AP Calculus AB

Discovering Connections Between f, f' and f''

For Part A consider the equation  $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 10$ 

## Part A

- 1.) What is the vertex of the function?
- 2.) On what interval(s) is the function increasing?
- 3.) On what interval(s) is the function decreasing?
- 4.) Does the vertex represent a maximum or minimum of the function?



- 6.) Find the derivative of f(x).
- 7.) On what interval(s) is f'(x) > 0?
- 8.) On what interval(s) is f'(x) < 0?
- 9.) Where is f'(x) = 0?



11.) Find the second derivative of f(x).

- 12.) On what interval(s) is f''(x) > 0?
- 13.) On what interval(s) is f''(x) < 0?
- 14.) What is the value of f''(x) at the vertex found in question 1?
- 15.) Sketch a graph containing f(x), f'(x) and f''(x).



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For Part B consider the equation  $f(x) = -3x^2 - 2x + 1$ 

Part B

- 1.) What is the vertex of the function?
- 2.) On what interval(s) is the function increasing?
- 3.) On what interval(s) is the function decreasing?
- 4.) Does the vertex represent a maximum or minimum of the function?



- 6.) Find the derivative of f(x).
- 7.) On what interval(s) is f'(x) > 0?
- 8.) On what interval(s) is f'(x) < 0?





11.) Find the second derivative of f(x).

- 12.) On what interval(s) is f''(x) > 0?
- 13.) On what interval(s) is f''(x) < 0?
- 14.) What is the value of f''(x) at the vertex found in question 1?
- 15.) Sketch a graph containing f(x), f'(x) and f''(x).



Using the data collected in Parts A and B summarize your results.

Let *f* be continuous on [*a*, *b*] and differentiable on (*a*, *b*).

- 1. If f' > 0 at each point of (a, b), then f \_\_\_\_\_ on [a, b].
- 2. If f' < 0 at each point of (a, b), then f \_\_\_\_\_ on [a, b].

Let *f* be continuous on [*a*, *b*] and differentiable on (*a*, *b*) and there is some value *c* in (*a*, *b*) for which f'(c) = 0 then:

- 1. The point (c, f(c)) is a maximum of the function iff f''(x) \_\_\_\_\_\_
- 2. The point (c, f(c)) is a minimum of the function iff f''(x) \_\_\_\_\_\_

Use these ideas to complete the following problem. No calculator!

Let  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 45x + 9$ 

- 1.) Determine the interval(s) where f(x) is increasing or decreasing.
- 2.) Determine where the function has horizontal tangents. What are the maximum(s) and minimum(s) for the function?

3.) Sketch the function. What happens when x = -1?



Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 24x + 3$ 

- 1.) Determine the interval(s) where f(x) is increasing or decreasing.
- 2.) Determine where the function has horizontal tangents. What are the maximum(s) and minimum(s) for the function?

3.) Sketch the function. What happens when x = 1?

