EXERCISES 4.4

Analyzing Graphed Functions
Identify the inflection points and local maxima and minima of the functions graphed in Exercises 1–8. Identify the intervals on which the functions are concave up and concave down.

1. \( y = \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^2}{2} - 2x + \frac{1}{3} \)
2. \( y = \frac{x^4}{4} - 2x^2 + 4 \)

3. \( y = \frac{3}{4}(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}} \)
4. \( y = \frac{9}{14}x^{\frac{4}{3}}(x^2 - 7) \)
Graphing Equations

Use the steps of the graphing procedure on page 272 to graph the equations in Exercises 9–40. Include the coordinates of any local extreme points and inflection points.

9. \( y = x^2 - 4x + 3 \)  
10. \( y = 6 - 2x - x^2 \)  
11. \( y = x^3 - 3x + 3 \)  
12. \( y = x(6 - 2x)^2 \)  
13. \( y = -2x^3 + 6x^2 - 3 \)  
14. \( y = 1 - 9x - 6x^2 - x^3 \)  
15. \( y = (x - 2)^3 + 1 \)  
16. \( y = 1 - (x + 1)^3 \)  
17. \( y = x^4 - 2x^2 = x^2(x^2 - 2) \)  
18. \( y = -x^4 + 6x^2 - 4 = x^2(6 - x^2) - 4 \)  
19. \( y = 4x^3 - x^4 = x^3(4 - x) \)  
20. \( y = x^4 + 2x^3 = x^3(x + 2) \)  
21. \( y = x^5 - 5x^4 = x^4(x - 5) \)  
22. \( y = x\left(\frac{x}{2} - 5\right)^4 \)  
23. \( y = x + \sin x, \ 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \)  
24. \( y = x - \sin x, \ 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \)  
25. \( y = x^{1/3} \)  
26. \( y = x^{3/5} \)  
27. \( y = x^{2/5} \)  
28. \( y = x^{4/5} \)  
29. \( y = 2x - 3x^{2/3} \)  
30. \( y = 5x^{2/3} - 2x \)  
31. \( y = x^{2/3}\left(\frac{5}{2} - x\right) \)  
32. \( y = x^{2/3}(x - 5) \)  
33. \( y = x\sqrt{8 - x^2} \)  
34. \( y = (2 - x)^{3/2} \)  
35. \( y = \frac{x^2 - 3}{x - 2}, \ x \neq 2 \)  
36. \( y = \frac{x^3}{3x^2 + 1} \)  
37. \( y = |x^2 - 1| \)  
38. \( y = |x^2 - 2x| \)  
39. \( y = \sqrt{|x|} = \begin{cases} \sqrt{-x}, & x \leq 0 \\ \sqrt{x}, & x > 0 \end{cases} \)  
40. \( y = \sqrt{|x - 4|} \)

Sketching y from Graphs of y' and y''

Each of Exercises 63–66 shows the graphs of the first and second derivatives of a function \( y = f(x) \). Copy the picture and add to it a sketch of the approximate graph of \( f \), given that the graph passes through the point \( P \).

63. \( y = f'(x) \)  
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Theory and Examples

67. The accompanying figure shows a portion of the graph of a twice-differentiable function $y = f(x)$. At each of the five labeled points, classify $y'$ and $y''$ as positive, negative, or zero.

68. Sketch a smooth connected curve $y = f(x)$ with
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\begin{align*}
  f(-2) &= 8, \\
  f'(2) &= f'(-2) = 0, \\
  f(0) &= 4, \\
  f'(x) &< 0 \text{ for } |x| < 2, \\
  f(2) &= 0, \\
  f''(x) &< 0 \text{ for } x < 0, \\
  f'(x) &> 0 \text{ for } |x| > 2, \\
  f''(x) &> 0 \text{ for } x > 0.
\end{align*}
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69. Sketch the graph of a twice-differentiable function $y = f(x)$ with the following properties. Label coordinates where possible.

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70. Sketch the graph of a twice-differentiable function $y = f(x)$ that passes through the points $(-2, 2), (-1, 1), (0, 0), (1, 1)$ and $(2, 2)$ and whose first two derivatives have the following sign patterns:

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\begin{align*}
  y': &\quad + \quad - \quad + \quad - \\
  y'': &\quad - \quad + \quad -
\end{align*}
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73. Marginal cost The accompanying graph shows the hypothetical cost $c = f(x)$ of manufacturing $x$ items. At approximately what production level does the marginal cost change from decreasing to increasing?

74. The accompanying graph shows the monthly revenue of the Widget Corporation for the last 12 years. During approximately what time intervals was the marginal revenue increasing? decreasing?
75. Suppose the derivative of the function \( y = f(x) \) is
\[
y'(x) = (x - 1)^2(x - 2).
\]
At what points, if any, does the graph of \( f \) have a local minimum, local maximum, or point of inflection? (Hint: Draw the sign pattern for \( y' \).)

76. Suppose the derivative of the function \( y = f(x) \) is
\[
y'(x) = (x - 1)^2(x - 2)(x - 4).
\]
At what points, if any, does the graph of \( f \) have a local minimum, local maximum, or point of inflection?

