

8.6 → multiple stationary points

8.7 → issue encountered in Section 8.6

understand behavior of functions which we could not necessarily visualize

Ch 8  $f(x)$

↑ one variable

Ch 13, 14  $f(x, y)$  or  $f(x, y, z)$  harder to visualize

$\Pi(Q) = \frac{R(Q) - C(Q)}{\text{revenue as a function of } Q}$  costs as a function of  $Q$

aiming for a "low-resolution" visualization (curve sketching)

local = relative  
global = absolute

Compare definition of local max/min with  
max/min in Section 8.1

Section 8.6 Example 1

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

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

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

$x = 2$  or  $x = -1$  (two stationary points)



Test points

-2

$x < -1$  (+)(-)(-) = (+) f is increasing

$x = -1$  f has a local max

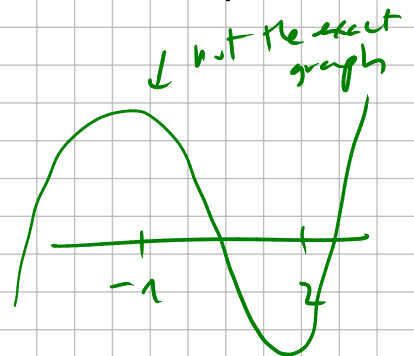
0

$-1 < x < 2$  (+)(-)(+) = (-) f is decreasing

$x = 2$  f has local min

3

$x > 2$  (+)(+)(+) = (+) f is increasing



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

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

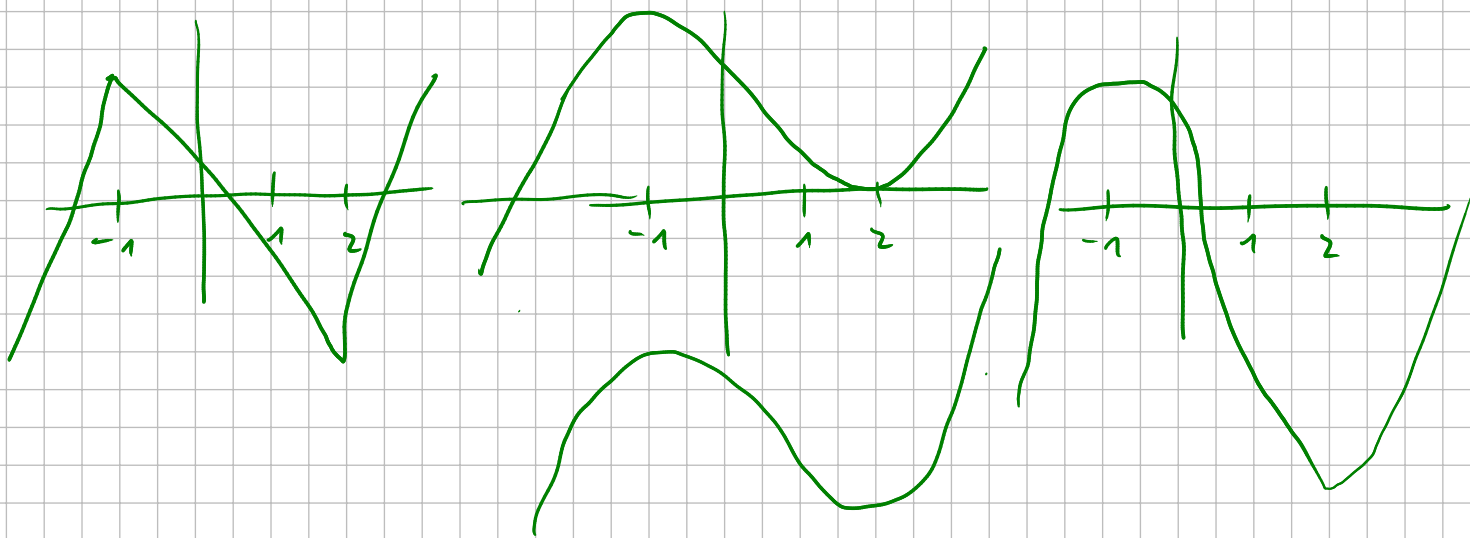
Bad habit portion!

