

Do Now - Halloween '17

Kindly put your calculators away.

Consider the function: $f(x)=3x^4-4x^3-12x^2 + 8$

Find the critical points of the function.

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 8$$

Increasing and decreasing

If a function f is continuous and differentiable, then

- Where $f'(x) > 0$, then f is increasing
- Where $f'(x) < 0$, then f is decreasing

$f'(x)=12x(x-2)(x+1)$, giving critical points at -1, 0 and 2.

Use the First Derivative Test to determine the intervals of increase and decrease on f .

Interval	$12x$	$x-2$	$x+1$	$f'(x)$	f
$x < -1$					
$-1 < x < 0$					
$0 < x < 2$					
$x > 2$					

Locations of Relative Extrema

Relative extrema (max or min) occur at **critical points**.

If $f'(x)$ is negative from the left, and positive from the right of a critical point, there is a minimum ($f(x)$ is changing from decreasing to increasing).

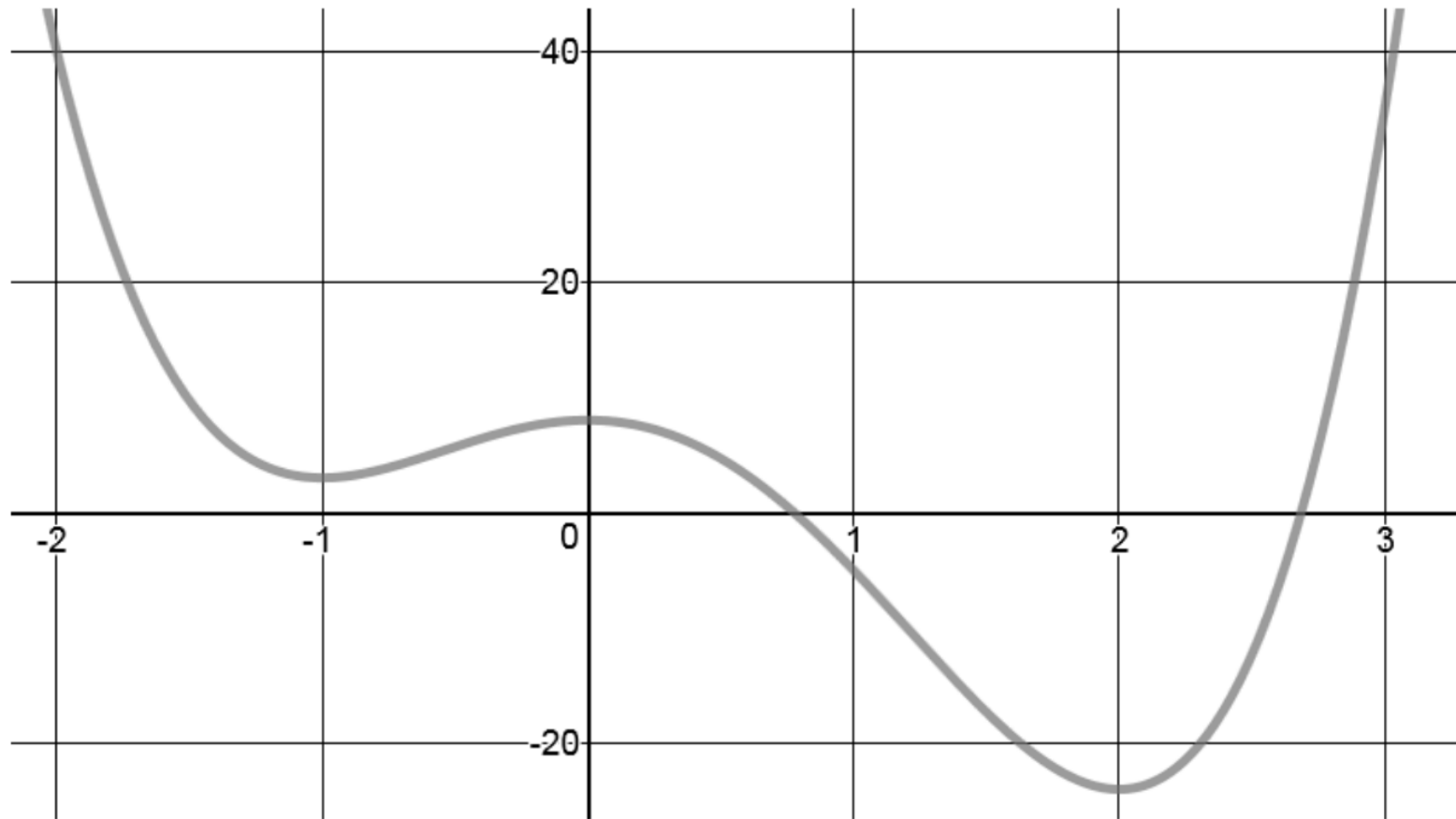
If $f'(x)$ is positive from the left, and negative from the right of a critical point, there is a maximum ($f(x)$ is changing from decreasing to increasing).

