

Today

- Reminders:

- OSH 3 on Monday, Assign. 4a on Tues 7am,

- Midterm 1 on Tues 6pm.

- S.101 – HENN 200,

- S.103 – Last name A–K: BUCH A203

- S.103 – Last name L–Z: BUCH A103

Today


- How to choose x_0 for Newton's method.
- Inc/dec, critical points and extrema.
- First and Second derivative test.
- Concavity, potential IPs and actual IPs.

How to choose x_0


Desmos:

• <https://www.desmos.com/calculator/hf5ll3di1l>

Increasing/decreasing

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

When f' exists, same as $f'(x) > 0$.

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

When f' exists, same as $f'(x) < 0$.

- Notice – no reference to $f'(x)$!!

Local extrema (min/max)

- 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).

Which of the following is a local minimum?

- 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).
- If the function is differentiable at the minimum, then it must look like (A).

Critical points (CPs) of $f(x)$

- A CP 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 CPs of $f(x)$:
 - If $f'(x)$ changes sign at a CP, then the CP is an extremum (min/max) of $f(x)$.
 - If $f'(x)$ does not change sign at a CP, then the CP is not an extremum of $f(x)$!

Critical points – examples

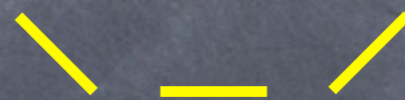
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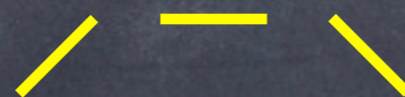
A critical point is an extremum when...

- **First derivative test:** A critical point $x=a$ is an extremum when $f'(x)$ changes sign at $x=a$.

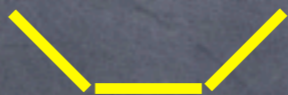

- If $f'(x)$ goes from $-$ to 0 to $+$ then $x=a$ is a min of $f(x)$.



- If $f'(x)$ goes from $+$ to 0 to $-$ then $x=a$ is a max of $f(x)$.



A critical point is an extremum when...

- **Second derivative test:** If $f'(x)$ is differentiable at $x=a$, then $x=a$ is an extremum when $f''(a) \neq 0$.
- If $f''(a) > 0$, then $f'(x)$ goes from $-$ to 0 to $+$ so $x=a$ is a min of $f(x)$.

- If $f''(a) < 0$, then $f'(x)$ goes from $+$ to 0 to $-$ so $x=a$ is a max of $f(x)$.


A critical point is NOT an extremum when...

- **The First derivative test FAILS:** A critical point $x=a$ is NOT an extremum when $f'(x)$ does not change sign at $x=a$. In this case, $f(x)$ keeps going in the same direction after the flat spot.

• Ex.: $f(x) = x^3 \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(x) = 3x^2 \quad \rightarrow \quad f'(0) = 0$

$\rightarrow \quad f'(0^-) > 0$

$\rightarrow \quad f'(0^+) > 0$



A critical point is still mysterious when...

- **The Second derivative test FAILS:** If $f''(a) = 0$ then we can't be certain whether or not $x=a$ is an extremum.
- Ex.1: $f(x)=x^4 \rightarrow f''(0)=0$ and $x=0$ is min.
- Ex.2: $g(x)=x^5 \rightarrow g''(0)=0$ but $x=0$ is neither a min nor a max.



$$g(x) = x^5 - x^3 \text{ has...}$$

- (A) a maximum at $x=0$ and a minimum at $x=\sqrt{3/5}$.
- (B) a minimum at $x=0$ and a maximum at $x=\sqrt{3/5}$.
- (C) no extremum at $x=0$ and a minimum at $x=\sqrt{3/5}$.
- (D) a mystery pt at $x=0$ and a minimum at $x=\sqrt{3/5}$.

Note 1: asymptotics
gives you a good start!

Note 2: $g(x)$ is odd.



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$$g'(x) = 5x^4 - 3x^2 = 0 \text{ when } x=0 \text{ or } x=\sqrt{3/5}.$$

(i) FDT: $g'(x) \approx -3x^2$ near $x=0$ so $g'(x)$ doesn't change sign!

