

Interval	Sign of $5x^2 - 2$	Sign of $(x^2 + 1)$	Sign of $f'(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -\frac{\sqrt{10}}{5})$	+	+	+	Increasing
$(-\frac{\sqrt{10}}{5}, \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5})$	-	+	-	Decreasing
$(\frac{\sqrt{10}}{5}, \infty)$	+	+	+	Increasing

By the First Derivative Test, g has a local minimum at $x = \frac{\sqrt{10}}{5}$

CHOICE B

4. The candidates for local minimum(s) on f are where $f'(x) = 0$, which on the graph of f' is at the points where y is 0, namely $(0,0)$, $(4,0)$ and $(5,0)$.

Here, using the graph of f' , we look for where the y -coordinates change from negative to positive at the critical numbers 0, 4, and 5. By the First Derivative Test, f has a local minimum at 5 only

CHOICE C

5. $f(2) = 0$. $f'(2)$ is the slope of the line tangent to f at $(2, f(2))$, which appears to be negative. $f''(2)$ is the concavity of f at $(2, f(2))$, which appears to be positive, as the graph is concave up for the entire domain. Therefore $f'(2) < f(2) < f''(2)$.

CHOICE B

6. $f'(c)$ is the slope of the line tangent to f at $(c, f(c))$. $f''(c)$ indicates the concavity of f at $(c, f(c))$, where $f''(x) > 0$ indicates that the graph is concave up and $f''(x) < 0$ indicates that the graph is concave down. The following table summarizes these observations as applied to the graph of f .

Point	Sign of $f'(x)$	Sign of $f''(x)$
A	-	+
B	+	-
C	-	-
D	-	+

Therefore f' and f'' have the same sign at point C .

CHOICE C

7. $v(t) = s'(t)$. A value of $v(t)$ in the chart represents the $s'(t)$ value, which is the slope of the line tangent to the graph of $s(t)$ at the specified value of t . Numerous values in the chart could be examined, but note that $v(3) = 0$ and $v(5) = 0$, indicating a horizontal tangent line to $s(t)$ at $(3, s(3))$ and $(5, s(5))$. Reviewing the given graphs shows that only Choice B satisfies these conditions.

CHOICE B

8. $f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^2$. The function f is concave up in the interval(s) where $f''(x) > 0$ and concave down in the interval(s) where $f''(x) < 0$. The point(s) of inflection are those point(s) at which the concavity of the graph of f changes.

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

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 4$$

Set $f''(x) = 0$ and solve for x .

$$\begin{aligned} 36x^2 - 4 &= 0 \\ 4(3x - 1)(3x + 1) &= 0 \\ x &= \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{or} \quad x = -\frac{1}{3} \end{aligned}$$

The sign of $f''(x)$ with the determination of whether the graph is concave up or concave down in the specified interval is shown in the following table.

Interval	Sign of $3x - 1$	Sign of $3x + 1$	Sign of $f''(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{3})$	-	-	+	Concave Up
$(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3})$	-	+	-	Concave Down
$(\frac{1}{3}, \infty)$	+	+	+	Concave Up

From the chart, since the Point of Inflection is at the point where the concavity changes, the Inflection Points are at $(-\frac{1}{3}, f(-\frac{1}{3})) = (-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{5}{27})$ and $(\frac{1}{3}, f(\frac{1}{3})) = (\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{5}{27})$.

CHOICE D

9.

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= \frac{x^4}{2} - 2x^3 - 9x^2 - 12x + 5 \\ f'(x) &= 2x^3 - 6x^2 - 18x - 12 \\ f''(x) &= 6x^2 - 12x - 18 \end{aligned}$$

Set $f''(x) = 0$ and solve for x .

$$\begin{aligned} 6x^2 - 12x - 18 &= 0 \\ 6(x - 3)(x + 1) &= 0 \\ x &= 3 \quad \text{or} \quad x = -1 \end{aligned}$$

The function f is concave up where $f''(x) > 0$ and concave down where $f''(x) < 0$.

To determine where $f''(x) > 0$ and $f''(x) < 0$ use the numbers $x = -1$ and $x = 3$ to determine the intervals to test for concavity. The sign of $f''(x)$ with the determination of whether the graph is concave up or concave down in the specified interval is shown in the following table.

Interval	Sign of $x - 3$	Sign of $x + 1$	Sign of $f''(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -1)$	-	-	+	Concave Up
$(-1, 3)$	-	+	-	Concave Down
$(3, \infty)$	+	+	+	Concave Up

f is concave down on the interval $(-1, 3)$

CHOICE A

10. Set $f'(x) = x^2(x - 1)(x + 2)(x + 3) = 0$ and solve for x .

$$x = 0, x = 1, x = -2, \text{ or } x = -3$$

Interval	Sign of x^2	Sign of $x - 1$	Sign of $x + 2$	Sign of $x + 3$	Sign of $f'(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -3)$	+	-	-	-	-	Decreasing
$(-3, -2)$	+	-	-	+	+	Increasing
$(-2, 0)$	+	-	+	+	-	Decreasing
$(0, 1)$	+	-	+	+	-	Decreasing
$(1, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	+	Increasing

By the First Derivative Test, f has a relative minimum at $\boxed{-3 \text{ and } 1}$

CHOICE D

$$\begin{aligned}
 11. \quad f(x) &= (x-1)^{4/5} - 2 \\
 f'(x) &= \frac{4}{5}(x-1)^{-1/5} \\
 &= \frac{4}{5(x-1)^{1/5}} \\
 f''(x) &= \frac{4}{5} \left(-\frac{1}{5} \right) (x-1)^{-6/5} \\
 &= -\frac{4}{25(x-1)^{6/5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

f has a critical number at $x = 1$, since $f'(x)$ does not exist at $x = 1$. There are no other critical numbers, since $f'(x)$ never equals 0.

