

1. The function  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 33x^2 + 168x - 5$  has two critical numbers. Find these critical numbers. Show your work.

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2. Given the function  $g(x) = 4x^3 + 6x^2 - 72x$ , answer the following questions.

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- (a) Find the first derivative  $g'(x)$ .
- (b) Find the second derivative  $g''(x)$ .
- (c) Evaluate  $g''(-3)$ .
- (d) Based on the sign of this number, does this mean the graph of  $g(x)$  is concave up or concave down at  $x = -3$ .
- (e) Based on the concavity of  $g(x)$  at  $x = -3$ , does this mean that there is a local minimum or local maximum at  $x = -3$ ?

3. Consider the function  $f(x) = 5 - 5x^2$ ,  $-3 \leq x \leq 1$ . Fill in the blanks below. Show your work. Use the **First Derivative Test** in your work.

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- (a) The absolute maximum value is \_\_\_\_\_ and this occurs at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The absolute minimum value is \_\_\_\_\_ and this occurs at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_.

4. The function  $f(x) = -2x^3 + 33x^2 - 144x + 9$  has one local minimum and one local maximum. Fill in the blanks below. Show your work. Use the **Second Derivative Test** in your work.

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- (a) The function has a local minimum at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ with function value \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The function has a local maximum at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ with function value \_\_\_\_\_.

5. The function  $f(x) = 6x + \frac{8}{x}$  has one local minimum and one local maximum. Fill in the blanks below. Show your work. Use **either** the *First Derivative Test* **or** the *Second Derivative Test* in your work. Round your final answers to 4 decimal places.

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- (a) The function has a local maximum at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ with function value \_\_\_\_\_.
- (b) The function has a local minimum at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ with function value \_\_\_\_\_.

6. Find the global maximum and global minimum values of  $f(x) = x + \frac{9}{x}$  on  $[0.2, 12]$ .

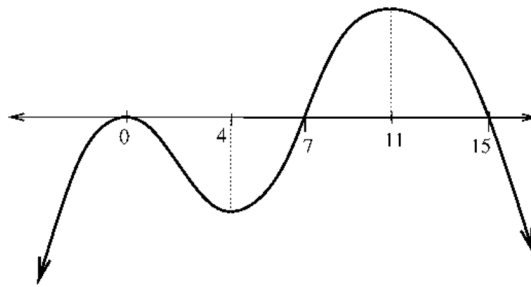
7. Suppose the function  $f(x)$  has a domain of all real numbers except  $x = -7$ . The first derivative of  $f(x)$  is shown below.

$$f'(x) = \frac{-5(x-1)}{(x+7)^7}$$

- (a) Find all intervals on which  $f(x)$  is increasing.
- (b) Find all intervals on which  $f(x)$  is decreasing.
- (c) Find the  $x$ -coordinates of all local extrema on the graph of  $f(x)$ .

8. Use the graph of  $f'(x)$  to answer questions about the function  $f(x)$ .

**This is graph of  $f'(x)$ .**

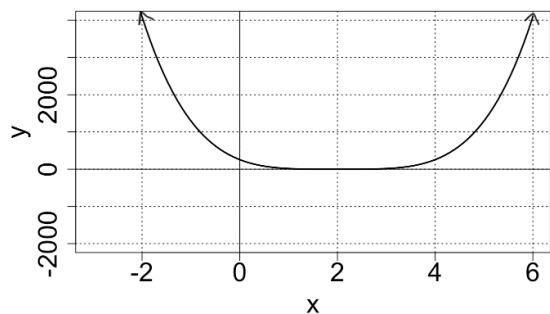


- Find all critical values of  $f(x)$ .
- Find all intervals on which  $f(x)$  is increasing and all intervals on which  $f(x)$  is decreasing.
- Find the  $x$ -coordinates of all local extrema on the graph of  $f(x)$ .

