# **Solution** Section 3.1 – Maxima and Minima

# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{3}x - 5 \qquad -2 \le x \le 3$$

# **Solution**

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

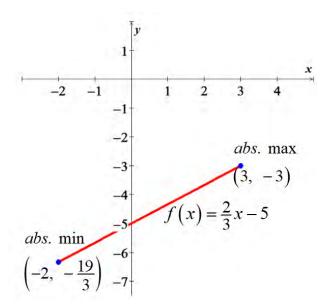
 $\therefore$  No Critical **P**oints (CP) or (CN).

$$f(-2) = \frac{2}{3}(-2) - 5 = -\frac{19}{3}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{2}{3}(3) - 5 = -3$$

Absolute Maximum: (3, -3)

**Absolute Minimum**:  $\left(-2, -\frac{19}{3}\right)$ 



# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$f(x) = x^2 - 1 \qquad -1 \le x \le 2$$

# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2x = 0 \implies x = 0$$
 (CN)

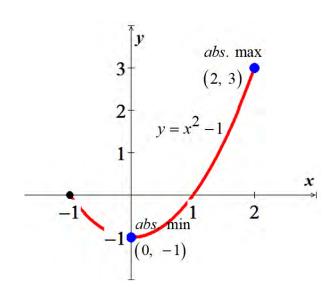
$$f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$f(0) = (0)^2 - 1 = -1$$

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

**Abs. Maximum**: (2, 3)

Abs. Minimum: (0, -1)



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$f(x) = -\frac{1}{x^2} \qquad 0.5 \le x \le 2$$

#### **Solution**

 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2x^3}$  Which it is not in the

domain

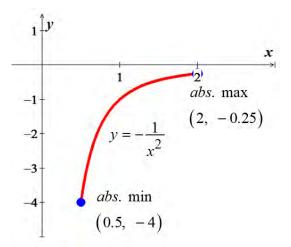
No critical point.

$$f(0.5) = -\frac{1}{(0.5)^2} = -4$$

$$f(2) = -\frac{1}{(2)^2} = -0.25$$

Abs. Max: (2, -0.25)

**Abs. Min**: (0.5, -4)



## Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2} \qquad -2 \le x \le 1$$

## **Solution**

$$f(x) = (4 - x^{2})^{1/2}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}(4 - x^{2})^{-1/2}(-2x)$$

$$= \frac{-x}{\sqrt{4 - x^{2}}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = 0 \\ 4 - x^{2} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 2 \end{cases}$$

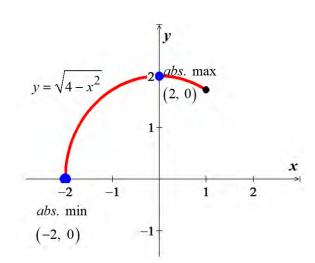
Critical points: x = 0, -2

$$f(-2) = \sqrt{4 - (-2)^2} = 0$$
  
 $f(0) = \sqrt{4 - (0)^2} = 2$ 

$$f(1) = \sqrt{4 - (1)^2} = \sqrt{3}$$

Abs. Max: (0, 2)

Abs. Min: (-2, 0)



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$f(\theta) = \sin \theta$$
  $-\frac{\pi}{2} \le \theta \le \frac{5\pi}{6}$ 

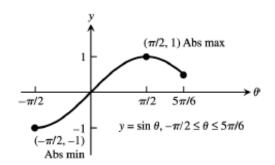
#### **Solution**

$$f'(\theta) = \cos \theta = 0 \implies \theta = \frac{\pi}{2} (CN)$$

$$f\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = -1$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \sin\left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$
Abs. Min:  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, -1\right)$ 
Abs. Max:  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, 1\right)$ 



#### Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function. Then graph the function. Identify the points on the graph where the absolute extrema occur, and include their coordinates.

$$g(x) = \sec x$$
  $-\frac{\pi}{3} \le x \le \frac{\pi}{6}$ 

$$g'(x) = \sec x \tan x = 0 \implies \boxed{x = 0}$$
 (CN)

