

## 6. First Test.

### The First Derivative Test

The point where a function changes from:

Increasing to Decreasing is a local and/or absolute maximum.

Decreasing to Increasing is a local and/or absolute minimum.

**Outcome:** Identify the Maximum and Minimum of functions using the first derivative test.

- a) State the interval in which the following function is increasing and decreasing.

$$y = x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2$$

- State the value where the first derivative is equal to zero.

- How can you use intervals of increase and decrease to determine if you have a max or min?

Critical Numbers  $f'(x) = 0$   $f'(x) = \text{U}.$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 12x + 9$$

$$0 = 3(x^2 + 4x + 3)$$

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

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



	$x+3$	$x+1$	slope $f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, -3)$	neg	neg	pos	INC
$(-3, -1)$	pos	neg	neg	DEC
$(-1, \infty)$	pos	pos	pos	INC

Annotations on the right side of the table:

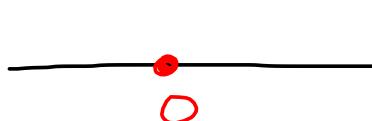
- A purple arrow points to the 'pos' entry in the  $f'(x)$  column for the interval  $(-\infty, -3)$ , with the text "max  $x = -3$ " written next to it.
- A green arrow points to the 'pos' entry in the  $f'(x)$  column for the interval  $(-1, \infty)$ , with the text "min  $x = -1$ " written next to it.

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2. a) State the interval in which the following function is increasing and decreasing.  $y = x^3$   
 b) State the value where the first derivative is equal to zero in the function  $y = x^3$ .  
 c) Is this value a maximum or minimum?

$$y = x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$



$$0 = 3x^2$$

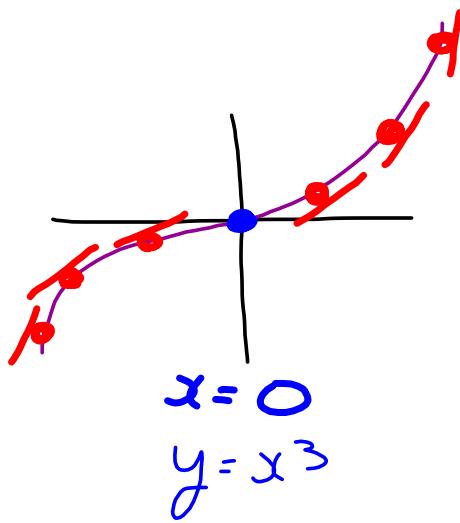
$$x = 0$$

	$x^2$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, 0)$	pos	pos	INC
$(0, \infty)$	pos	pos	INC

OR

	$x$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, 0)$	-	-	INC
$(0, \infty)$	+	+	INC

MAX... inc to dec  
 MIN... dec to inc



$y = x^3$   
 $y = 0$   
 Point  $(0,0)$   
 is a point of  
 inflection.

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3. Find the maximums and minimums for the following functions. Are they local or absolute max/min values? Sketch the graphs.

a)  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 1$

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

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

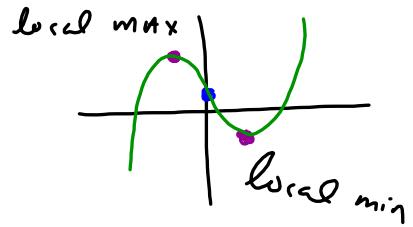
$$0 = (x+1)(x-1)$$



	$x+1$	$x-1$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, -1)$	neg	neg	pos	INC
$(-1, 1)$	pos	neg	neg	DEC
$(1, \infty)$	pos	pos	pos	INC

MAX  $f(-1) = (-1)^3 - 3(-1) + 1 = 3$

min  $f(1) = (1)^3 - 3(1) + 1 = -1$



b)  $y = x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 1$   $\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 - 12x^2 - 16x$

$$0 = 4x(x^2 - 3x - 4)$$

$$0 = 4x(x-4)(x+1)$$



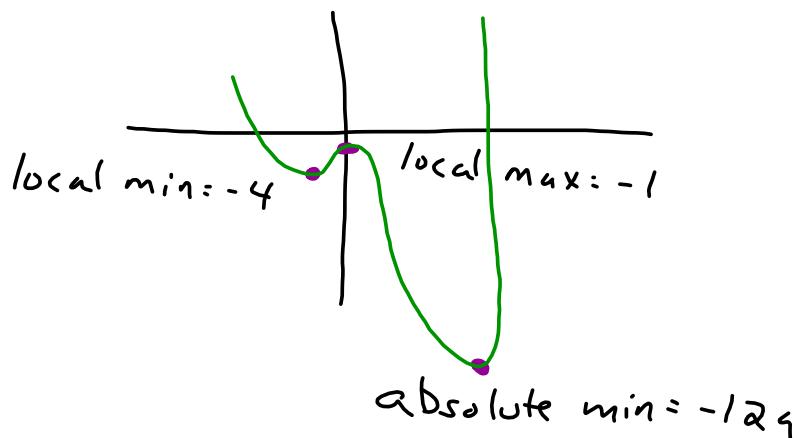
	$x+1$	$x$	$x-4$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, -1)$	-	-	-	-	DEC
$(-1, 0)$	+	-	-	+	INC
$(0, 4)$	+	+	-	-	DEC
$(4, \infty)$	+	+	+	+	INC

$$f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 1$$

min  $f(-1) = -4$

max  $f(0) = -1$

min  $f(4) = -129$



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c)  $f(x) = 2 - 2x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$$

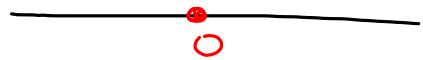
$$0 = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$$

$f(x) = 2 - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x}}$

$x \neq 0$

no point where  $f'(x) = 0$

but  $f'(x) = \infty$  where  $x=0$



	$\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{x^4}}$	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$
$(-\infty, 0)$	+	Pos	Inc
$(0, \infty)$	+	Pos	Inc

No max/min ...

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4. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of the function.

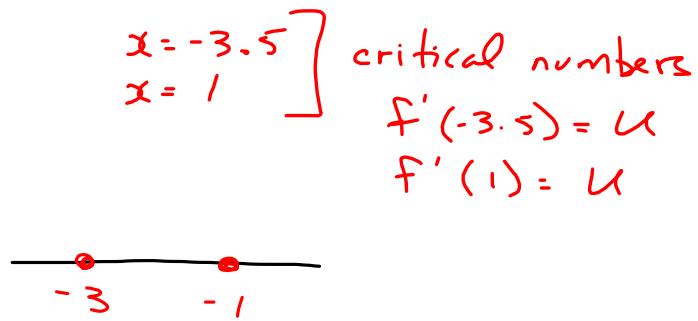
$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2, \text{ in } -3.5 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 + 12x + 9$$

$$0 = 3(x^2 + 4x + 3)$$

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

$$x = -3, x = -1$$



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→ max  $f(-3) =$

→ min  $f(-1) =$

4 critical numbers ...  $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 9x + 2$

$$f(-3.5) =$$

$$f(-3) =$$

$$f(1) =$$

$$f(-1) =$$