

**Extrema**

**Absolute Extrema**

- $x = c$  is an absolute maximum of  $f(x)$  if  $f(c) \geq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in the domain.
- $x = c$  is an absolute minimum of  $f(x)$  if  $f(c) \leq f(x)$  for all  $x$  in the domain.

**Fermat's Theorem**

If  $f(x)$  has a relative (or local) extrema at  $x = c$ , then  $x = c$  is a critical point of  $f(x)$ .

**Extreme Value Theorem**

If  $f(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  then there exist numbers  $c$  and  $d$  so that,  $a \leq c, d \leq b$ .  $f(c)$  is the abs. max. in  $[a, b]$ ,  $f(d)$  is the abs. min. in  $[a, b]$ .

**Finding Absolute Extrema**

To find the absolute extrema of the continuous function  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[a, b]$  use the following process.

- Find all critical points of  $f(x)$  in  $[a, b]$ .
- Evaluate  $f(x)$  at all points found in Step 1.
- Evaluate  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$ .
- Identify the abs. max. (largest function value) and the abs. min. (smallest function value) from the evaluations in Steps 2 & 3.

**Mean Value Theorem**

If  $f(x)$  is continuous on the closed interval  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on the open interval  $(a, b)$  then there is a number  $a < c < b$  such that  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ .

**Newton's Method**

If  $x_n$  is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  guess for the root/solution of  $f(x) = 0$  then  $(n+1)^{\text{th}}$  guess is  $x_{n+1} = x_n - \frac{f(x_n)}{f'(x_n)}$  provided  $f'(x_n)$  exists.

**Related Rates**

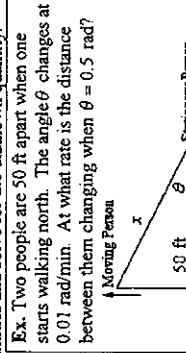
Sketch picture and identify known/unknown quantities. Write down equation relating quantities and differentiate with respect to  $t$  using implicit differentiation (i.e. add on a derivative every time you differentiate a function of  $t$ ). Plug in known quantities and solve for the unknown quantity.

Ex. A 15 foot ladder is resting against a wall. The bottom is initially 10 ft away and is being pushed towards the wall at  $\frac{1}{4}$  ft/sec. How fast is the top moving after 12 sec?



$x'$  is negative because  $x$  is decreasing. Using Pythagorean Theorem and differentiating,  $x^2 + y^2 = 15^2 \Rightarrow 2xx' + 2yy' = 0$   
After 12 sec we have  $x = 10 - 12(\frac{1}{4}) = 7$  and so  $y = \sqrt{15^2 - 7^2} = \sqrt{176}$ . Plug in and solve for  $y'$ .

$7(-\frac{1}{4}) + \sqrt{176} y' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = \frac{7}{4\sqrt{176}}$  ft/sec



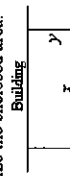
We have  $\theta' = 0.01$  rad/min. and want to find  $x'$ . We can use various trig funcs but easiest is,  $\sec \theta = \frac{x}{50} \Rightarrow \sec \theta \tan \theta \theta' = \frac{x'}{50}$   
We know  $\theta = 0.05$  so plug in  $\theta'$  and solve.

$\sec(0.5) \tan(0.5)(0.01) = \frac{x'}{50}$   
 $x' = 0.3112$  ft/sec  
Remember to have calculator in radians!

**Optimization**

Sketch picture if needed, write down equation to be optimized and constraint. Solve constraint for one of the two variables and plug into first equation. Find critical points of equation in range of variables and verify that they are min/max as needed.

Ex. We're enclosing a rectangular field with 500 ft of fence material and one side of the field is a building. Determine dimensions that will maximize the enclosed area.



Maximize  $A = xy$  subject to constraint of  $x + 2y = 500$ . Solve constraint for  $x$  and plug into area.

$x = 500 - 2y \Rightarrow A = y(500 - 2y) = 500y - 2y^2$

Differentiate and find critical point(s).

