

Topic 4.3 Monotonic Functions

and the First Derivative Test

① Increasing Functions and Decreasing Function

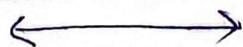
Suppose that f is cont. on $[a, b]$ and f' is differentiable on (a, b) .

- If $f'(x) > 0$ at each point $x \in (a, b)$.
then f is increasing on $[a, b]$
- If $f'(x) < 0$ at each point $x \in (a, b)$.
then f is decreasing on $[a, b]$.



② Monotonic Function

A function that is increasing or decreasing on an interval is said to be monotonic on the interval.



Example 1 Find critical points of

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5 \quad \text{and}$$

identify the open intervals on which f is increasing and on which f is decreasing. (P.T.O.)

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Sol: As given $f(x)$ is a polynomial function so f is cont. and diff. everywhere.

(I) Critical points:

$f'(x) = 0$ (Condition to find critical)

$$f(x) = x^3 - 12x - 5$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 12 = 0$$

$$3x^2 = 12$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 2} \text{ - Critical Points}$$

(II) Identifying open Intervals:

These critical pts. Subdivide the domain of f to create non-overlapping open intervals

$$(-\infty, -2) \rightarrow (-2, 2) \rightarrow (2, \infty)$$

on which f' is either +ve or -ve.

(III) Determining Sign of f' :

We determine the sign of f' by evaluating f' at a convenient point in each subinterval.

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Intervals (i) $-\infty < x < -2$

We evaluate f' at $x = -3$

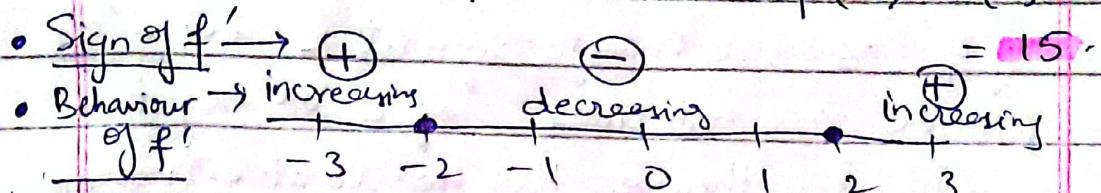
$$\text{i.e. } f'(-3) = 3(-3)^2 - 12 = 15$$

(ii) $-2 < x < 2$

Evaluate f' at $x = 0$. i.e $f'(0) = 3(0)^2 - 12$

$$= -12$$

Evaluate f' at $x = 3$. i.e $f'(3) = 3(3)^2 - 12$



* Note:

- We could use " \leq " inequalities i.e. increasing on $-\infty < x \leq -2$, decreasing on $-2 \leq x \leq 2$ and increasing on $2 \leq x < \infty$.

- We do not talk about whether a function is increasing or decreasing at a single point.

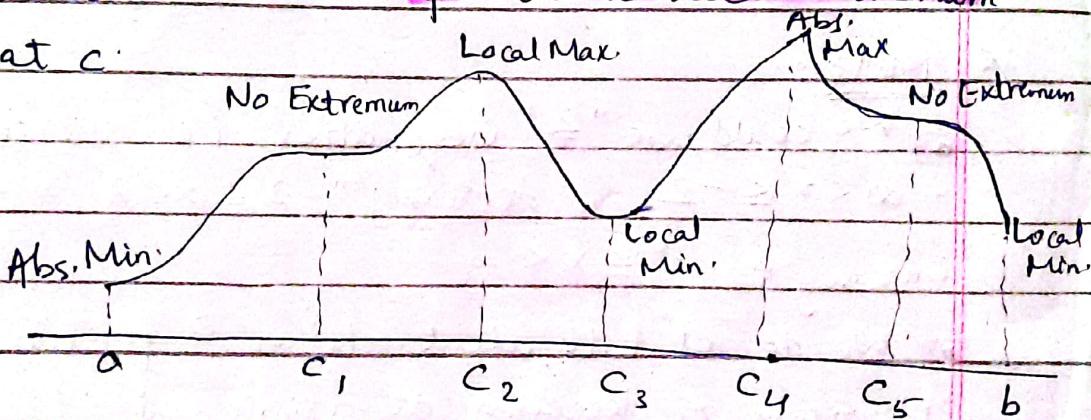


(3) First Derivative Test for Local Extrema

Suppose that c is a critical pt of cont. function and that is differentiable at every point in some interval containing ' c ' except possibly at c itself. Moving across this interval from left to right:

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- (i) If f' changes from negative to positive at c then f has a local minimum at c
- (ii) If f' changes from positive to negative at c , then f has local maximum at c .
- (iii) If f' does not change sign at c i.e. f' is positive on both sides of c or negative on both sides then f has no local extremum at c .



* Note :

- The critical points of a function locate where it is increasing and where it is decreasing. The first derivative changes sign at a critical point where a local extremum occurs.

Example 2 } Class Activity (Home)
 Example 3 } Pg 199 + 200 Task

EX 4.3.

Analyzing Functions from Derivatives

- K) a) What are critical points?
 b) On what open interval f is increasing or decreasing?
 c) At what points, if any, does f has local minimum and local maximum?

Q#4 $f'(x) = (x-1)^2(x+2)^2$

Sol:

(a) $f'(x) = 0$

$$(x-1)^2(x+2)^2 = 0$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ iff } x=1 \text{ or } x=-2$$

Critical pts of f is $x=1, -2$.

