

MIDTERM WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 12 @ 6:30 PM (I)

↳ HAVE A CONFLICT? E-MAIL ME TODAY 2 → 3 PM
OFFICE HOURS TOMORROW
THIS WEEK IS ALL ABOUT JUSTIFYING

THE TIME & EFFORT SPENT LEARNING
HOW TO COMPUTE DERIVATIVES &

SEEING HOW FOR DIFF FUNCTIONS

KNOWING A LITTLE ABOUT $f'(x)$

TELLS US A LOT ABOUT $f(x)$

[Q1] LET f BE DIFF & CONSIDER ITS
RESTRICTION TO $[a, b]$,

IF $f'(a) > 0$ THEN

① f COULD HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MAX OR
AN ABSOLUTE MIN AT a

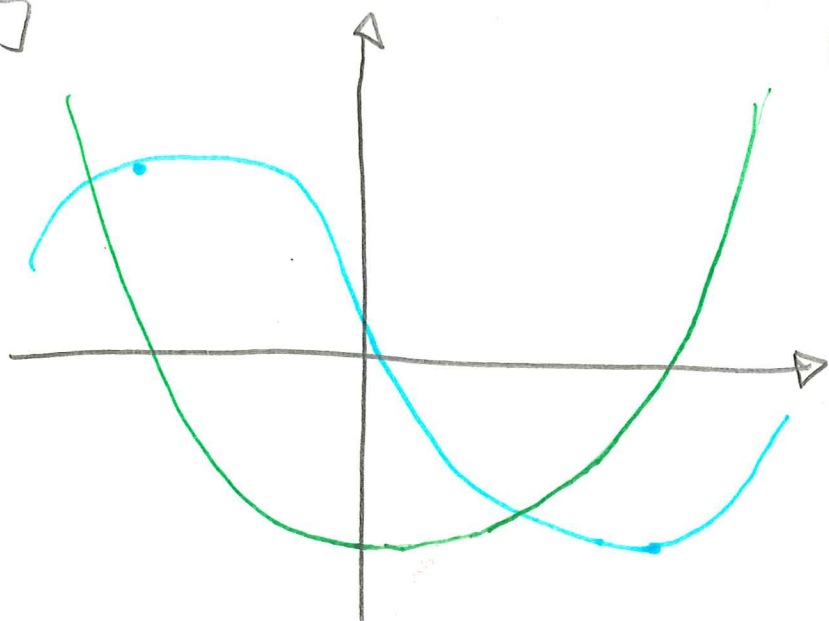
② f CANNOT HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MAX
AT a

③ f CANNOT HAVE AN ABSOLUTE MIN
AT a

↳ DRAW SOME EXAMPLES!

Q2]

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Who is f ? Who is f' ? Why?

Q3] IF $f' = 0$ MUST f BE CONSTANT?
LAST TIME GOT A LITTLE LOST IN
INCEPTION SO LET'S BE MORE PRECISE

BY INTRODUCING THE MOST
POWERFUL TOOL OF DIFF CALC

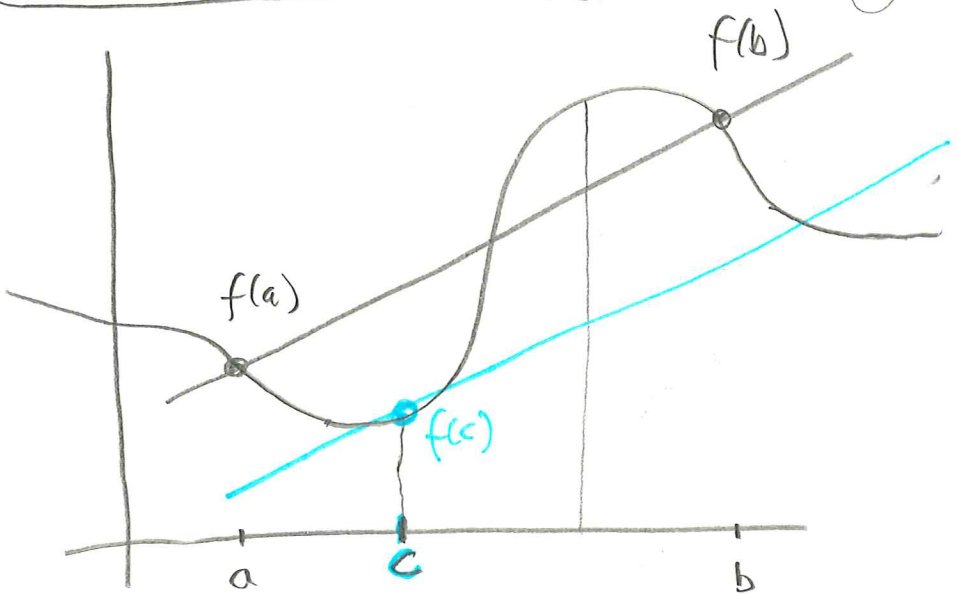
A SOUPPED-UP VERSION OF GEOMETRIC
INTERPRETATION OF $f'(c)$ AS