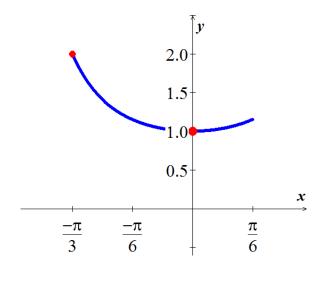
$$g\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \sec\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 2$$

$$g(0) = \sec(0) = 1$$

$$g\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sec\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Abs. Max: 
$$\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}, 2\right)$$

Abs. Min: 
$$(0, 1)$$



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x^{4/3}$ ,  $-1 \le x \le 8$ 

## Solution

$$f'(x) = \frac{4}{3}x^{1/3} = 0 \implies \boxed{x = 0}$$
 (CN)

$$f(-1)=1$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(8) = 16$$

Abs. Min: 
$$(0, 0)$$

#### Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(\theta) = \theta^{3/5}$ ,  $-32 \le \theta \le 1$ 

## **Solution**

$$f'(\theta) = \frac{3}{5}\theta^{-2/5} = 0 \implies \boxed{\theta = 0}$$
 (CN)

$$f\left(-32\right) = -8$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(1)=1$$

Abs. Max: (1, 1)

**Abs. Min**: (-32, -8)

## Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = 2^x \sin x$  [-2, 6]

# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2^{x} (\ln 2) \sin x + 2^{x} \cos x$$

$$= 2^{x} (\ln 2 \sin x + \cos x) = 0$$

$$\cos x = -\ln 2 \sin x$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} = \tan x$$

$$\ln 2 \sin x + \cos x = 0; \quad 2^x \neq 0$$

$$\cos x = -\ln 2 \sin x$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = -\frac{1}{\ln 2} = \tan x$$

$$x = \tan^{-1}(-\ln 2) \approx -.96468$$

$$x = -.96468 + \pi \approx 2.1769$$

$$x = -.96468 + 2\pi \ \underline{\approx 5.3185}$$

(since it is *periodic*)

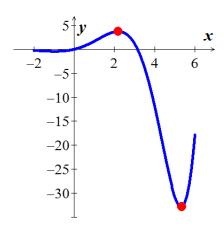
$$f\left(-2\right) = -0.227$$

$$f(-.96468) \approx -0.4211$$

$$f(2.1769) \approx 3.7164$$

$$f(5.3185) \approx -32.7968$$

$$f(6) = -17.88$$



Abs. Max: (2.1769, 3.7164)

**Abs. Min**: (5.3185, -32.7968)

# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = \sec x$   $\left[ -\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$ 

**Solution** 

$$f'(x) = \sec x \tan x = 0 \implies \boxed{x = 0}$$
 (CN)

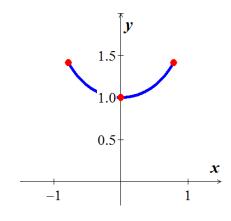
$$f\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

$$f(0)=1$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2}$$

Abs. Max:  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, \sqrt{2}\right) \& \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \sqrt{2}\right)$ 

Abs. Min: (0, 1)



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x^3 e^{-x}$  [-1, 5]

## **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 3x^{2}e^{-x} - x^{3}e^{-x}$$

$$= x^{2}e^{-x}(3-x) = 0$$

$$\to x = 0, 3 \quad (CN)$$

$$f(-1) = -e \approx -2.718$$

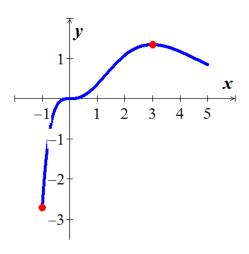
$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f(3) = 27e^{-3} \approx 1.344$$

$$f(5) = 125e^{-5} \approx 0.842$$

**Abs. Max**:  $(3, 27e^{-3})$ 

Abs. Min: (-1, -e)



# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = x \ln(\frac{x}{5})$  [0.1, 5]

# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = \ln\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) + x\left(\frac{1}{5} \div \frac{x}{5}\right)$$
$$= \ln\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{x}{5}\right) = -1 \rightarrow \underline{x = 5e^{-1}} (CN)$$

