

1. (10 points) Use the second derivative test to find the local extrema of $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + x$.

To find the critical points, look at $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 1 = (3x - 1)(x - 1) = 0$.

We can now read off the critical points as $x = 1/3$ and $x = 1$.

The second derivative is $f''(x) = 6x - 4$.

At critical point $x = \frac{1}{3}$: $f''\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = 6 \cdot \frac{1}{3} - 4 = -2 < 0$ f has local max of $f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{1}{27} - \frac{2}{9} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{27}$ at $x = \frac{1}{3}$

At critical point $x = 1$: $f''(1) = 6 \cdot 1 - 4 = 2 > 0$ f has local min of $f(1) = 1^3 - 2 \cdot 1^2 + 1 + 1 = 1$ at $x = 1$

2. (10 points) This problem concerns the function $f(x) = xe^x$

- (a) Find the intervals on which f is increasing/decreasing.

$f'(x) = e^x + xe^x = e^x(1 + x)$ so critical point is $x = -1$.

Notice $f'(x) > 0$ whenever $x > -1$, so $f(x)$ increases on $(-1, \infty)$.

Notice $f'(x) < 0$ whenever $x < -1$, so $f(x)$ decreases on $(-\infty, -1)$.

- (b) Find the intervals on which f is concave up/down.

$f''(x) = e^x + e^x + xe^x = e^x(2 + x)$, which equals 0 at $x = -2$.

Notice $f''(x) > 0$ whenever $x > -2$, so $f(x)$ concave up on $(-2, \infty)$.

Notice $f''(x) < 0$ whenever $x < -2$, so $f(x)$ concave down on $(-\infty, -2)$.

- (c) List any inflection points.

Concavity changes from down to up at $x = -2$,
so inflection point is $(-2, f(-2)) = (-2, -2e^{-2})$

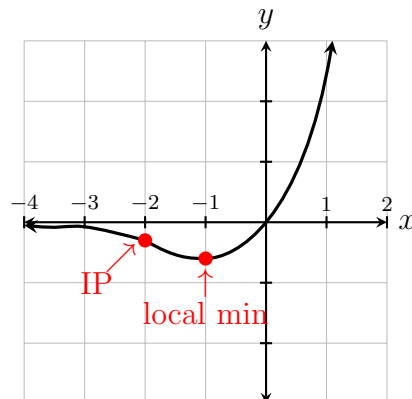
$$= \left(-2, -\frac{2}{e^2}\right)$$

- (d) Based on this information, sketch the graph of f .

Note: $f(0) = 0e^0 = 0$

Also local min of $f(-1) = -1 \cdot e^{-1} = -\frac{1}{e}$ at $x = -1$

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1. (10 points) Use the second derivative test to find the local extrema of $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 10$.

To find the critical points, look at $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x = 6x(x - 1) = 0$.

We can now read off the critical points as $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

The second derivative is $f''(x) = 12x - 6$.

At critical point $x=0$: $f''(0) = 12 \cdot 0 - 6 = -6 < 0$

f has local max of $f(0) = 10$ at $x=0$

At critical point $x=1$: $f''(1) = 12 \cdot 1 - 6 = 6 > 0$

f has local min of $f(1) = 9$ at $x=1$

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