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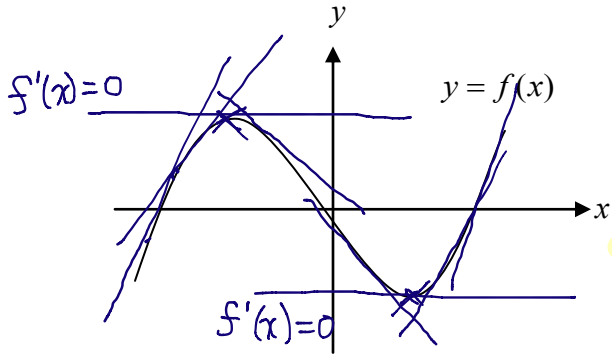
UNIT 6: CURVE SKETCHING

Section 9.1 – Increasing and Decreasing Functions

Section 9.2 – Critical Points, Relative Maxima and Minima

CRITICAL POINTS: are points where the derivative is 0 or undefined.

Note: All relative maxima and minima (local extrema) are critical points, but not all critical points are maxima or minima.



For local max/min $f'(x) = 0$ or $y' = 0$.

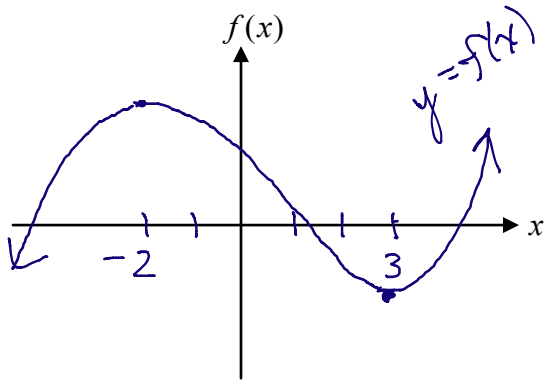
$f(x)$ is said to be **increasing** if as x increases, $f(x)$ increases.

For an increasing function, $f'(x) > 0$ or $y' > 0$.

$f(x)$ is said to be **decreasing** if as x increases, $f(x)$ decreases.

For a decreasing function, $f'(x) < 0$ or $y' < 0$.

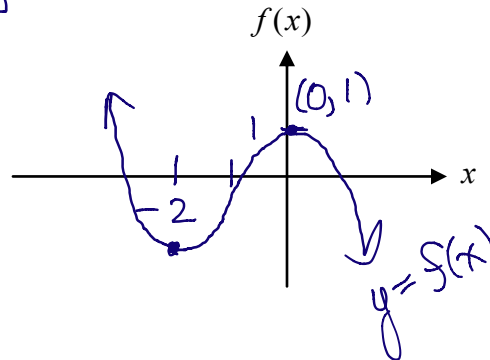
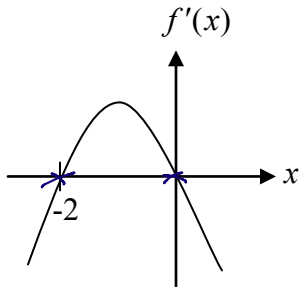
Ex. 1. Sketch the graph of the function $f(x)$ that satisfies $f'(x) > 0$ for $x < -2$ and $x > 3$ and $f'(x) < 0$ for $-2 < x < 3$.



Interval	$x < -2$	$-2 < x < 3$	$x > 3$
$f'(x)$	+	-	+
$f(x)$	increasing	decreasing	increasing

↑ at $x = -2$ local max. ↑ at $x = 3$ local min.

Ex. 2. Sketch the graph of $f(x)$, assuming $f(0) = 1$ and given the graph of the derivative $f'(x)$.



Interval	$x < -2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$x > 0$
$f'(x)$	-	+	-
$f(x)$	dec.	inc.	dec.

↑ at $x = -2$ local min. ↑ at $x = 0$ local max. $(0, 1)$

Ex. 3. Find all **critical points** of the following functions. Identify the **critical points** as **local maxima**, **local minima** or **neither** and sketch the graph.

a) $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$

$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3$

For max/min.

