

List 6

Higher derivatives, concavity, local extremes

137. (a) Calculate the derivative of $5x^2 - 3\sin(x)$.
 (b) Calculate the derivative of $10x - 3\cos(x)$.
 (c) Calculate the derivative of $10 + 3\sin(x)$.
 (d) Calculate the derivative of $3\cos(x)$.
 (e) Calculate the derivative of $-3\sin(x)$.

The **second derivative** of a function is the derivative of its derivative. The second derivative of $y = f(x)$ with respect to x can be written as any of

$$f''(x), \quad f'', \quad (f')', \quad f^{(2)}, \quad y'', \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left[\frac{df}{dx} \right], \quad \frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}, \quad \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}.$$

We say f is **twice-differentiable** if f'' exists on the entire domain of f . Higher derivatives (third, fourth, etc.) are defined and written similarly.

A twice-differentiable function $f(x)$ is **concave up** at $x = a$ if $f''(a) > 0$.

A twice-differentiable function $f(x)$ is **concave down** at $x = a$ if $f''(a) < 0$.

An **inflection point** is a point where the concavity of a function changes.

138. Compute the following second derivatives:

- (a) $f''(x)$ for $f(x) = x$
 (b) $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$ for $f(x) = x^3 + x^8$
 (c) $\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$ for $y = 8x - 4$
 (d) $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(5x^2 - 7x + 28)$
 (e) $f''(x)$ for $f(x) = -2x^8 + x^6 - x^3$
 (f) $\frac{d^2 f}{dx^2}$ for $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

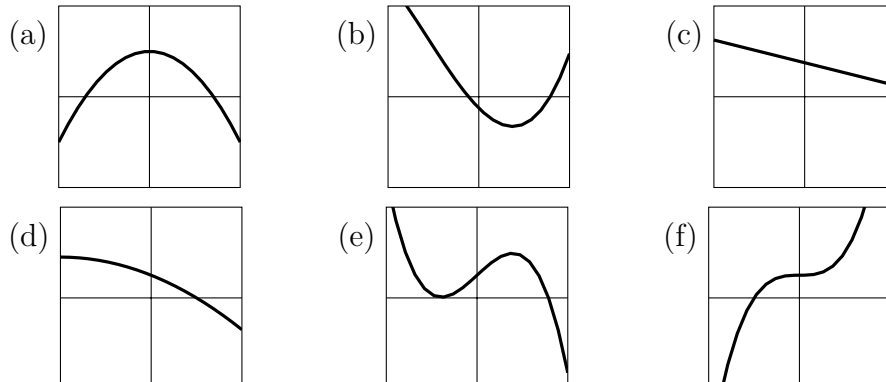
139. Find $f'''(x) = \frac{d^3 f}{dx^3} = f^{(3)}(x)$ (the third derivative) for $f(x) = x^7$.

140. Give $f^{(5)}(x) = \frac{d^5 f}{dx^5}$ (the fifth derivative) for $f(x) = 5x^2 - 3\sin(x)$.

141. (a) Is the function $3x^2 + 8\cos(x)$ concave up or concave down at $x = 0$?
 (b) Is the function $3x^2 + 5\cos(x)$ concave up or concave down at $x = 0$?

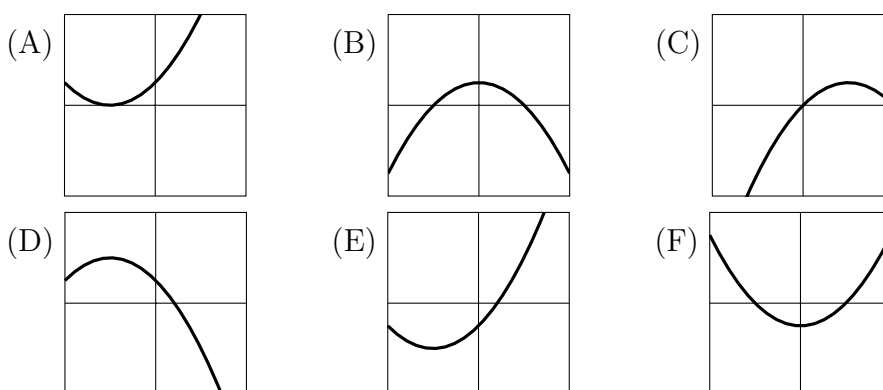
142. On what interval(s) is $54x^2 - x^4$ concave up?

