



Write your homework *neatly, in pencil*, on blank white  $8\frac{1}{2} \times 11$  printer paper. Always *write the problem*, or at least enough of it so that your work is readable. When appropriate, *write in sentences*.

The main theory of section 4.4 is summarized below. Note that our definition for “concave up” and “concave down” is more general than that in Thomas.

**Definition 1.** Let  $f$  be a function defined on an interval  $I$ . Let  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  with  $x_1 < x_2$ . The *chord* from  $(x_1, f(x_1))$  to  $(x_2, f(x_2))$  is the function

$$k : [x_1, x_2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R} \quad \text{given by} \quad k(x) = \frac{f(x_2) - f(x_1)}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_1) + f(x_1).$$

We say that  $f$  is *concave up* on  $I$  if  $k(x) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in I$ .

We say that  $f$  is *concave down* on  $I$  if  $k(x) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x_1, x_2 \in I$ .

Thus, the graph of  $k$  is the line segment from  $(x_1, f(x_1))$  to  $(x_2, f(x_2))$ ;  $f$  is concave up if this line segment always lies above the graph of  $f$ , and  $f$  is concave down if this line segment always lies below the graph of  $f$ .

**Definition 2.** Let  $f$  be defined in an interval containing  $c$ .

We say that  $f$  has a *point of inflection* at  $c$  if the graph of  $f$  has a tangent line at  $c$ , and the concavity of  $f$  changes at  $c$ .

**Theorem 1. (Second Derivative Test for Concavity)**

Let  $f$  be twice differentiable at  $c$  and suppose  $f'(c) = 0$ .

- If  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  has a local minimum at  $c$ .
- If  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  has a local maximum at  $c$ .

**Theorem 2. (Second Derivative Test for Local Extrema)**

Let  $f$  be twice differentiable on an open interval  $I$ .

- If  $f'' > 0$  on  $I$ , then  $f$  is concave up on  $I$ .
- If  $f'' < 0$  on  $I$ , then  $f$  is concave down on  $I$ .

**Problem 1.** Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$ . Find intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and concave down.

**Problem 2.** Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 3$ . Find intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and concave down.

**Problem 3.** Let  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$ . Find intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and concave down.

**Problem 4.** Let

$$f(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 9.$$

- Find intervals on which  $f$  is increasing and decreasing.
- Find intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and concave down.

**Problem 5.** Let

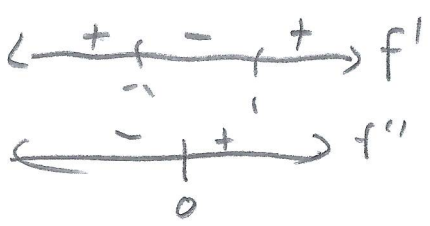
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - n & \text{if } x \in [n, n+1) \text{ for an even integer } n \\ n - x + 1 & \text{if } x \in [n, n+1) \text{ for an odd integer } n \end{cases}$$

Find intervals on which  $f$  is concave up and concave down.

# Ap Calculus AB HW 4.4a

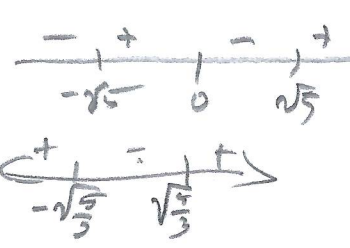
#1) let  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$   
 $f'(x) = 2x - 4$  So  $f$  is concave up on all of  $\mathbb{R}$   
 $f''(x) = 2 > 0$


#2)  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 3$   
 $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x^2 - 1) = 3(x-1)(x+1)$   
 $f''(x) = 6x$   
 Concave up on  $(0, \infty)$   
 Concave down on  $(-\infty, 0)$



#3) let  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 2)$   
 $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 4x$   
 $f''(x) = 12x^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$   
 concave down on  $(-\infty, \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}})$   
 Concave up on  $(\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}, \infty)$

#4) let  $f(x) = x^4 - 10x^2 + 9$   
 a)  $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 20x = 4x(x^2 - 5)$   
 $f''(x) = 12x^2 - 20 = 4(3x^2 - 5)$   
 incr on  $(-\sqrt{5}, 0) \cup (\sqrt{5}, \infty)$   
 decr on  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{5}) \cup (0, \sqrt{5})$   
 conc. down on  $(-\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}})$   
 conc up on  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}) \cup (\sqrt{\frac{5}{3}}, \infty)$

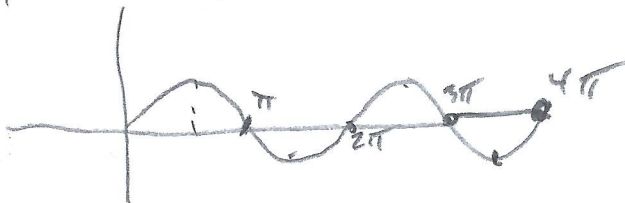


#5) ~~concave~~   
 Concave up on interval  $(n, n+2)$  where  $n$  is even  
 Concave down on  $(n, n+2)$  where  $n$  is odd.

#6) Let  $f: [0, 4\pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = \sin x$

Critical points at

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2}$$



Poi  $x = \pi, 2\pi, 3\pi$

incre on  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{3\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{7\pi}{2}, 4\pi)$

decre on  $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{5\pi}{2}, \frac{7\pi}{2})$

conc up on  $(\pi, 2\pi) \cup (3\pi, 4\pi)$

down:  $(0, \pi) \cup (2\pi, 3\pi)$

#7)  $\log_b x = \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a b}$  So,  $\frac{d}{dx} \log_b x = \frac{d}{dx} \frac{\ln x}{\ln b} = \frac{1}{(\ln b)x}$

#8)  $f(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$   $g(x) = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$

(a) So  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}[e^x - e^{-x}] = g(x)$  and  $g'(x) = \frac{1}{2}[e^x - (-e^{-x})] = f(x)$

(b) Show  $f(2x) = f(x)^2 + g(x)^2$

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

$$f(x)^2 + g(x)^2 = \frac{1}{2}[e^{2x} + 2 + e^{-2x}] + \frac{1}{2}[e^{2x} - 2 + e^{-2x}]$$

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

#9) Let  $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx = x(x^2 + ax + b)$   $a, b \neq 0$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b$$

$$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$$

So  $f$  has exactly  $\frac{3}{2}$  zeros if  $a^2 > 4b$   
if  $a^2 = 4b$

$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \Delta = 4 - 12b$ .  $f'$  has exactly 2 zeros if  $4 > 12b$   
1 if  $4 = 12b$   
0 if  $4 < 12b$