

$F'(x)$  is  $+$   $\Rightarrow$   $F(x)$  is increasing

$F'(x)$  is  $-$   $\Rightarrow$   $F(x)$  is decreasing

$F'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow F(x)$  is constant

$F''(x) = +$  concave up 😊 concave up

$F''(x) = -$  concave down ☹️ concave down

## Guidelines for Finding Intervals on which a Function is Increasing or Decreasing

1. Locate the critical number of  $f$  in  $(a, b)$  and use these numbers to determine test intervals.
2. Determine the sign ( $+$  or  $-$ ) of  $f'(x)$  at one value in each of the intervals.
3. Use **Inc/Dec Test** to determine whether  $f$  is increasing or decreasing on each interval.

A function is strictly monotonic on an interval if it is either increasing on the entire interval or decreasing on the entire interval.

### Example 7:

Determine where the function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x - 5$  is increasing and where it is decreasing.

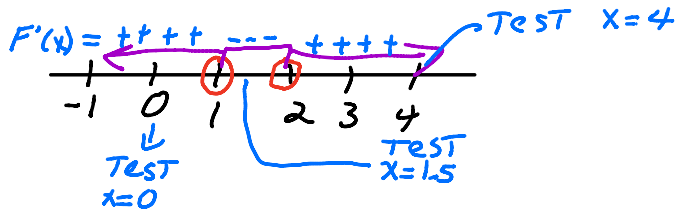
Find  $F'(x) = 6x^2 - 18x + 12 = 6(x^2 - 3x + 2) = 6(x-2)(x-1)$

critical #'s  $x=2, 1$

create intervals

TEST values in intervals with

$F'(x)$



$$F'(0) = 6(0)^2 - 18(0) + 12$$

$$F'(0) = +12$$

$$F'(1.5) = 6(1.5 - 2)(1.5 - 1) = 6(-.5)(.5) = -$$

$$F'(4) = 6(4 - 2)(4 - 1) = 6 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = +$$

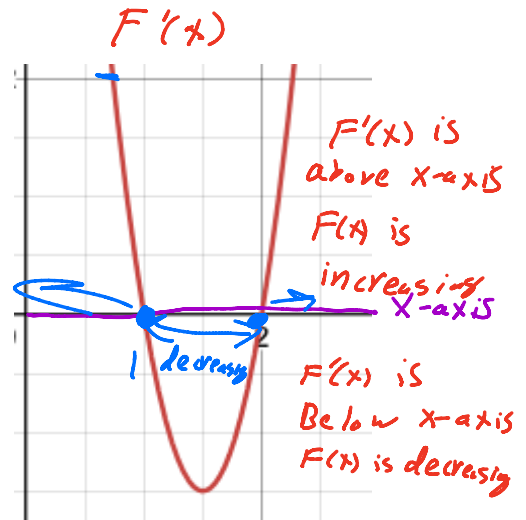
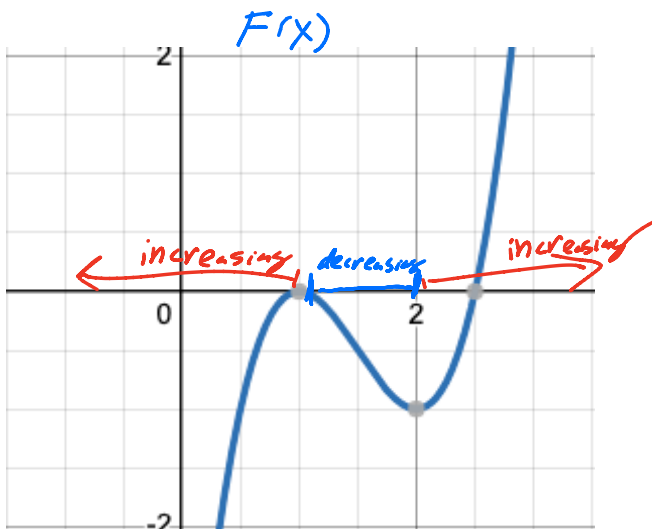
determine intervals of increase and decrease of  $F(x)$

increasing

$$(-\infty, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$$

decrease

$$(1, 2)$$

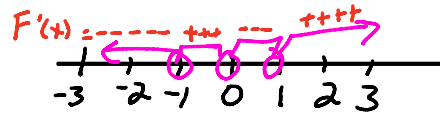


Determine where the function  $f(x) = (x^2 - 1)^{2/3}$  is increasing and where it is decreasing.

