

Derivative Properties by Kyle Broughton

IF

THEN

$$f'(x) > 0$$

$f(x)$ is increasing

$$f'(x) < 0$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing

$f'(x)$ is increasing

$f(x)$ is concave up

$f'(x)$ is decreasing

$f(x)$ is concave down

$f'(x)$ has a max or min

$f(x)$ has a POI

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ or D.N.E.}$$

$f(x)$ has a critical point

$f'(x)$ changes from + to -

$f(x)$ has a max

$f'(x)$ changes from - to +

$f(x)$ has a min

$$f''(x) > 0$$

$f(x)$ is concave up

$$f''(x) < 0$$

$f(x)$ is concave down

$$f''(x) = 0 \text{ and changes signs}$$

$f(x)$ has a POI

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ AND } f'' < 0$$

$f(x)$ has a max

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ AND } f'' > 0$$

$f(x)$ has a min

Therefore

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

$f(x)$ is increasing & concave up

$$f'(x) > 0 \text{ AND } f'' < 0$$

$f(x)$ is increasing & concave down

$$f'(x) < 0 \text{ AND } f'' > 0$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing & concave up

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

$f(x)$ is decreasing & concave down