Interval	Sign of $f'(x)$	Conclusion	Sign of $f''(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, 1)$	-	Decreasing	-	Concave Down
$(1, \infty)$	+	Increasing	-	Concave Down

By the First Derivative Test, $(1, -2)$ is a local minimum. Choice A is true.

f is concave down on $(-\infty, 1)$ and $(1, \infty)$. Choice B is true.

The point $(1, -2)$ is not an inflection point. Choice \boxed{C} is false.

f does not have a vertical tangent at $x = 1$, since f is continuous everywhere but $f'(x) \rightarrow \pm\infty$ as $x \rightarrow \pm\infty$. Choice D is true.

CHOICE C

$$\begin{aligned}
 12. \quad f(x) &= x \ln x \\
 f'(x) &= 1 + \ln x
 \end{aligned}$$

Set $f'(x) = 0$ and solve for x .

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 + \ln x &= 0 \\
 \ln x &= -1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

For the domain $x > 0$ the table for the local maximum and minimum follows.

Interval	Sign of $f'(x)$	Conclusion
$(0, \frac{1}{e})$	-	Decreasing
$(\frac{1}{e}, \infty)$	+	Increasing

By the First Derivative Test there is a local minimum at $(\frac{1}{e}, f(\frac{1}{e})) = (\frac{1}{e}, -\frac{1}{e})$

So the minimum value is $-\frac{1}{e}$. (Be careful—the problem doesn't ask for the x -value at the local minimum, merely the minimum value itself, i.e. the function value at the local minimum.)

CHOICE A

13. All of the extrema are less than 0, so any possible zeros must be to the left of -5 or to the right of 2.

Since $(-5, -3)$ is a local minimum and f is a polynomial, $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $x \rightarrow -\infty$, and there is a zero to the left of -5 .

Since $(2, -6)$ is a local minimum and f is a polynomial, $f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$ as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, and there is a zero to the right of 2.

Therefore f has **two** zeros.

CHOICE B

14.

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{x+3}$$

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

$$f'(x) = -2(x+3)^{-2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$f''(x) = 4(x+3)^{-3}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(x+3)^3}$$

Interval	Sign of $f''(x)$	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -3)$	-	Concave Down
$(-3, \infty)$	+	Concave Up

CHOICE A

15. To investigate the motion of $x(t)$, we find the velocity v .

$$x(t) = \frac{\ln t}{t}$$

$$v = x'(t) = \frac{(\frac{1}{t})t - 1 \ln t}{t^2} = \frac{1 - \ln t}{t^2}$$

15)
(Continued)

In order to determine when the object turns, set

$$v = 0$$

$$1 - \ln t = 0$$

$$\ln t = 1$$

$$t = e$$

We examine the intervals $(1, e)$ and (e, ∞)

Checking a test point in the interval $(1, e)$ for v such as $v(2) = \frac{1 - \ln 2}{2^2} = 0.306 > 0$ showing that the object is moving to the right in the interval $(1, e)$.

Checking a test point in the interval (e, ∞) for v such as $v(4) = \frac{1 - \ln 4}{4^2} = -0.024 < 0$ showing that the object is moving to the left in the interval (e, ∞) . Therefore the object is farthest from the origin at its one and only turning point $t = e$ seconds.

CHOICE D

5.4 Use Calculus to Graph Functions

Skill Building

1. Let $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^2 + 10$.

Step 1 The polynomial function f has a domain of $\boxed{\text{all real numbers}}$. $f(0) = 10$, so the $\boxed{y\text{-intercept is } 10}$. To find the x -intercepts, solve the equation $f(x) = 0$. Because

$$x^4 - 6x^2 + 10 = (x^2 - 3)^2 + 1,$$

it follows that there are no real solutions to the equation $f(x) = 0$, so the graph of f has $\boxed{\text{no } x\text{-intercepts}}$.

Step 2 The $\boxed{\text{graphs of polynomial functions do not have asymptotes}}$, but the end behavior of the graph of f will resemble the power function $y = x^4$.

Step 3 Now

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 4x^3 - 12x = 4x(x^2 - 3); \text{ and} \\ f''(x) &= 12x^2 - 12 = 12(x - 1)(x + 1). \end{aligned}$$

The critical numbers of the polynomial function f occur where $f'(x) = 0$, so $\boxed{0 \text{ and } \pm\sqrt{3}}$ are the critical numbers. At the points $(-\sqrt{3}, 1)$, $(0, 10)$, and $(\sqrt{3}, 1)$, the tangent lines are horizontal.

Step 4 To apply the Increasing/Decreasing Function Test, use the critical numbers 0 and $\pm\sqrt{3}$ to divide the number line into four intervals.

Interval	Sign of f'	Conclusion
$(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$	-	f is decreasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$
$(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$	+	f is increasing on $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$
$(0, \sqrt{3})$	-	f is decreasing on $(0, \sqrt{3})$
$(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$	+	f is increasing on $(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$

