

MATH 2D Prep: Local Extreme Values

Facts to Know:

For simplicity, we assume all functions in this script are continuous and differentiable everywhere.

1. Critical numbers: $x = c$ is a critical number of the function $f(x)$ if _____.
2. First derivative test: Suppose c is critical number of $f(x)$
 - If f' changes from positive(+) to negative(-), then f has a local _____ at c ,
 - If f' changes from $-$ to $+$, then f has a local _____ at c ,
 - If f' is $+$ to the left and right of c , or $-$ to the left and right of c , then f has _____ at c ,
3. Second derivative test: If $f'(c) = 0$ and
 - $f''(c) > 0$, then f has a local _____ at c ,
 - $f''(c) < 0$, then f has a local _____ at c ,
 - $f''(c) = 0$, then _____.

Example:

1. Find all local extreme values of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$.

- Find critical numbers:
- Method 1: First derivative test:

Interval	$f'(x)$	$f(x)$

- Method 2: Second derivative test:

$$f''(x) =$$

x	$f''(x)$	$f(x)$