



5.4 Supplement: Additional Curve Sketching

Graphing Strategy

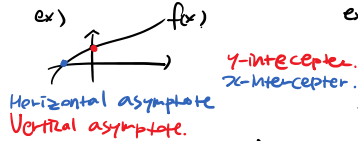
$f(x)$. Objective: Draw $f(x)$ approximately.

1. Analyze $f(x)$.

Find the domain of f .

Find the intercepts. \Rightarrow

Find the asymptotes.



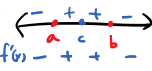
2. Analyze $f'(x)$ inc/dec

Find the partition numbers of $f'(x)$. (Critical Value) $f'(x)=0$ or DNE.

Find the critical values of $f \Rightarrow f'(x)=0$, or DNE and $f(x)$ is defined.

Construct a sign chart for $f'(x)$ to determine where f is increasing/decreasing.

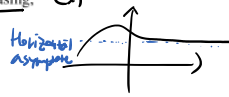
and find any local/relative extrema of f .



3. Analyze $f''(x)$.

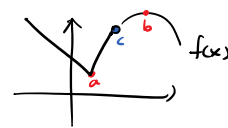
Find the partition numbers of $f''(x)$.

Construct a sign chart for $f''(x)$ to determine where f is concave upward/downward, and find any inflection points.



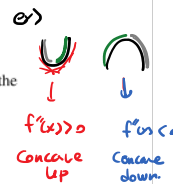
4. Sketch the graph of f . Create a combined number line that shows the "shapes" of the graph, then draw the graph using all the pertinent information you found in steps 1-3.

Example: Use the graphing strategy to analyze the function $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 11x + 14}{x^2 - 4}$. State all pertinent information and sketch the graph of f .



a, c, b : partition numbers
 $\downarrow \downarrow \downarrow$
 $f'(x) = 0$ or DNE (points)

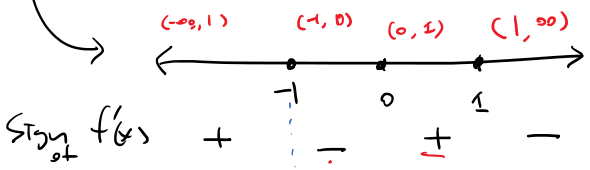
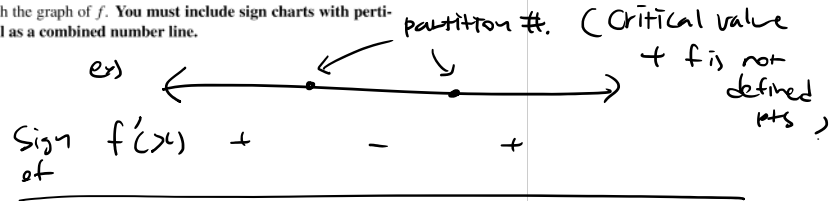
a, b : Critical Value
 (since $f(x)$ is defined at a, b .)



	$f'(x) > 0$ Concave up	$f'(x) < 0$ Concave down
$f(x) > 0$ f: increasing		
$f'(x) < 0$ f: decreasing		

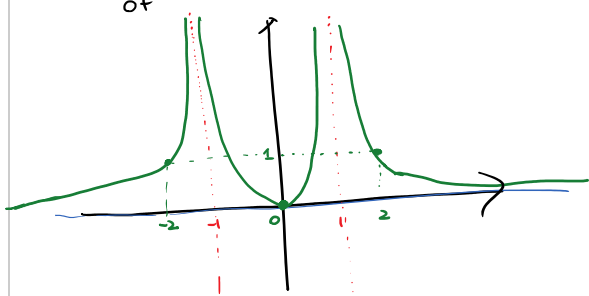
Example: Use the given information below to sketch the graph of f . You must include sign charts with pertinent information for both $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$, as well as a combined number line.

- Domain of f : $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- ① • $f(-2) = 1$, $f(0) = 0$, and $f(2) = 1$
- $f'(x) > 0$ on $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(0, 1)$
- $f'(x) < 0$ on $(-1, 0)$ and $(1, \infty)$
- $f''(x) > 0$ on $(-\infty, -1)$, $(-1, 1)$, and $(1, \infty)$
- ② • Vertical asymptotes at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$



\Rightarrow There are three partition #s, $-1, 0, 1$
Critical value: 0 .

\Rightarrow There are two partition numbers $-1, 1$.
Inflection point! No inflection pts



Practice: On your own paper, try using the graphing strategy to analyze the function $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$. State all pertinent information and sketch the graph of f .

