

What is your absolute full name? Key

AP Calculus AB: 4.8 Absolute Max & Min Values with Intervals

1. Find the absolute min of the function $g(x) = \sqrt[3]{(x^2 - 16)^2}$ for the interval $[-2, 5]$

x	y
-2	$12^{2/3}$
5	$9^{2/3}$
0	$12^{2/3}$
4	0

$$g'(x) = \frac{4x}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2-16}}$$

$x = 0 \pm 4$ ← ignore -4 (not in interval)

absolute min @ $x=4$
value $y=0$

2. Using the function $h(x) = \frac{x^2+4}{2x}$, find

a) the interval(s) the function $h(x)$ is decreasing.

dec: $[-2, 0]$ $[0, 2]$ or $[-2, 2]$

b) Find the absolute maximum value from the interval $[1, 3]$

ignore 0
& -2 b/c
not in
interval

x	y
1	2.5
3	2.1
2	2

absolute max @ $x=1$
value $y=2.5$

3. Find the absolute maximum value for the function $f(x) = \sin(x) - \frac{x}{2}$ for the interval $[0, \pi]$

x	y
0	0
π	$-\pi/2$
$\pi/3$	-0.342

$$f' = \cos(x) - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin(0) - \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

$$\cos(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin(\pi) - \frac{\pi}{2} = -\pi/2$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\sin(\pi/3) - \frac{\pi/3}{2} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{6} - \frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{3\sqrt{3}-\pi}{6}$$

absolute max @ $x = \pi/3$
value $y = -0.342$

Calculator Allowed

4. Find where the function $f(x) = 4x \cdot \ln(x)$ has an absolute max value from $[0, 3]$

x	y
0	und
3	13.183
e^{-1}	-1.472

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$x = e^{-1}$$

absolute max @ $x=3$
value 13.183