

Lecture 13: Higher Order Derivatives and Graphs (HODAG)

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6 Labor Day No Classes	7 Worksheet: ULTDA WH1 due	8 Continuity and the Intermediate Value Theorem (CATIVT)	9 Worksheet: CATIVT HW: IF, ULTDA	10 An Application of Limits (AAOL)
13 Definition of the Derivative (DOTD)	14 Worksheet: AAOL, DOTD HW: CATIVT	15 Derivatives as Functions (DAF)	16 Worksheet: DAF HW: AAOL, DOTD	17 Last day to drop w/o a "W" Rules of Differentiation (ROD)
Midterm 1 8:00-8:40PM UF - CATIVT				
20 Product Rule and Quotient Rule (PRAQR) WH2 due	21 Worksheet: ROD, PRAQR HW: DAF	22 Chain Rule (CR)	23 Worksheet: PRAQR, CR HW: ROD, PRAQR	24 Higher Order Derivatives and Graphs (HODAG)
27 Implicit Differentiation (ID) Midterm 2 8:00-8:40PM AAOL-CR	28 Worksheet: HODAG, ID HW: CR	29 Logarithmic Differentiation (LD)	30 Worksheet: ID, LD HW: HODAG, ID	October 1 Derivatives of Inverse Functions (DOIF)

- Syllabus
- Carmen announcement
(by math department)
- Gradescope formatting
- Make-up exam
↳ contact me
for permission
(Schedule conflict w/
class or work)

- **Timeline**

- 7:55 PM : download exam
 - 8:00 PM : start working on it
 - 8:40 PM : upload exam
 - 8:55 PM : done
-] 40 min.

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- After this, late!
 - Do not email your exam to instructor!
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- Extended office hours : M 4:15 ~ 6:15 usual zoom link
- Review video will be recorded this afternoon.

Higher-Order Derivatives

- The derivative of a function is often called the **first derivative**;
- The derivative of the derivative the **second derivative**;
- The derivative of the second derivative the **third derivative**, and so on.
- Derivatives of derivatives are called **higher-order derivatives** with the following notations:

First derivative: $\frac{d}{dx} f(x) = f'(x) = f^{(1)}(x).$

Second derivative: $\frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x) = f''(x) = f^{(2)}(x).$

Third derivative: $\frac{d^3}{dx^3} f(x) = f'''(x) = f^{(3)}(x).$

2nd deriv.

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right) = \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x).$$

Drawback w/ primes:

12th-deriv. of f:

$$f^{(1)(2)(3)(4)(5)(6)(7)(8)(9)(10)(11)(12)}(x) = f^{(12)}(x)$$

Question. Compute the first, second, and third derivatives of:

① $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 8$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 3, \quad f''(x) = 2, \quad f'''(x) = 0$$

② $g(x) = e^{2x}$

$$\begin{aligned} g'(x) &\stackrel{\text{CR}}{=} e^{2x} \cdot 2 \\ &= 2e^{2x} \end{aligned}$$

$$g''(x) \stackrel{\text{CR}}{=} \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} e^{2x} = 4e^{2x}, \quad g'''(x) \stackrel{\text{CR}}{=} \underline{4} \cdot \underline{2} e^{2x} = 8e^{2x}$$

teenager Same as before

$$\left(\frac{d}{dx} \cos(x^2) \right)$$

③ $h(x) = \sin(x^2)$

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &\stackrel{\text{CR}}{=} \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x \\ &= \boxed{2x} \boxed{\cos(x^2)} \end{aligned}$$

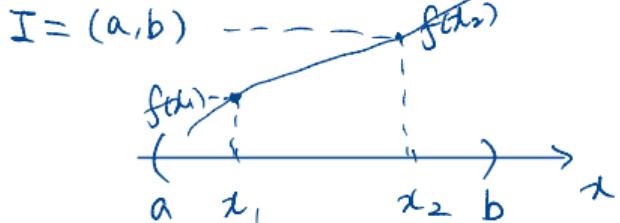
$$\begin{aligned} h''(x) &\stackrel{\text{PR}}{=} 2 \cdot \cos(x^2) + 2x(-\sin(x^2) \cdot 2x) \\ &= 2 \cos(x^2) - 4x^2 \sin(x^2) \\ h'''(x) &= 2(-\sin(x^2) \cdot 2x) \\ &\quad - 4[2x \cdot \sin(x^2) + x^2 \cos(x^2) \cdot 2x] \end{aligned}$$

First Derivatives and Monotonicity

(Sign of f') \rightarrow monotonicity
(Sign of f'') \rightarrow concavity

Definition (Monotonicity)

- We say that a function f is **increasing** on an interval I if $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ for all pairs of numbers x_1, x_2 in I such that $x_1 < x_2$.
- We say that a function f is **decreasing** on an interval I if $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ for all pairs of numbers x_1, x_2 in I such that $x_1 < x_2$.
- We say that a function is **monotonic** on an interval if it is either increasing or decreasing there.
- The notion of monotonicity is closely related to the derivatives as they convey the slope information of tangent lines to the curve.

