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Midterm 2      March 4, Thursday

Covers Ch 2

HW 5      Due Thursday

HW 6      Due Friday, March 5

Sample Test Problem      Due March 4,  
Midnight

(I will post the selected problems in Moodle)

## 2.3 Interpretations of the Derivative

### Leibniz notation

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a function.

Let  $a$  be a number.

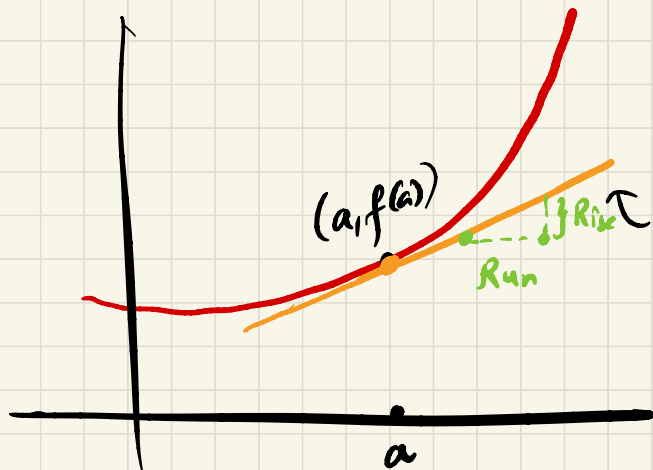
$$f'(a) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a} \quad \leftarrow \text{Leibniz notation}$$

2 interpretations of  $f'(a)$ :

1. Limit of the average rate of changes as the run  $\Delta x$  becomes smaller and smaller.

Special case: Instantaneous velocity

2. Slope of the tangent at  $(a, f(a))$ .



$$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{slope of this line} \\ &= f'(a) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=a}$$

## Relative Rate of Change

Def. Relative rate of change of  $y = f(t)$  at  $t = a$

$$= \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)}$$

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$$= \frac{\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=a}}{f(a)}$$

Problem 1 Annual world soybean production,  $W = f(t)$ , in million tons, is a function of  $t$  years since the start of 2000.

a) Interpret the statements  $f(8) = 253$  and  $f'(8) = 17$  in terms of soybean production.

Soln.  $f(8) = 253$

In 2008, the annual world soybean production was 253 million tons.

$$f'(8) = 17$$

In 2008, the annual soybean production was increasing at the rate of 17 million tons per year.

b) Calculate the relative rate of change of  $W$  at  $t=8$ ; interpret it in terms of soybean production.

Soln. Relative rate of change of soybean production at  $t=8$  =  $\frac{f'(8)}{f(8)}$

$$= \frac{17}{253}$$

$$= 0.067 \quad \text{ } \} \text{ in decimals}$$

$$0.067 \times 100 = 6.7\%$$

In 2008, the soybean production was increasing at the continuous rate of 6.7% per year.

## 2.4. Second Derivative

For a function  $f$ , the derivative of its derivative is called the **second derivative**, written  $f''$

$$f \rightarrow f' \rightarrow f''$$

functions

Leibniz notation:

$$f'' = \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right)$$

$$= \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$$

$$f''(a) \text{ is written as } \left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{x=a}$$

Recall:

$f' > 0$  on interval,  $f$  is increasing on that interval.

$f' < 0$  on interval,  $f$  is decreasing on that interval.

So, (Follow from the previous statements)

$f'' > 0$  on interval,  $f'$  is increasing on that interval.

$f'' < 0$  on interval,  $f'$  is decreasing on that interval.

