

§4-3 & §4-5 1st and 2nd Derivatives and Curve Sketching

* f' , f'' 和 f 的圖形關係：

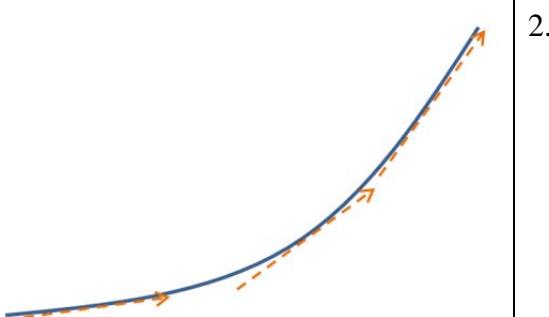
一、

1. $f'(x) > 0$ on (a, b) $\Rightarrow f$ is increasing on (a, b) .

2. $f'(x) < 0$ on (a, b) $\Rightarrow f$ is decreasing on (a, b) .

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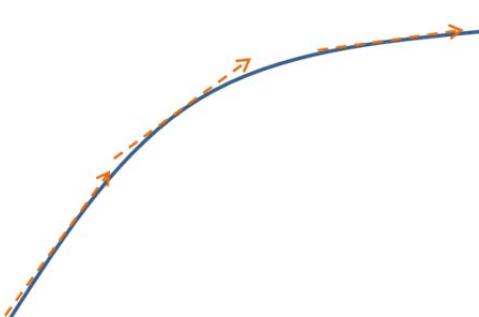
concave up (C.U.) on (a, b)

\Leftrightarrow 圖形在切線上方.

f' is increasing on (a, b)

$\Leftrightarrow f''(x) > 0$ on (a, b) .

2.



concave down (C.D.) on (a, b)

\Leftrightarrow 圖形在切線下方.

f' is decreasing on (a, b)

$\Leftrightarrow f''(x) < 0$ on (a, b) .

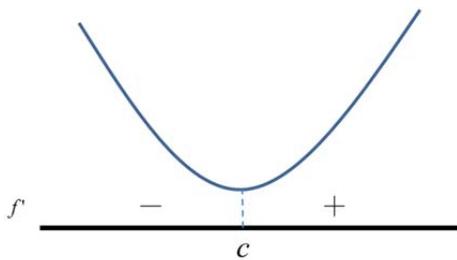
* 註記：

完整的證明可由 2 階 Taylor's 展開式來證明。

三、Inflection point : the point at which concavity is reversed.(反曲點)

四、1st Derivative Test :

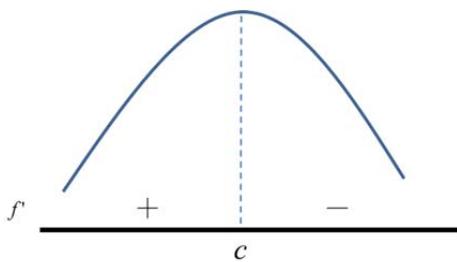
1.



$f' = 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$ is local an min.

* c is a critical point.

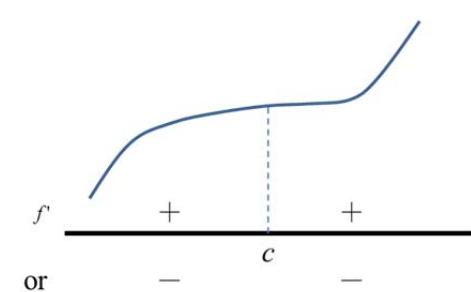
2.



$f' = 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$ is local an max.

* c is a critical point.

3.



$f(c)$ is neither an min nor an max.

or

五、2nd Derivative Test :

c : critical point

1. $f''(c) > 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$: local min (\because 在 c 的附近, f is C.U.)

2. $f''(c) < 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$: local max (\because 在 c 的附近, f is C.D.)

3. $f''(c) = 0 \Rightarrow$ The test fails.

For example : $f(x) = x^3$, $f''(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0)$ is neither a min nor a max.

六、Curve Sketching :

- 1. Intercepts
- 2. Symmetry
- 3. Asymptotes
- 4. Local extrema
- 5. Inflection points

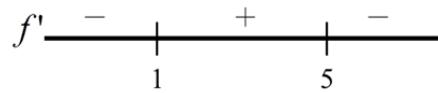
Example 1 : Sketch the function $f(x) = 2 - 15x + 9x^2 - x^3$.

