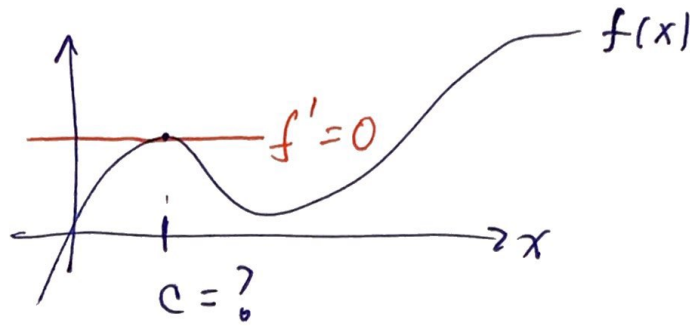


Chapter 3 Applications of Differentiation

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3.1 Extrema (aka optimization)

Setting:

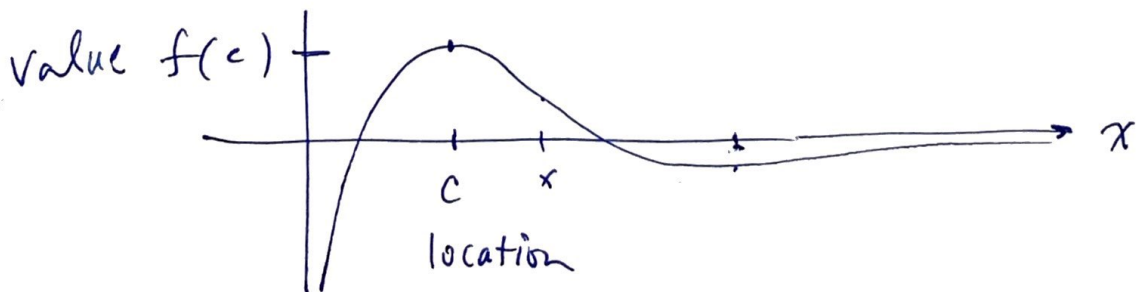


Q: given $f(x)$, how can I find the values of x that yield the most return from my function.

A: The extrema (maximum or a minimum) occur when the derivative of f is 0. {short answer}

DEF: "Extrema" are values of f that are maximums or minimums.

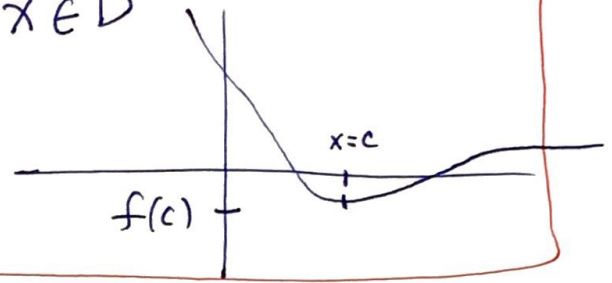
DEF: Let c be a number in the domain D of a function $f(x)$.
Then $f(c)$ is (a) The absolute max value of f if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ for all x in D .



Then $f(c)$ is

(b) the absolute minimum value of $f(x)$ is $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x \in D$

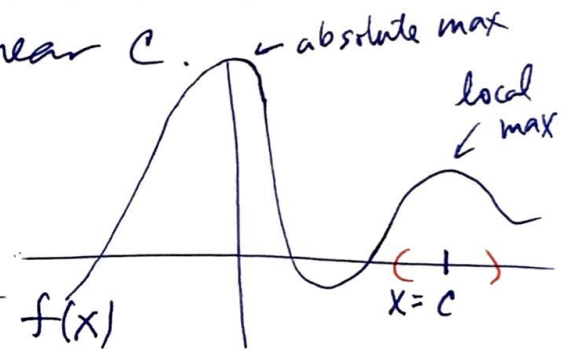
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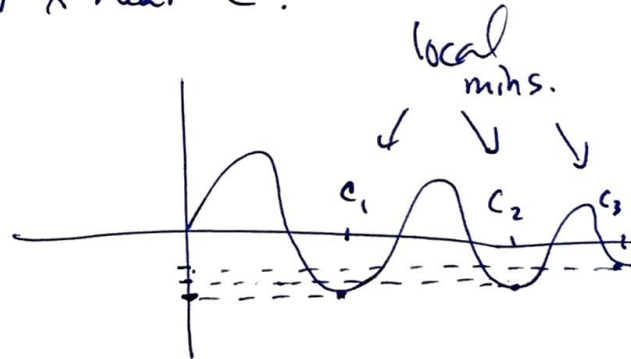
\forall "for all", " \in " element of

DEF: The number $f(c)$ is

(a) a local maximum value of f if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ when x is near c .

