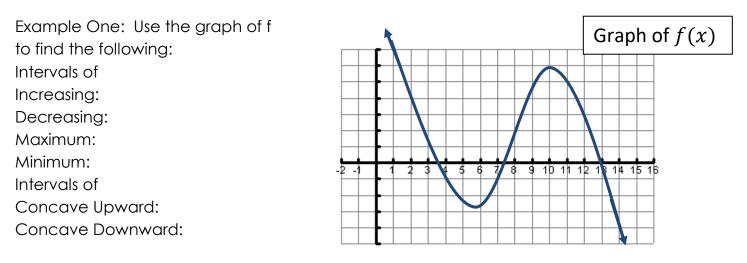
Notes: Critical Numbers, Intervals of Increasing/Decreasing, Intervals of Concavity, & POI



Critical points: A number *c* in the domain of *f* is called a critical point **If:** f'(c) = 0 or f'(c) = does not exist

Then: x = c is a critical point.

Increasing/Decreasing Behavior of Function

If f'(x) > 0, then f is _____

If f'(x) < 0, then f is _____

Concave Up/Concave Down Behavior of Function

If f''(x) > 0, then f is _____

If f''(x) < 0, then f is _____

Points of Inflection: A number c in the domain of f is called a point of inflection If: f''(c) = 0 or f''(c) = does not existAnd: If sign change at c Then: x = c is a point of inflecton Critical

Numbers

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How does the sign of the first derivative relate to the original function?

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How does the sign of the second derivative relate to the original function?

> AD Points of Inflection

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Critical Numbers: Intervals of Increasing: Decreasing: Maximum Value: Minimum Value: Possible Points of Inflection: Intervals of Concave Upward: Concave Downward: Point(s) of Inflection:

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

Critical Numbers: Intervals of Increasing: Decreasing: Maximum Value: Minimum Value: Possible Points of Inflection: Intervals of Concave Upward: Concave Downward:

Point(s) of Inflection:

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Critical Numbers: Intervals of Increasing: Decreasing: Maximum Value: Minimum Value: Possible Points of Inflection: Intervals of Concave Upward: Concave Downward: Point(s) of Inflection:

Example Five:

Where does f(x) have critical numbers?

Where is f(x) increasing?

Where is f(x) decreasing?

Are the critical values local minimums, maximums, or neither?

Where is f(x) concave upward?

Where is f(x) concave downward?

Where does f(x) have points of inflections?

What is the difference between critical numbers and points of inflection?

