

# Mathematics I - Derivatives

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## Exercise (Motivation)

The farmer would like to enclose a rectangular place for sheep. She has 40 meters of fence and land by the river. What is the biggest possible area of the place?



Figure: <https://www.cbr.com/shaun-the-sheep-best-worst-episodes-imdb/>

# Derivative

## Limit Definition of the Derivative $f'(c)$

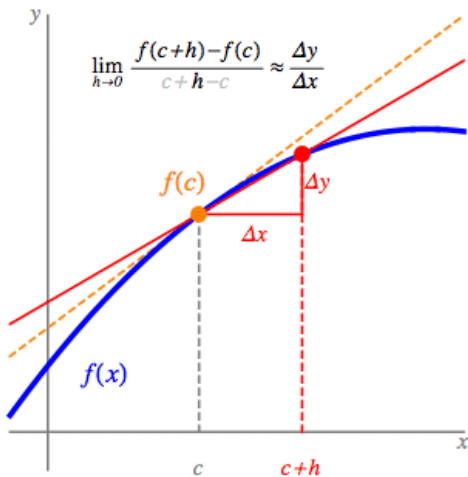


Figure: <https://ginsyblog.wordpress.com/2017/02/04/how-to-solve-the-problems-of-differential-calculus/>

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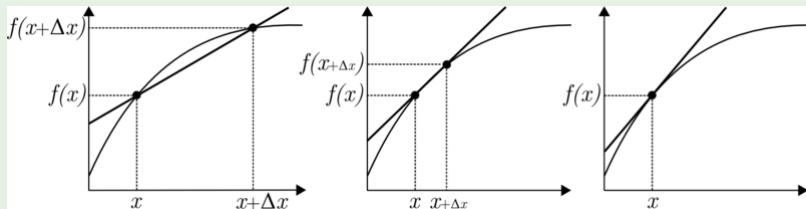


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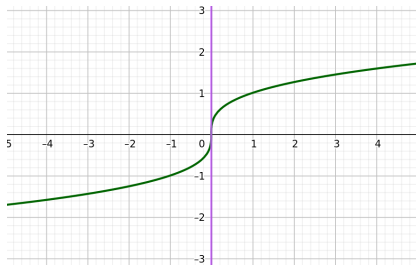
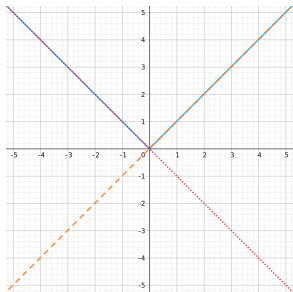
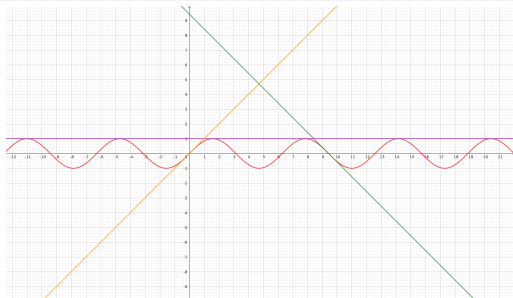
$$T_a = \{[x, y] \in \mathbb{R}^2; y = f(a) + f'(a)(x - a)\}.$$

is called the **tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $[a, f(a)]$** .

https:

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# Examples

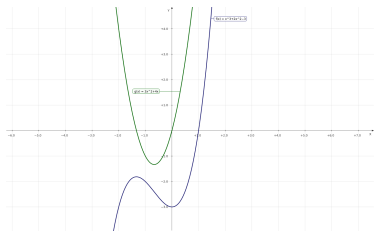


## Theorem 1

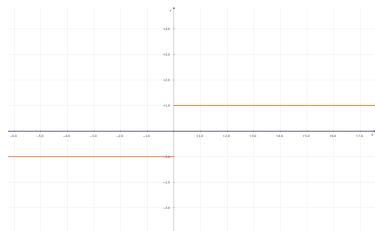
*Suppose that the function  $f$  has a finite derivative at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ .*



