




This week: Curve sketching (§3.3)

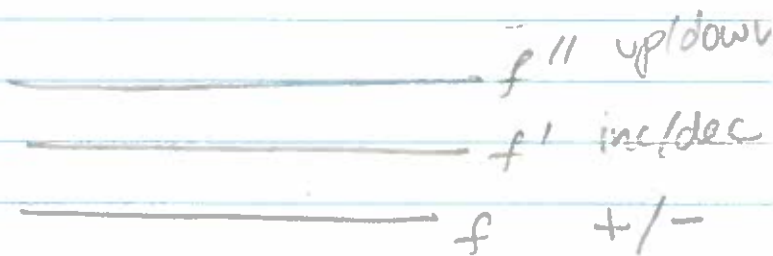
Optimization (§3.4)

No Related Rates (§3.5)

Teaching evaluations! Do them!

The Curve Sketching Algorithm. (p268)

- ① Domain
- ② Roots of f . Sign chart.  f
- ③ f' and critical points.  f'
- ④ Increasing/Decreasing.
- ⑤ Classify critical points
min, max, neither (deriv tests)
- ⑥ Concave up/down  f''
- ⑦ Label each extrema or IP by $(c, f(c))$
- ⑧ Discontinuities. Non-differentiable points.
- ⑨ Limits to points outside domain.
- ⑩ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$
- ⑪ Drawing!



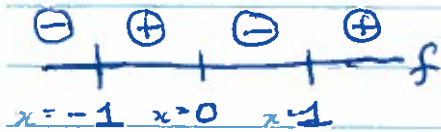
Ex: Sketch the curve $y = f(x) = x^3 - x$

(1) Domain

$$\text{Domain}(f) = \mathbb{R}$$

(2) Roots

$$f(x) = x^3 - x = x(x^2 - 1) = x(x-1)(x+1)$$

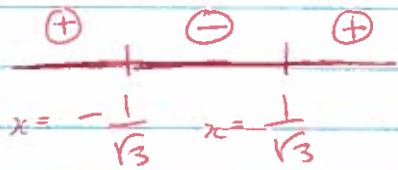


Thus $x = -1, 0, 1$ are the only roots.

(3) Critical points.

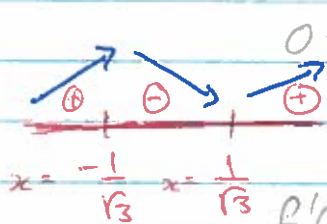
$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1$$

$$= (\sqrt{3}x - 1)(\sqrt{3}x + 1)$$



Thus $x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ are the only critical points.

(4) Increasing/Decreasing

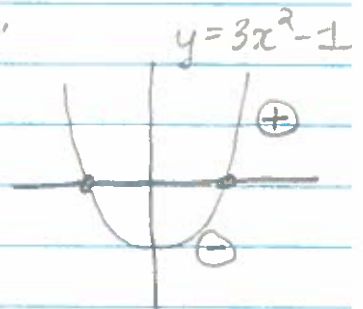


$$0 < f'(x) \iff 0 < 3x^2 - 1$$

$$\iff x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \text{ OR } x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \iff 3x^2 - 1 < 0$$

$$\iff -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$



(5) Classify critical points.

Apply 2nd deriv test

$$f''(x) = 6x$$

$$f''(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{max}$$

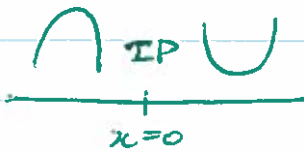
$$f''(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{min}$$

⑥ Concave up/down

$f''(x) = 6x \Rightarrow$ If $x > 0$ then concave up

If $x < 0$ then concave down

$x = 0$ is an inflection point.



