# Graphing f from f' and f''

#### Goal:

- Can use the first derivative to identify when the function increases and decreases
- Can use the second derivative to identify when the function is concave up and concave down
- Can graph a function to have correct extrema and concavity

### Terminology:

None

Recall our definitions for the continuous function  $f:[a,b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ (change inequality direction for decreasing, minimums, and concave down).

#### Increasing:

- (First Principles) If  $\forall x, y \in [a, b]$  with x < y we get f(x) < f(y), then f is increasing on [a, b]
- **(Calculus)** If  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$  then f is increasing on [a, b]

### Maximum:

- (First Principles) If  $f(c) \ge f(x) \forall x \in [a, b]$ , then x = c is an absolute maximum
- (First Principles) If  $f(c) \ge f(x)$  for every x on some open interval around c, then x = c is a local maximum
- **(Calculus)** If f'(x) > 0 when  $x \in (a, c)$  and f'(x) < 0 when  $x \in (c, b)$  then x = c is a local maximum
- (Calculus) If f''(x) < 0 when  $x \in (a, b)$  and f'(c) = 0 for  $c \in (a, b)$  then x = c is a local maximum

# Concavity:

- (First Principles) If f'(x) is increasing on [a, b] then it is concave up on [a, b]
- **(Calculus)** If  $f''(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b)$  then f is concave up on [a, b] (assuming f'(a) and f'(b) are definied)

# Inflection Points:

• **(Calculus)** If f''(x) is positive or negative when  $x \in (a, c)$  and f''(x) is negative or positive when  $x \in (c, b)$  then x = c is an inflection point. (f'' needs to change sign)



### Practice:

- Sketch the continuous functions *f*
- label the max and mins and inflection points
- state the intervals *f* is increasing and intervals it is concave up.
- 1. Dotted is f' and dashed is f''. Make f pass through the point f(4) = -1 shown below. The domain of f is  $\mathbb{R}$



2. Dotted is f' and dashed is f''. Make f pass through the point f(0) = 1 shown below. The domain of f is [0, 6]



3. Dotted curve is f'. Make f pass through the point f(0) = 0 shown below. The domain of f is [0, 5]



4. The curve has the following properties. f(-2) = 6 f'(-2) = 0 f''(x) > 0 when x > 2 f(0) = 5 f'(x) > 0 when |x| > 2 f''(x) < 0 when x < 2 f(2) = -1 f'(x) < 0 when |x| < 2

f'(2) is undefined



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$$f(x) = 4e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}}$$





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