

# Announcements

- Email me by 5:00pm if you are not willing to take Test #2 on Wed Oct 20  
OR are not willing to accept the delayed return of your tests (until Nov 10)
- Test #2: officially scheduled for Mon Oct 18
- Quiz #6 due tonight 11pm
- HW #7 out; due Wed Oct 13.

Last time:

Ex Find and classify the critical points of  
 $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2$ .

Soln: Step 1: Find critical points:

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [f(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2] \\ &= 3x^2 - 6x + 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\bullet \text{ Solve for } x \text{ in } 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$$

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

$$3(x - 1)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x - 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 1 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

$$x = 1$$

• So there is one critical point of  $f$  at  $x=1$ .

Step 2: Classify the critical points

$$\bullet f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [f'(x)] = \frac{d}{dx} [3x^2 - 6x + 3]$$

$$= 6x - 6$$

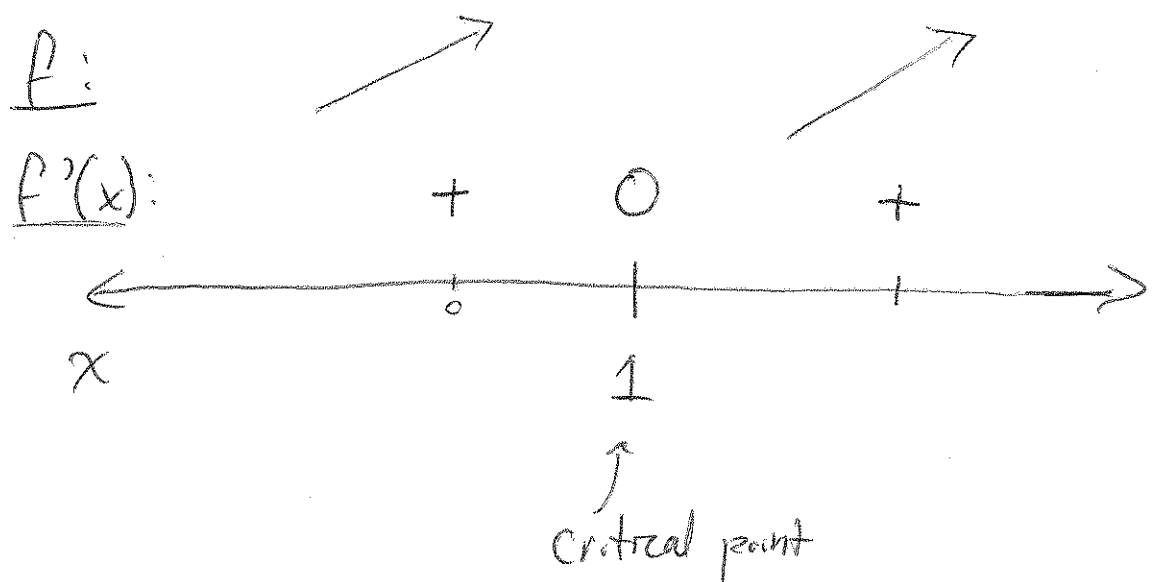
$$\bullet f''(1) = 6(1) - 6 = 0 \parallel \begin{pmatrix} \infty & \infty \\ \infty & \infty \end{pmatrix} \Rightarrow \text{SDT is inconclusive}$$

Need to apply F.D.T:

$$\bullet f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bullet f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 6x + 3 \\ &= 3(x-1)(x-1) \\ &= 3(x-1)^2\end{aligned}$$

