

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

Solution. An inflection point of f is a point in the domain of f where f'' changes sign. First, note that the domain of f is $(0, \infty)$. Now, we proceed with finding the second derivative of f .

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{1}{x} + 100 + x \implies \\ f''(x) &= \frac{-1}{x^2} + 1 \\ &= \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2}. \end{aligned}$$

Our potential inflection points occur where either f'' is 0 or undefined. Since f'' is only undefined at the point $x = 0$, which is not in the domain of f , we concern ourselves only with those points where f'' is 0. If $f''(x) = 0$, then $x^2 = 1$. Thus $f''(x) = 0$ means $x = -1$ or $x = 1$. Since $x = -1$ is not in our domain, our only potential inflection point is $x = 1$.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} - \text{---} + \text{---} \\ f'' \left(\leftarrow \quad \quad \quad \mid \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \right) \\ \quad \quad \quad 0 \quad \quad \quad 1 \end{array}$$

Indeed, f'' changes sign at $x = 1$, so it is our only inflection point.

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

2. Let $g(x) = \frac{1}{3-x}$. Find each interval where g is increasing and concave up.

Solution. Note that the domain of g is $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$. Now, our function g is increasing where its first derivative is positive, 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 .

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{(3-x)^2} \quad g''(x) = \frac{2}{(3-x)^3}$$

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 $x = 3$, 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.

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{---} + \text{---} + \text{---} \\ g' \left(\leftarrow \quad \quad \quad \mid \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \right) \\ \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad \quad 3 \end{array}$$

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

$$g'' \leftarrow \begin{array}{c} + \\ | \\ - \end{array} \rightarrow$$

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Now, g is both increasing and concave up on $(-\infty, 3)$, so this is our answer.

$$\boxed{(-\infty, 3)}$$

3. Evaluate

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{e^x}{x^2}.$$

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

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

Again, ‘plugging in’ infinity gives an indeterminate form, so we apply L’Hospital’s Rule again.

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

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