

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \quad \text{1st derivative}$$

$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h} \quad \text{2nd derivative}$$

$$f'''(x) = \dots$$

$$f^{(4)}(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'''(x+h) - f'''(x)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{x_1 \rightarrow x_2} \frac{f(x_1) - f(x_2)}{x_1 - x_2} = \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} (y) = \frac{dy}{dx}, \quad \frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} \right) = \frac{d^2 y}{dx^2}$$

↑  
the derivative  
operator

$$\frac{d^3 y}{dx^3}, \quad \frac{d^4 y}{dx^4}, \quad \dots$$

$$\underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad f(x) = 2x^2 + x$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{(2t^2 + t) - (2x^2 + x)}{t - x}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{(2t^2 - 2x^2) + (t - x)}{t - x}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{2(t+x)(t-x) + (t-x)}{t-x}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\cancel{t-x} (2(t+x) + 1)}{\cancel{t-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (2t + 2x + 1) = 2x + 2x + 1$$

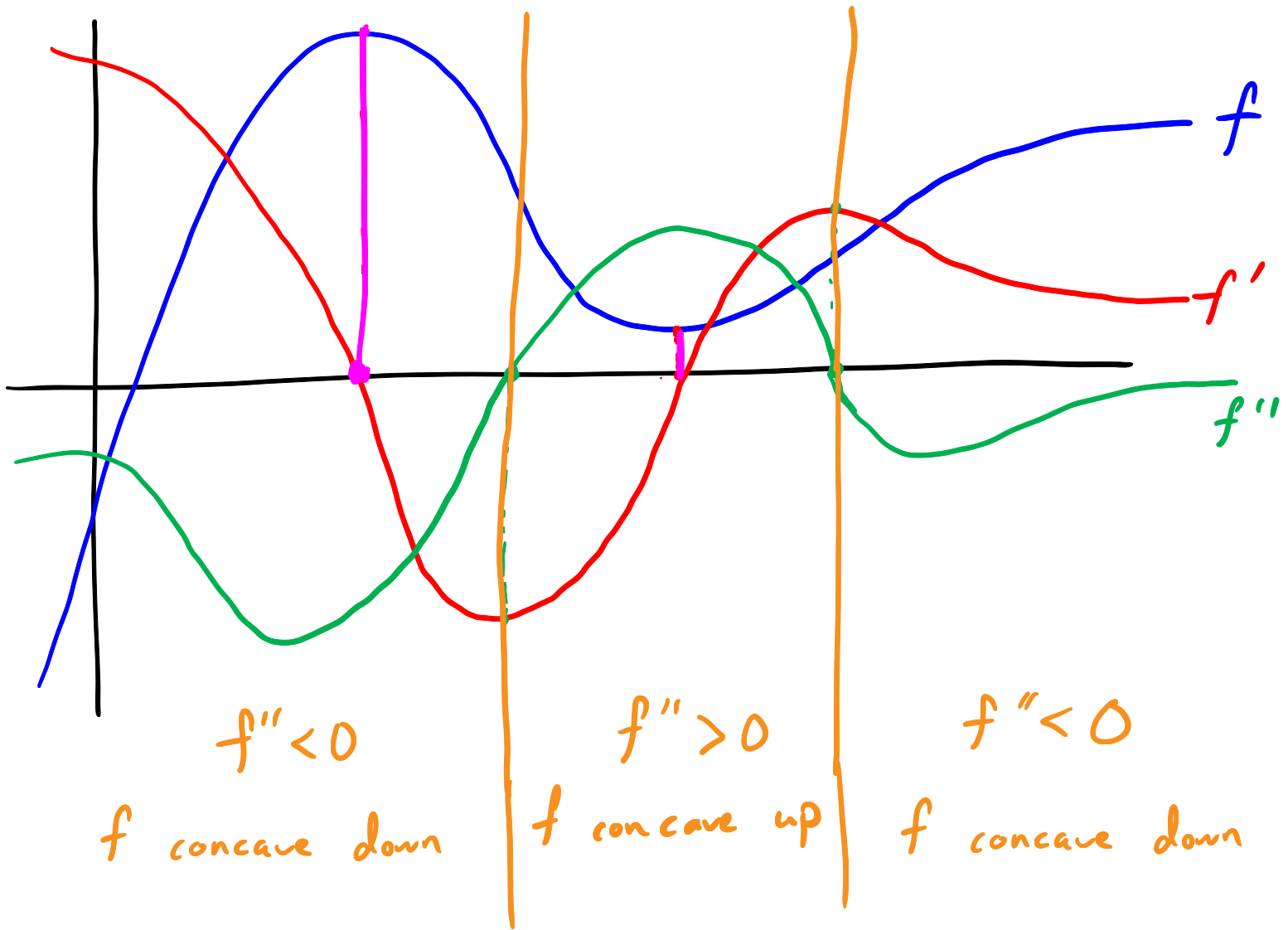
$$= 4x + 1$$

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$$f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4(x+h) + 1) - (4x + 1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4h}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4 = 4$$



## Physical meaning for derivatives

$s(t)$  - position function

$s'(t) = v(t)$  - velocity function

$s''(t) = v'(t) = a(t)$  - acceleration function

$s'''(t) = v''(t) = a'(t) = j(t)$  - jerk function

# Rules for Differentiation

$$\textcircled{1} \frac{d}{dx}[c] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{c - c}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} 0 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\frac{d}{dx}[c] = 0}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t - x}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} 1 = 1$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^2] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^2 - x^2}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\cancel{(t-x)}(t+x)}{\cancel{t-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t+x) = x+x = \underline{2x}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^3] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^3 - x^3}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\cancel{(t-x)}(t^2 + tx + x^2)}{\cancel{t-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t^2 + tx + x^2) = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = \underline{3x^2}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}[x^4] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^4 - x^4}{t - x} = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\cancel{(t-x)}(t^3 + t^2x + tx^2 + x^3)}{\cancel{t-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t^3 + t^2x + tx^2 + x^3) = \underline{4x^3}$$

$$\textcircled{2} \frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = nx^{n-1} \quad \underline{\text{Power Rule}}$$

proof:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [x^n] = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^n - x^n}{t - x}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{\cancel{(t-x)} (t^{n-1} + t^{n-2}x + t^{n-3}x^2 + \dots + t x^{n-2} + x^{n-1})}{\cancel{t-x}}$$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow x} (t^{n-1} + t^{n-2}x + t^{n-3}x^2 + \dots + t x^{n-2} + x^{n-1})$$

$$= \underbrace{x^{n-1} + x^{n-1} + x^{n-1} + \dots + x^{n-1} + x^{n-1}}_{n\text{-total}}$$

$$= n \cdot x^{n-1}$$