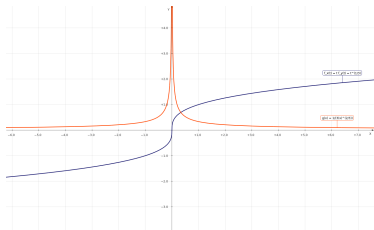
$$(x^3 + 2x^2 - 3)' = 3x^2 + 4x$$



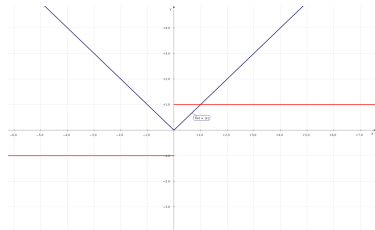
$$(\operatorname{sgn} x)'(0) = \infty$$



$$(\sqrt[3]{x})' = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$$



$|x|'$  at 0 does not exist



## Theorem 2 (arithmetics of derivatives)

Suppose that the functions  $f$  and  $g$  have finite derivatives at  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then

- (i)  $(f + g)'(a) = f'(a) + g'(a)$ ,
- (ii)  $(\alpha f)'(a) = \alpha \cdot f'(a)$ ,
- (iii)  $(fg)'(a) = f'(a)g(a) + f(a)g'(a)$ ,
- (iv) if  $g(a) \neq 0$ , then

$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)'(a) = \frac{f'(a)g(a) - f(a)g'(a)}{g^2(a)}.$$

## Exercise

$f = \cos x \sin x$ . Find  $f'$ .

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C  $\frac{e^x x^2 - 2x e^x}{x^4}$

B  $\frac{e^x(x-2)}{x^3}$

D  $\frac{e^x 2x + x^2 e^x}{x^4}$



### Theorem 3 (derivative of a compound function)

Suppose that the function  $f$  has a finite derivative at  $y_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , the function  $g$  has a finite derivative at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $y_0 = g(x_0)$ .

Then

$$(f \circ g)'(x_0) = f'(y_0) \cdot g'(x_0).$$

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$f = \sin x + e^{\sin x}$  Find  $f'$ .

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## Theorem 4 (derivative of an inverse function)

*Let  $f$  be a function continuous and strictly monotone on an interval  $(a, b)$  and suppose that it has a finite and non-zero derivative  $f'(x_0)$  at  $x_0 \in (a, b)$ . Then the function  $f^{-1}$  has a derivative at  $y_0 = f(x_0)$  and*

$$(f^{-1})'(y_0) = \frac{1}{f'(x_0)} = \frac{1}{f'(f^{-1}(y_0))}.$$

## Exercise (True or false?)

1. If  $f'(x) = g'(x)$ , then  $f(x) = g(x)$ . (For every  $x$ .)
2. If  $f'(a) \neq g'(a)$ , then  $f(a) \neq g(a)$ .  
(We are talking about particular point  $a$ .)



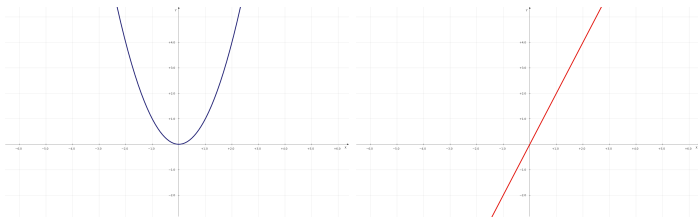
## Derivatives of elementary functions

- $(\text{const.})' = 0$ ,
- $(x^n)' = nx^{n-1}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ;  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n < 0$ ,
- $(\log x)' = \frac{1}{x}$  for  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ ,
- $(\exp x)' = \exp x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $(x^a)' = ax^{a-1}$  for  $x \in (0, +\infty)$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $(a^x)' = a^x \log a$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a > 0$ ,
- $(\sin x)' = \cos x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $(\cos x)' = -\sin x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $(\text{tg } x)' = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$  for  $x \in D_{\text{tg}}$ ,
- $(\text{cotg } x)' = -\frac{1}{\sin^2 x}$  for  $x \in D_{\text{cotg}}$ ,
- $(\arcsin x)' = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ ,
- $(\arccos x)' = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$  for  $x \in (-1, 1)$ ,
- $(\text{arctg } x)' = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,
- $(\text{arccotg } x)' = -\frac{1}{1+x^2}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

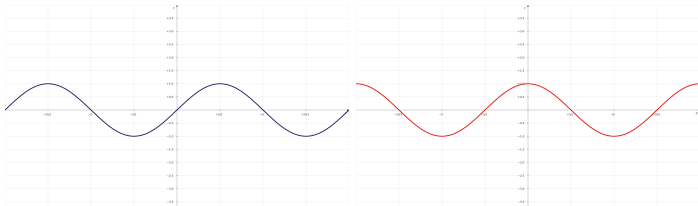
## Theorem 5 (necessary condition for a local extremum)

Suppose that a function  $f$  has a local extremum at  $x_0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f'(x_0)$  exists, then  $f'(x_0) = 0$ .