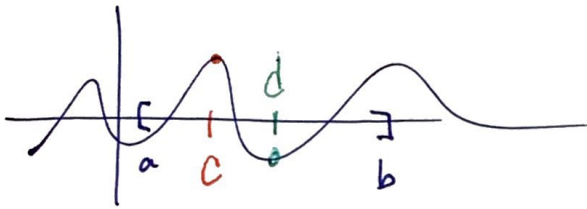


(b) a local minimum value of $f(x)$ if $f(c) \leq f(x) \forall x$ near c .

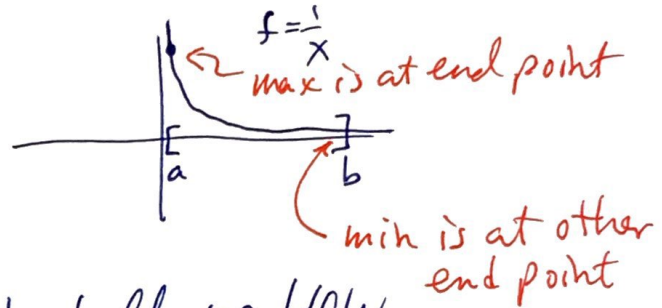


THM: The Extreme Value Theorem (EVT)

If $f(x)$ is continuous on $[a, b]$ ^{closed}
 then $f(x)$ attains an absolute maximum value $f(c)$ and an absolute minimum $f(d)$ for some "c" and some "d" in $[a, b]$.



OR



* This theorem does not tell us HOW to find these extrema.

THM: Fermat's theorem

If $f(x)$ has a local extrema at $x=c$
 and if $f'(c)$ exists
 then $f'(c) = 0$



logic: $\text{local extrema} \wedge f' \text{ exists} \xrightarrow{\text{then}} f' = 0$

logic: $a \rightarrow b$ "a" implies "b" \neq conditional
 $b \rightarrow a$ the converse "b" implies "a"
 $\sim b \rightarrow \sim a$ not "b" implies not "a" \neq contrapositive
 \uparrow negate or opposite or "not"

WARNING: Fermat's theorem does not work (4)
the other way around! (necc'y)
i.e. If $f' = 0 @ x=c$, then $f @ x=c$ need not
be an extrema.

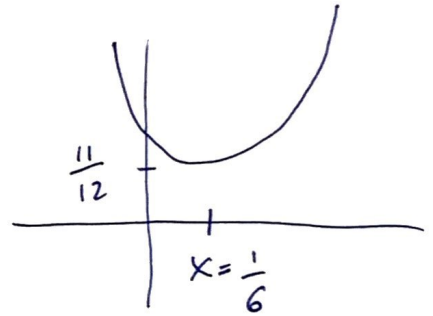
in other words: the converse is not necc'y true.

EX Where is $f(x) = 3x^2 - x + 1$ at it's minimum? value

Fermat's Thm: $f'(x) = 6x - 1$ and set it to 0

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 6x - 1$$

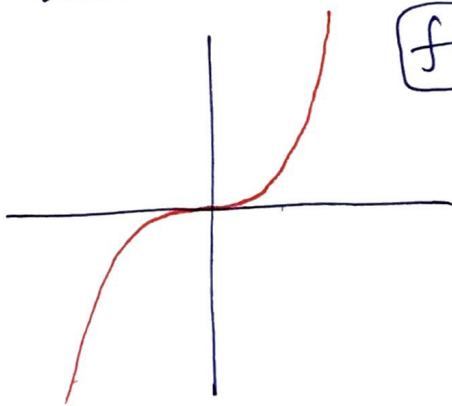
this means $x = \frac{1}{6}$
location of the minimum.



