

(13.1) If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive numbers, find the maximum value of  $f(x) = x^a(x-1)^b$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ .

We will complete the first derivative test to find the Critical Points

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} (f(x) = x^a(x-1)^b) &= \\ \frac{d}{dx} (x^a) (x-1)^b + \frac{d}{dx} ((x-1)^b) x^a &= \\ (ax^{a-1})(x-1)^b + b(x-1)^{b-1} \frac{d}{dx} (x-1)x^a &= \end{aligned}$$