

Addition to Review Solutions, Exam 3, Calc I

18. If $f(x) = 3x^5 - 5x^3 + 3$, find the intervals of increase or decrease, and the intervals where f is concave up/down:

To find where f is increasing/decreasing, look for where $f'(x) > 0$ and $f'(x) < 0$ (sign chart):

$$f'(x) = 15x^4 - 15x^2 = 15x^2(x^2 - 1)$$

Sign Chart:

x^2	+	+	+	+
$(x - 1)$	-	-	-	+
$(x + 1)$	-	+	+	+
	$x < -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 1$	$x > 1$

So f is decreasing if $-1 < x < 0$ and $0 < x < 1$. f is increasing if $x < -1$ or if $x > 1$.

For concave up/down, look at the sign of the second derivative:

$$f''(x) = 60x^3 - 30x = 30x(2x^2 - 1)$$

Sign Chart:

$30x$	-	-	+	+
$2x^2 - 1$	+	-	-	+
	$x < -1/\sqrt{2}$	$-1/\sqrt{2} < x < 0$	$0 < x < 1/\sqrt{2}$	$x > 1/\sqrt{2}$

So f is concave down if $x < -1/\sqrt{2}$ or $0 < x < 1/\sqrt{2}$. f is concave up if $-1/\sqrt{2} < x < 0$ or $x > 1/\sqrt{2}$.

19. Show that $x^4 + 4x + c = 0$ has at most 2 real solutions.

Use Rolle's Theorem- If we can show that the derivative will be zero *at most once*, then $x^4 + 4x + c = 0$ at most twice.

In this case,

$$4x^3 + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 = -1 \Rightarrow x = -1$$

So the derivative is zero only once. Therefore, there can be at most 2 solutions to $x^4 + 4x + c = 0$ (if there were three or more solutions, then the derivative would have to be zero more than once).

20. If $3 \leq f'(x) \leq 5$, for all x , show that $f(8) - f(2)$ must be between 18 and 30:

By the Mean Value Theorem, there must be a c in $(2, 8)$ such that:

$$\frac{f(8) - f(2)}{8 - 2} = f'(c) \Rightarrow \frac{f(8) - f(2)}{6} = f'(c)$$

We know that $f'(c)$ is between 3 and 5:

$$3 \leq \frac{f(8) - f(2)}{6} \leq 5 \Rightarrow 18 \leq f(8) - f(2) \leq 30$$