

## 10.3 Extreme value tests

mean value theorem  $\Rightarrow$

①  $f' = 0 \Rightarrow f$  is const.  
(on some interval)

②  $f' = g' \Rightarrow f = g + \text{const.}$

example: antiderivatives

$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = x^2 + C$$

③  $f' > 0 \Rightarrow f$  increasing

$f' < 0 \Rightarrow f$  decreasing

example: projectile motion

assumption: gravity  $\downarrow$  acceleration  $-32 \text{ ft/s}^2$  (straight down)

$$x''(t) = 0$$

$$y''(t) = -32$$

$$\Rightarrow x'(t) = C_1$$

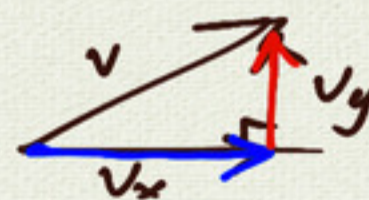
$$y'(t) = -32t + C_2$$

$$x'(t) = v_x$$

$$y'(t) = -32t + v_y$$

$t=0$   $x'(0) = C_1 = v_x$   
Speed in x direction  
at  $t=0$

$$y'(0) = C_2 = v_y$$



$$x(t) = v_x t + C_3$$

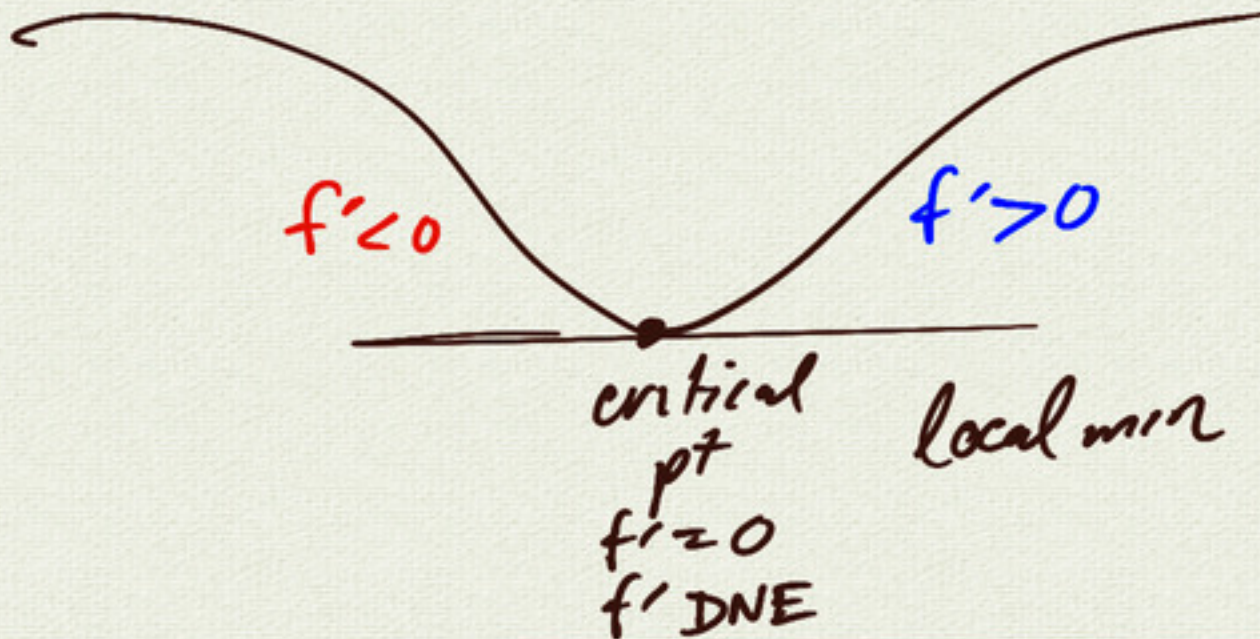
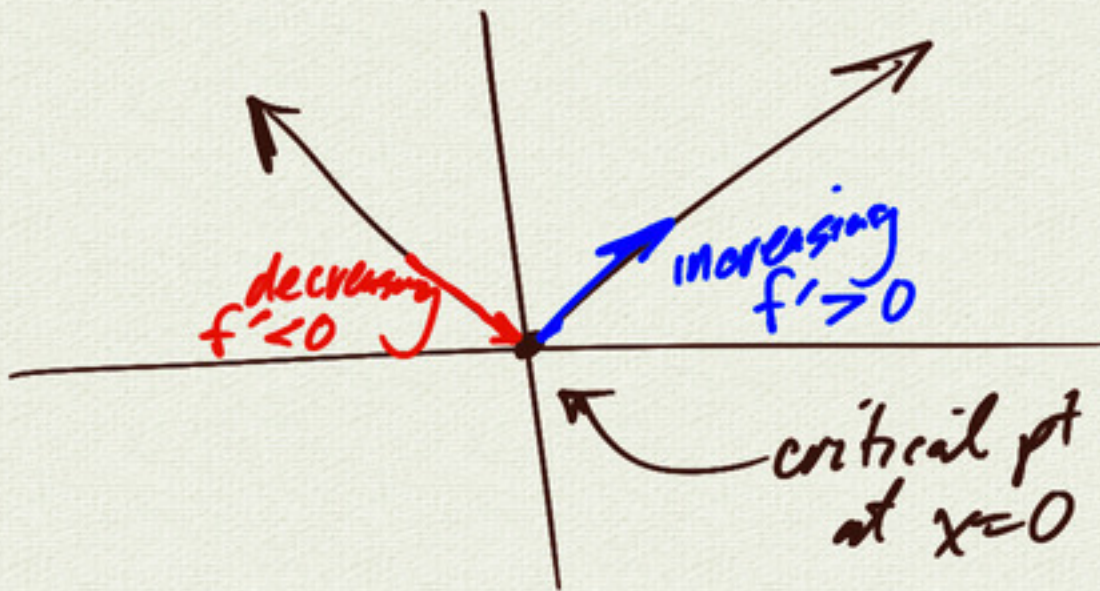
$$y(t) = -16t^2 + v_y t + C_4$$

