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1. Explain what is meant by Local Maxima and Minima?
 2. Find the local minima and maxima of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 1$.
 3. What is the gradient descent algorithm?
 4. Consider the function $f(x) = x^4$. Find the critical values and classify them whether they give local minima/maxima or global minima/maxima.
 5. Explain in brief on what is Taylor Series.
 6. Find out the Taylor Series of $\log(1 + x)$ at $x = 0$.
 7. Let $f(x, y) = x^2y$. (a) Find $\nabla f(3, 2)$. (b) Find the derivative of f in the direction of $(1, 2)$ at the point $(3, 2)$.
 8. What are convex functions. State the necessary conditions for a function to be convex.
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