

Section 4.3

HOW DERIVATIVES AFFECT THE SHAPE OF A GRAPH

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{increase}$$

$$f''(x) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{concave up}$$

$$f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{decrease}$$

$$f''(x) < 0 \Rightarrow \text{concave down}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 / DNE \Rightarrow \text{critical points} \quad f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{Inflection point}$$

Ex: Find where the function is increasing / decreasing / concave up / concave down.

a) $f(x) = x^3 + 5x^2 - 8x + 3$

b) $f(x) = x^{3/5}(x-3)$

Ex- Sketch a possible graph of the function satisfies:

a) $f(0) = 2; f(2) = -1, f(-4) = 0; f'(0) = f'(2) = 0$
 $f'(x) > 0; 0 < x < 4; f'(x) < 0; x < 0; x > 4$

b) $f'(2) = 0; f'(0) = 1,$
 $f'(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 < x < 2; f'(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow x > 2, f''(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow 0 < x < 4$
 $f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > 4, \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 1, f(-x) = -f(x)$ for all x

Section 4.4 Indeterminate Forms and L'Hospital's Rule

In general, we are considering the limit of the form $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$ or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

L'Hospital's Rule: Suppose f and g are differentiable and $g'(x) \neq 0$ near a (except possibly at a). Suppose that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = 0$$

or

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \pm\infty \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \pm\infty$$

In other word, we are having the indeterminate forms such as $\frac{0}{0}$, or $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

$$\text{Then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$$

Proof:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{g(x) - g(a)}{x - a}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{g(x) - g(a)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$$

Ex: Evaluate the following limits:

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2x)}{x}$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2}$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x - (x^2/2)}{x^3}$

d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$

Indeterminate Products: $0 \cdot (\pm\infty)$

Ex: Evaluate the following limits:

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \ln x$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} e^{-x^2} \int_0^x e^{t^2} dt$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

Indeterminate Differences: $\infty - \infty$

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \infty$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \infty$, then the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)]$

Ex: Evaluate

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow (\pi/2)^-} (\sec x - \tan x)$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$

c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\sqrt{x^2 + x + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 - x} \right)$

Indeterminate Powers:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{g(x)} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} 0^0 \\ \infty^0 \\ 1^\infty \end{cases} \text{ Each of these three cases can be treated either by taking the natural logarithm i.e.}$$

$$\text{Let } y = f(x)^{g(x)} \Leftrightarrow \ln y = g(x) \ln f(x)$$

$$\text{Note: } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \ln f(x) = L \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} e^{\ln f(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \ln f(x)} = e^L$$

Ex: Evaluate the following limits

a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \sin 4x)^{\cot x}$

b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{1/x}$

Ex: Show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{c}{x}\right)^x = e^c$ for any real number c .

Ex: Evaluate the following:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{3x-5}{3x+2} \right)^{2x+3}$$

Cauchy's Mean Value Theorem: Suppose that the functions f and g are continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) , and $g'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$. Then, there is a number $c \in (a, b)$ such that

$$\frac{f'(c)}{g'(c)} = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{g(b) - g(a)}$$