$(C_3, C_4)$  initial position  $(x_0, y_0)$   
 $t=0$

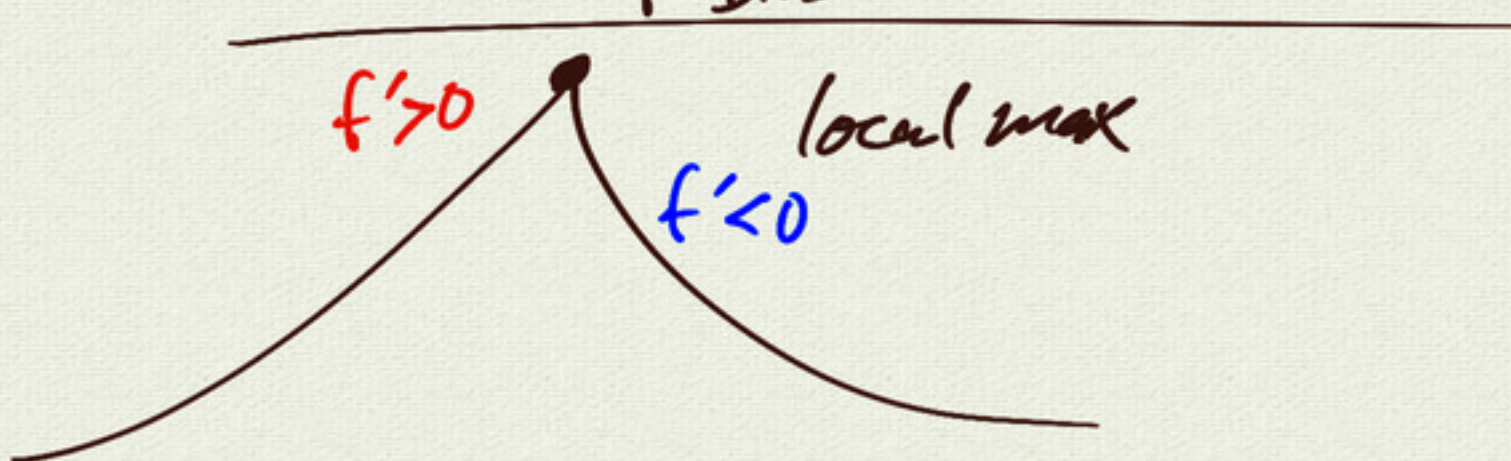
$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x(t) = v_x t + x_0 \\ y(t) = -16t^2 + v_y t + y_0 \end{cases}$$



$$f(x) = |x|$$



1st derivative test





Example:

