

**MATH 16A MIDTERM 2 (PRACTICE 1)**  
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**DO NOT TURN OVER UNTIL  
INSTRUCTED TO DO SO.**

**CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED**

**YOU MAY USE YOUR OWN BLANK  
PAPER FOR ROUGH WORK**

**SO AS NOT TO DISTURB OTHER  
STUDENTS, EVERYONE MUST STAY  
UNTIL THE EXAM IS COMPLETE**

**REMEMBER THIS EXAM IS GRADED BY  
A HUMAN BEING. WRITE YOUR  
SOLUTIONS NEATLY AND  
COHERENTLY, OR THEY RISK NOT  
RECEIVING FULL CREDIT**

**THIS EXAM WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY  
SCANNED. MAKE SURE YOU WRITE ALL  
SOLUTIONS IN THE SPACES PROVIDED.  
YOU MAY WRITE SOLUTIONS ON THE  
BLANK PAGE AT THE BACK BUT BE  
SURE TO CLEARLY LABEL THEM**

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This exam consists of 5 questions. Answer the questions in the spaces provided.

1. (25 points) Calculate the derivatives of the following functions: (You do not need to use the limit definition and you do not need to simplify your answers)

(a)

$$2^{(x^3+x+1)}$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{d}{dx} (2^{(x^3+x+1)}) &= \ln(2) \cdot 2^{(x^3+x+1)} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (x^3+x+1) \\ &= \ln(2) \cdot 2^{(x^3+x+1)} \cdot (3x^2+1) \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\ln\left(\frac{3^x(x+1)}{x-3}\right)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} \ln\left(\frac{3^x(x+1)}{x-3}\right) &= \ln(3^x) + \ln(x+1) - \ln(x-3) \\ &= \ln(3) \cdot x + \ln(x+1) - \ln(x-3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} \left( \ln\left(\frac{3^x(x+1)}{x-3}\right) \right) = \ln(3) + \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{x-3}$$

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2. (25 points) A company is selling a product. The demand equation for a product is

$$q = 100 - 2p^2,$$

where  $p$  is the price per unit and  $q$  is the number of units sold.

- (a) Determine the marginal revenue when the number of units sold is 50.

**Solution:**

$$q = 100 - 2p^2 \Rightarrow p = \sqrt{50 - \frac{q}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow R(q) = pq = q \sqrt{50 - \frac{q}{2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow R'(q) &= \frac{d}{dq}(q) \cdot \sqrt{50 - \frac{q}{2}} + q \cdot \frac{d}{dq} \left( (50 - \frac{q}{2})^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \\ &= \sqrt{50 - \frac{q}{2}} + q \cdot \frac{1}{2} (50 - \frac{q}{2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow R'(50) &= \sqrt{50 - \frac{50}{2}} + 50 \cdot \frac{1}{2} (50 - \frac{50}{2})^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) \\ &= 5 + 50 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot (-\frac{1}{2}) = 5 - \frac{50}{20} = \frac{5}{2} \end{aligned}$$

- (b) Should the company aim to sell more or less units to increase revenue? Be sure to justify your answer

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} R'(50) > 0 &\Rightarrow \text{Revenue is increasing when } q = 50 \\ &\Rightarrow \text{Company should aim to sell more than } 50 \text{ to increase revenue.} \end{aligned}$$

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3. Find, and classify, the relative extrema of the following function:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 1$$

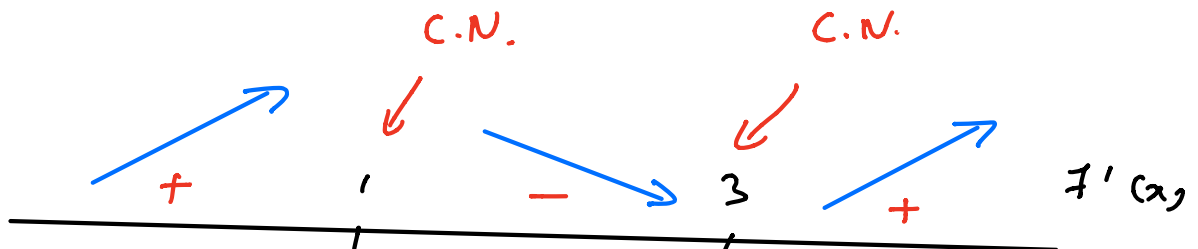
Be sure to carefully justify your answer.

Solution:

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 9 = 3(x^2 - 4x + 3) = 3(x-1)(x-3)$$

A/  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$  or  $3$

B/  $f'$  continuous everywhere



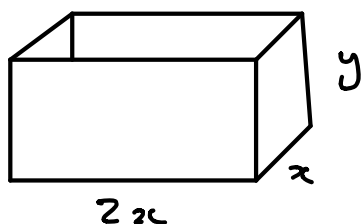
$$f'(0) = 3 \cdot -1 \cdot -3 > 0 \quad f'(2) = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot -1 < 0 \quad f'(4) = 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 3 > 0$$

$\Rightarrow$  There is a relative maximum at  $x=1$   
 There is a relative minimum at  $x=3$

4. A company wishes to make a box with volume  $36 \text{ ft}^3$  that is open on top and is twice as long as it is wide. Find the dimensions of the box which minimize the surface area. Be sure to justify your answer.