(ii) SDT: $g''(x) = 20x^3 - 6x = 2x(10x^2 - 3)$ so $g''(0)=0 \rightarrow$ mystery!

Concave up/down

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

When $f''(x)$ exists, same as $f''(x) > 0$.

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

When $f''(x)$ exists, same as $f''(x) < 0$.

Inflection points

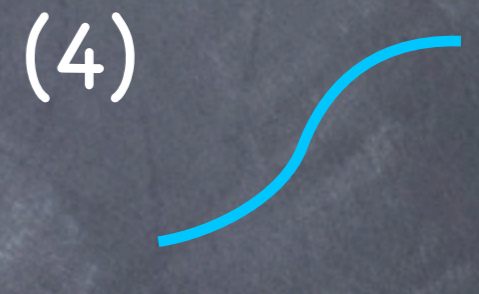
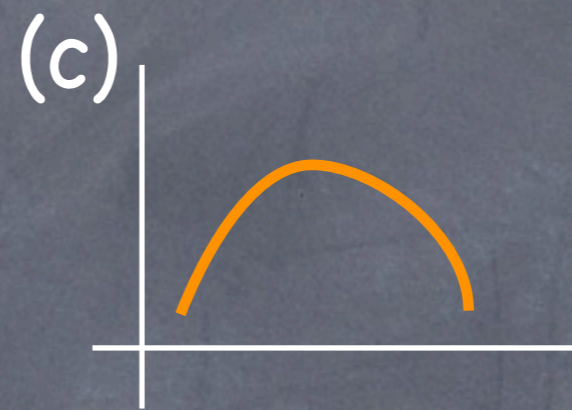
• An **inflection point** of $f(x)$ is a point at which the **concavity changes** from up to down or down to up.

• A point **a** is an **inflection point** of a function $f(x)$ provided that **a** is a **local minimum or a local maximum of $f'(x)$** .

better!!



Match $f'(x)$ to $f(x)$



(A) 1d, 2b, 3a, 4c

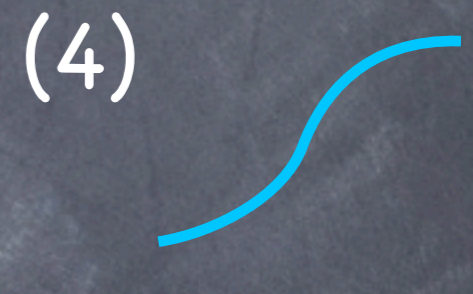
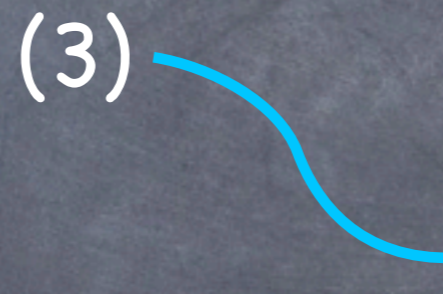
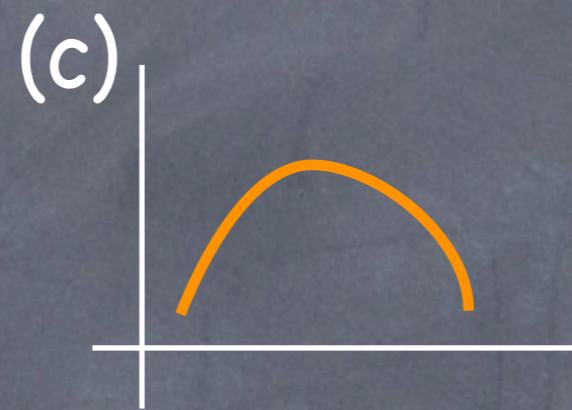
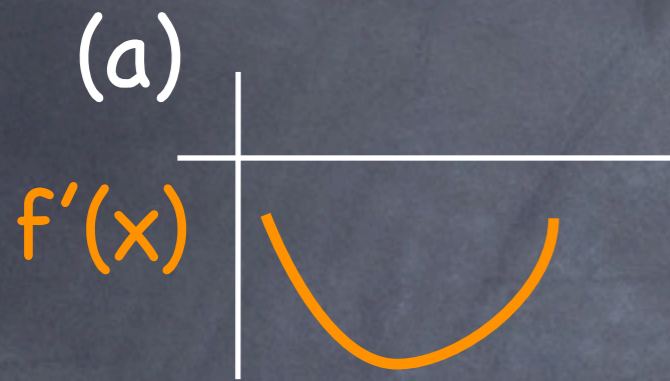
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(B) 1b, 2d, 3a, 4c

(D) 1c, 2a, 3d, 4b

(E) Don't know.