If $f'(x)$ has the same sign on both sides of a critical point, then $f(x)$ does not have a relative extremum at that critical point.

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 8$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2 - 24x$$

Critical points: $x = -1$, $x = 0$, $x = 2$

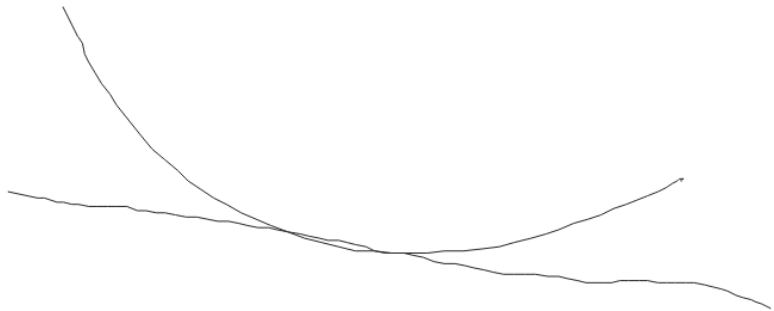


Relative min at $x = -1$ and $x = 2$, relative max at $x = 0$

Definition:

Concavity

If the graph of f lies above all of its tangents on an interval I , then it is called **concave upward** on I . If the graph of f lies below all of its tangents on I , it is called **concave downward** on I .



Definition:

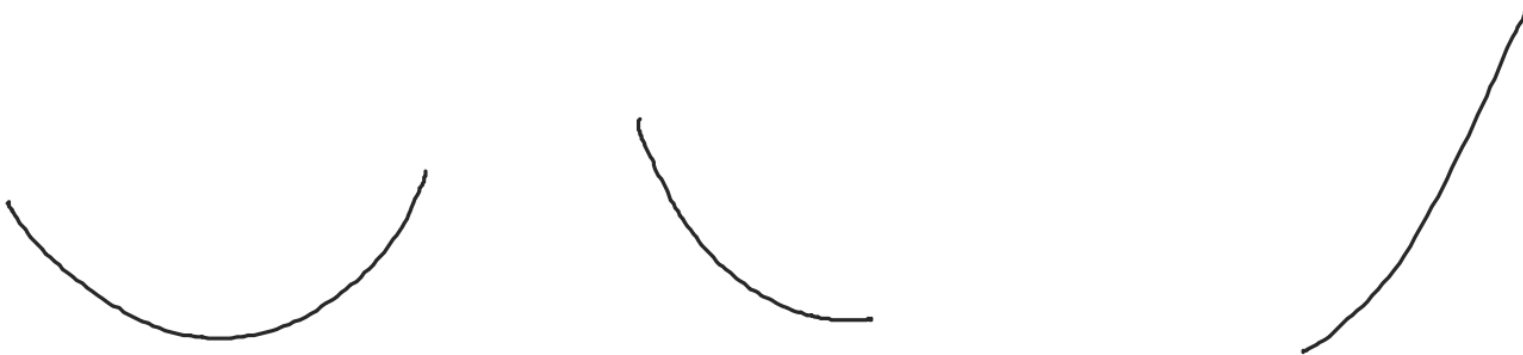
Concavity

Is the dent on the top part or the bottom part?

