

# Theorems on differentiable functions

## Study of functions

I'm going to answer these questions!

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Consider

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- (a) Find the domain, possible symmetries and asymptotes. Show that  $f$  admits continuous prolongation in  $x = 0$ .
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- (e) Find the solutions of  $g(x) = 1$

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Consider the function

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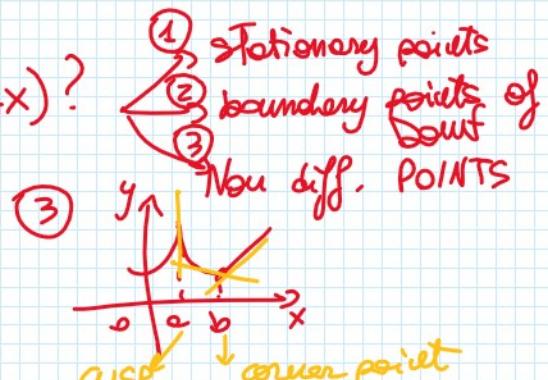
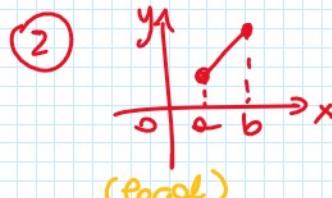
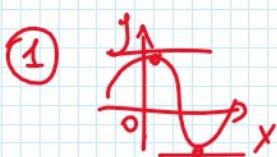
$$f(x) = e^3 - e^{4\sqrt{|x|}-x}.$$

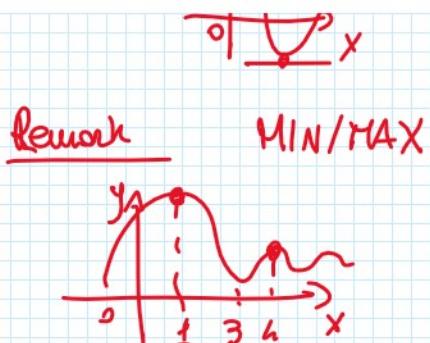
- (a) Find domain, symmetry properties, limits at boundary points of the domain and asymptotes, if there are any.
- (b) Study differentiability of  $f(x)$  on its domain, and establish the nature of its non differentiable points. Compute the derivative  $f'(x)$ .
- (c) Find monotonicity intervals and maximum/minimum points. Say if they are relative or absolute.
- (d) Trace a qualitative graph.
- (e) Find the largest interval in the form  $(k, +\infty)$ ,  $k \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that the restriction of  $f$  on such interval, is invertible. Find the domain and study the monotonicity of the inverse function.

## STUDY of FUNCTIONS $y = f(x)$

- domain  $\text{Dom } f$ , limits at boundary points  $\xrightarrow{\text{discontinuities}} \text{asymptotes}$
- symmetry (even / odd)  $\xrightarrow{f(-x) = -f(x)} \forall x \in \text{Dom } f$   
 $\xrightarrow{f(-x) = f(x)}$   
 $\quad (\text{you can focus on } \text{Dom } f \cap \mathbb{R}^+)$
- zeros and study of sign  
 $\downarrow f(x) = 0$        $\downarrow f(x) > 0$
- monotonicity and MIN/MAX (stationary points  $f'(x) = 0$ ) and NON differentiable points
  - $\xrightarrow{\text{1 MIN}}$
  - $\xrightarrow{\text{2 MAX}}$
  - $\xrightarrow{\text{3 inflection points}}$
- convexity and inflection points  $\rightarrow f''(x) = 0$   
 $\downarrow f''(x) > 0$
- qualitative graph

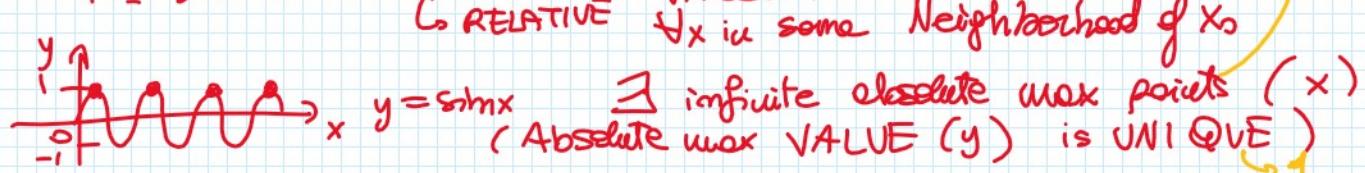
Remark Extremum points (MIN/MAX)?





