

Local - Subsection of range

Global - Whole range

Maximize

- Local Maximum - Maximum in specified range
- Global Maximum - Overall maximum

$$R(x) = 45 - \frac{x^2}{3}, \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1$$

Find all local maximum values

Find the global maximum value

Minimize

- Local Minimum - Minimum in specified range
- Global Minimum - Overall minimum

Local/Relative Maximum/Minimum (Optimum)

- Find the critical values of the function:
 - Stationary points, i.e. $f'(\cdot) = 0$
 - Undefined points, i.e. $f'(\cdot) = \emptyset$
- Assess them for potential local maximum/minimum:
 - Find the first derivative, input values from the left and right of the critical points and check the change in signs:
 - * + to -: Maximum
 - * - to +: Minimum
 - Find second derivative, input the critical values and check the sign:
 - * +: Minimum
 - * -: Maximum

Global/Absolute Maximum/Minimum (Optima)

To find the Absolute Optima of a function whose domain is unrestricted:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$$

Conditions for finding Absolute Optima easily

1. Closed Domain, i.e. $[x_1, x_2]$
2. Function is continuous for the duration of the closed domain

Extreme Value Theorem (EVT) If a real valued function f is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, the f must attain a maximum and minimum at least once.

$$f(c) \leq f(x) \leq F(d) \\ \forall x \in [a, b]$$

Where $f(c)$ is the function's minimum value and $F(d)$ is the function's maximum value.

Example

$$f(x) = x^3 \text{ on } [-1, 10]$$

- $f(x)$ is continuous due to it being a polynomial
- The function's domain is closed due to the end values being included in the domain

By EVT $f(x)$ must attain absolute maximum and minimum at least once on the interval. Possibly at:

1. End points of the domain
2. Critical values of $f(x)$

$$f(x) = x^3 \\ f'(x) = 3x^2 \\ 0 = 3x^2 \\ \frac{0}{3} = x^2 \\ 0 = x$$

$$f(-1) = -1 \\ f(10) = 1000$$

\therefore Absolute Maximum is 1000
Absolute Minimum is -1

Concavity

Let f be a function that is differentiable over an open interval I

- If f' is increasing over I , we say f is concave up over I , i.e. $f'' > 0$
- If f' is decreasing over I , we say f is concave down over I , i.e. $f'' < 0$

Inflection A point where a function switches concavity, i.e

$$f''(x^-) = +\text{ve to } f''(x^+) = -\text{ve}$$

or

$$f''(x^-) = -\text{ve to } f''(x^+) = +\text{ve}$$

Curvature Concave Up

The cave is facing up

Concave down

The cave is facing down