

List 5

Increasing, decreasing, critical points, absolute extremes

113. (a) For what value(s) of x does $x^3 - 18x^2 = 0$? $x = 0, x = 18$

(b) For what value(s) of x does $3x^2 - 36x = 0$? $x = 0, x = 12$

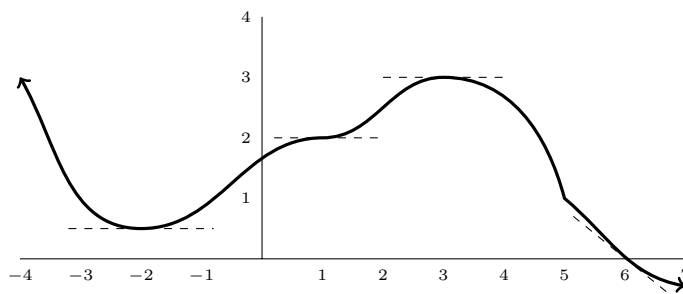
(c) For what value(s) of x does $6x - 36 = 0$? $x = 6$

A number c is a **critical point** of $f(x)$ if either $f'(c)$ does not exist or $f'(c) = 0$.
 If $f'(a) > 0$ then f is **increasing** at $x = a$.
 If $f'(a) < 0$ then f is **decreasing** at $x = a$.

114. What are the critical points of $x^3 - 18x^2$? $x = 0, x = 12$

115. Find all the critical points of $8x^5 - 57x^4 - 24x^3 + 9$. $0, 6, \frac{-3}{10}$

116. List all the critical points of the function graphed below (portions of its tangent lines at $x = -2, x = 1, x = 3,$ and $x = 6$ are shown as dashed lines).



Critical points are $2, 1, 4, 5$.

117. Is the function

$$f(x) = x^8 - 6x^3 + 29x - 12$$

increasing, decreasing, or neither when $x = -1$? **increasing**

118. (a) On what (possibly infinite) interval or intervals is $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$ decreasing?

$-1 < x < 2$, which is $(-1, 2)$ in interval notation.

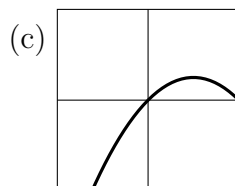
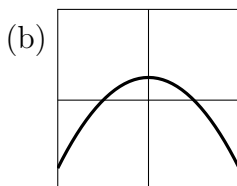
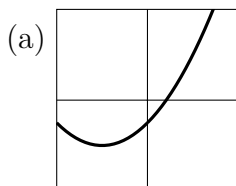
(b) On what (possibly infinite) interval or intervals is $2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x$ increasing?

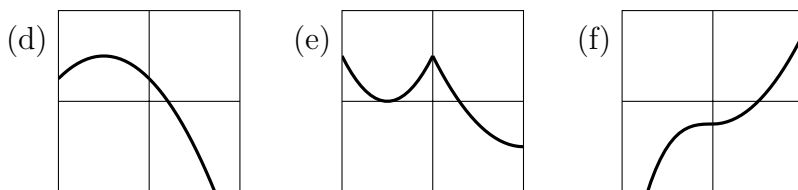
$x < -1$ or $x > 2$, which is $(-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$ in interval notation.

119. List all critical points of $f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^4 - 7x^3 + 15x^2$ in the interval $[-3, 3]$.

$f'(c) = 0$ for $c = 0, 2, 5$, but only 0 and 2 are in the interval $[-3, 3]$.

120. For each graph below, is there a critical point at $x = 0$?





(a) No, (b) Yes, (c) No, (d) No, (e) Yes, (f) Yes

121. The derivative of

$$f(x) = \frac{4x + 1}{3x^2 - 12} \quad \text{is} \quad f'(x) = \frac{-4x^2 - 2x - 16}{3x^4 - 24x^2 + 48}.$$

Using this, find all the critical points of $f(x)$.

$-4x^2 - 2x - 16 = 0$ has no real solutions, but $3x^4 - 24x^2 + 48 = 0$ when $x = 2, x = -2$, so f' does not exist at those points.

The derivative of $\sin(x)$ is $\cos(x)$. The derivative of $\cos(x)$ is $-\sin(x)$. In symbols,

$$\frac{d}{dx}[\sin(x)] = \cos(x) \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{d}{dx}[\cos(x)] = -\sin(x).$$

122. Give the derivative of $5 \sin(x) + \frac{2}{3} \cos(x) - x^3 + 9$. $5 \cos(x) - \frac{2}{3} \sin(x) - 3x^2$

123. Give an equation for the tangent line to $y = \sin(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$. $y = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}(x - \frac{\pi}{3})$

124. Find all the critical points of

(a) $f(x) = x^2 - \cos(x)$. $f' = 2x + \sin(x) = 0$ means $\sin(x) = -2x$, which is true only for $x = 0$.

