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arg min and arg max

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For a real-valued function  $f$  with domain  $S$ ,  $\arg \min_{x \in S} f(x)$  is the set of elements in  $S$  that achieve the global minimum in  $S$ ,

$$\arg \min_{x \in S} f(x) = \{x \in S : f(x) = \min_{y \in S} f(y)\}.$$

$\arg \max_{x \in S} f(x)$  is the set of elements in  $S$  that achieve the global maximum in  $S$ ,

$$\arg \max_{x \in S} f(x) = \{x \in S : f(x) = \max_{y \in S} f(y)\}.$$