

Use the Monotonicity Theorem to find where the given function $H(t) = \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$ is increasing and where it is decreasing

Sol:- Given $H(t) = \sin t, 0 \leq t \leq 2\pi$

$$H'(t) = \cos t$$

$$H'(t) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos t = 0$$

$$t = \pi/2 + 3\pi/2$$

i.e., the split pts are $\pi/2 + 3\pi/2$

The intervals are $(0, \pi/2), (\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$
+ $(3\pi/2, 2\pi)$

Let $t = \pi/4$ in $(0, \pi/2)$

$$H'(t) = H'(\pi/4) = \cos \pi/4 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} > 0$$

H is increasing on $[0, \pi/2]$

Let $t = \pi$ in $(\pi/2, 3\pi/2)$

$$H'(\pi) = \cos \pi = -1 < 0$$

H is decreasing on $[\pi/2, 3\pi/2]$

Let $t = 7\pi/4$ in $(3\pi/2, 2\pi)$

$$\begin{aligned} H'(7\pi/4) &= \cos(7\pi/4) = \cos(2\pi - \pi/4) \\ &= \cos(-\pi/4) = \cos \pi/4 \\ &= 1/\sqrt{2} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore H$ is increasing on $[3\pi/2, 2\pi]$

$\therefore H$ is increasing on $[0, \pi/2]$ &
 $[3\pi/2, 2\pi]$ & decreasing on
 $[\pi/2, 3\pi/2]$.

Concavity Theorem

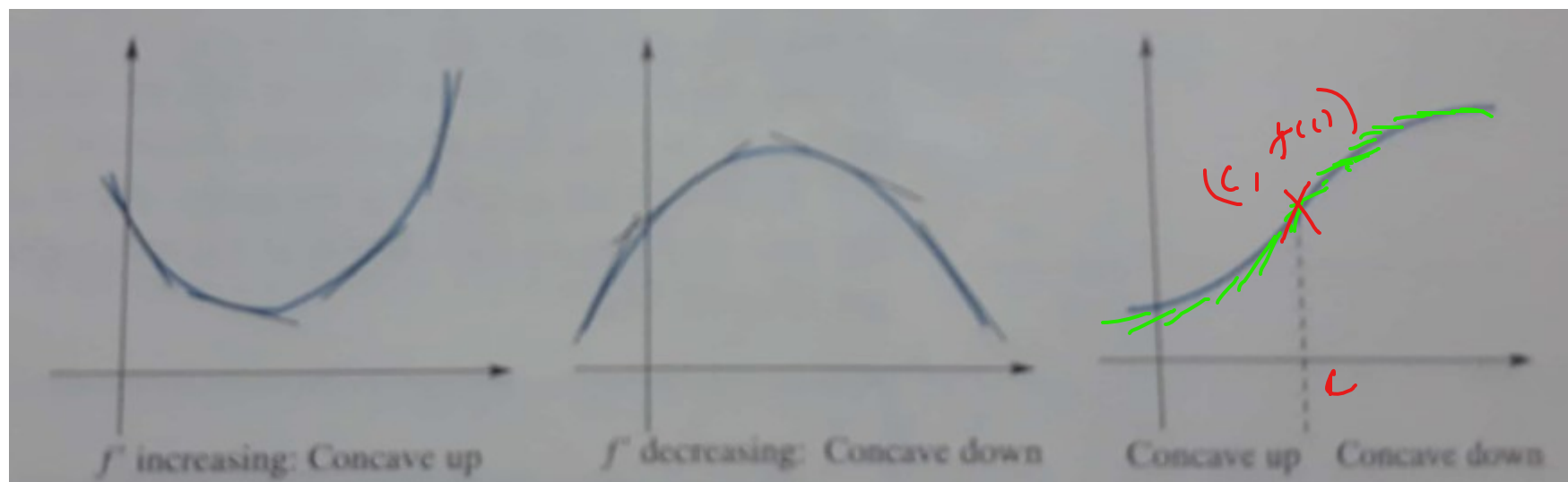
Let f be twice differentiable on the open interval I .

(i) If $f''(x) > 0$ for all x in I , then f is concave up on I .

(ii) If $f''(x) < 0$ for all x in I , then f is concave down on I .

