

# Monotonicity and concavity

1. Investigate the following polynomials:

- (a) Find the domain, find the parts above/below x-axis.
- (b) Monotonicity.
- (c) Concavity.
- (d) Sketch the graph.

$$(a) \ y = 6x^3 - 3x^6.$$

$$(d) \ y = x^4 + 2x^3.$$

$$(g) \ y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x.$$

$$(b) \ y = x^5 - 5x^4.$$

$$(e) \ y = 4x^3 - x^4.$$

$$(h) \ y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x.$$

$$(c) \ y = 3x - x^3.$$

$$(f) \ y = x^3 - 2x^2 + x.$$

$$(i) \ y = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x.$$

2. Investigate the following functions:

- (a) Find the domain, find the parts above/below x-axis.
- (b) Monotonicity.
- (c) Concavity.

$$(a) \ y = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{x^2 - 4x}{(x-2)^2}, \ y'' = \frac{8}{(x-2)^3}.$$

$$(f) \ y = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}, \ y'' = \frac{2x^3 - 6x}{(x^2+1)^3}.$$

$$(b) \ y = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)^2}, \ y'' = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}.$$

$$(g) \ y = \frac{x}{(x-1)^2}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{-x-1}{(x-1)^3}, \ y'' = \frac{2x+4}{(x-1)^4}.$$

$$(c) \ y = \frac{x}{(x-2)^2}$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{-x-2}{(x-2)^3}, \ y'' = \frac{2x+8}{(x-2)^4}.$$

$$(h) \ y = \frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{3-x}{(x-1)^3}, \ y'' = \frac{2x-8}{(x-1)^4}.$$

$$(d) \ y = \frac{x}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{3-x}{(x+3)^3}, \ y'' = \frac{2x-12}{(x+3)^4}.$$

$$(i) \ y = x + \frac{1}{x+1}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{x^2+2x}{(x+1)^2}, \ y'' = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}.$$

$$(e) \ y = \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{2x}{(x+1)^3}, \ y'' = \frac{2-4x}{(x+1)^4}.$$

$$(j) \ y = \frac{x^2-1}{x^3}.$$

$$\text{Hint: } y' = \frac{3-x^2}{x^4}, \ y'' = \frac{2x^2-12}{x^5}.$$