

2003 AB4/BC4

4a. A sign study of f' tells where the function f is increasing and decreasing

x	-3 < x < -2	-2 < x < 0	0 < x < 2	2 < x < 3
$f'(x)$	positive	negative	negative	negative

So f is increasing between $-3 < x < -2$.

4b. A sign study of f'' tells where f concavity.

x	-3 < x < 0	0 < x < 2	2 < x < 3
$f''(x)$	negative	positive	negative

So f has a point of inflection at $x = 2$. At $x = 0$ the second derivative does not exist.

4c. $f'(0) = -2$ so the tangent line is $y = -2x + 3$.

4d. Looking at the graph you will notice

that $\int_{-3}^0 f'(x) dx = f(x) \Big|_{-3}^0 = f(0) - f(-3)$

Then $-1\frac{1}{2} = f(0) - f(-3)$ based on the bounded area from $[-3, 0]$.

This leads to $-1\frac{1}{2} = 3 - f(-3)$ since $f(0) = 3$.

Solving yields $4\frac{1}{2} = f(-3)$

Alternately for this first question you can also find the antiderivative of the straight line, solve for c and then find

$f(-3)$ by substitution in the function.

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

$$f(0) = 3 = c$$

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

$$f(-3) = 4\frac{1}{2}$$

To find $f(4)$ use the same technique with area:

$$\int_0^4 f'(x) dx = f(x) \Big|_0^4 = f(4) - f(0)$$

$$-8 - (-2\pi) = f(4) - f(0)$$

$$-8 + 2\pi = f(4) - 3$$

$$f(4) = -5 + 2\pi$$