

7. [13 points]  $f$  is a continuous, differentiable function defined for all real numbers. Some values of  $f$  and its derivative are given in the table below.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$f(x)$	-11.2	-4.0	-1.1	-0.5	-0.1	2.0	7.9	19.6
$f'(x)$	9.9	4.7	1.4	0.2	0.9	2.1	5.9	11.7

- a. [4 points] Estimate the derivative of  $f$  at  $x = 5, 6$ , and  $7$ , and fill in the remainder of the table.

*Solution:* Using left-hand estimates,

$$f'(5) \approx \frac{2.0 - (-0.1)}{5 - 4} = 2.1$$

$$f'(6) \approx 7.9 - 2.0 = 5.9$$

$$f'(7) \approx 19.6 - 7.9 = 11.7.$$

- b. [2 points] Estimate  $f''(1)$  using the data given.

*Solution:* We can use a left-hand estimate, a right-hand estimate, or find both and average them:

Left:  $4.7 - 9.9 = -5.2$

Right:  $1.4 - 4.7 = -3.3$

Average:  $\frac{-5.2 - 3.3}{2} = -4.25$

- c. [4 points] Assuming the concavity of  $f$  doesn't change on the interval  $5 \leq x \leq 7$ , is the graph of  $f$  concave up or concave down on that interval? Explain.

*Solution:*  $f$  is concave up on the interval  $5 \leq x \leq 7$ , because our estimates for the derivative are increasing on this interval.

- d. [3 points] Using your answer from part (c), is your approximation for  $f'(7)$  an overestimate or an underestimate? Explain.

*Solution:* Our approximation for  $f'(7)$  is an underestimate. Our estimate was the slope of a secant line on the left, which will be smaller than the slope of the tangent line since  $f$  is concave up.