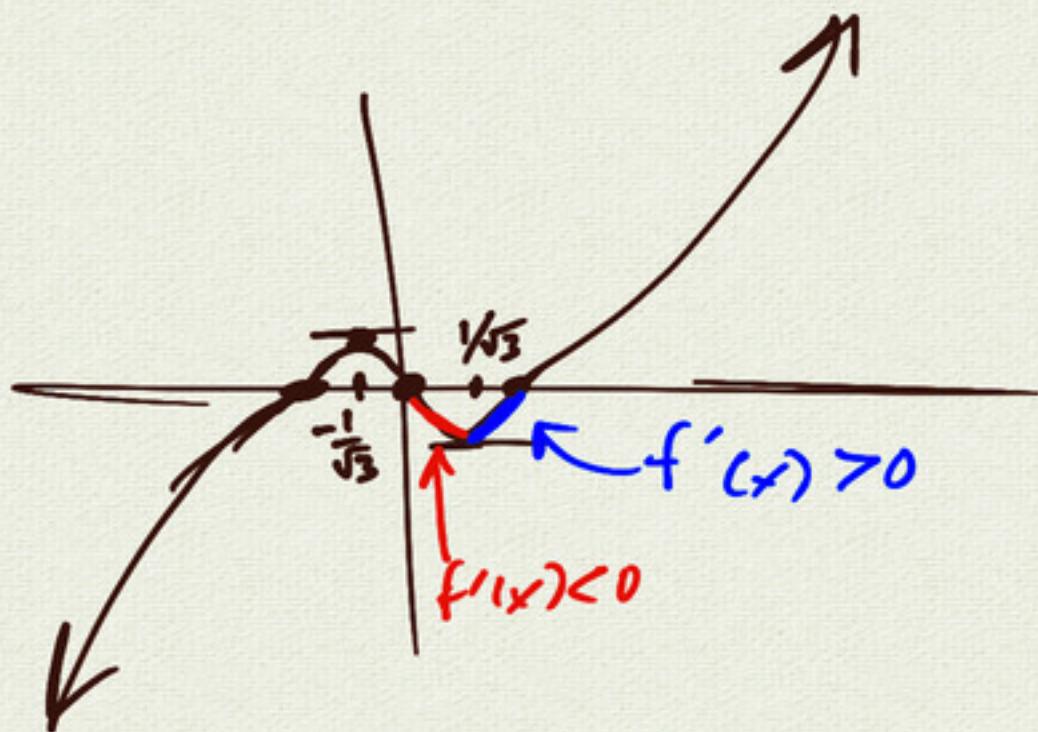
$$f(x) = x^3 - x$$

find all local min/max.

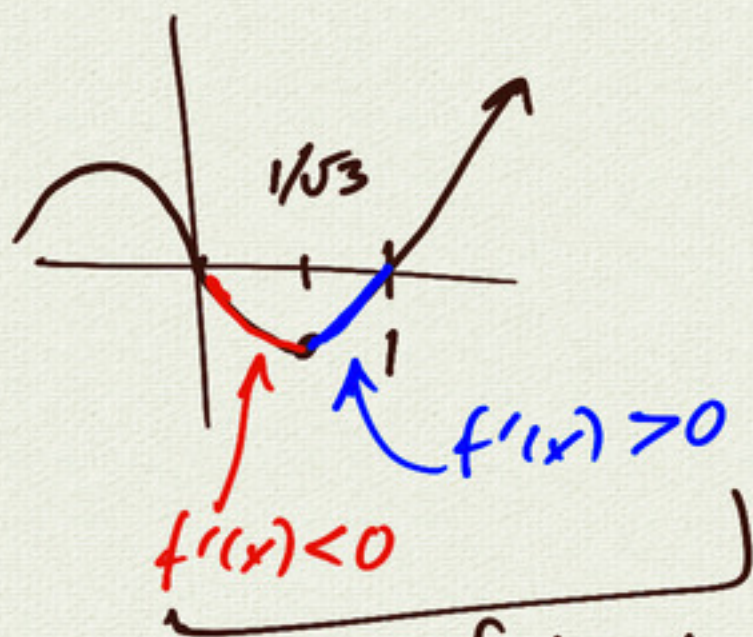
$$f(x) = x(x^2 - 1) \\ = x(x+1)(x-1)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 1$$