Solution :

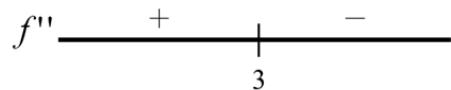
$$f(x) = 2 - 15x + 9x^2 - x^3 = -(x-2)(x^2 - 7x + 1)$$

$$f'(x) = -15 + 18x - 3x^2 = -3(x-5)(x-1)$$

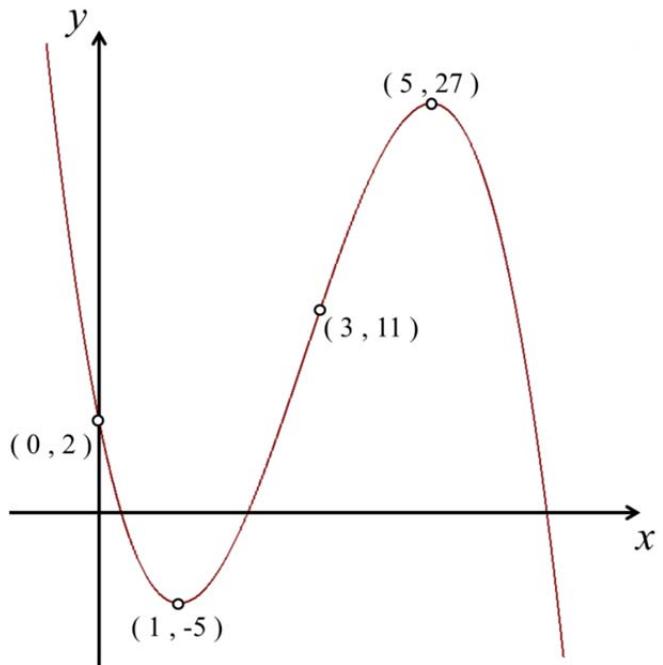
* Critical points : $x = 1$ and 5 .



$$f''(x) = 18 - 6x = -6(x-3)$$



x	0	1	2	3	5
y	2	-5	0	11	27



Example 2 : Sketch the function $f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}}(6-x)^{\frac{1}{3}}$.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= \frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}}(6-x)^{\frac{1}{3}} - \frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{2}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \\&= \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{1}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(2(6-x)-x) \\&= x^{-\frac{1}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{2}{3}}(4-x)\end{aligned}$$

* Critical points : $x = 0, 4$ and 6 .

$$f' \quad \begin{array}{c|ccccc} - & | & + & | & - & | & - \\ \hline 0 & & 4 & & 6 & & \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}f''(x) &= -\frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{4}{3}}(6-x)^{\frac{2}{3}}(4-x) + \frac{2}{3}x^{\frac{1}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{5}{3}}(4-x) - x^{-\frac{1}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \\&= \frac{1}{3}x^{\frac{4}{3}}(6-x)^{-\frac{5}{3}}[-(6-x)(4-x) + 2x(4-x) - 3x(6-x)] \\&= \frac{-8}{x^{\frac{4}{3}}(6-x)^{\frac{5}{3}}}\end{aligned}$$

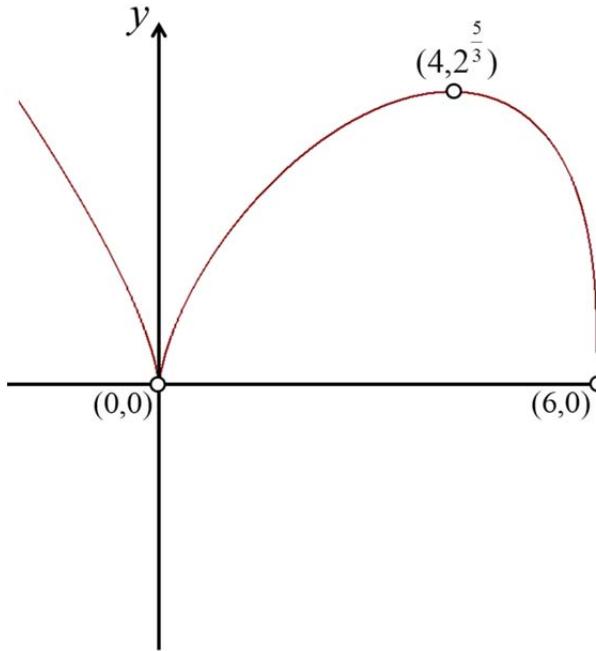
$$f'' \begin{array}{c} - \\ | \\ 0 \\ - \\ | \\ 6 \\ + \end{array}$$

x	0	4	6
y	0	$2^{\frac{5}{3}}$	0

$\Rightarrow f(0) = 0$ is a local min.

$f(4) = 2^{\frac{5}{3}}$ is a local max.

(6, 0) is an inflection point.



Example 3 : Sketch the function $f(x) = xe^{-x}$.

