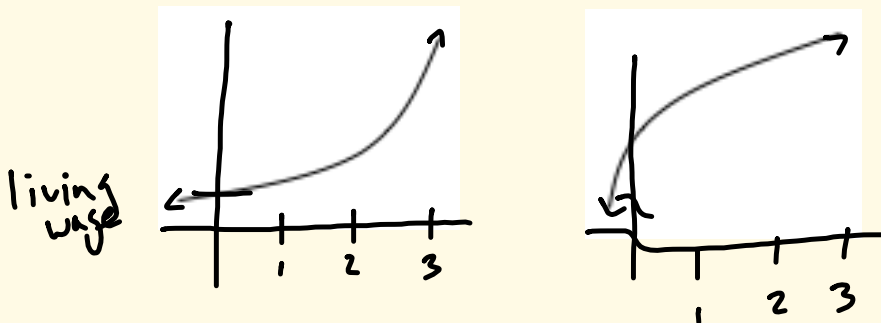
# 3.4a Concavity!!

## ESSENTIAL LEARNING TARGETS

At the end of this lesson you will be able to:

- use the second derivative to determine intervals of concavity and points of inflection
- know how  $f$ ,  $f'$  and  $f''$  are related to one another

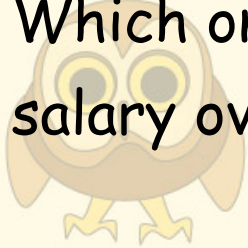




How are these functions similar?

How are they different?

Which one would you want to represent your salary over time? Why?

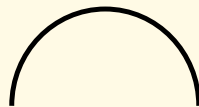


## A little vocabulary:

- a function is concave up if its slopes are increasing
- a function is concave down if its slopes are decreasing

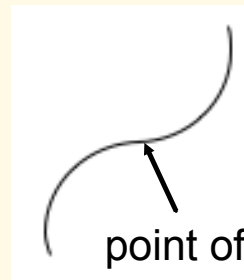


up like a cup



down like a frown

- the point at which a function changes concavity is called a point of inflection



point of  
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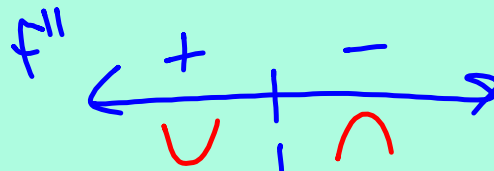
Hmmm, does every change in concavity result in a point of inflection? Why or why not?

In your groups, determine the intervals on which  $f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2 - 2$  is concave up and/or concave down. Then state the point(s) of inflection.

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

$$f''(x) = -6x + 6 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$



$f(x)$  is  $\cup$  on  $(-\infty, 1)$  b/c  $f''(x) > 0$

$f(x)$  is  $\cap$  on  $(1, \infty)$  b/c  $f''(x) < 0$

p.o.i. occur @  $(1, 0)$  b/c  $f''(x)$  chgs sign  
 $\uparrow$   
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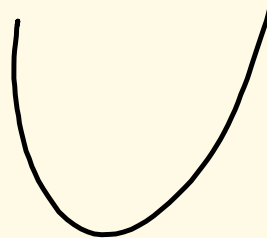
Hmmm: Does a point of inflection occur every time  $f''(x) = 0$ ? Can you think of a function where  $f''(x) = 0$  but there is not a point of inflection?

(Hint, sometimes simplest is best) :)

$$y = x$$



$$y = x^4$$



## Concavity Test

- 1) Find  $f'(x)$  and  $f''(x)$
- 2) Make a sign line for  $f''(x)$
- 3) Write answers with because statements
  - $f(x)$  is concave up on  $(a, b)$  b/c  $f''(x) > 0$  on  $(a, b)$
  - $f(x)$  is concave down on  $(a, b)$  b/c  $f''(x) < 0$  on  $(a, b)$
  - a p.o.i. occurs at  $(x, y)$  b/c  $f''(x)$  changes sign at that point









So,

If  $f(x)$  is concave up  $\Leftrightarrow f'(x)$  is increasing  $\Leftrightarrow f''(x) > 0$

If  $f(x)$  is concave down  $\Leftrightarrow f'(x)$  is decreasing  $\Leftrightarrow f''(x) < 0$

Can we put this in chart form?