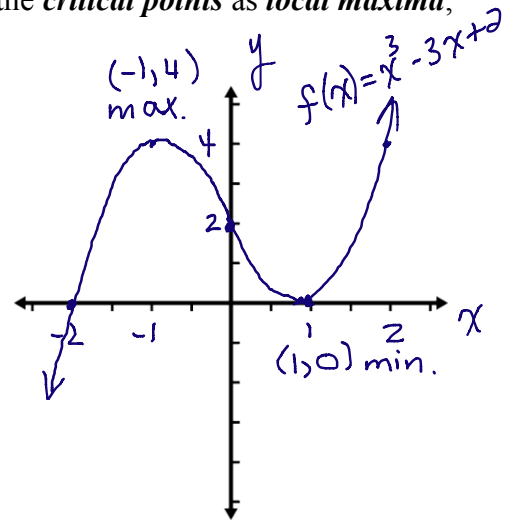
$f'(x) = 0$

$3x^2 - 3 = 0$

$x^2 = 1$

$x = \pm 1$

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-2	0	+
-1	4	0 max
0	2	-
1	0	0 min.
2	4	+



\therefore the critical points are $(-1, 4)$ a local maximum and $(1, 0)$ a local minimum.

b) $f(x) = (1 - x^2)^2 - 2$

$f'(x) = 2(1 - x^2)(-2x)$

$f'(x) = -4x(1 - x^2)$

For critical pts.

$f'(x) = 0$

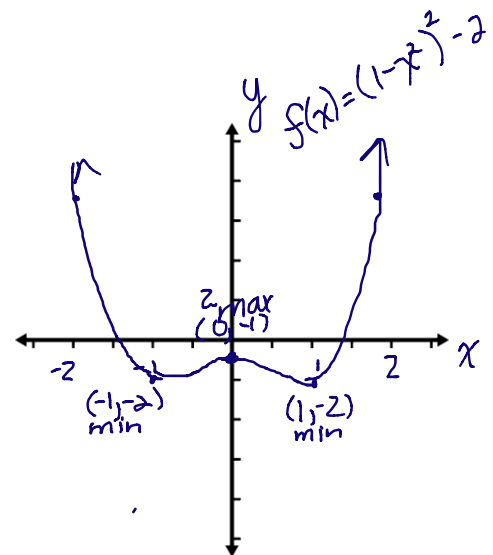
$-4x(1 - x^2) = 0$

$\therefore x = 0$ or $1 - x^2 = 0$

$x^2 = 1$

$x = \pm 1$

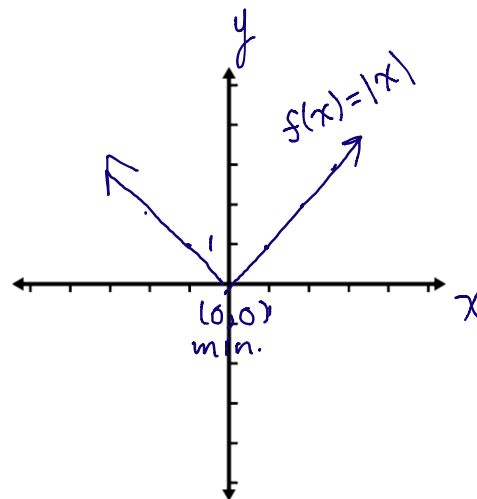
x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-2	7	-
-1	-2	0 min.
$-\frac{1}{2}$		+
0	-1	0 max
$\frac{1}{2}$		-
1	-2	0 min.
2	7	+



\therefore the critical points are $(-1, -2)$ & $(1, -2)$ both local minima and $(0, -1)$ a local maximum.

c) $f(x) = |x|$

		x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$	$x < 0$	$x < 0$		-
	$x \geq 0$	0	0	X min.
$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$	$x < 0$	$x > 0$		+
	$x > 0$			



∴ $f'(0)$ d.n.e.

∴ $(0,0)$ is a critical pt., a local minimum.