SLOPE OF TANGENT LINE TO

CURVE $y = f(x)$ AT POINT c

KEY TO EVERYTHING e.g. IF $f' = 0$ MUST f BE C

MEAN VALUE THM



IF f IS DIFF ON (a, b) &
CTS ON $[a, b]$ THEN THERE IS
SOME $a < c < b$ FOR WHICH

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

CHALLENGE : • USE ^{EASY} EXTREME VALUE THM
TO PROVE MVT WHEN $f(a) = f(b) = 0$
• USE ^{HARD} THIS SPECIAL CASE
TO PROVE FULL MVT.

THE MVT IS THE PRECISE MATH
BEHIND THE HEURISTIC

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" IF $f' > 0$ ON AN INTERVAL
THEN f IS INCREASING ON THE INTERVAL"

HOW DO WE SHOW THIS ↑

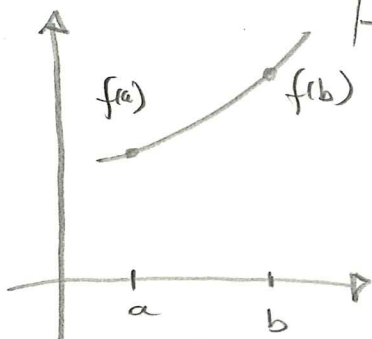
WHAT DO WE KNOW? $f'(x) > 0$

WHAT IS OUR GOAL? TO SHOW THAT

f IS INCREASING

i.e. IN MATH:

IF $a < b$ THEN
 $f(a) < f(b)$



WHAT DOES MVT TELL US?

FOR SOME $a < c < b$

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

WHAT DO WE KNOW ABOUT



$f'(c)$ HERE? $> 0 !!!$

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(b) - f(a) > 0 \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{B/C} \\ \text{WHAT?} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(b) > f(a) \quad \text{TADA!} \quad \square$$

SIMILARLY

CAN SHOW (DO IT)

"IF $f' < 0$ ON AN INTERVAL

THEN f IS DECREASING ON IT"

THIS IS CALLED THE INCREASING / DECREASING TEST!

TURNS INFO ABOUT f' INTO INFO ABOUT SHAPE OF GRAPH OF f .

HOW DOES THIS WORK IN PRACTISE?

VI

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

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

USE $f'(x)$ TO UNDERSTAND

$$3x^2 - 1$$

CRITICAL POINTS

$$3x^2 - 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

GET SHAPE INFO EVERYWHERE ELSE

WHERE IS $f'(x) > 0$?

$$3x^2 - 1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 > \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x > \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

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

$f'(x) < 0$?

$$3x^2 - 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 < \frac{1}{3}$$

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

SUMMARIZE

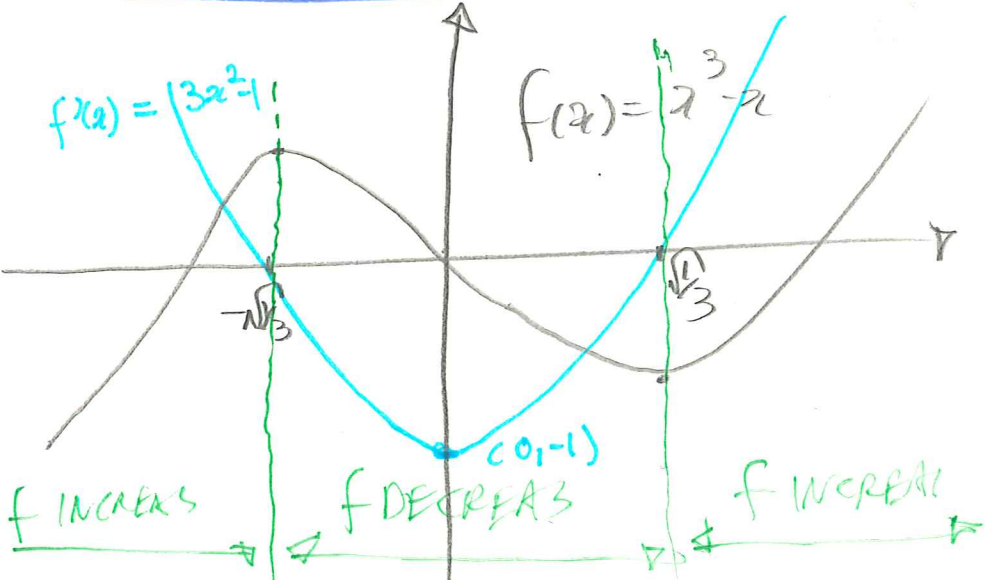
INTERVAL	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$x < -\sqrt{1/3}$	> 0	INCREASES
$-\sqrt{1/3} < x < \sqrt{1/3}$	< 0	DECREASES
$x > \sqrt{1/3}$	> 0	INCREASES

