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- [1] No curve on exam. (Average for my sections was 81)
- [2] See Canvas announcements.
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§ 4.1: Max + Min Values.

Q: If velocity of an object is

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

when is object moving in the negative direction most quickly?

Look @ graph of $v(x)$.

Note: At points where $v(x)$ is "max" or "min"

(locally at least), $v(x)$ has a horizontal

tangent line.

Let's look at points where hor. tan. line happens, i.e. Find points where $v'(x) = 0$.

$$v'(x) = 12x^3 - 48x^2 + 36x = 12x(x-3)(x-1).$$

So, $v'(x) = 0$ when $x = 0, 1, \text{ or } 3$.

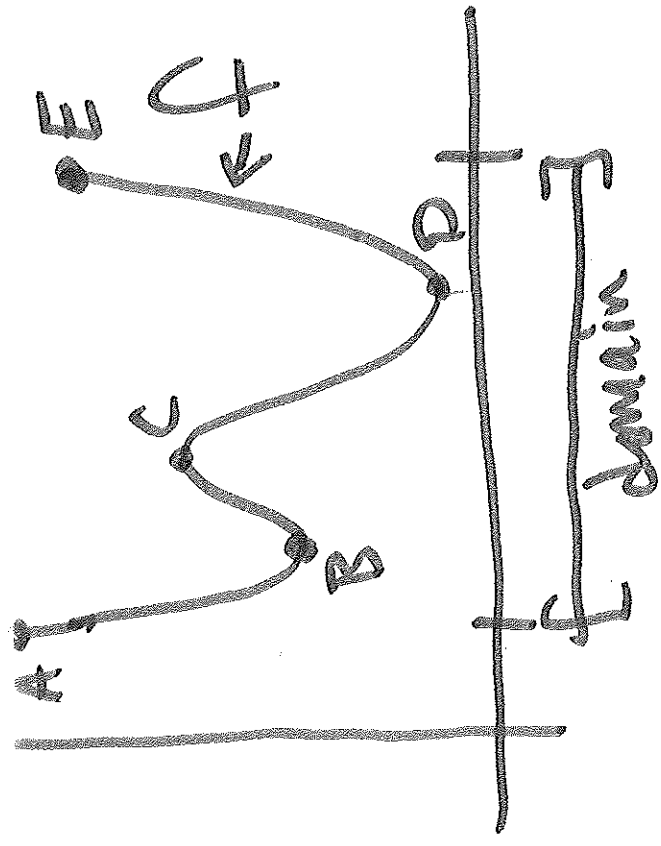
Defⁿ's to provide precise language:

Say c is in domain of f . Then $f(c)$ is the

- absolute max of f if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ for all x in domain.
- absolute min of f if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all x in domain.

We have $f(c)$ is a

- local max of f if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ for all x -values near c .
- local min of f if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all x -values near c .



- A = max, abs & local
- B = min, local
- C = max, local
- D = min, abs & local
- E = max, local.

Defⁿ: A critical number of f is a number c in domain of f such that either $f'(c) = 0$ or $f'(c)$ does not exist.

Ex: f' does not exist at A or E, f' is zero at B, C, and D.

Fermat's Thm: If f has a local max or a local min at c , then c is a critical number of f .
Proof: See §4.1.

Extreme Value Theorem: If f is cts on $[a, b]$ then f attains both an abs max and an abs min on $[a, b]$.

NOTE: Intuitively clear, very hard to fully justify as true. Take MA 471G to see why this works.

Method for finding local + abs extreme values for f :

Sup f defined on $[a, b]$.

1. Use f' to find critical values of f , check value of f at those critical values.
2. Find value of f at endpoints of $[a, b]$.

3. To find extreme values, pick largest + smallest values from $\underline{1}$ + $\underline{2}$; i.e. abs max + abs min values.

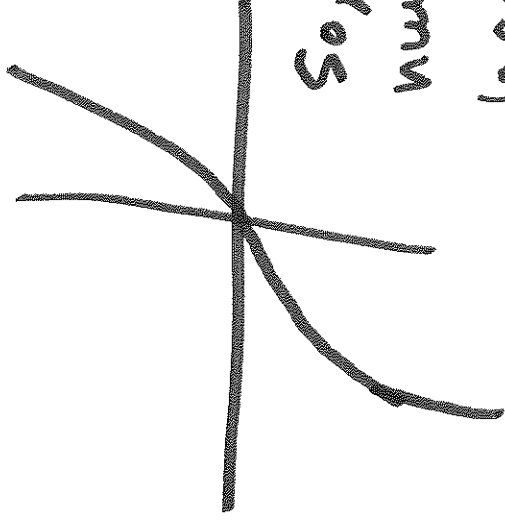
NOTE: The critical values are candidates for local max/mins, but might not be! More work is needed.

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

$$f'(x) = 3x^2$$

$$f'(0) = 0$$

So, 0 is a critical number, but not a local min or max.



