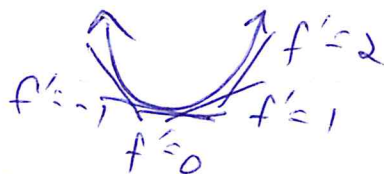


3.4] Obj: to use $f''(x)$ to find concavity, Pts of inflection, & relative extrema.

3.5] Obj: to use f' & f'' to sketch $f(x)$.

Concavity Let $f(x)$ be continuous at $x=p$.

If $f''(p) > 0$, then $f'(p)$ increasing, and $f(x)$ concaves up.



If $f''(p) < 0$, then $f'(p)$ decreasing, and $f(x)$ concaves down.



If $f''(p) = 0$, then $f'(p)$ horz tangent, and $f(x)$ has a possible point of inflection.

If $f''(x)$ has a sign change at $x=p$, then $x=p$ is a point of inflection.

If $f''(x) = 0$ for an interval (a, b) , then $f(x)$ is linear on (a, b) .

Ex: Where is $f(x) = xe^{-x}$ concave down?

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot e^{-x} + x \cdot e^{-x}(-1)$$

$$f' = e^{-x} - xe^{-x} = 0$$

~~$e^{-x} = 0$~~

$$1 - x = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

rel max @ $x = 1$



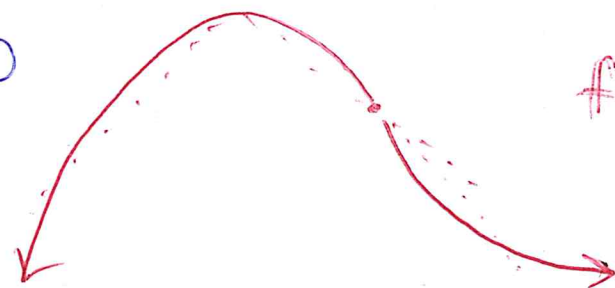
$$f'' = e^{-x}(-1)(1-x) + e^{-x}(-1) = 0$$

$$-e^{-x}(1-x+1) = 0$$

~~$e^{-x} = 0$~~

$$2-x = 0$$

$$x = 2$$



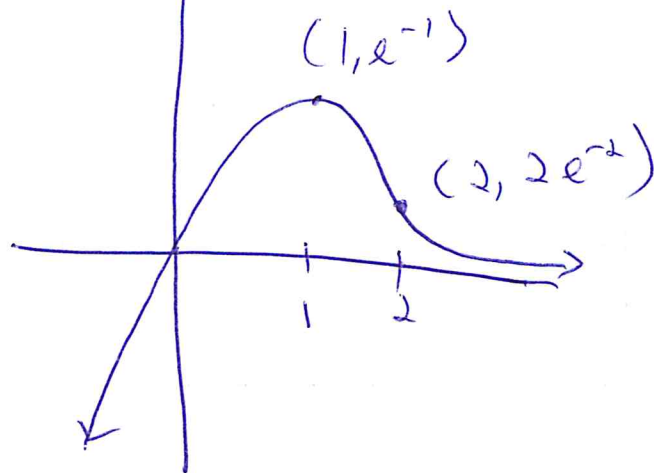
concave up $(2, +\infty)$

concave down $(-\infty, 2)$

POI @ $x = 2$

Now Graph the function.

	x	$f(x) = xe^{-x}$
good \rightarrow	0	0
Crit. pt \rightarrow	1	e^{-1}
POI \rightarrow	2	$2e^{-2}$



2nd Derivative Test Let $x=c$ be a critical pt.

If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) > 0$, then

$x=c$ is a Relative Minimum

If $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$, then

$x=c$ is a Relative Maximum.

Another example

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