

1. Find each value of  $x$  where  $f(x) = e^x - 100x - \frac{1}{2}x^2$  has an inflection point.

**Solution.** An inflection point of  $f$  is a point in the domain of  $f$  where  $f''$  changes sign. Note that the domain of  $f$  is all real numbers, and thus we may proceed with finding the second derivative of  $f$ .

$$f'(x) = e^x - 100 - x \implies$$

$$f''(x) = e^x - 1.$$

Our only potential inflection point occurs where  $f''(x) = 0$ , meaning  $x = 0$ . We exhibit the sign line for  $f''$  below.

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \quad - \quad | \quad + \quad \rightarrow \\ 0 \end{array}$$

Indeed,  $f''$  changes sign at  $x = 0$ , so it is our only inflection point.

$$\boxed{x = 0}$$

2. Let  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2x+4}$ . Find each interval where  $g$  is decreasing and concave up.

**Solution.** Note that the domain of  $g$  is  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-2, \infty)$ . Now, our function  $g$  is decreasing where its first derivative is negative, and  $g$  is concave up where its second derivative is positive, so we construct sign lines for both  $g'$  and  $g''$ . First, we compute the first and second derivatives of  $g$ .

$$g'(x) = \frac{-2}{(2x+4)^2} \quad g''(x) = \frac{8}{(2x+4)^3}$$

The points which should be marked on our  $g'$  sign line are those points where  $g'$  is either 0 or undefined. Since  $g'$  never takes on the value 0, we just note that it is undefined at  $x = -2$ , so that goes on our number line. Then, we check points in each interval on our number line to determine where  $g'$  is positive or negative.

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \quad - \quad | \quad - \quad \rightarrow \\ -2 \end{array}$$

The procedure for the the  $g''$  sign line is the same, and the sign line is given below.

$$\begin{array}{c} \leftarrow \quad - \quad | \quad + \quad \rightarrow \\ -2 \end{array}$$

Now,  $g$  is both decreasing and concave up on  $(-2, \infty)$ , so this is our answer.

$$\boxed{(-2, \infty)}$$

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3. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2}.$$

**Solution.** Since ‘plugging in’ infinity gives an indeterminate form, we apply L’Hospital’s Rule.

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln(x)}{x^2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{d}{dx}(\ln(x))}{\frac{d}{dx}(x^2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x}}{2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2x^2} \\ &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{0}$$