

## ASSIGNMENT 2-1

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① IS the following function differentiable at the given point? Why?

$$f(x) = (x-5)^{2/3} \quad \text{at } x=5$$

Sol: the function  $f(x)$  possesses differentiability at the point  $x=5$ , we need compute its derivative and subsequently verify the existence of the derivative at point

$$f(x) = (x-5)^{2/3}$$

Applying the differentiation

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} ((x-5)^{2/3})$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3} (x-5)^{-1/3}$$

at point  $x=5$

$$f'(5) = \frac{2}{3} (5-5)^{-1/3}$$

$$f'(5) = \frac{2}{3} (0)^{-1/3}$$

$\therefore f'(5)$  is undefined

denoted as  $f'(x)$  does not have a defined value when  $x$  is set to 5

$f(x) = (x-5)^{2/3}$  does not possess the property of differentiability at the point  $x=5$

② find the critical points of the following function

$$f(x) = (2x-1)x^{2/3}$$

Sol:

we use product rule

$$f(x) = u(x) \cdot v(x)$$

$$\therefore u(x) = 2x-1 \quad v(x) = x^{2/3}$$

$$f'(x) = u(x)v'(x) + v(x)u'(x)$$

$$u'(x) = 2$$

$$v'(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3}$$

$$f'(x) = (2x-1)\frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} + 2x^{2/3}$$

$$= (2x-1)\frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3} + 2x^{2/3}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-1) \cdot 2}{3x^{1/3}} + 2x^{2/3} = 0$$

$$= \frac{2(2x-1) + 6x^{2/3}x^{1/3}}{3x^{1/3}} = 0$$

$$= \frac{4x-2+6x}{3x^{1/3}} = 0$$

$$\therefore 4x-2+6x = 0$$

$$10x-2=0$$

$$x = \frac{2}{10} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{5}}$$

$\therefore x = \frac{1}{5}$  is a critical point

③ find the local extrema for the following function by the first derivative test:

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3}{(x+1)}$$

sol<sup>n</sup>:

Applying the differentiation

$$f'(x) = \frac{(x+1) \frac{d}{dx}(x^3) - x^3 \frac{d}{dx}(x+1)}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x+1)(3x^2) - x^3(1)}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{3x^3 + 3x^2 - x^3}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{2x^3 + 3x^2}{(x+1)^2}$$

for critical numbers

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\frac{2x^3 + 3x^2}{(x+1)^2} = 0$$

$$x^2(2x+3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$x+1 \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq -1$$



sign of  $f'(x)$  :-

$$\begin{array}{ccc} f'(x) \text{ is -ve} & f'(x) = +ve & f'(x) = +ve \\ \hline x = -\frac{3}{2} & & x = 0 \end{array}$$

for  $x < -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow f(x)$  is decreasing

& for  $x > -\frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow f(x)$  is increasing

$\therefore$  local minima at  $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

$$\text{local minima} = \left(-\frac{3}{2}, \frac{27}{4}\right)$$

④ find the local extrema for the following function by the second derivative test.

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 3$$

sol:

$$f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2 + 3$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(x^4 - 2x^2 + 3)$$

$$= 4x^3 - 4x + 0$$

$$f'(x) = 4x(x^2 - 1)$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(f'(x))$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(4x^3 - 4x)$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 4$$

for critical point  $f'(x) = 0$

$$4x(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 0, -1 \text{ and } 1$$

$$f''(0) = 12(0)^2 - 4 = -4$$

$$f''(-1) = 12(-1)^2 - 4 = 8$$

$$f''(1) = 12(1)^2 - 4 = 8$$

At  $x=0$ , the second derivative is negative (-4)  
This tells you that  $f$  is concave down  
where  $x$  equals to 0 and therefore

that there's a local max at 0. The second derivative is positive (2) where  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$

$f(-1)$  and  $f(1)$  has local minima at  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(1, 2)$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^4 - 2(-1)^2 + 3 = 2$$

$$f(1) = (1)^4 - 2(1)^2 + 3 = 2$$

$f(0)$  has local maxima at  $(0, 3)$

$$f(0) = 0^4 - 2(0)^2 + 3 = 3$$



⑤ Determine the global minimum and maximum of the given function

$$f(x) = x^2 (10-x)^{2/3} \text{ on } [2, 10.5]$$

Sol:

Apply the differentiation

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} (x^2 (10-x)^{2/3})$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} (x^2) (10-x)^{2/3} + \frac{d}{dx} (10-x)^{2/3} x^2$$

$$= 2x(10-x)^{2/3} - \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{10-x}} x^2$$

$$= \frac{-8x^2 + 60x}{3\sqrt[3]{10-x}}$$

for critical point  $f'(x) = 0$

$$-8x^2 + 60x = 0$$

$$-x(8x - 60) = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

$$8x = 60$$

$$x = \frac{60}{8} = \frac{30}{4} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{15}{2}$$

The local extremum points belongs to the interval  $[2, 10.5]$

$$f(0) = 0^2 (10-0)^{2/3} = 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{15}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{15}{2}\right)^2 \left(10 - \frac{15}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 103.61339$$

$$f(2) = 2^2 (10-2)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 16$$

$$f(10.5) = (10.5)^2 (10-2)^{\frac{2}{3}} = 69.45315$$

Maximum value of the function  $f\left(\frac{15}{2}\right)$   
 $= 103.61339$

minimum value of the function  $f(0)$   
 $= 0$