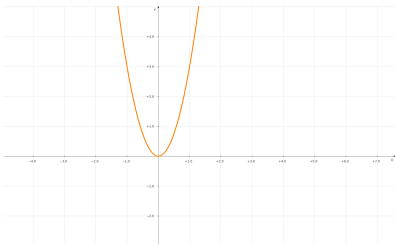
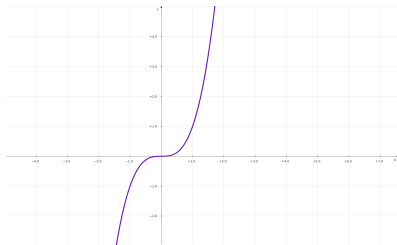
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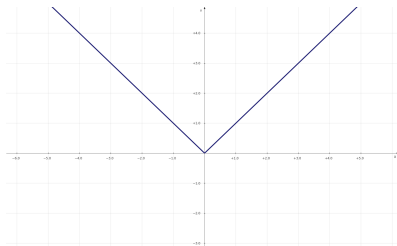
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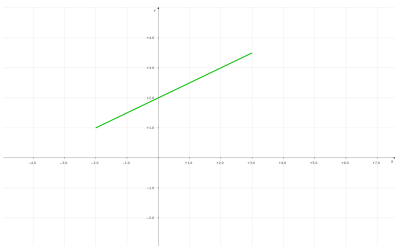
$$(x^3)' = 3x^2$$



$$|x|$$



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## First Derivative Test for Local Extrema

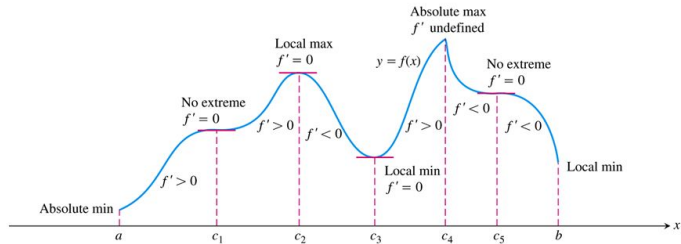


FIGURE 3.21 A function's first derivative tells how the graph rises and falls.

Figure: <http://slideplayer.com/slide/7555868/>

## Theorem 6 (Rolle)

Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ , and a function  $f$  has the following properties:

- (i) it is continuous on the interval  $[a, b]$ ,
- (ii) it has a derivative (finite or infinite) at every point of the open interval  $(a, b)$ ,
- (iii)  $f(a) = f(b)$ .

Then there exists  $\xi \in (a, b)$  satisfying  $f'(\xi) = 0$ .

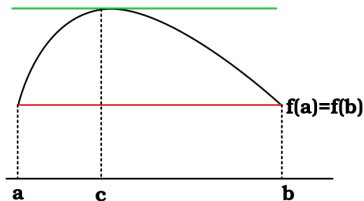


Figure: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rolle%27s\\_theorem.svg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Rolle%27s_theorem.svg)

## Theorem 7 (Lagrange, mean value theorem)

Suppose that  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$ , a function  $f$  is continuous on an interval  $[a, b]$  and has a derivative (finite or infinite) at every point of the interval  $(a, b)$ . Then there is  $\xi \in (a, b)$  satisfying

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

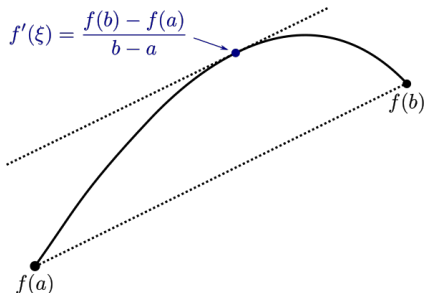


Figure: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/File:Mittelwertsatz3.svg>

## Theorem 8 (sign of the derivative and monotonicity)

Let  $J \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a non-degenerate interval. Suppose that a function  $f$  is continuous on  $J$  and it has a derivative at every inner point of  $J$  (the set of all inner points of  $J$  is denoted by  $\text{Int } J$ ).

