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HOMEWORK 7 SOLUTIONS

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(1) Solution: When  $2x + 2 = 4.2$ , we have  $x = 1.1$ . If  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x + 2}$ , by chain rule,

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(2x + 2)^{-1/2} \cdot 2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x + 2}}$$

So

$$f'(1) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2 \cdot 1 + 2}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence the linear approximation on the function  $f(x)$  near point 1 is

$$f(x) = f(1) + f'(1)(x - 1) + O(x^2) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(x - 1) + O(x^2)$$

So  $\sqrt{4.2} = f(1.1)$  is approximately  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(1.1 - 1) = 0.5 + 0.5 \cdot 0.1 = 0.55$ .

(2) Solution:

$$w'(x) = \frac{2x \cdot (x^2 + 1) - x^2 \cdot 2x}{(x^2 + 1)^2} = \frac{2x}{(x^2 + 1)^2}$$

So  $w'(x) \geq 0$  when  $x \geq 0$ , and  $w'(x) \leq 0$  when  $x \leq 0$ . Hence  $w(x)$  is increasing when  $x \geq 0$ , and decreasing when  $x \leq 0$ .

$$w''(x) = \frac{2 \cdot (x^2 + 1)^2 - 2x \cdot [2(x^2 + 1) \cdot 2x]}{(x^2 + 1)^4} = \frac{-8x^4 + 2}{(x^2 + 1)^4} = \frac{2(1 - 3x^2)}{(x^2 + 1)^3}$$

So  $w''(x) > 0$  when  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} < x < \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  and  $w''(x) < 0$  when  $x < -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  or  $x > \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Hence  $w(x)$  is concave up when  $x \in (-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ , and concave down when  $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) \cup (\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty)$ .

(3) (a)

$$g'(x) = e^{-2x^2} + x \cdot (e^{-2x^2} \cdot (-2 \cdot 2x)) = (1 - 4x^2)e^{-2x^2}$$

So  $g(x)$  is increasing when  $1 - 4x^2 \geq 0$ , that is  $x \in [-1/2, 1/2]$ . And it is decreasing when  $1 - 4x^2 \leq 0$ , that is  $x \in (-\infty, -1/2] \cup [1/2, \infty)$ .

(b)

$$g''(x) = -8xe^{-2x^2} + (1 - 4x^2) \cdot (-4x)e^{-2x^2} = 4x(4x^2 - 3)e^{-2x^2}$$

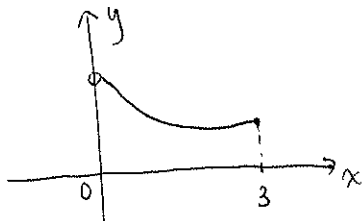
So  $g(x)$  is concave up when  $4x(4x^2 - 3) > 0$ , that is  $x \in (-\sqrt{3}/2, 0) \cup (\sqrt{3}/2, \infty)$ . And it is concave down when  $4x(4x^2 - 3) < 0$ , that is  $x \in (-\infty, -\sqrt{3}/2) \cup (0, \sqrt{3}/2)$ .

(c)  $g'(x) = 0$  when  $x = -1/2, 1/2$ . When  $x = -1/2$ ,  $g''(-1/2) > 0$ , so  $(-1/2, g(-1/2))$  is a local minimum. When  $x = 1/2$ ,  $g''(1/2) < 0$ , so  $(1/2, g(1/2))$  is a local maximum.

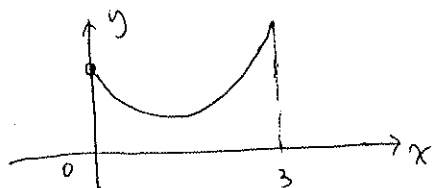
(d) The inflection point is the points where  $g''(x) = 0$ , that is  $x = -\sqrt{3}/2, 0, \sqrt{3}/2$ . So the inflection points are  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-\sqrt{3}/2, g(-\sqrt{3}/2))$ , and  $(\sqrt{3}/2, g(\sqrt{3}/2))$ .

(4) (answer not unique)

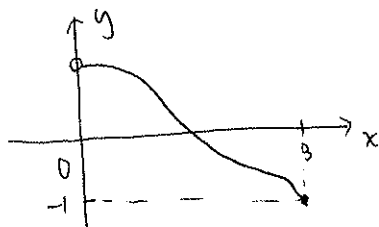
- $h(x)$  does not have absolute maximum on  $[0, 3]$ .



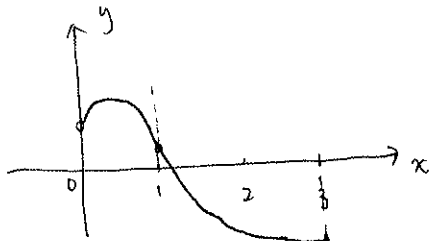
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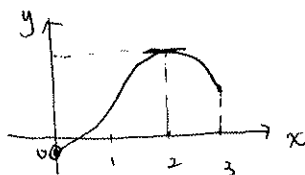
- $h(3) = -1$  is the absolute minimum of  $h(x)$  on  $[0, 3]$



- $h$  is concave down on the interval  $(0, 1)$



- $h'(2) = 0$



(5) (a)  $f(-1)$  is bigger, since  $f$  is differentiable and  $f'(x) > 0$  when  $x < -1$ , which means  $f(x)$  is increasing when  $x < -1$ .

(b)  ~~$f(0.5)$~~   <sup>$f(0)$</sup>  is bigger, because  $f$  is differentiable, and  $f'(x) < 0$  when  $-1 < x < 1$ , which means  $f(x)$  is decreasing in  $(-1, 1)$ .

(c) We do not have enough information to decide.

(d)  ~~$f(0.9)$~~   <sup>$f(0)$</sup>  is bigger, similar as (b).

(e)  $f'(-3)$  is bigger, since  $f$  is twice differentiable and concave down on  $(-\infty, 0)$ , which means  $f'(x)$  is decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$ .