Motion Analysis Homework

1.

A particle moves along the x-axis so that at time t its position is given by

- $x(t) = sin (\pi t^2) for -1 \le t \le 1$.
- a. Find the velocity at time t.
- b. Find the acceleration at time t.
- c. For what values of t does the particle change direction?
- d. Find all values of t for which the particle is moving to the left.

2.

Suppose that the function f has a continuous second derivative for all x, and that f(0) = 2, f'(0) = -3, and f''(0) = 0. Let g be a function whose derivative is given by $g'(x) = e^{-2x}(3f(x) + 2f'(x))$ for all x.

- (a) Write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of f at the point where x = 0.
- (b) Is there sufficient information to determine whether or not the graph of f has a point of inflection when x = 0? Explain your answer.
- (c) Given that g(0) = 4, write an equation of the line tangent to the graph of g at the point where x = 0.
- (d) Show that g''(x) = e^{-2x}(-6 f(x) f'(x) + 2f''(x)). Does g have a local maximum at x = 0? Justify your answer.

3.

Let h be a function defined for all $x \neq 0$ such that h(4) = -3 and the derivative of h is given

by
$$h'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x}$$
 for all $x \neq 0$.

- (a) Find all values of x for which the graph of h has a horizontal tangent, and determine whether h has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at each of these values. Justify your answers.
- (b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of h concave up? Justify your answer.
- (c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of h at x = 4.
- (d) Does the line tangent to the graph of h at x = 4 lie above or below the graph of h for x > 4 ? Why?