

Second Derivative Test (SDT) : Suppose that f'' is continuous on an open interval

containing C with $f'(C) = 0$:

If $f''(C) > 0$, then f has a local minimum at C

If $f''(C) < 0$, then f — " — maximum at C .

If $f''(C) = 0$: test is inclusive.

Summary

• Critical points $\subseteq \{x \mid f'(x) = 0\}$

• First derivative test : $C \in I$, f differentiable on I , except point at C .

$f'(x)$: $+$ \rightarrow $- \Rightarrow f$ has local max at C .

$- \rightarrow$ $+$ \Rightarrow — " — min at C

No change in sign : f has no local extremum at C .

f : $f' < 0$ \rightarrow $f' > 0$?
decreasing increasing

$f' \uparrow$ on $I \Rightarrow$ Concave up

$f' \downarrow$ on $I \Rightarrow$ Concave down

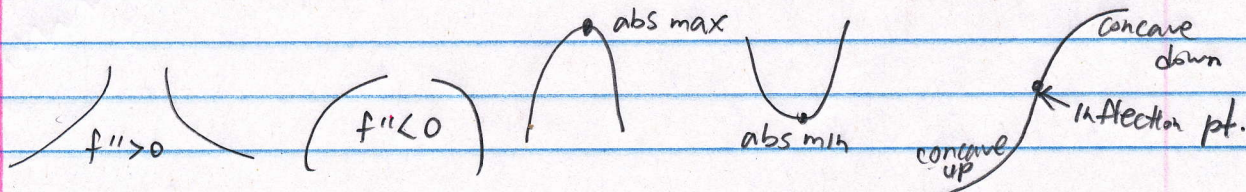
f continuous at C , changes concavity at $C \Rightarrow f$ has an inflection point at C

Caution : $f''(C) = 0$ need not imply that f has an inflection point

SDT : I open interval, $C \in I$, $f'(C) = 0$

• If $f''(C) > 0$, then f has a local min at C .

• If $f''(C) < 0$, — " — " — max at C .



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