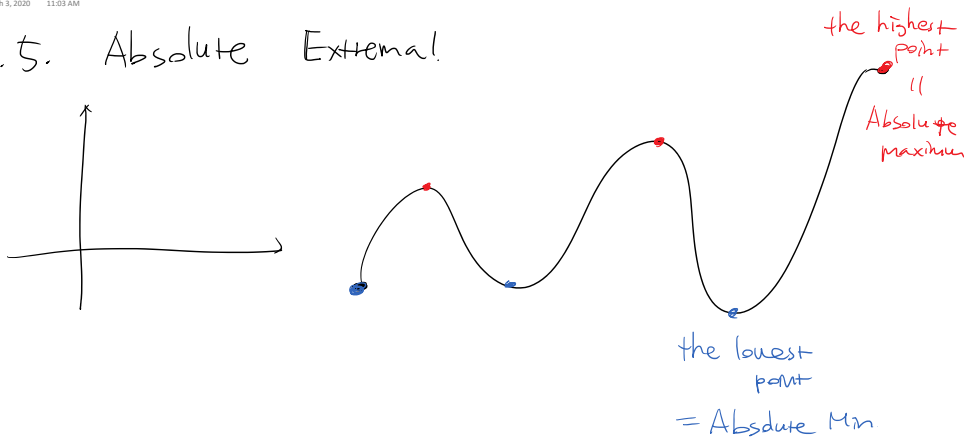
Def: Partition # of $f'(x)$ (or $f''(x)$) is x values (numbers) s.t.
 $f'(x) = 0$ or DNE. or $(f''(x) = 0$ or DNE)

Def: Critical value of $f(x)$ is the partition number of $f'(x)$ s.t. $f(x)$ is defined.

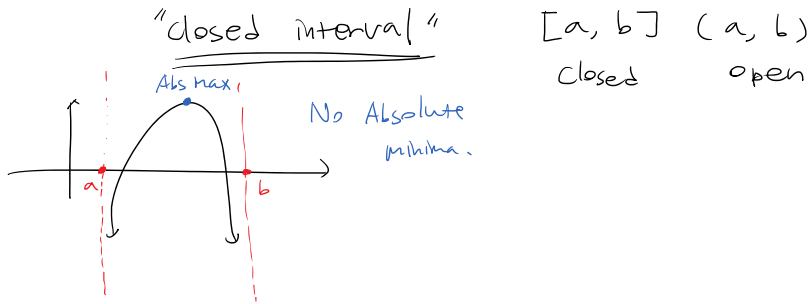
Def: Inflection point is a partition # of $f''(x)$ s.t.

- ① $f(x)$ is defined
- ② Sign changed between the number.

5.5. Absolute Extrema.



* Absolute Max/Min is defined on



* Find Absolute Max/Min. on $[a, b]$

① Do the second derivative test to find local extrema.

② Calculate $f(a), f(b)$.

③ Compare all function values in ①, ② to determine abs Max or abs Min!

Ex) $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + \frac{1}{x}$ when $x \in [-3, 10]$.
 Find Abs max/min. \hookrightarrow domain $x \neq 0$

① Find local max/min using second derivative test!

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

$$f''(x) = 6x + \frac{2}{x^3} + 2 - 2x^{-3}$$

Critical values! $f'(x) = 0$ or DNE + $f(x)$ is defined.

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$3x^4 - 2x^2 - 1 = 0 \quad x^2 = u$$

$$T(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 2 - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$3x^4 - 2x^2 - 1 = 0 \quad x^2 = u$$

$$3u^2 - 2u - 1 = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 1)(3x^2 + 1) = 0$$

$$(x-1)(x+1)(3x^2+1) = 0$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = 1, -1.$$

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

Critical values: $-1, 1$.

$$f''(-1) = 6 \cdot (-1) + \frac{2}{(-1)^3} = -6 - 2 = -8 < 0$$

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

By second derivative test,

$$f''(-1) < 0 \Rightarrow f(-1) = \text{local maxima}$$

$$f''(1) > 0 \Rightarrow f(1) = \text{local min.}$$

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 2 \cdot 1 + \frac{1}{1} = 1 - 2 + 1 = 0$$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 2 \cdot (-1) + \frac{1}{-1} = -1 + 2 - 1 = 0$$

② Find $f(-3) = (-3)^3 - 2 \cdot (-3) + \frac{1}{-3} = -27 + 6 - \frac{1}{3} = -21 - \frac{1}{3}$
 $f(10) = 10^3 - 2 \cdot 10 + \frac{1}{10} = 1000 - 20 + \frac{1}{10} = 980.01$

③ Compare all the values

from ① $f(1) = 0$
 $f(-1) = 0$

from ② $f(-3) = \underline{-21 - \frac{1}{3}}$
 $f(10) = \underline{980.01}$
 the lowest!
 the highest

$f(-3)$ is the absolute min of $f(x)$

$f(10)$ is absolute max of $f(x)$

$$f(x) = x^4 + 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 2x + 1 \quad [0, 5]$$

Absolute max/min on $[0, 5]$

① Second derivative test.

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 6x^2 + 6x + 2$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 + 12x + 6$$

$$\boxed{f'(x) = 0} \quad 2(2x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1) = 0$$

> 0 on $[0, 5]$

\Rightarrow there is no critical value from $f'(x) = 0$.

~~$f(x)$ has~~ \Rightarrow no local max or min.

② $f(0)$ $f(5)$

$$f(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 1 = 1$$

$$f(5) = 5^4 + 2 \cdot 5^3 + 3 \cdot 5^2 + 2 \cdot 5 + 1 > 1$$

③ Compare all these values:

from ① Nothing.

from ② $f(0) = 1$

$f(5) > 1$

$f(0)$: abs min

$f(5)$ " max.