A function is concave down if it looks like this on an interval:

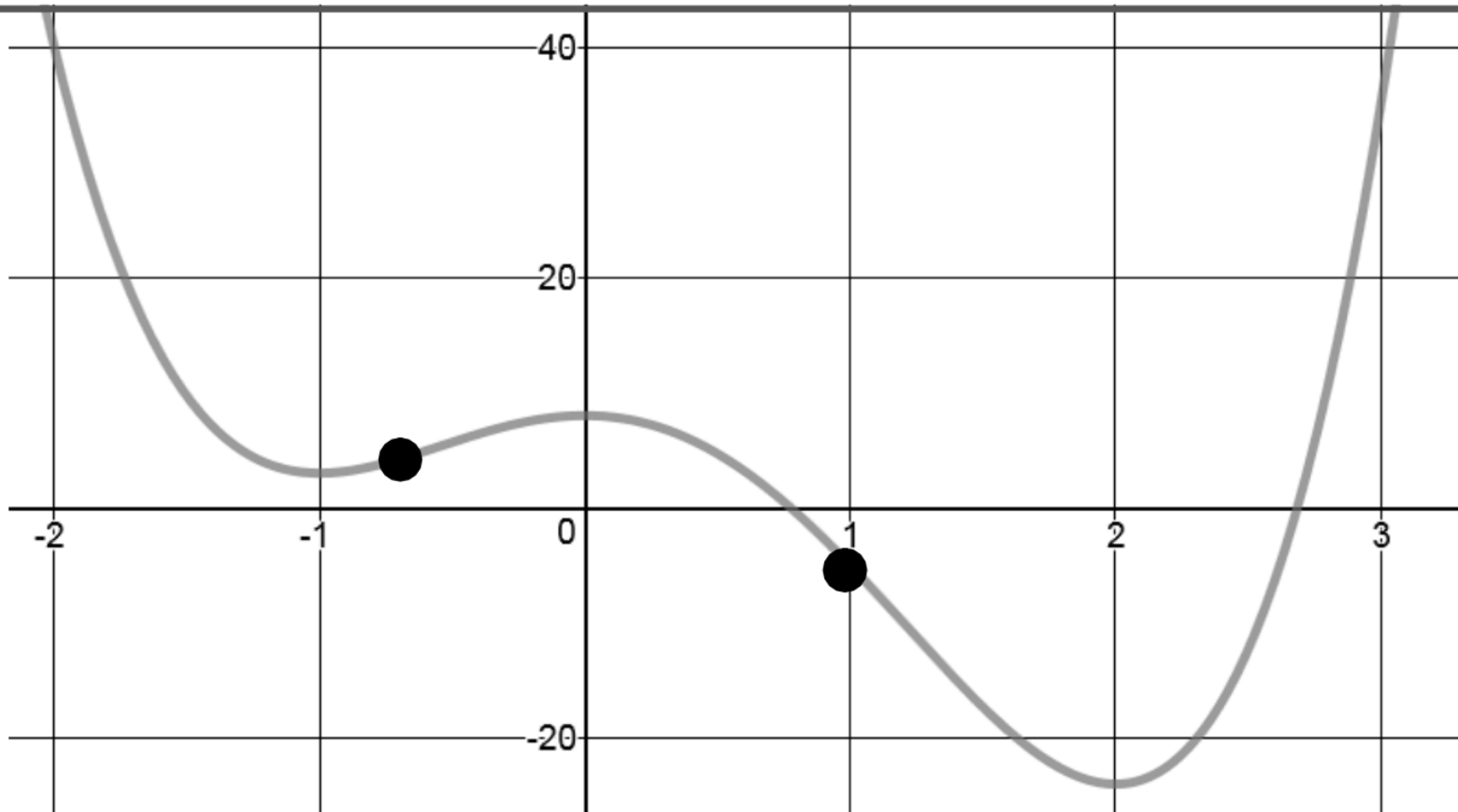


A function is concave up if it looks like this:



Inflection points - can only occur when $f''(x) = 0$ or is undefined.

These are like critical points, but using the second derivative. Inflection points are where concavity changes.



Using our original function

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^3 - 12x^2 + 8$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 6x^2 - 24x$$

