Today

- Increasing/decreasing
- Extrema
- Concavity
- Inflection points
- Critical points

I like ice cream

(A)Yes

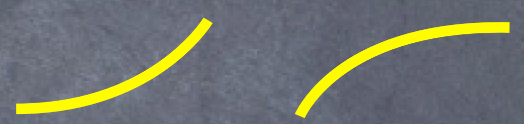
(B)No

Definitions

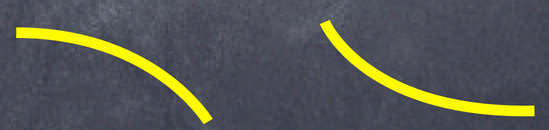
- Increasing/decreasing
- Local minimum/maximum
- Concave up/down
- 2-like and s-like inflection points

Increasing/decreasing

- We say a function is **increasing** on some interval if for any points a and b with **$a < b$** we have that **$f(a) < f(b)$**.



- We say a function is **decreasing** on some interval if for any points a and b with **$a < b$** we have that **$f(a) > f(b)$**.



- Notice - no reference to $f'(x)$!!

Local minimum/maximum

- A point **a** is a **local minimum** of a function f(x) provided that **f(x) > f(a)** for all x on an interval around a (excluding a, of course).

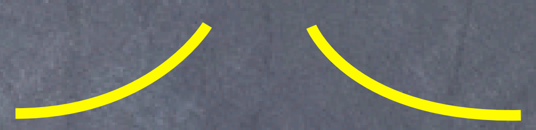
- A point **a** is a **local maximum** of a function f(x) provided that **f(x) < f(a)** for all x on an interval around a (excluding a, of course).

Which of the following is a local minimum?

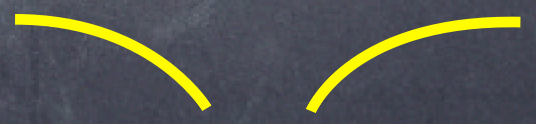
(A) (B) (C)

Concave up/down

- We say a function is **concave up** on some interval if for any points a and b with $a < b$ we have that $f'(a) < f'(b)$.



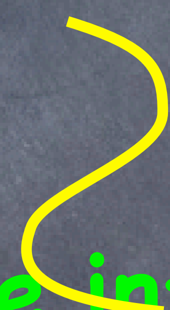
- We say a function is **concave down** on some interval if for any points a and b with $a < b$ we have that $f'(a) > f'(b)$.



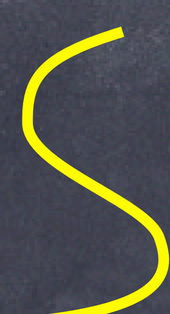
- Notice - no reference to $f''(x)$!!

Inflection points

- A point **a** is a **2-like inflection point** of a function f(x) provided that **$f'(x) > f'(a)$** for all x on an interval around a (excluding a, of course).



- A point **a** is an **s-like inflection point** of a function f(x) provided that **$f'(x) < f'(a)$** for all x on an interval around a (excluding a, of course).



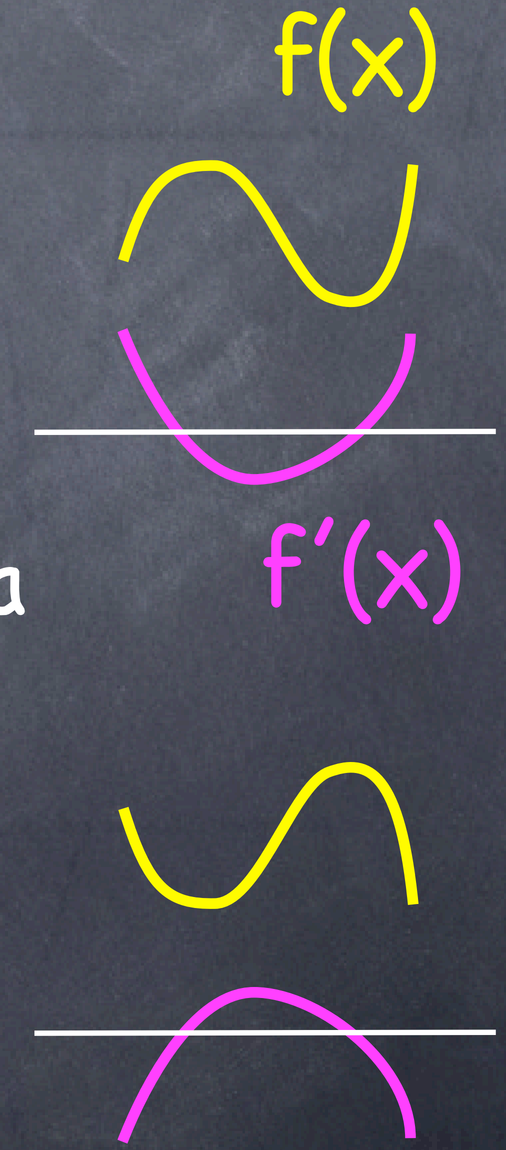
Concave up/down (equivalent)

