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Let's take a look at Chapter 3 tests.

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4.1 Extrema on an Interval

Definition of Extrema:

Let f be defined on an interval I containing c .

1. $f(c)$ is the minimum of f on I if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all x in I .
2. $f(c)$ is the maximum of f on I if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ for all x in I .

The minimum and maximum values on an interval are called the: **extreme values or extrema** (singular form: **extremum**), of the function on the interval.

Called **absolute (global) maximum or minimum**.

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Definition of Relative Extrema:

1. **Relative maximum at $(c, f(c))$**
If there is an open interval on which $f(c)$ is a maximum
2. **Relative minimum at $(c, f(c))$**
If there is an open interval on which $f(c)$ is a minimum.

The plural forms: **maxima and minima**

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The Extreme Value Theorem:

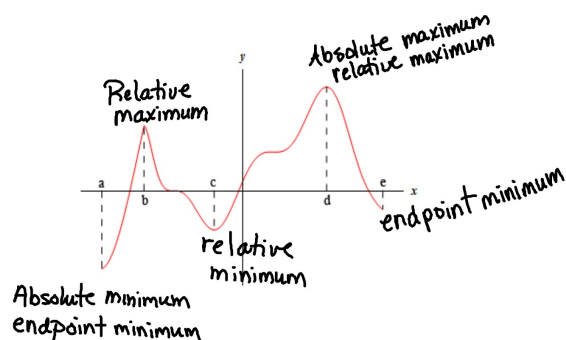
If f is continuous on a closed interval $[a, b]$, then f must have both a maximum and minimum on the interval.

Types of Extrema on an Interval:

1. **Absolute (global):**
highest/lowest point in the entire domain of the function.
2. **Relative (local): "peaks & valleys"**
highest/lowest points in relation to nearby point
3. **Endpoint:**
found at the endpoint of an interval

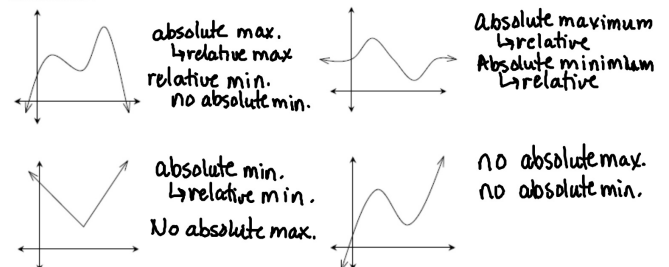
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Consider:



What can we say about the derivative at the extrema???

*Some derivative is zero
others does not exist.

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Critical Number: Let f be defined at c .

If $f'(c)=0$ or if f is not differentiable at c ,
then c is a CRITICAL NUMBER of f .

THEOREM:

If f has a relative minimum or relative maximum at $x=c$,
then c is a critical number of f .

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Consider the following graph:

Where would critical numbers be?

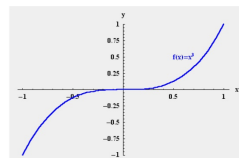
$$x \approx 0$$

Are there any extrema there?

No...

* A maximum or minimum must be at a critical number.

HOWEVER — a critical number does not have to be a maximum or minimum.



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Guidelines for Finding Extrema on a Closed Interval:

To find the extrema of a continuous function f on a closed interval $[a, b]$, use the following steps.

1. Find the critical numbers of f in (a, b) .
2. Evaluate f at each critical number in (a, b) .
3. Evaluate f at each endpoint of $[a, b]$.
4. The least of these values is the minimum and the greatest is the maximum.

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Example: Find the absolute maximum and minimum.

1. $f(x) = -x^2 + 3x$ on $[0, 3]$

$$f'(x) = -2x + 3$$

$$-2x + 3 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{left: } f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{critical \#}: f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = -\frac{9}{4} + \frac{9}{2} = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{right: } f(3) = -9 + 9 = 0$$

$$\text{minimum: } (0, 0) \text{ and } (3, 0)$$

$$\text{maximum: } \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$$

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2. $f(x) = -x^2 + 3x$ on $[-1, 3]$

$$f'(x) = -2x + 3$$

$$x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{left: } f(-1) = -1 - 3 = -4$$

$$\text{critical \#}: f\left(\frac{3}{2}\right) = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{right: } f(3) = 0$$

$$\text{minimum: } (-1, -4)$$

$$\text{maximum: } \left(\frac{3}{2}, \frac{9}{4}\right)$$

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HOMEWORK

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~~21-41 odd~~, 61, 63 - 65

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