Solution :

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= e^{-x} - xe^{-x} \\ &= e^{-x}(1-x) \end{aligned}$$

* Critical point : $x = 1$.

$$f' \begin{array}{c} + \\ | \\ 1 \\ - \end{array}$$

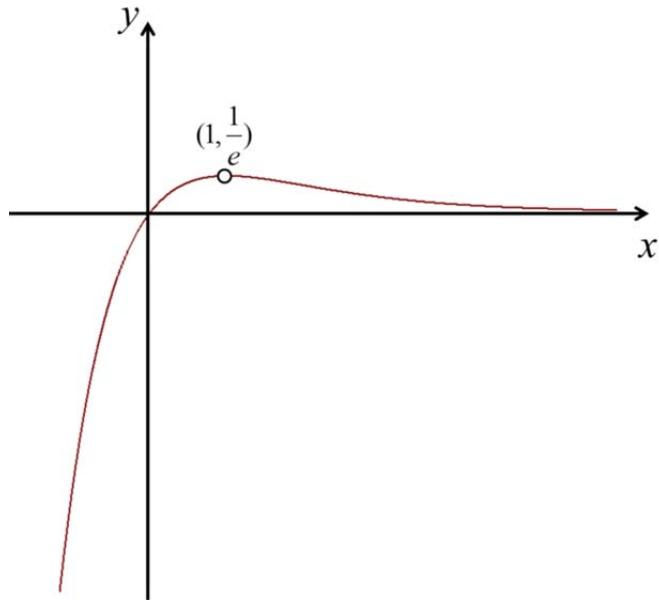
$$\begin{aligned}f''(x) &= -e^{-x}(1-x) - e^{-x} \\&= -e^{-x}(2-x)\end{aligned}$$



$\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{1}{e}$ is local max.

$(2, \frac{2}{e^2})$ is an inflection point.

x	1	2
y	$\frac{1}{e}$	$\frac{2}{e^2}$



Example 4 : Sketch the function $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1}$

Solution :

$$y = f(x) = \frac{x^3}{x^2 + 1} = x - \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$$

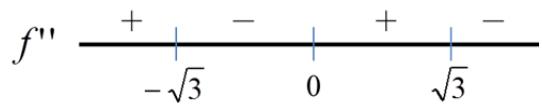
\Rightarrow Slant asymptotic : $y = x$.

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2(x^2 + 3)}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

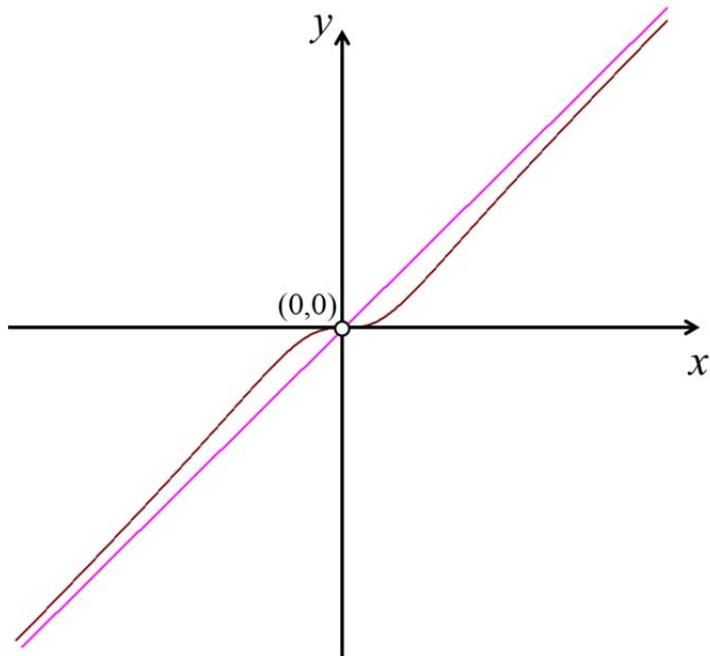
* Critical point : $x = 0$.



$$f'(x) = \frac{-2x(x^2 - 3)(x^2 + 1)}{(x^2 + 1)^4}$$



x	$-\sqrt{3}$	0	$\sqrt{3}$
y	$\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$	0	$-\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$



Example 5 : For what values of c is the function $f(x) = cx + \frac{1}{x^2 + 3}$ increasing on $(-\infty, \infty)$?

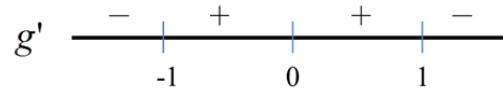
Solution :

$$f'(x) = c - \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} = \frac{c(x^2 + 3)^2 - 2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2}$$

Hope : find $c > 0$ s.t. $c(x^2 + 3)^2 - 2x > 0 \Leftrightarrow c - \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} > 0$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \Rightarrow g'(x) = \frac{-6(x^2 - 1)}{(x^2 + 3)^3}$$

因為 g 對稱於原點， $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$ ，且



$$\Rightarrow \text{the max of } g \text{ is } g(1) = \frac{1}{8}.$$

\Rightarrow If $c > \frac{1}{8}$, then $c(x^2 + 3)^2 - 2x > 0$ for all $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$.

* 討論：1. What happens when $c = \frac{1}{8}$?

2. What happens when $c < \frac{1}{8}$?