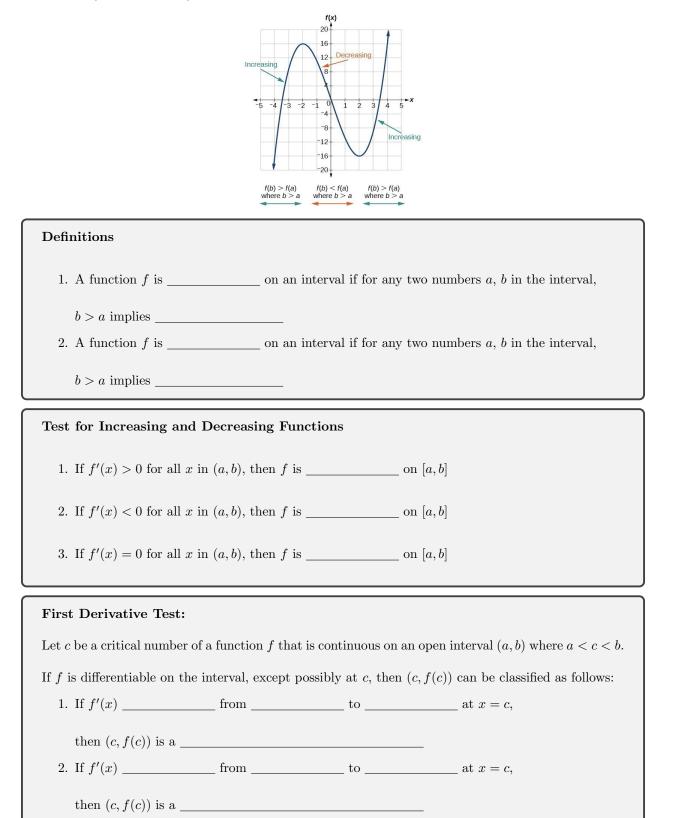
## 3.3 Notes and Examples

Increasing and Decreasing Functions & the First Derivative Test



Find the intervals where f is increasing and decreasing, identify all points that are relative maximum and minimum points, and justify your answers. Use your results to sketch the graph.

1. 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 2$$

2. 
$$f(x) = (x^2 - 4)^{2/3}$$

3. 
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2x - 1}$$

4. Let g be the function defined by  $g(x) = x^4 + 4x^3$ . How many relative extrema does g have?

- 5. The function s(t) = t<sup>2</sup> 7t + 10 describes the motion of a particle along a line.
  (a) Find the velocity function of the particle at any time t > 0.
  - (b) Identify the time interval(s) in which the particle is moving in a positive direction. Justify.
  - (c) Identify the time interval(s) in which the particle is moving in a negative direction. Justify.
  - (d) Identify the time(s) at which the particle changes direction. Justify.

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6. The function y = g(x) is differentiable and decreasing for all real numbers. On what intervals is the function  $y = g(x^3 - 6x^2)$  increasing?

7. Let f be the function given by f(x) = 3 - 2x. If g is a function with derivative given by g'(x) = f(x)f'(x)(x-3), on what intervals is g increasing?

8. What are all values of x for which the function f defined by  $f(x) = (x^2 - 3)e^{-x}$  is increasing?

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
g'(x)	2	3	0	-3	-2	-1	0	3	2

9. 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 what intervals?