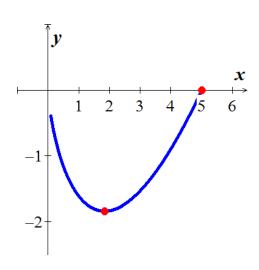
$$f(0.1) = \frac{1}{10} \ln \frac{1}{50} = -\frac{1}{2} \ln 50$$

$$f\left(\frac{5}{e}\right) = \frac{5}{e} \ln \frac{1}{e} = -\frac{5}{e}$$

$$f(5)=0$$

Abs. Max: (5, 0)

**Abs. Min**:  $\left(\frac{5}{e}, -\frac{5}{e}\right)$ 



Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x) = x^{8/3} - 16x^{2/3}$  [-1, 8]

# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = \frac{8}{3}x^{5/3} - \frac{32}{3}x^{-1/3}$$
$$= \frac{8}{3} \left( x^{5/3} - \frac{4}{x^{1/3}} \right)$$
$$= \frac{8}{3} \left( \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^{1/3}} \right) = 0$$
$$CN : \boxed{x = \pm 2}$$

$$x \neq -2 \notin [-1, 8]$$

The derivative is *undefined* at x = 0

	150-				
	125				
	100-		/		
	75 -		/		
	50-				
	25 -				
-2	-25+	1	6	8	

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$$\begin{array}{c|cc}
x & f(x) \\
-1 & -15 \\
0 & 0 \\
2 & -19.05 \\
8 & 192 \\
\end{array}$$

Abs. max: (8, 192)

Abs. Min (2, -19.05)

# Exercise

Find the minimum and maximum values of  $f(x) = x^2 - 8x + 10$  [0, 7]

# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2x - 8 = 0$$

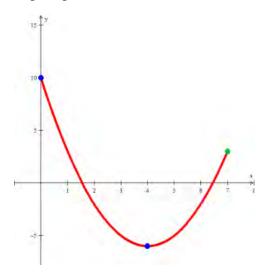
$$\Rightarrow x = 4 \quad (CN)$$

$$\rightarrow y = 16 - 32 + 10 = -6$$

$$\begin{cases} x = 0 \rightarrow y = 10 \\ x = 7 \rightarrow y = 3 \end{cases}$$

Abs. Maximum (0, 10)

Abs. Minimum (4, -6)



Find the absolute extrema of the function on the closed interval f(x) = 2(3-x), [-1, 2]

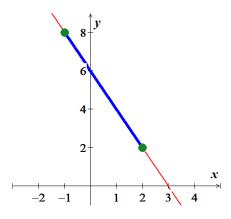
## **Solution**

$$f(-1) = 2(3-(-1)) = 8$$

$$f(2) = 2(3-2) = 2$$

Abs. Max: (-1, 8)

abs Min: (2, 2)



## Exercise

Find the absolute extrema of the function on the closed interval  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$ , [0, 4]

## **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$3x(x-2)=0 \rightarrow x_{1,2}=0, 2$$

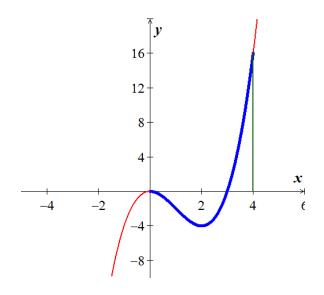
$$f(0) = 0^3 - 3(0)^2 = 0$$

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

$$f(4) = 4^3 - 3(4)^2 = 16$$

Abs. Max: (4, 16)

*LMIN*: (2, -4)



#### Exercise

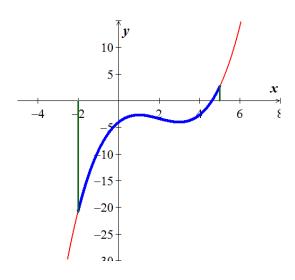
Find the absolute extrema of the function on the closed interval

