

1. Find the global extrema of $f(x) = \tan(x) - 2x$ on the interval $[0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \sec^2(x) - 2 = 0 \\ \sec^2(x) &= 2 \\ \sec(x) &= \pm\sqrt{2} \\ \cos(x) &= \pm\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \pm\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is the only critical point in $[0, \frac{\pi}{4}]$ and it happens to be an endpoint!

$$f(0) = \tan(0) - 2 \cdot 0 = 0 \leftarrow \text{max}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 2 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2} < 0 \leftarrow \text{min.}$$

Ans. f has a global max of 0 at $x=0$
 f has a global min of $1 - \frac{\pi}{2}$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$

2. Find the global extrema of $f(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{8}{x}$ on the interval $(1, 4)$.

$$f'(x) = x - \frac{8}{x^2} = 0 \rightarrow x = \sqrt[3]{8}$$

$$x = \frac{8}{x^2}$$

$$x^3 = 8$$

$$x = 2$$

This is the only critical point in the interval

$$f''(x) = 1 + \frac{16}{x^3}$$

$f''(2) = 1 + \frac{16}{2^3} = 3 > 0$, so by 2nd derivative test there is a local minimum at $x = 2$

Therefore

f has a global minimum of $f(2) = 6$ at $x = 2$. No global maximum

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$$f(1) = \frac{1^2}{2} + \frac{8}{1} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{16}{2} = \frac{17}{2}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{2^2}{2} + \frac{8}{2} = 2 + 4 = 6 \leftarrow \text{min}$$

$$f(4) = \frac{4^2}{2} + \frac{8}{4} = 8 + 2 = 10 \leftarrow \text{max}$$

Ans f has a global max of 10 at $x=4$
 f has a global min of 6 at $x=2$

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$x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ is the only critical point in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ because $f'(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 0$

$$f''(x) = 2 \sec(x) \sec(x) \tan(x) = 2 \sec^2(x) \tan(x)$$

$$f''(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 2 \sqrt{2}^2 \cdot 1 = 4 > 0 \text{ so by 2}^{\text{nd}} \text{ derivative}$$

test, f has a local min. at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$, so this is a global min.

Ans f has a global minimum of $f(\frac{\pi}{4}) = 1 - \frac{\pi}{2}$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$. No global max