

Mean Value Theorem

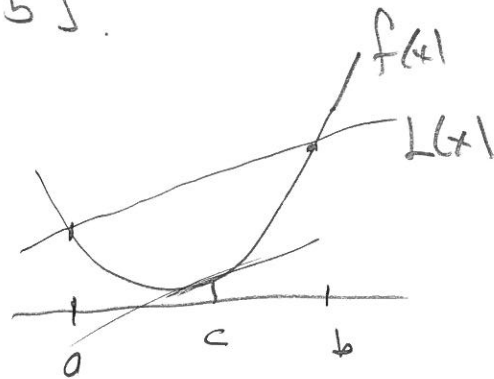
Suppose f is a differentiable

function on a closed interval $[a, b]$.

As we move from one endpoint to the other, there is some interior point c so that

$$f'(c) = \text{secant slope between two endpoints}$$

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



Reason. The difference of $f(x) - L(x)$ where $L(x) =$ secant line

it has a max/min (because EVT), and where max/min occurs (say c), we have $f'(c) - L'(c) = 0$ (L-EVT)

so $f'(c) = \text{slope of secant line} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

2nd derivative test If c is critical point with $f'(c) = 0$.

and if

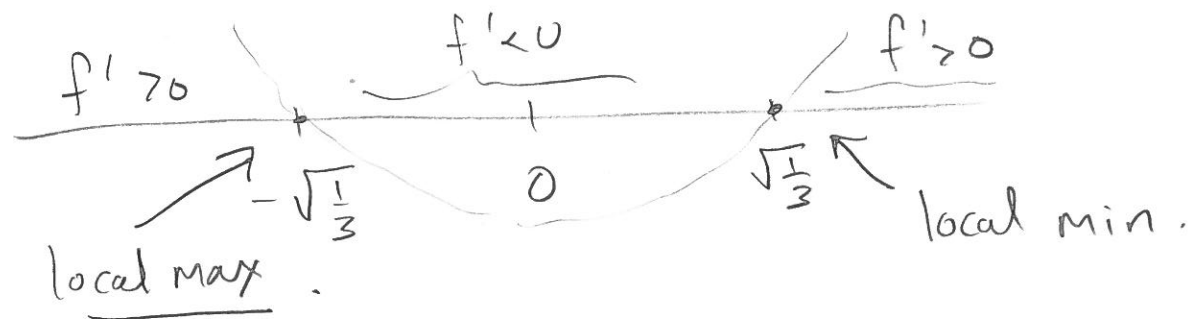
① $f''(c) > 0$ then f' must increase through c so it f' switches from $-$ to $+$ so local min.

② $f''(c) < 0$ then f' ——— decrease ———
switches — $+$ to $-$ so local max

Example. For $f(x) = e^{(x^3-x)}$ find critical points and use 1st derivative to determine nature. Then redo with 2nd derivative test.

$$f'(x) = e^{(x^3-x)} \cdot (3x^2-1) \quad f'(c) = 0 \text{ when } 3c^2 - 1 = 0 \\ c = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$$

1st derivative test



Redo with 2nd derivative test

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$$f''(x) = e^{(x^3-x)} (3x^2-1) \cdot (3x^2-1) + e^{(x^3-x)} \cdot (3 \cdot 2x - 0)$$

Values of f'' at critical pts.

$$f''\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = e^{(\dots)} (0) \cdot (0) + e^{(\dots)} \cdot (6\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)) = 0 + \text{neg} < 0$$

so local max

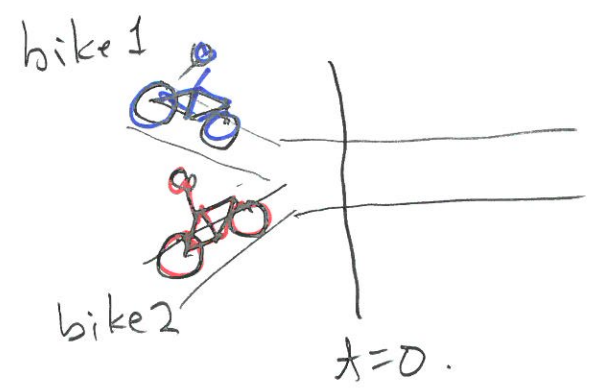
$$f''\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = e^{(\dots)} (0) \cdot (0) + e^{(\dots)} \cdot (6\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)) > 0$$

so local min.

Concavity (concave up / concave down)

Idea The sign of 2nd derivative tells us about shape of graph.

