

1.) (15 pts.) Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-3}$ . Compute the FIRST derivative and set up a sign chart for  $f'$ . Identify relative extrema (You need NOT determine absolute extrema.), including  $y$ -values, and state the open intervals on which  $f$  is increasing ( $\uparrow$ ) and decreasing ( $\downarrow$ ). You need NOT graph the function.

$$Y = \frac{x^2}{x-3} \xrightarrow{D} Y' = \frac{(x-3) \cdot 2x - x^2(1)}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{2x^2 - 6x - x^2}{(x-3)^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 6x}{(x-3)^2} = \frac{x(x-6)}{(x-3)^2} = 0$$

+	0	-	No	-	0	+
$x=0$		$x=3$		$x=6$		
$y=0$				$y=12$		
<u>rel.</u>				<u>rel.</u>		
max.				min.		

$f$  is  $\uparrow$  for  $x < 0, x > 6$ ,  
 $f$  is  $\downarrow$  for  $0 < x < 3, 3 < x < 6$

2.) (15 pts.) Assume that the SECOND derivative of function  $f(x)$  is  $f''(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2$ . Determine the  $x$ -values for which  $f$  has inflection points.

$$f''(x) = x^4 - x^3 - 6x^2$$

$$= x^2(x^2 - x - 6)$$

$$= x^2(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

+	0	-	0	-	0	+
	$x=-2$		$x=0$		$x=3$	

Inflection points at  $x=-2, x=3$