

CHAPTER 10
MAXIMA AND MINIMA - 1

TOPICS:

- 1. Increasing and decreasing functions**
- 2. Maxima and minima of functions**
- 3. Mensuration**

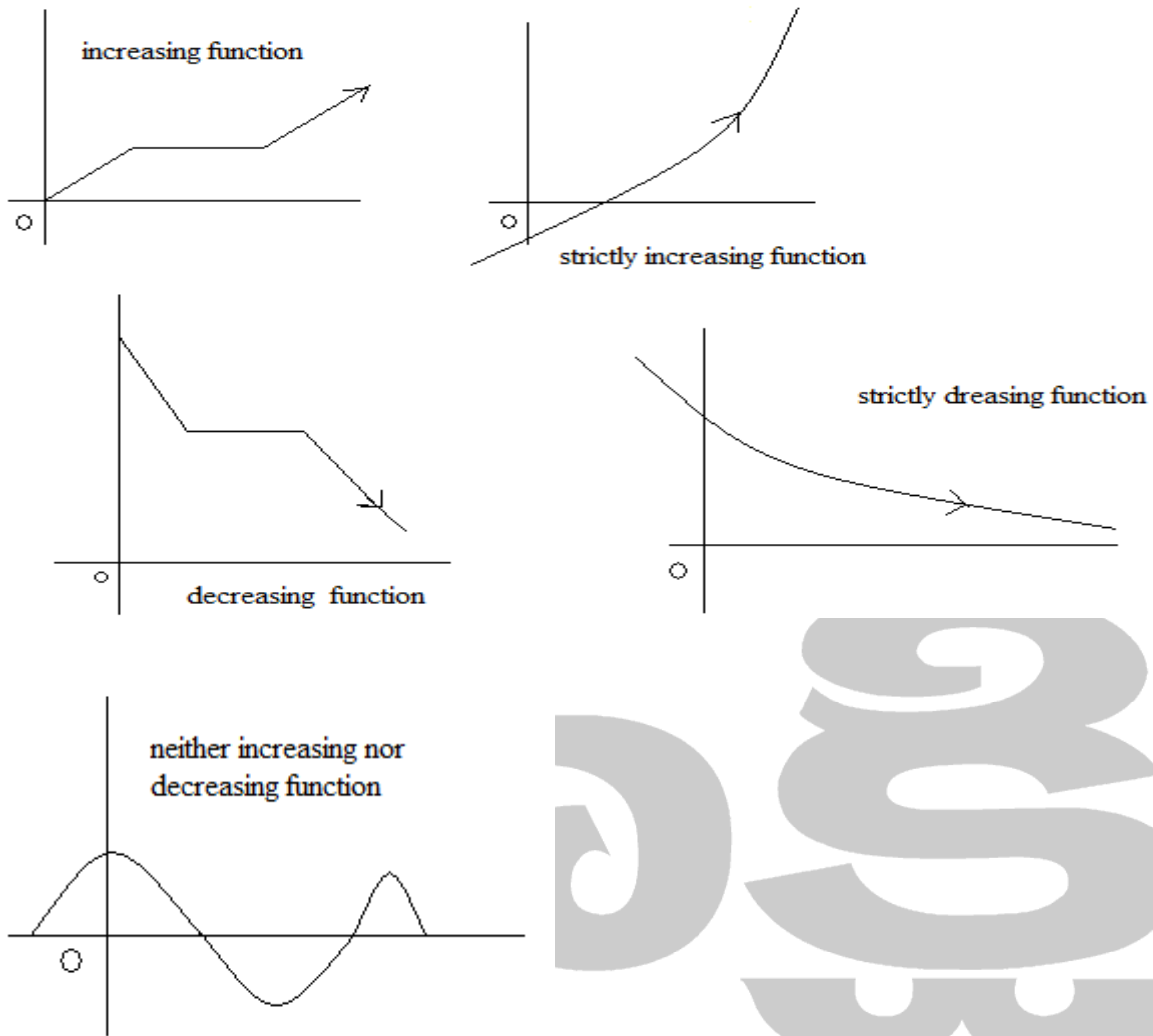


MAXIMA AND MINIMA

MONOTONIC FUNCTIONS OVER AN INTERVAL

Definition: A function $f : [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is said to be

- (i) Monotonically increasing (or non - decreasing) on $[a, b]$ if $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \leq f(x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$
- (ii) Monotonically decreasing (or non - increasing) on $[a, b]$ if $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \geq f(x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$
- (iii) strictly increasing on $[a, b]$ if $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$
- (iv) strictly decreasing on $[a, b]$ if $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2) \forall x_1, x_2 \in [a, b]$
- (v) a monotonic function on $[a, b]$ if f is either monotonically increasing or monotonically decreasing on $[a, b]$.