$\rightarrow a-b-x$   
(local)  
relative OR  
absolute?  
(global)

$\rightarrow a-b-x$   
ausp corner point



$$k \in \mathbb{Z}, x = \frac{\pi}{2} + 2k\pi$$

Remark E.G.  $\text{Im } f = [0, +\infty)$   $\nexists$  Absolute MAX points

Derivative of Composite function

$$D(f(g(x))) = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$$

EX 1 (Week 6)

$$f(x) = 1 + x + \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

Does Lagrange Th. apply?

Recall Lagrange THEOREM:  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Hypothesis:  $f$  continuous on  $[a, b]$   
 $f$  diff. on  $(a, b)$

$$\Rightarrow \exists c \in (a, b) /$$

LAGRANGE POINTS

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

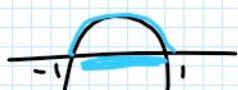
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Domf?

$$1 - x^2 \geq 0$$

Parabola Method



concavity  $a = -1 < 0$   
zeros  $1 - x^2 = 0$   
 $x = \pm 1$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\text{Dom } f = [-1, 1]$$

$f$  contin. on  $[-1, 1]$  by composition of contin. functions

$$f(x) = 1 + x + \sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}} \cdot (-2x)$$

$$\text{Dom } f' = ?$$

to find  $\begin{cases} 1 - x^2 \geq 0 \quad (\text{Root}) \\ 1 - x^2 \neq 0 \quad (\text{Denominator}) \end{cases}$

Parabola Method  
 $-1 < x < 1$

$$\text{Dom } f' = (-1, 1)$$

$\Rightarrow$  Lagrange Th. applies

Let's compute Lagrange Points:

$$\exists c \in (-1, 1) / f'(c) = \frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{2}$$

$$f(1) = 2 \quad f(-1) = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} a = -1 \\ b = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$c = ?$$

$$1 \neq 0$$

Solve to find

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(-1) = 0$$

$$1 - \frac{c}{\sqrt{1-c^2}} = \frac{1-c}{2}$$

Solve to find  
 $c$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{c}{\sqrt{1-c^2}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow c=0 \in (-1, 1)$$

EX 3D (Week 6)

De L'Hopital theorem

(...) Hypothesis

$$\frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+6x-\sqrt{(1+4x)^3}}{\sin x} = \left[ \frac{0}{0} \right] \stackrel{H}{=} \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+4x)^{3/2}}{\sin x}$$

$$\frac{6-\frac{3}{2}(1+4x)^{1/2} \cdot 4}{\sin x + x \cos x} = \left[ \frac{0}{0} \right]$$

$$\text{Recall } D(x^\alpha) = \alpha x^{\alpha-1}$$

$$D(f \cdot g) = f'g + fg'$$

$$\stackrel{H}{=} \frac{1}{2} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{-3(1+4x)^{-1/2}}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{-3 \cdot 4}{2} = -3$$

EX 6 (Week 6)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3(g + \sin \frac{1}{x}), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x=0 \end{cases}$$

$x=0$  stationary?

$$-1 \leq \sin \frac{1}{x} \leq 1$$

Check continuity at  $x=0$ . Check:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \left( g + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$$

$$\begin{array}{l} x^3 \downarrow \\ 0 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \left( g + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) \downarrow \\ \text{bounded in } [3, 5] \end{array}$$

Check diff. at  $x=0$ . Check:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(0) &\stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x-0} = \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \left( g + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

Yes:  $x=0$  is stationary

We classify  $x=0$ :  $\begin{array}{l} \text{MAX} \\ \text{MIN} \\ \text{INFLECTION} \end{array}$

1st method: compute  $f'(x)$  and study  $f'(x) \geq 0$

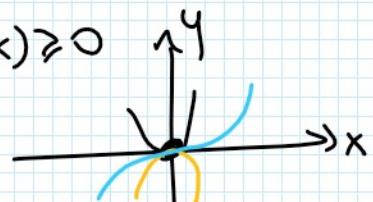
2nd method: We note that  $f(0)=0$

it's sufficient to study

$$f(x) \geq 0$$

in a neighborhood of  $x=0$

- IF  $x>0$



- IF  $x > 0$   
 $f(x) = x^3 \left( 4 + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right)$   $\stackrel{f'(0)}{>} 0$
  - IF  $x < 0$   
 $f(x) = x^3 \left( 4 + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) \stackrel{[3,5]}{<} 0$
- $\Rightarrow f$  changes SIGN around  $x=0$
- 
- $\Rightarrow x=0$  inflection point (with horizontal tangent)

$$f(x) = x^3 \left( 4 + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) \quad \text{1st method: } f'(x) \geq 0$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 \left( 4 + \sin \frac{1}{x} \right) + x^3 \left( \cos \frac{1}{x} \cdot \left( -\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \right) \geq 0$$

