

# QUIZ #3 (SECTIONS 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.6)

## SOLUTIONS

MATH 121 – FALL 2003 – KUNIYUKI  
105 POINTS TOTAL, BUT 100 POINTS = 100%

1) Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + 3$ . You must:

- Find and label all points at critical numbers and inflection points (if any).
- Classify all points at critical numbers as relative maximum points, relative minimum points, or neither.
- Find the y-intercept.
- Have your graph correctly show where  $f$  is increasing / decreasing, and where  $f$  is concave up / concave down.
- Show all steps, as we have done in class.

(30 points)




**Step 1:** Domain =  $\mathbf{R}$ .

**Step 2:** Find  $f'$  and critical numbers (CNs).

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= x^4 - 4x^3 + 3 \\f'(x) &= 4x^3 - 12x^2 \\&= 4x^2(x - 3)\end{aligned}$$

This is never DNE. It equals 0 at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 3$ , which are in the domain of  $f$ .  
The CNs are 0 and 3.

**Step 3:** Do a sign diagram for  $f'$  and classify the points at the CNs.

	Test $x = -1$	<b>0</b>	Test $x = 1$	<b>3</b>	Test $x = 4$
$f'$ sign	-		-		+
$f$					
Classify Points at CNs (Using 1 <sup>st</sup> DT.)		<b>Neither</b> R.Max. nor R.Min. Pt.		<b>R.Min.</b> <b>Pt.</b>	
Plug into $f(x)$ to get y		$(0, f(0))$ <b>(0, 3)</b>		$(3, f(3))$ <b>(3, -24)</b>	

$$f'(x) = (4)(x^2)(x-3)$$

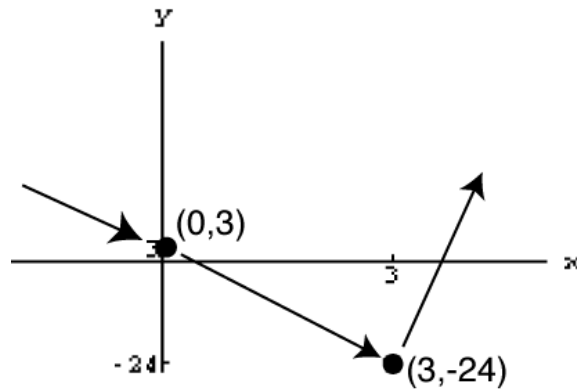
$$f'(-1) = (+)(+)(-) = -$$

$$f'(1) = (+)(+)(-) = -$$

$$f'(4) = (+)(+)(+) = +$$

**Step 4:** Skeleton graph for  $f$ ; y-intercept

y-intercept =  $f(0) = 3$ , the constant term from the  $f(x)$  rule.  
 (We already knew that  $(0,3)$  was on the graph of  $f$ .)



**Step 5:** Find  $f''$  and possible inflection numbers (PINs).

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 24x$$

$$= 12x(x-2)$$

$f''$  is never DNE. It equals 0 at  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$ , which are in the domain of  $f$ .  
 The PINs are 0 and 2.

**Step 6:** Do a sign diagram for  $f''$  and find inflection points (IPs).

	Test $x = -1$	<b>0</b>	Test $x = 1$	<b>2</b>	Test $x = 3$
$f''$ sign	+		-		+
$f$ graph	CU ( $\cup$ )		CD ( $\cap$ )		CU ( $\cup$ )
Inflection Points (IPs)?		<b>Yes, IP</b>		<b>Yes, IP</b>	
Plug into $f(x)$ to get y		$(0, f(0))$ <b>(0,3)</b>		$(2, f(2))$ <b>(2,-13)</b>	

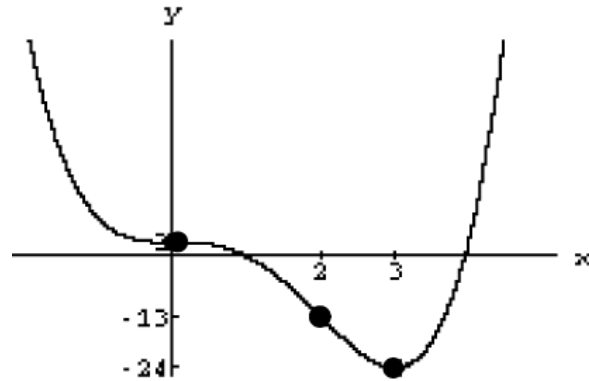
$$f''(x) = (12)(x)(x-2)$$

$$f''(-1) = (+)(-)(-) = +$$

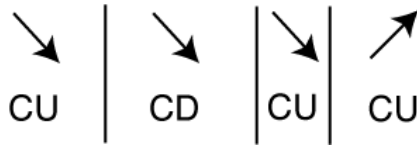
$$f''(1) = (+)(+)(-) = -$$

$$f''(3) = (+)(+)(+) = +$$

**Step 7:** Sketch the graph of  $f$ .



$$(0,0) \quad (2,-13) \quad (3,-24)$$



- 2) Find all critical numbers of  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 6x}$ . Remember to clearly box in your answer(s). (6 points)

We must first find  $f'(x)$ .

