

Written Assignment 4
Due Monday, October 31th

1. (2.7, #6 and 8) (a) Draw a function f such that f' is positive and decreasing.
(b) Draw a function f such that f' is negative and decreasing (that is, becoming more negative).
2. (2.7, # 32 and 34) The following equations give the positions as functions of time of objects tossed from towers in various exotic places in the solar system. For each,
 - (i) Find the velocity and acceleration of the object as functions of time.
 - (ii) How high was the tower?
 - (iii) Was the object thrown up or down?
 - (iv) How many times larger/smaller is the acceleration compared to Earth's (9.8m/sec^2)?
 - (a) An object on Mercury that follows $s(t) = -0.325t^2 - 20t$.
 - (b) An object on the Sun that follows $s(t) = -137t^2 + 20t + 500$.
3. Let $F(t) = t^3e^2t$. Find the intervals where F is concave up and concave down. Also find the critical points and inflection points.
4. An important function in engineering and physics is the sinc function (read “sink”), defined by

$$\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{x}.$$

We make the convention that $\text{sinc}(0) = 0$ (which is inspired by problem #5 on Written Assignment 1). [Warning: you cannot cancel the x to get $\text{sinc}(x) = \frac{\sin}{1}$. That would be a sin!]

- (a) Find the derivative of $\text{sinc}(x)$.
- (b) Use the graph of the derivative to estimate three critical points of $\text{sinc}(x)$. [There are infinitely many, but find the first three closest to 0.]