

Chapter 3 : Derivative in Graphing and

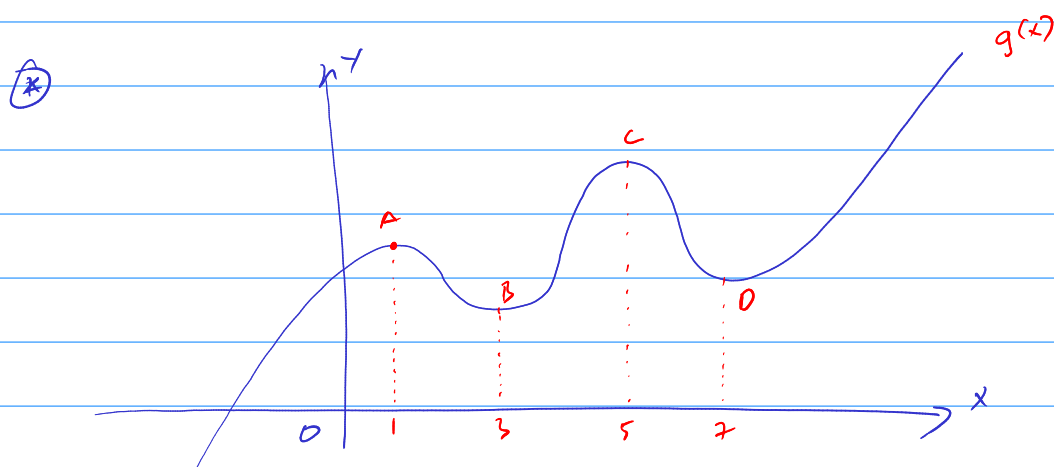
Applications

3.1 : Analysis of Function I: Increase, Decrease and concavity.

$$y = f(x) = x^7 + \ln x + e^x + \cos x$$

(*) To graph $f(x)$ we can graph points on $f(x)$ plus in x to find y values for many points of x

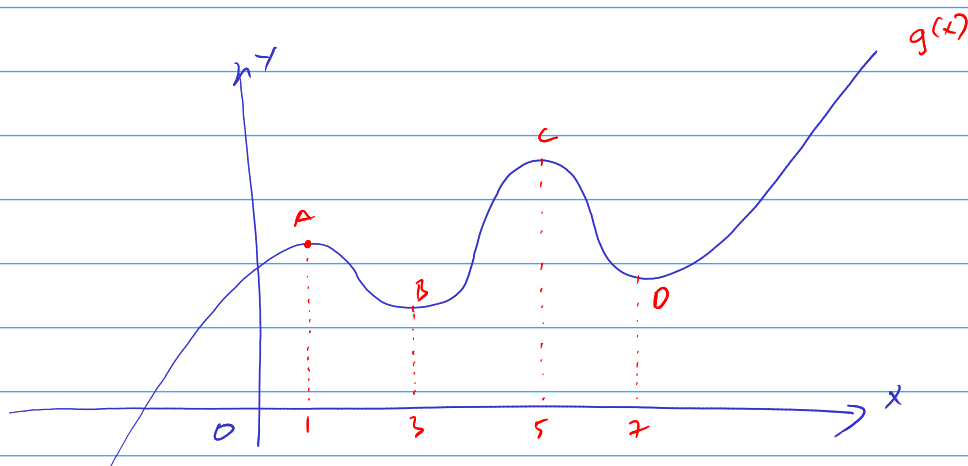
(*) We can add in the analysis of functions to understand it better.



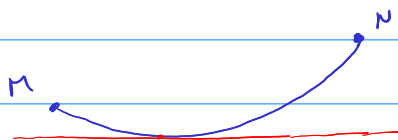
$g(x)$ is increasing on : $x < 1$ or $(-\infty, 1)$
 $3 < x < 5$ or $(3, 5)$
 $x > 7$ or $(7, \infty)$

$g(x)$ is decreasing on $1 < x < 3$ or $(1, 3)$

$5 < x < 7$ or $(5, 7)$

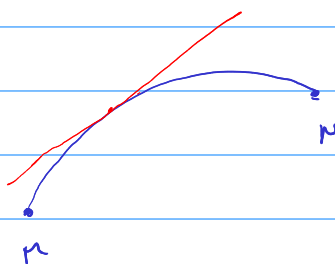


* $g(x)$ is concave upward:

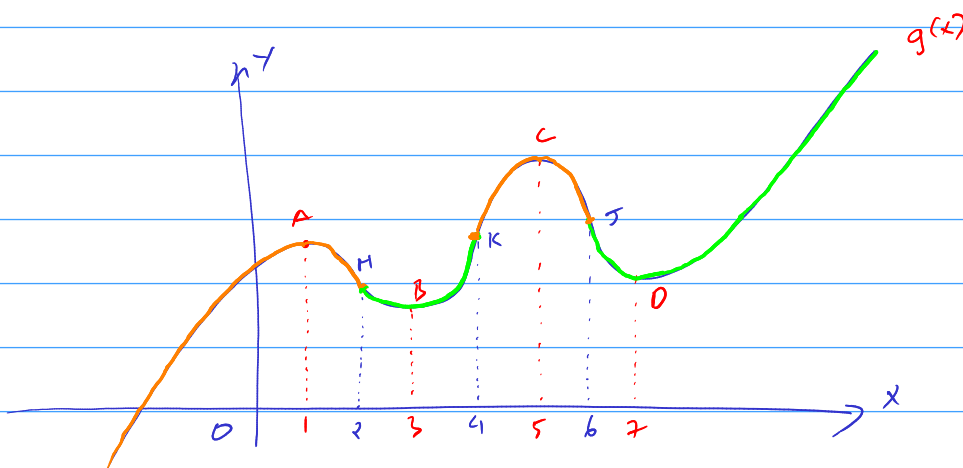


the graph is above
the tangent line

* concave downward



the graph is
below
the tangent line



(*) concave up on : $2 < x < 4$ and $x > 6$

OR

$(2, 4)$ and $(6, \infty)$

(*) concave down: $x < 2$ and $4 < x < 6$

OR

$(-\infty, 2)$ and $(4, 6)$

(*) Using the derivative to find the info. about increase / decrease and concavity.

(1) If $f'(x) > 0$ on (a, b) then $f(x)$ is increasing on (a, b)

(2) If $f'(x) < 0$ on (a, b) then $f(x)$ is decreasing on (a, b)

(3) If $f''(x) > 0$ on (a, b) then $f(x)$

is concave upward on (a, b)

④ $f''(x) < 0$ on (a, b) then $f(x)$ is concave downward on (a, b)

Example : $f(x) = x^4$

(The 1st derivative) $f'(x) = 4x^3$

(The 2nd derivative) $f''(x) = [f'(x)]'$
 $= (4x^3)' = 12x^2$

The 3rd derivative

$$f'''(x) = (12x^2)' = 24x$$

Example : $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$

Find all intervals where ① $f(x)$ is increasing

② $f(x)$ is decreasing

③ $f(x)$ concave up

④ $f(x)$ concave down

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$$

Step 1 : Find $f'(x)$ and factor it

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$$

$$= 3x(x-2)$$

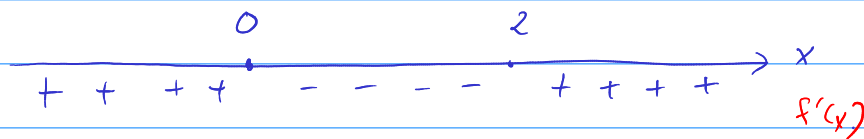
Step 2 : Solve $f'(x) = 0$

$$3x(x-2) = 0$$

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$$\underline{x=0}, \quad \underline{x=2}$$

Step 3 : Get the sign chart of $f'(x)$



$x < 0$: plug in a number $x < 0$, say $x = -10$

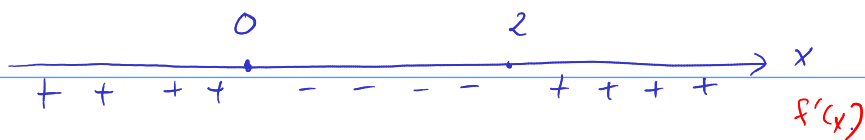
$$f'(-10) = 3(-10)(-10-2) > 0 \quad (+)$$

$0 < x < 2$: plug in $x = 1$

$$f'(1) = 3(1)(1-2) < 0 \quad (-)$$

$x > 2$: plug in $x = 3$

$$f'(3) = 3(3)(3-2) > 0 \quad (+)$$



$f(x)$ is increasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(2, \infty)$

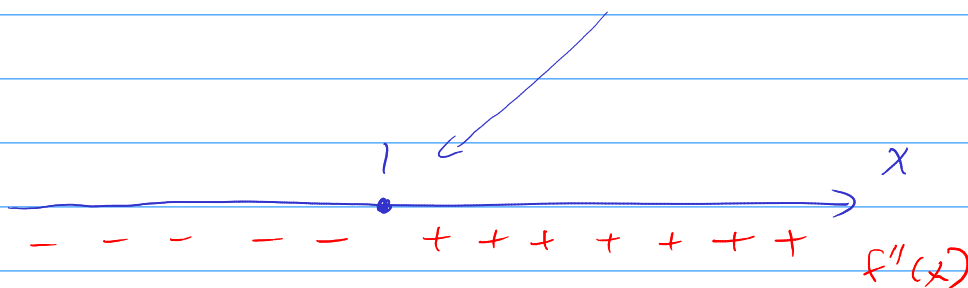
$f(x)$ is decreasing on $(0, 2)$

For concavity:

$$f''(x) = (3x^2 - 6x)' = 6x - 6$$

$$= 6(x - 1)$$

$$f''(x) = 0 \quad (\Rightarrow) \quad \boxed{x = 1}$$



$f(x)$ is concave upward on $(1, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is concave down on $(-\infty, 1)$

Example : $y = f(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 1$

Find all intervals where $\oplus f(x)$ is increasing

$\oplus f(x)$ is decreasing

$\oplus f(x)$ concave up

$\oplus f(x)$ concave down