Solution:

Objective : Minimize Surface Area



$$\text{Surface area : } 2x^2 + 2xy + 2xy + xy + xy = 2x^2 + 6xy$$

$$\text{Constraint : Volume} = 36 \Rightarrow 2x^2y = 36$$

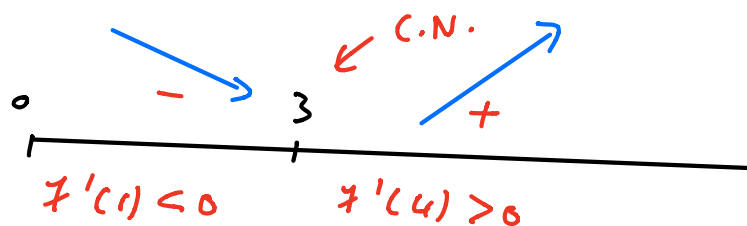
$$2x^2y = 36 \Rightarrow y = \frac{18}{x^2} \Rightarrow 2x^2 + 6xy = 2x^2 + 6x \cdot \frac{18}{x^2} = 2x^2 + \frac{108}{x} = f(x)$$

$$\text{Domain : } (0, \infty)$$

$$f'(x) = 4x - \frac{108}{x^2}$$

$$A/ f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 = \frac{108}{4} = 27 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

B/  $f'$  continuous on  $(0, \infty)$



$f'(x)$

$\Rightarrow$

Absolute min at  
 $x = 3$   
 $(y = 2)$

$\Rightarrow 6 \times 3 \times 2$  box minimizes surface area.

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5. Determine the intervals on which the following function is increasing or decreasing. Determine the intervals on which the function is concave up and concave down.

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

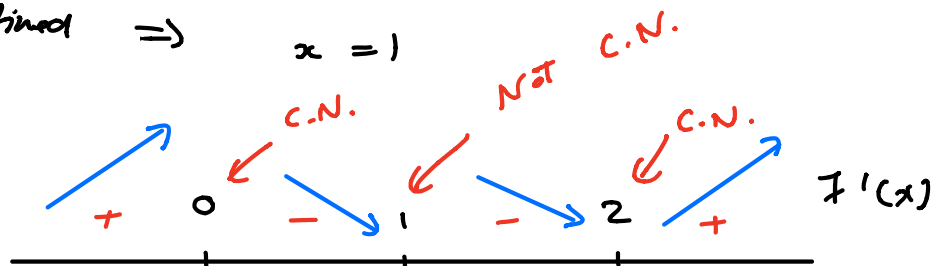
Does the graph have any inflection points?

Solution:

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

A,  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  or  $2$

B,  $f'$  undefined  $\Rightarrow x = 1$



$$f'(-1) > 0 \quad f'(\frac{1}{2}) < 0 \quad f'(\frac{3}{2}) < 0 \quad f'(3) > 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$  increasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(2, \infty)$   
 $f$  decreasing on  $(0, 1)$  and  $(1, 2)$

$$f''(x) = \frac{(2x-2)(x-1)^2 - (x^2-2x) \cdot 2(x-1)}{(x-1)^4}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-2)(x-1) - 2(x^2-2x)}{(x-1)^3}$$

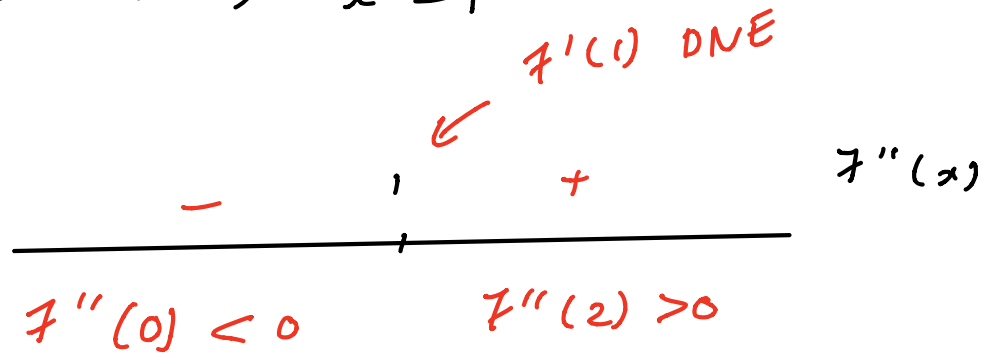
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Solution (continued) :

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f''(x) &= \frac{2x^2 - 4x + 2 - 2x^2 + 4x}{(x-1)^3} \\ &= \frac{2}{(x-1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

A/  $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{(x-1)^3} = 0$  (No solutions)

B/  $f''$  undefined  $\Rightarrow x = 1$



$\Rightarrow f$  concave down on  $(-\infty, 1)$

$f$  concave up on  $(1, \infty)$

There are no inflection points.