

## SECTION 4.1: MAXIMUM &amp; MINIMUM VALUES (DAY 2)

1. Find all critical points of the function  $f(x) = \sin(x)^{1/3}$ .

C.p: where  $f'$  undefined or  $f' = 0$ .

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (\sin(x))^{-2/3} (\cos x) = \frac{\cos x}{3(\sin(x))^{2/3}}$$

$$f' = 0 \text{ when } \cos x = 0. \text{ So } x = \dots, -\frac{3\pi}{2}, -\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \dots = \frac{(2k+1)\pi}{2} \text{ for } k \text{ integer}$$

$$= \pi k + \frac{\pi}{2} \quad k \text{ an integer.}$$

$f'$  undefined when  $\sin x = 0$ . So  $x = \dots, -2\pi, \pi, 0, \pi, 2\pi, \dots = \pi k, k \text{ integer.}$

ANSWER  $f(x)$  has critical points when  $x = \frac{\pi k}{2}$  for  $k$  integer.

2. Find the absolute maximum and minimum values of  $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$  on the interval  $[-2, 3]$ , and the locations where those values are attained.

$$f'(x) = -2xe^{-x^2}$$

① Find critical points:  $f'$  undefined? Never.  
 $f' = 0$ ? when  $x = 0$ .

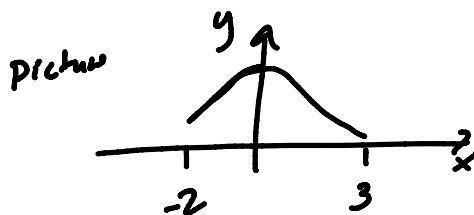
② Table of values:

$x$	$y = e^{-x^2}$
-2	$y = \frac{1}{e^4}$
0	$y = 1$ ← largest
3	$y = \frac{1}{e^9}$ ← smallest

③ ANSWER:

1 is the abs. max at  $x = 0$

$\frac{1}{e^9}$  is the abs min at  $x = 3$



3. A ball thrown in the air at time  $t = 0$  has a height given by

$$h(t) = h_0 + v_0 t - \frac{1}{2} g_0 t^2$$

meters where  $t$  is measured in seconds,  $h_0$  is the height at time 0,  $v_0$  is the velocity (in meters per second) at time 0 and  $g_0$  is the constant acceleration due to gravity (in  $\text{m/s}^2$ ). Assuming  $v_0 > 0$ , find the time that the ball attains its maximum height. Then find the maximum height.

Goal: Maximize  $h(t)$ .

$$h'(t) = 0 + v_0 - \frac{1}{2} g_0 (2t) = v_0 - g_0 t$$

① Find c.points.  $h'$  never undefined  
 $h' = 0$  if  $v_0 - g_0 t = 0$ . So  $t = v_0/g_0$

Answer 1:  $h(t)$  attains its maximum height when  $t = v_0/g_0$  seconds.

② Plug  $t = v_0/g_0$  into  $h(t)$  to find maximum height:

$$h(v_0/g_0) = h_0 + v_0 (v_0/g_0) - \frac{1}{2} g_0 (v_0/g_0)^2$$

$$= h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{g_0} - \frac{1}{2} \frac{v_0^2}{g_0} = h_0 + \frac{v_0^2}{2g_0} \text{ meters.}$$