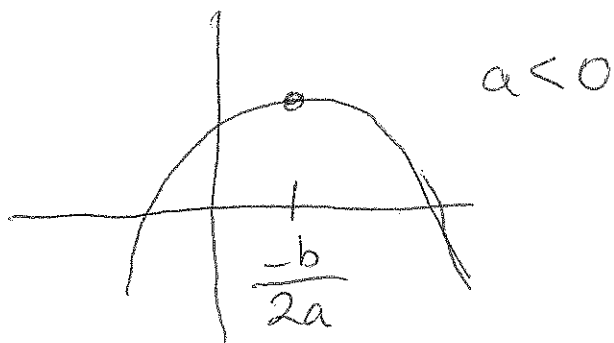
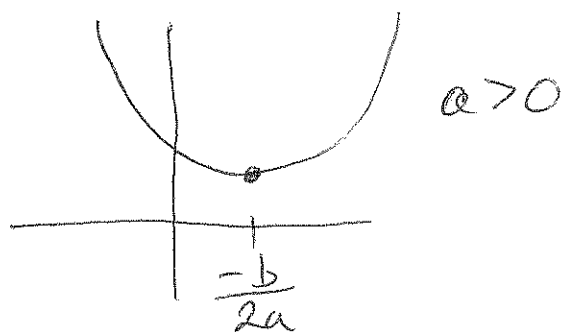
Sign chart for  $f'$ :



F.D.T: The sign of  $f'$  does not change as  $x$  passes through  $1$ , so  $1$  is neither a local min nor a local max.

Ex: Let  $a, b,$  and  $c$  be constants with  $a \neq 0$ .

Find the vertex of the parabola  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ .



Soln: Find Local min / Local max:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} [ax^2 + bx + c] \\ &= \frac{d}{dx} [ax^2] + \frac{d}{dx} [bx] + \frac{d}{dx} [c] \\ &= a \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] + b \frac{d}{dx} [x] + c \frac{d}{dx} [1] \\ &= a(2x) + b \cdot 1 + c \cdot 0 \\ &= 2ax + b \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{f'(x) = 0}: \quad \text{Solve for } x \text{ in } \quad 2ax + b &= 0 \\ 2ax &= -b \\ x &= \frac{-b}{2a} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet f\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) &= a\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right)^2 + b\left(\frac{-b}{2a}\right) + c \\ &= a\left(\frac{b^2}{4a^2}\right) - \frac{b^2}{2a} + c \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{4a} - \frac{b^2}{2a} + c$$

$$= \frac{b^2}{4a} - \frac{2b^2}{4a} + c$$

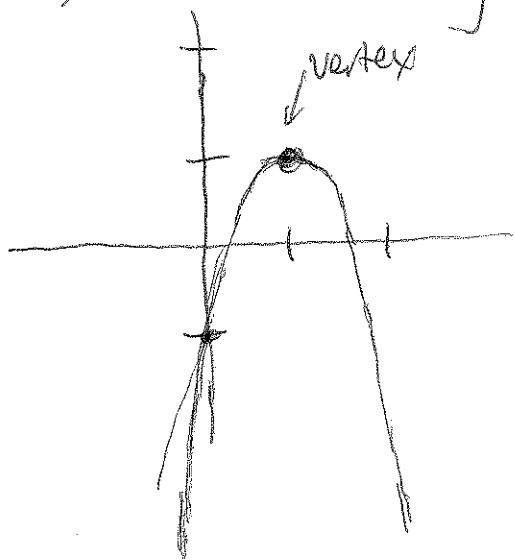
$$= \frac{b^2 - 2b^2}{4a} + c$$

$$= -\frac{b^2}{4a} + c$$

• So the vertex is at  $\boxed{\left(-\frac{b}{2a}, -\frac{b^2}{4a} + c\right)}$ .

Ex: Find the equation of a parabola with vertex  $(1, 1)$  containing the point  $(0, -1)$ .

Soln



$$\bullet f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

Know:  $f(0) = -1$

$$a \cdot 0^2 + b \cdot 0 + c = -1$$

$$\boxed{c = -1}$$

• The parabola  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  has its vertex at  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$  and  $y = -\frac{b^2}{4a} + c$ .