Method 1: Quotient Rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{\text{Lo} \cdot \text{D(Hi)} - \text{Hi} \cdot \text{D(Lo)}}{\text{the square of what's below}} \quad (\text{Quotient Rule})$$

$$= \frac{(x^2 + 6x) \cdot D_x(1) - (1) \cdot D_x(x^2 + 6x)}{(x^2 + 6x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{\overbrace{(x^2 + 6x) \cdot (0)}^{=0} - (1) \cdot (2x + 6)}{(x^2 + 6x)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-2x - 6}{(x^2 + 6x)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{2x + 6}{(x^2 + 6x)^2}$$

## Method 2: Generalized Power Rule

$$\begin{aligned}f(x) &= (x^2 + 6x)^{-1} \\f'(x) &= -(x^2 + 6x)^{-2} \cdot D_x(x^2 + 6x) \\&= -(x^2 + 6x)^{-2} \cdot (2x + 6) \\&= -\frac{2x + 6}{(x^2 + 6x)^2} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-2x - 6}{(x^2 + 6x)^2}\end{aligned}$$

Notice: Both  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$  are rational, and they are both DNE (undefined) for those values of  $x$  that yield a zero denominator, and only those values. Any value of  $x$  that will make the denominator of  $f'(x)$  equal to 0 will also make the denominator of  $f(x)$  equal to 0. Therefore, the values of  $x$  that will make  $f'$  DNE (namely, 0 and  $-6$ ) are not in the domain of  $f$ . They are not critical numbers.

Where is  $f'(x) = 0$ ?

Set the numerator equal to 0 and solve for  $x$ .

$$\begin{aligned}-2x - 6 &= 0 \\-2x &= 6 \\x &= -3\end{aligned}$$

Note that  $-3$  does not make the denominator of  $f'(x)$  equal to 0.  $-3$  is in the domain of  $f$ , so  $-3$  is a critical number.

$-3$  is the only critical number of  $f$ .

- 3) True or False: If  $f''(6) = 0$ , then the graph of  $f$  must have an inflection point at  $x = 6$ . Circle one: (2 points)

**True**

**False**

If the graph is not changing concavity (from concave up to concave down or vice-versa) around 6, then the point at 6 is not an inflection point. For example,  $f(x) = (x - 6)^4$  has the property that  $f''(6) = 0$ , but  $f''(x) = 12(x - 6)^2$  is positive both to the left and right of 6 on the number line, so the graph of  $f$  stays concave up to the left and to the right of 6.

- 4) True or False: The Second Derivative Test can be used to show that a point on the graph of  $f$  is neither a relative maximum point nor a relative minimum point. Circle one: (2 points)

**True**

**False**

The Second Derivative Test can only be used to classify points as relative maximum points or relative minimum points.

- 5) Is the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3}$  concave up or concave down at  $x = 9$ ? Show work!  
(6 points)

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= x^{3/2} \\
 f'(x) &= \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2} \\
 f''(x) &= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2} \\
 &= \frac{3}{4\sqrt{x}} \\
 f''(9) &= \frac{3}{4\sqrt{9}} \quad (\text{You can see this is positive in value right now.}) \\
 &= \frac{3}{4 \cdot 3} \\
 &= \frac{1}{4} \\
 &> 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$f''$  is positive in value at 9, so the graph is **concave up** at 9.

- 6) Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $f(x) = -3x^2 + 60x + 7$  on the interval  $[3, 20]$  and label them "A.Max.Value" and "A.Min.Value." As you show your work, list all of the appropriate candidates for these values and only those, based on our discussion in class. (9 points)

The Extreme Value Theorem (EVT) applies, since  $f$  is continuous on the given closed interval.

Find any critical numbers:

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= -3x^2 + 60x + 7 \\
 f'(x) &= -6x + 60
 \end{aligned}$$

$f'$  is never DNE. Where is  $f'(x) = 0$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 -6x + 60 &= 0 \\
 -6x &= -60 \\
 x &= 10
 \end{aligned}$$

10 is in  $[3, 20]$ , so it is our sole critical number.

