

## Using the first and second derivatives

For each of the given functions, determine the interval(s) on which  $f(x)$  is increasing and/or decreasing. Find all coordinates of the relative extrema. Locate any points of inflection and determine all intervals of concave up and/or down. Provide justification for your answers.

$$1) f(x) = x^3 - 6x + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 6 \\ 0 &= 3(x^2 - 2) \\ x &= \pm\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f' \quad \begin{array}{c} + \quad - \quad + \\ \hline -\sqrt{2} \quad \sqrt{2} \end{array}$$

inc:  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2}) \cup (\sqrt{2}, \infty)$  since  $f' > 0$ .

dec:  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2})$  since  $f' < 0$ .

rel max at  $x = -\sqrt{2}$  since  $f'$  changes from  $+$  to  $-$ .

rel min at  $x = \sqrt{2}$  since  $f'$  changes from  $-$  to  $+$ .

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= 6x \\ 0 &= 6x \\ x &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$f'' \quad \begin{array}{c} - \quad + \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$f$  is concave up  $(0, \infty)$  since  $f'' > 0$ .

$f$  is concave down  $(-\infty, 0)$  since  $f'' < 0$ .

Inflection point at  $x = 0$  since  $f''$  changes from  $-$  to  $+$ .

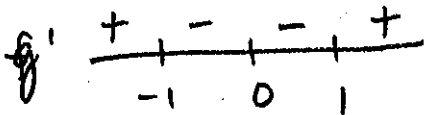
2)  $g(x) = 3x^5 - 5x^3$

$$g'(x) = 15x^4 - 15x^2$$

$$0 = 15x^2(x^2 - 1)$$

$$0 = 15x^2(x-1)(x+1)$$

$$x = 0, 1, -1$$

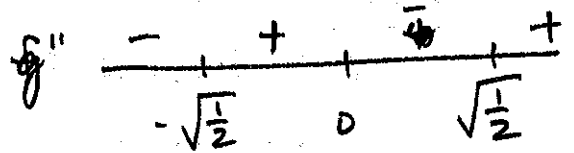


inc  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$  since  $f'(x) > 0$ .  
 dec  $(-1, 0) \cup (0, 1)$  since  $f'(x) < 0$ .  
 rel max at  $x = -1$  since  $f'(x)$  changes from + to -.  
 rel min at  $x = 1$  since  $f'(x)$  changes from - to +.

$$g''(x) = 60x^3 - 30x$$

$$0 = 30x(2x^2 - 1)$$

$$x = 0, \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$$



concave up  $(-\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, 0) \cup (\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, \infty)$  since  $f''(x) > 0$ .  
 concave down  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}) \cup (0, \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}})$  since  $f''(x) < 0$ .  
 Inflection pts at  $x = \pm\sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}, 0$  since concavity changes.

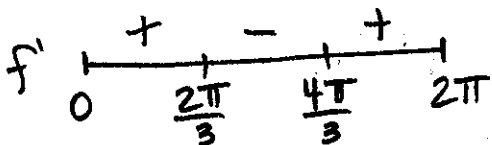
★ 3)  $f(\theta) = \theta + 2\sin\theta$ , on  $[0, 2\pi]$

$$f'(\theta) = 1 + 2\cos\theta$$

$$0 = 1 + 2\cos\theta$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

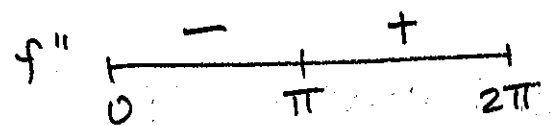


inc  $(0, \frac{2\pi}{3}) \cup (\frac{4\pi}{3}, 2\pi)$  since  $f'(x) > 0$ .  
 dec  $(\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3})$  since  $f'(x) < 0$ .  
 rel max at  $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$  since  $f'(x)$  changes from + to -.  
 rel min at  $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$  since  $f'(x)$  changes from - to +.

$$f''(\theta) = -2\sin\theta$$

$$0 = -2\sin\theta$$

$$\theta = 0, \pi, 2\pi$$



concave up  $(\pi, 2\pi)$  since  $f''(x) > 0$ .  
 concave down  $(0, \pi)$  since  $f''(x) < 0$ .  
 Inflection pts at  $x = \pi$  since concavity changes.