143. For each of the following functions, is $f''(0)$ positive, zero, or negative?



144. For $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x$,
- At what x value(s) does $f(x)$ change sign? That is, list values r where either $f(x) < 0$ when x is slightly less than r and $f(x) > 0$ when x is slightly more than r , or $f(x) > 0$ when x is slightly less than r and $f(x) < 0$ when x is slightly more than r .
 - At what x value(s) does $f'(x)$ change sign?
 - At what x value(s) does $f''(x)$ change sign?
 - List all inflection points of $x^3 - x^2 - x$.
- ☆145. Give an example of a function with one local maximum and two local minimums but no inflection points.

146. Which graph below has $f'(0) = 1$ and $f''(0) = -1$?



For a twice-differentiable function $f(x)$ with a critical point at $x = c$, ...

The Second Derivative Test:

- If $f''(c) > 0$ then f has a local minimum at $x = c$.
- If $f''(c) < 0$ then f has a local maximum at $x = c$.
- If $f''(c) = 0$ the test is inconclusive.

The First Derivative Test:

- If $f'(x) < 0$ to the left of $x = c$ and $f'(x) > 0$ to the right of $x = c$ then f has a local minimum at $x = c$.
- If $f'(x) > 0$ to the left of $x = c$ and $f'(x) < 0$ to the right of $x = c$ then f has a local maximum at $x = c$.
- If $f'(x)$ has the same sign on both sides of $x = c$ then $x = c$ is neither a local minimum nor a local maximum.

147. Find all critical points of

$$4x^3 + 21x^2 - 24x + 19$$

and classify each as a local minimum, local maximum, or neither.

148. Find and classify¹ the critical points of

$$f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 36x^2 + 18.$$

¹“Classify the critical points” means to say whether each one is a local minimum, local maximum, or neither.

149. Find the inflection points of the function from Task 148.

☆150. Find and classify the critical points of $f(x) = x(6 - x)^{2/3}$.

151. Find and classify the critical points of

$$\frac{3}{2}x^4 - 16x^3 + 63x^2 - 108x + 51.$$

152. Label each of following statements as “true” or “false”:

- (a) Every critical point of a differentiable function is also a local minimum.
- (b) Every local minimum of a differentiable function is also a critical point.
- (c) Every critical point of a differentiable function is also an inflection point.
- (d) Every inflection point of a differentiable function is also a critical point.

153. A twice-differentiable function $f(x)$ has the following properties:

$$\begin{array}{lll} f(4) = 2 & f'(4) = 18 & f''(4) = 0, \\ f(7) = 19 & f'(7) = 0 & f''(7) = -1. \end{array}$$

Label each of following statements as “true”, “false”, or “cannot be determined”:

- (a) f has a critical point at $x = 4$.
- (b) f has a local maximum at $x = 4$.
- (c) f has an absolute maximum at $x = 4$.
- (d) f has an inflection point at $x = 4$.
- (e) f has a critical point at $x = 7$.
- (f) f has a local maximum at $x = 7$.
- (g) f has an absolute maximum at $x = 7$.
- (h) f has an inflection point at $x = 7$.

☆154. What is the maximum number of inflection points that a function of the form

$$_ x^6 + _ x^5 + _ x^4 + _ x^3 + _ x^2 + _ x + _$$

can have?

Individual functions: $\frac{d}{dx}[x^p] = px^{p-1}$, $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$, $\frac{d}{dx}[\ln(x)] = \frac{1}{x}$, $\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(x)] = \cos(x)$, $\frac{d}{dx}[\cos(x)] = -\sin(x)$.

