

5. MAXIMA AND MINIMA

Critical Point: Point at slope is not defined and point at which $f'(x) = 0$. Hence, $f'(x)$ is 0 or undefined.

Extreme Value Theorem:

For a continuous function $f(x)$ on $[a, b]$ there exists Maxima and Minima.

- The maxima and minima values occur at either at the end point or at the critical point ($f'(x) = 0$).

For a continuous function $f(x)$ on (a, b) , maxima or minima may or may not exist.

- If maxima or minima exists, then will occur only at critical point.

Concave Up/Down:

Cone Cave

Absolute/Local Maxima/Minima:

Local Maxima/Minima: x at $f'(x) = 0$

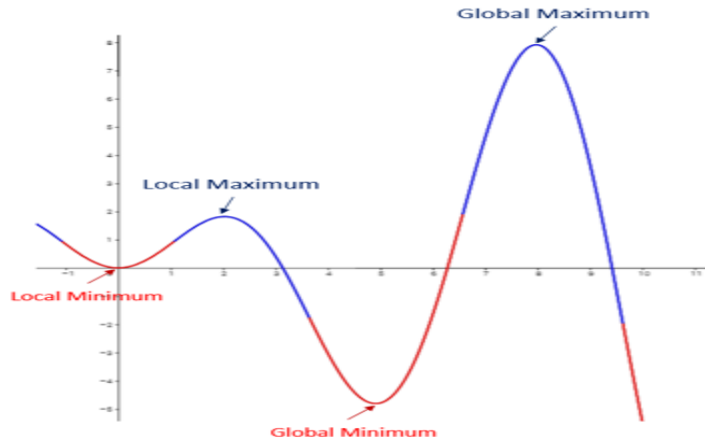
Point of Inflection:

Point on the graph of a function at which concavity changes from up to down or vice versa.

1. $f''(x) = 0$

2. $f''(x)$ should switch its sign about the inflection point.

No maxima or No minima at point of inflection.



Maxima And Minima For Function Of Two Variable:

Let $f(x, y)$ be the function of two variable for which maxima and minima is to be determined.

$$\text{Let, } p = \frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, q = \frac{\partial f}{\partial y}, r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2}, s = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}, t = r = \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$$

- Find p, q, r, s, t .
- Obtain stationary points by evaluating p and q to zero.
- Find r, s, t at stationary points.

Concluding Remarks:

- If $rt - s^2 > 0$, and $r > 0$, $f(x, y)$ has Minimum at that stationary points.
- If $rt - s^2 > 0$, and $r < 0$, $f(x, y)$ has Maximum at that stationary points.
- If $rt - s^2 < 0$, there is no extremum at that stationary points and such that point is called saddle points.
- If $rt - s^2 = 0$, test is un-conclusive. Need to go with higher order derivative.

All critical points are not stationary points but all stationary points are critical points.

Lagrange Multiplier (Constrained Optimisation):

Type of Constrain		
Unconstrained Optimization	Inequality Constrained Optimization	Equality Constrained Optimization

When we want to Maximise (or Minimise) $f(x, y, z)$,

Subjected to constrain that $g(x, y, z) = c$,

Follow these steps,

- Introduce a new variable λ and defined a new function \mathcal{L} as follows;

$$\mathcal{L} = f(x, y, z) - \lambda(g(x, y, z) - c) = 0$$

This function is called Lagrangian, and new variable is referred as Lagrange multiplier.
- Set gradient of \mathcal{L} equal to zero vector. $\nabla \mathcal{L}(x, y, z, \lambda) = 0$

In other words, find the stationary points of \mathcal{L} .
- Consider each solution, substitute it in f .

Whichever one gives the greatest (or smallest) value is the maximum (or minimum) point you are seeking.

Solution of function: $ax^2 + bx + c$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}, x_1 + x_2 = \frac{-b}{a}, x_1 x_2 = \frac{c}{a}$$