$f$				
$f'$	+	-		
$f''$			+	-



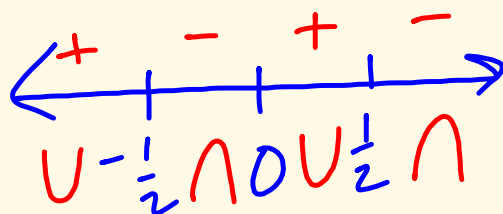
ex) State all intervals of concavity and find all points of inflection for  $f(x) = -2x^5 + (5/3)x^3$ .

$$f'(x) = -10x^4 + 5x^2$$

$$f''(x) = -40x^3 + 10x = 0$$

$$-10x(4x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0, \pm \frac{1}{2}$$



$f$  is  $\cup$  on  $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}) \cup (0, \frac{1}{2})$  b/c  $f'' > 0$

$f$  is  $\cap$  on  $(\frac{1}{2}, 0) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$  b/c  $f'' < 0$

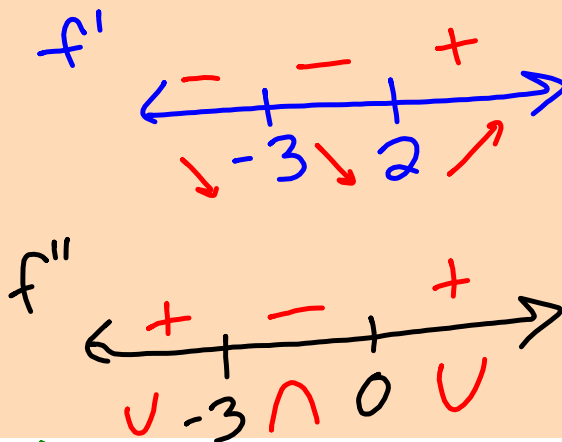
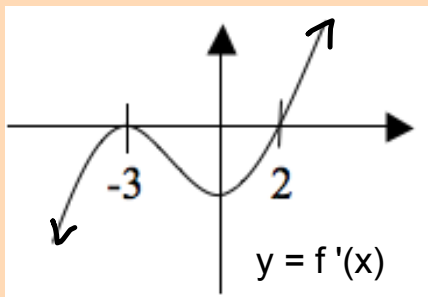
poi occur @  $x = -\frac{1}{2}, 0, \frac{1}{2}$  b/c  $f''$  chgs sign



Take it up a notch! The first derivative is graphed below.

Use the graph to determine:

- intervals of increase/decrease
- x-values of relative extrema
- intervals of concavity
- x-values of points of inflection



$f$  is dec on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 2)$  b/c  $f' < 0$

$f$  is inc on  $(2, \infty)$  b/c  $f' > 0$

no rel max

rel min occurs @  $x = 2$  b/c  $f'$  chgs from  $(-)$  to  $(+)$

$f$  is  $\cup$  on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (0, \infty)$  b/c  $f'' > 0$

$f$  is  $\cap$  on  $(-3, 0)$  b/c  $f'' < 0$

poi occur @  $x = -3, 0$  b/c  $f''$  chgs sign

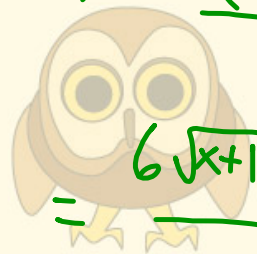
You try! State all intervals of concavity and find all points of inflection for  $f(x) = x\sqrt{x+1}$ .

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

$$= \sqrt{x+1} + \frac{x}{2\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$= \frac{2x+2+x}{2\sqrt{x+1}} = \frac{3x+2}{2\sqrt{x+1}}$$

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



$$= \frac{6\sqrt{x+1} - \frac{3x+2}{\sqrt{x+1}}}{4(x+1)} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+1}}{\sqrt{x+1}} = \frac{6(x+1) - (3x+2)}{4(x+1)\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$= \frac{3x+4}{4(x+1)\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$f'' = 0 @ x = -\frac{4}{3}, -1$$

$$f'' \begin{array}{c} + \\ \hline -1 \\ \hline U \end{array} \rightarrow$$

$f$  is U on  $(-1, \infty)$  b/c  $f'' > 0$

no poi.

Should we try one more? Yes! State all intervals of concavity and find all points of inflection for  $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$  on  $[0, 2\pi]$ .



**How about a little review? :)**

1. Find  $d/dx [\sec^4(\cos(3x^2))]$

2.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - bx + 4, & 3 \leq x < \infty \\ 2ax + 5, & -\infty < x < 3 \end{cases}$  and is differentiable for all  $x$ . Find  $a$  &  $b$ .

3. The surface area of a cube is increasing at a rate of  $5 \text{ ft}^2 / \text{sec}$ . How fast is the volume increasing when the surface area is  $200 \text{ ft}^2$ ?

## What have we learned?

- What are the steps for the concavity test?
- If  $f''(x) < 0$ , then  $f(x)$  is ?
- If  $f''(x)$  changes from negative to positive at  $(2, 3)$ , then  $f(x)$  has a \_\_\_\_\_ at  $(2, 3)$ .