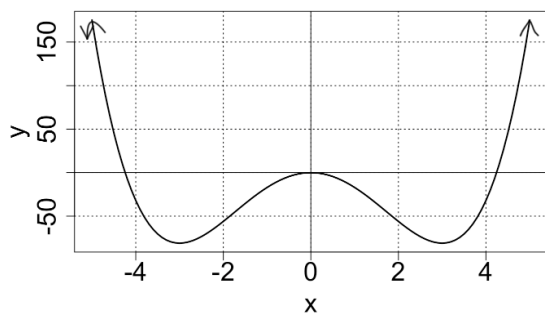
9. For each of the following functions, identify the following by using the *First Derivative Test*, the *Second Derivative Test* and/or the *Concavity Test*. Use the given graph of each function to help determine global extrema.

- (i) intervals over which the graph of the function is increasing/decreasing;
- (ii) local maximum/minimum points;
- (iii) global maximum/minimum points;
- (iv) intervals over which the graph of the function is concave up/down.
- (v) inflection points

(a)  $f(x) = (2x - 4)^4$



(b)  $f(x) = x^4 - 18x^2$ .



**Answer Key**

**1**  $x = 4$ ;  $x = 7$

**2** (a)  $g'(x) = 12x^2 + 12x - 72$  (b)  $g''(x) = 24x + 12$  (c)  $-60$  (d) down (e) local maximum

**3** (a) 5; 0 (b)  $-40$ ;  $-3$

**4** (a) 3;  $-180$  (b) 8;  $-55$

**5** (a) 1.1547; 13.8564 (b)  $-1.1547$ ;  $-13.8564$

**6** Global max of 45.2 at  $x = 0.2$ ; global min of 6 at  $x = 3$

**7** (a)  $(-7, 1)$  (b)  $(-\infty, -7) \cup (1, \infty)$  (c) local max at  $x = 1$ ; no local min.

**8** (a)  $x = 0$ ;  $x = 7$ ; and  $x = 15$  (b) Increasing:  $(7, 15)$ ; Decreasing:  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 7) \cup (15, \infty)$   
(c) local max at  $x = 15$ ; local min at  $x = 7$ .

**9 part (a):** (i) Decreasing on  $(-\infty, 2)$ ; Increasing on  $(2, \infty)$  (ii)-(iii) local (and global) minimum point at  $(2, 0)$  (iv) Concave up for all values of  $x$  (v) No inflection point.

**part (b):** (i) Decreasing on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (0, 3)$  ; Increasing on  $(-3, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$  (ii)-(iii) local (and global) minimum point at  $(-3, -81)$  and  $(3, -81)$ ; local max point at  $(0, 0)$  (iv) Concave up for  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) \cup (\sqrt{3}, \infty)$ ; Concave down on  $(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$ . (v) Inflection points at  $(-\sqrt{3}, -45)$  and  $(\sqrt{3}, -45)$ .

## Detailed Solutions

1 Critical numbers occur when the derivative is zero. We take the derivative of  $f(x)$  using the power rule as follows

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= 2x^3 - 33x^2 + 168x - 5 \\ &= 2x^3 - 33x^2 + 168x^1 - 5x^0 \\ f'(x) &= 3 \cdot 2x^{3-1} - 2 \cdot 33x^{2-1} + 1 \cdot 168x^{1-1} - 0 \cdot 5x^{0-1} \\ &= 6x^2 - 66x + 168 \end{aligned}$$

We can find the zeros/roots of  $f'(x)$  using the quadratic formula or factoring  $f'(x) = 6(x-4)(x-7)$  to determine the critical numbers  $x=4$  and  $x=7$ .

2 (a) To find the first derivative we use the power rule to obtain  $g'(x) = 12x^2 + 12x - 72$ .

(b) Use the power rule once more to find the second derivative  $g''(x) = 24x + 12$ .

(c)  $g''(-3) = 24 \cdot (-3) + 12 = -60$ .

(d) Since the second derivative is negative at  $x = -3$  it is **concave down** at that point.

(e) First note that  $x = -3$  is a critical number since  $g'(-3) = 0$ . Since our function is concave down at this critical number it corresponds to a **local maximum**.