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(A)  $\begin{cases} \log^2|x| - \log|x| + 1 \neq 0 \\ |x| > 0 \end{cases}$   $t = \log|x|$   
 $t^2 - t + 1 \neq 0$   $\Delta < 0$   
 always verified

By def.  $|x| \geq 0$ , THEN  
 $|x| > 0 \Leftrightarrow x \neq 0$   $\text{Dom } f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$

$f(-x) = f(x)$  because  $|-x| = |x| \Rightarrow$  even (y axis)  
 We FOCUS on  $(0, +\infty)$   $\rightarrow$  By symmetry

lim  $x \rightarrow +\infty$   $f(x) = \left[ \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\log|x| + o(\log|x|)}{\log^2|x| + o(\log|x|)} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$

$y=0$  HORIZ. asymptote (Right and Left)

lim  $x \rightarrow 0^+$   $\frac{\log x}{\log^2 x - \log x + 1} = \left[ \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{1}{x} \log x}{\frac{2}{x} \log x - 1} = \frac{1}{\infty} = 0$

$\hookrightarrow |x| = x$   
 in a right neighbor. of 0

$y$   
 $y = \log x$

$\not\exists$  vertical asymptote

$f$  admits contin. prolongation in  $x=0$ :

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x), & x \neq 0 \\ f(0), & x = 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow x > 0 \quad (\text{we focus on } [0, +\infty))$$

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$$\log x = o(\log^2 x) \text{ as } x \rightarrow 0^+ \iff \frac{\log x}{\log^2 x} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} 0$$

$f(x) \sim_{0^+} \frac{\log x}{\log^2 x}$

$$g'(x) = (\dots) = \frac{-\log^2 x + 1}{x((\log^2 x - \log x + 1)^2)} \xrightarrow{x \rightarrow 0^+} \infty$$

$$g'(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{g(x) - g(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{\log x}{\log^2 x} - 0}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\log x}{x(\log^2 x - \log x + 1)} = -\infty$$

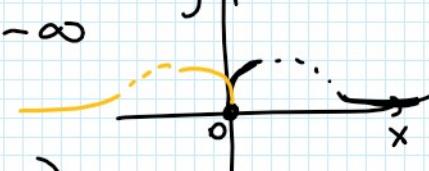
Change variable  
(Recall  $\log x = t \Rightarrow x = e^t$ )

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{t}{e^t(t^2 - t + 1)} = -\frac{\infty}{0^+} = -\infty$$

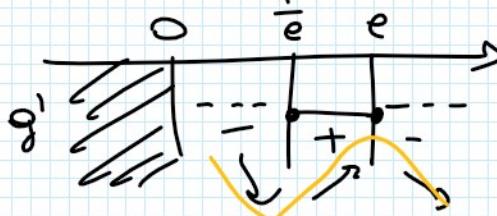
$x=0$  is a cusp

Monotonicity  $g'(x) \geq 0$  in  $[0, +\infty)$

$$-\log^2 x + 1 \geq 0 \quad \log^2 x \leq 1$$

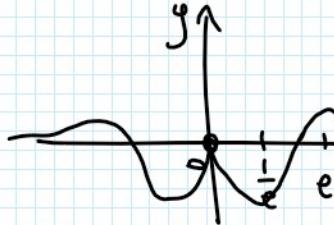


$$-1 \leq \log x \leq 1 \quad e^{-1} \leq x \leq e$$



$x = \frac{1}{e}$  local MIN (global?)  
 $x = e$  local MAX

They are GLOBAL extreme



$$g(x) = 1 \quad \text{solve } (\dots)$$

10 February 2016 - II

Consider

$$f(x) = (\sinh 2x)^2 - 2 \sinh 2x - 3 \quad \text{defined for } x \geq 0.$$

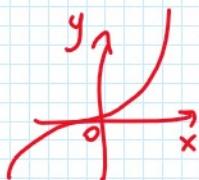
- (a) Find limits at boundary points of the domain and asymptotes.
- (b) Compute the derivative and show that there exists a unique point  $x_0 > 0$  such that  $f'(x_0) = 0$  (the value of  $x_0$  is not required).
- (c) Find monotonicity intervals and say if there are maximum or minimum points.
- (d) Draw a qualitative graph.
- (e) Draw  $g(x) = f(|x|)$  defined for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and investigate non differentiable points.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\sinh x \sim_{+\infty} \frac{e^x}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (e^{2x})^2 = 1^{2x} = e^{4x}$$

