

## 6.5.7

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Question: Find both the maximum value and the minimum value of  $3x^4 - 8x^3 + 12x^2 - 48x + 25$  on the interval  $[0, 3]$

**Solution:**

**Theoretical Solution:**

$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 8x^3 + 12x^2 - 48x + 25 \quad (1)$$

Differentiating with respect to  $x$  on both sides of (1)

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 24x^2 + 24x - 48 \quad (2)$$

Using the property that  $f'(x) = 0$  at extrema

$$f'(x) = 0 \quad (3)$$

$$12x^3 - 24x^2 + 24x - 48 = 0 \quad (4)$$

$$(x - 2)^3 = 0 \quad (5)$$

Thus extrema exists on  $x = 2$ . Now differentiating (2) on both sides to get  $f''(x)$

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 48x + 24 \quad (6)$$

putting  $x=2$  in (6)

$$f''(2) = 72 \quad (7)$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(2) > 0 \quad (8)$$

Hence minima at  $x=2$  of value  $f(2) = -39$ . Now checking for global maxima on boundaries

$$f(0) = 25 \quad (9)$$

$$f(3) = 16 \quad (10)$$

Hence for  $f(x)$  in interval  $[0, 3]$  minimum value is -39 and maximum value is 25

**Computational Solution:**

Using Gradient Descent to find extrema

$$h = 0.001 \quad (11)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - h(f'(x_n)) \quad (12)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - (x_{n+1} - x_n)(f'(x_n)) \quad (13)$$

$$y_{n+1} = y_n - (x_{n+1} - x_n)(12x_n^3 - 24x_n^2 + 24x_n - 48) \quad (14)$$

$$(15)$$

We get global maxima  $y(0) = 25$  and global minima  $y(2) = -39$  from the code

