


Midterm 2

March 4, Thursday

Covers Ch 2

HW 5

Due Thursday

HW 6

Due Friday, March 5

Sample Test Problem

Due March 4,

Midnight

(I will post the selected problems in Moodle)

2.3

Interpretations of the Derivative

Leibniz notation

Let $y = f(x)$ be a function.

Let a be a number.

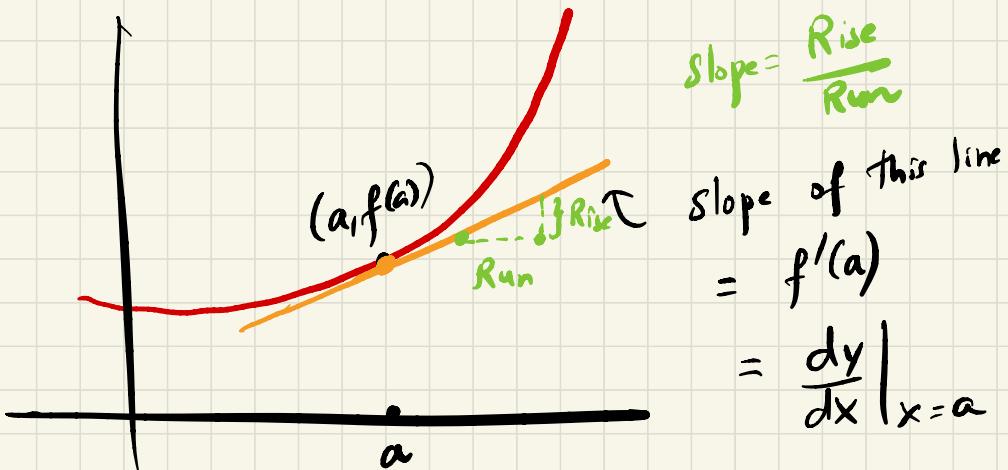
$$f'(a) = \frac{dy}{dx} \Big|_{x=a} \quad \text{Leibniz notation}$$

2 interpretations of $f'(a)$:

1. Limit of the average rate of changes as the run Δx becomes smaller and smaller.

Special case: Instantaneous velocity

2. Slope of the tangent at $(a, f(a))$.



Relative Rate of Change

Def. Relative rate of chang. of $y = f(t)$ at $t = a$

$$= \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)}$$

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Memorize

$$= \frac{\frac{dy}{dt} \Big|_{t=a}}{f(a)}$$

Problem 1 Annual world soybean production, $W = f(t)$, in million tons, is a function of t years since the start of 2000.

- Interpret the statements $f(8) = 253$ and $f'(8) = 17$ in terms of soybean production.

Soln. $f(8) = 253$

In 2008, the annual world soybean production was 253 million tons.

$$f'(8) = 17$$

In 2008, the annual soybean production was increasing at the rate of 17 million tons per year.

- b) Calculate the relative rate of change of W at $t=8$; interpret it in terms of soybean production.

Soln. Relative rate of change of soybean production at $t=8$ = $\frac{f'(8)}{f(8)}$

= $\frac{17}{253}$

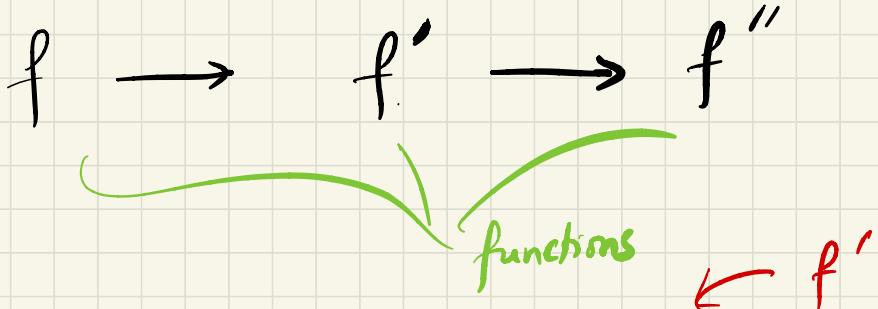
= 0.067 } in decimals

$$0.067 \times 100 = 6.7\%$$

In 2008, the soybean production was increasing at the continuous rate of 6.7% per year.

2.4. Second Derivative

For a function f , the derivative of its derivative is called the **second derivative**, written f''



Leibniz notation:

$$f'' = \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$f''(a)$ is written as $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \Big|_{x=a}$

Recall:

$f' > 0$ on interval, f is increasing on that interval.

