

Math 105 Quiz 2

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§1.6, §1.7, §2.1

Show all work for credit. Give brief but concise explanations.

1. $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$, $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 12$, and $f''(x) = 12x - 6$.

(a) Find the intervals when $f'(x)$ is increasing and decreasing.

Increasing: $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$, Decreasing: $(-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$

(b) Where are the stationary points of $f(x)$? Classify each as a maximum, minimum, or neither. Give your reason.

The stationary points of $f(x)$ are the x-values where there are horizontal tangents lines on $f(x)$.

$f'(x) = 0 \rightarrow 6x^2 - 6x - 12 = 0 \rightarrow 6(x^2 - x - 2) = 0 \rightarrow 6(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$, so $x = 2$ and $x = -1$.

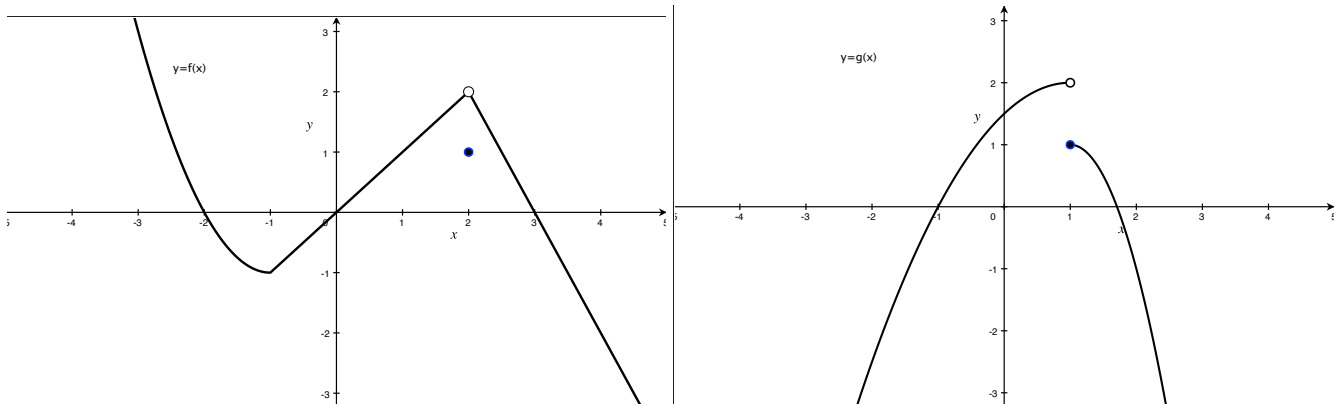
$f''(2) > 0$. $f(x)$ is concave up at $x = 2$ and $f'(x) = 0$, so $x = 2$ is a min.

$f''(-1) < 0$. $f(x)$ is concave down at $x = -1$ and $f'(x) = 0$, so $x = -1$ is a max.

(c) Does $f(x)$ have an inflection point? If so, where? How do you know it is an inflection point?

When $f''(x) = 0$, there may be an inflection point. So at $x = \frac{1}{2}$. Since $f''(0) < 0$ and $f''(1) > 0$ we see that $f(x)$ changes concavity.

2. The graphs of f and g are given. Use them to evaluate the limit, if it exists. If the limit does not exist, explain why.



(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 2$

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [f(x) + g(x)] = 1 + 2 = 3$

(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)g(x) = 0 \cdot 1.5 = 0$