

AP Calculus AB/BC Writing Prompts

1. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is continuous at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$ because $\lim_{\substack{\text{variable} \rightarrow \text{value}}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{function}} \left(\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right)$

2. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is not continuous at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$ because $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \lim_{\substack{\text{variable} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}^+}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}} \neq \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{function}} \left(\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right) \\ \lim_{\substack{\text{variable} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}^-}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}} \neq \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{function}} \left(\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right) \\ \lim_{\substack{\text{variable} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}^-}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}} \neq \lim_{\substack{\text{variable} \rightarrow \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}^+}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}} \end{array} \right\}.$

3. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ is differentiable on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}}$.

4. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ is $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{increasing / decreasing}}$ on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{derivative}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{is positive / is negative } >0 \text{ or } <0}$ $\left[\text{on } \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}} \right]$.

5. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ has a relative $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{min / max}}$ at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{derivative}}$ changes sign from $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{negative to positive} \\ (-) \rightarrow (+) \\ \text{positive to negative} \\ (+) \rightarrow (-)}}$

$\left[\text{at } \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right].$

6. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ is concave $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{up / down}}$ on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{second derivative} \\ \text{OR} \\ \text{first derivative}}} \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{is positive / is negative} \\ >0 \text{ or } <0 \\ \text{OR} \\ \text{is increasing / is decreasing}}} \left[\text{on } \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}} \right].$

7. (a) $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ has an inflection point at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{second derivative}}$ changes sign $\left[\text{at } \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right].$

(b) $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{function}}$ has an inflection point at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{first derivative}}$ changes

from $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{decreasing to increasing} \\ \text{OR} \\ \text{increasing to decreasing}}}$ $\left[\text{at } \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}} \right].$

8. The speed of the object is $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{increasing / decreasing}}$ on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{velocity function}}$ and $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{acceleration function}}$ have

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{the same / opposite}}$ sign(s).

9. The speed of the object is $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ at $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ because $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ and

$\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ $\left[\text{at } \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} \right]$.

10. Since $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$, and $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$, by IVT there exists a c in $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ such that $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}(c) = \underbrace{\hspace{4cm}}$.

11. Since $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, differentiable on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, by Rolle's Theorem, there exists a c in $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, such that $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}(c) = 0$.

12. Since $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, and differentiable on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, by MVT, there exists a c in $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, such that $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}(c) = \underbrace{\hspace{4cm}}$.

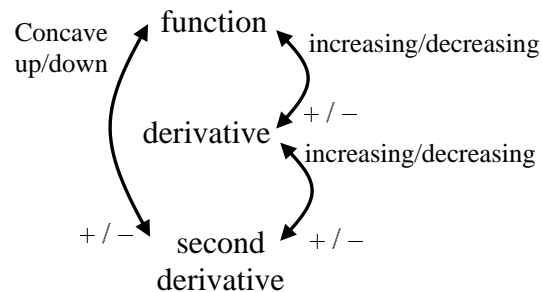
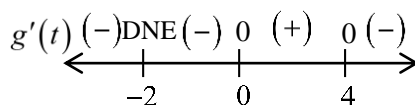
13. Since $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ on $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, the $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ is an $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ of $\underbrace{\hspace{4cm}}$.

14. $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ represents the net change in $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$, measured in $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$, from $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ to $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$ = $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}$.

AP Calculus BC Prompts:

- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the origin because $r(t)$ and $\frac{dr}{dt}$ have $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ sign(s).
- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the origin because $r(t)$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $\frac{dr}{dt}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$.
- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the x -axis because $x(t)$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$.
- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the x -axis because $x(t)$ and $\frac{dx}{dt}$ have $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ sign(s).
- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the y -axis because $y(t)$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$ $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$.
- The particle is moving $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ the y -axis because $y(t)$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$ have $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ sign(s).

1. What can you conclude about $g(t)$ from the given sign chart?



$g(t)$ is continuous on and because is differentiable on .

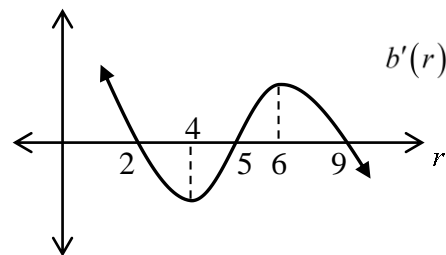
$g(t)$ is increasing on because derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0 .

$g(t)$ is decreasing on , , and because derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0 .

$g(t)$ has a relative min at = because changes sign from .

