

Calculus I: MAC2311

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Midterm 3 A

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Time Limit: 1 Hour 30 Minutes

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Part II Instructions: 3 free response questions. Neatly give a complete solution to each problem and show all work and intermediate steps. We are grading the work and notation as well as the answer. A total of 35 points is possible on Part II. **No credit will given without proper work.** If we cannot read it and follow it, you will receive no credit for the problem.

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1. (7 pts) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of the function $f(x) = x\sqrt{4-x^2}$ on the interval $[-2, 1]$. **Write your answers as coordinate pairs** (x, y) .

Solution:

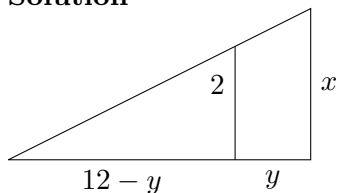
$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \sqrt{4-x^2} + x \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) (4-x^2)^{-\frac{1}{2}} (-2x) \\ &= \sqrt{4-x^2} - \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{4-x^2}} \\ &= \frac{4-x^2-x^2}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} = \frac{4-2x^2}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$f'(x) = 0$ when	$f'(x)$ DNE when	$+\sqrt{2}$ and 2 are not in the domain
$4-2x^2 = 0$	$2\sqrt{4-x^2} = 0$	$f(-2) = (-2)\sqrt{4-4} = 0$
$2x^2 = 4$	$4-x^2 = 0$	$f(-\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{4-2}) = -\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2} = -2$
$x^2 = 2$	$x^2 = 4$	$f(1) = 1\sqrt{4-1} = \sqrt{3}$
$x = \pm\sqrt{2}$	$x = \pm 2$	

Thus we get absolute min: $(-\sqrt{2}, -2)$ and absolute max: $(1, \sqrt{3})$

2. (7 pts) A spotlight on the ground shines on a wall 12 m away. If a man 2 m tall walks from the spotlight toward the building at a speed of 4 m/s, how fast is the height of his shadow on the building changing when he is 4 m from the building?

Solution



We are given $\frac{dy}{dt} = -4$ m/sec and we want to solve for $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $y = 4$ m.

Using similar triangles we get $\frac{2}{12-y} = \frac{x}{12}$.

When $y = 4$ m we get $\frac{x}{12} = \frac{2}{8} = \frac{1}{4}$ so $x = 3$ m.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{12-y} &= \frac{x}{12} \\ 24 &= 12x - xy\end{aligned}$$

now differentiating both sides gives

$$\begin{aligned}0 &= 12\frac{dx}{dy} - \left(\frac{dx}{dt}y + x\frac{dy}{dt}\right) \\ 0 &= 12\frac{dx}{dt} - 4\frac{dx}{dt} + 12 \\ -8\frac{dx}{dt} &= 12 \\ \frac{dx}{dt} &= -\frac{12}{8} = -\frac{3}{2}\text{m/sec}\end{aligned}$$

3. Consider the function $y = f(x)$, where

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3}{(x + 1)^2} \quad f'(x) = \frac{2(x + 3)}{(x + 1)^3} \quad f''(x) = \frac{-4(x + 4)}{(x + 1)^3}$$

(a) (1 pts) What is the domain of $f(x)$? Write your answer in interval notation.

Solution: $(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$

(b) (2 pts) What are the vertical and horizontal asymptotes of $f(x)$? Write your answer as a line (either $x = c$ or $y = d$).

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{x^2}{(x + 1)^2} = -\infty \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{x^2}{(x + 1)^2} = -\infty \text{ so we have the vertical asymptote } x = -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2}{(x + 1)^2} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2}{(x + 1)^2} = 1 \text{ so we have one horizontal asymptote } y = 1.$$

(c) (3 pts) List the critical point(s) of $f(x)$ (write them as coordinate pair(s) (x, y)).

Solution:

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ when } 2(x + 3) = 0 \text{ so when } x = -3$$

$$f'(x) \text{ DNE when } (x + 1)^3 = 0 \text{ so when } x = -1 \text{ but that is not in the domain}$$

$$f(-3) = \frac{9-3}{2^2} = \frac{6}{4} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{critical point: } (-3, \frac{3}{2})$$

(d) (3 pts) On what intervals is $f(x)$ increasing? decreasing?

Solution:

Consider the sign chart

$$f'(x) \leftarrow \begin{array}{ccccccc} + & + & + & - & - & + & + & + \\ & & & -3 & -1 & & & \end{array} \rightarrow$$

$$f(x) \text{ is increasing on } (-\infty, -3) \cup (-1, \infty) \text{ and decreasing on } (-3, -1)$$

(e) (2 pts) At which coordinates does the graph of $f(x)$ have local maximum(s) or local minimum(s)? Write your answer as coordinate pair(s) (x, y) .

Solution:

$$\text{local max at } (-3, \frac{3}{2}) \text{ } (-1 \text{ is not in the domain so no extreme value there})$$

(f) (3 pts) On what intervals is $f(x)$ concave up? concave down?

Solution:

$$f''(x) = 0 \text{ when } -4(x + 4) = 0 \text{ so when } x = -4$$

$$f''(x) \text{ DNE when } (x + 1)^4 = 0 \text{ so when } x = -1$$

Consider the sign chart

$$f''(x) \leftarrow \begin{array}{ccccccc} + & + & + & - & - & - & - \\ & & & -4 & -1 & & \end{array} \rightarrow$$

$$f(x) \text{ is concave up on } (-\infty, -4) \text{ and concave down on } (-4, -1) \cup (-1, \infty)$$

- (g) (2 pts) List the point(s) of inflection (write them as coordinate pair(s) (x, y)).

Solution:

$$f(-4) = \frac{16-3}{3^2} = \frac{13}{9}$$

-1 is not in the domain so $(-4, \frac{13}{9})$ is the only inflection point.

- (h) (5 pts) Sketch the graph of $f(x)$ on the following graph. Label all horizontal and vertical asymptotes, all local maximum and minimum, and all inflection points.

