

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  $-1$