Relationship between f, f', and f'' (No Calculator)



1997 #11

The graph of the derivative of f is shown in the figure above. Which of the following could be the graph of f?





Let f be a function defined for all real numbers x. If $f'(x) = \frac{|4-x^2|}{x-2}$, then f is decreasing on the interval

(A) $(-\infty, 2)$ (B) $(-\infty, \infty)$ (C) (-2, 4) (D) $(-2, \infty)$ (E) $(2, \infty)$



2003 #7

The graph of f', the derivative of the function f, is shown above. Which of the following statements is true about f?

- (A) f is decreasing for $-1 \le x \le 1$.
- (B) f is increasing for $-2 \le x \le 0$.
- (C) *f* is increasing for $1 \le x \le 2$.
- (D) f has a local minimum at x = 0.
- (E) *f* is not differentiable at x = -1 and x = 1.

2003 #15

Let f be the function with derivative given by $f'(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{x}$. On which of the following intervals is f decreasing?

(A) $(-\infty, -1]$ only (B) $(-\infty, 0)$ (C) [-1, 0) only (D) $(0, \sqrt[3]{2}]$

(E)
$$\left[\sqrt[3]{2},\infty\right)$$

2003 #18

X	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
<i>g</i> '(<i>x</i>)	2	3	0	-3	-2	-1	0	3	2

The derivative g' of a function g is continuous and has exactly two zeros. Selected values of g' are given in the table above. If the domain of g is the set of all real numbers, then g is decreasing on which of the following intervals?

- (A) $-2 \le x \le 2$ only (B) $-1 \le x \le 1$ only (C) $x \ge -2$ (D) $x \ge 2$ only
- (E) $x \le -2$ or $x \ge 2$

2003 #10

The function f has the property that f(x), f'(x), and f''(x) are negative for all real values x. Which of the following could be the graph of f?









2008 #11



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x	0	1	2	3
f''(x)	5	0	-7	4

The polynomial function f has selected values of its second derivative f " given in the table above. Which of the following statements must be true?

- (A) f is increasing on the interval (0, 2).
- (B) f is decreasing on the interval (0, 2).
- (C) f has a local maximum at x = 1.
- (D) The graph of f has a point of inflection at x = 1.
- (E) The graph of f changes concavity in the interval (0, 2).