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Outline

- Maxima & Minima
- take a quiz

Announcements

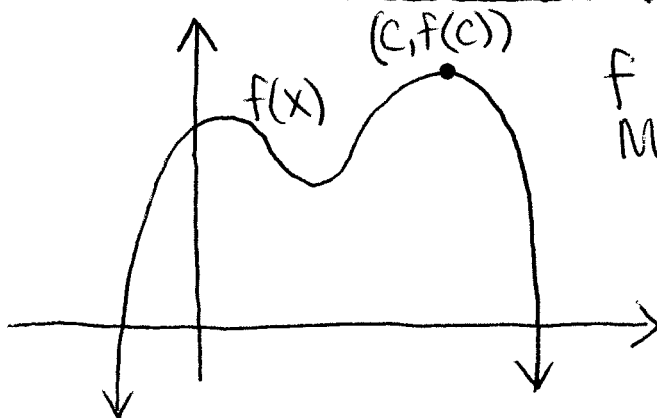
- EXAM II October 29 (Ch. 3)
- SCARY Math TBA

Maxima & Minima (Chapter 4)

definition: If $f(x)$ is a function, then we say f has an absolute/global maximum at $x=c$ if $f(x) \leq f(c)$ for any x in the domain of f .

→ $f(c)$ is called the maximum value.

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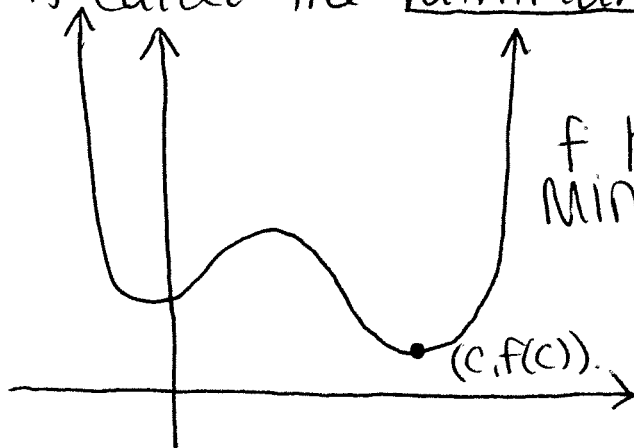


f has an absolute maximum at c .

definition: f has an absolute minimum at c if $f(x) \geq f(c)$ for any x in the domain of f .

→ $f(c)$ is called the minimum value.

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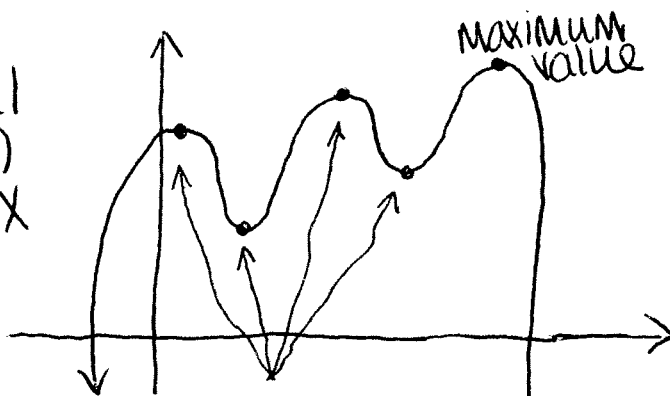


f has a global minimum at c .

* TERMINOLOGY:

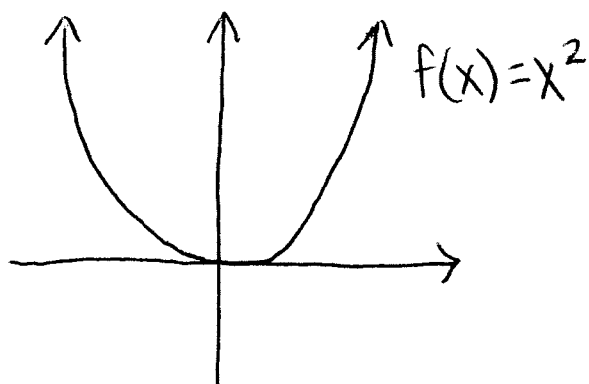
The Max and Min values are sometimes called extrema.
Question: find the extrema of f (Max & Min values).