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

$\Rightarrow x = 2, x = -1$

Separate what the first derivative looks like & the function of calculation of stationary pts

$f'(x) = (x-2)(x+1)$



Thm 8.6.2

(c) If  $f'(c) = 0$  &  $f''(c) = 0$ , then ?  
 case where second derivative test fails.

SDT does not have a conclusion. Try a different test.

connected to 8.7

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{9}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + 1$$

Sketch the graph

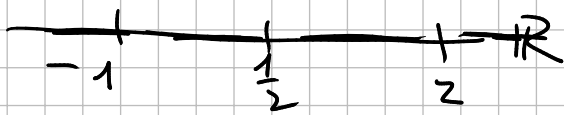
$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}(x-2)(x+1)$$

stationary points  $x=2, x=-1$

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

\* a point where 2nd derivative is equal to zero

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

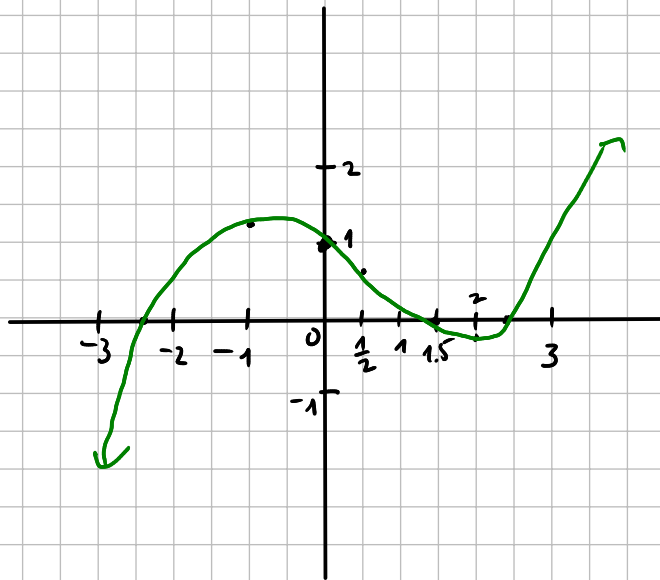


Test pts	Sign of $f'$	Sign of $f''$	Remarks
-2 $x < -1$ $x = -1$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$f$ is increasing, $f$ is concave $f$ has a local max
0 $-1 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ $x = \frac{1}{2}$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$f$ is decreasing - $f$ is concave no extreme pt, $f$ has an inflection point
1 $\frac{1}{2} < x < 2$ $x = 2$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$f$ is decreasing - $f$ is convex $f$ has a local min
3 $x > 2$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$f$ is increasing - $f$ is convex

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

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

Section 8.7



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{9}x^3 - \frac{1}{6}x^2 - \frac{2}{3}x + 1$$

$$f(x) = 0 \text{ when } \begin{cases} x = 1.5 \\ x = -2.44949 \\ x = 2.44949 \end{cases}$$

when will  $f$  intersect  $x$ -axis?

$$f(0) = 1$$

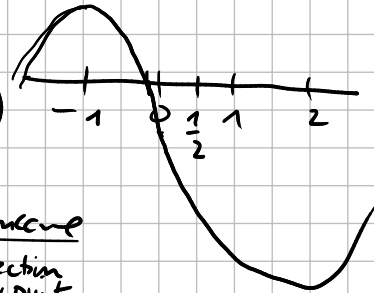
when will  $f$  intersect  $y$ -axis

$$f(-1) = 1.388\dots$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 0.6388\dots$$

$$f(2) = -0.1111\dots$$

	Sign of $f'$	Sign of $f''$	Remarks
$x < -1$ $x = -1$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$f$ is increasing, $f$ has a local max, $f$ is concave
$-1 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ $x = \frac{1}{2}$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$(+)(-)=(-)$	$f$ is decreasing, $f$ is concave, no extreme pt, $f$ has an inflection point
$\frac{1}{2} < x < 2$ $x = 2$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$f$ is decreasing, $f$ is convex, $f$ has a local min
$x > 2$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$(+)(+)=(+)$	$f$ is increasing, $f$ is convex



