

5.1 Notes calculus

## Extreme Values of Functions

Calculus is about rates of change and accumulation. We have studied rates of change (derivatives). That branch of mathematics is called differential calculus. Since we are now good at differentiating functions, let's learn to apply derivatives in useful ways.

In the past, one of the main uses of the derivative was to find information about a graph. This is generally called finding critical values of a graph. But we will do much more than that with derivatives.

If we talk about extreme temperatures, what are we talking about? *high-max low-min*

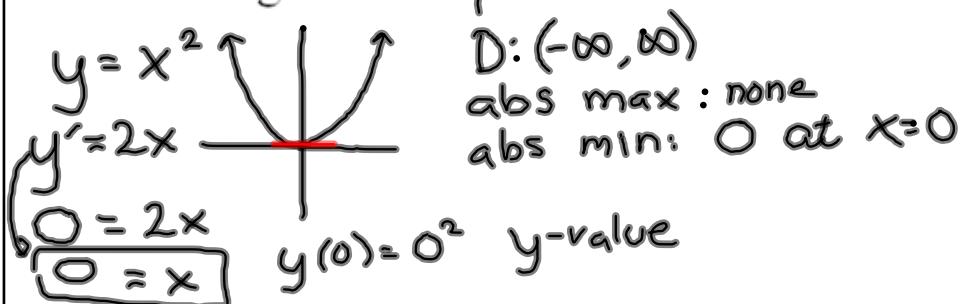
In calculus we are concerned with when a function reaches an absolute max or absolute min. (absolute = global)

Graphically, what do max and min have in common?



If the function has a local maximum value or local minimum value at an interior point of its domain and if  $f'(c)$  exists, then  $f'(c) = 0$

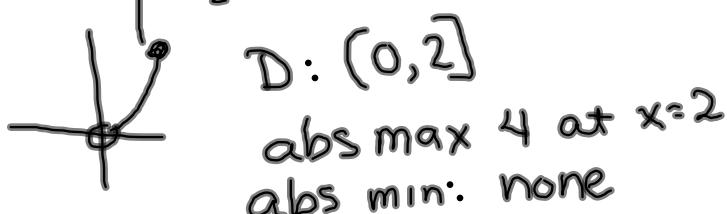
Look at Figure 5.2. p 192



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**Theorem 1: The Extreme Value Theorem**

If  $f$  is continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ , then  $f$  has both a maximum value and a minimum value on the interval.

A critical point(s) of a function occurs when:

$f'(c)$  does not exist

$f'(c) = 0$  possible point of max or min occurs

Extreme values occur only at critical points and endpoints.

**Never forget that a max or min can occur at an end point.**

Definition: A point in the interior of the domain of a function  $f$  at which  $f'(c) = 0$  is called a stationary point.

$$\#17 \quad f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{5}} \quad -3 \leq x < 1$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{5} x^{-\frac{3}{5}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{5x^{\frac{3}{5}}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{5\sqrt[5]{x^3}}$$

endpoint  $x = -3$   
 $f(-3) = (-3)^{\frac{2}{5}} = \sqrt[5]{9}$

$$0 = \frac{2}{5\sqrt[5]{x^3}} \quad \text{never}$$

when does  $f'(x) = 0$

when  $f'(x)$  not exist

when denominator = 0

$$\sqrt[5]{x^3} = 0$$

$$\text{when } x^3 = 0 \\ x = 0$$

f' undefined at  $x = 0$

$$f(0) = 0^{\frac{2}{5}}$$

Abs max or min

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(-3) = \sqrt[5]{9}$$

max is  $\sqrt[5]{9}$  at  $x = -3$

min is 0 at  $x = 0$

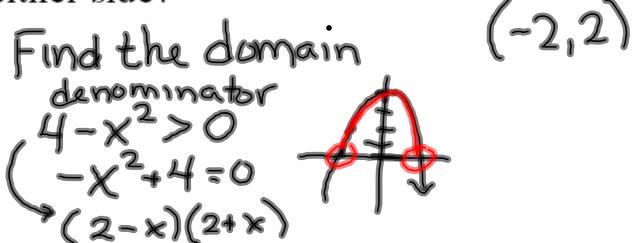
f'(x) undefined

endpoint

max

Example: extreme values:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$

Find them and say max or min. How is the slope changing on either side?