Definition: f has a local maximum at $x=c$ if $f(x) \leq f(c)$ for values of x that are near to c . (on both sides of c).



these seem special though they aren't absolute Max's/Min's.

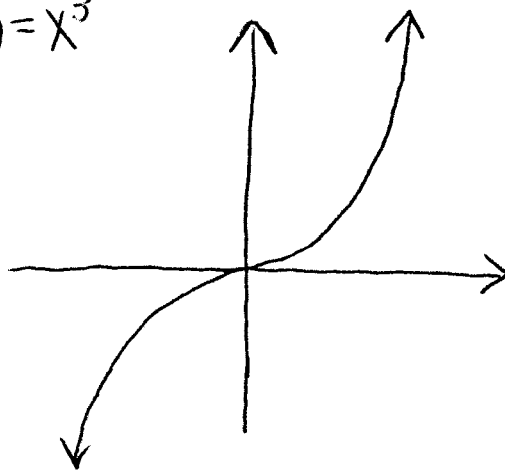
f has a local minima at c if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all the x -values near c on both sides.

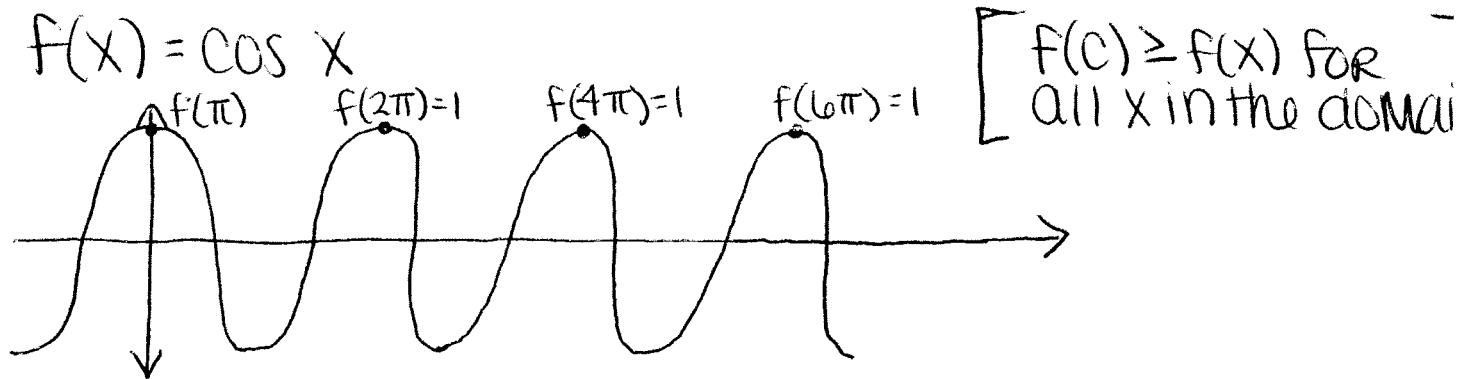


f has a local and global Min at $x=0$. the minimum value is $f(0)=0$.

- no global maximum or minimum.
- there are no points on the graph that are locally the highest or lowest.

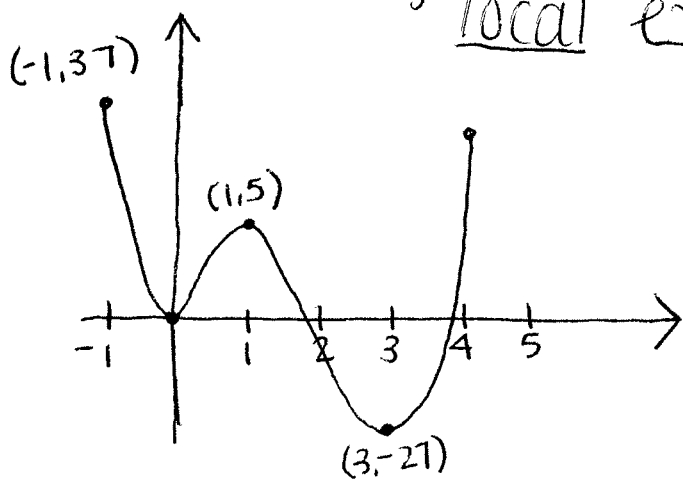
$$f(x) = x^3$$





$\cos(x)$ has a global max at every multiple of 2π ($-2\pi, 0, 2\pi, 4\pi, 6\pi$) because $\cos=1$ at these numbers and that is greater than or equal to the value \cos takes at any other points. Also, cosine has infinitely many global minima.