(b) Open intervals

$(-\infty, -2)$	$(-2, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
$f'(-3) = (-3-1)^2(-3+2)^2$ $= (16)(1) = 16$ increasing	$f'(0) = (0-1)^2(0+2)^2$ $= 1+4=5$ increasing	$f'(2) = (2-1)^2(2+2)^2$ $= (1)(16)=16$ increasing

(c)

There is no changes in sign, so it ~~is~~ has not contain any local extreme point in their open domain

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

 $x+2$

Sol: (a) Critical Points. — $f'(x) = 0$ where
 ~~f' is zero or~~

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^2(x-1)}{x+2} = 0 \quad f' \text{ is undefined}$$

$\Rightarrow x=1, x=0, x=-2$ are the critical points.

(b) Open Intervals where f is increasing or decreasing

(i) $(-\infty, -2)$ $f'(-3) = \frac{9(-4)}{-1} = 36$. (Increasing)

(ii) $(-2, 0)$ $f(-1) = \frac{1}{(-2)} = -2$ (Decreasing)

(iii) $(0, 1)$ $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{4}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{-\frac{1}{8}}{\frac{5}{2}} = \frac{-1}{8} \times \frac{2}{5} = -\frac{1}{20}$ (Decreasing)

(iv) $(1, \infty)$ $f(2) = \frac{4(1)}{4} = 1$ (Increasing)

(c) Local Max. $x = -2$,

Local Min. $x = 1$



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$$(12) \quad f'(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{2}}(x-3), \quad x \neq 0$$

Sol: $f'(x) = \frac{x-3}{\sqrt{x}}$

(a) Critical points:

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{x-3}{\sqrt{x}} = 0$$

$$x=3 \quad (\text{if } f' \text{ is zero}), \quad x=0 \quad (\text{if } f' \text{ is undefined})$$

Critical Points \Rightarrow are $x=0, 3$ (b) Open Interval of f ~~which~~^{nature} increasing or decreasing(i) $-\infty < x < 0$ $f'(-1) = \text{Not defined in domain}$ (ii) $0 < x < 3$ $f'(1) = -2 \quad (\text{Decreasing})$ (iii) $3 < x < \infty$ $f'(4) = \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{Increasing})$

(c) No Local Max.

Local Min at $x=3$.

$$(13) \quad f'(x) = (\sin x - 1)(2\cos x + 1), \quad 0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$$

Sol: a) Critical points-

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$(\sin x - 1)(2\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$$\sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = 1 \Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}(1)$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$2\cos x + 1 = 0$$

$$2\cos x = -1$$

$$\cos x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

Critical Points at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}$

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b) Open Interval

$$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \quad (\text{Decreasing})$$

$$\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad f(\frac{5\pi}{9}) = -9.91 \times 10^{-3} \quad (\text{Decreasing})$$

$$\frac{2\pi}{3} < x < \frac{4\pi}{3} \quad f(\pi) = 1 \quad (\text{Increasing}).$$

$$\frac{4\pi}{3} < x < 2\pi \quad f(\frac{3\pi}{2}) = -2 \quad (\text{Decreasing})$$

(c) Local Max. at $x = \frac{4\pi}{3}$ Local Min at $x = \frac{2\pi}{3}$.

Q31 (a) Find open intervals on which f is increasing or decreasing.

(b) Identify the function's local and absolute extreme values

$$f(x) = x - 6\sqrt{x-1}$$

Sol: a) Critical Points

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 1 - 6^3 \left(\frac{1}{2} (x-1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= 1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x-1}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x-1}} = 0$$

$$1 = \frac{3}{\sqrt{x-1}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{x-1} &= 3 \\ x-1 &= 9 \\ x &= 10 \end{aligned} \quad (\text{Sqr. on both sides})$$

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$f'(x) = \text{undefined}$

$x=1 - f'(x)$ is undefined.

Critical Points at $x = 1, 10$

Open Intervals

$-\infty < x < 1$ $f'(0) = \text{Not defined in the domain}$

$1 < x < 10$ $f'(2) = -2$ (Decreasing)

$10 < x < \infty$ $f'(11) = 0.05$ (Increasing)

(b) At $x = 10$ (Local Min.)

No local Max.

At $x = 10$ (Abs. Min.)



(50) a) Identify local extreme values

b) Which of the extreme values are absolute?

$$g) f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 3} ; 3 \leq x < \infty$$

$$\text{Sol: a)} f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} (x^2 - 2x - 3)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (2x - 2)$$

$$= \frac{2x - 2}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 3}} = \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 3}}$$

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x^2 - 2x - 3}} = 0$$

$$x-1 = 0$$

$$\sqrt{(x-3)(x+1)}$$

Critical Points. At $x = 1$ (f' is zero)

At $x = 3, -1$ (f' is undefined)

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As $x = -1$ and $x = 1$ are not in the given domain i.e. $3 \leq x < \infty$ so critical point is $x = 3$.

Open Interval

(negative value) f' (not defined) (Positive value)

$$(-\infty, 3) \quad 3 \quad (3, \infty)$$

$$f'(2) = \frac{2-1}{\sqrt{2^2 - 2(2) - 3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4-4-3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{-3}} \cdot (\text{Not defined})$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{4-1}{\sqrt{4^2 - 2(4) - 3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{16-8-3}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{5}} \quad (\text{pos}) - \text{increasing}$$

(a) + (b) At $x = 3$ — local min.

$x = 3$ — Abs. Min.

Practice Questions of 4.3

(Try these questions)

Q# 1 - 14.

Q# 15 - 40

Q# 41 - 52

Q# 53 - 60