

Local Extreme Value Theorem.

1. Definitions:

① extremum
= maximum or minimum
= global extremum

② plural forms:
extremum: extrema
maximum: maxima
minimum: minima.

③ local extremum
can be extremum
as well.

Let f be a function with domain I .

Let $c \in I$.

1) Maximum: f has a maximum at c when:

$$\forall x \in I, f(x) \leq f(c).$$

2) Minimum: f has a minimum at c when:

$$\forall x \in I, f(x) \geq f(c).$$

3) Local Maximum: f has a local maximum at c when:

$$\exists \delta > 0, \text{ s.t. } |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) \leq f(c).$$

4) Local Minimum: f has a local minimum at c when:

$$\exists \delta > 0, \text{ s.t. } |x - c| < \delta \Rightarrow f(x) \geq f(c).$$

end points doesn't count as L_{\max}
or L_{\min} (in some analysts books, it may include).

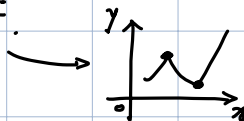
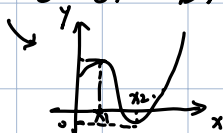
2. The Local Extreme Value Theorem.

Let f be a function with domain an interval I . Let $c \in I$.

lf. ① f has a local extremum at c

② c is an interior point to I . (not an end-point).

Then. $f'(c) = 0$ or DNE.



1) Proof.

Assume f has a local extremum at c .

$$\text{WTS: } f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \text{ is } 0 \text{ or DNE}$$

Assume f is differentiable at c .

$$x \rightarrow c^+$$

$$x \rightarrow c^-$$

$$x - c > 0$$

$$x - c < 0$$

$$f(x) - f(c) \leq 0$$

$$f(x) - f(c) \leq 0$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \leq 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \geq 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

$$\therefore f'(c) = 0.$$

3. Critical Point

c is a critical point of f when

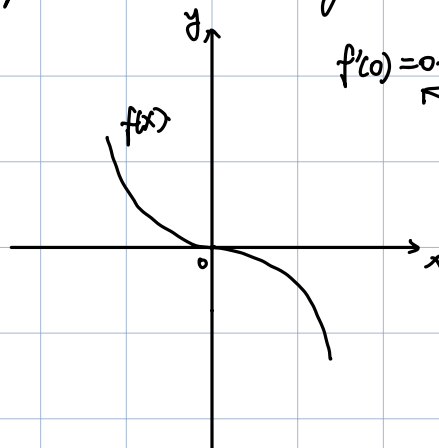
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c is an interior point of the domain of f , and

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$f'(c) = 0$ or DNE.

1) The local extremum point is always a critical point but the critical point is not always a local extremum point.



$f'(0) = 0$ when $c = 0$, it's a critical point but not a local extremum point.

4. Find the extrema.

From EVT, since f is continuous in $[-4, 4]$, x has max & min in $[-4, 4]$.

e.g. Find the extrema of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 25$ when $x \in [-4, 4]$

① Find endpoints & critical points ($f'(x) = 0$ or DNE).

$$x = 4 \quad f(x) = 15.$$

$$x = -4 \quad f(x) = -41.$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 3(x^2 - 2x - 3) = 3(x-3)(x+1).$$

$$x = 3 \quad f(x) = 8.$$

$$x = -1 \quad f(x) = 40.$$

② Compare.

