

Mth 31, Homework 8 on sections 4.1, 4.2

Due by Wed, Nov 5.

Write all your working out and answers clearly and neatly, using lots of space. Each question is worth 3 points.

Section 4.1 Maximum and minimum values

(1) Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 4$. Find the values of this function

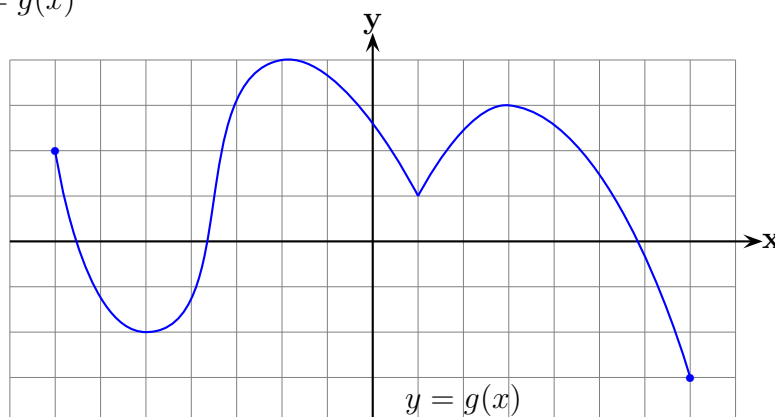
(a) at $x = 2$

(b) at $x = -3$

(c) at $x = 1/2 = 0.5$

(2) Which of the numbers $-2, 1.4, -1, 6, 3.001, -0.99$ are in the closed interval $[-1, 3]$?

(3) For this graph $y = g(x)$



(a) Identify all the local maximums and minimums of $g(x)$ and give the coordinates of these points (there are 4 of them). Remember that end-points are never called local maximums or minimums.

(b) Give the values of g at these local maximums and minimums (these are the y s).

(c) Identify the absolute maximum and minimum of $g(x)$ and give the coordinates of these points. (Can be end-points.)

(d) Give the absolute maximum and minimum values of g .

(4) Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ for x in the closed interval $[-1, 2]$. Use your graph to find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function on this interval and identify all local maximums and minimums.

- (5) Remember that a *critical number* for $f(x)$ is a c where $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c)$ does not exist.
- (a) Find all the critical numbers of $g(x)$ in question (3). These critical numbers are x s.
 - (b) Find the critical numbers of: $F(x) = x^3 - 27x + 9$
 - (c) Find the critical numbers of: $G(x) = |3x + 12|$
- (6) Use the closed interval method to find the absolute maximum and minimum values of $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x + 1$ on $[-2, 3]$.
- (7) Use the closed interval method to find the absolute maximum and minimum of

$$h(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1} \quad \text{on} \quad [0, 3]$$

(Hint: when you look at $h'(x)$ remember that the only way for a rational function to be zero is if the numerator (top) is zero.)

Section 4.2 The Mean Value Theorem

- (8) Your flight from New York to Los Angeles takes 6 hours to go 2400 miles. What is your average velocity? What does the *Mean Value Theorem* say about your flight?
- (9) Let $f(x) = -2x^2 + x + 1$.
- (a) What exactly does the Mean Value Theorem say about $f(x)$ on the interval $[-1, 3]$?
 - (b) Find all the numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the theorem.
- (10) Let $g(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2$.
- (a) What exactly does the Mean Value Theorem say about $g(x)$ on the interval $[-2, 2]$?
 - (b) Find all the numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the theorem.
- (11) Let $h(x) = 2 + \ln x$.
- (a) What exactly does the Mean Value Theorem say about $h(x)$ on the interval $[1, 10]$?
 - (b) Find all the numbers c that satisfy the conclusion of the theorem.
- (12) Suppose $f(2) = -3$ and $f'(x) \geq 3/2$ for $2 \leq x \leq 6$. Use the Mean Value Theorem to find the smallest possible value of $f(6)$.
- (13) Show that the equation

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

has exactly one solution in the interval $[-1, 1]$ with the following steps.

- (a) Use the Intermediate Value Theorem for $f(x) = x^3 - 12x + 3$ on $[-1, 1]$ to show that there is at least one solution in the interval.

- (b) Now suppose there are two solutions a and b in the interval with $a < b$. In other words $f(a) = 0$ and $f(b) = 0$. Apply the Mean Value Theorem to $f(x)$ on $[a, b]$. What does it say?
- (c) Explain why what is says cannot be true. This means there cannot be two solutions – there is exactly one (though we don't know what it is).
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If you get stuck on a question or aren't sure if you understand it:

- Go over the relevant class notes and section in the textbook.
- Check if you get the right answer for a similar odd-numbered question in the textbook (answers at the back of the book).
- Ask me about it after class.
- Come to my office hours: Mon 11:30 - 12:30, Wed 11:30 - 12:30 in CP 317.
- Go to the Math Tutorial Lab in-person in CP 303 or online.