

1. (10 points) This problem concerns the function $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + 10$.

(a) Find the intervals on which f increases and on which it decreases.

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x = 3x(x+2) = 0$$

\downarrow \downarrow
 $x=0$ $x=-2$

The critical points are $x=0$ and $x=-2$.

-2		0	
- - - - -	- - - - -	+ + + + +	3x
- - - - -	+ + + + +	+ + + + +	(x+2)
+ + + + +	- - - - -	+ + + + +	$f'(x) = 3x(x+2)$

$f(x)$ increases on $(-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty)$ $f(x)$ decreases on $(-2, 0)$

(b) Use your answer from part (a) to identify the locations (x values) of any local extrema of f .

By first derivative test:

f has a local maximum at $x = -2$
and a local minimum at $x = 0$

2. (10 points) The graph of the derivative $f'(x)$ of a function f is shown below.

(a) State the critical points of f .

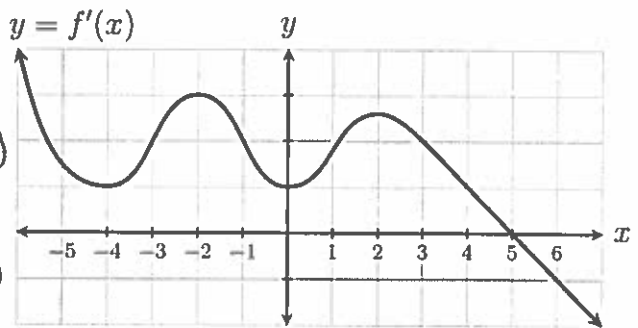
$x=5$ (because $f'(5)=0$)

(b) State the interval(s) on which f increases.

$(-\infty, 5)$ (because $f'(x) > 0$ there)

(c) State the interval(s) on which f decreases.

$(5, \infty)$ (because $f'(x) < 0$ there)



(d) Does f have a local maximum? Where?.

Yes, at $x=5$ (because $f'(x)$ changes from + to - at 5)

(e) Does f have a local minimum? Where?.

No (derivative never switches from - to +)

1. (10 points) This problem concerns the function $f(x) = 5x^4 + 20x^3 + 10$.

(a) Find the intervals on which f increases and on which it decreases.

$$f'(x) = 20x^3 + 60x^2 = 20x^2(x+3) = 0$$

\downarrow \downarrow
 $x=0$ $x=-3$

The critical points are $x=0$ and $x=-3$

-3	0	
++++	++++	++++ x^2
-----	++++	++++ $(x+3)$
-----	++++	++++ $f'(x) = 20x^2(x+3)$

$f(x)$ increases on $(-3, \infty)$ and $f(x)$ decreases on $(-\infty, -3)$

(b) Use your answer from part (a) to identify the locations (x values) of any local extrema of f .

By the first derivative test

$f(x)$ has a local minimum at $x = -3$

There is no local maximum

2. (10 points) The graph of the derivative $f'(x)$ of a function f is shown below.

(a) State the critical points of f .

$$-4, 0, 4$$

(b) State the interval(s) on which f increases.

$$(-\infty, -4) \text{ \& \; } (4, \infty)$$

(c) State the interval(s) on which f decreases.

$$(-4, 0) \text{ \& \; } (0, 4)$$

(d) Does f have a local maximum? Where?

Local max at $x = -4$ (Because $f'(x)$ changes from + to - at -4)

(e) Does f have a local minimum? Where?

Local min at $x = 4$ (Because $f'(x)$ changes from - to + at $x = 4$)

