

Closing Thurs: HW 10.2

Closing Tues: HW 10.3, 11.1&2(part 1)

10.3 Curve Sketching Summary

Local and Global Max/Min

Entry Task: Consider

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{9}{2}x^2 - 12x + 10$$

1. Find all critical values.
2. Plug the critical values into the 2nd derivative. What can you conclude?
3. Draw the 1st and 2nd deriv. analysis number lines.

Summary

For any question about “**increasing, decreasing, local max/min**”, identify the function in question, $y = f(x)$, then:

Step 1: Solve $f'(x) = 0$

Step 2:

(option 1): 1st Deriv. Test

Draw 1st deriv. analysis number line.

Make appropriate conclusions.

(option 2): 2nd Deriv. Test

Plug critical numbers into 2nd deriv.

- $f'(a) = 0, f''(a) > 0 \Rightarrow$ local min
- $f'(a) = 0, f''(a) < 0 \Rightarrow$ local max

For any question about “**concave up/down or inflection points**”, identify the function in question, $y = f(x)$, then:

Step 1: Solve $f''(x) = 0$

Step 2:

Draw 2st deriv. analysis number line.

Make appropriate conclusions.

Global Max/Min:

Given $y = f(x)$ and an interval $a \leq x \leq b$

The **global maximum** (or *absolute max*) of $f(x)$ on the interval is the highest overall y -value on that interval.

The **global minimum** (or *absolute min*) of $f(x)$ on the interval is the lowest overall y -value on that interval

Key (awesome) Observation (Extreme Value Thm)

The global max/min can only occur at:

a. critical values

OR

b. endpoints.

For any question about “**global max/min**”, identify the function and interval in question, $y = f(x)$ and $a \leq x \leq b$ then:

Step 1: Solve $f'(x) = 0$

Step 2:

- a. Plug the critical values into the original function.
- b. Plug the endpoints into the original function.

At the end of step 2:

The biggest output is the global max.

The smallest output is the global min.

Example (same function from entry task):

On the interval $-2 \leq x \leq 10$, find the global max and min of

$$f(x) = x^3 - \frac{9}{2}x^2 - 12x + 10$$

Example (from HW 10.3/10):

The total revenue (in thousand dollars) for selling q thousand Framits is given by

$$TR(q) = \frac{1}{6}q^4 - \frac{31}{6}q^3 + 55q^2 + 200q$$

Part (c) Find the global max and global min of marginal revenue over the interval $q = 0$ to $q = 12$.

Example: (like the last problem in HW)

Given $g(x) = \frac{1}{4}x^2 - 4x + 25$ and

$$S(x) = \frac{g(x)}{x}$$

If x is between 1 and 20, what is the smallest possible value of $S(x)$?

Example: (like problems 5-9 of HW)

Given the monthly average cost and price for producing and selling q items:

$$AC(q) = \frac{36000}{q} + 100 + q$$

$$p = 1700$$

If production is limited to 400 items per month, what quantity maximizes profit?