

For #5 and #6, let $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ when $x < 0$ and let $f(x) = 2x - 1$ when $x \geq 0$.

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$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} = x^{-1/2}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^{1/2}$$

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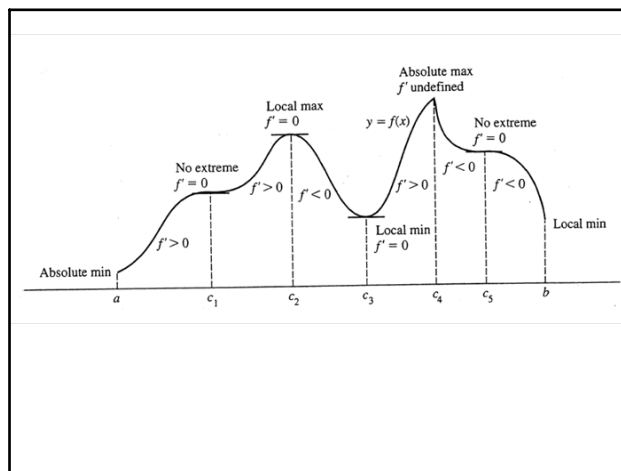
4-3 day 1 The First Derivative Test for Local Extrema

Learning Objectives:

I can use the first derivative test to find local extrema of a function.

I can identify the intervals on which a function is increasing or decreasing.

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Ex1. Find the critical points of each function. Find the functions local extreme values. Identify the intervals on which the function is increasing/decreasing.

1.) $f(x) = 2x^3 - \frac{11}{2}x^2 - 7x + 5$

$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 11x - 7 = 0$

$(3x - 7)(2x + 1) = 0$

Candidates: endpoints derivative is und. max & min's $\frac{7}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}$

increasing $(-\infty, \frac{7}{3})$ decreasing $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{3})$

$-\frac{1}{2}$ max because f' changes from + to neg. $(-\infty, \frac{7}{3})$

$\frac{7}{3}$ min because f' changes from neg. to + $(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{3})$

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2.) $y = (x^2 - 3)e^x$

$f = x^2 - 3$ $g = e^x$

$f' = 2x$ $g' = e^x$

$y' = e^x(x^2 - 3) + 2xe^x$

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

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

$0 = e^x(x + 3)(x - 1)$

Candidates: inc -3, 1 inc

dec 3, 1 dec

-4 -3 0 1 2

-3 = max

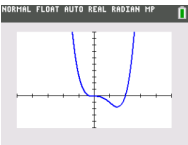
1 = min

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3.) $y = x^4 - 2x^3$

$y' = 4x^3 - 6x^2 = 0$
 $2x^2(2x - 3) = 0$

Candidates: $0, \frac{3}{2}$



Sign chart: $-$ 0 $-$ $\frac{3}{2}$ $+$

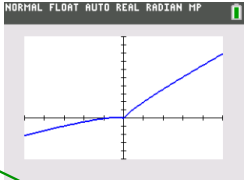
dec: $(-\infty, \frac{3}{2})$
 inc: $(\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$
 min at $x = \frac{3}{2}$

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4.) $g(x) = x^{2/3} + x$

$g'(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} + 1 = 0$
 $\frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} + 1 = 0$
 $\frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x}} = -1$ $2 = -3\sqrt[3]{x}$

Candidates: $0 \rightarrow$ not diff. $-\frac{2}{3} = \sqrt[3]{x}$
 $-\frac{8}{27} = x$



Sign chart: $-$ $-\frac{8}{27}$ $-$ 0 $+$

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First Derivative Test for Local Extrema

$f'(x) > 0$ $f(x)$ is increasing
 $f'(x) < 0$ $f(x)$ is decreasing

1st derivatives find slope (tell us if the function is increasing or decreasing) and are used to find extrema (max's and min's).

A sign change in the first derivative indicates that the function has changed from increasing to decreasing or vice versa. You must observe a sign change to be sure that an extrema is present.

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