

1. (12 points) This problem concerns the function  $f(x) = 60x - 9x^2 - 2x^3$ .

- (a) Find the critical points.

$$\begin{aligned}f'(x) &= 60 - 18x - 6x^2 \\&= -6(x^2 + 3x - 10) \\&= -6(x - 2)(x + 5)\end{aligned}$$

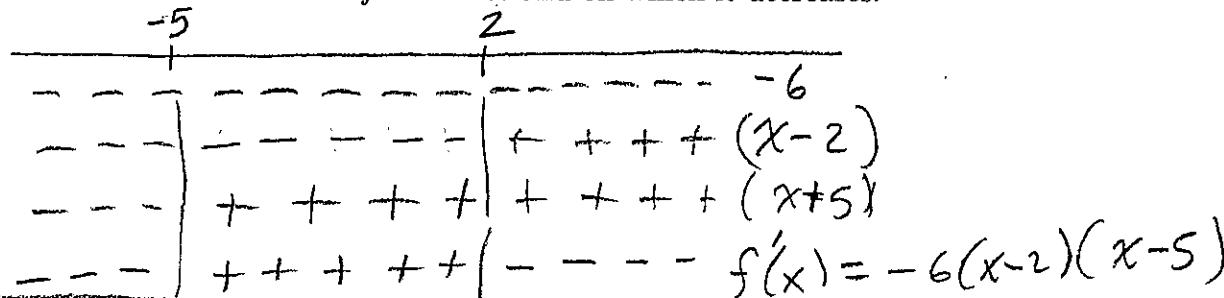
$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$

$x = 2$

$x = -5$

Critical points  
are  $x = 2$  and  
 $x = -5$

- (b) Find the intervals on which  $f$  increases and on which it decreases.



$f$  decreases on  $(-\infty, -5) \cup (2, \infty)$

$f$  increases on  $(-5, 2)$

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

local minimum at  $x = -5$   
local maximum at  $x = 2$

2. (8 points) The graph of the derivative  $f'(x)$  of a function  $f(x)$  is shown below.

- (a) State the critical points of  $f$ .

0 and 5

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

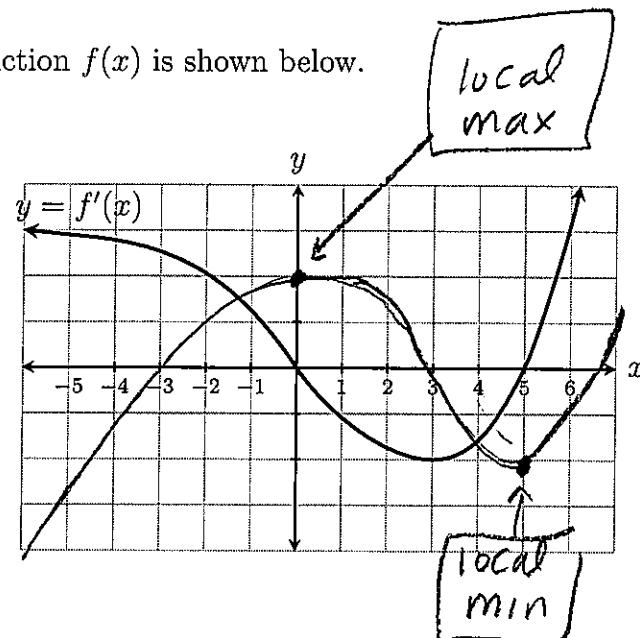
$(-\infty, 0) \cup (5, \infty)$  because  $f'(x) > 0$  there

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

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

- (d) Using the same coordinate axes, sketch a possible graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

Be sure to clearly indicate any local extrema.



1. (12 points) This problem concerns the function  $f(x) = x^2e^x - 3e^x$ .

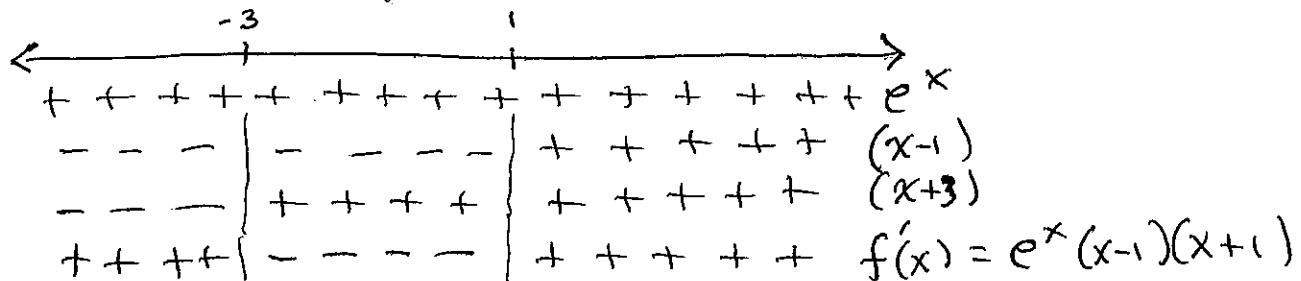
(a) Find the critical points.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 2xe^x + x^2e^x - 3e^x \\ &= e^x(x^2 + 2x - 3) \\ &= e^x(x-1)(x+3) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ \boxed{x=1} \quad \boxed{x=-3} \end{array}$$

Critical points  
are  $x=1$  and  
 $x=-3$

- (b) Find the intervals on which  $f$  increases and on which it decreases.



