

If $f'(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$ then f is decreasing on (a, b)

Example ① $f(x) = x^2$ $f'(x) = y = 2x$

increasing on $(0, \infty)$
decreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$

② $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$ $f'(x) > 0$ where $2x - 2 > 0$
 $f'(x) = 2x - 2$ $x > 1$

First derivative test

Local max:

$f'(x) > 0$ $f'(x) < 0$

• if $f'(x)$ goes from positive to negative \Rightarrow local max

Local min:

$f'(x) < 0$ $f'(x) > 0$

• if $f'(x)$ goes from negative to positive, \Rightarrow local min.

Thm First derivative test If $f(x)$ is differentiable and $f'(c) = 0$

then if $f'(x)$ changes from tve to -ve at $c \Rightarrow c$ local max
 -ve to tve $\Rightarrow c$ local min

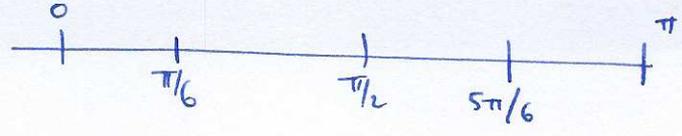
Example classify critical points of $f(x) = \cos^2 x + \sin x$ on $[0, \pi]$

find critical points: $f'(x) = -2\cos(x)\sin x + \cos(x)$

solve $f'(x) = 0$: $\cos(x)(1 - 2\sin x) = 0$ • $\cos(x) = 0$ $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

• $1 - 2\sin(x) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow \sin(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ $x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ so critical points are $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$

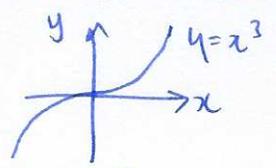
find sign of $f'(x)$:



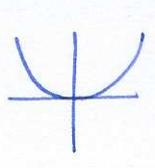
$\cos(x)$	+	+	-	-
$1-2\sin(x)$	+	-	-	+
$f'(x)$	+	-	+	-
		local max	local min	local max

Example critical point not max or min

$f(x) = x^3$



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



$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$



$\Rightarrow x=0$ not local max or min

recall critical point $f'(x) = 0$

$f(x)$



local max

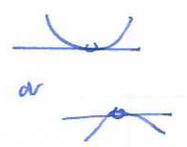
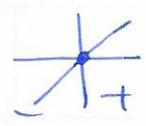
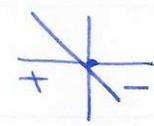


local min



neither

$f'(x)$



$f''(x)$

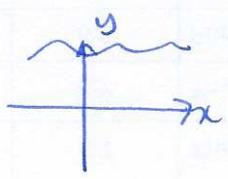
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+ve

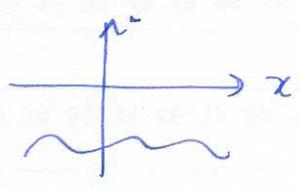
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§4.4 Second derivative test

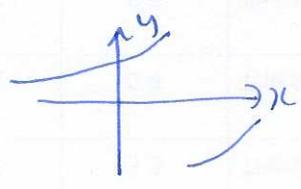
recall $f(x) > 0$
f positive



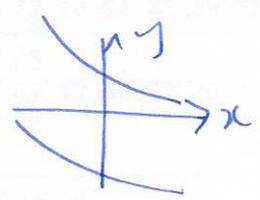
$f(x) < 0$
f negative



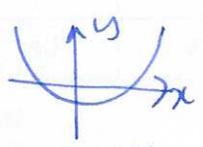
$f'(x) > 0$
f increasing



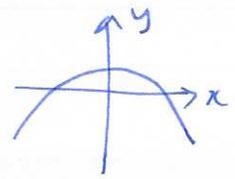
$f'(x) < 0$
f decreasing



$f''(x) > 0$
concave up



$f''(x) < 0$
concave down



mnemonic: up

down