Back to original example.

$$v(x) = 3x^4 - 16x^3 + 18x^2. \text{ Consider on } [1, 5].$$

Find ^{abs} max + abs min values!

1. $v'(x) = 12x(x-3)(x-1)$, so critical numbers are $x=0, 1, 3$.

Values are $v(0) = 0$, $v(1) = 5$, $v(3) = -27$

2. Check endpoints.

$$v(-1) = 37, \quad v(5) = 325.$$

3. Pick largest + least value you computed.

$$v(5) = 325 \text{ is abs. max.}$$

$$v(3) = -27 \text{ is abs. min.}$$

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□ See Canvas announcement
for assignments this week

§4.2: Mean Value Theorem

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

NOTE: To get from the pt $(-1, f(-1)) = (-1, 2)$
to the pt $(2, f(2)) = (2, 14)$, along secant
line, one must move w/ slope

$$\frac{f(2) - f(-1)}{2 - (-1)} = 4.$$

Observe that at $x = \frac{-4 + \sqrt{76}}{6}$, we

slope of tangent line equals the

slope of secant line between $x = -1$, $x = 2$.

* Mean Value Theorem states this will always happen at least once on every interval.

Mean Value Theorem: Suppose f is

(MVT) • cts on $[a, b]$

and • differentiable on (a, b) where

then there is a value c in (a, b) where

$$\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c).$$

↖ slope of tangent line.

↗ slope of secant line

NOTE: MVT does not say what c is, only that it exists.

Remarks:

(A) When $f(a) = f(b)$, i.e. slope of secant line is $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = 0$, then the MVT is called Rolle's Theorem.

(B) How to prove this?

Outline: Step 1: Use Fermat's Thm + Extreme Value Thm to prove Rolle's Thm.

Step 2: Use Rolle's Thm to prove full M.V.T.

For details, See § 4.2, nicely written.

Application:

Thm: If $f'(x) = 0$ on (a, b) , then

f is constant on (a, b) .

• we want to use $f'(x) = 0$ to say something about secant lines.

For any values x and z in (a, b) ,
want show! $f(x) = f(z)$.

Suppose $x < z$ in (a, b) , so we can consider $[x, z]$. Since f is diff on (a, b) , it is cts on (a, b) , hence cts on $[x, z]$. f is also

diff on (x, z) . By MVT, we have

$$\frac{f(z) - f(x)}{z - x} = f'(c) = 0.$$

(x, z) .

for some c in (x, z)

so, $f(z) - f(x) = 0$

thus, $f(z) = f(x)$.

why write full argument?

False argument: There is a value

c in $(-1, 1)$ where $f'(c) = 0$

for $f = |x|$.

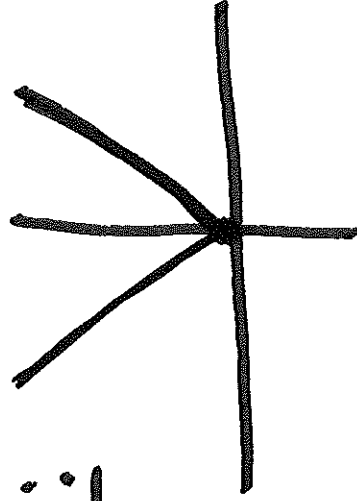
"By MVT, $\frac{f(1) - f(-1)}{1 - (-1)} = 0$,

so $f'(c) = 0$ somewhere"

is wrong since f not

diff on $(-1, 1)$.

NOTE:



Corollary (PF in book):

If $f'(x) = g'(x)$ on (a, b) , then
 $f = g + \text{constant}$ on (a, b) .

Key idea: $f - g$ has derivative $= 0$ on (a, b) ,
so $f - g = \text{constant}$.

Application: Ex: Suppose $f(x)$ is cts on $[6, 15]$
and diff on $(6, 15)$. If $f(6) = -2$ and
 $f'(x) \leq 10$ what is largest possible value
of $f(15)$?

Light bulb \rightarrow use MVT! Based on
cts on $[6, 15]$ + diff on $(6, 15)$.

By MVT, There is a pt c where

$$\frac{f(15) - f(6)}{15 - 6} = f'(c) \leq 10. \quad \text{by problem given.}$$

$$\text{So, } f(15) - f(6) \leq 10(15 - 6),$$

$$\text{Thus } f(15) - (-2) \leq 10 \cdot 9,$$

hence $f(15) \leq 88$. So, 88 is largest
poss. value of $f(15)$.

Ex: Show that $f(x) = 4x^5 + x^3 + 7x - 2$ has exactly one real root.

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Step 1: Show f has at least one root.

Using $f(0) = -2$ + $f(1) = 10$, IVT implies

a root exists in $(0, 1)$.

Step 2: Use MVT to show this is only one.

Suppose f has 2 real roots, i.e.

$$f(a) = 0 + f(b) = 0.$$

Apply MVT to get $0 = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c)$ for some c .

But, $f'(x) = 20x^4 + 3x^2 + 7 \geq 7$, so $f'(c)$ can't be zero. ~~This is impossible!~~