We can say more:

$f'' > 0$  on interval,  $f'$  is increasing and  $f$  is  
concave up

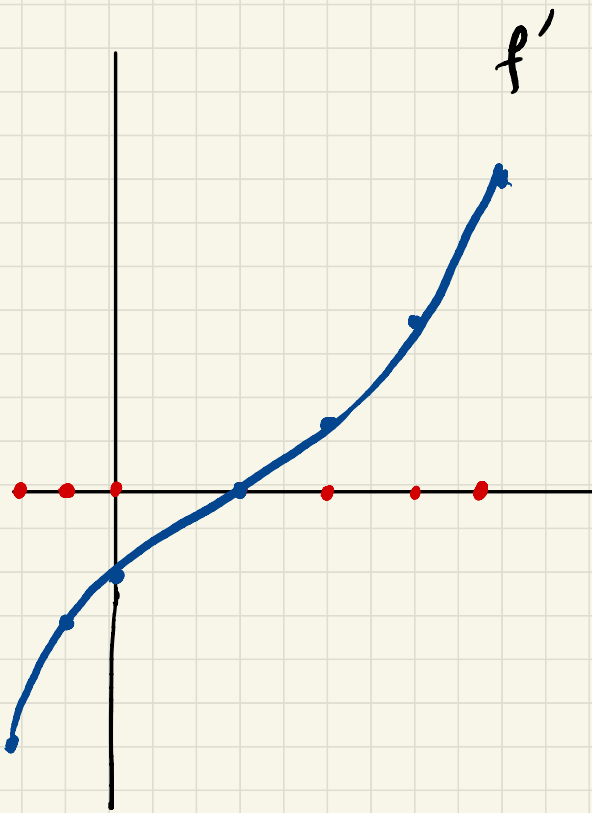
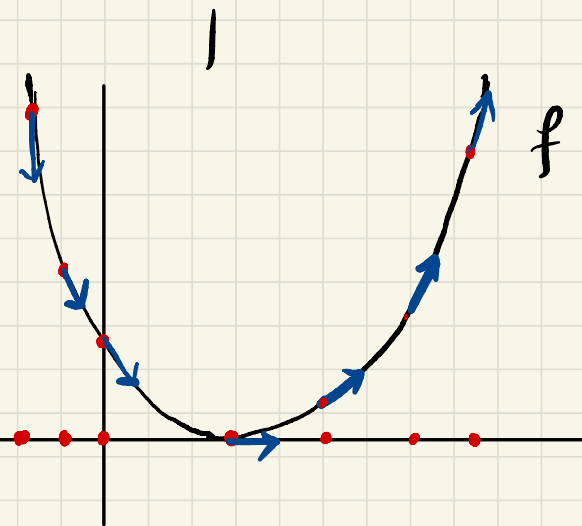
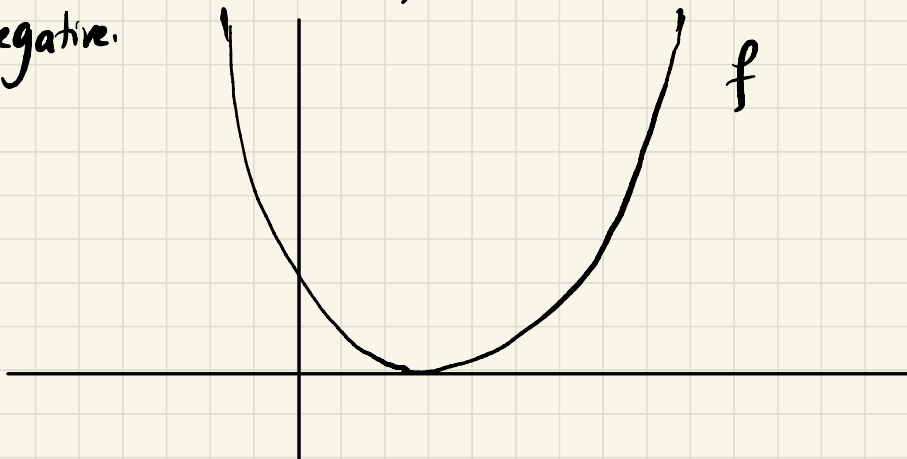
$f'' < 0$  on interval,  $f'$  is decreasing and  $f$  is  
concave down.