$g(t)$ has a relative max at = because changes sign from .

2. What can you conclude about $b(r)$ given the graph of $b'(r)$ below?



$b(r)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} because $b(r)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

$b(r)$ is decreasing on because derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0 .

$b(r)$ is increasing on and because derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0 .

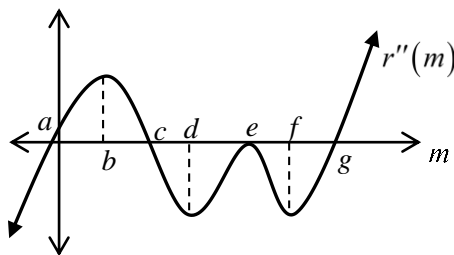
$b(r)$ has a relative min at = because changes sign from .

$b(r)$ has a relative max at = and because changes sign from .

$b(r)$ is concave up on because second derivative or derivative is positive / is negative or is increasing/decreasing.

$b(r)$ is concave down on because second derivative or derivative is positive / is negative or is increasing/decreasing.

3. What can you conclude about $r(m)$ or $r'(m)$ from the graph of $r''(m)$ below?



$r'(m)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} because $r'(m)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

function interval function interval

$r(m)$ is continuous on \mathbb{R} because $r(m)$ is differentiable on \mathbb{R} .

function interval function interval

$r'(m)$ is increasing on and because .

function increasing / decreasing interval interval derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0

$r'(m)$ is decreasing on , , and because .

function increasing / decreasing interval interval interval derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0

$r'(m)$ has a relative min at = and because changes sign from .

function min / max variable value value derivative negative to positive (-)→(+) positive to negative (+)→(-)

$r'(m)$ has a relative max at = because changes sign from .

function min / max variable value value derivative negative to positive (-)→(+) positive to negative (+)→(-)

$r(m)$ is concave up on and because .

function up / down interval interval second derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0

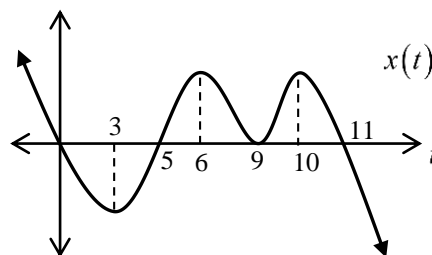
$r(m)$ is concave down on , , and because .

function up / down interval interval interval second derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0

$r(m)$ has an inflection point at = , , and because changes sign.

function variable value value value second derivative

4. A particle is moving along the x -axis so that its position at time- t seconds is given by the following graph. The graph of $x(t)$ has points of inflection at $t = 5$, $t = 7$, and $t = 9.5$.



(a) For what interval(s) of t is the particle moving to the right? Justify your answer.

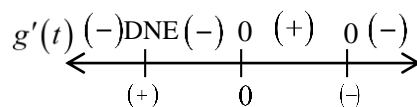
(b) For what interval(s) of t is the particle moving to the left? Justify your answer.

(c) At what time(s), if any, does the particle change direction? Justify your answer.

(d) Identify the interval(s) of t for which the particle's speed increasing. Justify your answer.

(e) Identify the interval(s) of t for which particle's speed decreasing? Justify your answer.

1. What can you conclude about $g(t)$ from the given sign chart?



$\underline{g(t)}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\left\{(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)\right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underline{g(t)}$ is differentiable on $\underbrace{\left\{(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)\right\}}_{\text{interval}}$.

function

$\underline{g(t)}$ is increasing on $\underbrace{\left\{(0, 4)\right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underline{g'(t)}$ is positive.

function

increasing / decreasing

interval

derivative

is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underline{g(t)}$ is decreasing on $\underbrace{\left\{(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, 0) \cup (4, \infty)\right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underline{g'(t)}$ is negative.

function

increasing / decreasing

interval

derivative

is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underline{g(t)}$ has a relative min at $\underline{t} = \underline{0}$ because $\underline{g'(t)}$ changes sign from negative to positive.

function

min / max

variable

value

derivative

negative to positive
(-) → (+)
negative to positive
(-) → (+)
positive to negative
(+) → (-)

$\underline{g(t)}$ has a relative max at $\underline{t} = \underline{4}$ because $\underline{g'(t)}$ changes sign from positive to negative.