$x$	$f(x)$	Find highest, lowest values
3	160	
10	<b>307</b>	<b>A.Max.Value</b>
20	<b>7</b>	<b>A.Min.Value</b>

- 7) For the equation  $xy^2 - 3x^5 + y^3 = 7$ , use implicit differentiation to find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .  
(14 points)

**Step 1:**  $D_x$  each term.

$$D_x(xy^2) - D_x(3x^5) + D_x(y^3) = D_x(7)$$

We will need the Product Rule and the Chain Rule.

$$[D_x(x) \cdot y^2] + [x \cdot D_x(y^2)] - 15x^4 + 3y^2y' = 0$$

$$[1 \cdot y^2] + [x \cdot 2yy'] - 15x^4 + 3y^2y' = 0$$

$$y^2 + 2xyy' - 15x^4 + 3y^2y' = 0$$

**Step 2:** Isolate the terms with  $y'$ .

$$2xyy' + 3y^2y' = 15x^4 - y^2$$

**Step 3:** Factor out  $y'$ .

$$y'(2xy + 3y^2) = 15x^4 - y^2$$

**Step 4:** Divide to isolate  $y'$ , i.e.,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$y' \text{ or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{15x^4 - y^2}{2xy + 3y^2}$$

- 8) Your company sells posters of Arnold Schwarzenegger. Fixed costs are \$300. Each poster costs \$4 to make. The price function is  $p(x) = 346 - 3x$  in dollars, where  $x$  is the number of posters produced and sold. (20 points total)

a) Find the profit function,  $P(x)$ . Your answer must be in simplest form.

Find the revenue function,  $R(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} R(x) &= \left( \begin{array}{c} \text{Unit} \\ \text{price} \end{array} \right) (\text{Quantity}) \\ &= p(x) \cdot x \\ &= (346 - 3x)x \\ &= 346x - 3x^2 \end{aligned}$$

Find the cost function,  $C(x)$ .

$$C(x) = 300 + 4x$$

Find the profit function,  $P(x)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= R(x) - C(x) \\&= (346x - 3x^2) - (300 + 4x) \\&= 346x - 3x^2 - 300 - 4x \\&= -3x^2 + 342x - 300\end{aligned}$$

b) How many posters should be produced? Verify that this gives us the absolute maximum profit, as we have done in class.

Find the critical numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= -3x^2 + 342x - 300 \\P'(x) &= -6x + 342\end{aligned}$$

$P'$  is never DNE. Where is  $P'(x) = 0$ ??

$$\begin{aligned}-6x + 342 &= 0 \\-6x &= -342 \\x &= 57\end{aligned}$$

57 is in the domain of  $P$ , which is presumably  $[0, \infty)$ , so it is our sole critical number.

Verify we have an absolute maximum there.

Use the Second Derivative Test (remember,  $P'(57) = 0$ ):

$$\begin{aligned}P'(x) &= -6x + 342 \\P''(x) &= -6 \\P''(57) &= -6\end{aligned}$$

This is negative, so the graph of  $P$  is concave down ( $\cap$ ) at the corresponding point, which must be a relative maximum point.

It must also be an absolute maximum point, because  $P$  is continuous, and 57 is the only critical number.

**57 posters should be produced.**

c) What is your maximum profit?

$$\begin{aligned}P(x) &= -3x^2 + 342x - 300 \\P(57) &= -3(57)^2 + 342(57) - 300 \\&= \mathbf{\$9,447}\end{aligned}$$

- 9) A company's demand equation is  $x = \sqrt{58 - p^2}$ , where  $p$  is the price in dollars and  $x$  is the quantity consumers will demand at that price. Find  $\frac{dp}{dx}$  when  $p = 3$ , and interpret your answer. (16 points)

For convenience, square both sides of the equation. Remember that  $x$  can't be negative.

$$x^2 = 58 - p^2$$

Since we want to find  $\frac{dp}{dx}$ , we will  $D_x$  each term. (Below: If you didn't square.)

$$D_x(x) = D_x(\sqrt{58 - p^2})$$

$$D_x(x) = D_x(58 - p^2)^{1/2}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{2}(58 - p^2)^{-1/2} \cdot \underbrace{D_x(58 - p^2)}_{\text{tail}}$$

$$D_x(x^2) = D_x(58) - D_x(p^2)$$

$$2x = 0 - 2p \underbrace{\frac{dp}{dx}}_{\text{tail}}$$

$$2x = -2p \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\frac{2x}{-2p} = \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$-\frac{x}{p} = \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{x}{p}$$

$$1 = \frac{1}{2}(58 - p^2)^{-1/2} \cdot \left( -2p \underbrace{\frac{dp}{dx}}_{\substack{2^{\text{nd}} \\ \text{tail}}} \right)$$

$$1 = -\frac{p \frac{dp}{dx}}{\sqrt{58 - p^2}}$$

$$-\sqrt{58 - p^2} = p \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$-\frac{\sqrt{58 - p^2}}{p} = \frac{dp}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dp}{dx} = -\frac{\sqrt{58 - p^2}}{p} \quad \text{or} \quad -\frac{x}{p}$$

When  $p = 3$ , what is  $x$ ?

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \sqrt{58 - (3)^2} \\ &= \sqrt{58 - 9} \\ &= \sqrt{49} \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dp}{dx} &= -\frac{x}{p} \\ &= -\frac{7}{3} \\ &\approx -2.33 \left( \frac{\$}{\text{unit}} \right) \end{aligned}$$

Interpretation:

**When the unit price is \$3, the price must drop by about \$2.33 [per unit] if one more unit is to be demanded.**