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### Derivatives and their applications (1)

$C \in D_f \quad f'(c) = 0 \text{ or } f'(c) = \text{DNE}$

1. For each case, find the critical points.  $\rightarrow C, f(c)$

<p>a. <math>f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = 3x^2 + 12x + 9</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = 3(x^2 + 4x + 3) = 3(x+1)(x+3) = 0</math></p> <p><math>x = -1, -3</math></p> <p><math>f(-1) = -2 \quad f(-3) = 2</math></p> <p><math>(-1, -2) \text{ and } (-3, 2)</math></p>	<p>b. <math>f(x) = x^3 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = 3x^2</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0</math></p> <p><math>(0, 0)</math></p>
<p>c. <math>f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3} = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = \text{DNE when } x = 0</math></p> <p><math>(0, 0)</math></p>	<p>d. <math>f(x) = \frac{x^4 + 1}{x^2 + 1}, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = \frac{(4x^3)(x^2+1) - (x^4+1)(2x)}{(x^2+1)^2}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = \frac{(2x)(x^4 + 2x^2 - 1)}{(x^2+1)^2}</math></p> <p><math>f'(x) = 0</math></p> <p><math>x = 0 \text{ or } x^4 + 2x^2 - 1 = 0</math></p> <p><math>x^2 = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 4(-1)}}{2(1)} = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} = -1 \pm \sqrt{2}</math></p> <p><math>x = \sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}, -\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}</math></p> <p><math>f(0) = 1</math></p> <p><math>f(\pm\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}) = \frac{(\pm\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}})^4 + 1}{(\pm\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}})^2 + 1} = \frac{(-1 + \sqrt{2})^2 + 1}{-1 + \sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{1 - 2\sqrt{2} + 2 + 1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{4 - 2\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 2\sqrt{2} - 2</math></p>

2. For each case, find any local extremum using the first derivative test.

a.  $f(x) = |x^2 - 4| = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4, & x \geq 2 \text{ or } x \leq -2 \\ 4 - x^2, & -2 < x < 2 \end{cases}$

b.  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x - 1 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$

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

$f'(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$

Function is always increasing

no local extrema

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

$(\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}, 2\sqrt{2} - 2)$   
 $(-\sqrt{-1 + \sqrt{2}}, 2\sqrt{2} - 2)$

$f(-1) = 0$

$x^2 - 4 > 0$

$f'(2^+) = 4 \quad f'(2^-) = -4$

$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & x > 2 \text{ or } x < -2 \\ -2x, & -2 < x < 2 \end{cases}$

$f'(x) \text{ DNE at } x = \pm 2$

$f(x) = 0 \text{ when } x = 0$

cont. at  $x = 2, -2$



$x$	-2	0	2
$f(x)$	-4	0	-4
$f'(x)$	↓	↑	↓

local min at  $x = -2$

$(-2, 0)$

local max  $(0, 4)$

$x \in \mathbb{R}$   
 $x \neq 1$   
discont.

c.  $f(x) = \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)^2$

$f'(x) = 2 \left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right) \left(\frac{(1-x) - (1+x)(-1)}{(1-x)^2}\right)$

$f'(x) = \frac{4(1+x)}{(1-x)^3}$

$f'(x) = 0 \text{ when } 4(1+x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$

$f'(x) = \text{DNE when } x = 1$   
not in  $D_f$ .

$x$	-1	1
$f(x)$	0	discont.
$f'(x)$	↓	↑

local min at  $(-1, 0)$



3. For each case, find the absolute extrema (maximum or minimum) points.

a.  $f(x) = -2x + 3$ , for  $x \in [-1, 2]$

$f'(x) = -2 \rightarrow$  no critical #

$f(-1) = (-2)(-1) + 3 = 5 \rightarrow$  abs. max  $(-1, 5)$

$f(2) = (-2)(2) + 3 = -1 \rightarrow$  abs. min  $(2, -1)$ .

b.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-2}$ , for  $x \in [2, 6]$

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

$f'(x)$  DNE at  $x=2$   $f'(x) > 0$  for  $x \in (2, 6]$

$f(2) = \sqrt{2-2} = 0 \rightarrow$  abs. min  $(2, 0)$

$f(6) = \sqrt{6-2} = 2 \rightarrow$  abs. max  $(6, 2)$

4. Let  $f(x) = ax^4 + bx^2 + cx + d$ . Find such that has a local maximum at  $(0, -6)$  and a local minimum at  $(1, -8)$ .

LM:  $(0, -6) \Rightarrow f(0) = -6 \Rightarrow d = -6$

Lm:  $(1, -8) \Rightarrow f(1) = -8 \Rightarrow a + b + c - 6 = -8 \Rightarrow a + b + c = -2$

$f'(x) = 4ax^3 + 2bx + c$   $\because$  Local extrema has to occur at critical points.

$f'(0) = 0 \quad 4a(0)^3 + 2b(0) + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$

$f'(1) = 0 \quad 4a + 2b + 0 = 0 \Rightarrow 2a + b = 0$

$a + b + c = -2$

$\Rightarrow a + b = -2$

$a = 2$

$b = -4$

$f(x) = 2x^4 - 4x^2 - 6$

$x=1$  must be critical #s.

5. Find the LM and Lm for  $f(x) = x^n$ ,  $n$  is natural.

Local max  $\rightarrow$  local min

$f'(x) = nx^{n-1} \Rightarrow f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$

$n$  is even,  $n-1$  is odd,  $f'(x) > 0 \quad x \in (0, \infty)$   
 $f'(x) < 0 \quad x \in (-\infty, 0)$   $\Rightarrow$  local min at  $x = 0$ .

$n$  is odd,  $n-1$  is even.  $f'(x)$  is always  $\oplus$  except  $x = 0 \Rightarrow$  no local extrema

6. For each case, use the first derivative sign to find the intervals of increase or decrease.

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

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

$f'(x) = 0$  when  $x = 1$



$f(x)$  is decreasing  $x \in (-\infty, 1)$

$f(x)$  is increasing  $x \in (1, \infty)$

b.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}(x-1) = (x^{\frac{1}{2}})(x-1) = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$x \geq 0 \quad f'(x) = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(3x-1)$

$f'(x) = \frac{3x-1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

$f'(x) = 0$  when  $x = \frac{1}{3}$

$f(x)$  DNE when  $x = 0$

$x$	0	$\frac{1}{3}$	
$f'(x)$	DNE	$\ominus$	$\oplus$
$f(x)$		$\searrow$	$\nearrow$