No end points. If function has a max or min then it must occur at critical point

$$f(x) = 1(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1(4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}-1} \cdot -2x$$

$$-\frac{1}{2} \cdot 1 \cdot -2x$$

$$f'(x) = x(4-x^2)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{\sqrt{(4-x^2)^3}}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{x}{(4-x^2)\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

where does  $f'(x) = 0$  at  $x=0$

$$0 = \frac{x}{(4-x^2)\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

where does the denominator = 0

$f'(x)$  dne at  $x=2$  and  $x=-2$   
 not in domain

so only critical point is at  $x=0$

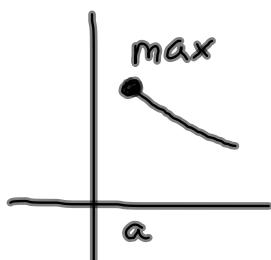
$$f(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-0^2}}$$

sign chart



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Look at page 210 Theorem 4: The first derivative test for local extrema

left end point

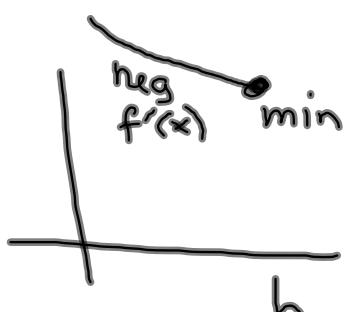
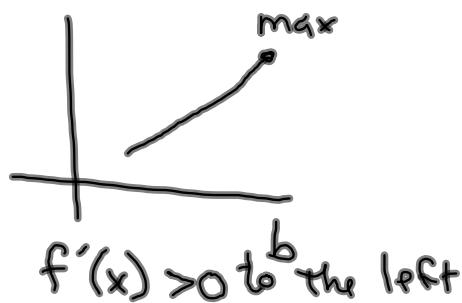


$[a, b]$



$f'(x) < 0$  to the right

right end point



$f'(x) > 0$  to the left

Examples:

$$y = x^2 + 4x \quad D: (-\infty, \infty) \quad y' = 2x + 4$$

~~$\begin{array}{c} (-\infty, -2) \\ | \\ (-2, \infty) \end{array}$~~

~~$\begin{array}{c} -2 \\ f'(x) \\ \hline - \\ + \end{array}$~~

min -4 at  $x = -2$

$$y = x^3 \quad y' = 3x^2 \quad D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

~~$\begin{array}{c} (-\infty, 0) \\ | \\ (0, \infty) \end{array}$~~

~~$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ f'(x) \\ \hline + \\ + \end{array}$~~

no sign change, no extrema

$$y = x^{\frac{1}{3}} \quad y' = \frac{1}{3}x^{-\frac{2}{3}} \quad D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

~~$\begin{array}{c} (-\infty, 0) \\ | \\ (0, \infty) \end{array}$~~

~~$\begin{array}{c} 0 \\ f'(x) \\ \hline + \\ + \end{array}$~~

$y = y'$  never dne

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5$$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 3)e^x$$

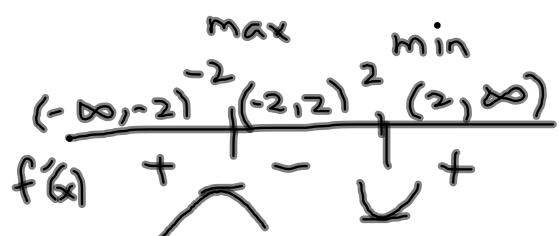
$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5 \quad D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$$

$$3(x^2 - 4)$$

$$f'(x) = 3(x-2)(x+2)$$

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



min  $-21$  at  $x = 2$

max  $11$  at  $x = -2$

$$f(2) = 2^3 - 12(2) - 5 \quad f(2) = -21$$

$$f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 12(-2) - 5 \quad f(-2) = 11$$

