

# 6.5.5.1

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## QUESTION :

Find the absolute maximum and minimum value of the function  $f(x) = x^3$  in the interval  $[-2, 2]$

## SOLUTION :

### Theoretical solution :

Given function,

$$y(x) = x^3 \quad (0.1)$$

$$\implies y'(x) = 3x^2 \quad (0.2)$$

$$\implies y''(x) = 6x \quad (0.3)$$

To find the critical points, we do

$$y'(x) = 0 \quad (0.4)$$

$$3x^2 = 0 \quad (0.5)$$

$$x = 0 \quad (0.6)$$

For

$$Localmin \implies y''(x) > 0 \quad (0.7)$$

$$Localmax \implies y''(x) < 0 \quad (0.8)$$

$$Inflectionpoint \implies y''(x) = 0 \quad (0.9)$$

Substituting (0.6) in (0.3), we have

$$y'' = 0 \quad (0.10)$$

Hence, (0.6) is a critical point.

Checking the edge values, we have

$$y(2) = 8 \quad (0.11)$$

$$y(-2) = -8 \quad (0.12)$$

$$y(0) = 0 \quad (0.13)$$

Hence,

**Absolute maximum = 8**

**Absolute minimum = -8**

### Computational solution :

Finding maximum value of a function can be done using **Gradient Ascent method**

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + \alpha f'(x_n) \quad (0.14)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n + 3\alpha x_n^2 \quad (0.15)$$

Similarly, the minimum value can be found out using **Gradient descent method**.

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - \alpha f'(x_n) \quad (0.16)$$

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - 3\alpha x_n^2 \quad (0.17)$$

where  $\alpha$  is the learning rate. Taking

$$h = 0.01 \quad (0.18)$$

$$\alpha = 0.01 \quad (0.19)$$

we have

$$x_{min} = -2 \quad (0.20)$$

$$y_{min} = -8 \quad (0.21)$$

$$x_{max} = 2 \quad (0.22)$$

$$y_{max} = 8 \quad (0.23)$$

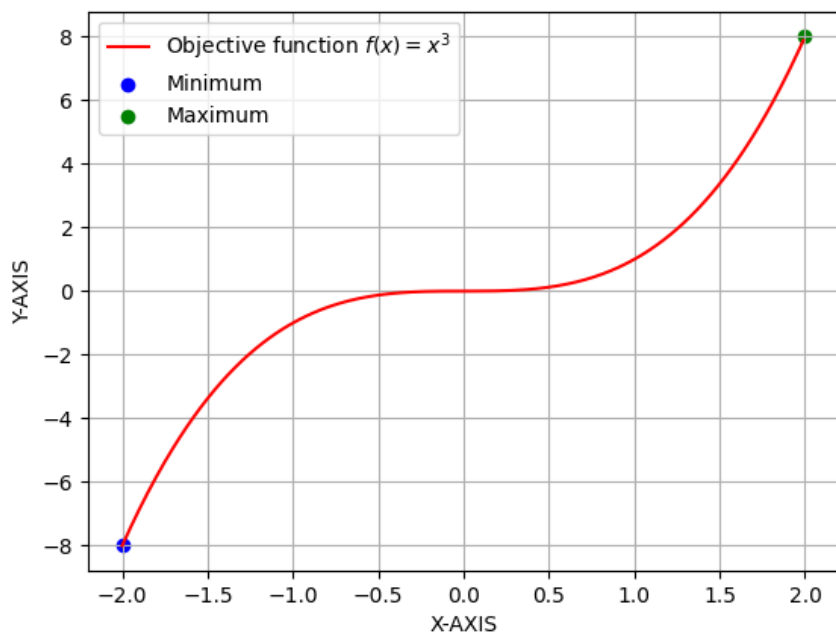


Fig. 0.1: Plot of the given question.