$f' < 0$ on interval, f is decreasing on that interval.

So, (Follow from the previous statements)

$f'' > 0$ on interval, f' is increasing on that interval.

$f'' < 0$ on interval, f' is decreasing on that interval.

We can say more:

$f'' > 0$ on interval, f' is increasing and f is
concave up

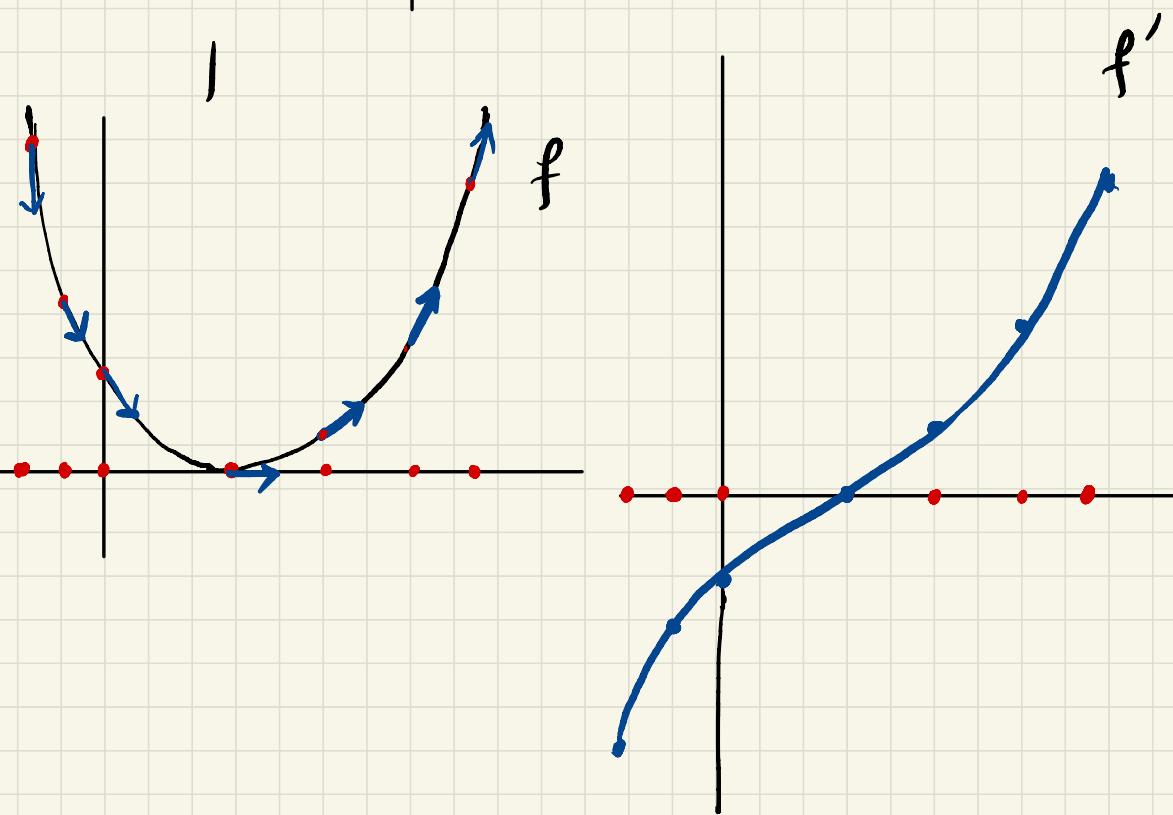
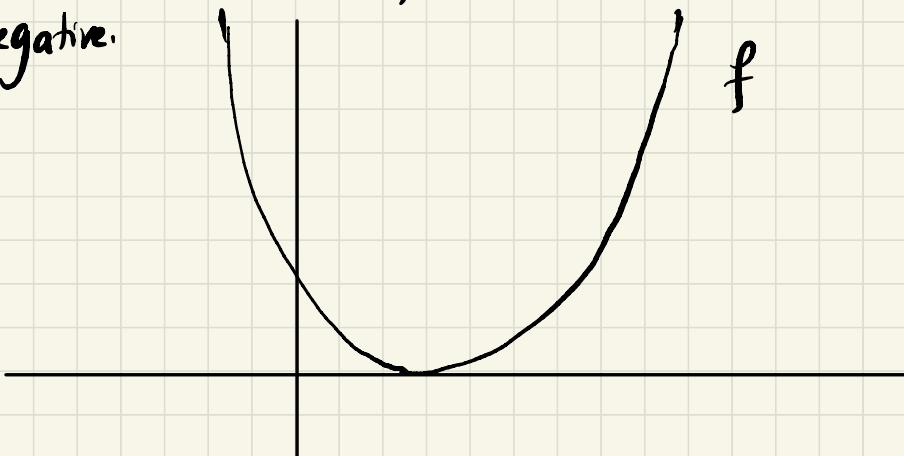