Recall  $\sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2}$



(A)  $\text{Dom} f = \mathbb{R}^+ = [0, +\infty)$

$f(0) = -3$  No vertical asymptotes

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\sinh x \sim_{+\infty} \frac{e^x}{2}$$

No HORIZ. asymptotes

$$f(x) \sim_{+\infty} \left(\frac{e^{2x}}{2}\right)^2 - \cancel{\frac{1}{2}} e^{2x} \sim_{+\infty} \frac{e^{4x}}{4}$$

No oblique asymptotes

(B)  $\dot{f}(x) = 2 \sinh(2x) \cdot \cosh(2x) \cdot 2 - 2 \cosh(2x) \cdot 2 =$

$$= \cancel{2 \cosh(2x)} (\sinh(2x) - 1) \geq 0$$

V  
0

$$\Leftrightarrow \sinh(2x) \geq 1$$

$$\frac{e^{+x} - e^{-x}}{2} \geq 1$$

$$e^x - e^{-x} \geq 2$$

$$\frac{e^{2x} - 1 - 2e^x}{e^x} \geq 0$$

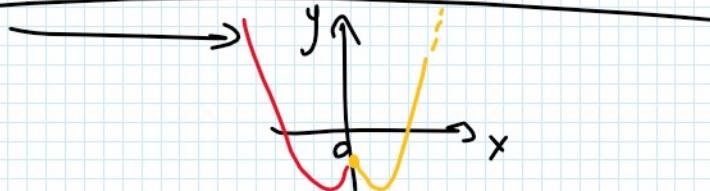
$$y = \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$$

$$t = e^x$$

$$t^2 - 2t - 1 \geq 0$$

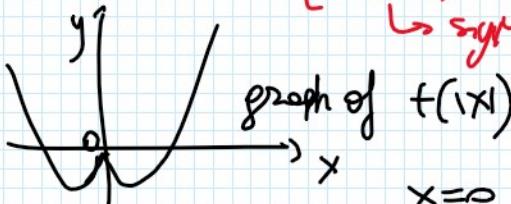
Parabola method (...)

(D) graph of  $f(x)$



(E)  $|f(|x|)|$

Recall  $f(|x|) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \begin{cases} f(x), & x \geq 0 \\ f(-x), & x < 0 \end{cases}$   
 ↳ symmetric w.r.t.  $y$ -axis



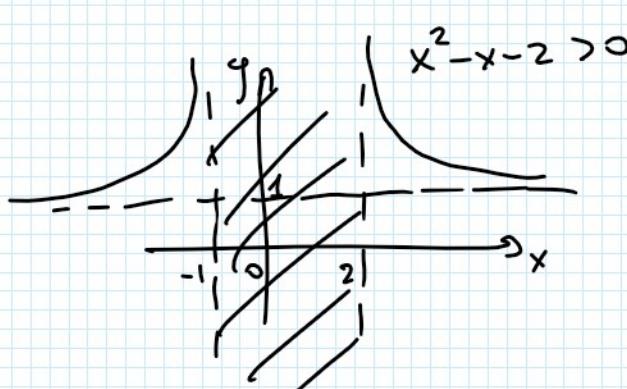
CHECK:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f'(x) = -4$

$x=0$  is NOT diff.  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f'(x) = 4 \Rightarrow$  is CORNER POINT

31 January 2018 - II Consider the function

$$f(x) = \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{x^2 - x - 2}}. \quad \rightarrow \text{study of function}$$

Domf =  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, +\infty)$



$$x^2 - x - 2 > 0$$

$$x < -1 \vee x > 2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = 1$$

(e) Represent in the plane, the following set

$$A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : y^2(x^2 - x - 2) - x^2 = 0\}.$$