- (i) If  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Int } J$ , then  $f$  is increasing on  $J$ .
- (ii) If  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Int } J$ , then  $f$  is decreasing on  $J$ .
- (iii) If  $f'(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Int } J$ , then  $f$  is non-decreasing on  $J$ .
- (iv) If  $f'(x) \leq 0$  for all  $x \in \text{Int } J$ , then  $f$  is non-increasing on  $J$ .

[https://mathinsight.org/applet/derivative\\_function](https://mathinsight.org/applet/derivative_function)

<https://www.geogebra.org/m/mCTqH7u4>

## Theorem 9 (computation of a one-sided derivative)

Suppose that a function  $f$  is continuous from the right at  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f'(x)$  exists. Then the derivative  $f'_+(a)$  exists and

$$f'_+(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f'(x).$$



## Theorem 10 (l'Hospital's rule)

Suppose that functions  $f$  and  $g$  have finite derivatives on some punctured neighbourhood of  $a \in \mathbb{R}^*$  and the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$  exist.

Suppose further that one of the following conditions hold:

- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$ ,
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} |g(x)| = +\infty$ .

Then the limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}.$$

## Exercise

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} =$$

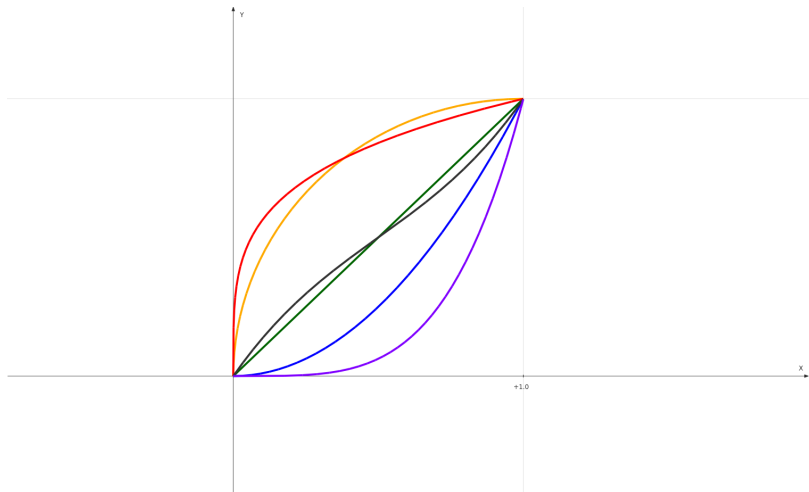
A  $\infty$

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C 1

D  $\nexists$

# Convex and concave functions



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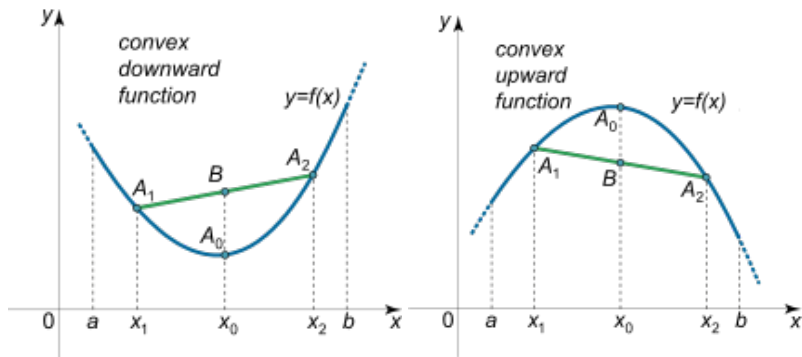


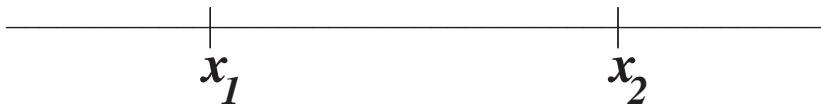
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**Figure:** <https://math.stackexchange.com/questions/3399/why-does-convex-function-mean-concave-up>

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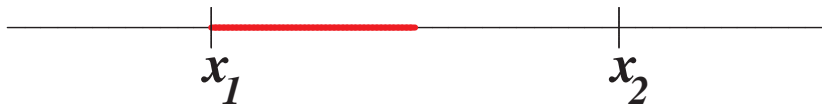
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$$\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2 = x_1 + (1 - \lambda)(x_2 - x_1), \quad \lambda \in [0, 1]$$