* Note: These global extrema are also called local extrema.



$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 16x^3 + 18x^2$$

$$-1 \leq x \leq 4$$

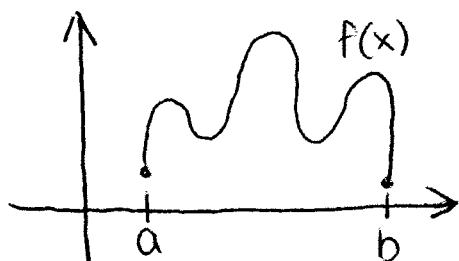
Example: Find all the global & local extrema of f .

- Global Max: f has a global at $x=-1$ and the Max value is 37.
- Global Min: f has a global min at $x=3$ and the min value is -27.
- Local Max: f has a local value at $x=1$ and the Max value is 5.
- Local Min: global min & $x=0 \leftarrow$ local min value is 0.

* Note: We don't call $(-1, 37)$ and $(4, 5)$ local extrema because there are not x -values in the domain of f on both sides of -1 and 4 .

Extreme Value Theorem

If $f(x)$ is continuous on the closed interval $[a, b]$, then f achieves its global maxima and minima $[a, b]$.



This theorem says: "no way to draw the graph from $x=a$ to $x=b$ and not pass thru the highest and lowest points."

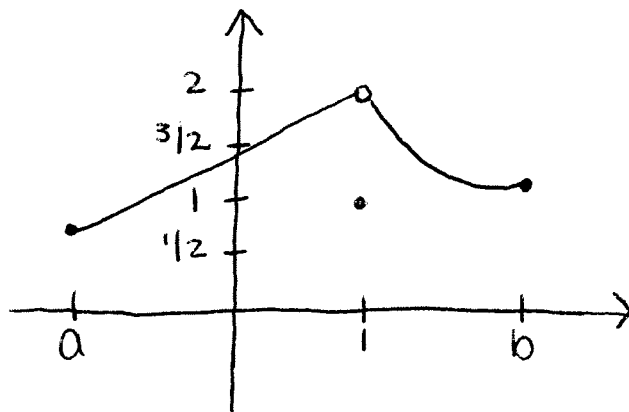
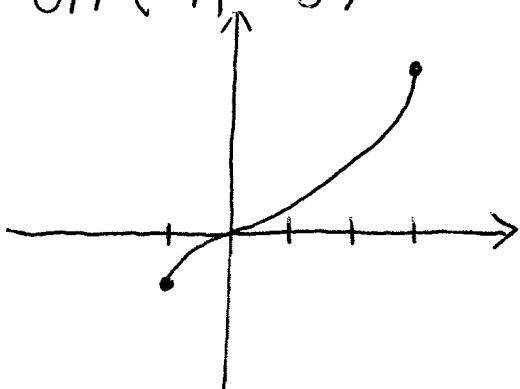
$f(x) = x^3$ on $(-\infty, \infty)$