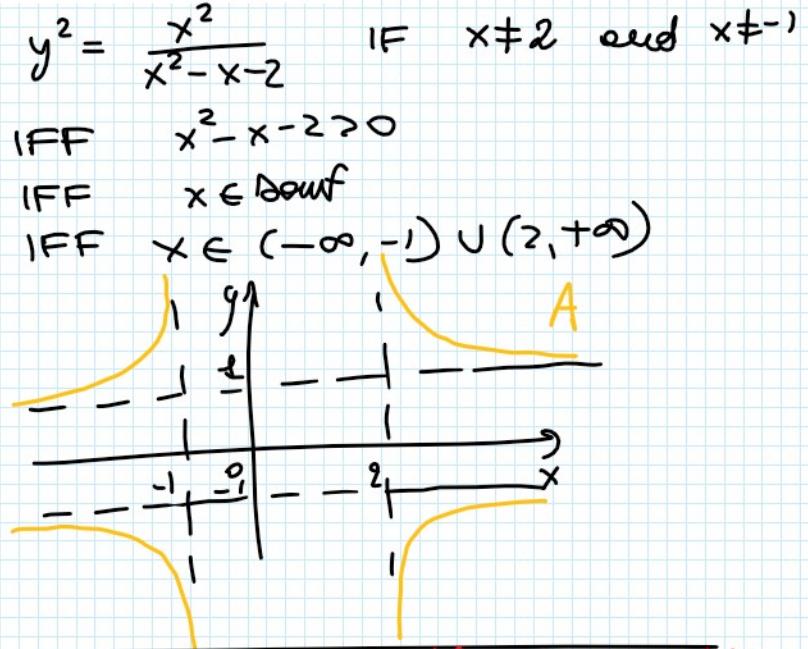
Fixed  $y = f(x)$

Note that  $(0, 0) \in A$

$$y = \pm \sqrt{\frac{x^2}{x^2 - x - 2}}$$

$$y = \pm \frac{|x|}{\sqrt{x^2 - x - 2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y &= g(x) \\ y &= -g(x) \text{ symm. w.r.t. } x \text{ axis} \end{aligned}$$



Oblique asymptotes  
 $y = mx + q$

9 September 2015 - I

Let

$$f(x) = e^{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|}.$$

- Find domain and asymptotes for  $f$ . Show that  $f$  admits continuous prolongation in  $x = 3$ .
- Denote the continuous prolongation by  $\tilde{f}$ , compute the first derivative and study differentiability in  $x = 3$ .
- Find monotonicity intervals and maxima/minima for  $f$ .
- Draw a qualitative graph for  $f$ .

$$\textcircled{1} \quad |x-3| > 0 \iff x \neq 3$$

$$\text{Domf} = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^\pm} f(x) = e^0 = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) = +\infty$$

$$\begin{cases} \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0 \\ y = 0 \end{cases} \text{ HORIZONTAL AS.}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|}, & x \neq 3 \\ 1, & x = 3 \end{cases}$$

contin. on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} e^{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|} \cdot (6(x-3)^2 \log|x-3| + 2(x-3)^3 \frac{1}{|x-3|}), & x \neq 3 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{f(x) - f(3)}{x-3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{e^{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|} - 1}{x-3} & \text{IF } x = 3 \\ e^{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|} \cdot 2(x-3)^2 (3 \log|x-3| + 1), & x \neq 3 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2(x-3)^3 \log|x-3|}{x-3} = 0, & x = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{2(x-3)^{\frac{2}{3}} \log|x-3|}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 0, \quad x=3$$

$x \neq 3$

$$f'(x) \geq 0 \iff 3 \log|x-3| \geq -1 \quad \log|x-3| \geq -\frac{1}{3} \text{ loge}$$

Recall

$$0 = \log 1$$

$$1 = \log e$$

$$\log|x-3| \geq \log(e^{-\frac{1}{3}})$$

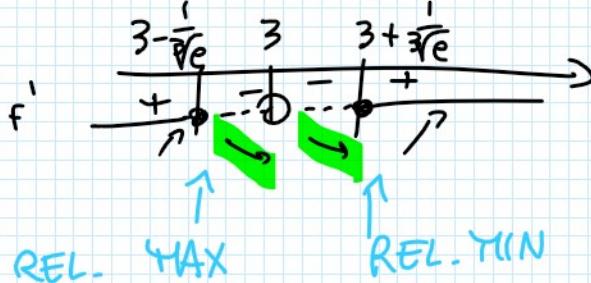
$$|x-3| \geq e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x-3 \leq -e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x \leq 3 - e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

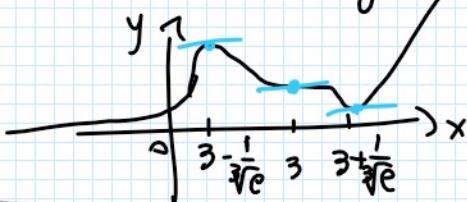
$$x-3 \geq e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$x \geq 3 + e^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$



Note that  $x=3$  is stationary!

