- Find critical numbers of a function.
- Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of a function on a closed interval.

Example 1: Find the absolute maximum and minimum of $f(x) = xe^{x/2}$ on [-3, 1]

Example 2: Find the absolute maximum and minimum of $f(x) = \frac{x}{3} - \sqrt[3]{x}$ on the interval [-1, 8]

- Determine where a function is increasing decreasing.
- Determine where a function is concave up and concave down.

Example 3: Given $G(x) = 5x^{2/3} - 2x^{5/3}$

(a) Find the intervals of increase/ decrease.

- (b) Find the local maximum and minimum values.
- (c) Find the intervals of concavity and the inflection points.

Example 4: Given $g(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 9}$, $g'(x) = \frac{-x^2 - 9}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$ and $g''(x) = \frac{2x^3 + 54x}{(x^2 - 9)^3}$ find the following.

(a) Determine the intervals of increase/ decrease.

- (b) Find the relative maxima/ minima and indicate whether it is a maxima or minima. If there are no local exrema explain why.
- (c) Determine the intervals of concavity.

- (d) Find the inflection points. If there are no inflection points, explain why.
- (e) State the vertical asymptotes for g(x)
- (f) State the horizontal asymptotes for g(x)
- (g) Sketch the graph of g(x).



• Solve max/ min optimization problems.

Example 5: A box with an open top is to be constructed from a square piece of cardboard, 3 ft wide, by cutting a square from each of the four corners and bending up the sides. Find the largest volume that such a box can have.

Example 6: Suppose a box with a square base and open top must have a volume of 32 m³. Find the dimensions of the box that minimize the amount of material used.

Example 7: A rectangular storage container with an open top is to have a volume of 10 m³. The length of the base is twice the width. Material for the base costs \$10 per square meter. Material for the sides costs \$ 6 per square meter. Find the costs of materials for the cheapest such container.