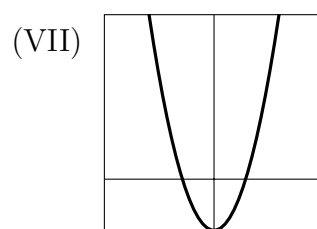
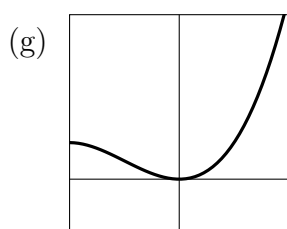
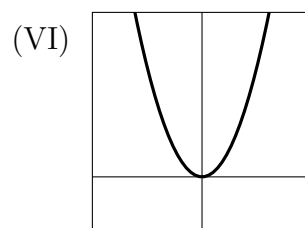
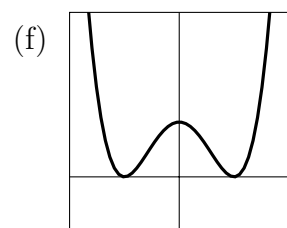
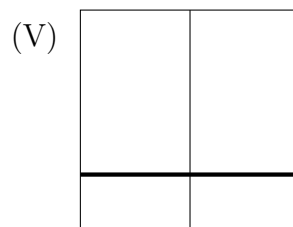
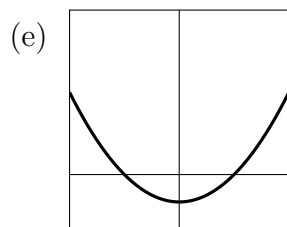
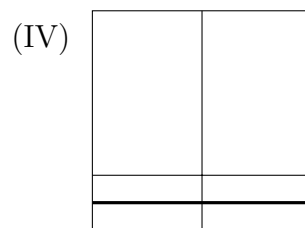
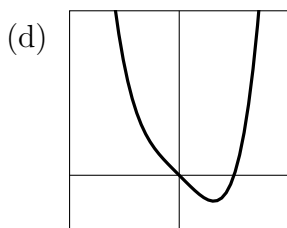
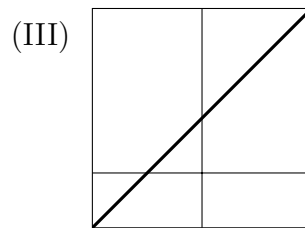
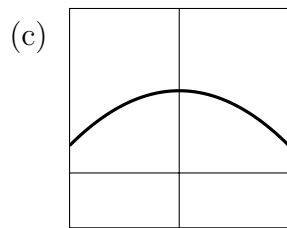
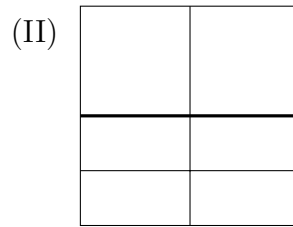
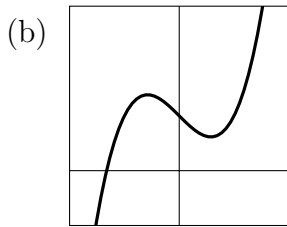
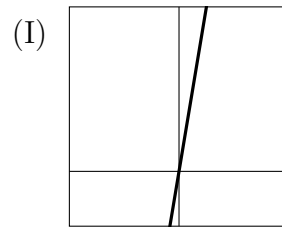
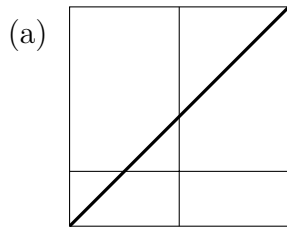
Sum Rule: $(f + g)' = f' + g'$	Product Rule: $(f \cdot g)' = fg' + f'g$
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Chain Rule: $(f(g))' = f'(g) \cdot g'$	Quotient Rule: $(f/g)' = \frac{gf' - fg'}{g^2}$
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155. Give an equation for the tangent line to $y = \sin(\pi x)$ at $x = 2$.

156. Find the derivative of $\sin(5^{\cos(2x^3+8)})$.

157. Match the functions (a)-(g) to their second derivatives (I)-(VII).



158. (a) At $x = 2$, is $\frac{x^2}{1+x^3}$ increasing, decreasing, or neither?
 (b) At $x = 0$, is $\ln(2 + \sin(x))$ concave up, concave down, or neither?
 (c) At $x = \frac{3\pi}{4}$, does $e^x \sin(x)$ have a local minimum, local maximum, or neither?
159. Find the critical points of $e^{(x^2+8x)}$ and classify each as a local min or max.
160. Find the x - and y -value of the absolute minimum of $y = f(x) = \cos(\sqrt{x})$ on the interval $\frac{1}{4}\pi^2 \leq x \leq 4\pi^2$.
161. (a) Use the Quotient Rule to differentiate $\frac{\sin(x)}{x^4}$.
 (b) Use the Product Rule to differentiate $x^{-4} \sin(x)$.
 (c) Use algebra to compare your answers from parts (a) and (b).

162. Match the functions (a)-(d) with their derivatives (I)-(IV).

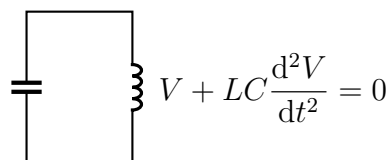
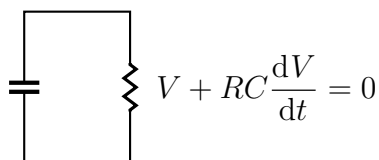
(a) $\tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$	(I) $\sec(x) \tan(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{(\cos(x))^2}$
(b) $\cot(x) = \frac{\cos(x)}{\sin(x)}$	(II) $-(\csc(x))^2 = \frac{-1}{(\sin(x))^2}$
(c) $\sec(x) = \frac{1}{\cos(x)}$	(III) $(\sec(x))^2 = \frac{1}{(\cos(x))^2}$
(d) $\csc(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$	(IV) $-\csc(x) \cot(x) = \frac{-\cos(x)}{(\sin(x))^2}$

163. Instead of memorizing a formula for $\frac{d}{dx}[a^x]$, you could memorize $\frac{d}{dx}[e^x] = e^x$ and use about facts about logs/exponents, such as

$$4^x = (e^{\ln 4})^x = (e^{1.386})^x = e^{(1.386)x}.$$

Use the Chain Rule to find the derivative of this function. In general, what is the derivative of $e^{g(x)}$?