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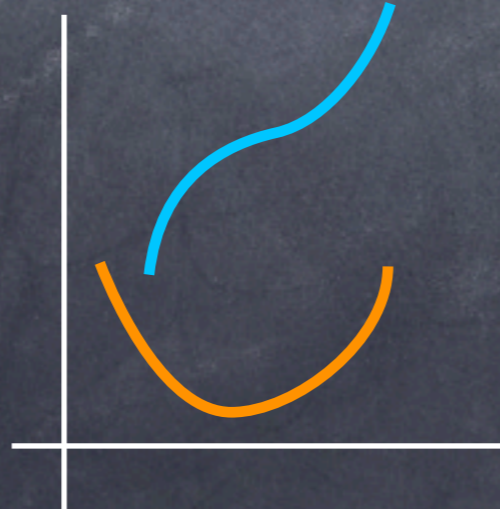
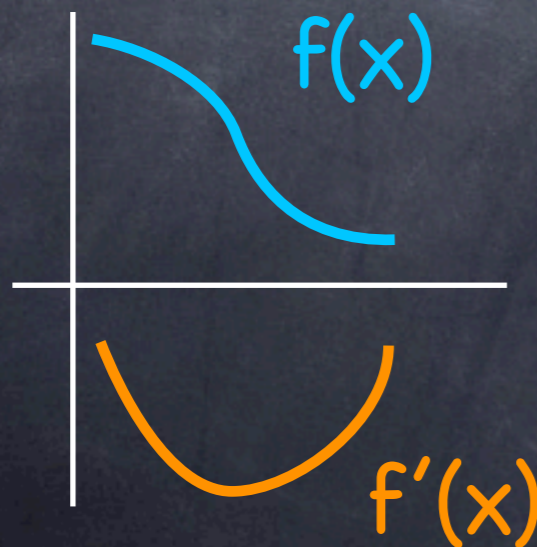
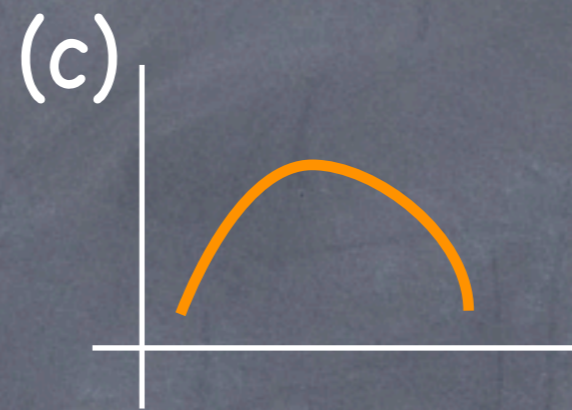
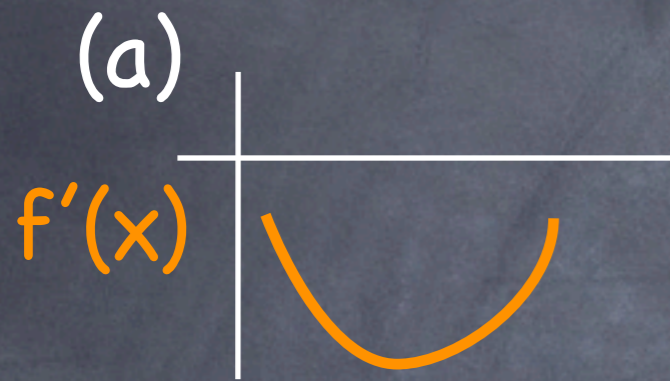
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This is "SDT" where the function considered is f' instead of f ! Would usually use "FDT".