THEOREM:

Let f be a function defined in a nbd of a point a and f be differentiable at a . Then

- (i) $f'(a) > 0 \Rightarrow f$ is locally increasing at a .
- (ii) $f'(a) < 0 \Rightarrow f$ is locally decreasing at a .

Note:

Let f be continuous on $[a, b]$ and differentiable on (a, b) . Then

- (i) $f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is increasing on $[a, b]$.
- (ii) $f'(x) \leq 0 \forall x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is decreasing on $[a, b]$.
- (iii) $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $[a, b]$.

- (iv) $f'(x) < 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is strictly decreasing on $[a, b]$.
(iv) $f'(x) = 0 \quad \forall x \in (a, b) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is a constant function on $[a, b]$.

INCREASING AND DECREASING FUNCTIONS

EXERCISE

1. Without using the derivative, show that $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ is strictly decreasing on \mathbb{R} .

Sol. $f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

let $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x_1} > \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{x_2}$
 $\Rightarrow f(x_1) > f(x_2)$

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing on \mathbb{R} .

2. Without using the derivative, show that $f(x) = 3x + 7$ is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R} .

Sol. $f(x) = 3x + 7$

let $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{R}$

let $x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow 3x_1 < 3x_2$
 $\Rightarrow 3x_1 + 7 < 3x_2 + 7$
 $\Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$

Therefore, given function is strictly increasing on \mathbb{R}

3. Show that $x + \frac{1}{x}$ is increasing on $[1, \infty)$.

$$f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$$

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

since $x \in [1, \infty)$, $1 - \frac{1}{x^2} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is increasing function.

4. Show that $f(x) = \cos^2 x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$

Sol.

$$f(x) = \cos^2 x$$

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos x (-\sin x) = -\sin 2x$$

$$x \in (0, \pi/2) \Rightarrow 0 < 2x < \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -(\text{positive value}) = -\text{ve.}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$$

Therefore, $f(x) = \cos^2 x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$

I. State the points at which the following functions (from 1 to 4) are increasing and the points at which they are decreasing.

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

Sol: Given function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x = 3x(x - 2)$$

$$f(x) \text{ is increasing if } f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow 3x(x - 2) > 0$$

$$\therefore x \text{ does not lie between } 0 \text{ and } 2$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is increasing in } (-\infty, 0) \cup (2, \infty)$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$$x(x-2) < 0$$

x lies between 0 and 2

$f(x)$ is decreasing in $(0, 2)$

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

Sol: Given function $f(x) = x^3(x-2)^2$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = x^3 \cdot 2(x-2) + (x-2)^2 \cdot 3x^2 = x^2(x-2)(2x+3(x-2))$$

$$= x^2(x-2)(2x+3x-6) = x^2(x-2)(5x-6) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 \geq 0$$

If $f(x)$ is increasing $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x-2)(5x-6) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(5x-6) > 0, x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(-\infty, \frac{6}{5}\right) \cup (2, \infty) - \{0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is increasing if } x \in \left(-\infty, \frac{6}{5}\right) \cup (2, \infty) - \{0\}$$

$$\text{and } f(x) \text{ is decreasing if } x \in \left(\frac{6}{5}, 2\right)$$

3. $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 6x + 12$

Ans: $f(x)$ is decreasing in $(1-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}+1)$ and $x < 1-\sqrt{3}$ and $x > \sqrt{3}+1$

4. $f(x) = xe^x$

Sol: given function $f(x) = xe^x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = x \cdot e^x + e^x \cdot 1 = e^x(x+1)$$

e^x is positive for all real values of x

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1$$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $x > -1$

$$f'(x) < 0 \Rightarrow x + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow x < -1$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $x < -1$

Determine the intervals in which the functions (from 5 to 8) are increasing and the interval in which they are decreasing.

5. $f(t) = \frac{\ln t}{t}$

Sol: Given function $f(t) = \frac{\ln t}{t}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) = \frac{t \cdot \frac{1}{t} - \ln t \cdot 1}{t^2} = \frac{1 - \ln t}{t^2}$$

If $f(x)$ is increasing $f'(x) > 0$

$$f'(t) = \frac{1 - \ln t}{t^2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \ln t > 0 \Rightarrow \ln t < 1 \Rightarrow t < e$$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $t < e$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(t) < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1 - \ln t}{t^2} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \ln t < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln t > 1 \Rightarrow t > e$$

$f(t)$ is decreasing when $t > e$

6. $f(x) = 1 - \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x}, (x > 0)$

