

Derivatives & Shapes of Graphs:

- f is increasing on $I \Leftrightarrow f'(x) > 0$, for any $x \in I$
 \Leftrightarrow slope of tangent is +ve.

- f is decreasing on $I \Leftrightarrow f'(x) < 0$, for any $x \in I$
 \Leftrightarrow slope of tangent is -ve.

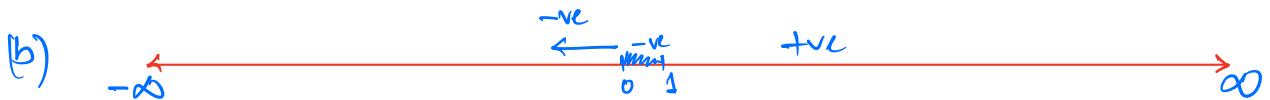
Ex. Let $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2$

(a) Find the critical pts.

(b) Find the intervals, where f is increasing/decreasing.

(a) $f'(x) = 0$ (or DNE) implies

$$[2x^3 - 3x^2]' = 0 \text{ ie, } 6x^2 - 6x = 0 \\ \Rightarrow 6x(x-1) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x=0 \text{ or } x=1.$$



So, f is increasing on $(1, \infty)$

f is decreasing on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1)$

Can we draw the graph of f with the above information?

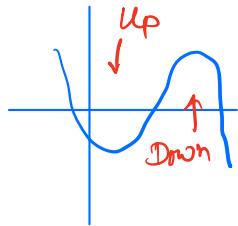
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Concavity (Up & Down)

f be a differentiable function on I . We say

(a) Concave Up : f' is increasing on I

(b) Concave Down : f' is decreasing on I .



Working Method :

① ' f ' Concave Up on I , when $f''(x) > 0$, for all $x \in I$

② ' f ' Concave Down on I , when $f''(x) < 0$, for all $x \in I$.

Note :- When f changes $\xrightarrow{\text{continuous}}$ Concavity, we call that point inflection point of f . [$f''(x) = 0$]

$$\text{Eq. } f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2$$

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

$$f''(x) = 12x - 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So, our pt of inflection is given by } f''(x) &= 0 \\ &\Rightarrow 12x - 6 = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

On left of $x = \frac{1}{2}$, ie, on $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$, $f''(x) < 0$

Concave Down

On right of $x = \frac{1}{2}$, ie, on $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$, $f''(x) > 0$

Concave Up.

