

## definition: local extrema

local minimum

local maximum



## definition: ocal extrema

Let f(x) be a function.

- We say that f(x) has an **local maximum** at x = a if f(a) is the maximal value of f(x) on some open interval I inside the domain of f containing a.
- We say that f(x) has an **local minimum** at x = a if f(a) is the minimal value of f(x) on some open interval I inside the domain of f containing a.

we look for "valleys" and "peaks" of a function

## example

