

## Problem set 4

### DS ANALYSIS

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#### Problem 1

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^2 - 2x + 1 \\ &= (x - 1)^2\end{aligned}$$

Differentiate the function w.r.t.  $x$  to find the slope at each point. Positive slope implies function is increasing, negative slope implies function is decreasing. 0 slope implies critical point.

The function is increasing in  $x \in [1, \infty)$

The function is decreasing in  $x \in [-\infty, 1]$

The minimum is at  $x = 1$

#### Problem 2

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

Differentiating w.r.t  $x$  we get:

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

$$f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

$$< 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus (-1, 1)$$

$\Rightarrow f$  is increasing in  $(-1, 1)$  and decreasing everywhere else.

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

So, -1 and 1 are the critical pts of  $f$

$$f''(x) = -6x < 0 \text{ for } x = 1$$

$$> 0 \text{ for } x = -1$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  has a local minima at  $x = -1$  and local maxima at  $x = 1$

### Problem 3

$$f(x) = (x - 4)^5$$

Following the same method as question 1, the slope is increasing for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$

Thus, minimum at  $-\infty$

Maximum at  $+\infty$

Critical point at  $x = 4$

### Problem 4

$$f(x) = 2 \sin x + 3 \cos x, \quad x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$$

$$f'(x) = 2 \cos x - 3 \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = n\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}$$

$n$  can take values -2,-1,0,1 as  $0 < \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow$  The critical pts of  $f(x)$  are  $-2\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}, -\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}, \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}, \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3}$

$$0 < \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\pi < -2\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} < -\frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\pi < -\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} < -\frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \pi < \pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

Notice, in the interval,  $(-2\pi, -\frac{3\pi}{2})$   $\sin x > 0, \cos x > 0$ .

in the interval,  $(-\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2})$   $\sin x < 0, \cos x < 0$

in the interval,  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$   $\sin x > 0, \cos x > 0$

in the interval,  $(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$   $\sin x < 0, \cos x < 0$

$$f''(x) = -2 \sin x - 3 \cos x < 0 \text{ at } x = -2\pi + \tan^{-1} \frac{2}{3} \text{ so local maxima.}$$

similarly, calculate at all 4 pts.

## Problem 5

$$f(x) = x + \sin(x)$$

Differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$f'(x) = 1 + \cos(x)$$

Now, for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$

$1 + \cos(x) \geq 0$  since  $-1 \leq \cos(x) \leq 1$

Thus, the function is increasing for all  $x \in \mathbf{R}$

Thus, minimum at  $-\infty$

Maximum at  $+\infty$

Critical points at  $x = \pi, 3\pi, \dots$

## Problem 7

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

Increasing from  $x \in (0, \infty)$

Decreasing from  $x \in (-1, 0)$

Minimum at 0

## Problem 8

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} \quad 0 \leq x \leq 10$$

Notice,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \infty$$

$f(x)$  has discontinuity at  $x = 1, 3$  Check for critical pts at 3 separate intervals, i.e  $[0,1), (1,3), (3,10]$ .

## Problem 9

Given  $S > 0$ .

$x + y = S$ , to find minimum  $x^2 + y^2$

Let  $f(x, y) = x^2 + y^2$ . Take  $y = S - x$ .

To find minimum of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + (S - x)^2$

Differentiating the function w.r.t.  $x$ , we get,

$$f'(x) = 4x - 2S$$

Equating to 0, we get  $x = \frac{S}{2}$

(Note that, if we differentiate  $f'(x)$  w.r.t.  $x$ , we get  $f''(x) > 0$ . Thus the function has a minimum and no maximum).

Taking  $x = \frac{S}{2}$ , we have  $y = \frac{S}{2}$ . Thus,  $f(x, y)$  is smallest when  $x = y$ .

## Problem 10

Notice, It is mentioned that the rectangle is of given area. Let that area be  $A$ .  
By definition  $A$  is constant.

Let, the smaller side be  $x \Rightarrow$  the longer side is  $\frac{A}{x}$ .

Perimeter( $S$ ) =  $2x + 2\frac{A}{x}$ .

Have to minimize  $f(x) = 2x + 2\frac{A}{x}$

$$f'(x) = 2 - 2\frac{A}{x^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm\sqrt{A}$$

$$f''(x) = +4\frac{A}{x^3} > 0 \text{ for } x = \sqrt{A}$$

$f(x)$  is minimum at  $x = \sqrt{A} \Rightarrow$  All the sides are of length  $\sqrt{A}$

The perimeter is minimum for square.

## Problem 11

Cost of producing  $x$  units =

$$f(x) = 10x^2 + 200x + 6000$$

Price per unit for  $x$  units sold =

$$p(x) = 1000 - 10x$$

To maximize the profit, we need to maximize the function

$$g(x) = xp(x) - f(x)$$

$$= -20x^2 + 800x - 6000$$

We find the critical point at  $x = 20$  and the maximum profit to be 2000.