

Concavity

1. Concave up & down.




concave up



concave down.

2. Definitions

Let f be a differentiable function defined on an interval I .
 f is  on I :

1) Concave-up: when f' is increasing on I .

2) Concave-down: when f' is decreasing on I .

3) Let c be an interior point to I . f has an inflection point at c , when: f changes concavity at c .

3. Theorem.

1) Let I be an open interval

Let f be a twice-differentiable function defined on I

① If $\forall x \in I$, $f''(x) > 0$, then f is concave up on I .

② If $\forall x \in I$, $f''(x) < 0$, then f is concave down on I .

