

## 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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{derivative}}$   $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{is positive / is negative}} > 0 \text{ or } < 0$ .

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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{negative to positive} \\ (-) \rightarrow (+) \\ \text{positive to negative} \\ (+) \rightarrow (-)}}$ .

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

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.

(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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{decreasing to increasing} \\ \text{OR} \\ \text{increasing to decreasing}}}$ .

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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\text{increasing / decreasing}}$  at  $\underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}}_{\text{value}}$  because  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{velocity function} \\ \text{at value}}}$   $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{is positive / is negative} \\ > 0 \text{ or } < 0}}$  and  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}_{\substack{\text{acceleration function} \\ \text{at value}}}$ .

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

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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}(c) = 0$ .

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  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}(c) = \underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

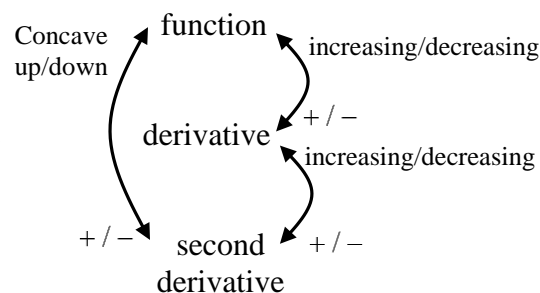
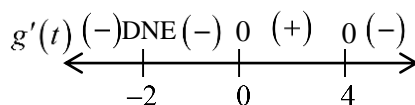
13. Since  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  and  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  on  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ , the  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  is an  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$  of  $\underbrace{\hspace{2cm}}$ .

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

### 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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

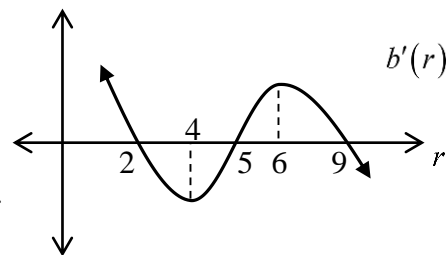
$g(t)$  is increasing on \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0.

$g(t)$  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 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ derivative is positive / is negative >0 or <0.

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

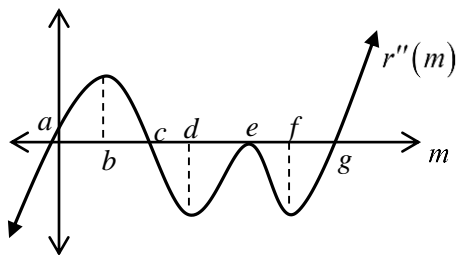
$b(r)$  has a relative min at \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_ changes sign from \_\_\_\_\_.

$b(r)$  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

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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 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

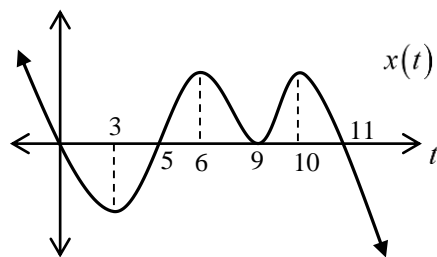
$r(m)$  is concave down on           ,           , and            because                      .

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.

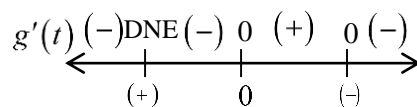
(b) For what interval(s) of  $t$  is the particle moving to the left? Justify your answer.

(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  
(-)  $\rightarrow$  (+)  
positive to negative  
(+)  $\rightarrow$  (-)

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

function

min / max

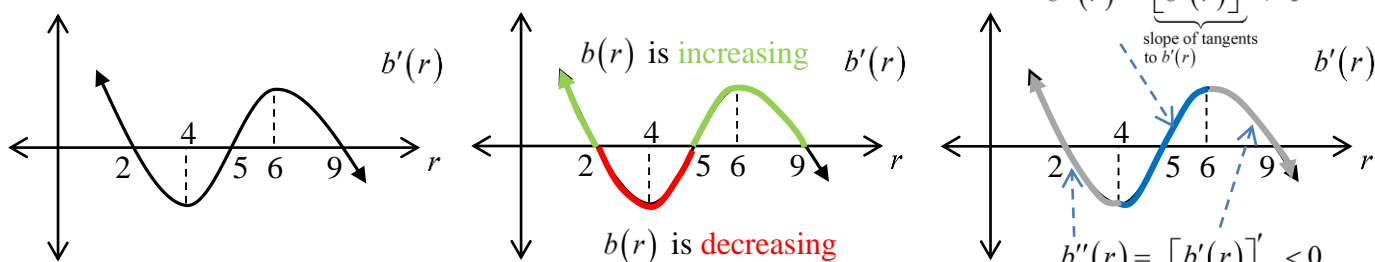
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2. What can you conclude about  $b(r)$  given the graph of  $b'(r)$  below?