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x - 4$$
, [-2, 5]

$$f'(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow x_{1,2} = 1, 3$$

$$f(-2) = -\frac{8}{3} - 8 - 6 - 4 = -\frac{62}{3}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{3}(1)^3 - 2(1)^2 + 3(1) - 4 = -\frac{8}{3}$$



$$f(3) = \frac{1}{3}(3)^3 - 2(3)^2 + 3(3) - 4 = -4$$

$$f(5) = \frac{1}{3}(5)^3 - 2(5)^2 + 3(5) - 4 = \frac{8}{3}$$

Abs. max: 
$$\left(5, \frac{8}{3}\right)$$

**Abs. min**: 
$$\left(-2, -\frac{62}{3}\right)$$

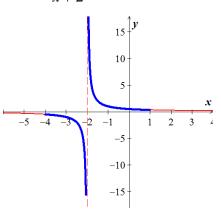
Find the absolute extrema of the function on the closed interval  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+2}$ , [-4, 1]

# **Solution**

$$x + 2 \neq 0 \rightarrow x \neq -2$$
 (Asymptote)

$$f'(x) = -\frac{1}{(x+2)^2} \neq 0$$

There is **no** Relative Extrema.



## Exercise

Find the absolute extrema of the function on the closed interval  $f(x) = (x^2 + 4)^{2/3}$ , [-2, 2]

#### **Solution**

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3} (2x) \left(x^2 + 4\right)^{2/3 - 1}$$
$$= \frac{4x}{3} \left(x^2 + 4\right)^{-1/3}$$

$$f' = \frac{4x}{3} \left( x^2 + 4 \right)^{-1/3} = 0; \quad x^2 + 4 \neq 0$$

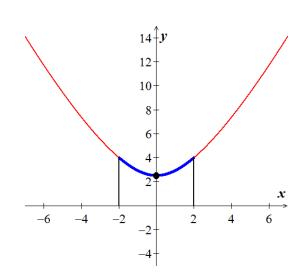
$$CN: \underline{x=0}$$

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

$$f(x=0) = ((0)^2 + 4)^{2/3} = \sqrt[3]{16}$$

$$f(x=2) = ((2)^2 + 4)^{2/3} = 4$$

**RMAX**:  $(-2, 4) \cup (2, 4)$  **RMIN**:  $(0, \sqrt[3]{6})$ 



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of each function (if they exist).

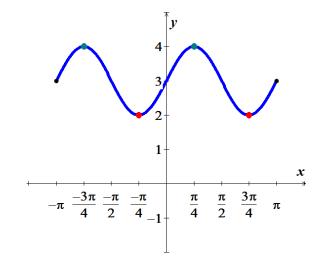
$$f(x) = \sin 2x + 3$$
 on  $[-\pi, \pi]$ 

#### **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2\cos 2x = 0 \rightarrow 2x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{4}, \quad \pm \frac{3\pi}{4} \quad (CN)$$

x	f(x)
$-\pi$	3
$-\frac{3\pi}{4}$	4
$-\frac{\pi}{4}$	2
$\frac{\pi}{4}$	4
$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	2
π	3



**Abs. Min**: 
$$\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}, 2\right) \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, 2\right)$$

**Abs. Max**: 
$$\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}, 4\right) \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 4\right)$$

# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of each function (if they exist).

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 12$$
 on  $(-\infty, \infty)$ 

## **Solution**

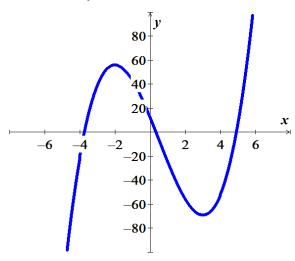
$$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 36 = 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 3 = 0$$

$$CN: x = -2, 3$$

There is no absolute Max. or Min.

since 
$$\lim_{x \to \pm \infty} f(x) = \pm \infty$$



Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of each function (if they exist).

$$f(x) = 4x^{1/2} - x^{5/2}$$
 on  $[0, 4]$ 

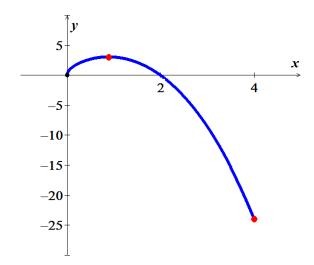
$$f'(x) = 2x^{-1/2} - \frac{5}{2}x^{3/2} = 0$$

$$(2x^{1/2} \times) \quad 2x^{-1/2} - \frac{5}{2}x^{3/2} = 0 \quad (x \neq 0)$$

$$4 - 5x^2 = 0$$

$$CN: \quad x = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \quad 0$$

х	f(x)
0	0
$\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$	$4\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{1/2} - \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{5/2} = 4\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{1/2} - \frac{4}{5}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{1/2} = \frac{16}{5}\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{1/2}$
4	$4(4)^{1/2} - (4)^{5/2} = 8 - 32 = -24$