$x=3$  is inflection point



T3 (week 6)

$\mathbb{R}$

3. Let  $I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a non empty subset and  $f: I \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function; let  $x_0 \in I$ . Then:

- (a) if  $f$  is differentiable in  $I$  and  $x_0$  is a local minimum for  $f$ , then  $f'(x_0) = 0$   No
- (b) if  $f$  is differentiable in  $x_0$  and  $x_0$  is a local minimum for  $f$  in the interior of  $I$ , then  $f'(x_0) = 0$   FERMAT Theorem
- (c) if  $f$  is twice differentiable in  $I$  and  $f'(x_0) = 0$ , then  $f''(x_0) = 0$    $f(x) = x^2$   $x=0$  MIN
- (d) if  $x_0$  is local minimum for  $f$  in the interior  $I$ , then  $f'(x_0) = 0$   WHAT IF  $f$  more diff.?
- (e) if  $f$  is differentiable in  $I$  and  $f'(x_0) = 0$ , then  $x_0$  is a maximum or a minimum for  $f$

↳ inflection p.

$I \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

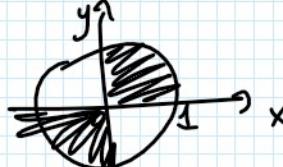
TG (week 6)

6. Given the function  $f(x) = \sin^2 2x$ , which of the following is correct?

- (a)  $f(x)$  has in  $x=0$  is a relative maximum point
- (b) the points  $x = k\frac{\pi}{2}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  are absolute minimum points for  $f$
- (c)  $f(x)$  has minimum period  $\pi$    $\pi/2$
- (d) the points  $x = k\frac{\pi}{4}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  are absolute maxima for  $f$
- (e) for  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $f(x)$  is infinitesimal of order 4

$$f'(x) = 2 \sin(2x) \cdot \cos(2x) \cdot 2 \geq 0$$

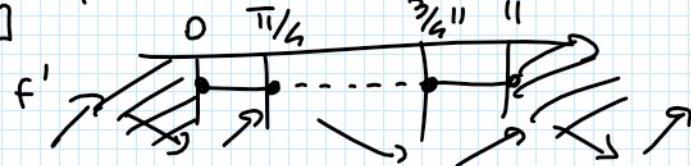
$\Leftrightarrow \sin(2x)$  and  $\cos(2x)$  have same sign



$$0 + k\pi \leq 2x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$$

$$\frac{k\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4} + k\frac{\pi}{2}, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Focus on  $[0, \pi]$



MIN

~~(\*)~~  $f(x) \sim_0 (2x)^2$  order 2  
 $\sin t \sim_0 t$

MAX TIN

Test 9 (week 6)

9. Consider the functions  $f_n(x) = \begin{cases} x^n \sin \frac{1}{x} & \text{se } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{se } x = 0 \end{cases}$ , depending on the parameter  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

- (a) The function  $f_1(x)$  is not continuous in  $x = 0$
- (b) The function  $f_3(x)$  is twice differentiable in  $x = 0$
- (c) The function  $f_1(x)$  is differentiable in  $x = 0$
- (d) The function  $f'_2(x)$  is continuous
- (e) The function  $f_2(x)$  is differentiable in  $x = 0$

$f_1$

$m=1$

$$f_1(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

bounded

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f_1(x) = 0$$

$$f'_1(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_1(x) - f_1(0)}{x - 0} \neq 0$$

$f_3$

$m=3$

$$f_3(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'_3(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_3(x) - f_3(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$x \neq 0 \quad f'_3(x) = 3x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} + x^3 \cos \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'_3(x) = f'_3(0) \quad (\text{continuity of } f'_3)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 3x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} - x \cos \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

$$f''_3(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'_3(x) - f'_3(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 3x \sin \frac{1}{x} + \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) = 0$$

$f_2$

$m=2$

$$f_2(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$f_2$  is contin. in 0

$$f'_2(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f_2(x) - f_2(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad (E)$$

$x \neq 0$

$$f'_2(x) = 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} + x^2 \cos \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

Is  $f'_2$  contin. at 0? No



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2x \sin \frac{1}{x} + \cos \frac{1}{x} \neq 0$$