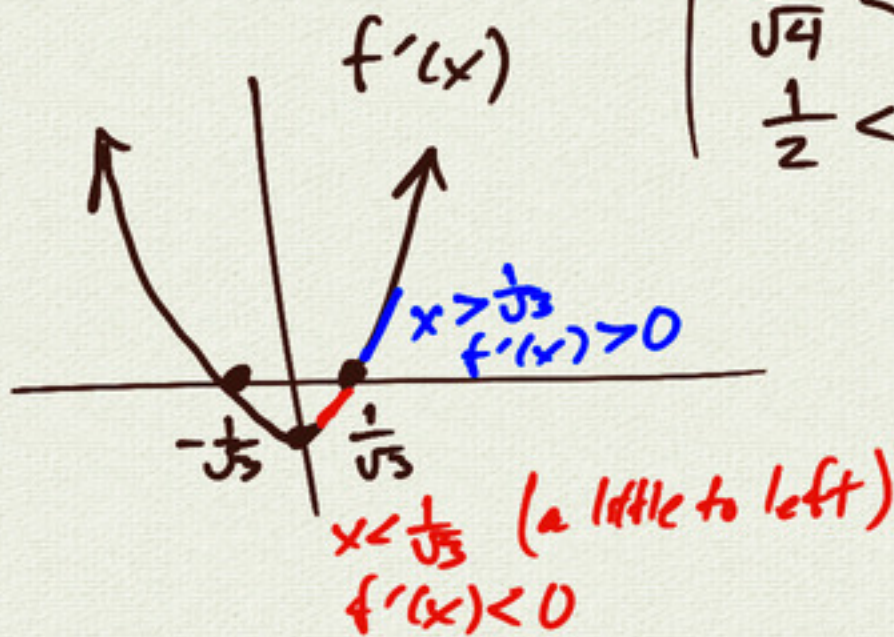
$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 1 = 0 \\ x^2 = \pm \frac{1}{3}$$



$x = +\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ :

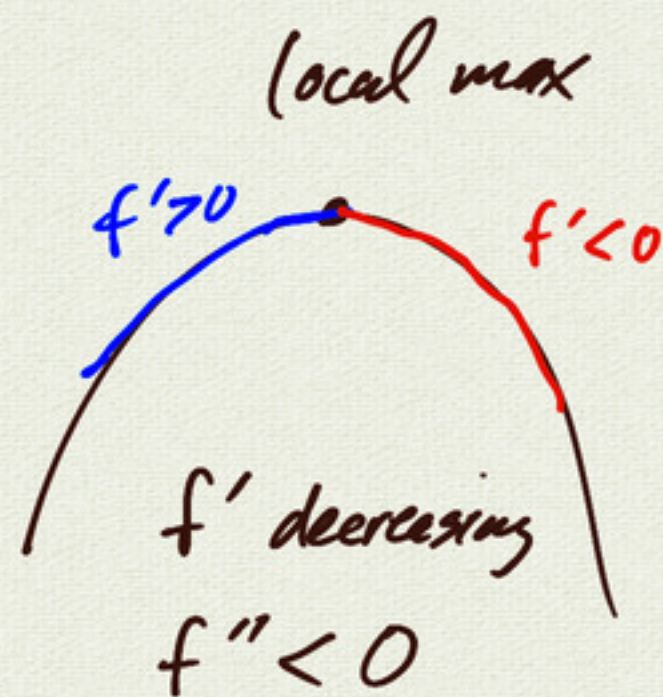
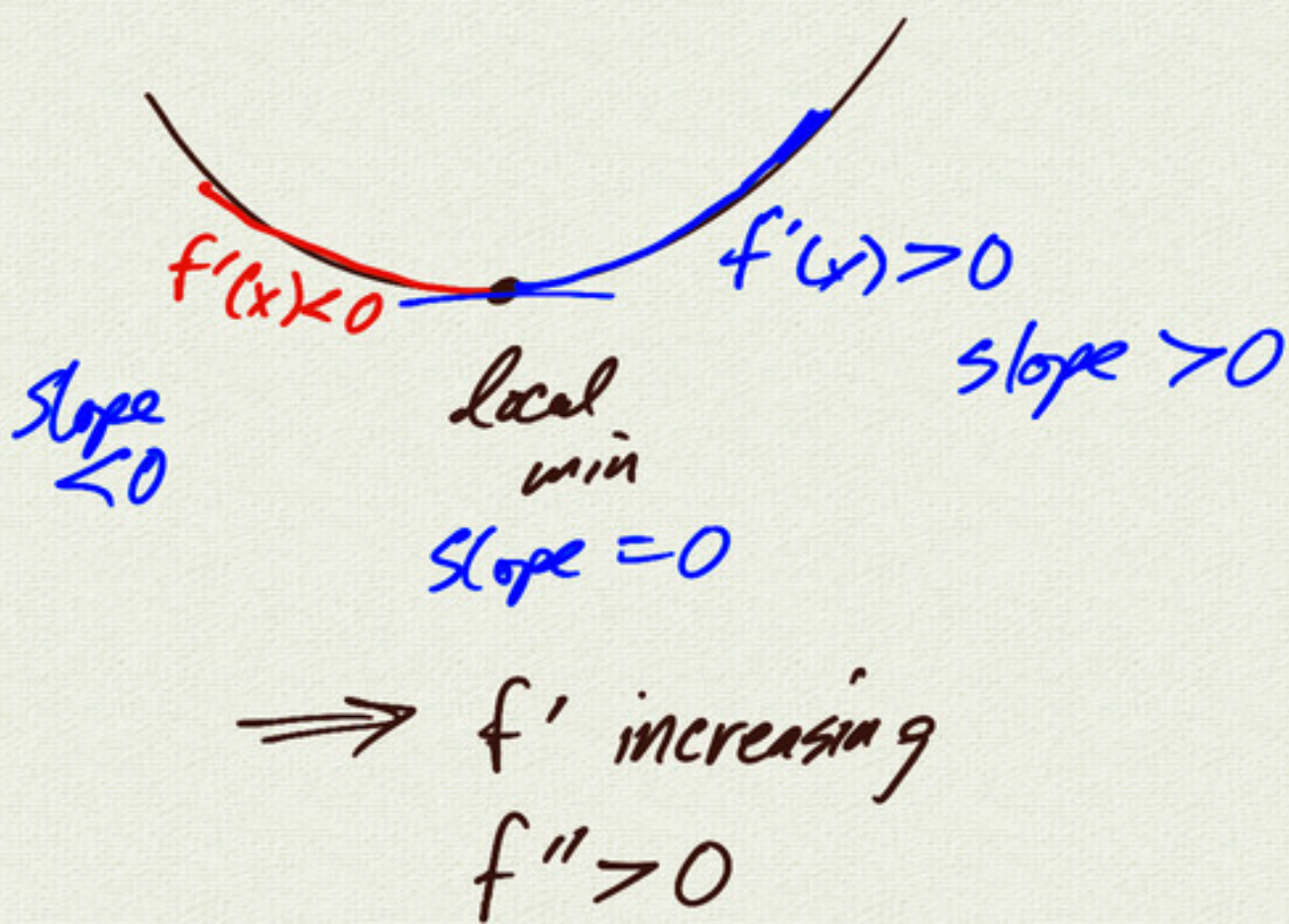


f has local min at  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  (1st deriv test)



$$\sqrt{3} \approx 1.732 \\ \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \frac{1}{2} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$