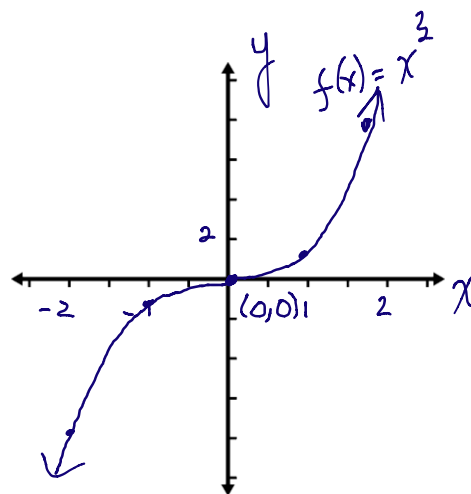
d) $f(x) = x^3$

$f'(x) = 3x^2$
 For critical pts.
 $f'(x) = 0$
 $3x^2 = 0$

$x = 0$

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
$x < 0$		+
0	0	
$x > 0$		+

∴ $(0,0)$ is a critical pt, neither a maximum or minimum.



Ex. 4. The function $f(x) = x^3 + ax + b$ has a turning point at $(-2, 6)$. Find the constants a and b and the function $f(x)$.

$f(x) = x^3 + ax + b$

$f'(x) = 3x^2 + a$

pt. $(-2, 6)$
 ①

$f(-2) = 6$
 $(-2)^3 + a(-2) + b = 6$

$-8 - 2a + b = 6$

$-2a + b = 14$
 ①

turning pt.
 at $x = -2$ ②

$f'(-2) = 0$
 $3(-2)^2 + a = 0$

$12 + a = 0$

$a = -12$
 ②

sub $a = -12$ in ①

$-2(-12) + b = 14$

$24 + b = 14$

$b = -10$

∴ $a = -12, b = -10$

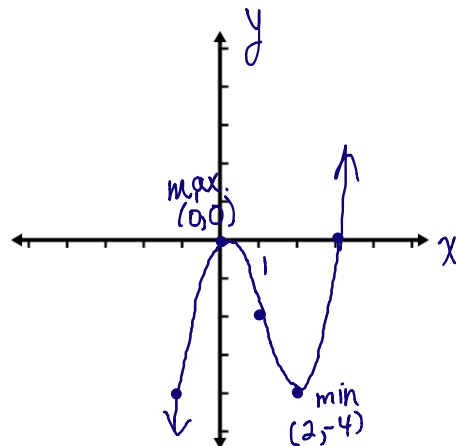
∴ $f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 10$

Section 9.4 - CONCAVITY & POINTS OF INFLECTION

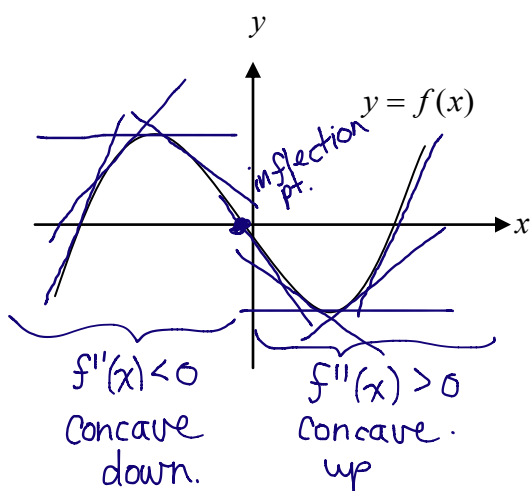
Ex. 1. Find and classify all **local extrema** (local maxima and minima) of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$. Illustrate your results graphically.

$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$
 $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x$
 For max/min.
 $f'(x) = 0$
 $3x^2 - 6x = 0$
 $3x(x-2) = 0$
 $x = 0$ or $x = 2$

x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$
-1	-4	+
0	0	0 max
1	-2	-
2	-4	0 min
3	0	+



Applications of the Second Derivative for Curve Sketching: $f''(x)$ or y''



- Note:**
- $f(x)$ is **concave up** if $f''(x) > 0$ or $y'' > 0$.
 - $f(x)$ is **concave down** if $f''(x) < 0$ or $y'' < 0$.
 - For **inflection points** $f''(x) = 0$ or $y'' = 0$