function

min / max

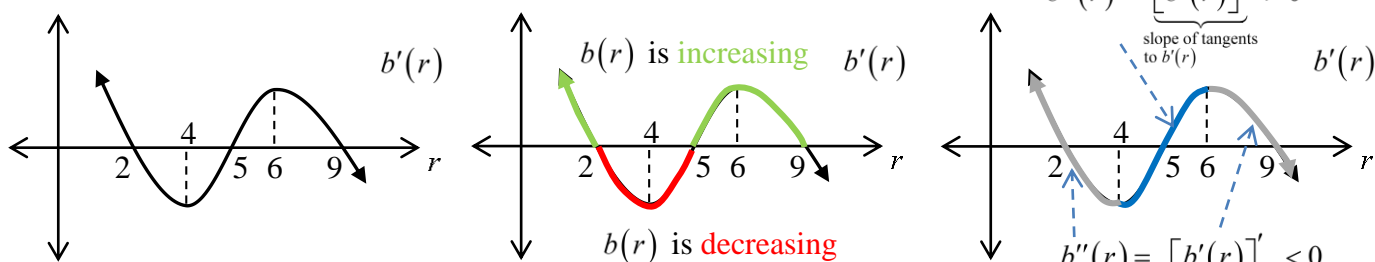
variable

value

derivative

positive to negative
(+) → (-)
negative to positive
(-) → (+)
positive to negative
(+) → (-)

2. What can you conclude about $b(r)$ given the graph of $b'(r)$ below?



$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is differentiable on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$.

$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is increasing on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (-\infty, 2) \cup (5, 9) \\ r < 2 \text{ and } 5 < r < 9 \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{b'(r)}_{\text{derivative}}$ is positive $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is decreasing on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (2, 5) \cup (9, \infty) \\ 2 < r < 5 \text{ and } r > 9 \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{b'(r)}_{\text{derivative}}$ is negative $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

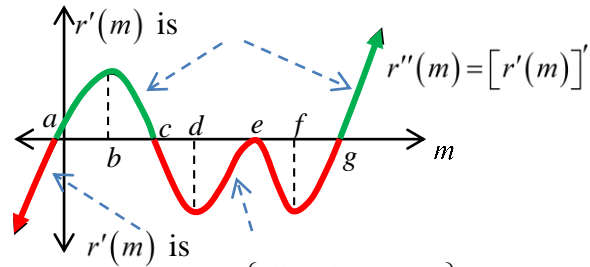
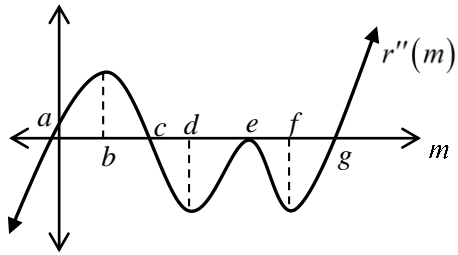
$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ has a relative min at $\underbrace{r}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{5}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{b'(r)}_{\text{derivative}}$ changes sign from $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{negative to positive} \\ (-) \rightarrow (+) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{negative to positive} \quad (-) \rightarrow (+) \quad \text{positive to negative} \quad (+) \rightarrow (-)}$.

$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ has a relative max at $\underbrace{r}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{2 \text{ and } 9}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{b'(r)}_{\text{derivative}}$ changes sign from $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{positive to negative} \\ (+) \rightarrow (-) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{negative to positive} \quad (-) \rightarrow (+) \quad \text{positive to negative} \quad (+) \rightarrow (-)}$.

$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is concave up on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (4, 6) \\ 4 < r < 6 \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{b''(r)}_{\text{second derivative}}$ is positive $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$ is concave down on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (-\infty, 4) \cup (6, \infty) \\ r < 4 \text{ and } r > 6 \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{b''(r)}_{\text{second derivative}}$ is negative $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

3. What can you conclude about $r(m)$ or $r'(m)$ from the graph of $r''(m)$ below?



$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is differentiable on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$.

$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is continuous on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is differentiable on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{all real numbers} \\ (-\infty, \infty) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$.

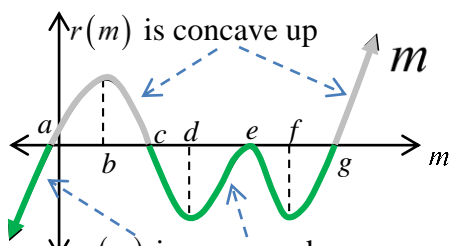
$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is increasing on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a, c) \cup (g, \infty) \\ a < m < c \text{ and } m > g \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{derivative}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is decreasing on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (-\infty, a) \cup (c, e) \cup (e, g) \text{ or } (c, g) \\ m < a, c < m < e, \text{ and } e < m < g \\ \text{or } c < m < g \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{derivative}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}$.
is positive / is negative
>0 or <0

$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ has a relative min at $\underbrace{m}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{a \text{ and } g}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{derivative}}$ changes sign from $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{negative to positive} \\ (-) \rightarrow (+) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{negative to positive} \bracket{(-) \rightarrow (+)} \bracket{positive to negative} \bracket{(+ \rightarrow (-)}$.