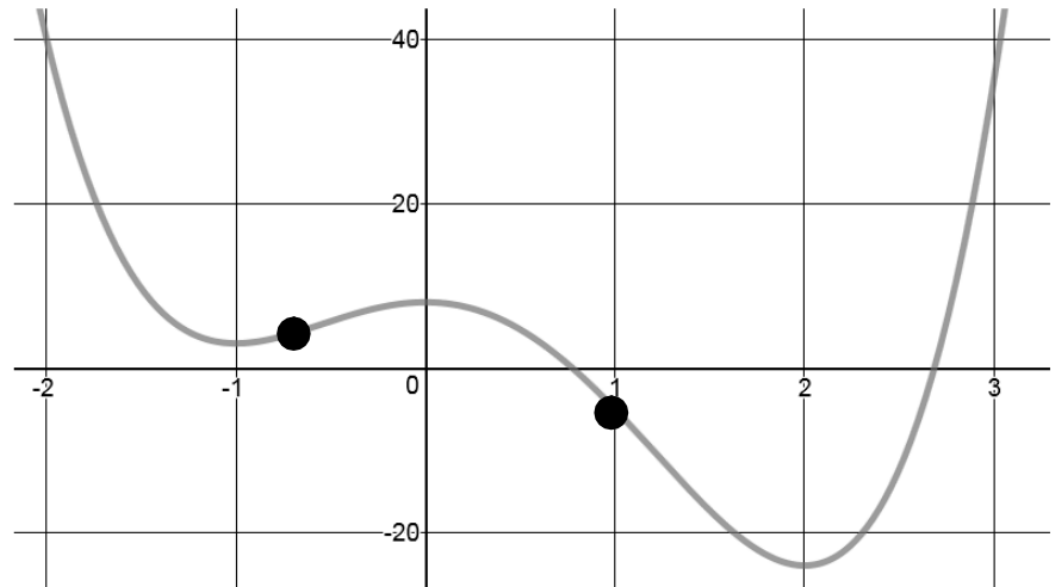
$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 12x - 24$$

$$= 12(3x^2 - x - 2)$$

$$0 = 12(3x + 2)(x - 1)$$

$$x = -2/3 \text{ or } x = 1$$

set $f''(x) = 0$



If a function f is twice differentiable (you can take the derivative twice) at $x = c$, then the graph of f is

- concave upward at $(c, f(c))$ if $f''(c) > 0$
- concave downward at $(c, f(c))$ if $f''(c) < 0$

$f''(x)=12(3x + 2)(x - 1)$, giving possible inflection points at $x = -2/3$ and $x = 1$.