**Abs. Min**: 
$$(4, -24)$$

**Abs. Max**: 
$$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{16}{5} \left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right)^{1/2}\right)$$

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of each function (if they exist).

$$f(x) = 2x \ln x + 10 \quad on \quad (0, 4)$$

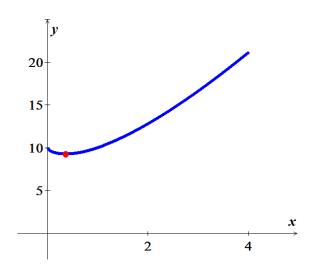
## **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 2 \ln x + 2 = 0 \rightarrow \ln x = -1$$

$$CN: x = e^{-1}$$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{e}\right) = \frac{2}{e}\ln e^{-1} + 10 = \frac{10 - \frac{2}{e}}{e}$$

**Abs. Min**: 
$$\left(\frac{1}{e}, 10 - \frac{2}{e}\right)$$



# Exercise

Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of each function (if they exist).

$$f(x) = x\sin^{-1} x \quad on \quad [-1, 1]$$

## **Solution**

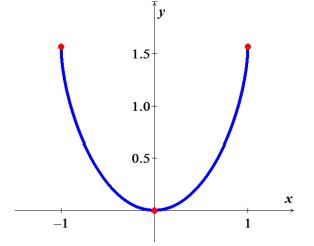
$$f'(x) = \sin^{-1} x + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 0$$

$$CN: x = 0$$

х	f(x)	
-1	$-\sin^{-1}\left(-1\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$	
0	0	
1	$\sin^{-1}(1) = \frac{\pi}{2}$	

Abs. Min: (0, 0)

Abs. Max:  $\left(\pm 1, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ 



# Exercise

Determine all critical points of  $y = x^2 - 6x + 7$ 

$$y' = 2x - 6 = 0 \implies \boxed{x = 3}$$
 (CN)

$$y \Big|_{x=3} = 3^2 - 6(3) + 7 = -2$$

Critical point: (3, -2)

# Exercise

Determine all critical points of  $g(x) = (x-1)^2 (x-3)^2$ 

## **Solution**

$$g'(x) = 2(x-1)(x-3)^{2} + 2(x-1)^{2}(x-3)$$

$$= 2(x-1)(x-3)(x-3+x-1)$$

$$= 2(x-1)(x-3)(2x-4)$$
(uv)' = u'v + v'u

The *critical numbers* are: x = 1, 2, 3

$$g(1) = 0$$
  $g(2) = 1$   $g(3) = 0$ 

*Critical points*: (1, 0), (2, 1) and (3, 0)

## Exercise

Determine all critical points of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$ 

# **Solution**

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

$$= \frac{x^2 - 4x}{(x-2)^2} = 0$$

x = 2 is *not* in the domain.

The critical numbers are: x = 0, 4

$$f(0) = 0 \qquad \qquad f(4) = 8$$

Critical points: (0, 0), (4, 8)

Determine all critical points of  $g(x) = x^2 - 32\sqrt{x}$ 

**Solution** 

$$g'(x) = 2x - \frac{16}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{2x^{3/2} - 16}{\sqrt{x}} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 2x^{3/2} - 16 = 0 \Rightarrow x^{3/2} = 8 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 4} \\ \sqrt{x} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 0} \end{cases}$$

The critical numbers are: x = 0, 4

$$g(0) = 0$$

$$g(4) = 16 - 32\sqrt{4} = 48$$

Critical points: (0,0), (4,48)

#### Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = x^3 - 2x + 4$ 

**Solution** 

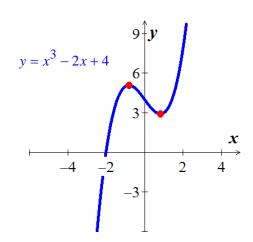
$$y' = 3x^{2} - 2 = 0 \implies x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$$

$$x = -\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \implies y = \left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{3} - 2\left(-\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right) + 4 = 5.089$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \implies y = \left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right)^{3} - 2\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}\right) + 4 = 2.911$$

$$LMAX: (-.816, 5.089)$$

$$LMIN: (.816, 2.911)$$



## Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = \sqrt{x^2 - 1}$ 

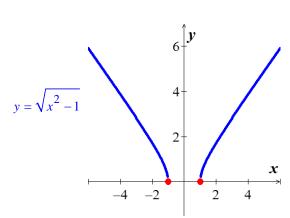
**Solution** 

**Domain**:  $x \le -1$   $x \ge 1$ 

$$y' = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - 1}} = 0 \implies x = X, \pm 1 \quad (CN)$$

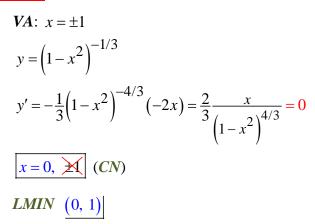
$$y = \sqrt{\left(\pm 1\right)^2 - 1} = 0$$

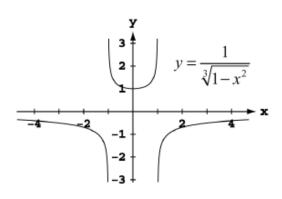
**LMIN**: (-1, 0) & (1, 0)



Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{1-x^2}}$ 

#### **Solution**





## Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = x^2 \sqrt{3-x}$ 

(uv)' = u'v + v'u

$$y' = 2x\sqrt{3-x} + \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{3-x}}\right)x^{2} \qquad (uv)' = u'v$$

$$= \frac{4x(3-x)-x^{2}}{2\sqrt{3-x}}$$

$$= \frac{4x(3-x)-x^{2}}{2\sqrt{3-x}}$$

$$= \frac{12x-5x^{2}}{2\sqrt{3-x}} = 0$$

$$CN: \quad x = \frac{5}{12}, \ 0, \ 3$$

$$y \Big|_{x=\frac{5}{12}} = 0.279$$

$$y \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$

$$y \Big|_{x=3} = 0$$

$$LMAX: \left(\frac{5}{12}, \ 0.279\right) \Big| \quad LMIN: \ (0, \ 0) \cup (3, \ 0)$$

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Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = \frac{x+1}{x^2+2x+2}$ 

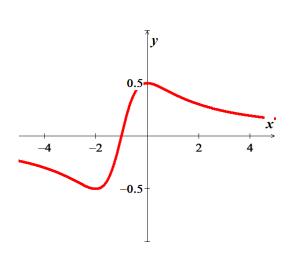
## Solution

$$y' = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 2 - (2x + 2)(x + 1)}{\left(x^2 + 2x + 2\right)^2} \qquad \left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{u'v - v'u}{v^2}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 + 2x + 2 - 2x^2 - 2x - 2x - 2}{\left(x^2 + 2x + 2\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-x^2 - 2x}{\left(x^2 + 2x + 2\right)^2} = 0$$

$$CN: \quad \underline{x = 0, -2}$$



$$y \Big|_{x=0} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y \Big|_{x=-2} = -2$$

$$LMAX: \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

**LMAX**: 
$$\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$
 **LMIN**:  $\left(-2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$ 

## Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = x^{2/3}(x+2)$ 

# **Solution**

$$y' = \frac{2}{3}x^{-1/3}(x+2) + x^{2/3} \qquad (uv)' = u'v + v'u$$

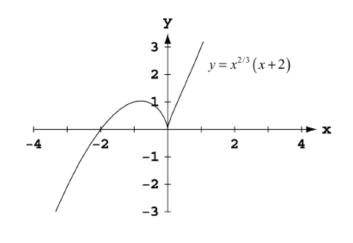
$$= \frac{2}{3}\frac{x+2}{x^{1/3}} + x^{2/3}$$

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

$$= \frac{5x+4}{\sqrt[3]{x}} = 0 \qquad CN: \quad \underline{x} = 0, \quad -\frac{4}{5}$$

$$y \Big|_{x=-\frac{4}{5}} = \left(-\frac{4}{5}\right)^{2/3} \left(-\frac{4}{5} + 2\right) = 1.034$$

$$y \Big|_{x=0} = 0$$



*LMAX*:  $\left(-\frac{4}{5}, 1.034\right)$  *LMIN*: (0, 0)

