

## 18. THE SHAPE OF THE GRAPH (16/11/2021)

Goals.

- (1) Midterm review
  - (2) Implications of MVT for the shape of the graph:
    - (a) Increasing and decreasing functions
    - (b) Concave and convex functions
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~~Last Time.~~

Midterm conclusions: (1) algebra is a major source of errors  
 (2) checking your work (+ sanity checks)

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Last time; optimization.

find singular + critical pts (know these contain all local extrema)

Today: How ~~do~~ do we tell if  $f$  has local max at  $x_0$ ?  
 (more generally, what does the graph look like?)

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Given an expression for  $f(x)$ , can:

- (0) tell when  $f(x) < 0$ ,  $f(x) > 0$ ,  $f(x_0) = 0$ , vertical, horizontal asymptotes
- (1) tell when  $f'(x) > 0$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$ ,  $f'(x_0) = 0$ , or DNE  $\Rightarrow$  increase/decrease in  $f$ .
- (2) tell when  $f''(x) > 0$ ,  $f''(x) < 0$ ,  $f''(x_0) = 0$ .

# Midterm review

1. Evaluate the following limits:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} + 2x + 1$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} + 2x + 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} - 2x + 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \left( \sqrt{4 - \frac{3}{x}} - 2 + \frac{1}{x} \right)$   
*can't take limit of one part*  
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} x \cdot 0 = 0$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} + 2x + 1 = \sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} + 2x + 1 \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} - 2x - 1}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} - 2x - 1} = \frac{4x^2 - 3x - 2x^2 - 1}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} - 2x - 1} = \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{\sqrt{4x^2 - 3x} - 2x - 1}$   
 $= \frac{2x^2 - 3x - 1}{-2x\sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4x}} - 2x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2 \cdot 2 - \frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}}{2\sqrt{1 - \frac{3}{4x}} - 2 + \frac{1}{x}} = \frac{2 - 0 - 0}{2\sqrt{1 - 0} - 2} = \frac{2}{2 - 2} = \frac{2}{0} \text{ DNE.}$

$x^2 = -x$   
if  $x < 0$

(b)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{2t+6}{\sqrt{t+4}-1}$

$\lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{2t+6}{\sqrt{t+4}-1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{2t+6}{\sqrt{t+4}-1} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{t+4}+1}{\sqrt{t+4}+1} = \lim_{t \rightarrow -3} \frac{(2t+6)(\sqrt{t+4}+1)}{t+4-1} \rightarrow \frac{\infty}{-\infty}$   
*shouldn't disappear*  
*wrong: numerator vanishes too*  
 or:  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -3} 2\sqrt{t+4} + 1 = 2\sqrt{1} + 1 = 2 + 1 = 3$  (should be  $2 \cdot (1+1) = 4$ )

2. Show that there is a number  $c$  such that  $\tan(c) = c + 1$ .

Let  $f(x) = \tan(x) - (x+1)$ . Then  $f(0) = 1$ ,  $f(\pi) = 0 - \pi + 1 = -(\pi - 1) < 0$ .  
 Thus  $f$  has a zero between  $0, \pi$ .  
*(1) didn't check continuity; (2)  $f$  is not cts on  $[0, \pi]$ : blows up at  $\pi/2$ ; (3) didn't involve IVT (4) no endgame*

3. Differentiate

(a)  $(3+x)^{\frac{3}{x}}$  ( $x > 3$ )

$\log(3+x)^{\frac{3}{x}} = \frac{\log 3}{\log x} \log(3+x)$  so  $(3+x)^{\frac{3}{x}} = e^{\frac{\log 3}{\log x} \log(3+x)}$   
 $\left( (3+x)^{\frac{3}{x}} \right)' = -\frac{\log 3}{(\log x)^2} \log(3+x) + \frac{\log 3}{(3+x) \log x}$   
*chain rule*  
 but  $f' = f \cdot (\log f)' / (\log f)$

(b)  $\sin x \cos(x^2 + x)$

$\frac{d}{dx} (\sin x \cos(x^2 + x)) = \cos x \sin(x^2 + x) (2x + 2) - \sin x \cos(x^2 + x)$   
 *$(fg)' \neq f'g'$*

5. A population of algae decays exponentially.

(a) If the population falls by a factor of 3 every 30 days, find the time needed for the population to be divided by 2.