Use the Second Derivative Test to determine the intervals of concavity on f .

Interval	$3x+2$	$x-1$	$f''(x)$	f
$x < -2/3$				
$-2/3 < x < 1$				
$x > 1$				

Here, try this:

Determine for the function $f(x)$:

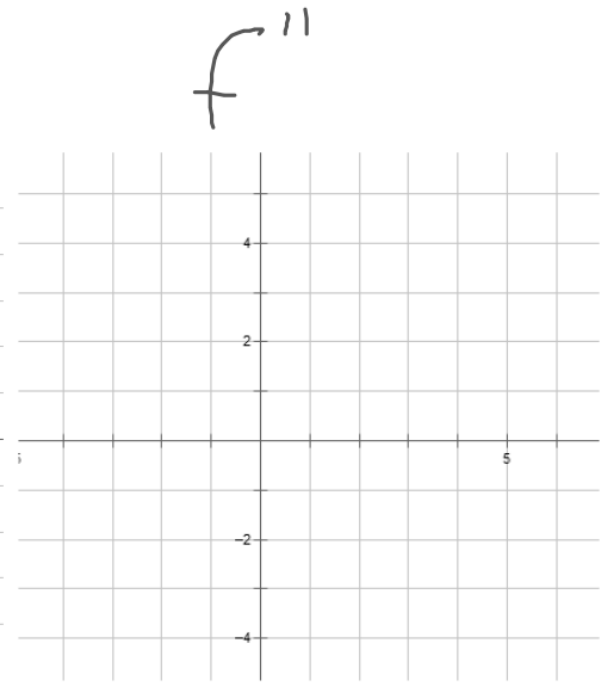
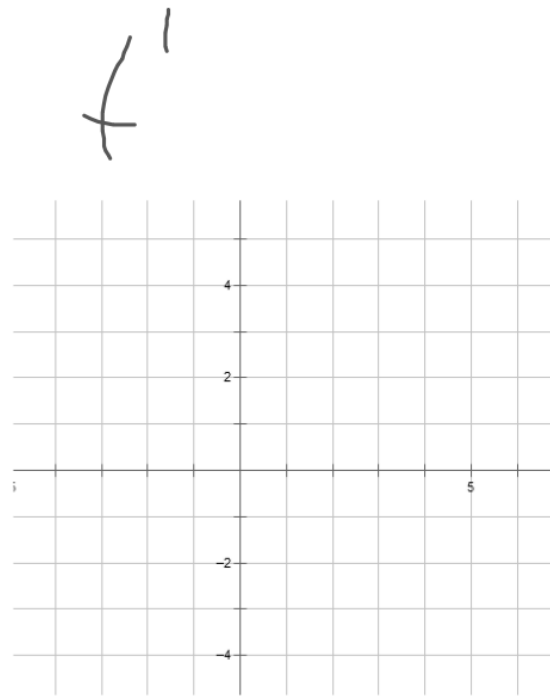
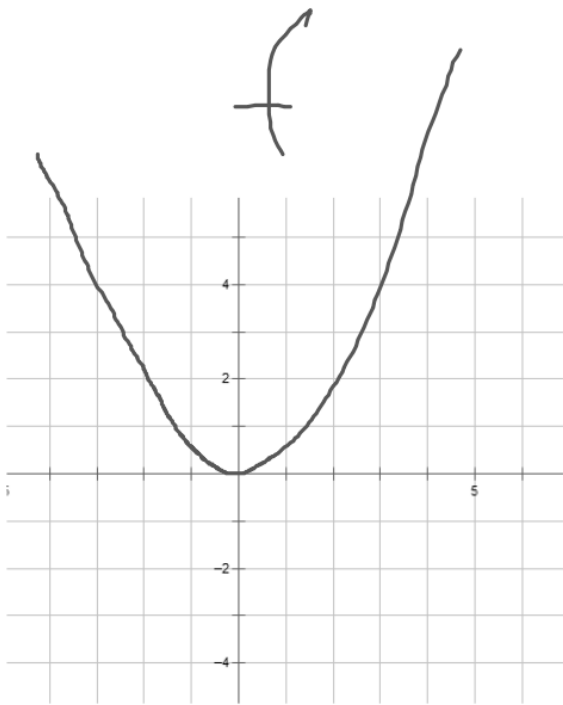
- 1. The intervals of increase and decrease**
- 2. Locations of local maximums and minimums**
- 3. The intervals of concavity**
- 4. The location of inflection points**