Second Derivative Test for Local Extrema

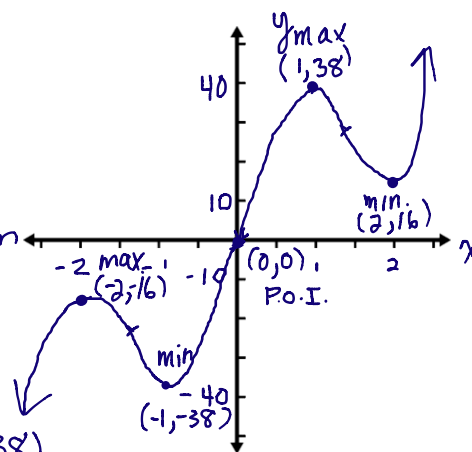
For a **local maximum**, $f'(x) = 0$ and $f''(x) < 0$.

For a **local minimum**, $f'(x) = 0$ and $f''(x) > 0$.

Ex. 2. Find and classify all **local extrema** of the function $f(x) = 3x^5 - 25x^3 + 60x$ using the **second derivative test**. Illustrate your results graphically.

$f(x) = 3x^5 - 25x^3 + 60x$
 $f'(x) = 15x^4 - 75x^2 + 60$
 $f''(x) = 60x^3 - 150x$
 For max/min, $f'(x) = 0$
 $15x^4 - 75x^2 + 60 = 0$
 $x^4 - 5x^2 + 4 = 0$
 $(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4) = 0$
 $(x-1)(x+1)(x-2)(x+2) = 0$
 $\therefore x = \pm 2$ or $x = \pm 1$

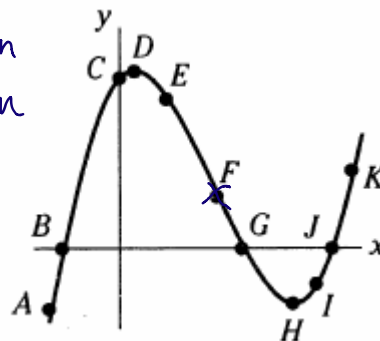
x	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$f''(x)$
-2	-16	0	- \cap max
-1	-38	0	+ \cup min
0	0	+	0 inflection pt.
1	38	0	- \cap max
2	16	0	+ \cup min



$\therefore (-2, -16)$ & $(1, 38)$
 are local maxima and
 $(-1, -38)$ & $(2, 16)$ are local
 minima.

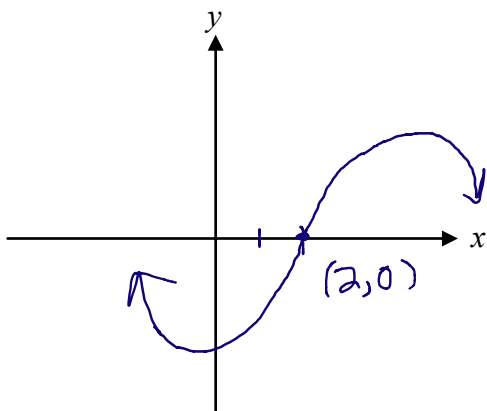
Ex. 3. Identify the point on the graph that satisfies the following conditions:

- a) $y > 0, y' > 0, y'' < 0$ C inc, concave down
- b) $y > 0, y' < 0, y'' < 0$ E dec, concave down
- c) $y < 0, y' > 0, y'' > 0$ I
- d) $y < 0, y' = 0, y'' < 0$ none
- e) $y = 0, y' > 0, y'' < 0$ B
- f) $y > 0, y' < 0, y'' = 0$ F inflection pt.



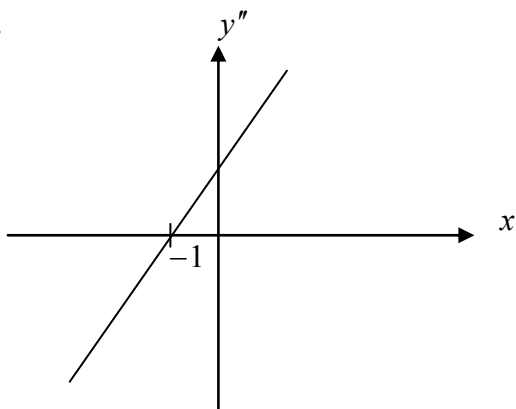
Ex. 4. Sketch the graph of a function that satisfies the following conditions:

$f''(x) > 0$ on the interval $x < 2$; $f''(x) < 0$ on the interval $x > 2$; $f(2) = 0$; $f'(2) > 0$

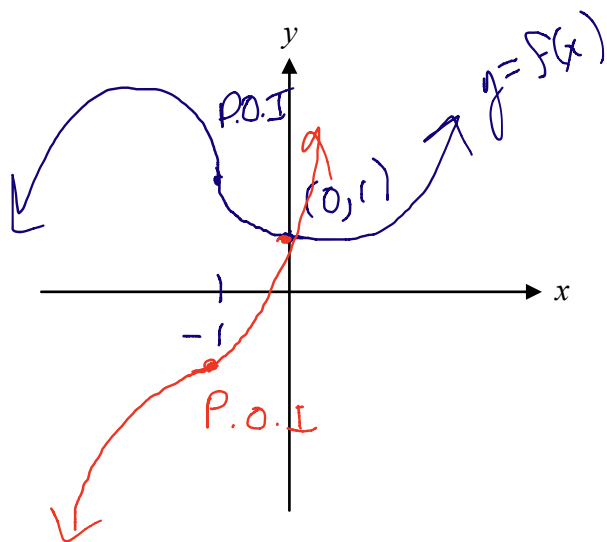


Interval	$x < 2$	$x = 2$	$x > 2$
$f''(x)$	+	0	-
$f'(x)$		+	
$f(x)$	concave up	0 ↑ P.O.I at (2,0)	concave down

Ex. 5.



- a) On what intervals is the graph of $f(x)$
 - i) concave up? $y'' > 0$ $x > -1$
 - ii) concave down? $y'' < 0$ $x < -1$
- b) List the x -coordinates of all points of inflection.
 $y'' = 0$ at $x = -1$
- c) Make a rough sketch of a possible graph of $f(x)$, assuming that $f(0) = 1$.



if $x < -1$ concave down

if $x > -1$ Concave up

Ex. 6. Determine the constants a, b, c and d so that the curve $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has a **point of inflection at the origin** and a **local maximum at the point (2, 4)**.

$$y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$$y' = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$$

$$y'' = 6ax + 2b$$

inflection point (0, 0)

① if $x=0, y=0$
 $\boxed{d=0}$

② if $x=0, y''=0$
 $6a(0) + 2b = 0$
 $\boxed{b=0}$

local max at (2, 4)

③ if $x=2, y=4$
 $8a + 4b + 2c + d = 4$
 $\because b=0 \text{ \& } d=0$

④ if $x=2, y'=0$
 $12a + 4b + c = 0$
 $\because b=0$
 $\therefore \boxed{12a + c = 0}$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{1}{4}, b = 0, c = 3$$

$d = 0$ and

$$y = -\frac{1}{4}x^3 + 3x$$

by 2

$$\begin{cases} 8a + 2c = 4 \\ \boxed{4a + c = 2} \end{cases}$$

Solve. $\begin{cases} 4a + c = 2 \text{ (3)} \\ 12a + c = 0 \text{ (4)} \end{cases}$

③ - ④

$$\begin{array}{r} -8a = 2 \\ \underline{-} \\ \boxed{a = -\frac{1}{4}} \end{array}$$

sub $a = -\frac{1}{4}$ in ③

$$4\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + c = 2$$

$$-1 + c = 2$$

$$\boxed{c = 3}$$

Ex. 7. Evaluate $f''(x)$ at the indicated value, and state whether the graph lies above or below the tangent

for $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1}$, $x = 1$. Sketch the graph near the point where $x = 1$.

