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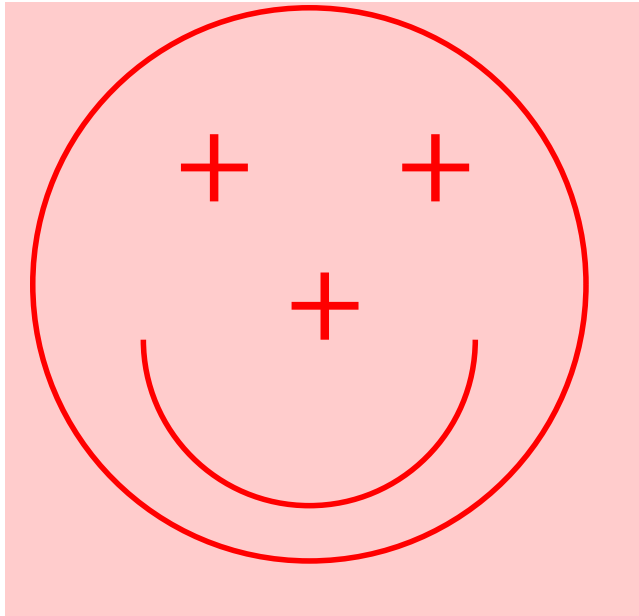
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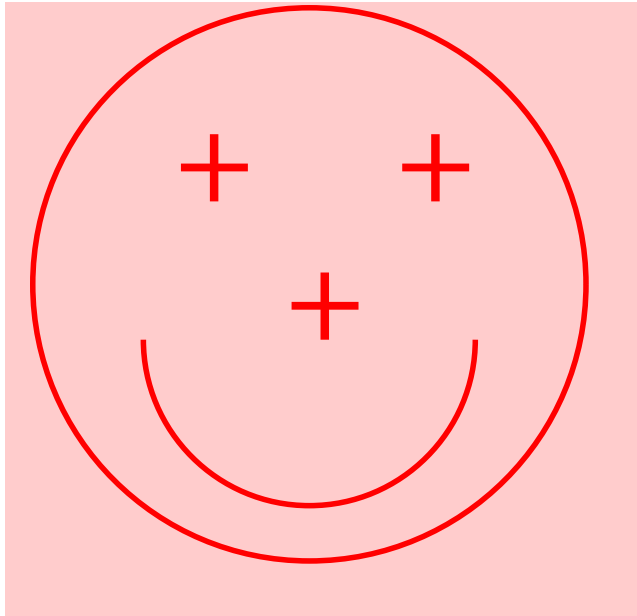
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Step 3: Put together as good a table as you can showing the signs of $f'(x)$ and $f''(x)$ on the intervals into which the interesting values divide the domain of f .

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Step 4: Plot the “interesting points” and connect them with curves which are either left or right half-smiles or half-frowns.