77. For \( x > 0 \), sketch a curve \( y = f(x) \) that has \( f(1) = 0 \) and \( f'(x) = 1/x \). Can anything be said about the concavity of such a curve? Give reasons for your answer.

78. Can anything be said about the graph of a function \( y = f(x) \) that has a continuous second derivative that is never zero? Give reasons for your answer.

79. If \( b, c, \) and \( d \) are constants, for what value of \( b \) will the curve \( y = ax^2 + bx + c + d \) have a point of inflection at \( x = 1 \)? Give reasons for your answer.

80. **Horizontal tangents** True, or false? Explain.
   a. The graph of every polynomial of even degree (largest exponent even) has at least one horizontal tangent.
   b. The graph of every polynomial of odd degree (largest exponent odd) has at least one horizontal tangent.

81. **Parabolas**
   a. Find the coordinates of the vertex of the parabola \( y = ax^2 + bx + c, a \neq 0 \).
   b. When is the parabola concave up? Concave down? Give reasons for your answers.

82. Is it true that the concavity of the graph of a twice-differentiable function \( y = f(x) \) changes every time \( f''(x) = 0 \)? Give reasons for your answer.

83. **Quadratic curves** What can you say about the inflection points of a quadratic curve \( y = ax^2 + bx + c, a \neq 0 \)? Give reasons for your answer.

84. **Cubic curves** What can you say about the inflection points of a cubic curve \( y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d, a \neq 0 \)? Give reasons for your answer.

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**COMPUTER EXPLORATIONS**

In Exercises 85–88, find the inflection points (if any) on the graph of the function and the coordinates of the points on the graph where the function has a local maximum or local minimum value. Then graph the function in a region large enough to show all these points simultaneously. Add to your picture the graphs of the function’s first and second derivatives. How are the values at which these graphs intersect the \( x \)-axis related to the graph of the function? In what other ways are the graphs of the derivatives related to the graph of the function?

85. \( y = x^2 - 5x^4 - 240 \)
86. \( y = x^3 - 12x^2 \)
87. \( y = \frac{4}{5}x^3 + 16x^2 - 25 \)
88. \( y = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} - 4x^2 + 12x + 20 \)
89. Graph \( f(x) = 2x^4 - 4x^2 + 1 \) and its first two derivatives together. Comment on the behavior of \( f \) in relation to the signs and values of \( f' \) and \( f'' \).
90. Graph \( f(x) = x \cos x \) and its second derivative together for \( 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi \). Comment on the behavior of the graph of \( f \) in relation to the signs and values of \( f'' \).
91. a. On a common screen, graph \( f(x) = x^3 + kx \) for \( k = 0 \) and nearby positive and negative values of \( k \). How does the value of \( k \) seem to affect the shape of the graph?
   b. Find \( f'(x) \). As you will see, \( f'(x) \) is a quadratic function of \( x \). Find the discriminant of the quadratic (the discriminant of \( ax^2 + bx + c \) is \( b^2 - 4ac \)). For what values of \( k \) is the discriminant positive? Zero? Negative? For what values of \( k \) does \( f' \) have two zeros? One or no zeros? Now explain what the value of \( k \) has to do with the shape of the graph of \( f \).
   c. Experiment with other values of \( k \). What appears to happen as \( k \to -\infty \) as \( k \to \infty \)?
92. a. On a common screen, graph \( f(x) = x^4 + kx^3 + 6x^2 \), \(-2 \leq x \leq 2 \) for \( k = -4 \), and some nearby integer values of \( k \). How does the value of \( k \) seem to affect the shape of the graph?
   b. Find \( f''(x) \). As you will see, \( f''(x) \) is a quadratic function of \( x \). What is the discriminant of this quadratic (see Exercise 91(b))? For what values of \( k \) is the discriminant positive? Zero? Negative? For what values of \( k \) does \( f''(x) \) have two zeros? One or no zeros? Now explain what the value of \( k \) has to do with the shape of the graph of \( f \).
93. a. Graph \( y = x^{2/3}(x^2 - 2) \) for \(-3 \leq x \leq 3 \). Then use calculus to confirm what the screen shows about concavity, rise, and fall. (Depending on your grapher, you may have to enter \( x^{2/3} \) as \( (x^2)^{1/3} \) to obtain a plot for negative values of \( x \).
   b. Does the curve have a cusp at \( x = 0 \), or does it just have a corner with different right-hand and left-hand derivatives?
94. a. Graph \( y = 9x^{2/3}(x - 1) \) for \(-0.5 \leq x \leq 1.5 \). Then use calculus to confirm what the screen shows about concavity, rise, and fall. What concavity does the curve have to the left of the origin? (Depending on your grapher, you may have to enter \( x^{2/3} \) as \( (x^2)^{1/3} \) to obtain a plot for negative values of \( x \).
   b. Does the curve have a cusp at \( x = 0 \), or does it just have a corner with different right-hand and left-hand derivatives?
95. Does the curve \( y = x^3 + 3 \sin 2x \) have a horizontal tangent near \( x = -3 \)? Give reasons for your answer.