## **Warm-up:** Is y =concave down,

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$$\frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x$$
 concave up,  
or neither at  $x = 2$ ?



### Monotonicity

- If f' > 0 then f is increasing,
- If f' < 0 then f is decreasing.
- A critical point is an x-value\* where f' is zero or doesn't exist.

### <u>Concavity</u>

- If f'' > 0 then f is concave up,
- If f'' < 0 then f is concave down.
- An inflection point is an x-value\* where f'' changes sign.



\* The x-value must to be in the domain of f.



## For $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x$ ,

f'lells us

f" lells us



-3

-4



## For $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x$ ,

### f'lells us

f" lells us

f is increasing f' is positive

f is negative

-4

f is concave down f' is decreasing f" is negative

-3



f is positive

f is negative

f is pos.

f is decreasing f' is negative

f is increasing f' is positive

f is concave up f' is increasing f'' is positive



## Task: Find (a) the critical points and (b) the inflection points of

### Possible hints:

 $3x^3 - 12x^2 + 12x = 3x(x^2 - 4x + 4)$  $9x^2 - 24x + 12 = 3(x - 2)(3x - 2)$ 18x - 24 = 6(3x - 4)

Answer: critical points:  $x = 1 - \sqrt{3}$  and  $x = 1 + \sqrt{3}$ infection points: x = 0 only

 $f(x) = \frac{3}{20}x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x + 7.$ 

 $\frac{3}{4}x^4 - 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 5 = \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - 2x - 2)(3x^2 - 10x + 10)$ 

## Task: Find (a) the critical points and (b) the inflection points of

Although f''(2) = 0, there is no inflection point there (f'' does not change sign).



 $f(x) = \frac{3}{20}x^5 - x^4 + 2x^3 - 5x + 7.$ 



Exam 1 is next week. Topics:

- calculating derivatives
  - Power Rule, Product Rule, Chain Rule, etc.
- tangent lines
- monotonicity (increasing vs. decreasing) and critical points 0
- concavity (concave up vs. concave down) and infection points 0
- extrema (minima and maxima) 0





Task 1: Find the slope of the tangent line to  $y = \cos(8x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . This is  $f(\pi/3)$ . (No ... = 0. No ... > 0. Just plug  $\pi/3$  into derivative and stop.) Task 2: Give an equation for the tangent line to  $y = \cos(8x)$  at  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ . The formal  $y - y_0 = m(x - x_0)$  is easier than y = ax + b.

Start with the Product Rule.



Task 3: Give the derivative of  $f(x) = x^3 \sqrt{9} + \sin(x^2)$  as a function of x.

We will also need the Chain Rule twice (and sum once).

