Math 3B: Lecture 4

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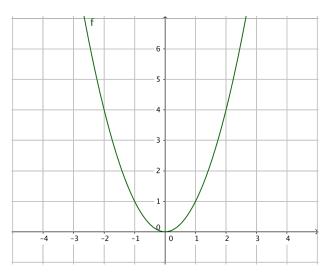
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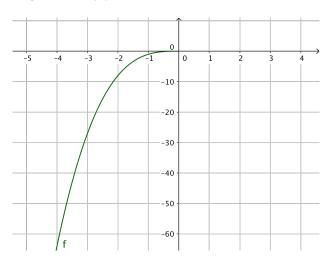
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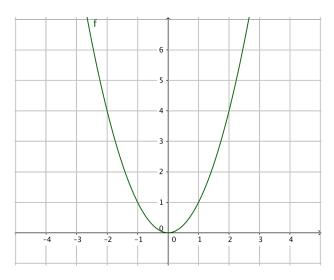
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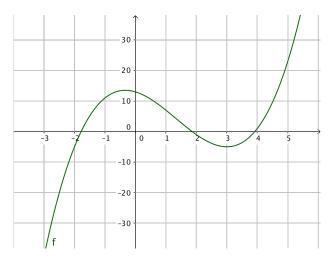
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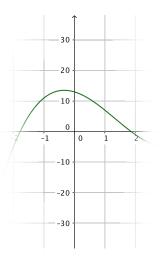
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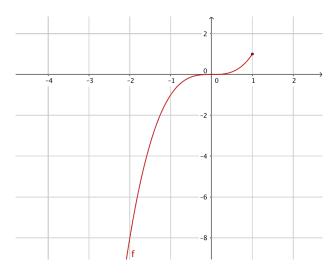
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$$f:(-\infty,1]\longrightarrow \mathbb{R}; f(x)=x^3$$
 has critical points at $x=0$ and 1

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$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$
 so $f'(0) = 0$ and $f'(1)$ is undefined.



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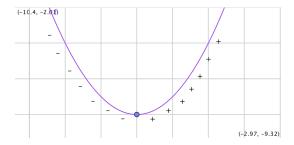
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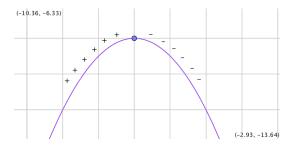
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