$$\begin{aligned}
 u &= x^2 - 1 & y &= (x^2 - 1)^{2/3} \\
 \frac{du}{dx} &= 2x & y &= u^{2/3} \\
 & & \frac{dy}{du} &= \frac{2}{3} u^{-1/3} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{u}} \\
 \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} = 2x \cdot \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2-1}} = \frac{4x}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2-1}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$F'(x) = \frac{4x}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2-1}}$$

critical #'s  $x=0, -1$



increasing  
 $(-1, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$

decreasing  
 $(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 1)$

Test

$$F'(-2) = \frac{4(-2)}{3\sqrt[3]{(-2)^2-1}} = \frac{-}{+} = -$$

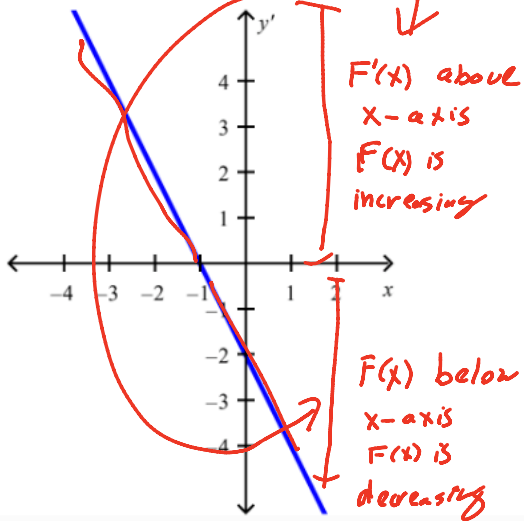
$$F'(-0.5) = \frac{4(-0.5)}{3\sqrt[3]{(-0.5)^2-1}} = \frac{-}{-} = +$$

$$F'(0.5) = \frac{4(0.5)}{3\sqrt[3]{(0.5)^2-1}} = \frac{+}{-} = -$$

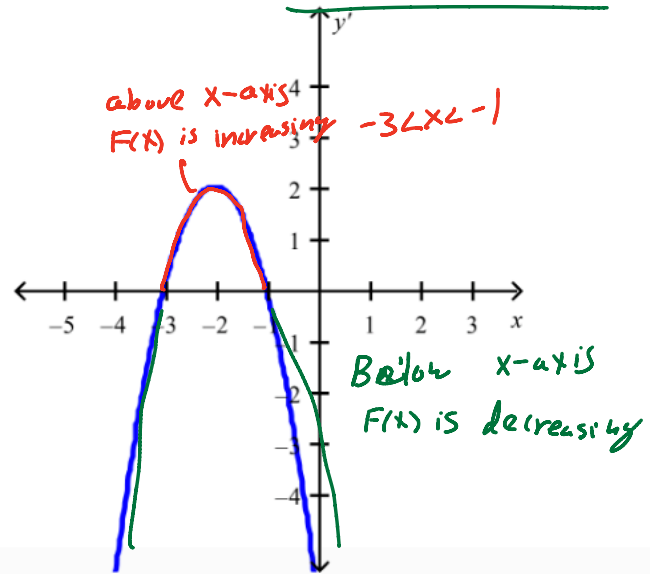
$$F'(2) = \frac{4(2)}{3\sqrt[3]{2^2-1}} = \frac{+}{+} = +$$

Identify intervals of increasing/decreasing when you are given  $f'$ .

a) Increasing  $(-\infty, -1)$   
 Decreasing  $(-1, \infty)$



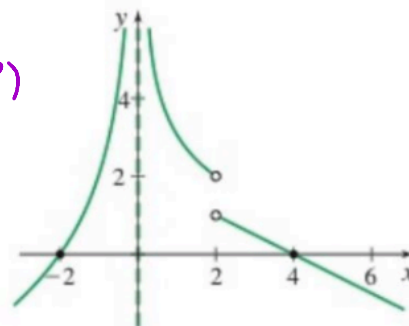
b) Increasing  $(-3, -1)$   
 Decreasing  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-1, \infty)$



**Example 9:**

Suppose  $f$  is a function that is continuous for all real numbers. The graph of  $f'$  is shown.

- a) What is the domain of the derivative  $f'$ ?  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
- b) List the critical numbers of  $f$ .  $x = -2, 0, 2, 4$
- c) On what intervals is the graph of  $f$  increasing?  $(-2, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, 4)$
- d) On what intervals is the graph of  $f$  decreasing?  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (4, \infty)$



**Figure 30** The graph of  $y = f'(x)$

**Example 9 (continued):**

Suppose  $f$  is a function that is continuous for all real numbers. The graph of  $f'$  is shown.

