

# Monotonicity and concavity

1. Investigate the following polynomials:

- (a) Find the domain, find the parts above/below x-axis.
- (b) Monotonicity.
- (c) Concavity.
- (d) Sketch the graph.

(a)  $y = 6x^3 - 3x^6$ .

(d)  $y = x^4 + 2x^3$ .

(g)  $y = x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x$ .

(b)  $y = x^5 - 5x^4$ .

(e)  $y = 4x^3 - x^4$ .

(h)  $y = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x$ .

(c)  $y = 3x - x^3$ .

(f)  $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + x$ .

(i)  $y = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x$ .

2. Investigate the following functions:

- (a) Find the domain, find the parts above/below x-axis.
- (b) Monotonicity.
- (c) Concavity.

(a)  $y = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$

Hint:  $y' = \frac{x^2 - 4x}{(x-2)^2}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{8}{(x-2)^3}$ .

(b)  $y = \frac{x^2}{x+1}$

Hint:  $y' = \frac{x^2 + 2x}{(x+1)^2}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}$ .

(c)  $y = \frac{x}{(x-2)^2}$

Hint:  $y' = \frac{-x-2}{(x-2)^3}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x+8}{(x-2)^4}$ .

(d)  $y = \frac{x}{(x+3)^2}$

Hint:  $y' = \frac{3-x}{(x+3)^3}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x-12}{(x+3)^4}$ .

(e)  $y = \frac{x^2}{(x+1)^2}$ .

Hint:  $y' = \frac{2x}{(x+1)^3}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2-4x}{(x+1)^4}$ .

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

Hint:  $y' = \frac{1-x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x^3-6x}{(x^2+1)^3}$ .

(g)  $y = \frac{x}{(x-1)^2}$ .

Hint:  $y' = \frac{-x-1}{(x-1)^3}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x+4}{(x-1)^4}$ .

(h)  $y = \frac{x-2}{(x-1)^2}$ .

Hint:  $y' = \frac{3-x}{(x-1)^3}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x-8}{(x-1)^4}$ .

(i)  $y = x + \frac{1}{x+1}$ .

Hint:  $y' = \frac{x^2+2x}{(x+1)^2}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2}{(x+1)^3}$ .

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

Hint:  $y' = \frac{3-x^2}{x^4}$ ,  $y'' = \frac{2x^2-12}{x^5}$ .