⑦ Extrema

$$f\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 - \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \frac{3}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3 - \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

⑧ Discontinuities / Non-differentiable

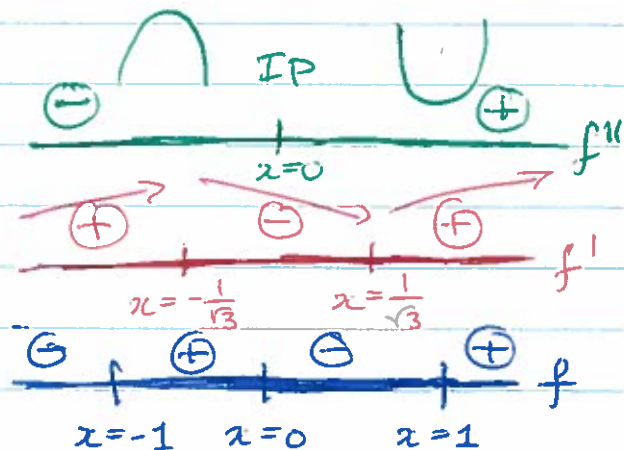
Does not apply.

⑨ Limits to points outside domain.

Does not apply.

⑩ $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \infty$

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



Ex: Sketch the curve $y = f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x^2}$

① Domain

$$\text{Domain}(f) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \neq -1, x \neq 1\}$$

② Roots

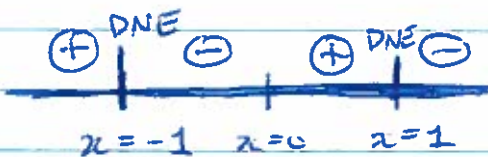
$f(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ is the only root.

$$0 < f(x) \Leftrightarrow (x > 0 \text{ and } 1-x^2 > 0) \text{ OR } (x < 0 \text{ and } 1-x^2 < 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 0 < x < 1 \qquad \qquad \qquad x < -1$$

$$0 > f(x) \Leftrightarrow (x < 0 \text{ and } 1-x^2 > 0) \text{ OR } (x > 0 \text{ and } 1-x^2 < 0)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow -1 < x < 0 \qquad \qquad \qquad x > 1$$

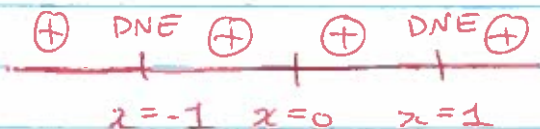


③ Critical points.

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

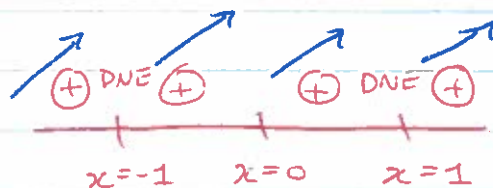
$$= \frac{1+x^2}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0 \qquad f'(x) \text{ undef} \Leftrightarrow x = -1 \text{ OR } x = 1$$



④ Increasing/Decreasing

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



⑤ Classify critical points.

By the 1st deriv test,
all critical points are neither max nor min.

⑥ Concave up/down

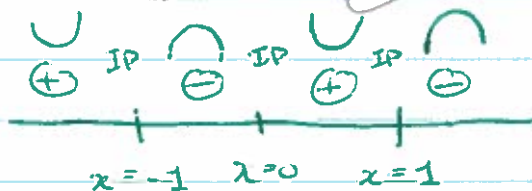
$$f''(x) = \frac{(2x)(1-x^2)^2 - (1+x^2) \cdot [2(1-x^2) \cdot (-2x)]}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{(1-x^2) [2x(1-x^2) - (1+x^2) \cdot (-4x)]}{(1-x^2)^4}$$

$$= \frac{2x - 2x^3 + 4x + 4x^3}{(1-x^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{6x + 2x^3}{(1-x^2)^3} = \frac{2x(3+x^2)}{(1-x^2)^3} \quad \oplus$$

$$f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow f(x) > 0 \quad \text{!}$$



⑦ Extrema

Does not apply. No local min/max.

⑧ Discontinuities

The function is not defined at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$

⑨ Limits to points outside domain.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x}{1-x^2} = \frac{\ominus}{\oplus} = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \frac{\oplus}{\ominus} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \frac{\oplus}{\oplus} = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \frac{\oplus}{\ominus} = -\infty$$

$$\textcircled{10} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 0$$