{ This is the 1st time we have used a derivative to
find the vertex! }

Min value: $f(\frac{1}{6}) = 3(\frac{1}{6})^2 - (\frac{1}{6}) + 1 = \frac{1}{12} - \frac{2}{12} + \frac{12}{12} = \frac{11}{12}$

EX Counter example: (Local Extrema premise fails)



$$f(x) = x^3 \quad f'(x) = 3x^2$$

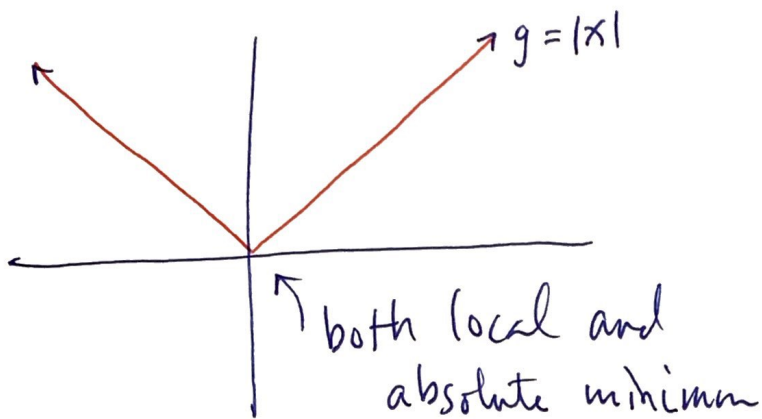
So $f'(x)$ is 0 @ $x=0$ and f'
exists.

But $f(0)$ is not a abs. max or
min!

The local extrema condition was not met.

EX Counter Example #2 (diff'ble @ minimum fails) (5)

Verify if $g(x) = |x|$ has a local min or max @ some "c"



• $g(x)$ is a minimum since all other values of $g(x)$ are greater than $g(0)$.

• but g' DNE @ $x=0$
{ premise #2 fails }

So $x=0$ is a minimum but $g'(0) \neq 0$, it DNE.

(*) In order to find extreme values of $f(x)$, we look for a number "c" such that

$$f'(c) = 0 \text{ -OR- } f'(c) \text{ D.N.E.}$$

We call these number critical points of $f(x)$.

procedures to locate extrema in $[a, b]$ ^{closed} int'val

(i) find all critical values of $f(x)$ in (a, b)

(ii) find the values of $f(x)$ at the endpoints "a" & "b"

(iii) { The max value in this set is the abs. max,
The min value in this set is the abs. min.

EX Find the abs. max and min values of $f(x)$ on the interval $[0, 3]$

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

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

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

• set equal to zero : $-x^2 + 1 = 0 \quad x^2 = 1 \quad (x = +1, -1)$
but only $x = 1$ is in $[0, 3]$

• $f(1) = \frac{1}{1^2 - 1 + 1} = \underline{\underline{1}}$

(ii) endpoints

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

$$f(3) = \frac{3}{3^2 - 3 + 1} = \frac{3}{7}$$

critical values are $\Rightarrow \left\{ f(0) = 0, f(1) = 1, f(3) = \frac{3}{7} \right\}$

(iii) analysis of values:

abs. max on $[0, 3]$ of f is $\boxed{1}$ @ $x = 1$

abs. min on $[0, 3]$ of f is $\boxed{0}$ @ $x = 0$

BTW: when is $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$? $x = \frac{-(-1) \pm \sqrt{(-1)^2 - 4(1)(1)}}{2 \cdot 1}$ ^{Complex}
 $a=1 \quad b=-1 \quad c=1$

This means the denominator is never zero.

EX

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

analyze this using derivatives and desmos.com

$$f'(x) = x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2$$

$$0 = x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2$$

$$= x^2(x^2 + 4x - 12)$$

$$= x^2(x - 2)(x + 6)$$

$x = 0, 2, -6$ as critical points

$$f(0) = 3$$

$$f(2) = \frac{2^5}{5} + 2^4 - 4(2)^3 + 3 = \frac{-33}{5} = -6\frac{3}{5}$$

$$f(-6) = \frac{(-6)^5}{5} + (-6)^4 - 4(-6)^3 + 3 = \frac{3039}{5} = 607\frac{4}{5}$$

$$\frac{32}{5} + 16 - 32 + 3 = \frac{32}{5} - 16 + 3 = \frac{32 - 80 + 15}{5} = \frac{-33}{5} = -6$$

$$-\frac{7776}{5} + 1296 + 864 + 3 = \frac{-7776}{5} + 2163\left(\frac{5}{5}\right) = \frac{3039}{5} = 607\frac{4}{5}$$

1. Find all local and absolute extrema
for $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2+1}$ on $[-1, 2]$

(i) critical values

(ii) $f(x)$ at end points

(iii) extreme max =
extreme min =