$f$  increases on  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$

$f$  decreases on  $(-3, 1)$

- (c) 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  $x = -3$   
 $f$  has a local minimum at  $x = 1$

2. (8 points) The graph of the derivative  $f'(x)$  of a function  $f(x)$  is shown below.

- (a) State the critical points of  $f$ .

$$\boxed{0, 5}$$

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

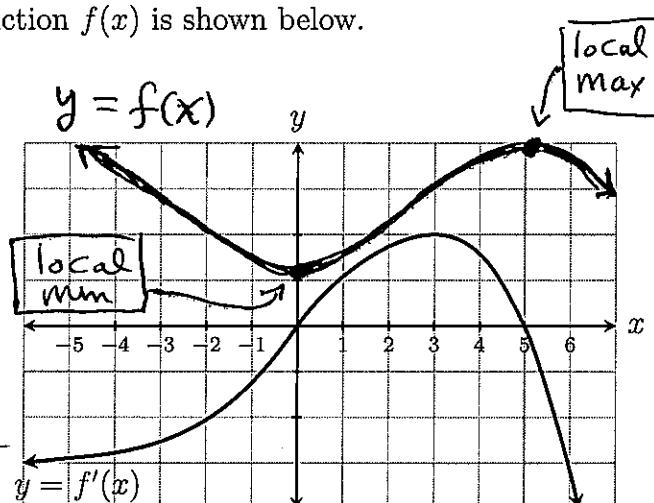
$\boxed{(0, 5)}$  because  $f'(x) > 0$  there.

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

$\boxed{(-\infty, 0) \cup (5, \infty)}$  as  $f'(x) < 0$  there

- (d) Using the same coordinate axes, sketch a possible graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

Be sure to clearly indicate any local extrema.



1. (12 points) This problem concerns the function  $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 6x + 10)$ .

(a) Find the critical points.

$$f'(x) = \frac{2x-6}{x^2-6x+10} = \frac{2(x-3)}{x^2-6x+9+1} = \frac{2(x-3)}{(x-3)^2+1}$$

← only for  $x \neq 3$

← always positive

$f'(x)$  is defined for all values of  $x$  and it equals 0 only when  $x=3$ . Therefore  $x=3$  is the only critical pt.

- (b) Find the intervals on which  $f$  increases and on which it decreases.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccccc} & & & & & & & & \\ \leftarrow & - & - & - & - & - & - & + & \rightarrow \\ & 3 & + & + & + & + & + & 2(x-3) \\ & + & + & + & + & + & + & (x-3)^2+1 \\ & - & - & - & - & - & \left\{ \begin{array}{c} + & + & + & + & + \\ f'(x) = \frac{2(x-3)}{(x-3)^2+1} \end{array} \right. \end{array}$$

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

$f(x)$  increases on  $(3, \infty)$

- (c) 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. (8 points) The graph of the derivative  $f'(x)$  of a function  $f(x)$  is shown below.

- (a) State the critical points of  $f$ .

-5 and 0

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

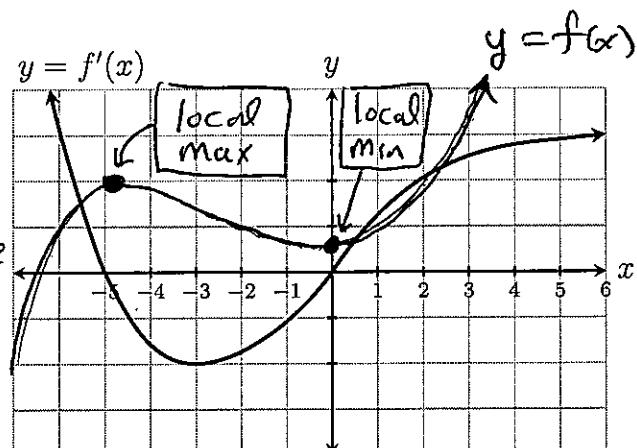
$(-\infty, -5) \cup (0, \infty)$  as  $f(x) > 0$  there

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

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

- (d) Using the same coordinate axes, sketch a possible graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

Be sure to clearly indicate any local extrema.



1. (12 points) This problem concerns the function  $f(x) = 3x^4 + 4x^3 - 2$ .

- (a) Find the critical points.

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 + 12x^2 = 12x^2(x+1)$$

$\swarrow \quad \searrow$   
 $x=0 \quad x=-1$

Critical points  $x=0$  and  $x=-1$

- (b) Find the intervals on which  $f$  increases and on which it decreases.

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$-$ $-$ $-$ $-$	$+$ $+$ $+$ $+$	$+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $+$ $(x+1)$
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$f$  decreases on  $(-\infty, -1)$        $f$  increases on  $(-1, \infty)$

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

$f$  has a local minimum at  $x = -1$   
There is no local maximum

2. (8 points) The graph of the derivative  $f'(x)$  of a function  $f(x)$  is shown below.

- (a) State the critical points of  $f$ .

0, 5

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

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

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

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

- (d) Using the same coordinate axes, sketch a possible graph of  $y = f(x)$ .

Be sure to clearly indicate any local extrema.