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $y = x\sqrt{4-x^2}$ 

**Solution** 

$$y' = \sqrt{4 - x^2} + \left(\frac{1}{2} \frac{-2x}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}\right)(x)$$

$$= \frac{4 - x^2 - x^2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{4 - 2x^2}{\sqrt{4 - x^2}} = 0$$

$$\begin{cases} 4 - 2x^2 = 0\\ 4 - x^2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

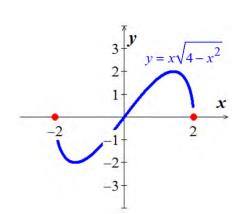
$$CN: \quad \underline{x} = \pm \sqrt{2}, \ \pm 2$$

$$y \Big|_{x = -\sqrt{2}} = -\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2} = -2$$

$$y \Big|_{x = \sqrt{2}} = 0$$

$$LMAX: \left(\sqrt{2}, 2\right)$$

$$LMIN: \left(-\sqrt{2}, -2\right)$$



# Exercise

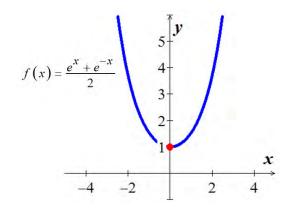
Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $f(x) = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2}$ 

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \left( e^x - e^{-x} \right) = 0$$

$$e^x = e^{-x} \rightarrow \underline{x = 0} \quad (CN)$$

$$f(0) = \frac{1+1}{2} = 1$$

$$LMIN: (0, 1)$$



Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{8}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x$$
 [-1, 3]

#### **Solution**

$$f'(x) = \frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{1}{2} = 0$$

$$x^2 = \frac{4}{3} \implies x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} (<-1), \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

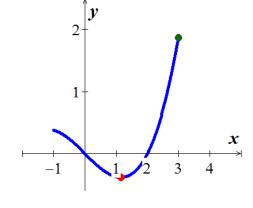
$$(CN)$$
:  $x = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$ 

$$f(-1) = -\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{8}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{27}{8} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{15}{8}$$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$





#### Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} - \ln x$ 

## Solution

$$f\left(x\right) = -\frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x}$$

$$=-\frac{1+x}{x^2}=0$$

$$\underline{x=0, -1} \quad (CN)$$

Since the critical number are not within the domain; inside the log has to be positive.

No abs or local extreme

## Exercise

Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur

$$f(x) = \sin x \cos x \quad [0, 2\pi]$$

$$f'(x) = \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x = \cos 2x = 0$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{2} + k\pi$$

CN: 
$$x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

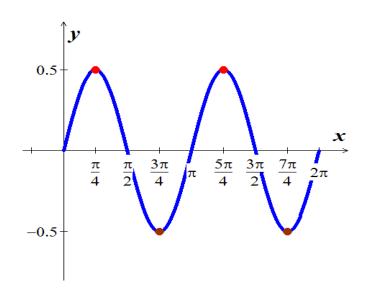
$$f\left(\frac{5\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$f\left(\frac{7\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$f(2\pi)=0$$

**LMIN**: 
$$\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}\right) & \left(\frac{7\pi}{4}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

*LMAX*: 
$$\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right) & \left(\frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$



Find the extreme values (absolute and local) of the function and where they occur  $f(x) = x - \tan^{-1} x$ 

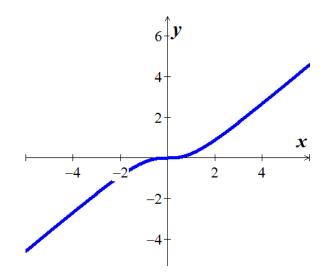
# **Solution**

$$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{1 + x^2} = 0$$

$$1+x^2=1$$

$$\rightarrow x = 0, 0$$

No extreme values



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

- a) Does f'(2) exist?
- b) Show the only local extreme value of f occurs at x = 2.
- c) Does the result in part (b) contradict the Extreme Value Theorem?