- We say a function is **concave up** on some interval if f′(x) is increasing on that interval.

- We say a function is **concave down** on some interval if f′(x) is decreasing on that interval.

Inflection points (equivalent)

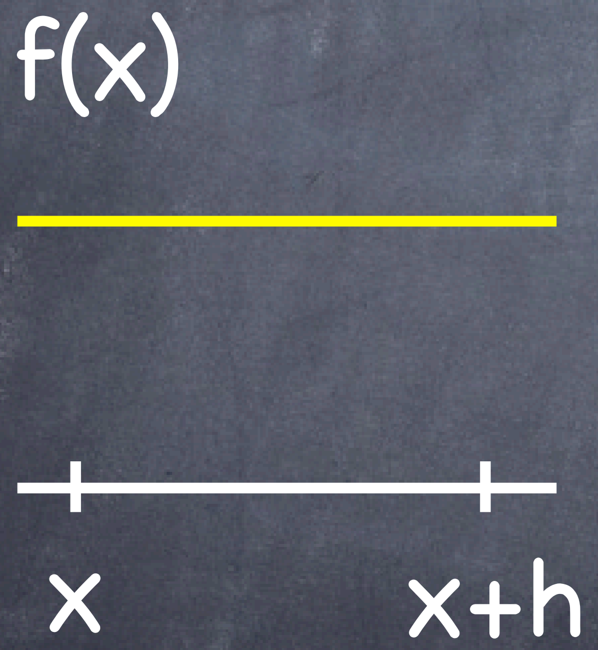
- A point **a** is a **2-like inflection point** of a function f(x) provided that **a** is a **local minimum of f'(x).**
- A point **a** is an **s-like inflection point** of a function f(x) provided that **a** is a **local maximum of f'(x)**.



Tools

- Using $f'(x)$ to determine intervals of increase/decrease.
- Using $f'(x)$ to find extrema.
- Using $f''(x)$ to determine intervals of concave up/down.
- Using $f''(x)$ to find inflection points.

Link between increasing/ decreasing and f'



The function is constant.

➡ $f(x+h) = f(x)$

➡ $f(x+h) - f(x) = 0$

➡ $$f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = 0$$

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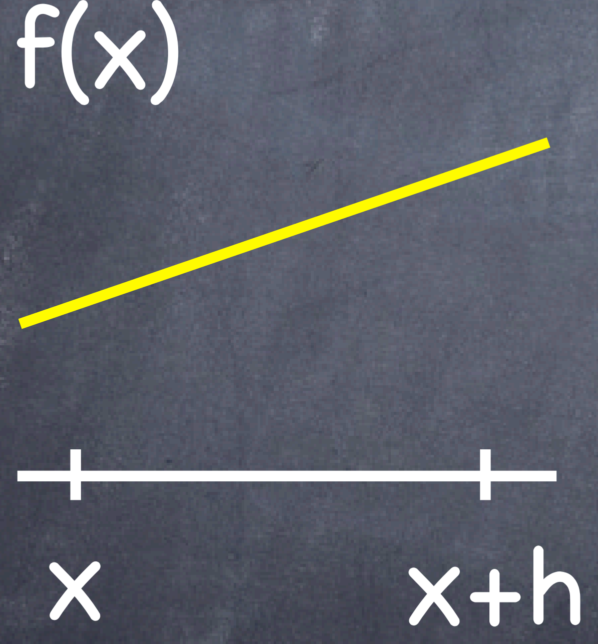