Motivation



Suppose at $t=0$

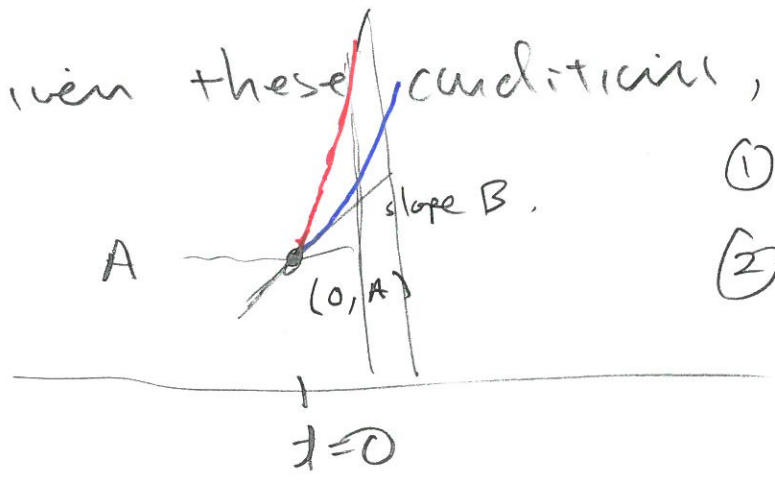
$$b_1(0) = A, b_2(0) = A$$

$$b_1'(0) = B, b_2'(0) = B$$

Assume $b_2''(t) \geq b_1''(t)$

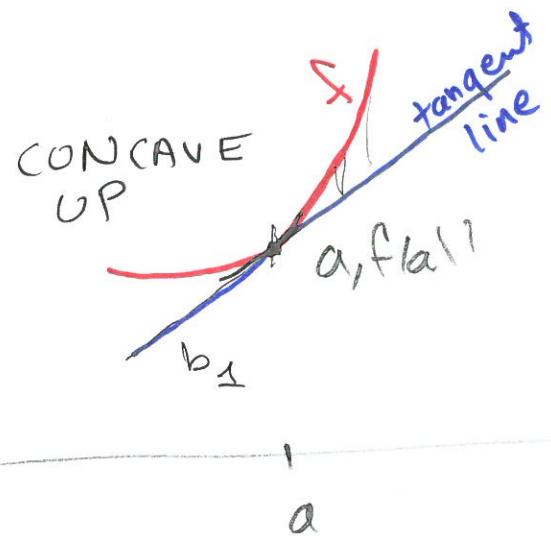
Intuition

Given these conditions, then



- ① $b_2(t) \geq b_1(t)$ for $t > 0$
- ② separation between b_2 and b_1 increases.

Suppose $f(x)$ is a function, and $f'' > 0$ around the point a .



We consider

$$b_2(x) = f(x)$$

$$b_1(x) = f(a) + f'(a)(x-a)$$

$$b_2(a) = f(a) = b_1(a)$$

$$b_2'(a) = f'(a) = b_1'(a)$$

2nd derivative of line

$$b_1'' = 0$$

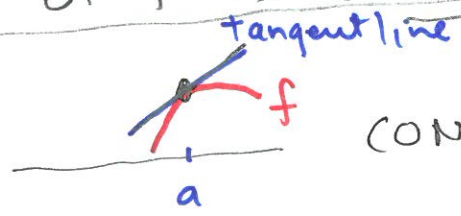
2nd derivative of b_2 is

$$b_2'' = f'' > 0 > b_1''$$

Conclusion If $f'' > 0$ around point a , the graph of f is above tangent line at $(a, f(a))$ and increases as we go away from a

We say the graph of f is concave up around a .

If $f'' < 0$ then



CONCAVE DOWN.

If c is a point where the 2nd derivative switches from $+$ to $-$ or $-$ to $+$ we say c is an inflection point.

At such a point the graph crosses the tangent line.

WW6 #12 $f(x) = 2 \sin(x) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} x^2$

use $[0, 2\pi]$ as domain. Find 2 inflection points

So find where f'' switches signs.

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos(x) - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot 2x = 2 \cos(x) - \sqrt{3} x$$

$$f''(x) = -2 \sin(x) - \sqrt{3}. \quad (f'' \text{ is continuous})$$

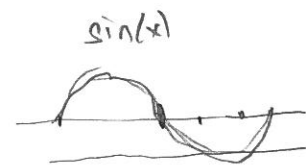
Where f'' changes sign is where f'' is 0.

$$0 = -2 \sin(x) - \sqrt{3} \quad \text{so} \quad 2 \sin(x) = -\sqrt{3}$$

$$\sin(x) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = \left(\pi + \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \text{ or } \left(\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$$

240° 300°



180+60
240

• $\left[0, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$ has $f'' < 0$ so concave down

• $\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$ has $f'' > 0$ so concave up

• $\left[\frac{5\pi}{3}, 2\pi\right]$ has $f'' < 0$ so concave down.