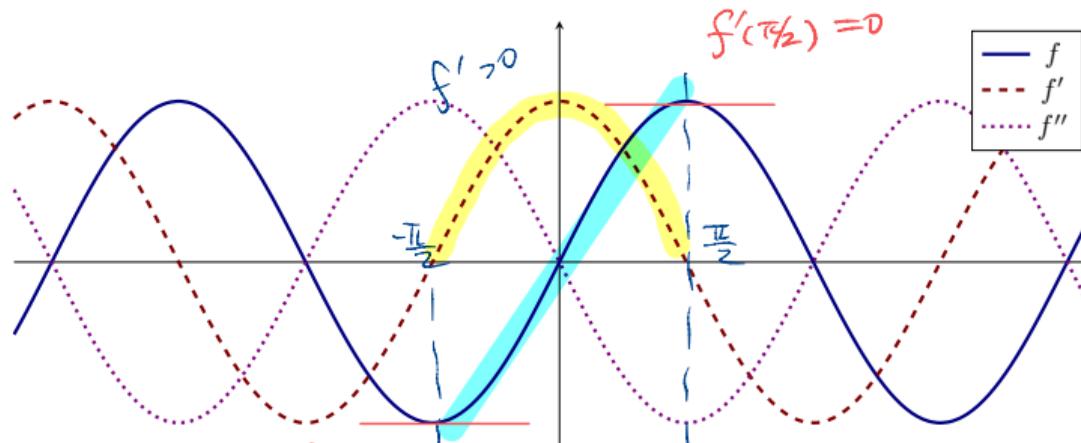


Assume f is differentiable on I .

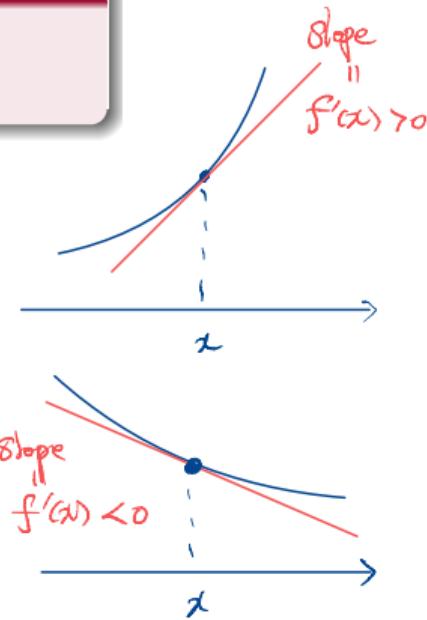
Theorem

A function f is **increasing** on any interval I where $f'(x) > 0$, for all x in I . A function f is **decreasing** on any interval I where $f'(x) < 0$, for all x in I .

Illustration. Here we have graphs of $f(x) = \sin(x)$, $f'(x) = \cos(x)$, and $f''(x) = -\sin(x)$:

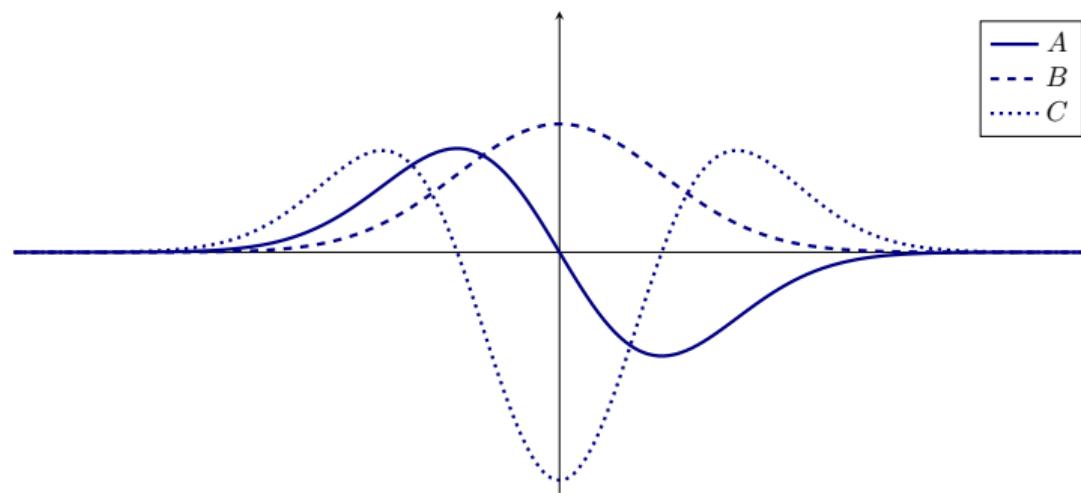


f is increasing on $(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
 f' is positive (i.e. above x -axis) there.



Exercise

Question. Below we have unlabeled graphs of f , f' , and f'' . Identify each curve above as a graph of f , f' , or f'' .