2nd deriv test:

suppose  $f$  has  $f'(c) = 0$ ,  $f''(c)$  exists

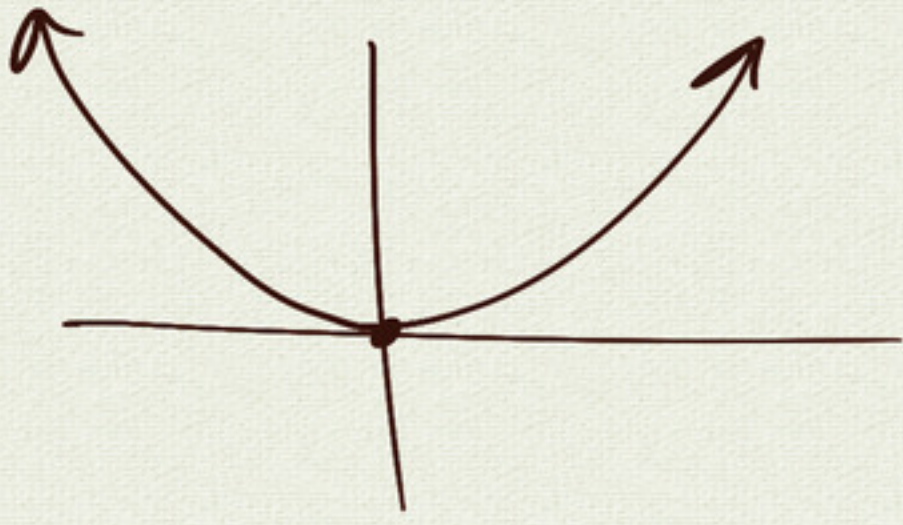
then (1) if  $f''(c) > 0$ , then  $f$  has local min at  $x = c$