• Want:  $1 = \frac{-b}{2a}$  and  $1 = \frac{-b^2}{4a} + (-1)$

$$2 = \frac{-b^2}{4a}$$

$$2a = -b$$

$$2a = \frac{-b^2}{4}$$

• So:  $-b = \frac{-b^2}{4}$

$$b = \frac{b^2}{4}$$

$$4b = b^2$$

$$0 = b^2 - 4b$$

$$\boxed{c = -1}$$

$$0 = b(b - 4)$$

$$b = 0 \text{ or } b = 4$$

• So  $a = \frac{-b}{2}$  ;

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} b = 0 \\ a = 0 \end{matrix}}$$

or

$$\boxed{\begin{matrix} b = 4 \\ a = -\frac{4}{2} = -2 \end{matrix}}$$

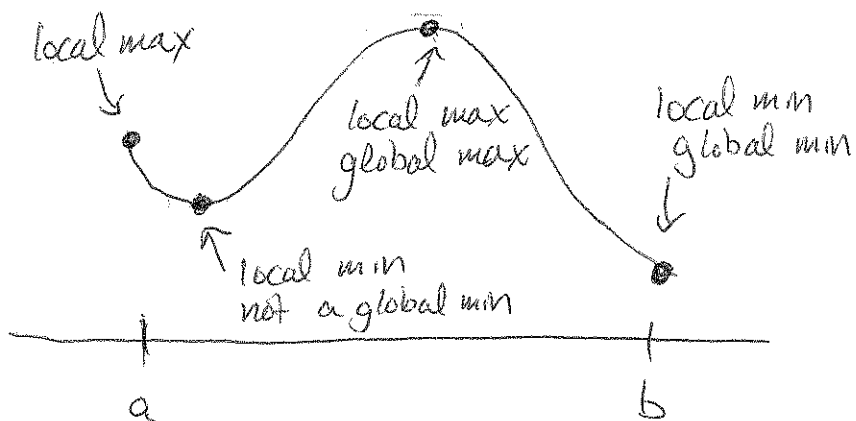
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Not a parabola

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• Soln:  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

$$= \boxed{-2x^2 + 4x - 1}$$

## 4.3: Global Maxima and Minima:



• A function  $f$  has a global minimum at  $p$  if  $f(p)$  is ~~at least~~ <sup>less than</sup> or equal to ~~as large as~~ all values of  $f$ .

• A function  $f$  has a global maximum at  $p$  if  $f(p)$  is greater than or equal to all values of  $f$ .

• To Find Global Maxima/Minima of a continuous function  $f$  over  $[a, b]$ :

1. Find the critical points of  $f$  (inside  $[a, b]$ ).
2. Evaluate  $f$  at critical points and the endpoints ( $a$ , and  $b$ ).
3. Largest value(s)  $\Rightarrow$  Global maximums

Smallest values  $\Rightarrow$  Global minimums

Ex: Find the global max and min of  
the function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$  on  $[0, 3]$ .

Soln: Find critical points:

$$\bullet f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \left[ \frac{x}{1+x^2} \right]$$

$$= \frac{(1+x^2) \frac{d}{dx} [x] - x \frac{d}{dx} [1+x^2]}{(1+x^2)^2}$$

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

Solve for  $x$ :

$$\frac{(1+x^2) - 2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = 0 \cdot (1+x^2)^2$$

$$1 + x^2 - 2x^2 = 0$$

$$1 - x^2 = 0$$

$$1 = x^2$$

$$x = \pm 1.$$



Critical points inside  $[0, 3]$ : +1.

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

2. <sup>smallest</sup>  $\Rightarrow f(0) = 0$

largest  $\Rightarrow f(1) = \frac{1}{1+1^2} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$

$$f(3) = \frac{3}{1+3^2} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

So global maximum at  $x = 1$

global minimum at  $x = 0$ .

Ex: Find and Classify (with the FDT) the

critical points of  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 1$ .