Sol: $f(x) = 1 - \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x}, (x > 0)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - \frac{x \frac{1}{1+x} - \ln(1+x) \cdot 1}{x^2}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{x - (1+x)\ln(1+x)}{x^2(1+x)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + x^3 - x + (1+x)\ln(1+x)}{x^2(1+x)} > 0 \text{ for } x > 0$$

$f(x)$ is increasing $(0, \infty)$

7. $f(x) = \sqrt{25 - 4x^2}$

Sol: $f(x)$ is defined when $25 - 4x^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -(4x^2 - 25) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(2x+5)(2x-5) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore x \text{ lies between } -\frac{5}{2} \text{ and } \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Domain of } f = \left(-\frac{5}{2}, \frac{5}{2}\right)$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{25-4x^2}}(-8x) = -\frac{4x}{\sqrt{25-4x^2}}$$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-4x}{\sqrt{25-4x^2}} > 0$$

i.e., $x < 0$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $\left(-\frac{5}{2}, 0\right)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{4x}{\sqrt{25-4x^2}} < 0$$

$\therefore x > 0$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $\left(0, \frac{5}{2}\right)$.

8. $f(x) = \ln(\ln x); x > 1$.

Sol: given function $f(x) = \ln(\ln x); x > 1$.

Diff, w.r.t x , $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\ln x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $f'(x) > 0$

$$\frac{1}{x \cdot \ln x} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot \ln x > 0$$

$\ln x$ is real only when $x > 0$

$$\therefore \ln x < 0 = \ln 1$$

i.e., $x < 1$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $x > 1$

i.e., in $(1, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing when $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \ln x > 0 = \ln 1$$

$$\text{i.e., } x < 1$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing in $(0, 1)$

9. Show that $\frac{x}{x+1} < \ln(1+x) < x$ when $x > 0$.

Sol: Let $f(x) = \ln(1+x) - \frac{x}{1+x}$

$$= \ln(1+x) - \frac{1+x-1}{1+x}$$

$$= \ln(1+x) - 1 + \frac{1}{1+x}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{1+x-1}{(1+x)^2} = \frac{x}{(1+x)^2} > 0 \quad (\because x > 0)$$

$f(x)$ is increasing when $x > 0$.

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = \ln 1 - \frac{0}{1+0} = 0 - 0 = 0$$

$$x > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) > f(0) \Rightarrow \ln(1+x) - \frac{x}{1+x} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln(1+x) > \frac{x}{1+x} \quad \text{-----(1)}$$

Let $g(x) = x - \ln(1+x)$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1+x} = \frac{1+x-1}{1+x}$$

$$= \frac{x}{1+x} > 0 \quad (\because x > 0)$$

$g(x)$ is increasing when $x > 0$

now $g(0) = 0 - \ln 0 = 0 - 0 = 0$

$x > 0 \Rightarrow g(x) > g(0) \Rightarrow x - \ln(1+x) > 0$

$\Rightarrow x > \ln(1+x) \dots\dots(1)$

From (1), (2) we get

$$\frac{x}{x+1} < \ln(1+x) < x \text{ for } x > 0$$

10. Show that $\frac{x}{(1+x)^2} < \tan^{-1} x < x$ when $x > 0$.

Ans. Same as above.

11. Show that $\tan x > x$ for every $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Sol: Let $f(x) = \tan x - x$

$$f'(x) = \sec^2 x - 1 > 0 \text{ for every } x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is increasing for every } x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Now $f(0) = \tan 0 - 0 = 0 - 0 = 0$

$\therefore \tan x - x > 0$ as $f(x)$ is increasing.

$$\Rightarrow \tan x > x \text{ for every } x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

12. If $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, then show that $\frac{2x}{\pi} < \sin x < x$.

13. Show that $2x < \ln \frac{(1+x)}{1-x} < 2x \left(1 + \frac{x^2}{2(1-x)^2} \right)$ for all $x \in (0, 1)$.

14. For the function $f(x) = x^x$ find the points at which it is

i) Increasing and ii) decreasing. Hence determine which of e^e, e^{e^e} is greater

Sol: Let $f(x) = x^x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = x^x(1 + \log x)$$

For f to be increasing $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^x(1 + \log x) > 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \log x > 0 \Rightarrow \log x > -1 \Rightarrow x > e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing in $\left(\frac{1}{e}, \infty\right)$

For f to be decreasing $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^x(1 + \log x) < 0 \Rightarrow 1 + \log x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x < -1 \Rightarrow x < e^{-1} = \frac{1}{e}$$

But $x > 0$

$f(x)$ is decreasing in $\left(0, \frac{1}{e}\right)$

Consider the function $f(x) = x^{1/x}$

$$\log f(x) = \log x^{1/x} = \frac{1}{x} \log x$$

Differentiating w. r. to x

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{x} \log x \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} (1 - \log x) < 0 \text{ when } x > e$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if $x > e$

$$\text{But } \pi > e \Rightarrow f(\pi) < f(e)$$

$$\pi^{1/\pi} < e^{1/e} \Rightarrow (\pi^{1/\pi})^{\pi e} < (e^{1/e})^{\pi e} \Rightarrow \pi^e < e\pi$$

$\therefore e\pi$ is greater than π^e .