3 We first determine the critical numbers within the interval by finding where  $f'(x) = 0$ . By the power rule  $f'(x) = -10x$  which is zero when  $x = 0$ . Note that 0 is within the provided interval  $-3 \leq x \leq 1$ . We then observe the output of  $f(x)$  for the critical number and endpoints of the interval, corresponding to the ordered pairs  $(-3, -40)$ ,  $(0, 5)$ ,  $(1, 0)$ . The absolute maximum is **5** and occurs at  $x = 0$ . The absolute minimum is **-40** and occurs at  $x = -3$ .

4 We first find the critical numbers by evaluating where the first derivative  $f'(x) = -6x^2 + 66x - 144$  is zero. Factoring yields  $f'(x) = -6(x-3)(x-8)$  so we know that critical numbers occur at  $x = 3$  and  $x = 8$ . We then use the second derivative test to determine if these points are local maxima or minima. A second application of the power rule gives us  $f''(x) = -12x + 66$  and we then find  $f''(3) = 30$  and  $f''(8) = -30$ . This means that we have a local minimum at  $x = 3$  with function value  $f(3) = -180$  and a local maximum at  $x = 8$  with function value  $f(8) = -55$ . We know which is which by the sign of the second derivative at the critical numbers.

5 We first use the power rule on  $f(x) = 6x + \frac{8}{x} = 6x^1 + 8x^{-1}$

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot 6x^{1-1} + -1 \cdot 8x^{-1-1} = 6x^0 - 8x^{-2} = 6 - \frac{8}{x^2}$$

We then find the critical numbers

$$6 - \frac{8}{x^2} = 0 \longrightarrow 6 = \frac{8}{x^2} \longrightarrow x^2 = \frac{8}{6} \longrightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} \longrightarrow x \approx 1.1547 \text{ or } x \approx -1.1547$$

Finally we plug our critical points into the second derivative  $f''(x) = \frac{16}{x^3}$  to find  $f''(1.1547) = 10.3923$ ,  $f''(-1.1547) = -10.3923$  and conclude from the signs of the outputs that there is a **local maximum at  $x = 1.1547$**  with function value  $f(1.1547) = 13.8564$  and a **local minimum at  $x = -1.1547$**  with function value  $f(-1.1547) = -13.8564$ .

6 We begin by finding the critical numbers from the derivative  $f'(x) = 1 - \frac{9}{x^2}$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 - \frac{9}{x^2} &= 0 \\ x^2 &= 9 \\ x &= 3 \text{ or } x = -3 \end{aligned}$$

plugging critical numbers into the second derivative  $f''(x) = \frac{18}{x^3}$  returns  $f''(3) = \frac{2}{3}$  and  $f''(-3) = -\frac{2}{3}$ . This means that  $x = 3$  is a local minimum, and  $x = -3$  is a local maximum. However,  $-3$  does not lie within the interval of interest, so we do not consider it further. Examining the function outputs for the endpoints and critical number  $x = 3$  we have  $f(0.2) = 45.2$ ,  $f(3) = 6$ ,  $f(12) = 12.75$ . We can then conclude that there is a **global maximum of 45.2 at  $x = 0.2$**  and a **global minimum of 6 at  $x = 3$** .

7 We first find local extrema

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{-5(x-1)}{(x+7)^7} &= 0 \\ -5(x-1) &= 0 \\ x &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x = -7$  is excluded from our domain, we can safely multiply both sides by  $(x+7)^7$  in the second step and conclude there is a **local extrema at  $x = 1$** . There is also an **asymptote at  $x = -7$** . The sign of the derivative (which indicates whether a function is increasing or decreasing) can flip across local extrema and asymptotes, so we pick some sample values between and outside to determine the function's behavior:  $f'(-8) = -45$ ,  $f'(0) \approx 0.000006$ ,  $f'(2) \approx -0.000001$ . From this data we conclude

(a)  $f(x)$  is **increasing on  $(-7, 1)$** .

(b)  $f(x)$  is **decreasing on  $(-\infty, -7) \cup (1, \infty)$** .

(c) Since  $f(x)$  is increasing to the right of  $x = 1$  and decreasing to its left, we know that there is a **local maximum at  $x = 1$** .

