

## DERIVATIVES AND OPTIMIZATION §4.2

**THEOREM 37.1:** Let  $f$  be a function that is differentiable at  $x = r$ .

- (1) If  $f'(r) > 0$ , then there is some  $\delta > 0$  such that
  - if  $x \in (r, r + \delta)$  then  $f(r) < f(x)$ ;
  - if  $x \in (r - \delta, r)$  then  $f(x) < f(r)$ .
- (2) If  $f'(r) < 0$ , then there is some  $\delta > 0$  such that
  - if  $x \in (r, r + \delta)$  then  $f(r) > f(x)$ ;
  - if  $x \in (r - \delta, r)$  then  $f(x) > f(r)$ .

**COROLLARY 37.2 (DERIVATIVES AND OPTIMIZATION):** Let  $f$  be a function that is continuous on a closed interval  $[a, b]$ . If  $f$  attains a maximum or minimum value on  $[a, b]$  at  $r \in (a, b)$ , and  $f$  is differentiable at  $r$ , then  $f'(r) = 0$ .

- (1) Find the values of  $x$  on  $[0, 2]$  at which the function  $f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - 2x$  achieves its minimum and maximum values. Justify your answer carefully using the results above.
- (2) Explain why the Corollary follows from the Theorem.
- (3) Give examples of continuous functions on  $[0, 2]$  such that
  - (a)  $f(x)$  attains its maximum at  $x = 0$ ;
  - (b)  $g(x)$  attains its maximum at  $x = 2$ ;
  - (c)  $h(x)$  attains its maximum at  $x = 1$  and  $h$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ ;
  - (d)  $j(x)$  attains its maximum at  $x = 1$  and  $j$  is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .
- (4) Prove part (1) of the Theorem:
  - Consider the function  $h(x) = \frac{f(x) - f(r)}{x - r}$ . Apply the definition of limit to this function with  $\varepsilon = f'(r)$ . What does the definition give you?
  - If  $h(x) > 0$  and  $x > r$ , what can you say about  $f(x) - f(r)$ ?
  - If  $h(x) > 0$  and  $x < r$ , what can you say about  $f(x) - f(r)$ ?
- (5) Prove part (2) of the Theorem.
- (6) True or false: If  $f'(7) > 0$ , then  $f(7.0000001) > f(7)$ .
- (7) True or false: If  $f'(7) > 0$ , then there exists some  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that for all natural numbers  $n > N$ ,  $f\left(7 + \frac{1}{10^n}\right) > f(7)$ .