Second Derivatives and Concavity

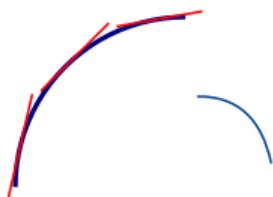
Definition (Concavity)

Let f be a function differentiable on an open interval I .

- We say that the graph of f is **concave up** on I if f' is **increasing** on I .
- We say that the graph of f is **concave down** on I if f' is **decreasing** on I .

tangent line getting steeper

Illustration.



The function f is increasing, while the rate itself is decreasing. In this case the curve $y = f(x)$ is **concave down**.



The function g is increasing, while the rate itself is increasing. In this case the curve $y = g(x)$ is **concave up**.

tangent line getting flatter

We know from the previous section that

f' is increasing/decreasing when its derivative f'' is positive/negative.

In other words, the second derivatives contain concavity information as summarized in the following theorem.

Theorem (Test for concavity)

Let I be an open interval.

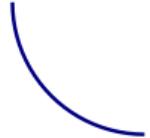
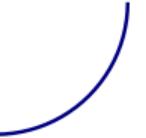
- ① If $f''(x) > 0$ for all x in I , then the graph of f is concave up on I .
- ② If $f''(x) < 0$ for all x in I , then the graph of f is concave down on I .

$$f' \text{ INC} \Leftrightarrow f'' > 0$$

$$\Updownarrow \quad \Leftrightarrow$$

c.v.

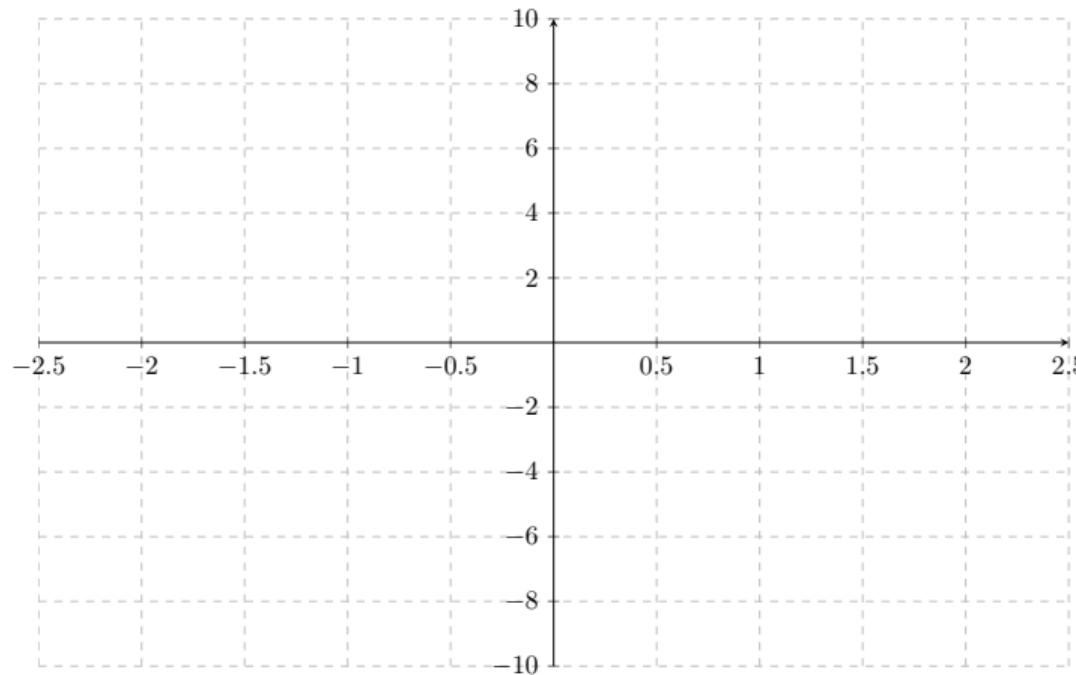
Summary: Derivatives and Graphs

		monotonicity	
Concavity		DEC	INC
CU	$f''(x) > 0$	$f'(x) < 0$	$f'(x) > 0$
			
CD	$f''(x) < 0$		
			

Monday

Question. Find the intervals on which f is increasing/decreasing and concave up/down and plot its graph.

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4.$$



Example from Physics

monotonicity } graphical features .
Concavity

Motion with constant acceleration

We know from physics that the motion of an object with constant acceleration a is described by the following formulas:

position: $x(t) = x_0 + v_0 t + \frac{1}{2} a t^2,$

velocity: $v(t) = v_0 + a t,$

where x_0 and v_0 are the initial position and velocity respectively.

In general,

- the derivative of the position function $x(t)$ is the velocity function $v(t)$, i.e., $v(t) = x'(t)$;
- the derivative of the velocity function $v(t)$ is the acceleration function $a(t)$, i.e. $a(t) = v'(t) = x''(t)$.

Question. The position of a moving particle is given by

$$s(t) = 36t^2 - 7t^3.$$

Find a formula for its acceleration.



$$v(t) = s'(t) = 72t - 21t^2$$

$$a(t) = v'(t) = 72 - 42t.$$