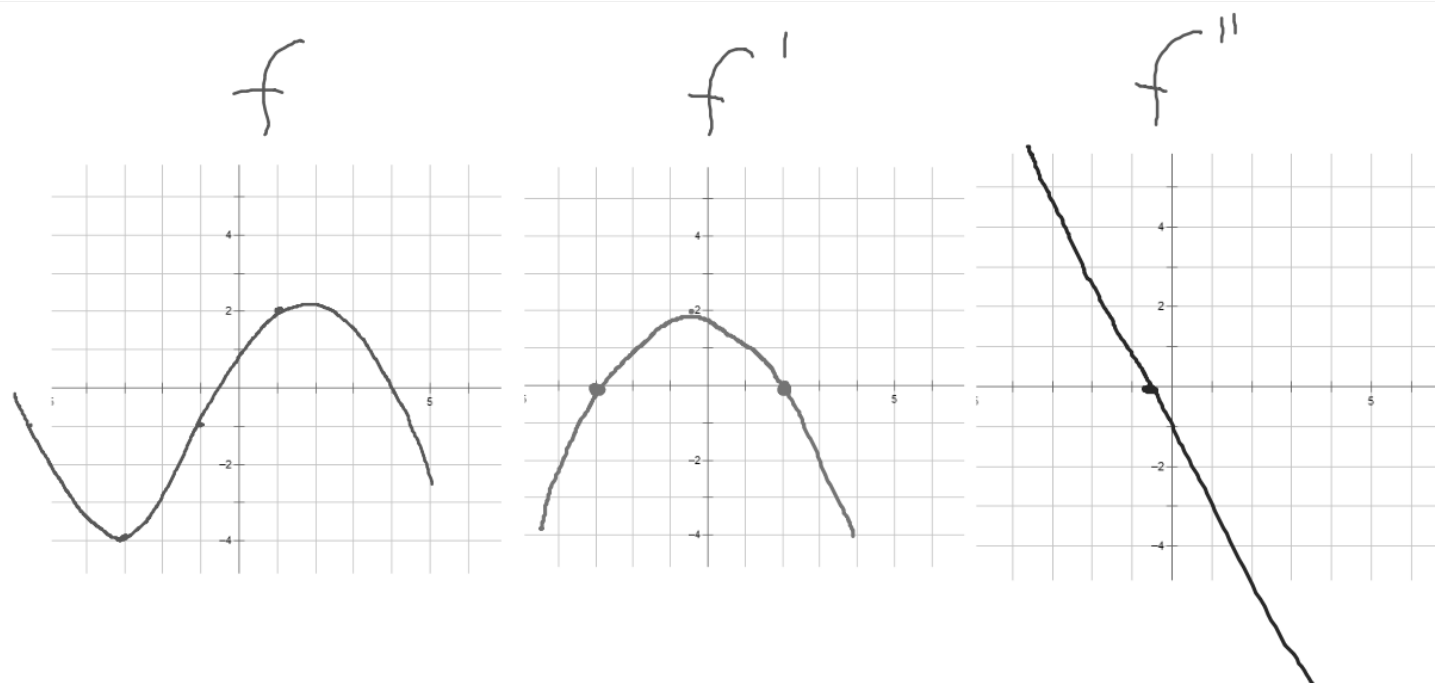
$$f(x) = 4x^3 + 3x^2 - 6x + 1$$

In general:

If $f''(x) > 0$ for all x in I , then the graph of f is concave upward on I .

If $f''(x) < 0$ for all x in I , then the graph of f is concave down on I .





Second Derivative Test:

If $f'(c)=0$ and $f''(c)>0$, then f has a _____ at c .

If $f'(c)=0$ and $f''(c)<0$, then f has a _____ at c .

For Example:

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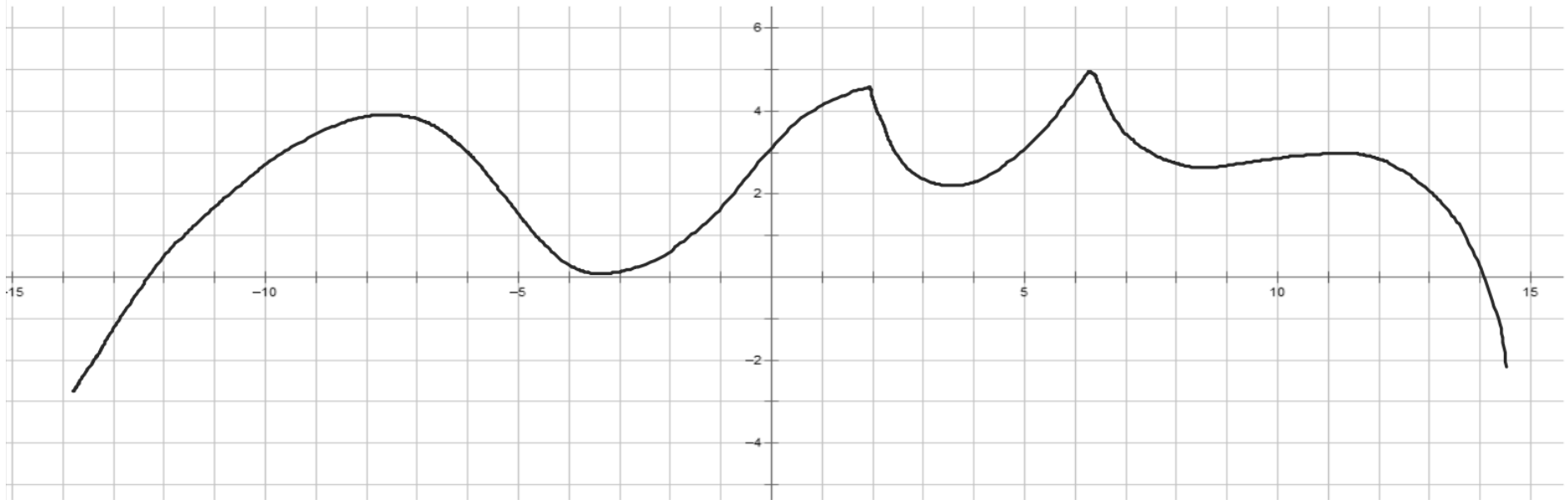
Suppose f'' is continuous on All Real Numbers

a) If $f'(2) = 0$ and $f''(2) = -5$, what can you say about f ?

b) If $f'(6) = 0$ and $f''(6) = 0$, what can you say about f ?

Definition:

Inflection Point: A point P on a curve $y=f(x)$ is called an inflection point if f is continuous there and the curve changes from concave up to concave down or from concave down to concave up at P .



Where are the changes in concavity?