

Sec 1.2 Day 2 Increasing and Decreasing Functions

As you look at a function's graph from left to right:

if the graph is going up, it is increasing

if the graph is going down, it is decreasing

if the graph is a horizontal line, it is constant.

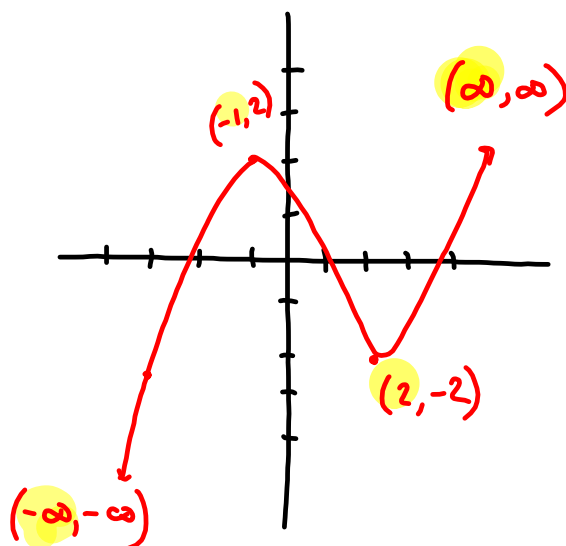
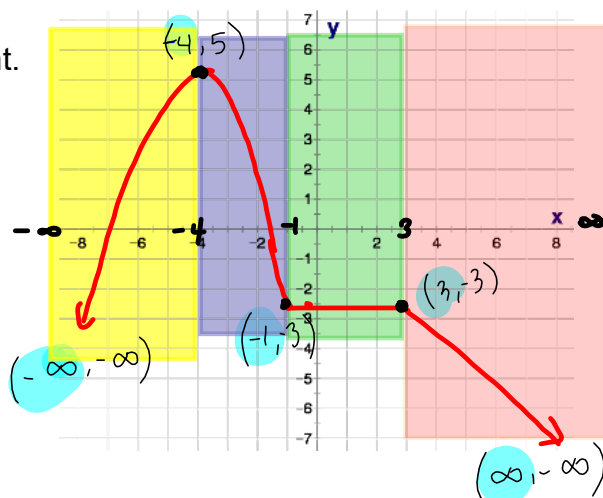
Where is the graph increasing,  
decreasing, constant?

only look at the x  
of the ordered pairs  
for the interval.

inc:  $(-\infty, -4)$

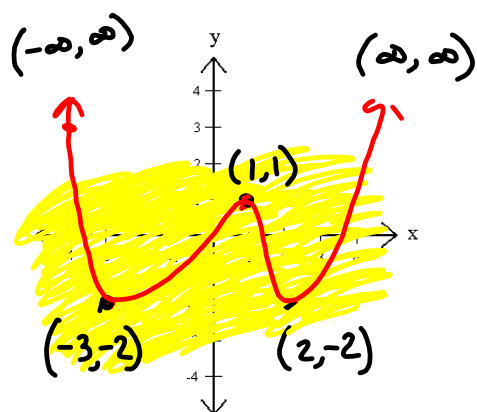
dec:  $(-4, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$

constant:  $(-1, 3)$  or  $[-1, 3]$



inc  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

dec  $(-1, 2)$

Local and Absolute Extrema (max / min points)

**Local** - means just the middle viewing part of the graph.

max (1, 1)

min (-3, -2) , (2, -2)

**Absolute** (also called global) - the absolute ends of the graph.

max  $(-\infty, \infty)$   $(\infty, \infty)$

min (-3, -2) , (2, -2)