

4.3 Connecting f' & f'' with the graph of f

first derivative test for local extrema of continuous functions

if f' changes from (+) to (-) then f has a
max

if f' changes from (-) to (+) then f has a
min.

no sign change: flat, vertical tangent, corner, ∇ , cusp

left endpt:

right endpt:

Find the local extrema, increasing, decreasing behavior

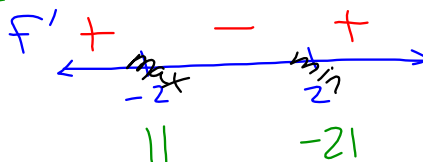
$$y = x^3 - 12x - 5$$

$$y' = 3x^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$3x^2 = 12$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$



max of 11 @ $x = -2$

min of -21 @ $x = 2$

inc: $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$

dec: $(-2, 2)$

Find the local extrema $y = (x^2 - 3)e^x$

$$y' = (x^2 - 3)e^x + 2xe^x = 0$$

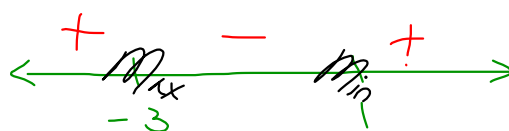
$$e^x(x^2 - 3 + 2x) = 0$$

$$e^x(x^2 + 2x - 3) = 0$$


$$e^x(x+3)(x-1) = 0$$


$$e^x = 0 \quad x+3=0 \quad x-1=0$$

max's $x = 1, -3$



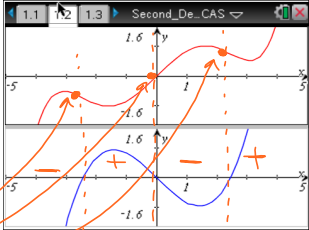
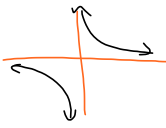
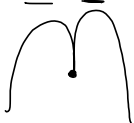
Concavity test

$f'' > 0$ + 

$f'' < 0$ - 

f'' changes sign:

inflexion pts.
change in concavity \rightarrow
 $f'' = 0$, und. and changes sign

Find all points of inflection for:

$$y = e^{-x^2}$$

$$y' = -2xe^{-x^2}$$

$$y'' = -2x(-2xe^{-x^2}) - 2e^{-x^2}$$

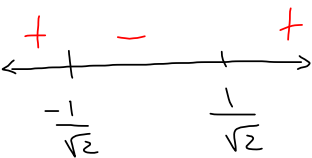
$$= 4x^2e^{-x^2} - 2e^{-x^2} = 0$$

$$2e^{-x^2}(2x^2 - 1) = 0$$

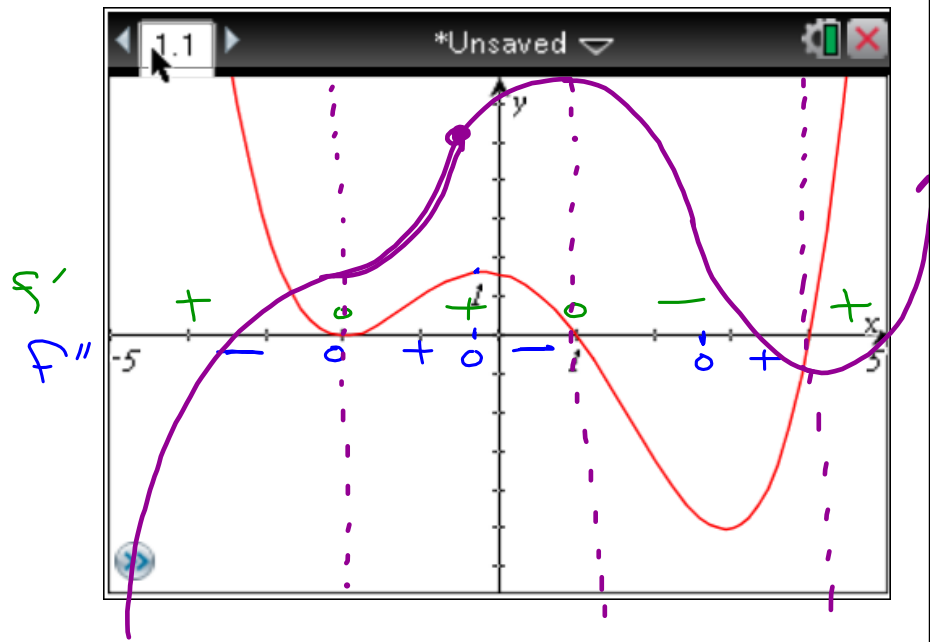
$$2x^2 = 1$$

$$e^{-x^2} = 0 \quad x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$

no x's



Given the graph of f' Sketch a possible graph of f .



Second derivative test for local extrema:

if $f' = 0$ & $f'' > 0$ then f has a min.

if $f' = 0$ & $f'' < 0$ then f has a max.

Find the local extrema using the second derivative test:

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x$$

$$y' = x^2 - 1 = 0 \quad f' \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Max} \\ \ominus \\ -1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{Min} \\ \oplus \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$x = \pm 1 \quad f'' \quad \begin{array}{c} - \\ -1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} + \\ 1 \end{array}$$

$$y'' = 2x$$

Given the graph of f' Sketch a possible graph of f .