$$f(x) = (x^2 - 3) e^x \quad D: (-\infty, \infty)$$

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

$$e^x x^2 - 3e^x + 2xe^x$$

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

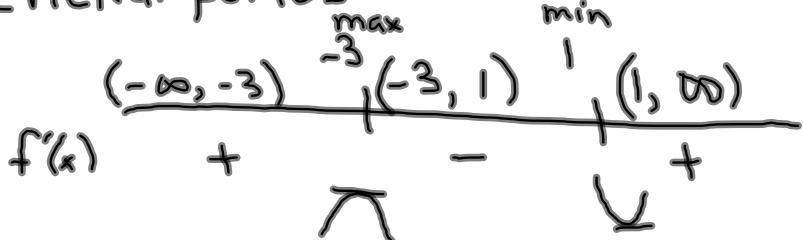
$$f'(x) = 0$$

will  $e^x$  ever = 0? No

$$f'(x) = e^x (x+3)(x-1)$$

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

Critical points  $x = -3$   $x = 1$



max of .299 at  $x = -3$

min of — at  $x = 1$

$$f(-3) = ((-3)^2 - 3)e^{-3} \quad .299$$

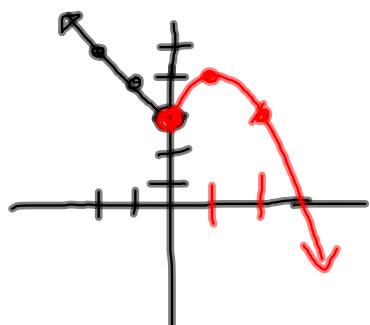
$$f(1) = (1^2 - 3)e^1 \quad -5.437$$

This will be tied together by section 5.3

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$$y = \begin{cases} 3-x & x < 0 \\ 3+2x-x^2 & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c} x & 3+2x-x^2 \\ \hline 0 & 3 \text{ closed circle} \\ 1 & 3+2-1 \\ 2 & 3+4-4 \end{array}$$



$$y' = -1 \quad x < 0$$

$$y' = 2-2x \quad x \geq 0$$

$f'(x)$  dne at  $x=0$   
 $f'(x)=0$  at

$$y' = 2-2x$$

$$0 = 2-2x$$

$$2x = 2$$

$$x = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{c|c|c} & \min & \max \\ \hline 0 & & 1 \\ \hline (-\infty, 0) & |(0, 1)| & (1, \infty) \\ f'(x) & - & + \\ \hline & \cup & \cap \end{array}$$

max of 4 at  $x=1$   
min of 3 at  $x=0$

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abs max  $x = b$

abs min  $x = c_2$

Closed interval

$f'(x) = 0$  at  $c_2$

$f'(x) > 0$  to left of the right endpoint

Do #26 without a calculator:

$$\#26 \quad y = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^2}} \quad D: (-\infty, \infty) \text{ except } x = \pm 1$$

$$y = 1 \left(1-x^2\right)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$$

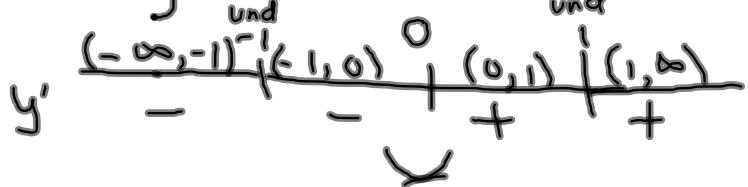
$$y' = -\frac{1}{3} \left(1-x^2\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}} \cdot -2x$$

$$y' = \frac{2}{3} x \left(1-x^2\right)^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$y' = \frac{2x}{3 \sqrt[3]{(1-x^2)^4}}$$

when  $y' = 0$  at  $x = 0$

when  $y'$  dne at  $x = \pm 1$  but  $x \neq \pm 1$



min at  $x = 0$

$$y(0) = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-0^2}} = 1$$