# Lecture 14 <br> Section 4.6 Concavity and Points of Inflection 

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- The written questions on Test 1 are graded and appear as a separate column in your CourseWare gradebook.
- You have to add the two columns "Test 1" and "FR1" to get your total score on the exam.
- The average in this class was $65.5!!!$ (Others 77.63, 75.01, 70.95)


## Grade Information

- $90 \%$ and above - A
- at least $80 \%$ and below $90 \%$ - B
- at least $70 \%$ and below $80 \%$ - C
- at least $60 \%$ and below 70\% - D
- below 60\% - F


## Grade Information

- 300 points determined by exams 1, 2 and 3
- 100 points determined by lab work, written quizzes, homework, daily grades and online quizzes.
- 200 points determined by the final exam
- 600 points total


## Weekly Online Quizzes

- Online quizzes are given most weeks.
- You can attempt these quizzes as many times as you like until they expire.
- The highest grade will be used for your score.
- If you fail to reach $70 \%$ during three weeks of the semester, I have the option to drop you from the course!!!.


## Quiz 1

Assume the domain of $f$ is all real numbers. The graph of $f^{\prime}(x)$ is shown below. Classify the critical value at 2 or state that the value is not a critical value.
a. local maximum
b. local minimum
c. neither
d. not a critical value
e. None of these


## Quiz 2

Assume the domain of $f$ is all real numbers. The graph of $f^{\prime}(x)$ is shown below. Classify the critical value at 3 or state that the value is not a critical value.
a. local maximum
b. local minimum
c. neither
d. not a critical value
e. None of these


## Homework Help Session

- Homework Help Session by by Prof. Morgan.
- Tonight 8:00-10:00pm in 100 SEC


## Example 3



Example 3 A window in the shape of a rectangle capped by a semicircle is to have perimeter $p$. Choose the radius of the semicircular part so that the window admits the greatest amount of light.

## Example 4



Example 4 A state highway department plans to construct a new road between towns $A$ and $B$. Town $A$ lies on an abandoned road that runs east-west. Town $B$ is 3 miles north of the point on that road that is 5 miles east of A. The engineering division proposes that the road be constructed by restoring a section of the old road from $A$ up to a point $P$ and joining it to a new road that connects $P$ and $B$. If the cost of restoring the old road is $\$ 200,000$ per mile and the cost of the new road is $\$ 400,000$ per mile, how much of the old road should be restored in order to minimize the department's costs?

## Example 5




Example 5 (The angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection.) Figure 4.5.6 depicts light from a point $A$ reflected to a point $B$ by a mirror. Two angles have been marked: the angle of incidence, $\theta_{i}$, and the angle of reflection, $\theta_{r}$. Experiment shows that $\theta_{i}=\theta_{r}$. Derive this result by postulating that the light that travels from $A$ to the mirror and then to $B$ follows the shortest possible path. $\dagger$

## Example 6

Example 6 A manufacturing plant has a capacity of 25 articles per week. Experience has shown that $n$ articles per week can be sold at a price of $p$ dollars each where $p=110-2 n$ and the cost of producing $n$ articles is $600+10 n+n^{2}$ dollars. How many articles should be made each week to give the largest profit?

| $n$ | $P$ | $n$ | $P$ | $n$ | $P$ |
| ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 8 | 8 | 14 | 212 | 20 | 200 |
| 9 | 57 | 15 | 225 | 21 | 177 |
| 10 | 100 | 16 | 232 | 22 | 148 |
| 11 | 137 | 17 | 233 | 23 | 113 |
| 12 | 168 | 18 | 228 | 24 | 72 |
| 13 | 193 | 19 | 217 | 25 | 25 |

## Concavity and Points of Inflection



## Definition

- The graph of $f$ is concave up on $I$ if $f^{\prime}$ increases on $I$.
- The graph of $f$ is concave down on $I$ if $f^{\prime}$ decreases on $I$.
- Ponts that join arcs of opposite concavity are points of inflection.


## Example 1



- Determine the intervals on which $f$ increases and the intervals on which $f$ decreases.
- Determine the intervals on which the graph of $f$ is concave up and the intervals on which the graph of $f$ is concave down.
- Give the $x$-coordinates of the points of inflection.


## Example 2



- Determine the intervals on which $f$ increases and the intervals on which $f$ decreases.
- Determine the intervals on which the graph of $f$ is concave up and the intervals on which the graph of $f$ is concave down.
- Give the $x$-coordinates of the points of inflection.


## Second-Derivative Test



## Theorem

- If $f^{\prime \prime}(x)>0$ for all $x$ in I, then $f^{\prime}$ increases on I, and the graph of $f$ is concave up.
- If $f^{\prime \prime}(x)<0$ for all $x$ in I, then $f^{\prime}$ decreases on I, and the graph of $f$ is concave down.
- If the point $(c, f(c))$ is a point of inflection, then either $f^{\prime \prime}(c)=0$ or $f^{\prime}(c)$ does not exist.


## Example 3



- Determine concavity and find the points of inflection of the graph of $f(x)=x^{3}-6 x^{2}+9 x+1$.

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f^{\prime}(x)=3 x^{2}-12 x+9, f^{\prime \prime}(x)=6 x-12
$$

sign of $f^{\prime \prime}$ :
graph of $f: \quad$ concave down $\quad 2 \quad$ concave up $\quad x$ inflection

## Example 4



- Determine concavity and find the points of inflection of the graph of $f(x)=x+\cos x, x \in[0,2 \pi]$.
$f^{\prime}(x)=1-\sin x, f^{\prime \prime}(x)=-\cos x$.