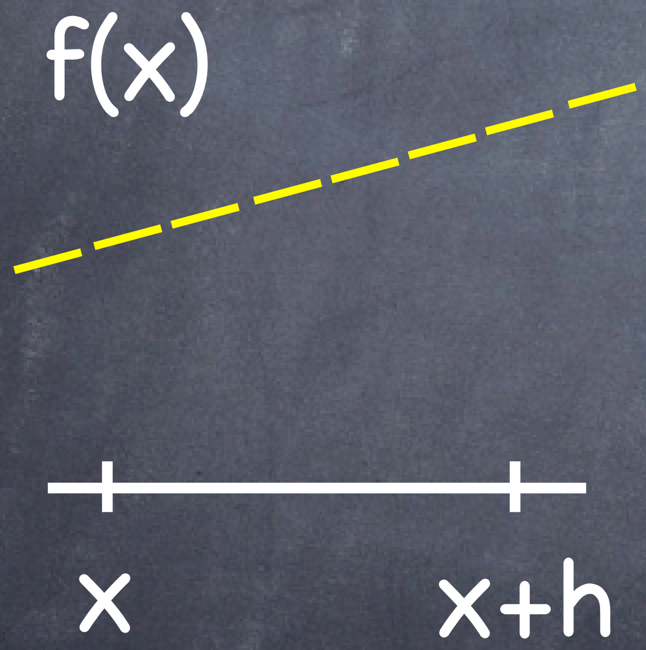
The function is increasing.

➡ $f(x+h) > f(x)$

➡ $f(x+h) - f(x) > 0$

➡ $f'(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} > 0$

Link between concavity and f″



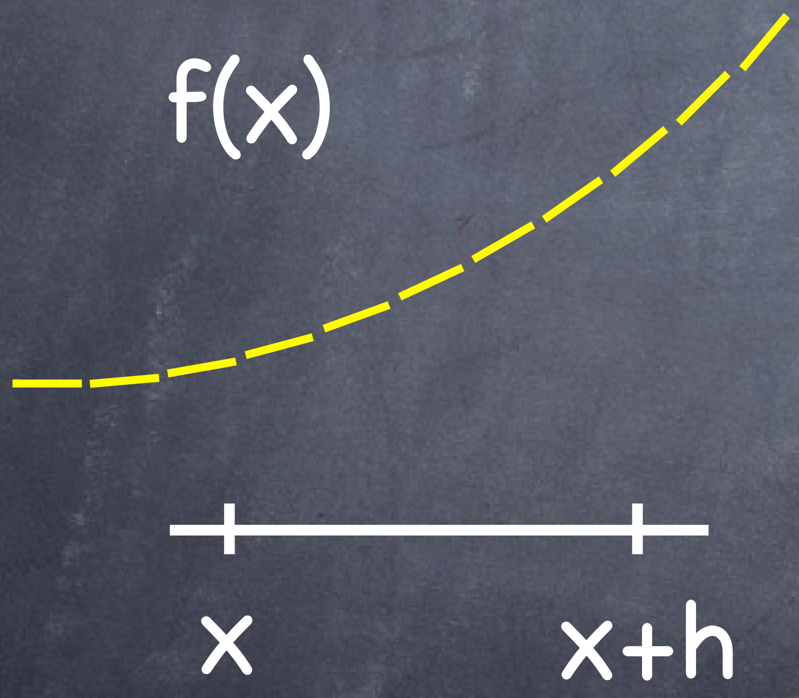
The slope is constant.

➡ $f'(x+h) = f'(x)$

➡ $f'(x+h) - f'(x) = 0$

➡ $$f''(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$$
$$= 0$$

Link between concavity and f″



The slope is increasing.

➡ f′(x+h) > f′(x)

➡ f′(x+h) - f′(x) > 0

➡ $$f''(x) = \lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$$

$$> 0$$

Critical points

- A critical point of f(x) is a point **a** at which **f′(a)=0** or **f′(a) is not defined** even though f(a) is defined.
- Use of critical points:
  - Critical points of f(x) might be minima or maxima of f(x). Not always though.
  - Critical points of f′(x) might be minima or maxima of f′(x) and hence inflection points of f(x). Not always though.