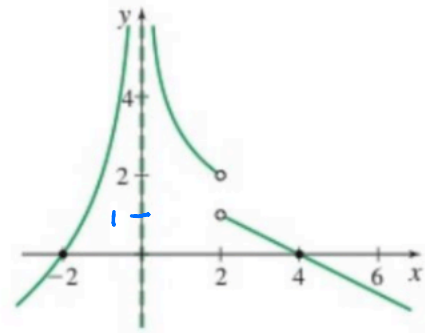
$F'(x)=0$

e) At what  $x$  values, if any, does the graph of  $f$  have a horizontal tangent  
 tangent  $x=-2, x=4$

f) At what  $x$  values, if any, does the graph of  $f$  have a vertical tangent

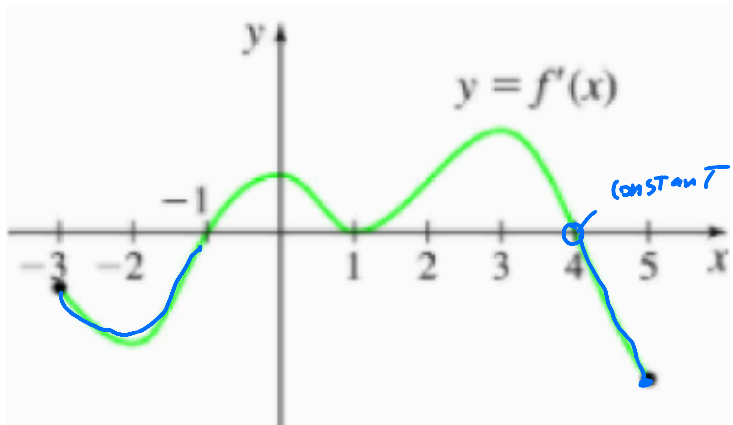
$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} F(x) = \infty$   $x=0$

g) At what  $x$  values, if any, does the graph of  $f$  have a corner



$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} F'(x) = 2$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} F'(x) = 1$   
 Sharp Turn (Corner)

The graph of  $f'$  for the interval  $[-3, 5]$  is shown below.



$f'(x)$  is below the x-axis

On what interval(s) is (are)  $f$  decreasing?

$[-3, -1) \cup (4, 5]$

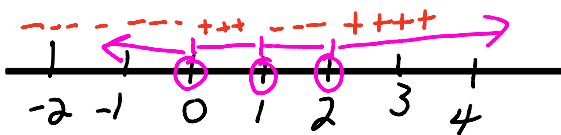
For which values of  $x$  is the function  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 + 1$  decreasing?

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

$$f'(x) = 4x(x-1)(x-2)$$

CRITICAL #'S  $x = 0, 1, 2$

- $x < 0$  or  $1 < x < 2$
- $x < 0$  or  $x > 2$
- $0 < x < 2$
- $x > 2$  only



$(-\infty, 0) \cup (1, 2)$

TEST POINTS in intervals

decreasing

$$f'(-2) = (4(-2))(-2-1)(-2-2) = - \cdot - \cdot - = -$$

$$f'(0.5) = (4(0.5))(0.5-1)(0.5-2) = + \cdot - \cdot - = +$$

$$f'(1.5) = (4(1.5))(1.5-1)(1.5-2) = + \cdot + \cdot - = -$$

$$f'(3) = (4(3))(3-1)(3-2) = + \cdot + \cdot + = +$$

An object moves along the  $x$ -axis so that its distance from the origin at any time  $t \geq 0$  is given by  $x(t) = t^3 + \frac{3}{2}t^2 - 18t + 4$ .

At what times  $t$  is the object at rest?  $V'(t) = 0$

$$V(t) = 3t^2 + 3t - 18 = 3(t^2 + t - 6) = 3(t+3)(t-2)$$

$$t = -3, 2$$

$$\cancel{V(-3) = 0}$$

$$V(2) = 0$$

$$t = 2$$

$$\ln 3 > 1$$

$$\ln e = 1$$

$$e \approx 2.7$$

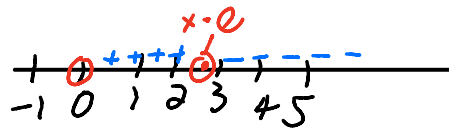
$$\ln(t) = 0$$

$$\ln(1) = 0$$

Which of the following statements is true for the function  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ ,  $x > 0$ ?

$$f'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x - (\ln x)(1)}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$$

Critical #'s  $x = 0$   
 $x = e$



$$f'(-1) = \frac{1 - \ln(-1)}{(-1)^2} = \frac{1 - \ln(-1)}{1}$$

$$+ = f'(1) = \frac{1 - \ln(1)}{(1)^2} = 1$$

$$- = f'(3) = \frac{1 - \ln(3)}{3^2} = \frac{-0.09}{9}$$

$$1 - 1.09$$

- $f$  is increasing on the interval  $(0, \infty)$ .
- $f$  is increasing on the interval  $[1, \infty)$ .
- $f$  is decreasing on the interval  $[1, e]$ .
- $f$  is decreasing on the interval  $[e, \infty)$ .