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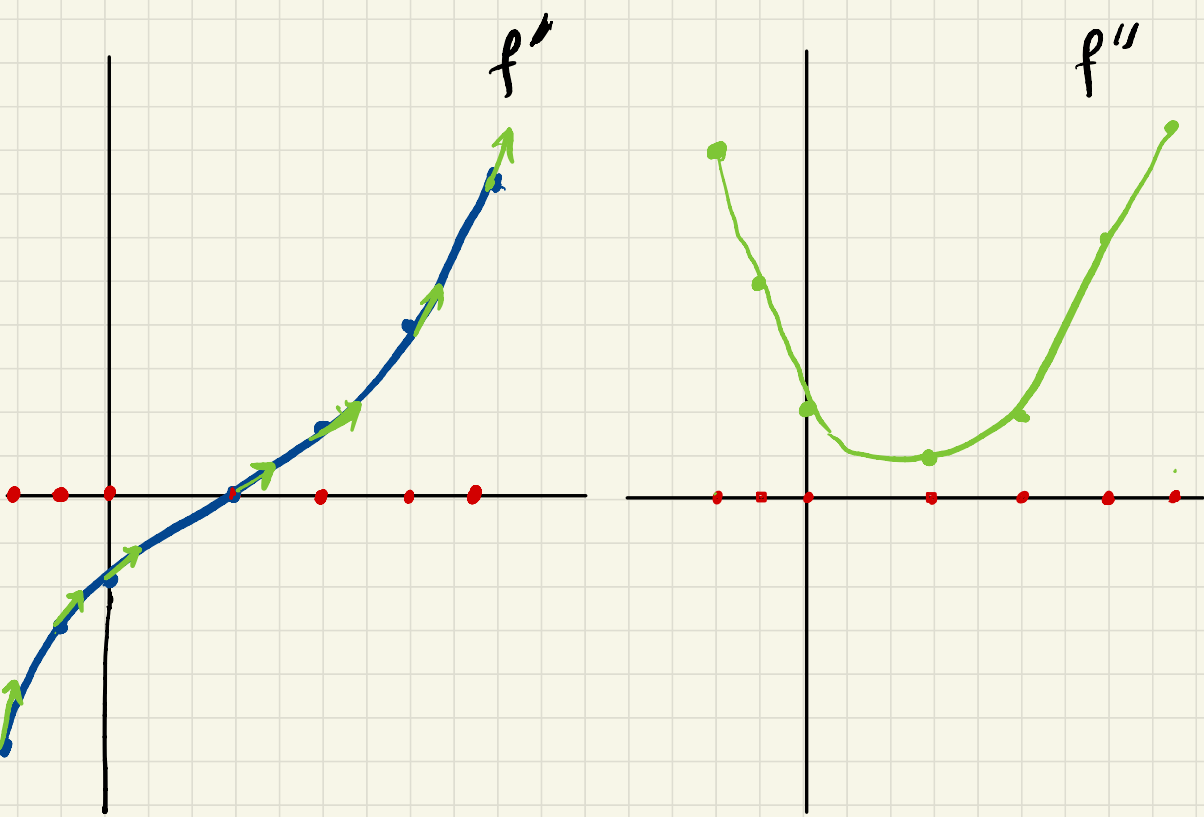
# Problem 1

For the functions below decide where their second derivatives are positive and where they are negative.

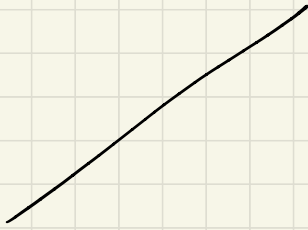
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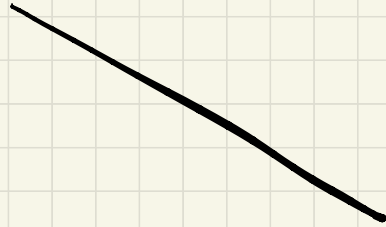




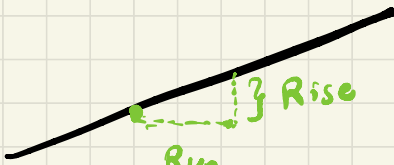
$f''$  is positive everywhere.



positive slope

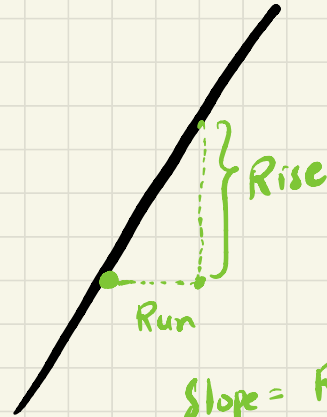


negative slope



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

vs.