Soln: Find the critical points:

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 1]$$

$$= 6x^2 - 10x - 4$$

$$= 2(3x^2 - 5x - 2)$$

$$= 2(3x + 1)(x - 2)$$

Solve for  $x$ :  $2(3x + 1)(x - 2) = 0$

$$3x + 1 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad x - 2 = 0$$

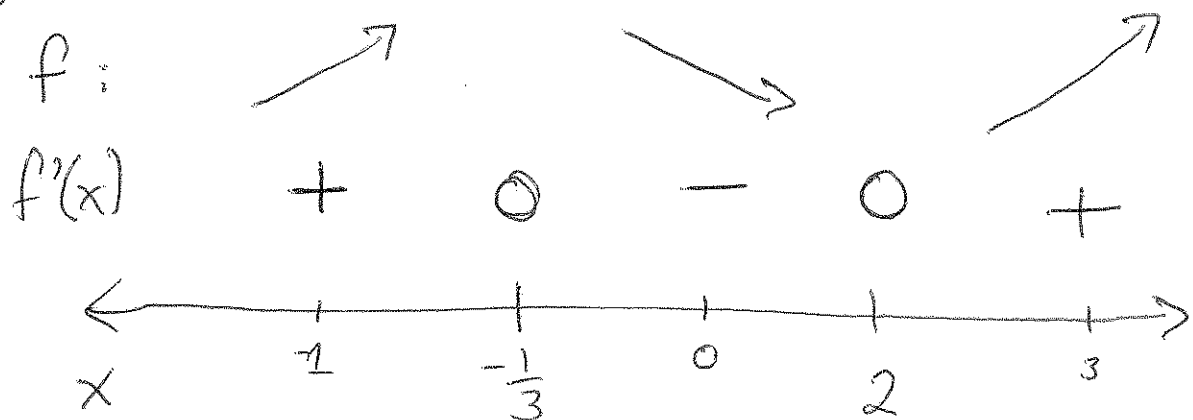
$$3x = -1 \quad x = 2$$

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

Critical points:  $-\frac{1}{3}, 2$

Classify  $-\frac{1}{3}, 2$  as local min/max or neither

Using FDT:



$-\frac{1}{3}$ : Local max

2: Local min

• Classify using SDT:  $-\frac{1}{3}, 2$ .

$$f''(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [6x^2 - 10x - 4]$$

$$= 12x - 10$$

$$f''(-\frac{1}{3}) = 12(-\frac{1}{3}) - 10 = -4 - 10 = -14$$



$\Rightarrow$  Local max

$$f''(2) = 12(2) - 10 = 14$$

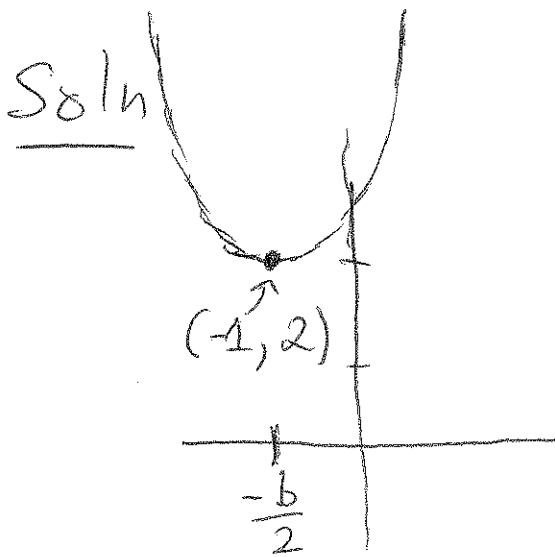


⇒ Local min.

Ex: Find constants  $b$  and  $c$  <sup>that make</sup> ~~such that~~

$f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$  a parabola whose vertex

is at  $(-1, 2)$ .



• The vertex  $(-1, 2)$  is a local minimum!