(2) if  $f''(c) < 0$ , then  $f$  has local max at  $x = c$

(3) if  $f''(c) = 0$ , then I don't know



$$f(x) = x^2$$



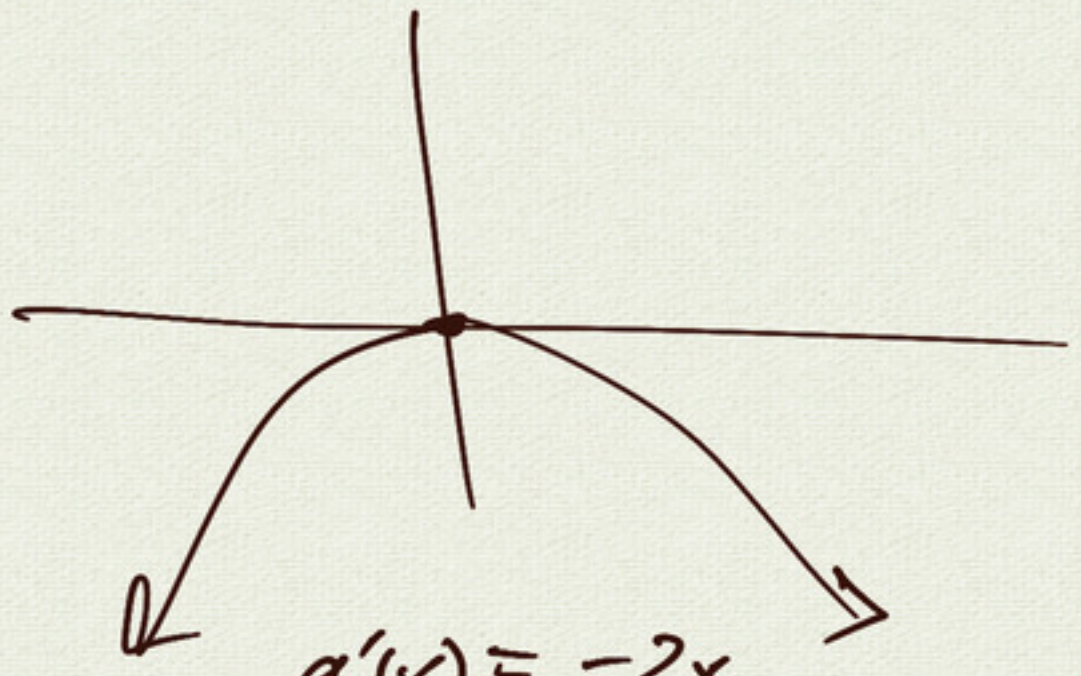
$$f'(x) = 2x$$

$$f'(0) = 0 \quad x=0 \text{ critical pt.}$$

$$f''(x) = 2 > 0$$

local min at  $x=0$

$$g(x) = -x^2$$



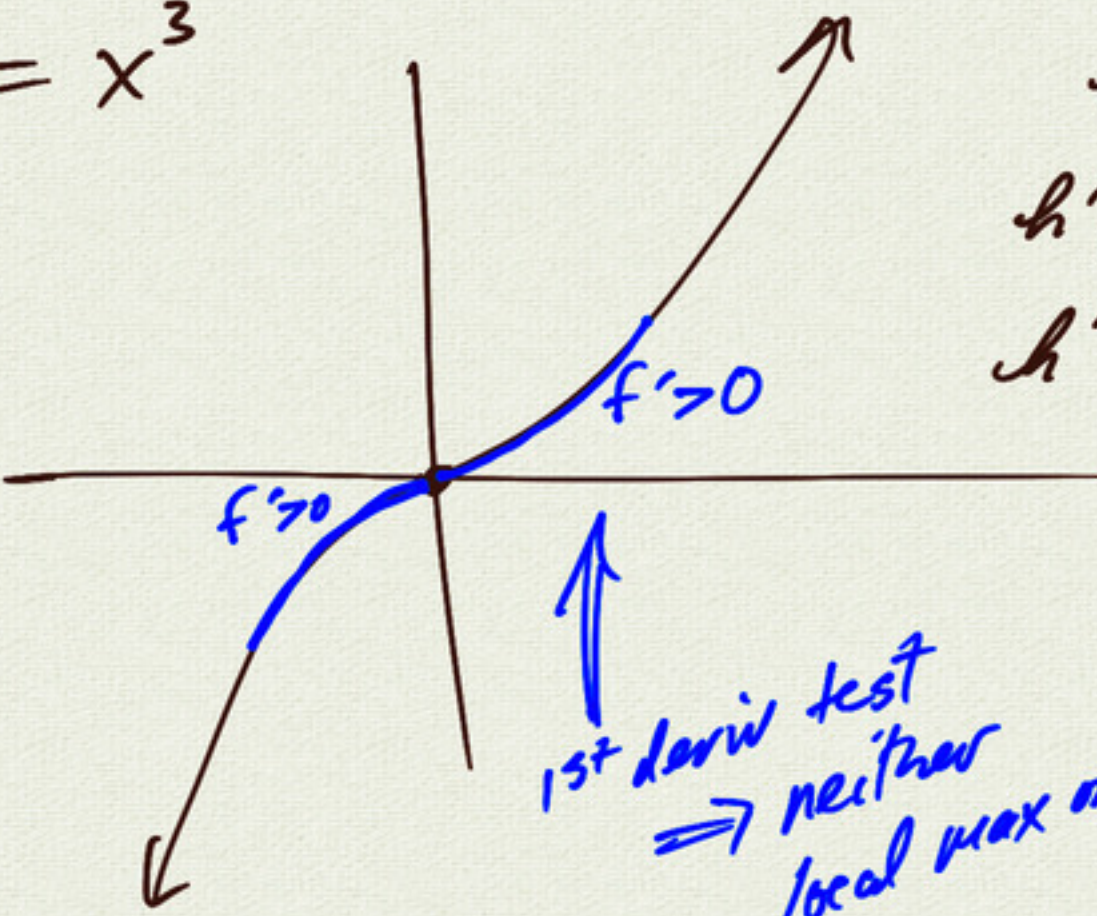
$$g'(x) = -2x$$

$$g'(0) = 0 \quad x=0 \text{ critical pt.}$$

$$g''(x) = -2$$

$g''(0) = -2 < 0$  local max at  $x=0$