Note:-

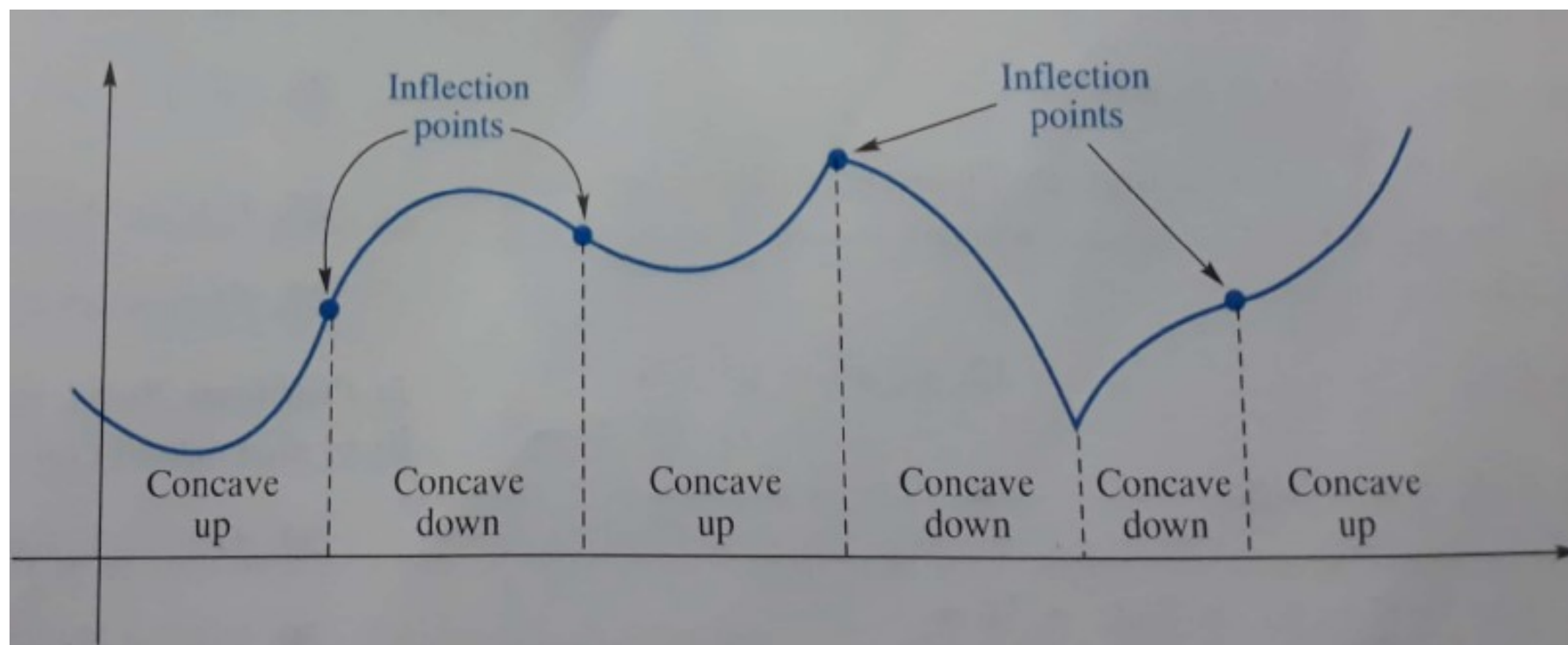
- If the tangent line turns steadily in the *counterclockwise direction*, we say the graph is *concave up*.
- If the tangent turns in the *clockwise direction*, the graph is *concave down*.



Inflection Points:-

Let f be continuous at c . We call $(c, f(c))$ an **inflection point** of the graph of f if f is concave up on one side of c and concave down on the other side.

Note:- $f''(x) = 0$ or where $f''(x)$ does not exist are the candidates for points of inflection.



Problem 1:- Where is $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 4$ concave up, and concave down?

Sol:- Given $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 - 3x + 4$

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$$

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

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

The intervals are $(-\infty, 1)$ & $(1, \infty)$

Let $x = 0$ in $(-\infty, 1)$

$$f''(0) = -2 < 0$$

$\therefore f$ is concave down on $(-\infty, 1)$

Let $x = 2$ in $(1, \infty)$

$$f''(2) = 2 > 0$$

$\therefore f$ is concave up on $(1, \infty)$

Therefore $f(1) = \frac{1}{3}$,

ie the pt of inflection is $(1, 1/3)$

Problem 2:- Find all points of inflection of $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2$.

Sol:- Given $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 2$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} x^{\frac{1}{3}-1} = \frac{1}{3} x^{-2/3}$$

$$f''(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) x^{-2/3-1} = \frac{-2}{9x^{5/3}}$$

$f''(x)$ is never '0' & also it fails to exist at $x=0$. The intervals are $(-\infty, 0)$ & $(0, \infty)$

Interval	Sample	$f''(x)$	Concavity
$(-\infty, 0)$	-1	$\frac{2}{9} (> 0)$	CU
$(0, \infty)$	1	$-\frac{2}{9} (< 0)$	CD

When $x=0$, $f(0) = 2$

The pt of inflection is $(0, 2)$

Problem 3:-

Use the Concavity Theorem to determine where the given function is concave up and where it is concave down. Also find all inflection points. $T(t) = 3t^3 - 18t$.

Sol:- Given $T(t) = 3t^3 - 18t$

$$T'(t) = 9t^2 - 18, \quad T''(t) = 18t$$

$$T''(t) = 0 \Rightarrow 18t = 0, \text{ i.e., } t = 0$$

The intervals are $(-\infty, 0)$ & $(0, \infty)$

Interval	Sample	$T''(t)$	Concavity
$(-\infty, 0)$	-1	$-18 (< 0)$	CD
$(0, \infty)$	1	$18 (> 0)$	CU

$$\text{At } t = 0, T(0) = 0$$

\therefore the pt of inflection is $(0, 0)$.

Problem 4:-

Let $f(x) = \frac{x^6}{30} - \frac{x^5}{20} - x^4 + 3x + 20$. Find all points of inflection and intervals for f .

Sol:- Given $f(x) = \frac{x^6}{30} - \frac{x^5}{20} - x^4 + 3x + 20$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^4}{4} - 4x^3 + 3$$

$$f''(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 12x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^4 - x^3 - 12x^2 = 0$$

$$x^2(x^2 - x - 12) = 0$$

$$x^2(x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x = 0, 4, -3$$

Interval	Sample	f''	concavity
$(-\infty, -3)$	-4	128 (>0)	CU
$(-3, 0)$	-1	-10 (<0)	CD
$(0, 4)$	1	-12 (<0)	CD
$(4, \infty)$	5	200 (>0)	CU

\therefore the function is concave up on
 $(-\infty, -3) \cup (4, \infty)$

P_t is concave down on $(-3, 0) \cup (0, 4)$

We see that there is no change in

Concavity at $x=0$. That means
that the only inflection points are
at $x = -3$ & $x = 4$

$$\text{At } x = -3, f(-3) = -33.55$$

$$\text{At } x = 4, f(4) = -138.67$$

Thus the two inflection points for this
function are $(-3, -33.55)$ &
 $(4, -138.67)$