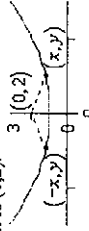
$A' = 500 - 4y \Rightarrow y = 125$

By  $2^{\text{nd}}$  deriv. test this is a rel. max. and so is the answer we're after. Finally, find  $x$ .

$x = 500 - 2(125) = 250$

The dimensions are then  $250 \times 125$ .

Ex. Determine point(s) on  $y = x^2 + 1$  that are closest to  $(0, 2)$ .



Minimize  $f = d^2 = (x-0)^2 + (y-2)^2$  and the constraint is  $y = x^2 + 1$ . Solve constraint for  $x^2$  and plug into the function.

$x^2 = y - 1 \Rightarrow f = x^2 + (y - 2)^2 = y - 1 + (y - 2)^2 = y^2 - 3y + 3$

Differentiate and find critical point(s).

$f' = 2y - 3 \Rightarrow y = \frac{3}{2}$

By the  $2^{\text{nd}}$  derivative test this is a rel. min. and so all we need to do is find  $x$  value(s).

$x^2 = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
The 2 points are then  $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{3}{2})$  and  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{3}{2})$ .

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**Question 5**

Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x + y - 1$ .

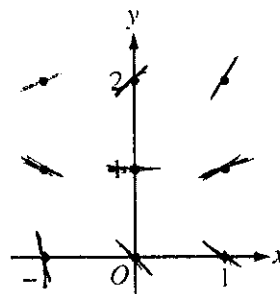
- (a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)

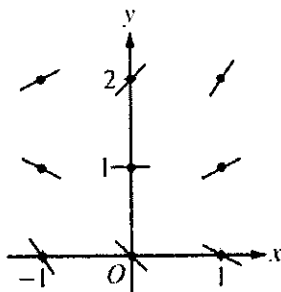
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  in terms of  $x$  and  $y$ . Describe the region in the  $xy$ -plane in which all solution curves to the differential equation are concave up.

- (c) Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to the differential equation with the initial condition  $f(0) = 1$ . Does  $f$  have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 0$ ? Justify your answer.

- (d) Find the values of the constants  $m$  and  $b$ , for which  $y = mx + b$  is a solution to the differential equation.



(a)



2 : Sign of slope at each point and relative steepness of slope lines in rows and columns.

(b)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x + y - \frac{1}{2}$

Solution curves will be concave up on the half-plane above the line

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}.$$

3 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 2 : \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \\ 1 : \text{description} \end{array} \right.$

(c)  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(0,1)} = 0 + 1 - 1 = 0$  and  $\left. \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} \right|_{(0,1)} = 0 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} > 0$

Thus,  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $(0, 1)$ .

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{array} \right.$

- (d) Substituting  $y = mx + b$  into the differential equation:

$$m = \frac{1}{2}x + (mx + b) - 1 = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)x + (b - 1)$$

Then  $0 = m + \frac{1}{2}$  and  $m = b - 1$ :  $m = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $b = \frac{1}{2}$ .

2 :  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1 : \text{value for } m \\ 1 : \text{value for } b \end{array} \right.$

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**Question 5**

At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function  $W$  models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that  $W$  will satisfy the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  for the next 20 years.  $W$  is measured in tons, and  $t$  is measured in years from the start of 2010.

- (a) Use the line tangent to the graph of  $W$  at  $t = 0$  to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ ).
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  in terms of  $W$ . Use  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $W = W(t)$  to the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  with initial condition  $W(0) = 1400$ .

(a)  $\left. \frac{dW}{dt} \right|_{t=0} = \frac{1}{25}(W(0) - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(1400 - 300) = 44$

The tangent line is  $y = 1400 + 44t$ .

$$W\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) \approx 1400 + 44\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 1411 \text{ tons}$$

(b)  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{25} \frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{625}(W - 300)$  and  $W \geq 1400$

Therefore  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2} > 0$  on the interval  $0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}$ .

The answer in part (a) is an underestimate.

