

- (a) For which intervals is f increasing?
- f is increasing when its derivative is positive, so for 0 < x < 3 and 7 < x < 9.
- (b) For which intervals is f'' negative?

f'' is negative when f' is decreasing, so for 1 < x < 5 and 8 < x < 9.

(c) For which value(s) of x (if any) does f have a local maximum?

[Note: This was excluded from grading.] f has a local maximum at a value a when f' is positive for x < a and negative for x > a. So f has a local maximum when x = 3.

(d) For which value(s) of x (if any) does f switch from concave up to concave down?

f will switch from concave up to concave down when the second derivative switches from being positive to being negative, i.e., when the derivative switches from increasing to decreasing, so at x = 1 and x = 8.