## Definition

We say that a function  $f$  is

- **convex** on an interval  $I$  if

$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) \leq \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2),$$

for each  $x_1, x_2 \in I$  and each  $\lambda \in [0, 1]$ ;

- **concave** on an interval  $I$  if

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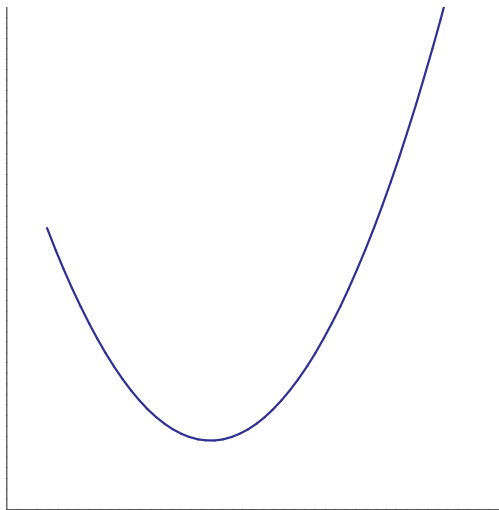
$$f(\lambda x_1 + (1 - \lambda)x_2) < \lambda f(x_1) + (1 - \lambda)f(x_2),$$

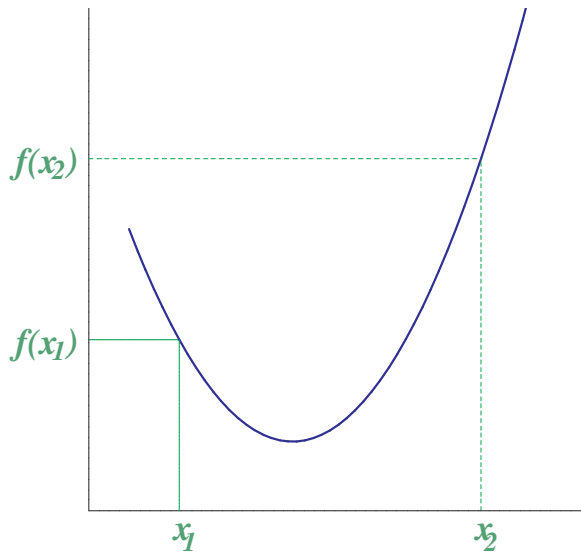
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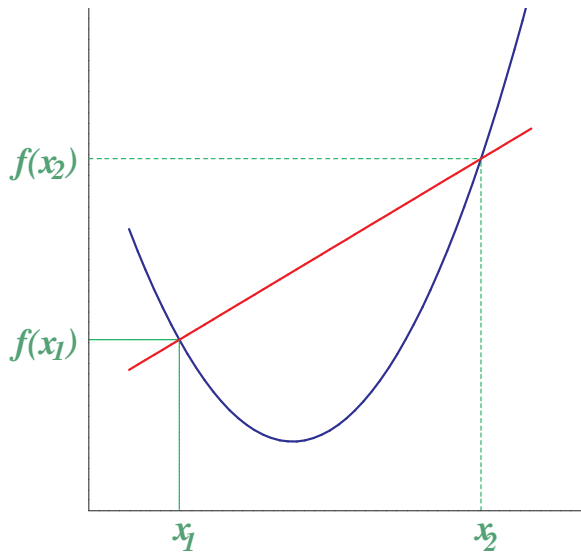
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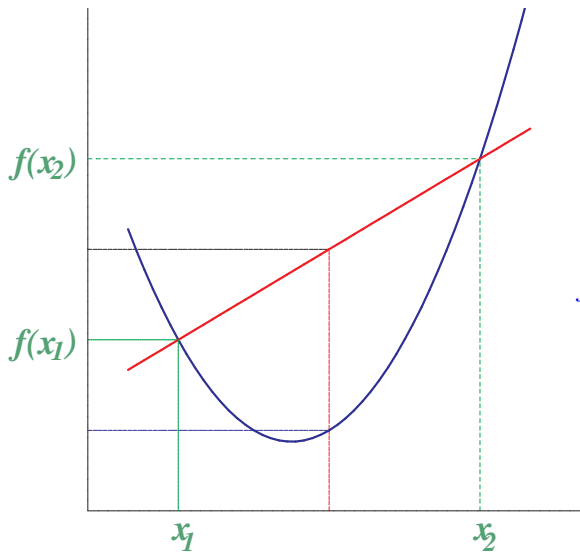
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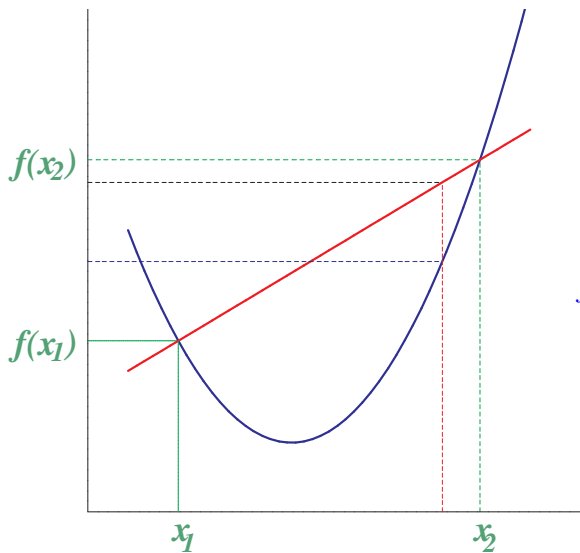