$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$ has a relative max at $\underbrace{m}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{c}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{derivative}}$ changes sign from $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{positive to negative} \\ (+) \rightarrow (-) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{negative to positive} \bracket{(-) \rightarrow (+)} \bracket{positive to negative} \bracket{(+ \rightarrow (-)}$.

What can you conclude about the graph of $r(m)$ or $r'(m)$ from the graph of $r''(m)$ below?

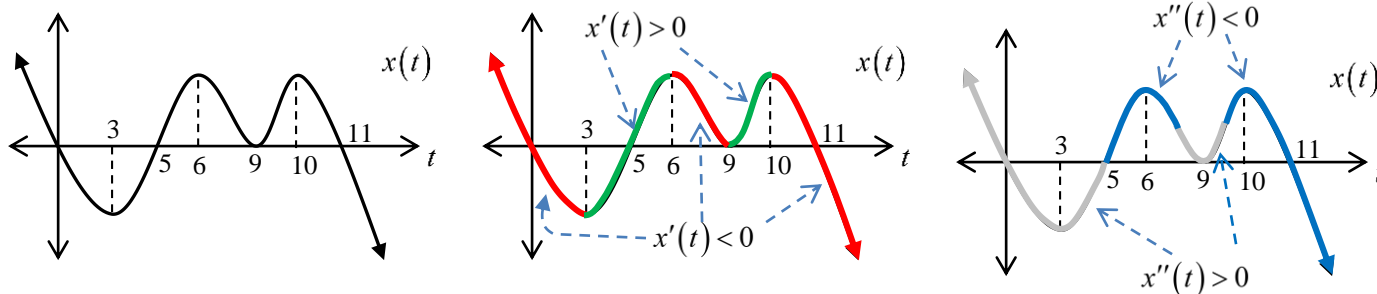


$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is concave up on $\underbrace{\left\{ (a, c) \cup (g, \infty) \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{second derivative}} \underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array} \right\}}_{\substack{\text{is positive / is negative} \\ > 0 \text{ or } < 0}}.$

$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$ is concave down on $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} (-\infty, a) \cup (c, e) \cup (e, g) \text{ or } (c, g) \\ m < a, c < m < e \text{ and } e < m < g \\ \text{or } c < m < g \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{second derivative}} \underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}}_{\substack{\text{is positive / is negative} \\ > 0 \text{ or } < 0}}.$

$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$ has an inflection point at $\underbrace{m}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{a, c, \text{ and } g}_{\text{value}}$ because $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{second derivative}}$ changes sign.

4. A particle is moving along the x -axis so that its position at time- t seconds is given by the following graph. The graph of $x(t)$ has points of inflection at $t = 5$, $t = 7$, and $t = 9.5$.



- (a) For what interval(s) of t is the particle moving to the right? Justify your answer.

The particle is moving to the right on $\left\{ (3,6) \cup (9,10) \right\}$ because $x'(t) \begin{cases} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{cases}$.

- (b) For what interval(s) of t is the particle moving to the left? Justify your answer.

The particle is moving to the left on $\left\{ (-\infty, 3) \cup (6, 9) \cup (10, \infty) \right\}$ because $x'(t) \begin{cases} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{cases}$.

- (c) At what time(s), if any, does the particle change direction? Justify your answer.

The particle changes direction at $t = 3, 6, 9$, and 10 because $x'(t)$ changes sign.

- (d) Identify the interval(s) of t for which the particle's speed is increasing. Justify your answer.

The particle's speed is increasing on $\left\{ (3,5) \cup (6,7) \cup (9,9.5) \cup (10,\infty) \right\}$ because $x'(t)$ and $x''(t)$ have the same sign.

- (e) Identify the interval(s) of t for which particle's speed is decreasing? Justify your answer.

The particle's speed is decreasing on $\left\{ (-\infty, 3) \cup (5,6) \cup (7,9) \cup (9.5,10) \right\}$ because $x'(t)$ and $x''(t)$ have opposite signs.