(b) $f(x) = x + 2 \cos(x)$. $f' = 1 - 2 \sin(x) = 0$ means $\sin(x) = \frac{1}{2}$, which is true for $x = \frac{1}{6}\pi + 2k\pi$ and $x = \frac{5}{6}\pi + 2k\pi$, where k can be any integer.

(c) $f(x) = 2x + \cos(x)$. $f' = 2 - \sin(x) = 0$ when $\sin(x) = 2$, but this never happens for real values of x . So this function has no critical points.

(d) $f(x) = x^2 + x - \sin(x)$. $f' = 2x + 1 - \cos(x) = 0$ when the curves $y = \cos(x)$ and $y = 2x + 1$ intersect. This happens only at $x = 0$.

☆(e) $f(x) = x^2 + x + \cos(x)$. $f' = 2x + 1 - \sin(x) = 0$ when the curves $y = \sin(x)$ and $y = 2x + 1$ intersect. There is one point where this occurs, but there is no nice (technically, “closed form”) formula for this value. It is approximately $x = -0.335418$.

To find the absolute extremes of a fn. on a closed, bounded interval:

- ① Find the critical points of f but *ignore critical points outside the interval*.
- ② Compute the value of f at the critical points *and* the endpoints of the interval.
- ③ The point(s) from ② with the largest f -value are absolute max, and point(s) with the smallest (i.e., most negative) f -value are absolute min.

125. On the interval $[-6, 3]$, find the absolute extremes of

$$2x^3 - 21x^2 + 60x - 20.$$

$f' = 6x^2 - 42x + 60$, so CP at 2 and 5. Ignore $x = 5$ bc it's not in $[-6, 3]$.
Endpoints at -6 and 3 .

x	f	
-6	-1568	abs. minimum
2	32	abs. maximum
3	25	(neither)

126. Find the absolute extremes of

$$x^4 - 4x^3 + 4x^2 - 14$$

on the interval $[-3, 3]$.

$\min (f = -14)$ at $x = 0$ and $x = 2$, $\max (f = 661)$ at $x = -3$ Note that this function has two absolute minima (the same minimum f -value at two x -values).

127. Find the absolute extremes of $x + 2 \cos(x)$ with $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.

See **Task 124(b)** for the critical points. $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$ is the only CP in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$. Including the endpoints, we have

x	f	
0	2	abs. minimum
$\pi/6$	$\frac{\pi}{6} + \sqrt{3} \approx 2.26$	(neither)
2π	$2 + 2\pi \approx 8.28$	abs. maximum

128. Find the absolute minimum and absolute maximum of

$$f(x) = \frac{3}{4}x^4 - 7x^3 + 15x^2$$

with $|x| \leq 3$.

See **Task 119** for the CP: 0 and 2.

x	f	
-3	384.75	abs. maximum
0	0	abs. maximum
2	16	(neither)
3	6.75	(neither)

129. (a) Does the function $\frac{x-5}{x+2}$ have an absolute maximum on the interval $[-8, 4]$?

no (Note: the EVT does not apply because the function is not continuous (in fact, not defined) at $x = -2$.)

(b) Does the function $\frac{x-5}{\cos(x)+2}$ have an absolute maximum on $[-8, 4]$?

yes by the Extreme Value Theorem

130. Give the derivative of each of the following:

(a) $\frac{1}{2}x^4 + 4\sin(x) \rightarrow 2x^3 + 4\cos(x)$

(b) $2x^2 + 4\cos(x) \rightarrow 4x - 4\sin(x)$

(c) $4x - 4\sin(x) \rightarrow 4 - 4\cos(x)$

(d) $4 - 4\cos(x) \rightarrow 4\sin(x)$

(e) $4\sin(x) \rightarrow 4\cos(x)$

131. A car drives in a straight line for 10 hours with its position after t hours being $24t^2 - 2t^3$ kilometers from its initial position. How far away is the farthest point the car reaches in 10 hours, and when does this occur? $512 \text{ km away at } t = 8 \text{ hr}$

Product Rule: $(fg)' = fg' + f'g$, also written $\frac{d}{dx}[fg] = f\frac{dg}{dx} + \frac{df}{dx}g$.

132. For each function below, state whether its derivative can be found using *only* algebra, the Power Rule, the Constant Multiple Rule, and the Sum Rule. If so, give its derivative.

(a) $4x^2 - 27x$ has derivative $8x - 27$.

(b) $4x^2 - 27$ has derivative $8x$. Note that $27 = 27x^0$, so we can use the Power Rule to get $27 \cdot 0x^{-1} = 0$ as its derivative.

(c) $\sqrt{16x}$ is equal to $4x^{1/2}$ and therefore has derivative $2x^{-1/2}$, or $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$.

(d) $(x + \sqrt{7})^2$ is equal to $x^2 + 2\sqrt{7}x + 7$ and therefore has derivative $2x + 2\sqrt{7}$.

(e) 2^{x+7} is equal to $128 \cdot 2^x$, but differentiating this requires another rule (the Exponential Rule).

