

3.4 2nd Derivative Test

Pg 192 #'s 1, 2, 15, 17, 24, 33, 34, 50, 77, 78

1) $f'(x) > 0$

$f''(x) < 0$

2) $f'(x) < 0$

$f''(x) > 0$

15) $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 12x$

$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 12$

$f''(x) = 6x - 12$

$0 = 6x - 12$

$x = 2$

x	0	2	3
f''(x)	-	0	+

Concave up: $(2, \infty)$

Concave down: $(-\infty, 2)$

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

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

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

$0 = 6x(x+2)$

$x = 0 \quad x = -2$

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1
f''(x)	+	0	-	0	+

Concave up: $(-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty)$

Concave down: $(-2, 0)$

33) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3$

$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$

$0 = 3x(x-2)$

$x = 0 \quad x = 2$

$f''(x) = 6x - 6$

$f''(0) = -6$

$f''(2) = 6$

rel max
at $x = 0$

rel min
at $x = 2$

24) $f(x) = x^{1/2} + 3x^{-1/2}$

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

$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2} + \frac{9}{4}x^{-5/2}$

$0 = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2} + \frac{9}{4}x^{-5/2}$

$\frac{1}{4}x^{-3/2} = \frac{9}{4}x^{-5/2}$

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{x^3}} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{x^5}} \leftarrow \text{DNE at } x=0$

$(\sqrt{x^5})^2 = (9\sqrt{x^3})^2 \leftarrow \text{Restrict to pos values of } x$

$x^5 = 81x^3$

$x^2 = 81$

$x = 9$

x	0	1	9	10
f''(x)	DNE	+	0	-

Concave up: $(0, 9)$

Concave down: $(9, \infty)$

$$34) f(x) = -x^3 + 7x^2 - 15x$$

$$f'(x) = -3x^2 + 14x - 15$$

$$f'(x) = -(3x^2 - 14x + 15)$$

$$f'(x) = -(3x-5)(x-3)$$

$$0 = -(3x-5)(x-3)$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3} \quad x = 3$$

$$f''(x) = -6x + 14$$

$$f''\left(\frac{5}{3}\right) = 4$$

$$f''(3) = -4$$

rel min

at $x = \frac{5}{3}$

rel max

at $x = 3$

$$\underline{45} \quad \frac{-9 \pm 5}{-14}$$

$$(x-9)(x-5)$$

$$(x-3)(3x-5)$$

$$50) a) s' > 0 \quad s'' > 0$$



$$b) s' > 0 \quad s'' < 0$$

$$c) s' ? \quad s'' = 0$$

$$d) s' = 0 \quad s'' = 0$$

$$e) s' < 0 \quad s'' > 0$$

$$f) s' < 0 \rightarrow s' > 0 \quad s'' > 0$$

77) False, an increasing function can be concave up 
or concave down 

78) False, points of inflection only occur where the graph changes concavity