• Find the local min. of  $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$ .

$$• f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 + bx + c]$$

$$= \frac{d}{dx} [x^2] + \frac{d}{dx} [bx] + \frac{d}{dx} [c]$$

$$= 2x + b + 0$$

• Solve for  $x$  in  $2x + b = 0$

$$2x = -b$$

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

- Know that  $x = \frac{-b}{2}$  is the location of the local min.

- Want  $\frac{-b}{2} = -1$ .

$$-b = -2$$

$$b = \del{1} 2$$

Know:  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + c$

- $f(-1) = 2$

- $(-1)^2 + 2(-1) + c = 2$

$$1 - 2 + c = 2$$

$$-1 + c = 2$$

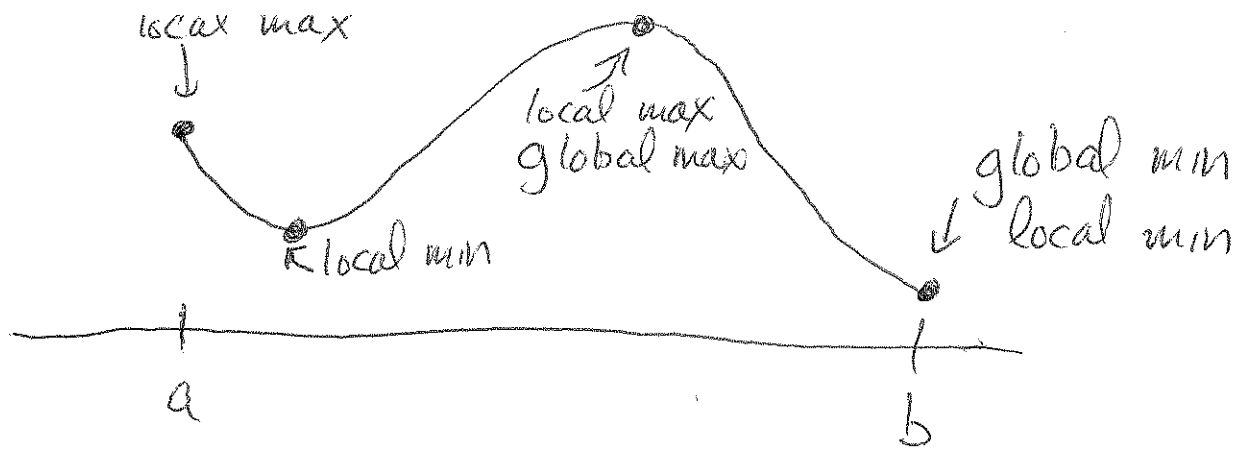
$$c = 3$$

Solun:

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

### 4.3 Global Minima/Maxima

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3. Smallest value(s)  $\implies$  Global min's  
Largest value(s)  $\implies$  Global max's

Ex: Find the global maximum value and global minimum value of  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$  over  $[0, 3]$ .

Soln: Find critical points.

$$\begin{aligned}
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 &= \frac{(1+x^2) \cdot 1 - x(2x)}{(1+x^2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1+x^2 - 2x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

• Solve for  $x$  in  $\frac{1-x^2}{(1+x^2)^2} = 0$

$$\cancel{(1+x^2)^2} \cdot \frac{1-x^2}{\cancel{(1+x^2)^2}} = 0 \cdot (1+x^2)^2$$

$$1 - x^2 = 0$$

$$1 = x^2$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

$$x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$(x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x = -1 \text{ or } x = 1$$

• Critical points in  $[0, 3]$ : 1       $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$

$$f(1) = \frac{1}{1+1^2} = \frac{1}{2} = 0.5$$

$$f(0) = 0 = 0$$

$$f(3) = \frac{3}{1+3^2} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3$$

Global min occurs at ~~at~~  $x=0$  with value 0.  
Global max occurs at  $x=1$  with value 0.5.