NEED TO KNOW

$f(\sqrt{1/3}) = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{1/3}$

$f(-\sqrt{1/3}) = \frac{2}{3} \sqrt{1/3}$

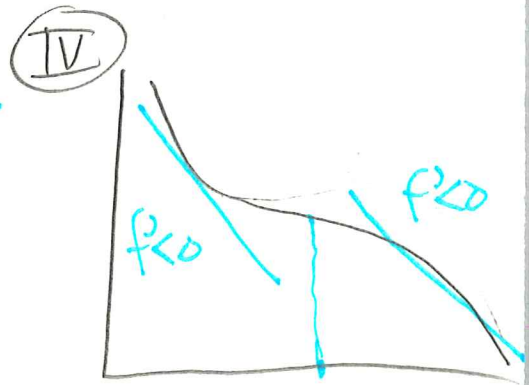
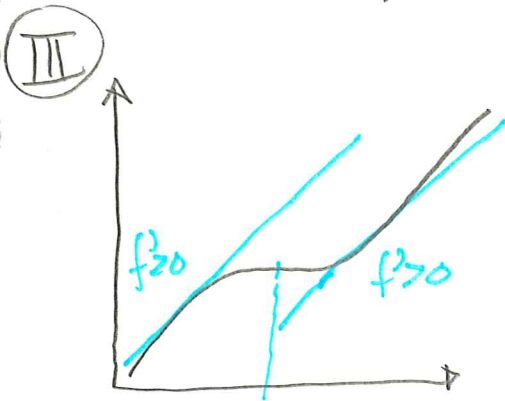
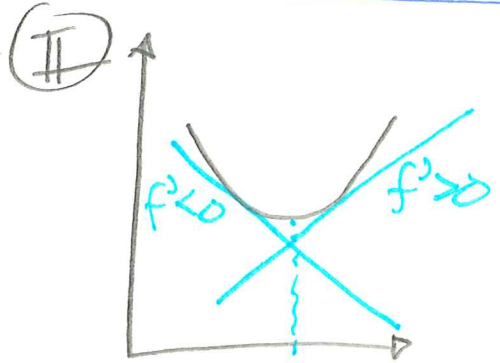
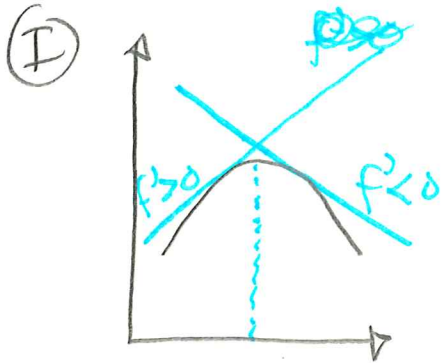
GET REASONABLE PLOT



DIDN'T NEED TO SKETCH TO
LOCATE LOCAL MAX / MIN

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JUST ANALYZE SIGN CHANGES OF f'



FIRST DERIVATIVE TEST

SUPPOSE c IS A CRIT POINT OF f

(1) f' CHANGES FROM POSITIVE TO NEGATIVE
AT $c \Rightarrow f$ HAS LOCAL MAX

(2) f' CHANGES FROM NEGATIVE TO POS
AT $c \Rightarrow f$ HAS LOCAL MIN

(3) OTHER WISE, NO LOCAL EXTREMUM

KNOWING A LITTLE (ITS SIGN)

ABOUT f' TOLD US A LOT

(INCREASING / DECREASING) ABOUT f

WHAT IF WE HAD MORE KNOWLEDGE

ABOUT f' ?

CAN WE CHARACTERIZE SITUATIONS

WE CARE ABOUT IN ANOTHER WAY?

LOCAL MAX

LOCAL MIN



NOTICE f' DECREASES

NOTICE f' INCREASES

CONCAVE DOWN

CONCAVE UP

OBSERVATIONS WILL LEAD US TO

SECOND DERIVATIVE

TEST!