☆ 164. Below are two circuits and an equation involving a derivative for each of them. Here R (resistance), C (capacitance), and L (inductance) are all constants, but the voltage $V = V(t)$ is a function of time.



- (a) Could the first circuit have $V(t) = 5e^{-t/12}$? The second circuit?
 (b) Could the first circuit have $V(t) = 5(1 - e^{-t/12})$? The second circuit?
 (c) Could the first circuit have $V(t) = 5 \sin(2\pi t)$? The second circuit?
 (d) Could the first circuit have $V(t) = 0$? The second circuit?

165. The “information entropy” h of a weighted coin where Heads (Orzel) has probability p_1 and Tails (Reszka) has probability p_2 is

$$-p_1 \ln(p_1) - p_2 \ln(p_2).$$

Labeling $x = p_1$, we have $p_2 = 1 - x$ (because probabilities must add to 1), so the entropy of a coin with $P(\text{Heads}) = x$ is

$$h(x) = -x \ln(x) - (1 - x) \ln(1 - x).$$

Determine the x -value that gives the maximum of $h(x)$.
(This will be the *most random* kind of coin.)

166. Give the one hundredth derivative of $x e^x$, that is, $\frac{d^{100}}{dx^{100}} [x e^x]$.

167. Find the following derivatives (note (p)-(z) require the Chain Rule).

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| (a) $f'(x)$ for $f(x) = x^9 \sin(x)$ | (n) $\frac{d}{dx} 2^{15}$ |
| (ā) $\frac{d}{dx} (x^9 \sin(x))$ | (ñ) $\frac{d}{dx} x^{15}$ |
| (b) $\frac{d}{dx} (10^x + \log_{10}(x))$ | (o) $\frac{d}{du} u^{15}$ |
| (c) $\frac{d}{dx} (10^x \cdot \log_{10}(x))$ | (ó) $\frac{d}{dx} u^{15}$ if u is a constant |
| (ć) $\frac{d}{dx} (\sqrt{x} \sin(x))$ | (p) $\frac{d}{dx} u^{15}$ if u is a fn. of x |
| (d) $\frac{d}{dx} (x^9 e^x \sin(x))$ | (q) $\frac{d}{dx} (\cos(x))^{15}$ |
| (e) $\frac{d}{dx} (4x^3 + x \sin x)$ | (r) $\frac{d}{dx} \ln(\cos(x))$ |
| (ē) $\frac{d}{dt} (4t^3 + t \sin t)$ | (s) $\frac{d}{dx} \sqrt{\ln(\cos(x))}$ |
| (f) $\frac{d}{dt} \sin(t) \cos(t)$ | (ś) $\frac{d}{dx} e^{\sqrt{\ln(\cos(x))}}$ |
| (g) $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\cos(x)}{5x^3 - 12}$ | (t) $\frac{d}{dx} e^{\sqrt{\ln(\cos(x^6))}}$ |
| (h) $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{5x^3 - 12}{\cos(x)}$ | (u) $\frac{d}{dt} 5 \sin(2t + 1)$ |
| (i) $\frac{d}{dt} \frac{t^7 + t^2}{e^t}$ | (v) $\frac{d}{dt} A \sin(\omega t + \phi)$ if A, ω, t are constants |
| (j) $\frac{d}{dx} (5x - 7)^2$ | (w) $\frac{d}{dx} (7x^2 + \sin(x))^2$ |
| (k) $\frac{d}{dt} e^t \cos(t)$ | (x) $\frac{d}{dx} (\log_3(x))^2$ |
| (l) $\frac{d}{dt} \left(t \sin(t) + \frac{e^t}{t^2 + 1} \right)$ | (y) $\frac{d}{dt} \tan(t^3 + 8t^2 + 2t + 18)$ |
| (ł) $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{\sin(t)}{t e^t}$ | (z) $\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x^3 e^x)$ |
| (m) $\frac{d}{dt} t^{5/2} \sin(t)$ | (ż) $\frac{d}{dx} x^3 \cos(9x)$ |
| | (ż) $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{x^3 \cos(x)}{e^{\sin(x)}}$ |