$f'' < 0$ on interval, f' is decreasing and f is
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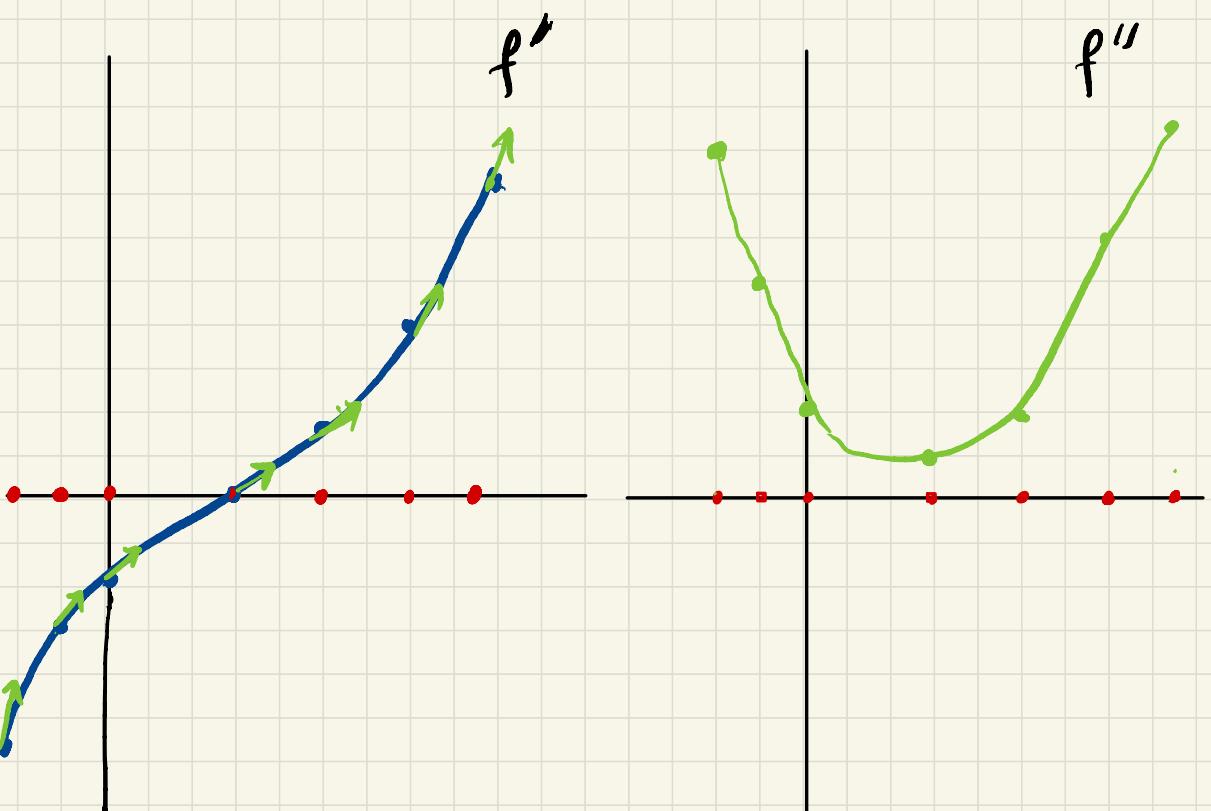
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Problem 1

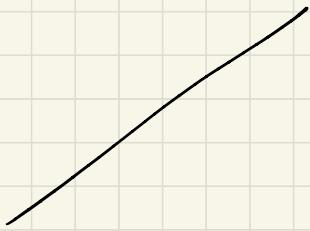
For the functions below decide where their second derivatives are positive and where they are negative.

a)