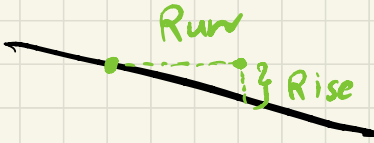


$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

Both have positive slope

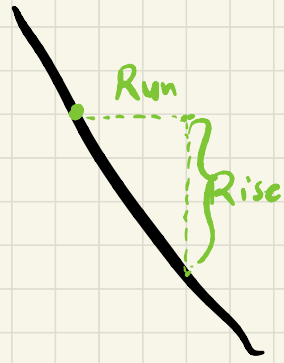
Run is same both lines

Second line has bigger slope



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

vs.



$$\text{Slope} = \frac{\text{Rise}}{\text{Run}}$$

Both have negative slope.

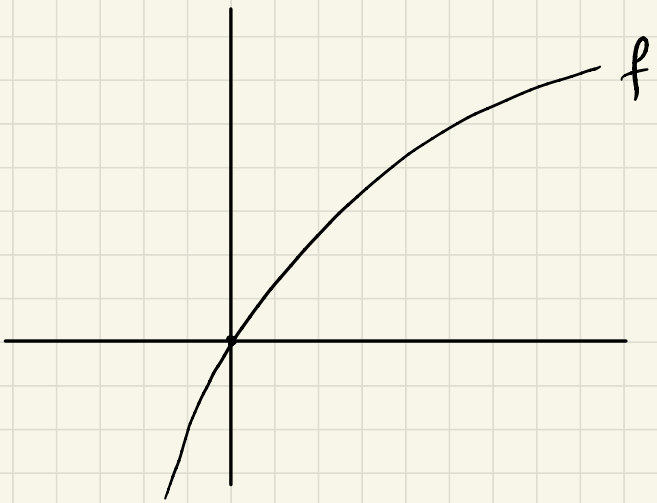
Second line has slope with bigger magnitude.

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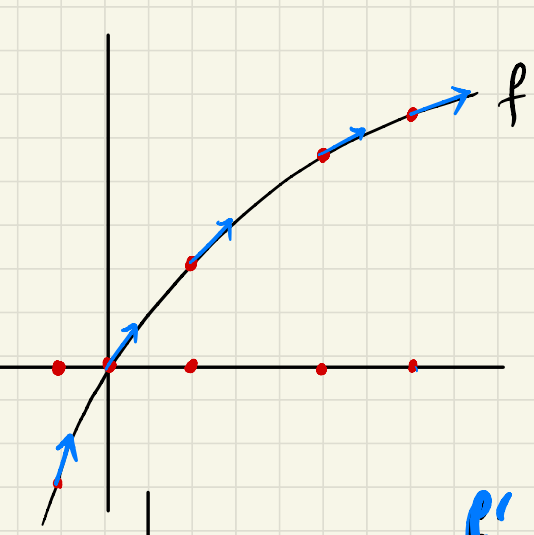
vs.