**Thm 8.2.1**

(a)  $c$  is an inflection pt of  $f \Rightarrow f''(c) = 0$

Reminds of:  $c$  is a (local) max pt or (local) min pt of  $f \Rightarrow f'(c) = 0$

# Review Problems

$$① f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2+2}$$

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

$$= \frac{2x[x^2+2-x^2]}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{2x(2)}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{4x}{(x^2+2)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{(x^2+2)^2(4) - 4x(2)(x^2+2)(2x)}{(x^2+2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{4(x^2+2)[x^2+2 - 2x(2x)]}{(x^2+2)^4} = \frac{4(x^2+2)(-3x^2+2)}{(x^2+2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{4(-3x^2+2)}{(x^2+2)^3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{g(x)f'(x) - f(x)g'(x)}{[g(x)]^2}$$

Stationary points:

$$\frac{4x}{(x^2+2)^2} = 0 \Rightarrow x=0$$

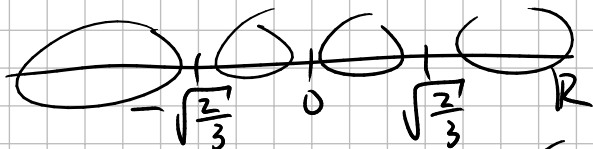
candidate inflection points:

$$\frac{4(-3x^2+2)}{(x^2+2)^3} = 0 \Rightarrow$$

$$-3x^2+2=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$



Test points		Sign of $f'$	Sign of $f''$	Remarks
-1	$x < -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$\frac{+}{+}(-) = (-)$	$\frac{+}{+}(-) = (-)$	$f$ is dec., $f$ is concave not an extreme pt. $f$ has an inflection pt
-0.5	$-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} < x < 0$	$\frac{+}{+}(-) = (-)$	$\frac{+}{+}(+) = (+)$	$f$ is dec., $f$ is convex $f$ has a local min
-0.81	$x = 0$			
0.5	$0 < x < \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$\frac{+}{+}(+) = (+)$	$\frac{+}{+}(+) = (+)$	$f$ is inc., $f$ is convex not an extreme pt. $f$ has an inflection pt.
1	$x > \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$	$\frac{+}{+}(+) = (+)$	$\frac{+}{+}(-) = (-)$	$f$ is inc., $f$ is concave

$f$  is decreasing when  $x < 0$

$f$  is increasing when  $x > 0$

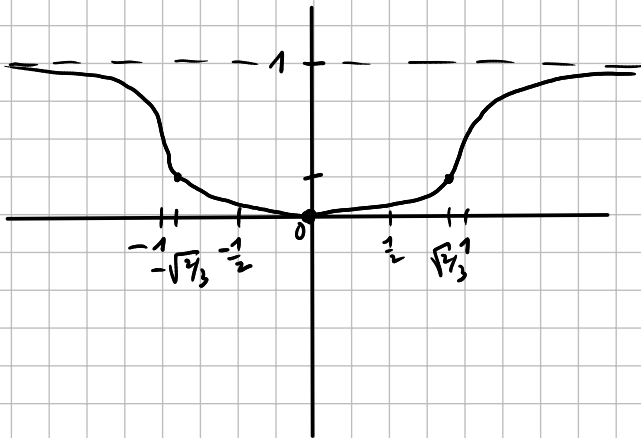
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2+2} = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{x^2}} = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{x^2+2} = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{x^2}} = 1$$

$$\frac{x^2}{x^2+2} = \frac{\frac{x^2}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2+2}{x^2}} = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{x^2}} \quad (\text{algebra})$$



$$f(0) = \frac{0}{0+2} = 0$$

$$f(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}) = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}+2} = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{8}{3}} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$f(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}) = \frac{\frac{2}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}+2} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$$