

### 3.3 Increasing & Decreasing Functions and the 1st Derivative Test

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Goals:

1. Understand how the sign of the derivative of a function relates to the behavior of the function, re: **increasing or decreasing**.
2. Use the **First Derivative Test** to determine relative extrema.

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Increasing:  $(0,3)$   
 Decreasing:  $(-3,0)$ ,  $(3,5)$

Increasing:  $(-\infty, a)$ ,  $(b, \infty)$   
 Decreasing:  $(a, b)$ ,  $(0, b)$

Increasing:  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 Decreasing: (sketch)

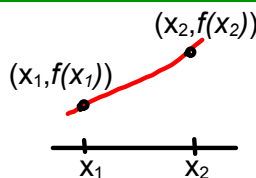
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Definitions:

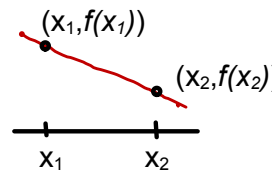
A function **f** is **increasing** on an interval if, for any two numbers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the interval,

$x_1 < x_2$  implies that  $f(x_1) < f(x_2)$ .



A function **f** is **decreasing** on an interval if, for any two numbers  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  in the interval,

$x_1 < x_2$  implies that  $f(x_1) > f(x_2)$ .



Can we tell if a function is increasing or decreasing, if we do not see it's graph? How?

Is there a way to test for increasing or decreasing?

Hint: Consider the slope of the tangent line.

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1. Find the **derivative**.
2. Determine the **intervals where** the derivative is **positive**. and where it is **negative**.

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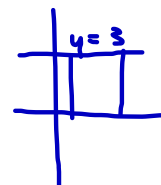
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**Test for Increasing & Decreasing Functions**

Let  $f$  be a function that is continuous on  $[a,b]$ , and differentiable on  $(a,b)$ , then:

1. If  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  on  $(a,b)$ ,  
then  $f$  is **increasing** on  $[a,b]$
2. If  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  on  $(a,b)$ ,  
then  $f$  is **decreasing** on  $[a,b]$
3. If  $f'(x) = 0$  for all  $x$  on  $(a,b)$ ,  
then  $f$  is **constant** on  $[a,b]$

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Find the intervals where  $y$  is increasing and intervals where  $y$  is decreasing.  $y = -(x - 1)^2$

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$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2(x - 1)(1)$$

CN:

1. y defined?
2. x when  $y' = 0$ ?
3. x when  $y'$  dne?

CNs: ① y def. ②  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ :  $x - 1 = 0$   
 $x = 1$  CN.  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  exists  $\forall x$

	$(-\infty, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
x	0	2
x - 1	-	+
$\frac{dy}{dx} = -2(x - 1)$	+	-
y	incr	decr

y incr on  $(-\infty, 1)$   
 y decr. on  $(1, \infty)$

Tabular representation of the number line, the sign of the derivative, and the incr or decr status of the function

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Find the intervals where y is increasing and intervals where y is decreasing.  $y = x^4 - 2x^2$

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Find the intervals where  $y$  is increasing and intervals where  $y$  is decreasing.  $y = x^4 - 2x^2$   $1-2=-1$

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

other CNs? No.  $dy/dx$  exists for all  $x$

CNs:  $x = -1, 0, 1$

	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
$x$	$-2$	$-\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	$2$
$4x$	$-$	$-$	$+$	$+$
$x+1$	$-$	$+$	$+$	$+$
$x-1$	$-$	$-$	$-$	$+$
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	$-$	$+$	$-$	$+$
$y$	decr	incr	decr	incr

$(-1, 1)$  rel. min  
 $(0, 2)$  rel. max  
 $(1, 1)$  rel. min

$y$  decr.  $(-\infty, -1)$   $(0, 1)$   
 incr  $(-1, 0)$   $(1, \infty)$

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**Wow!** We can use this approach to determine max and mins!

**The First Derivative Test for Relative Extrema**

Let  $c$  be a **Critical Number** of the function  $f$  that is continuous on the open interval  $I$  containing  $c$ . If  $f$  is differentiable on the interval, except possibly at  $c$ , then  $f(c)$  can be classified as:

- a relative min, if  $f'(x)$  changes from negative to positive at  $c$ .**  $\swarrow \searrow$
- a relative maximum, if  $f'(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $c$ .**  $\swarrow \searrow$
- neither a max nor a min if  $f'(x)$  is positive on both sides of  $c$  or negative on both sides of  $c$ .**  $//$  or  $\backslash \backslash$

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**To Find Relative Extrema of a continuous function using intervals and the First Derivative Test:**

1. Find **critical numbers** [ $f'(c) = 0$  or  $f'(c)$  undefined]
2. Determine intervals for evaluation of  $f'$  and begin the interval table:
  - a) Locate the **critical numbers along a number line** containing the domain of the function.
  - b) Determine the **intervals, using the critical numbers as endpoints**.
3. Continue the interval table by:
  - a) Selecting a **test value** for each interval.
  - b) Express  $f'(x)$  in factored form, and **write each factor** in the first column.
  - c) Find the **sign of each factor** in each interval and indicate the sign on the table.
  - d) For each interval, find the **sign of  $f'(x)$**  by determining the number of negative factors.
4. Determine whether  $f(x)$ , the original function, is **increasing (when  $f'(x) > 0$ ) or decreasing (when  $f'(x) < 0$ )** on each interval.
5. The critical value for which  $f(x)$  is **increasing to the left and decreasing to the right** is a **relative max.** /\
6. The critical value for which  $f(x)$  is **decreasing to the left and increasing to the right** is a **relative min.** \/
7. Find the **corresponding f or y value** for each critical value determined to be a relative max or min, and write the ordered pair  $(c, f(c))$ .

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F: a) CNs, b) inter inc, decr, c) rel.extrema

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$f(x) = x^2 + 8x + 10$   
 $f'(x) = 2x + 8 = 2(x + 4)$   
 CN:  $x = -4$

F: a) CNs. ✓  
 b) inter. ↑ ↓ ✓  
 c) rel. extr.

other CNs? No.  
 dy/dx exists for all x

	$(-\infty, -4)$	$(-4, \infty)$
$x$	$-5$	$0$
$f'(x) = 2(x+4)$	$-$	$+$
$f(x)$	decr.	incr.

$(-4, -6)$  rel. min

$f(-4) = (-4)^2 + 8(-4) + 10$   
 $= 16 - 32 + 10$   
 $= -6$

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$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 15$

F: intervals where f is incr, decr  
 relative extrema

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$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 15$$

$64 - 96 + 15 = 79 - 96$

F: intervals where f is incr, decr  
relative extrema

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

CNs  $f'(x) = 0$  or  $x=0$

$$3x(x-4) = 0$$

$$3x = 0 \quad | \quad x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \quad | \quad x = 4 \text{ CN.}$$

	$(-\infty, 0)$	$(0, 4)$	$(4, \infty)$
$x$	-1	1	5
$3x$	-	+	+
$x-4$	-	-	+
$f'(x)$	+	-	+
$f(x)$	incr	decr	incr.
	$(0, 15)$ rel. MAX	$(4, -17)$ rel. MIN	