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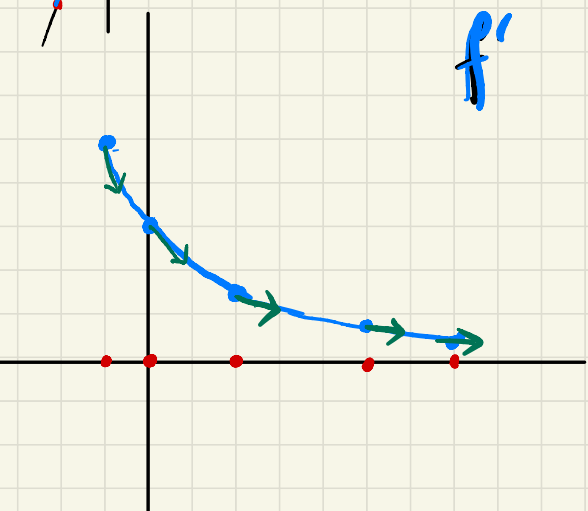
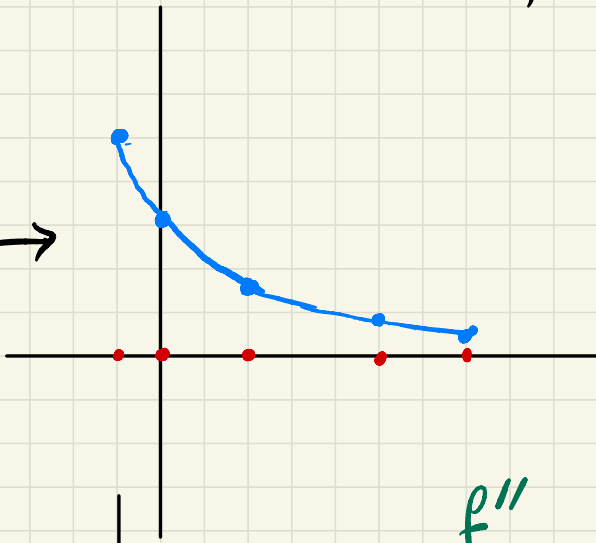
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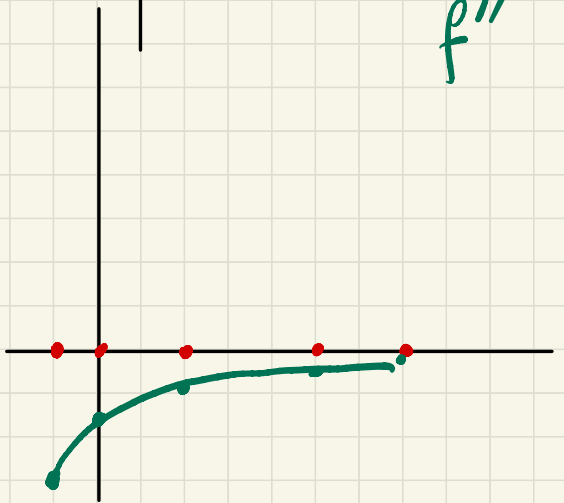
$f'$



→



$f''$



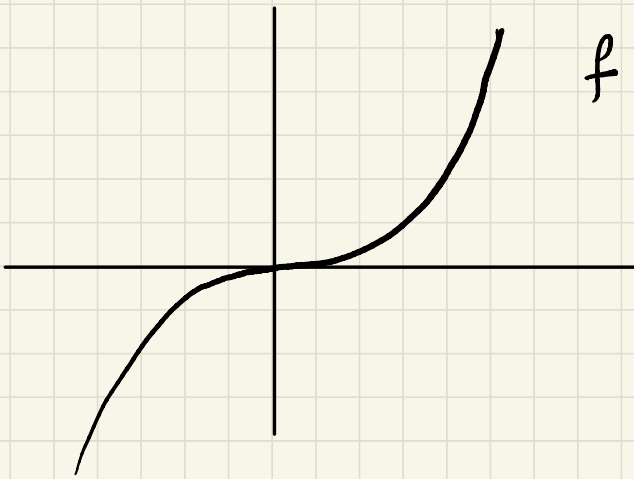
$f''$  is negative everywhere.

Alternative:

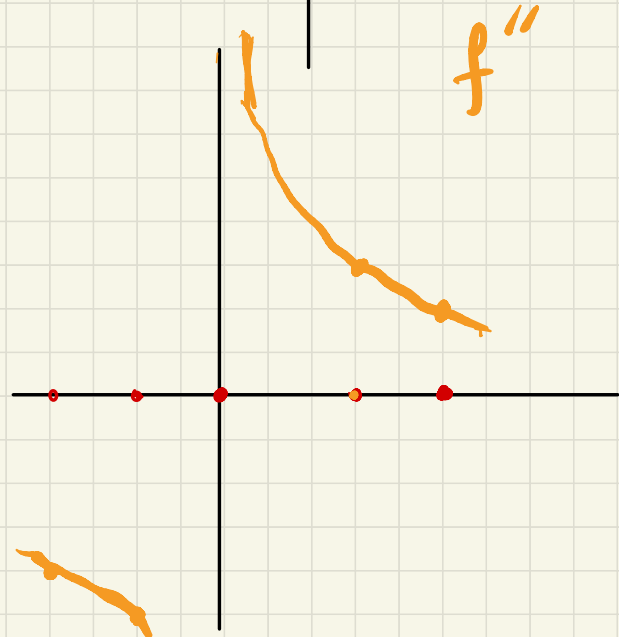
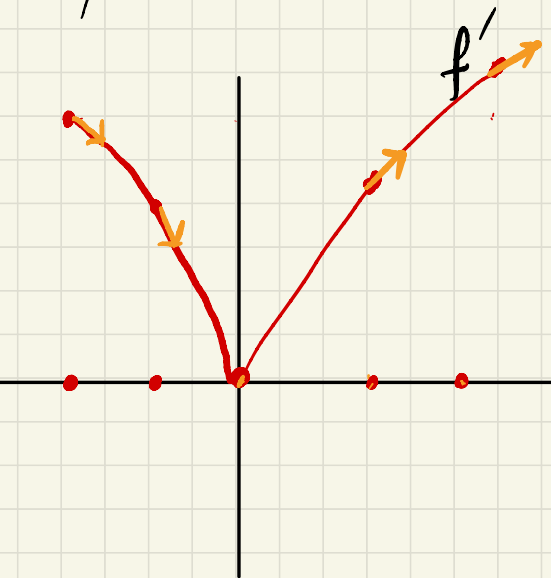
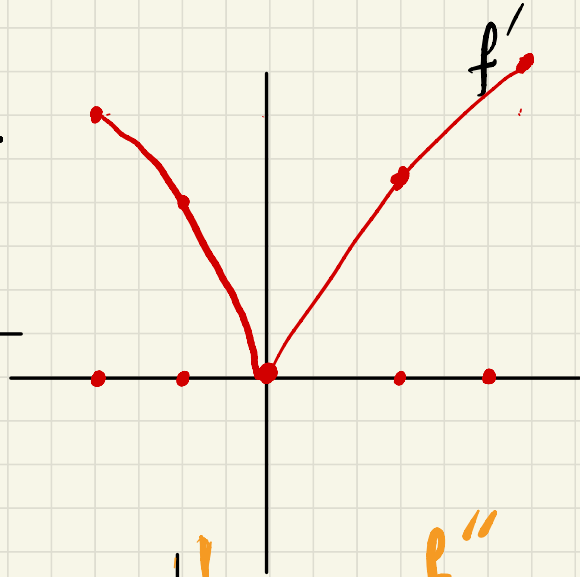
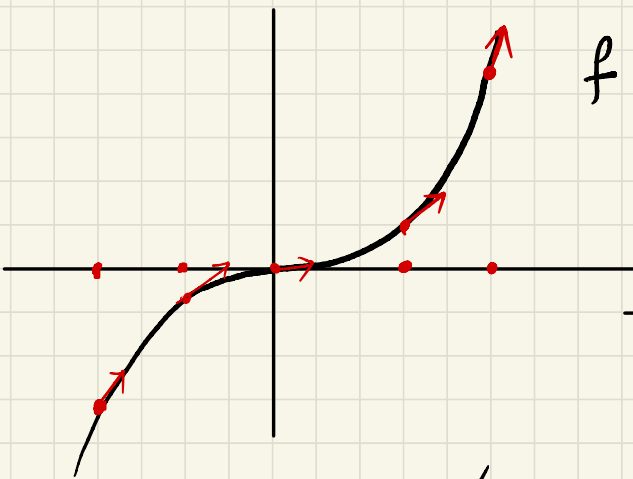
Since  $f'$  is decreasing and  $f$  is concave down,  $f'' < 0$  everywhere

↑ From the facts in PG.7

c.



Slope  
 $-\infty$



$$f'' < 0 \quad \text{for } x < 0$$

$$f'' > 0 \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

Alternative solution:

For  $x < 0$   $f'$  is decreasing

$f$  is concave down

For  $x > 0$   $f'$  is increasing

$f$  is concave up

From the facts in PQ7 we get

The same conclusion.