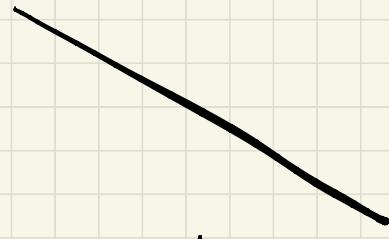




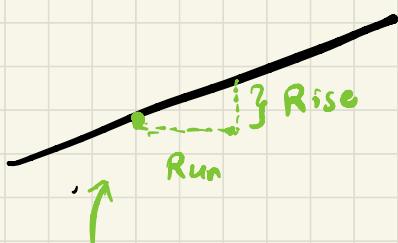
f'' is positive everywhere.



positive
slope

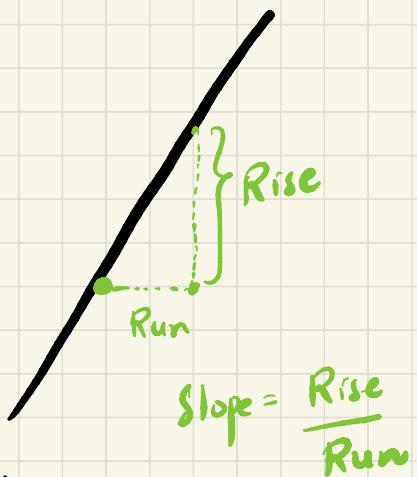


negative
slope



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

VS.

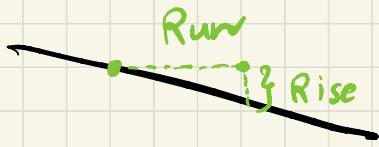


$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

Both have positive slope

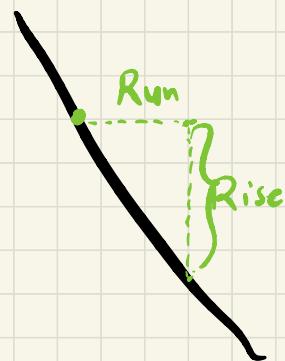
Run is same both lines

Second line has bigger slope



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

VS.



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

Both have negative slope.

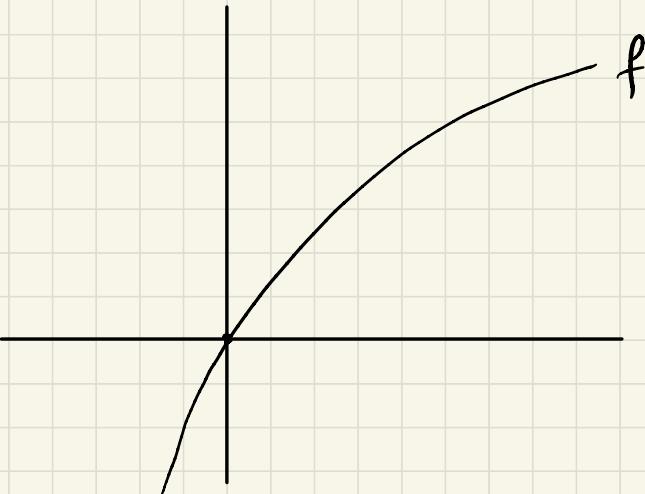
Second line has slope with bigger magnitude.

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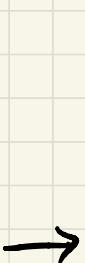
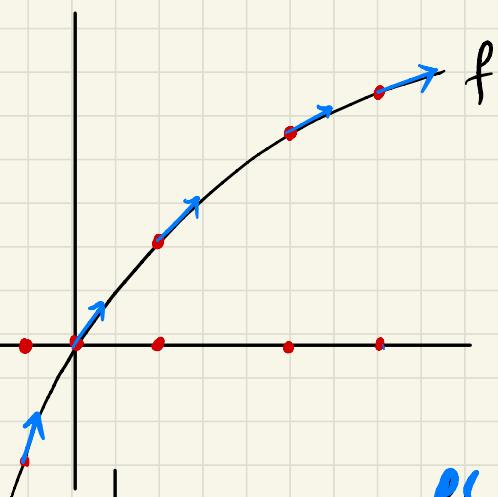
VS.