(c)  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$

$$\int \frac{1}{W - 300} dW = \int \frac{1}{25} dt$$

$$\ln|W - 300| = \frac{1}{25}t + C$$

$$\ln(1400 - 300) = \frac{1}{25}(0) + C \Rightarrow \ln(1100) = C$$

$$W - 300 = 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}$$

$$W(t) = 300 + 1100e^{\frac{1}{25}t}, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 20$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{dW}{dt} \text{ at } t = 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \frac{d^2W}{dt^2} \\ 1 : \text{answer with reason} \end{cases}$$

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } W \end{cases}$$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

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**Question 6**

Solutions to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$  also satisfy  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3(1 + 3x^2y^2)$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$  with  $f(1) = 2$ .

- (a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 1$ .
- (b) Use the tangent line equation from part (a) to approximate  $f(1.1)$ . Given that  $f(x) > 0$  for  $1 < x < 1.1$ , is the approximation for  $f(1.1)$  greater than or less than  $f(1.1)$ ? Explain your reasoning.
- (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  with initial condition  $f(1) = 2$ .

(a)  $f'(1) = \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(1, 2)} = 8$

An equation of the tangent line is  $y = 2 + 8(x - 1)$ .

(b)  $f(1.1) \approx 2.8$

Since  $y = f(x) > 0$  on the interval  $1 \leq x < 1.1$ ,

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = y^3(1 + 3x^2y^2) > 0 \text{ on this interval.}$$

Therefore on the interval  $1 < x < 1.1$ , the line tangent to the graph of  $y = f(x)$  at  $x = 1$  lies below the curve and the approximation 2.8 is less than  $f(1.1)$ .

(c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = xy^3$

$$\int \frac{1}{y^3} dy = \int x dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + C$$

$$-\frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^2} = \frac{1^2}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{5}{8}$$

$$y^2 = \frac{1}{\frac{5}{4} - x^2}$$

$$f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5 - 4x^2}}, \quad \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{2} < x < \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : f'(1) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{approximation} \\ 1 : \text{conclusion with explanation} \end{cases}$$

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{separation of variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables

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$$\frac{dy}{y^3} = x dx$$

$$c) \int y^{-3} dy = \int x dx$$

$$-\frac{1}{2}y^{-2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$-\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$$

$$-\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2} + C$$

$$C = -\frac{5}{8}$$

$$-\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} = -x^2 + \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\frac{1}{y^2} = \frac{-4x^2 + 5}{4}$$

$$y^2(-4x^2 + 5) = 4$$

$$y^2 = \frac{4}{5 - 4x^2}$$

$$y = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5 - 4x^2}}$$

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$$b) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{2}x + y - 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}x + y - 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x + y - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$c) (0, 1)$$

$f'' > 0$  minimum

$$d) \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2}x + mx + b - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x\left(\frac{1}{2} + m\right) + b - 1$$

$$\frac{1}{2} + m = 0$$

$$m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$m = b - 1 = -\frac{1}{2} = b - 1$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{25dw}{w-300} = dt \quad \frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(w-300)$$

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$$\frac{dw}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(1100) = 44$$

$$y = 44t + 1400$$

$$w\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) = 44\left(\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1400 \hat{=} 1411 \text{ tons}$$

$$\frac{d^2w}{dt^2} = \frac{1}{25}w \cdot \frac{dw}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{1}{25} \left[ \frac{1}{25}(w-300) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{625}(w-300) \quad \text{and } w \geq 1400$$

$$w \geq 1400 \quad = \quad \frac{d^2w}{dt^2} > 0 \quad 0 \leq t \leq \frac{1}{4}$$

underestimate.

$$\int \frac{25}{w-300} dw = \int \frac{1}{25} dt$$

$$u = w - 300$$

$$du = 1$$

$$25 \ln |w-300| = \frac{1}{25}t + C \quad \ln(w-300) =$$

$$25 \ln 1100 = C$$

$$\ln |w-300| = \frac{1}{25}t + \ln 1100$$

$$w-300 = e^{\frac{1}{25}t + \ln 1100}$$

$$w-300 = 1100 e^{\frac{1}{25}t}$$

$$w = 1100 e^{\frac{1}{25}t} + 300$$