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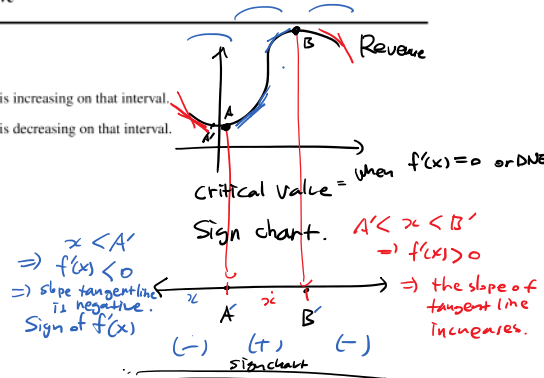
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5.1 Supplement: The First Derivative

Increasing and Decreasing Functions

- If $f'(x) > 0$ on an interval, then f is increasing on that interval.
- If $f'(x) < 0$ on an interval, then f is decreasing on that interval.

Some examples include...



*To determine where f is increasing/decreasing, we will create a Sign chart. What "important" x values should we include on our sign chart? What do we call these x values?

x values which gives you "critical point"

Example: Find where $f(x) = (1-x)^{1/3}$ is increasing/decreasing.

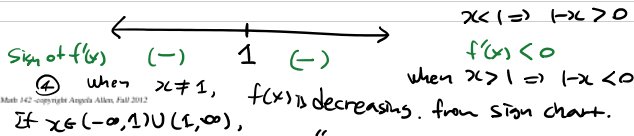
① $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{3}(1-x)^{-2/3}$ chain rule $f(x) = u^{1/3}$ $u = 1-x$
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}u^{-2/3} \cdot u'$
 $= \frac{1}{3}(1-x)^{-2/3} \cdot (-1)$
 $= -\frac{1}{3}(1-x)^{-2/3}$

② Critical points!

$f'(x) = 0$ or DNE.
 $f'(x) = -\frac{1}{3} \cdot (1-x)^{-2/3}$
 $= -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{(1-x)^{2/3}}$ \Rightarrow when $x=1$, then $f'(x)$ is not defined.

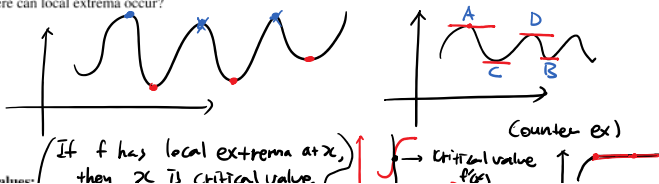
$(1-x)^{2/3} = ((1-x)^{1/3})^2$ 2) $f'(x) = 0$ (There is no x making $f'(x) = 0$)

③ Find sign chart



Local Maximum and Minimum Values:

- A function f has a local maximum at c if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ when x is near c .
- A function f has a local minima at c if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ when x is near c .
- The local maximum and minimum values of f are called the local extrema of f .
- Where can local extrema occur?



Critical Values: If f has local extrema at x , then x is critical value. But, if f has critical value at x , it may not be local extrema.

• If f has a local max/min at c , then c is a critical value.

• A critical value of a function f is a number c in the domain of f such that either $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c)$ does not exist. **DNE.**

• If f has a local max/min at c , then c is critical value.

• Is the converse of the above statement true? **False**

Counter ex)

at A , $f'(x)$ is DNE but f doesn't have local extrema at $x=a$.

Vertical tangent line.

Question: How do we find the critical values of a function f ?

① If f is given by graph,

- Local extrema by intuition.
- $f'(x)$ does not exist.

② If $f =$ equation,

- find $f'(x)$
- Figure out when $f'(x) = 0$ or DNE algebraically.

The First Derivative Test - Suppose that c is a number in the interval (a, b) and f is continuous on the interval (a, b) . Also, let c be a critical value of f . $f'(c) = 0$ or DNE.

- If f' changes from positive to negative at c , then f has a local maximum at c .
- If f' changes from negative to positive at c , then f has a local minimum at c .
- If f' does not change sign at c , then f has no local maximum or minimum at c .

Example: For each of the following, determine where the function is increasing/decreasing and find any local extrema.

a) $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 1$

① $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 9 = 3(x^2 - 4x + 3) = 3(x-1)(x-3)$

② Critical values

- $f'(x)$ is DNE? No x make $f'(x)$ DNE.
- $f'(x) = 0$? $x = 1, 3$.

All critical values are 1, 3

③ Sign chart!

④ Conclusion

$f'(x) > 0$ when $x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $x \in (1, 3)$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is increasing $x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing $x \in (1, 3)$

⑤ Local extrema

Local max = $(x=1)$

Local min = $x=3$

b) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$

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

$u = x-2$
 $= u^{-1}$
 $u' =$

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

② Critical values

- $f'(x)$ DNE? when bottom = 0 $\Rightarrow x=2$.
- $f'(x) = 0$? Never!

③ Sign chart!

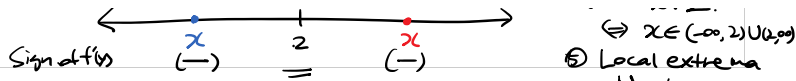
④ Conclusion

f is decreasing when $x \neq 2$.

$\Leftrightarrow x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$

⑤ Local extrema

No local



$x < 2$
 $\Rightarrow (x-2) < 0$

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

$x > 2 \Rightarrow (x-2) > 0$
 $f(x) = -\frac{1}{(x-2)^2}$
 (+)
 (-)

c) $f(x) = 8 \ln x - x^2$

① $f'(x) = \frac{8}{x} - 2x$

② Critical Values

1) $f'(x) \text{ DNE?}$ when $x=0$

2) $f'(x) = 0$? when $x=2, -2$

$x \cdot (\frac{8}{x} - 2x) = 0 - x$

$8 - 2x^2 = 0$

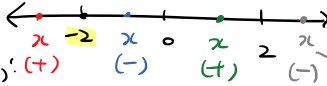
$8 = 2x^2$

$4 = x^2 \quad x = \pm 2$

d) $f(x) = (x^2 - 3x - 4)^{4/3}$

e) $f(x) = (x+2)e^x$

③ Sign chart.



$f'(x) = \frac{8}{x} - 2x$
 (-) (+)

$f'(x) = \frac{8}{x} - 2x$
 (-) (+)

$f'(x) = \frac{8}{x} - 2x$
 (+) (-)

cannot determine
 \Rightarrow plug in -4

$f'(-4) = \frac{8}{-4} - 2(-4) = -2 + 8 = 6 > 0$

plug in $x = -1$
 $f'(-1) = \frac{8}{-1} - 2(-1) = -8 + 2 = -6 < 0$

plug in $x = 1$
 $f'(1) = \frac{8}{1} - 2(1) = 8 - 2 = 6 > 0$

④

$f'(x) > 0$ when $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (0, 2)$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $x \in (-2, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is increasing when $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (0, 2)$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is decreasing when $x \in (-2, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$

plug in 4

$f'(4) = \frac{8}{4} - 2(4) = 2 - 8 = -6 < 0$

$f'(1) = \frac{8}{1} - 2(1) = 8 - 2 = 6 > 0$

* Local max $x = -2, 2$

* Special Case

At $x=0$, $f(x)$ is not defined
 $\Rightarrow x$ is not local max or "min"