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b)

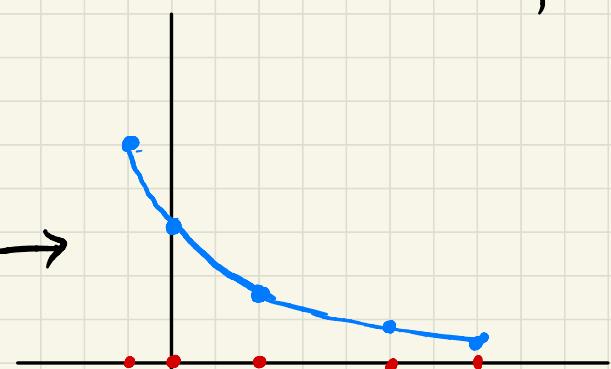


f'

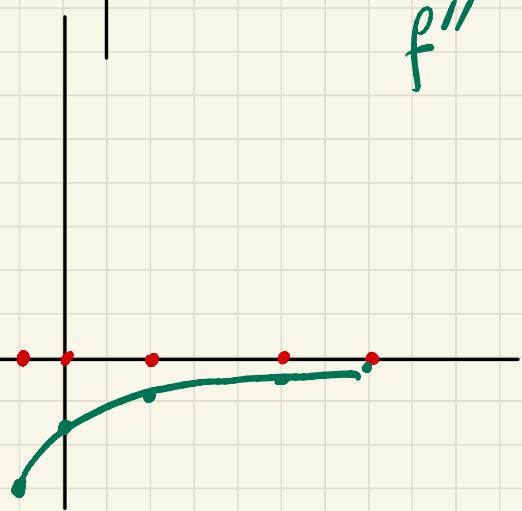
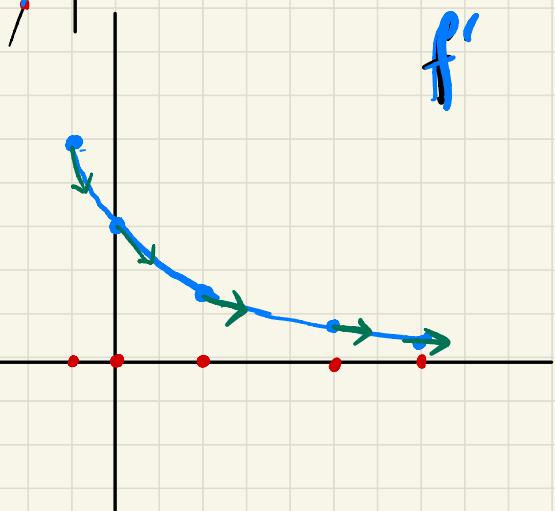


f

f'



f''



f''''

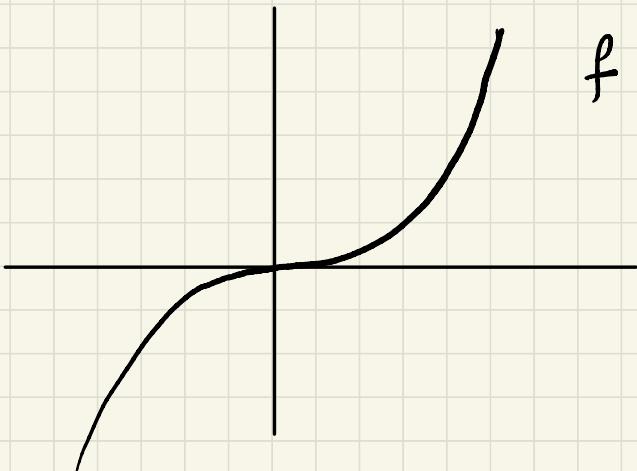
f'' is negative everywhere.

Alternative:

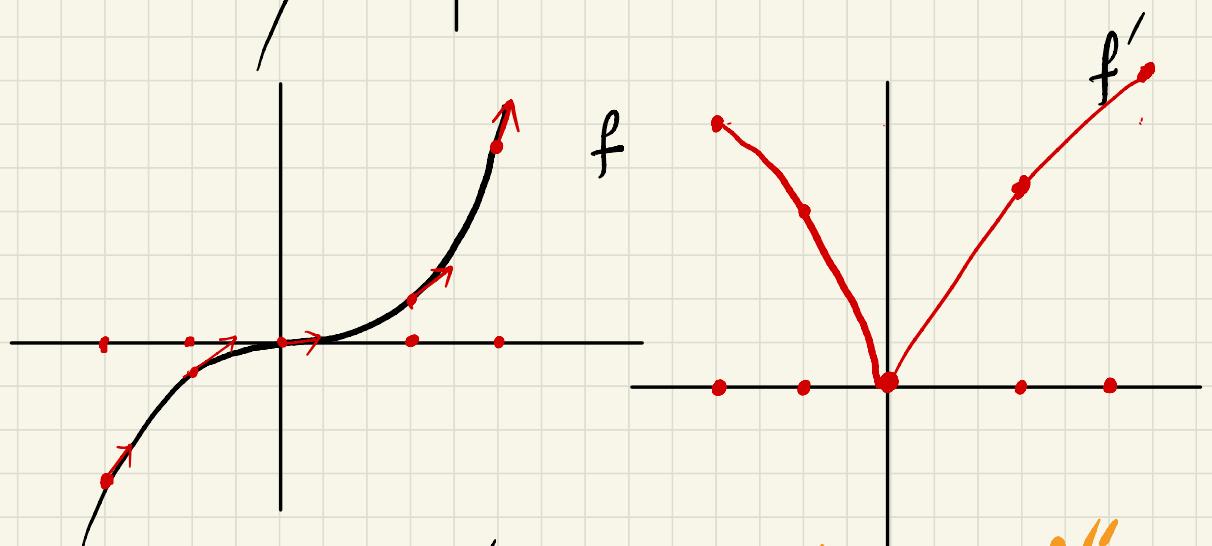
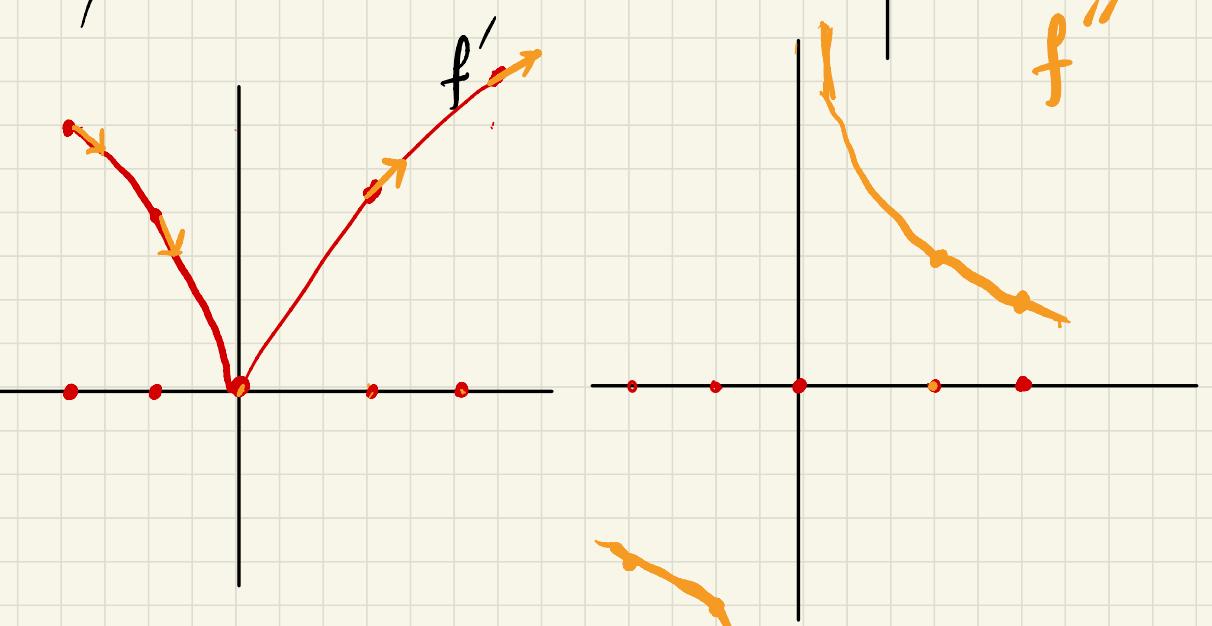
Since f' is decreasing and f is concave down, $f'' < 0$ everywhere

↑ from the facts in Pg. 7

c.

 f

\downarrow
Slope
 $-\infty$

 f f'  f' f''

$f'' < 0$ for $x < 0$

$f'' > 0$ for $x > 0$

Alternative solution:

For $x < 0$

f' is decreasing

f is concave down

For $x > 0$

f' is increasing

f is concave up

From the facts in PG 7 we get

The same conclusion -