## **Solution**

a) 
$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x-2)^{-1/3}$$
 is undefined at  $x = 2$ 

**b**) 
$$f(x=2)=(2-2)^{2/3}=0$$
 and  $f(x)>0$   $\forall x \neq 2$ 

c) No, f(x) domain is all real numbers and doesn't need to have a global maximum. Any restriction of f to a closed interval of the form [a, b] would have a maximum and minimum value on the interval.

#### Exercise

When a telephone wire is hung between two poles, the wire forms a U-shape curve called a Catenary. For instance, the function  $y = 30 \left( e^{x/60} + e^{-x/60} \right)$   $-30 \le x \le 30$  models the shape of the telephone wire strung between two poles that are  $60 \, ft$ . apart (x & y are measured in ft.). Show that the lowest point on the wire is midway between two poles. How much does the wire sag between the two poles?

#### **Solution**

$$y' = 30 \left( \frac{1}{60} e^{x/60} - \frac{1}{60} e^{-x/60} \right)$$
$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( e^{x/60} - e^{-x/60} \right)$$

Critical number(s)

$$y' = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \left( e^{x/60} - e^{-x/60} \right) = 0$$

$$e^{x/60} - e^{-x/60} = 0$$

$$e^{x/60} = e^{-x/60}$$

$$\frac{x}{60} = -\frac{x}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

$$y(x = -30) = 30 \left( e^{-30/60} + e^{-(-30)/60} \right) \approx 67.7 \text{ ft}$$

$$y(x = 0) = 30 \left( e^{0} + e^{0} \right) = 30(2) = 60 \text{ ft}$$

$$y(x = 30) = 30(e^{30/60} + e^{-(30)/60}) \approx 67.7 \text{ ft}$$
  
Sag: 67.7 ft

You are sitting in a classroom next to the wall looking at the blackboard at the front of the room. The blackboard is 12 *feet* long and starts 3 *feet* from the wall you are sitting next to.

- a) Show that your viewing angle is  $\alpha = \cot^{-1} \frac{x}{15} \cot^{-1} \frac{x}{3}$  If you are *x feet* from the front wall
- b) Find x so that  $\alpha$  is as large as possible

#### **Solution**

a) 
$$\cot(wall) = \frac{x}{3} \implies \angle wall = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$$
  
 $\cot(\triangle) = \frac{x}{15} \implies \angle \triangle = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{15}\right)$ 

 $\alpha$  = Angle of the large triangle – Wall triangle angle

$$\alpha = \cot^{-1} \frac{x}{15} - \cot^{-1} \frac{x}{3}$$

b) 
$$\frac{d\alpha}{dx} = -\frac{\frac{1}{15}}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{15}\right)^2} + \frac{\frac{1}{3}}{1 + \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^2}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{15} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^2}{225}} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{1}{1 + \frac{x^2}{9}}$$

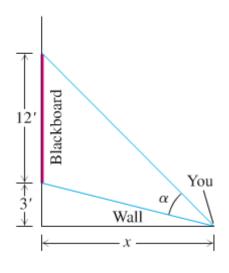
$$= -\frac{1}{15} \frac{225}{225 + x^2} + \frac{1}{3} \frac{9}{9 + x^2}$$

$$= -\frac{15}{225 + x^2} + \frac{3}{9 + x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-15\left(9 + x^2\right) + 3\left(225 + x^2\right)}{\left(225 + x^2\right)\left(9 + x^2\right)}$$

$$= \frac{-135 - 15x^2 + 675 + 3x^2}{\left(225 + x^2\right)\left(9 + x^2\right)}$$

$$= \frac{-12x^2 + 540}{\left(225 + x^2\right)\left(9 + x^2\right)} = 0$$



$$x^{2} = \frac{540}{12}$$
= 45
$$x = \pm 3\sqrt{5}$$

$$x = 3\sqrt{5} \approx 6.7082$$

$$\alpha \left(x = 3\sqrt{5}\right) = \cot^{-1} \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{15} - \cot^{-1} \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{3}$$

$$\approx 0.729728$$

$$\approx 41.8103^{\circ}$$

Local maximum of 41.8103° when  $x \approx 6.7082$  ft.