

Quiz 8

This quiz is graded out of 10 marks. No books or notes are allowed. SHOW ALL YOUR WORK.
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Question 1. (5 marks)

Find the absolute extrema of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 15x - 9$ on the interval $[0, 6]$.

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 12x - 15 \\ &= 3(x^2 - 4x - 5) \\ &= 3(x-5)(x+1) \end{aligned}$$

critical #s $x=5$
 $x=-1$

ONLY $x=5$ is in the interval $[0, 6]$

$$f(5) = 5^3 - 6(5)^2 - 15(5) - 9 = 125 - 150 - 75 - 9 = -109$$

$$f(0) = -9$$

$$f(6) = 6^3 - 6(6)^2 - 15(6) - 9 = -99$$

THE ABSOLUTE MAX IS -9 AT $x=0$

ABSOLUTE MIN IS -109 AT $x=5$

Question 2. (5 marks) Find and classify the relative extrema of the function $g(x) = (x^2 - 4)^{1/3}$.

$$g'(x) = \frac{1}{3} (x^2 - 4)^{-2/3} \cdot 2x = \frac{2x}{3(x^2 - 4)^{2/3}}$$

critical #s $x=0$
 $x=\pm 2$

INTERVAL	$-\infty < x < -2$	$-2 < x < 0$	$0 < x < 2$	$2 < x < \infty$
TEST	-3	-1	1	3
sign of f'	\ominus	\oplus	\ominus	\oplus
INCR. OR decr.	\searrow	\nearrow	\searrow	\nearrow

Relative min at $x=-2$ & $x=2$

Relative max at $x=0$