

SECTION 4.1: MAXIMUM & MINIMUM VALUES (DAY 2)

- Find all critical points of the function $f(x) = \sin(x)^{1/3}$.

Critical points:

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ or } f'(x) \text{ DNE.}$$

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

$$\frac{\cos(x)^{1/3}}{3 x^{2/3}} = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos(x)^{1/3} = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^{1/3} = \pm \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n, \quad n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = \left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n \right)^3 \quad \text{CP}$$

$$f'(x) \text{ DNE at } x = 0 \quad \text{CP}$$

Therefore, we have the following CP:

$$x = \left(\pm \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi n \right)^3, \quad n \text{ is an integer}$$

$$x = 0$$

- Find the absolute maximum and minimum values (y -values) of $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$ on the interval $[-2, 3]$, and the locations (x -values) where those values are attained.

$$f(x) = e^{-x^2}, \quad \text{Dom}(f) = \mathbb{R}, \quad [-2, 3] \subset \mathbb{R}$$

1. Critical points:

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ or } f'(x) \text{ DNE}$$

$$f'(x) = e^{-x^2} \cdot (-2x) = 0$$

$$e^{-x^2} \cdot (-2x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ in } [-2, 3]$$

$$x = 0 \text{ is a CP}$$

2. $f'(x)$ is defined for all x in $[-2, 3]$.

$$3. \quad f(0) = 1$$

$$f(-2) = e^{-4} = \frac{1}{e^4}$$

$$f(3) = e^{-9} = \frac{1}{e^9}$$

$$f_{\text{abs max}} = 1 \text{ at } x = 0$$

$$f_{\text{abs min}} = \frac{1}{e^9} \text{ at } x = 3$$

3. A ball thrown in the air at time $t = 0$ has a height given by

$$h(t) = h_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g_0 t^2$$

meters where t is measured in seconds, h_0 is the height at time 0, v_0 is the velocity (in meters per second) at time 0 and g_0 is the constant acceleration due to gravity (in m/s^2). Assuming $v_0 > 0$, find the time that the ball attains its maximum height. Then find the maximum height.

1. CP:

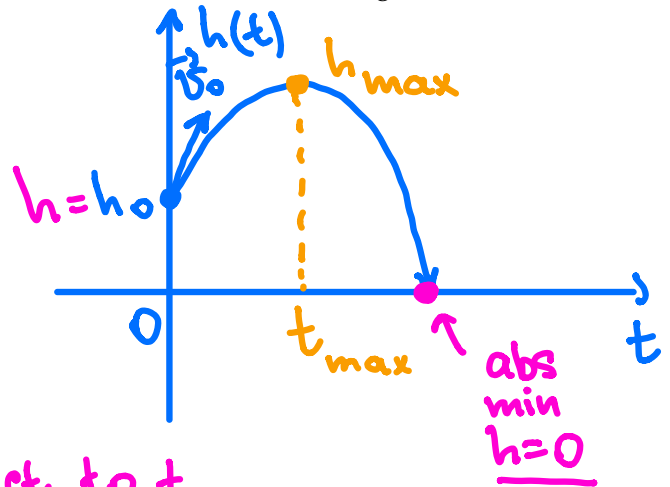
$$h'(t) = 0$$

Let us remark that $h'(t)$ is defined for all $t \geq 0$ since it is a linear function with respect to t .

$$h'(t) = v_0 - g_0 t = 0$$

$$v_0 = g_0 t \Rightarrow t = \frac{v_0}{g_0}$$

$t = \frac{v_0}{g_0}$ is the only one CP



$$h\left(\frac{v_0}{g_0}\right) = h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{g_0} - \frac{1}{2} g_0 \frac{v_0^2}{g_0^2} = h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{g_0} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g_0} =$$

$$= h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2g_0}$$

Therefore, $h(t)$ attains its maximum height at $t = \frac{v_0}{g_0}$ (seconds)

The maximum height attained is

$$h(t) = h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2g_0} \text{ (meters).}$$