$N = N_0 e^{-kt}$   $N(30) = \frac{2}{3} N_0$  so  $\frac{2}{3} = e^{-k \cdot 30}$  so  $\frac{\log 2}{\log 3} = -k \cdot 30$  so  $k = -\frac{\log 3}{30 \log 2}$   
 so  $N(t) = \frac{1}{2} N_0$  when  $\frac{1}{2} = e^{-kt}$   $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = e^{\frac{\log 2}{\log 3} \cdot 30 \cdot t}$   $\Rightarrow \log \frac{1}{2} = \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{t}{30}$   
 $\Rightarrow t = 30 \cdot \frac{\log \frac{1}{2} \log 2}{\log 3}$

(b) If the initial population is 100, what is the population after 10 days?

$N(10) = 100 \cdot e^{\frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{10}{30}} = 100 \cdot e^{\frac{\log 3}{3 \log 2}}$

$N(10) > N(0) ??$

*+ can't be negative*

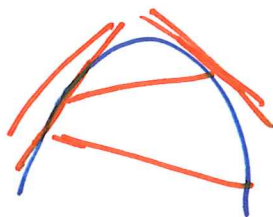
$f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow$  "Concave up"



secant lines above  
tangent lines below  
graph

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$f''(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow$  "Concave down" : mirror image

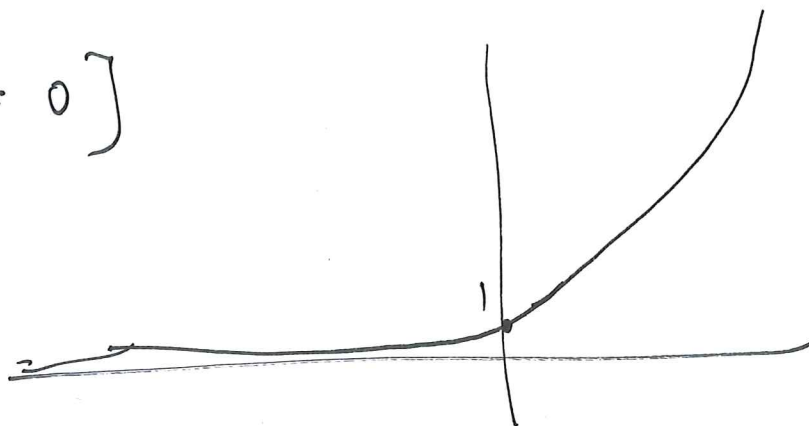


(2) For each of the following functions determine its domain, and where it is increasing or decreasing. Except in part (b) also determine where the function is concave up/down.

(a)  $f(x) = e^x$  ,  $f'(x) = e^x$  ,  $f''(x) = e^x$

$f, f', f''$  always positive, so  $f > 0$ , increasing, concave up

$\left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0 \right]$



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

$$(c) f(x) = x \log x - 2x$$

(d)  $\frac{x^2-9}{x^2+3}$ . You may use that  $f'(x) = \frac{24x}{(x^2+3)^2}$  and that

$$f''(x) = 72 \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2+3)^3}$$

$f(x) > 0$  on  $\{|x| > 3\}$  i.e. on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (3, \infty)$ ,  $f(x) < 0$  on  $(-3, 3)$ ,  $f(\pm 3) = 0$   
f cts everywhere,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} \frac{1-9/x^2}{1+3/x^2} = 1$

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$f'(x) > 0$  if  $x > 0$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$  if  $x < 0$ ,  $f'(0) = 0$ ;  $f$  increasing on  $(0, \infty)$   
 $\Rightarrow f$  has local min at  $x = 0$  decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$

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$f''(x) > 0$  if  $-1 < x < 1$ ,  $f''(x) < 0$  on  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

$\Rightarrow$  at  $\pm 1$  concavity changes: these are **inflection points**

$x$	$(-\infty, -3)$	$-3$	$(-3, -1)$	$-1$	$(-1, 0)$	$0$	$(0, 1)$	$1$	$(1, 3)$	$3$	$(3, \infty)$
$f$	$+$	$0$	$-$	$-2$	$-$	$-3$	$-$	$-2$	$-$	$0$	$+$
$f'$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$0$	$+$	$+$	$+$	$+$	$+$
$f''$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$0$	$+$	$+$	$+$	$0$	$-$	$-$	$-$

$$f(\pm 1) = \frac{1-9}{1+3} = -2$$

$$f(0) = \frac{-9}{3} = -3$$

sketch

