

1. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = x\sqrt{2-x}$  on the closed interval  $[-2, 2]$ .

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

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

$$f'(x) = \sqrt{2-x} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2-x}} \quad \leftarrow \begin{cases} f'(2) \text{ undefined,} \\ \text{but } x=2 \text{ is an endpoint} \end{cases}$$

Solve  $f'(x) = 0$

$$\sqrt{2-x} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2-x}} = 0$$

$$\sqrt{2-x} = \frac{x}{2\sqrt{2-x}}$$

$$2\sqrt{2-x}^2 = x$$

$$2(2-x) = x$$

$$4 - 2x = x$$

$$4 = 3x$$

$$x = \frac{4}{3}$$

critical point

$$f(-2) = -2\sqrt{2-(-2)} = -2\sqrt{4} = -4 \leftarrow \text{MIN}$$

$$f(2) = 2\sqrt{2-2} = 2\sqrt{0} = 0 \quad \text{MIN}$$

$$f\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{2-\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}} \approx 0.8 \leftarrow \text{MAX}$$

Answer:

$f$  has a global max of  $\frac{4}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$  at  $x = \frac{4}{3}$

$f$  has a global min of  $-4$  at  $x = -2$

2. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = x^2 + \frac{16}{x}$  on the open interval  $(0, \infty)$ .

$$f'(x) = 2x - \frac{16}{x^2}$$

To find critical points,

$$\text{Solve } f'(x) = 0$$

$$2x - \frac{16}{x^2} = 0$$

$$2x = \frac{16}{x^2}$$

$$2x^3 = 16$$

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

Note:  $f'(0)$  not defined, but 0 is not a critical point because it's not in the domain of  $f(x)$

$$f''(x) = 2 + \frac{32}{x^3}$$

$f''(2) = 2 + \frac{32}{2^3} > 0$  so  $f$  has a local minimum at  $x = 2$ .

Because 2 is the only critical point in  $(0, \infty)$ , this is a global min.

Answer:  $f$  has a global minimum of  $f(2) = 12$  at  $x = 2$ . There is no global maximum.

Thus  $x = 2$  is a critical point, the only one in  $(0, \infty)$

1. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$  on the closed interval  $[0, 2]$ .

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3x = 3(x^2 - 1) = 3(x-1)(x+1) = 0$$

Critical points:  $x=1$     $x=-1$

The only critical point in the interval is  $x=1$

$$f(1) = 1^3 - 3 \cdot 1 = -2 \leftarrow \text{MIN}$$

$$f(0) = 0^3 - 3 \cdot 0 = 0$$

$$f(2) = (-2)^3 - 3(-2) = 2 \leftarrow \text{MAX}$$

Answer: f has a global minimum of -2 at  $x=1$   
f has a global maximum of 2 at  $x=2$

2. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = xe^{3x}$  on the open interval  $(-5, \infty)$ .

$$f'(x) = 1 \cdot e^{3x} + x e^{3x} (3) = e^{3x}(1 + 3x) = 0$$

$x = -\frac{1}{3}$

There is only one critical point in  $(-5, \infty)$  namely  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$

$$\overbrace{-5 \cdots -\frac{1}{3} + + +}^{\rightarrow} f'(x) = e^{3x}(1 + 3x)$$

By the first derivative test f has a local minimum at  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ . Since  $-\frac{1}{3}$  was the only critical point, this is a global minimum.

Ans f has a global minimum at  $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ . No global max.

1. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$  on the closed interval  $[\frac{1}{2}, 3]$ .

$f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}$  Notice  $f'(0)$  is undefined, but 0 is not a critical point because 0 is not in the domain of  $f$ .  
Thus to find all critical points we solve  $f'(x) = 0$

$$1 - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$x = \pm 1 \leftarrow$  So the only critical point in  $[\frac{1}{2}, 3]$  is  $x=1$

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

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

$$f(3) = 3 + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{10}{3} = 3.\bar{3}$$

Answer:  
f has a global max of  $f(3) = \frac{10}{3}$  at  $x=3$   
f has a global min of  $f(1) = 2$  at  $x=1$

2. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = xe^{-2x}$  on the open interval  $(0, \infty)$ .

$$f'(x) = 1e^{-2x} + x e^{-2x}(-2) = e^{-2x}(1-2x) = 0$$

$\downarrow$   
 $x = \frac{1}{2}$  is the critical point

So the interval  $(0, \infty)$  contains only one critical point, namely  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . By the first derivative test f has a local maximum at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ .



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

Because there is only one critical point in  $(0, \infty)$  this local maximum is a global maximum.

Answer f(x) has a global maximum at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

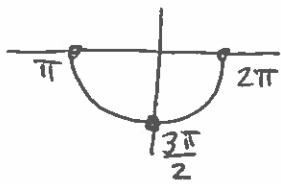
| There is no global minimum

1. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = \sin^2(x)$  on the closed interval  $[\pi, 2\pi]$ .

$$f'(x) = 2\sin(x)\cos(x) = 0$$

$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$

$x = \pi, 2\pi \quad x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$



The critical points in  $[\pi, 2\pi]$  are  $\pi$ ,  $2\pi$  and  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$   
(and two of these just happen to be endpoints as well)

$$\begin{aligned} f(\pi) &= \sin^2(\pi) = 0^2 = 0 && \} \text{ global min} \\ f(2\pi) &= \sin^2(2\pi) = 0^2 = 0 && \} \\ f\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) &= \sin^2\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}\right) = (-1)^2 = 1 && \leftarrow \text{global max} \end{aligned}$$

Answer  $f(x)$  has a global minimum of 0 at  $x = \pi \notin 2\pi$   
 $f(x)$  has a global maximum of 1 at  $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$

2. (10 points) Find the global extrema of the function  $f(x) = 2x^2 + \frac{108}{x}$  on the open interval  $(0, \infty)$ .

$$f'(x) = 4x - \frac{108}{x^2} \quad \text{To find the critical points, solve}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x - \frac{108}{x^2} &= 0 \\ 4x &= \frac{108}{x^2} \\ 4x^3 &= 108 \\ x^3 &= 27 \\ x &= \sqrt[3]{27} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

So the interval  $(0, \infty)$  contains only one critical point,  $x = 3$ . To see if this gives a global max or min we'll use the second derivative test to find local extrema.

$f''(x) = 4 + \frac{216}{x^3}$ . Thus  $f''(3) = 4 + \frac{216}{3} > 0$  and there is a local minimum at  $x = 3$ . Since this is the local extremum in  $(0, \infty)$  it is a global minimum.

Answer  $f$  has a global minimum of  $f(3) = 2 \cdot 3^2 + \frac{108}{3} = 54$  at  $x = 3$ . There is no global maximum.