$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$  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  $\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is negative} \\ < 0 \end{array} \right\}$ .  
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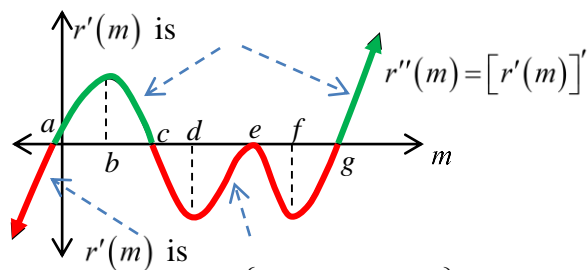
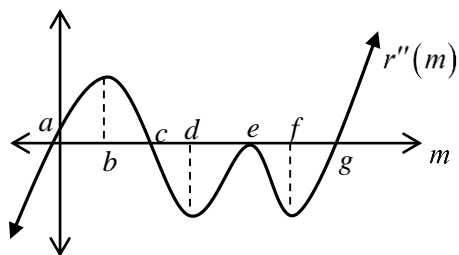
$\underbrace{b(r)}_{\text{function}}$  has a relative min at  $\underbrace{r}_{\text{variable}} = \underbrace{5}_{\text{value}}$  because  $\underbrace{b'(r)}_{\text{derivative}}$  changes sign from  $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{negative to positive} \\ (-) \rightarrow (+) \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{negative to positive} \quad (-) \rightarrow (+) \quad \text{positive to negative} \quad (+) \rightarrow (-)}$ .

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

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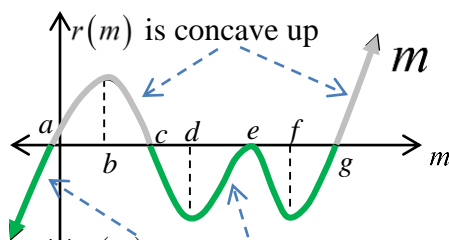
$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$  is increasing on  $\underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{c} (a, c) \cup (g, \infty) \\ a < m < c \text{ and } m > g \end{array} \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$  because  $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{derivative}} \left\{ \begin{array}{c} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array}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

$\underbrace{r'(m)}_{\text{function}}$  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?



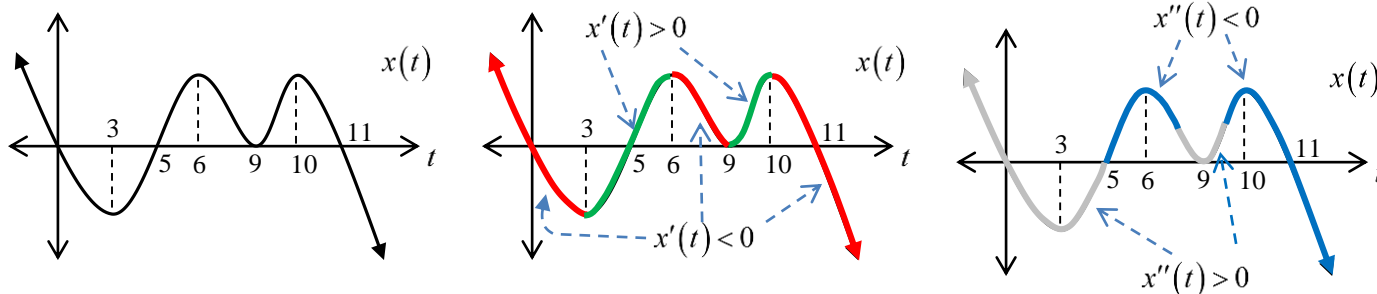
$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$  is concave up on  $\underbrace{\left\{ (a, c) \cup (g, \infty) \right\}}_{\text{interval}}$  because  $\underbrace{r''(m)}_{\text{second derivative}} \underbrace{\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{is positive} \\ > 0 \end{array} \right\}}_{\substack{\text{is positive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

$\underbrace{r(m)}_{\text{function}}$  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.