8 (a) Given a graph of  $f'(x)$ , the critical values correspond to x-intercepts where  $f'(x) = 0$ . We can see these occurring at  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 7$ , and  $x = 15$ .

(b)  $f(x)$  is **increasing over  $(7, 15)$**  as it is the only interval where  $f'(x) > 0$ . The function is **decreasing over  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 7) \cup (15, \infty)$**  as the derivative is negative throughout this interval. Note that we exclude  $x=0$  from the decreasing interval as it is an extrema.

(c) We can observe a **local maximum at  $x = 15$**  since the derivative, or slope, is positive to the left of  $x = 15$  and negative to the right. There is also a **local minimum at  $x = 7$**  as the derivative is positive to the right of this value and negative to the left. (The point  $x = 0$  is neither a maximum or minimum since not all critical points are extrema: the derivative is negative on both the left and right of  $x = 0$ .)

9 part (a):

(i) From the graph, we can see that  $f(x)$  is **decreasing on  $(-\infty, 2)$**  and **increasing on  $(2, \infty)$** . This is corroborated by the local/global minimum found in (ii)-(iii).

- (ii) Taking the first derivative of  $f(x)$  returns  $f'(x) = 4(2x - 4)^3 \cdot 2 = 8(2x - 4)^3$ . We then look for critical values

$$\begin{aligned} 8(2x - 4)^3 &= 0 \\ 2x - 4 &= 0 \\ x &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

so there is a critical point at  $x = 2$ . Using the graph we can see this corresponds to a **local minimum at the point (2,0)**.

- (iii) Again using the graph, we observe the local minimum at **(2,0) is also a global minimum**.
- (iv) It appears that the graph is concave up everywhere, but let's confirm this. Taking the second derivative returns  $f''(x) = 24(2x - 4)^2 \cdot 2 = 48(2x - 4)^2$ . Since  $2x - 4$  is squared the second derivative will always be positive and the function is **concave up over  $(-\infty, \infty)$** .
- (v) Inflection points occur when the sign of a function's concavity changes. Since the function is concave up everywhere, there are **no inflection points**.

**part (b):**

- (i) From the graph we can observe that  $f(x)$  is **decreasing on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (0, 3)$**  and **increasing on  $(-3, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$** . This is corroborated by the local extrema determined in (ii)-(iii).
- (ii) We again take the first derivative  $f'(x) = 4x^3 - 36x = 4x(x^2 - 9)$  and find critical values via  $4x(x^2 - 9) = 0$ . This equation is satisfied by the critical values  $x = 0$ ,  $x = -3$ , and  $x = 3$ . These correspond to the points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(-3, -81)$ ,  $(3, -81)$ . Using (i) and the graph we can determine which points are local maxima and which are local minima. There is a **local maximum at  $(0,0)$** , and **local minima at the points  $(-3, -81)$  and  $(3, -81)$** .
- (iii) From the graph we can observe that  $(0,0)$  is **not** a global maximum as the function takes on larger values away from this point. The points  **$(-3, -81)$  and  $(3, -81)$  are global minima** since  $-81$  is the smallest value the function takes, and it does so at multiple points.
- (iv) From the graph we can observe that the concavity behavior is more complex than in **part (a)**. We need to find the roots of the second derivative  $f''(x) = 12x^2 - 36 = 12(x^2 - 3)$  to determine where the concavity changes sign:  $12(x^2 - 3) = 0$  is satisfied by  $x = \sqrt{3}$  and  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ . Our function can only change concavity at these points, so we need to find the sign of the second derivative for points between and outside these values:  $f''(-3) = 72$ ,  $f''(0) = -36$ , and  $f''(3) = 72$ . We can then conclude that  $f(x)$  is **concave up for  $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3}) \cup (\sqrt{3}, \infty)$**  and **concave down on  $(-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$** .
- (v) The x-values for the inflection points were determined in (iv) where the sign of the concavity changed:  $x = \sqrt{3}$  and  $x = -\sqrt{3}$ . Since  $f(-\sqrt{3}) = -45$  and  $f(\sqrt{3}) = -45$  **inflection points occur at  $(-\sqrt{3}, -45)$  and  $(\sqrt{3}, -45)$** .