$$h(x) = x^3$$



1st deriv test  $\Rightarrow$  neither local max or min

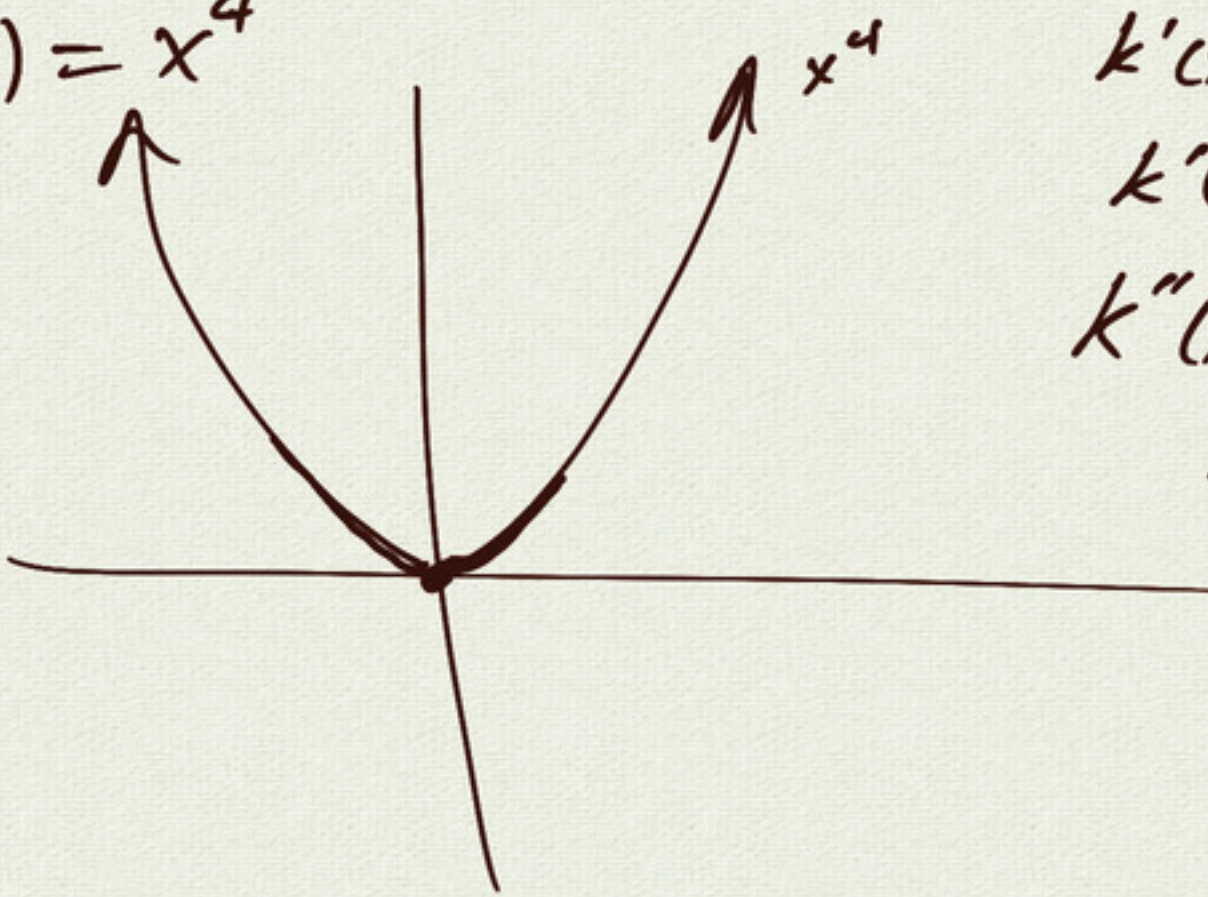
$$h'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$h'(0) = 0 \text{ critical } x=0 \text{ pt}$$

$$h''(x) = 6x$$

$h''(0) = 0 \Leftarrow$  2nd deriv test inconclusive

$$k(x) = x^4$$



$$k'(x) = 4x^3$$

$$k'(0) = 0 \text{ critical of } x=0 \text{ pt}$$

$$k''(x) = 12x^2$$

$k''(0) = 0 \Leftarrow$  2nd deriv test inconclusive