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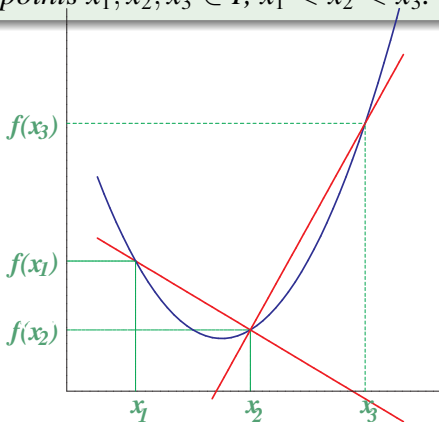
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Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that  $f$  has a finite  $n$ th derivative (denoted by  $f^{(n)}$ ) on some neighbourhood of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then the  **$(n+1)$ th derivative** of  $f$  at  $a$  is defined by

$$f^{(n+1)}(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f^{(n)}(a+h) - f^{(n)}(a)}{h}$$

if the limit exists.

## Theorem 12 (second derivative and convexity)

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^*$ ,  $a < b$ , and suppose that a function  $f$  has a finite second derivative on the interval  $(a, b)$ .

- (i) If  $f''(x) > 0$  for each  $x \in (a, b)$ , then  $f$  is strictly convex on  $(a, b)$ .
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$$f(x) < f(a) + f'(a) \cdot (x - a).$$

We say that the point  $[x, f(x)]$  **lies above the tangent**  $T_a$  if the opposite inequality holds.

