

Lab exercises for second derivatives and concavity

For each of the following functions, determine

- (a) Where the function is concave up
- (b) Where the function is concave down
- (c) All the inflection points.

1. $f(x) = (x - 3)^2 - 4$

2. $f(t) = (t - 3)(t - 1)(t + 4)$

3. $g(x) = x^3 e^{-x}$

4. $h(x) = (x^2 - 9)^3$

5. $h(x) = \frac{x^2-4}{x^2-9}$

6. $h(x) = \tan(x)^2$

7. $h(x) = \ln x$

8. $h(x) = \tan(x)$

9. $h(x) = (\ln x)^2$