$$f(x) = (2x^2 + 1)^{-1}$$

$$f'(x) = -(2x^2 + 1)^{-2} (4x)$$

$$f'(x) = -4x(2x^2 + 1)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = -4(2x^2 + 1)^{-2} - 2(2x^2 + 1)^{-3} (4x) \cdot (-4x)$$

$$= -4(2x^2 + 1)^{-2} + 32x^2(2x^2 + 1)^{-3}$$

$$= -4(2x^2 + 1)^{-3} [2x^2 + 1 - 8x^2]$$

$$= -4(2x^2 + 1)^{-3} (1 - 6x^2)$$

$$\therefore f''(x) = \frac{4(6x^2 - 1)}{(2x^2 + 1)^3}$$

$$f''(1) = \frac{4(5)}{27} \quad \text{concave up}$$

$$= \frac{20}{27}$$

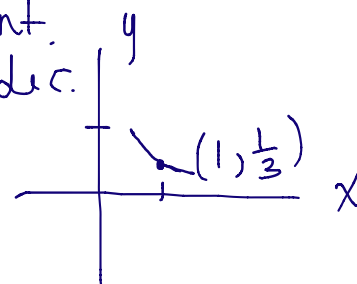


$$\therefore f''(1) > 0$$

\therefore the graph lies above the tangent.

$$f'(1) = -\frac{4}{9} \text{ dec.}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{3}$$



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Graphing Polynomial Functions

Warm-up:

Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{2x^2 + 1}$, $f'(x) = \frac{-4x}{(2x^2 + 1)^2}$ and $f''(x) = \frac{4(6x^2 - 1)}{(2x^2 + 1)^3}$ determine the intervals where the function is **i) increasing, decreasing** **ii) concave up, concave down.** For max/min.

i) Interval

Interval	$x < 0$	$x > 0$
$f'(x)$	+	-
$f(x)$	increasing	decreasing

i) $f'(x) = 0$
 $-4x = 0$
 $x = 0$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing for $x < 0$ or $x \in (-\infty, 0)$
 \therefore decreasing for $x > 0$ or $x \in (0, +\infty)$

ii) Interval

Interval	$x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$	$x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
$f''(x)$	+	-	+
$f(x)$	concave up	concave down	concave up

ii) For pts. of inflection

$f''(x) = 0$
 $6x^2 - 1 = 0$
 $x^2 = \frac{1}{6}$
 $x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

$\therefore f(x)$ is concave up for $x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ or $x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
 \therefore concave down for $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$

Sketching the Graph of a Polynomial or Rational Function

- Use the function to
 - determine the domain and any discontinuities
 - determine the intercepts
 - find any asymptotes, and determine function behaviour relative to these asymptotes
- Use the first derivative to
 - find the critical numbers
 - determine where the function is increasing and where it is decreasing
 - identify any local maxima or minima
- Use the second derivative to
 - determine where the graph is concave up and where it is concave down
 - find any points of inflection

The second derivative can also be used to identify local maxima and minima.

- Calculate the values of y that correspond to critical points and points of inflection. Use the information above to sketch the graph.

Remember that you will not use all the steps in every situation! Use only the steps that are necessary to give you a good idea of what the graph will look like.

Ex. Graph $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$ by finding and labeling all *intercepts*, *local max/min* and *inflection points*. Identify intervals for which the function is *increasing*, *decreasing*, *concave up* and *concave down*.

$$D = \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 12x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 24x$$

Intercepts

For x-int(s),

$$f(x) = 0$$

$$3x^4 - 4x^3 = 0$$

$$x^3(3x - 4) = 0$$

$$\therefore x\text{-ints are } 0 \text{ \& } \frac{4}{3}$$

For y-int., $x=0$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$\therefore y\text{-int is } 0$$

For critical pts.

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$12x^3 - 12x^2 = 0$$

$$12x^2(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x = 1$$

$\therefore (1, -1)$ is a local minimum

For inflection pts.

$$f''(x) = 0$$

$$36x^2 - 24x = 0$$

$$12x(3x - 2) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{2}{3}$$

\therefore the inflection pts. are $(0, 0)$ \& $(\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{16}{27})$

Summary:

$f(x)$ is:

increasing for $x \in (1, \infty)$

decreasing for $x \in (-\infty, 1)$

concave up for $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (\frac{2}{3}, \infty)$

concave down for $x \in (0, \frac{2}{3})$

x	f(x)	f'(x)	f''(x)
-1	7	-	+
0	0	0	0
$0 < x < \frac{2}{3}$		-	-
$\frac{2}{3}$	$-\frac{16}{27}$	0	0
1	-1	0	+
2	16	+	+

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