

Practice: If $f(x)=2\cos(x)-x$, write a linearization of the function at $x=0$ and use that linearization to approximate the value of $f(x)$ at $x=-0.1$

- So... is that linearization an over or underestimate of the actual value of $f(-0.1)$? Explain.

Homework

1. Use the graph of $f'(x)$ at left to answer the following questions & **justify**.

a. How many and what type of extrema does $f(x)$ have?

Local min on $f(x)$ at $x=-2$ and $x=2.6$ b/c $f'(x)$ changes $- \rightarrow +$
 local max on $f(x)$ at $x=1$ b/c $f'(x)$ changes $+ \rightarrow -$.

b. How many horizontal tangents does f have and where do they occur?

$f(x)$ has three horizontal tangents (at $x=-2, 1, 2.6$) b/c
 $f'(x)=0$

c. On what interval(s) is $f''(x) > 0$?

$f''(x) > 0$ when $f'(x)$ is increasing: $(-3, -1)$ and $(2, 2.7)$

d. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ decreasing?

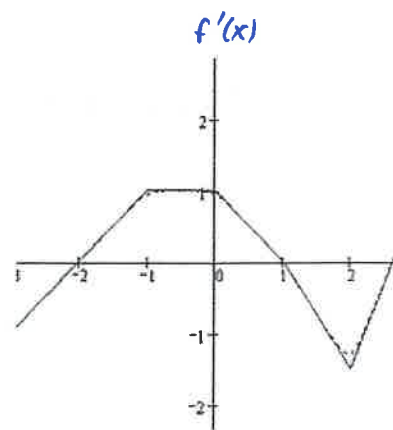
$f(x)$ decreases when $f'(x)$ is negative: $(-3, -2)$ and $(1, 2.6)$

e. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ concave down?

$f(x)$ is concave down when $f'(x)$ is decreasing: $(0, 1)$ and $(1, 2)$

f. Where does $f(x)$ have a point of inflection?

$f(x)$ has a point of inflection when $f'(x)$ changes from increasing to decreasing or vice versa: this happens only at $x=2$. We ignore the flat area!



2. Use the graph of $f''(x)$ at left to answer the following questions & justify.

a. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ concave up?

$f(x)$ is concave up when f'' is positive: $(-\infty, -3)$ and $(5, \infty)$

b. Where does $f(x)$ have points of inflection?

$f(x)$ has points of inflection at $x = -3$ and $x = 5$
b/c $f''(x)$ changes sign

c. On what interval(s) is $f''(x) < 0$?

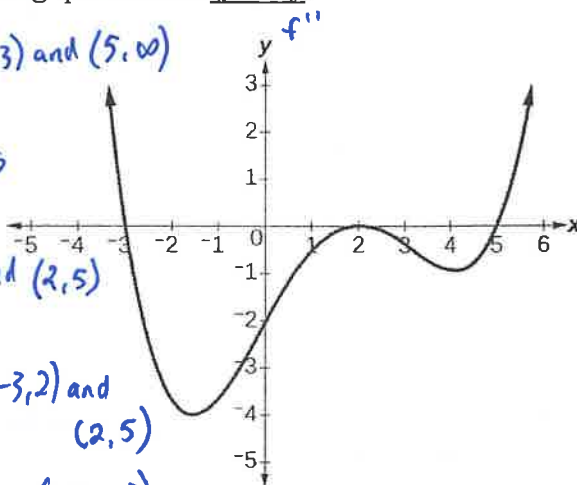
$f''(x) < 0$ when $f''(x)$ is negative: $(-3, 2)$ and $(2, 5)$

d. On what interval(s) is $f'(x)$ decreasing?

$f'(x)$ is decreasing when $f''(x)$ is negative: $(-3, 2)$ and $(2, 5)$

e. On what interval(s) is $f'(x)$ increasing?

$f'(x)$ is increasing when $f''(x)$ is positive: $(-\infty, -3)$ and $(5, \infty)$



Calc ok: The function $f'(x)$, the derivative of f , is given by $f'(x) = -2 + (x^2 + 3x)^{\frac{6}{5}} - x^3$ on the interval $[0, 5]$. Use that information to answer the following questions and justify.

a. How many and what type of extrema does $f(x)$ have?

Local min on $f(x)$ at $x = 0.536$ b/c $f'(x)$ changes $- \rightarrow +$.
Local max on $f(x)$ at $x = 3.318$ b/c $f'(x)$ changes $+ \rightarrow -$.

b. How many horizontal tangents does f have and where do they occur?

Horizontal tangents on $f(x)$ at $x = 0.536$ and 3.318 b/c $f'(x) = 0$

c. On what interval(s) is $f''(x) > 0$?

$f''(x) > 0$ when $f'(x)$ is increasing: $(0, 2.192)$

d. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ decreasing?

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $f'(x)$ is negative: $[0, 0.536)$ and $(3.318, 5]$

e. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ concave down?

$f(x)$ is concave down when $f'(x)$ is decreasing: $(2.192, 5)$

f. Where does $f(x)$ have a point of inflection?

$f(x)$ has a point of inflection when $f'(x)$ changes from increasing to decreasing or vice versa: at $x = 2.192$.

g. On what interval(s) is $f(x)$ increasing and concave down.

$f(x)$ is increasing and concave down when $f'(x)$ is positive and decreasing: $(2.192, 3.318)$

