The Derivative as a Function

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I. Graphing the Derivative

1. The graph of the function f is shown below.



- (a) Draw tangent lines and graphically estimate
- (i) f'(-8) (ii) f'(-6) (iii) f'(-3)
- (iv) f'(0) (v) f'(2) (vi) f'(4)
- (b) Sketch a possible graph for f'(x).



II. Using the Graph of the Derivative

The graph shown is the graph of f', the *derivative* of a function f. Note that the graph of f is not shown.

If the function f is defined for all x, use this graph to answer the following questions.

- 1. On what interval(s) is the function f increasing?
- 2. On what interval(s) is the function f decreasing?
- 3. At what value(s) of x, if any, does f have a local maximum?
- 4. At what value(s) of x, if any, does f have a local minimum?

Suppose it is also known that f goes through the point (0,0). Based on all of the above information, sketch a possible graph of the function f.



