

## Maximum and Minimum Values of a Function

**Ex. 1) For what value of  $x$ ,  $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 22x^2 - 24x + 5$  has maximum or minimum values.**

**Solution:** Let,

$$f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 22x^2 - 24x + 5 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 24x^2 + 44x - 24 \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

For maximum and minimum values,

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 - 24x^2 + 44x - 24 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 11x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - x^2 - 5x^2 + 5x + 6x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2(x - 1) - 5x(x - 1) + 6(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, 2, 3$$

**Ex. 2) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 45x + 13$ .**

**Solution:** Let,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 45x + 13 \dots \dots \dots (i)$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - 45 \dots \dots \dots (ii)$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6 \dots \dots \dots (iii)$$

For maximum and minimum values,

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$3x^2 - 6x - 45 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 5)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5, -3$$

Now,

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(5) = 6 \cdot 5 - 6 = 24 > 0; \text{ the value is minimum.}$$

The minimum value is,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 45x + 13$$

$$\Rightarrow f(5) = 5^3 - 3 \cdot 5^2 - 45 \cdot 5 + 13 = -162$$

And,

$$f''(x) = 6x - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(-3) = 6 \cdot (-3) - 6 = -24 < 0; \text{ the value is maximum.}$$

The maximum value is,

$$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 45x + 13$$

$$\Rightarrow f(-3) = (-3)^3 - 3 \cdot (-3)^2 - 45 \cdot (-3) + 13 = 94$$

**H.W:**

1) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x^4 - 8x^3 + 22x^2 - 24x + 5$ .

2) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 21x^2 + 36x - 20$ .

3) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x^5 - 5x^4 + 5x^3 - 1$ .

4) Find the maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 5$