

# Optimization

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# Chapter 1

## Maximum and Minimum

**Note:-**

Local - Subsection of range

Global - Whole range

### 1.1 Maximize

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

Find all local maximum values

Find the global maximum value

### 1.2 Minimize

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

### 1.3 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

## 1.4 Global/Absolute Maximum/Minimum (Optima)

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

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

### 1.4.1 Conditions for finding the Absolute Optima easily

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

#### Theorem 1.4.1 Extreme Value Theorem

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.

$$\begin{aligned} f(c) &\geq f(x) \geq f(d) \\ \forall x &\in [a, b] \end{aligned}$$

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

#### Example 1.4.1

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

- $f(x)$  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  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= x^3 \\ f'(x) &= 3x^2 \\ 0 &= 3x^2 \\ \frac{0}{3} &= x^2 \\ 0 &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-1) &= -1 \\ f(10) &= 1000 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Absolute Maximum is 1000  
Absolute Minimum is -1

# Chapter 2

## 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.  $f'' < 0$

### 2.1 Inflection

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

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

### 2.2 Curvature

#### 2.2.1 Concave Up

The cave is facing up

#### 2.2.2 Concave Down

The cave is facing down