(f) $\frac{5}{x}$ is equal to $5x^{-1}$ and therefore has derivative $-5x^{-2}$, or $\frac{-5}{x^2}$.

(g) $\frac{3x}{6x + 15}$ requires the Quotient Rule (or the Chain and Product Rules together).

(h) $\frac{6x + 15}{3x}$ is equal to $2 + \frac{5}{x}$ and therefore has derivative $\frac{-5}{x^2}$.

133. Using the Product Rule, give the derivative of $5^x \cdot \sin(x)$. $5^x \cos(x) + 5^x \ln(x) \sin(x)$

134. Use the Product Rule (twice) to find the derivative of $x^6 \cdot \cos(x) \cdot 2^x$.

$x^6 \cos(x) 2^x \ln(2) - x^6 \sin(x) 2^x + 6x^5 \cos(x) 2^x$ can be simplified to $x^5 2^x (x \cos(x) \ln(2) - x \sin(x) + 6 \cos(x))$

135. True or false?

(a) $(f + g)' = f' + g'$ **true**

(b) $(f \cdot g)' = f' \cdot g'$ **false** A correct right-hand side could be parts (c) or (d).

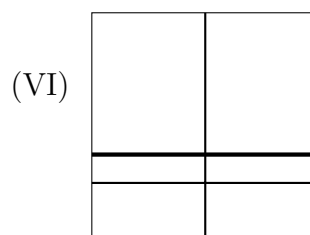
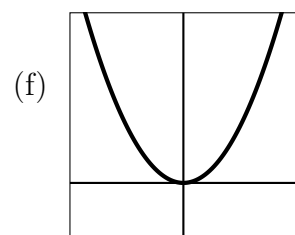
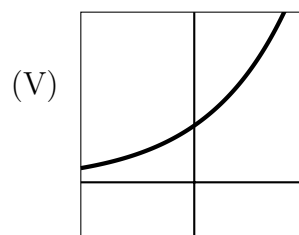
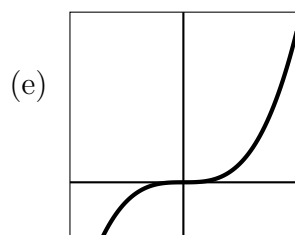
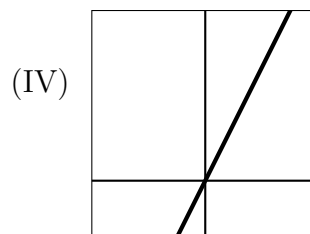
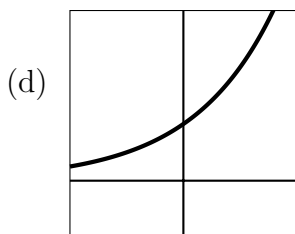
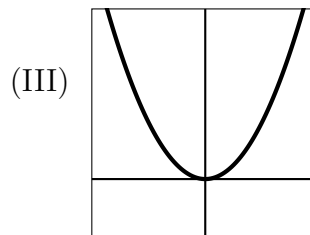
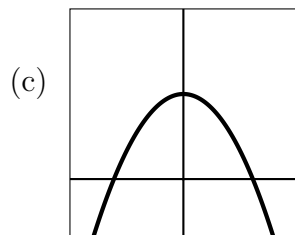
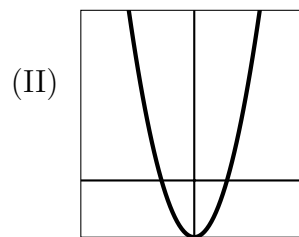
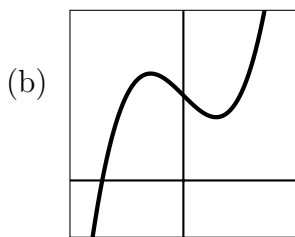
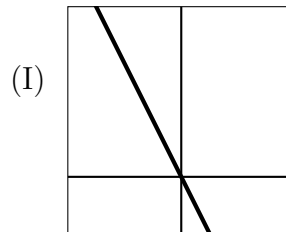
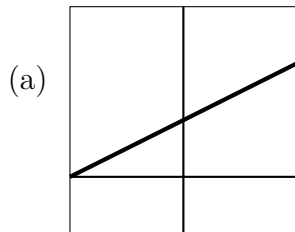
(c) $(f \cdot g)' = f'g + fg'$ **true**

(d) $\frac{d}{dx}(fg) = f\frac{dg}{dx} + g\frac{df}{dx}$ true

(e) $(f \cdot g)' = g'f' + gf'$ false A correct right-hand side could be $g'f + gf'$ without the extra ' in the first term $g'f'$.

(f) $(f/g)' = gf' - fg'$ false A correct right-hand side could be $(gf' - fg')/g^2$.

136. Match the functions (a)-(f) to their derivatives (I)-(VI).



a-VI, b-II, c-I, d-V, e-III, f-IV