15. State the points at which the following Functions are increasing and the points At which they are decreasing.

i) $f(x) = \sin h (\sin x)$

Sol: $f(x) = \sin h (\sin x)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \cosh(\cos x) \cos x$$

$f(x)$ is increasing if $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cosh(\sin x) \cdot \cos x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x > 0 \quad (\because \cosh(\sin x) > 0 \forall x \in R)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

$$(\text{or}) x \in \left(2n\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right), n \in Z$$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right), n \in Z$$

ii) $f(x) = \text{Cos h} (\cos x)$

Sol: $f(x) = \text{cos h} (\cos x)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \sinh(\cos x)(-\sin x)$$

$f(x)$ is increasing $\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$

i.e., $-\sinh(\cos x), \sin x > 0$

Case (1) : $\sin x > 0, \sinh(\cos x) < 0$

$\Rightarrow \sin x > 0, \cos x < 0$

$\Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ (or) $x \in \left(2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, 2n\pi + \pi\right), n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Case (2) : $\sin x < 0, \sinh(\cos x) > 0$

$\Rightarrow \sin x < 0, \cos x > 0 \Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$ (or)

$x \in \left(2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}, 2n\pi + 2\pi\right) n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$-\sinh(\cos x), \sin x < 0$

$\sinh(\cos x), \sin x > 0$

Case (3) : $\sinh(\cos x) > 0, \sin x > 0$

$\Rightarrow \cos x > 0, \sin x > 0 \Rightarrow x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., $\left(2x\pi + 0, 2x\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}\right), x \in \mathbb{Z}$

Case (4) : $\sinh(\cos x) < 0$ and $\sin x < 0$

$\cos x > 0, \sin x < 0$

$\Rightarrow x \in \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$

$x \in \left(2x\pi + \pi, 2x\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing if

$x \in \left(2x\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, 2x\pi + \pi\right) \cup \left(2x\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}, 2x\pi + 2\pi\right)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing if

$$x \in \left(2x\pi + \pi, 2x\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right) \cup \left(2x\pi + \pi, 2x\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

iii) $f(x) = \sin(\tanh x)$

Ans: f increasing on \mathbb{R} .

iv) $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sin x)$

Ans. $f(x)$ is increasing in $\left(2x\pi - \frac{\pi}{2}, 2x\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} \right), x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$f(x)$ is decreasing in $\left(2x\pi + \frac{\pi}{2}, 2x\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2} \right), x \in \mathbb{Z}$

16. At what point by the slope of $y = \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{11x}{2} + 12$ increasing?

Sol. Equation of the curve is

$$y = \frac{x^3}{6} - \frac{3}{2}x^2 + \frac{11x}{2} + 12 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3x^2}{6} - \frac{3}{2} \cdot 2x + \frac{11}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} - 3x + \frac{11}{2}$$

$$\text{Slope } m = \frac{x^2}{2} - 3x + \frac{11}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{dm}{dx} = \frac{2x}{2} - 3 = x - 3$$

Slope m increasing if $m > 0$ $x - 3 > 0$

$$x > 3$$

The Slope increasing in $(3, \infty)$

17. Show that the function $\frac{\ln(1+x)}{x}, \frac{x}{(1+x)\ln(1+x)}$ decreasing in $(0, \infty)$.

i) sol: let $f(x) = \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x \frac{1}{1+x} - \ln(1+x)}{x^2} = \frac{x - (1+x)\ln(1+x)}{x^2(1+x)} < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is a decreasing for $x \in (0, \infty)$

$$\text{ii) } f(x) = \frac{x}{(1+x)\ln(1+x)}$$

$$\text{Sol: } f(x) = \frac{x}{(1+x)\ln(1+x)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(1+x)\ln(1+x) - x \left[(1+x) \cdot \frac{1}{1+x} + \ln(1+x) \right]}{(1+x)^2 \cdot [\ln(1+x)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{(1+x) \cdot \ln(1+x) - x - x \ln(1+x)}{(1+x)^2 \cdot [\ln(1+x)]^2}$$

$$= \frac{\ln(1+x) + x \ln(1+x) - x - x \ln(1+x)}{(1+x)^2 \cdot \ln(1+x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-[x - \ln(1+x)]}{(1+x)^2 \cdot [\ln(1+x)]^2} < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing for $x \in (0, \infty)$