on $(-1, \infty)$

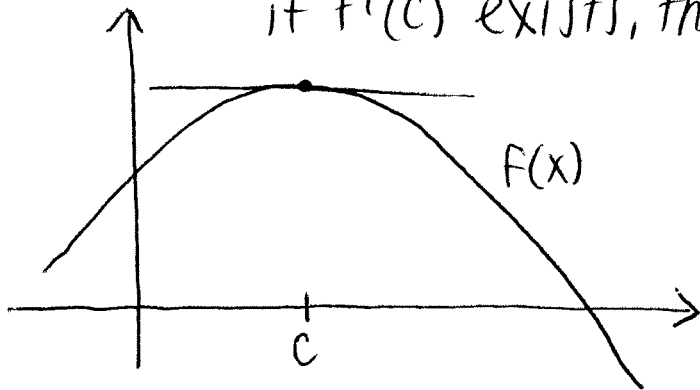


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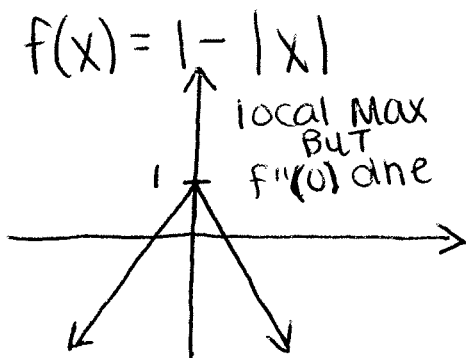
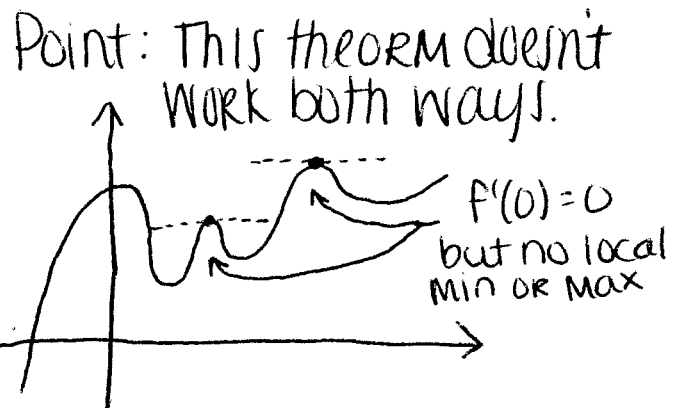
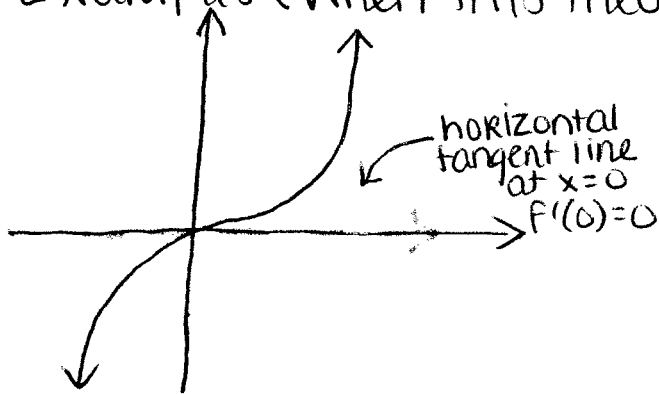


not continuous. no max value.

Theorem: if f has a local max or min at c and if $f'(c)$ exists, then $f'(c) = 0$.



Examples (when this theorem isn't true):

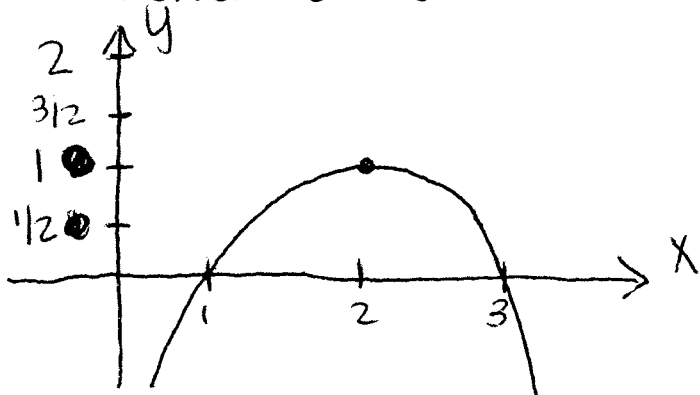


definition: we call c a critical point/number for f is either $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c)$ dne.

Strategy for locating extrema of f starts by locating the critical points of f .

Example from textbook:

11. (a) Sketch the graph of a function that has a local maximum at 2 and is differentiable at 2.



- (b) sketch the graph of a function that has a local maximum at 2 and is continuous but not differentiable at 2.