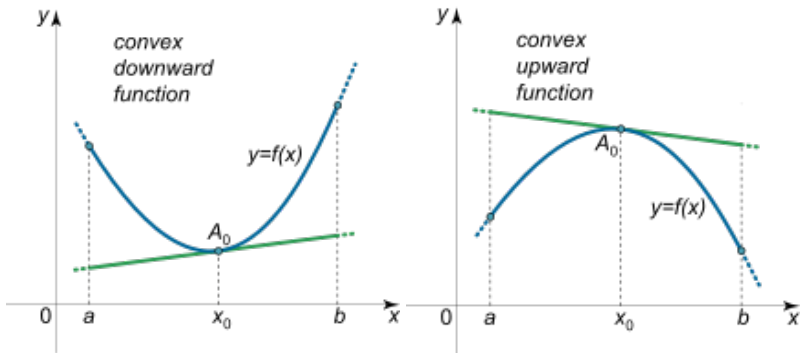


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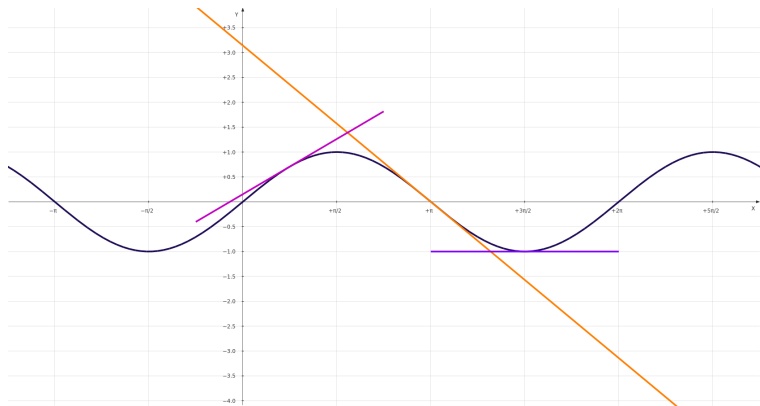
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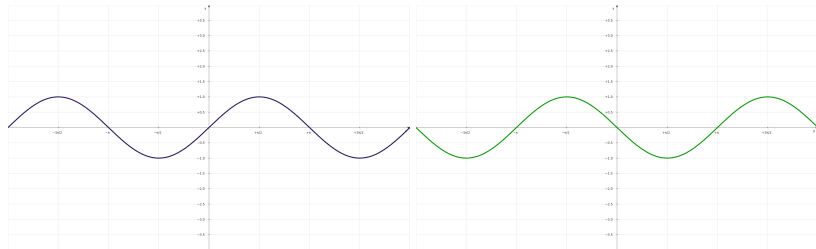
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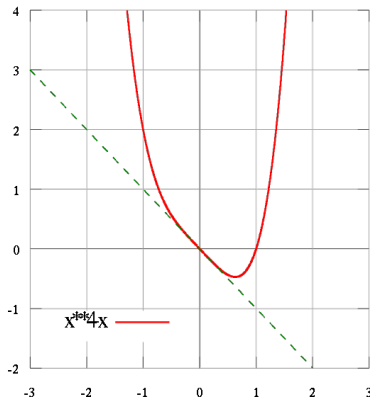


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### Theorem 16 (sufficient condition for inflection)

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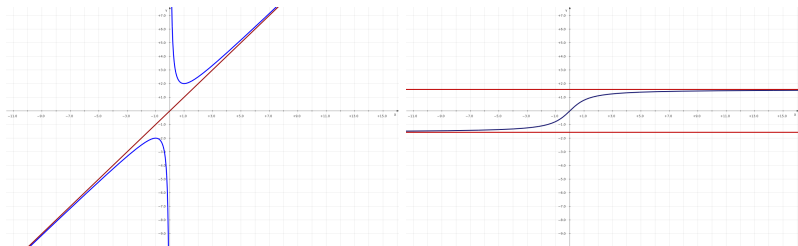
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*Then  $z$  is an inflection point of  $f$ .*

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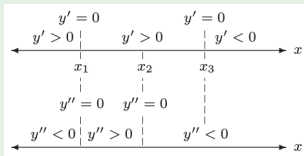
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*A function  $f$  has an asymptote at  $+\infty$  given by the affine function  $x \mapsto kx + q$  if and only if*

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## Exercise

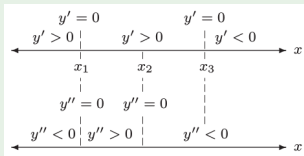
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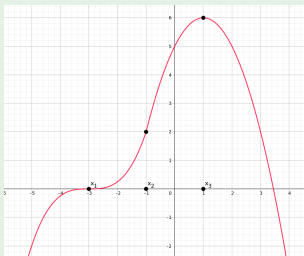
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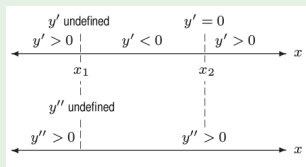
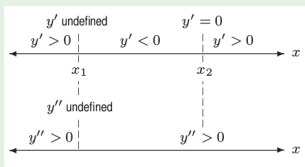


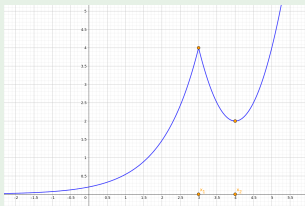
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# Investigation of a function

1. Determine the domain and discuss the continuity of the function.
2. Find out symmetries: oddness, evenness, periodicity.
3. Find the limits at the “endpoints of the domain”.
4. Investigate the first derivative, find the intervals of monotonicity and local and global extrema. Determine the range.
5. Find the second derivative and determine the intervals where the function is concave or convex. Find the inflection points.
6. Find the asymptotes of the function.
7. Draw the graph of the function.