

What is the first derivatives test?

If $f(x)$ is differentiable & let c be a critical point.

And if $f'(c)$ changes from positive to negative

Then $x=c$ is a local maximum

And if $f'(c)$ changes from negative to positive

Then $x=c$ is a local minimum

Use the first derivatives test to identify extrema for

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1. Find critical numbers

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 16x$$

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

$$4x = 0 \quad x^2 - 4 = 0$$

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$$x = \pm 2$$

2. Describe

$$x = -2 \text{ \& \; } +2 \text{ are}$$

minima b.c.

they are critical #'s

and $f'(x)$ changes from neg to positive there

2. Checks signs in between



$$f'(-3) = - \quad f'(-1) = + \quad f'(1) = - \quad f'(3) = +$$

$x=0$ is a max b.c. crit # &

$f'(x)$ changes from + to -

What is the second derivatives test?

If $f(x)$ is differentiable and let c be a critical number

If $f''(x)$ exists and

And if $f''(c) > 0$

then local minimum.

And if $f''(c) < 0$

then local maximum.

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down like frown

up like a cup

Maximum at
 $x=2$ Because
 $f'(2)=0$ And
 $f''(2) < 0$

Minimum at
 $x=4$ Because
 $f'(4)=0$ And
 $f''(4) > 0$.