

Assignment 8 Solutions

Exercise 1:

(a), $f'(x) = 10x + 4 = 0$, so $x = -\frac{2}{5}$ is the critical number

(b), $g'(t) = 6t^2 + 6t - 6 = 6(t^2 + t - 1) = 0$, so $t = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}, t = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}$ are the critical numbers

(c), $s'(t) = \frac{10}{3}t^{-\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{5}{3}t^{\frac{2}{3}} = \frac{5}{3}t^{-\frac{1}{3}}(2 + t) = \frac{5}{3\sqrt[3]{t}}(2 + t) = 0$, so $t = -2$ and $t = 0$ (if $t = 0$, $s'(t)$ does not exist) are the critical numbers.

Exercise 2:

Set $f'(x) = 1.5x^4 - 6x = 1.5x(x^3 - 4) = 0$, so $x = 0$ or $x = \sqrt[3]{4}$

then we can construct a sign analysis table:

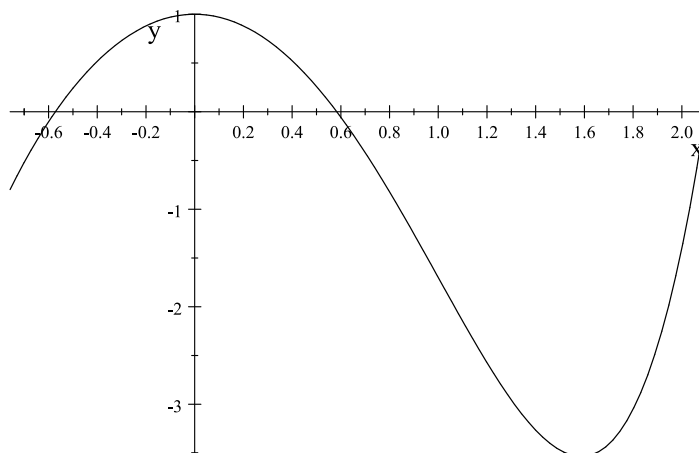
	$-\infty$		0		$\sqrt[3]{4}$		∞
1.5x		-		+		+	
$x^3 - 4$		-		-		+	
$f'(x)$		+		-		+	

So,

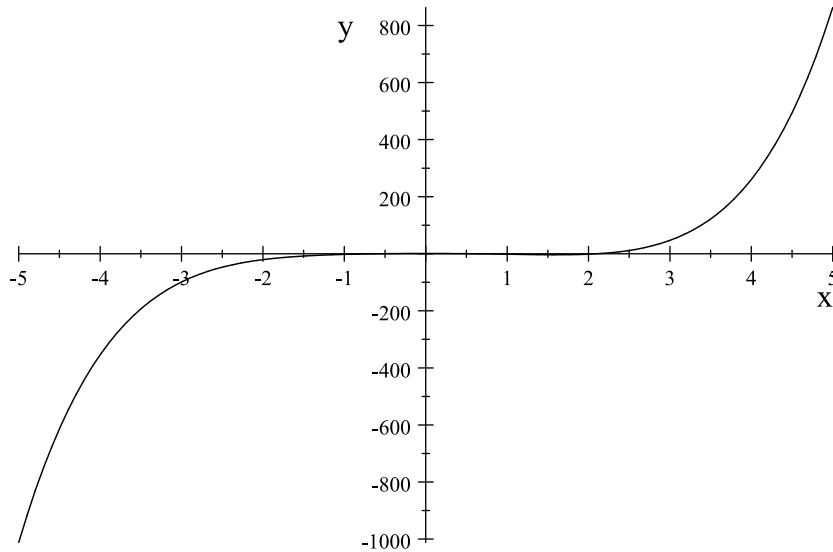
$f'(x)$ is positive on $(-\infty, 0)$, while negative on $(0, \sqrt[3]{4})$, so this function has a local maximum at $x = 0$, and the local maximum value is 1

$f'(x)$ is negative on $(0, \sqrt[3]{4})$, while positive on $(\sqrt[3]{4}, \infty)$, so this function has a local minimum at $x = \sqrt[3]{4}$, and the local minimum value is

$$0.3 \times (\sqrt[3]{4})^5 - 3 \times (\sqrt[3]{4})^2 + 1 = -3.54$$



The domain of this function is the entire real line, and the graph of this function is shown below. From the graph, we can see that **there is no absolute maximum or absolute minimum**



for this function.

Exercise 3:

(a) $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 27 = 3(x^2 - 9) = 3(x+3)(x-3)$

set $f'(x) = 0$, then $x = -3$ or $x = 3$, then we can construct a sign analysis table:

	$-\infty$	-3	3	∞
$x+3$	-		+	
$x-3$	-		-	+
$f'(x)$	+	-	+	

So, this function is increasing on $(-\infty, -3)$, and $(3, \infty)$, decreasing on $(-3, 3)$

(b) From the sign analysis table, we can see that:

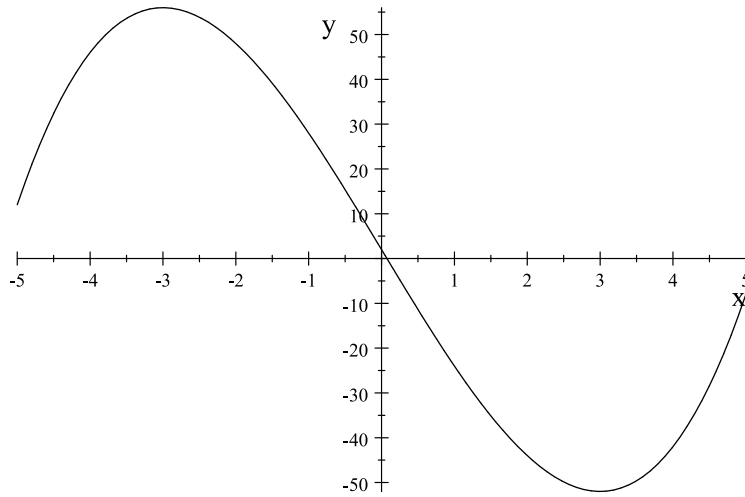
$f'(x)$ is positive on $(-\infty, -3)$, while negative on $(-3, 3)$, **so this function has local maximum at $x = -3$, and the local maximum value of this function is $-27+81+2=56$**

$f'(x)$ is negative on $(-3, 3)$, while positive on $(3, \infty)$, **so this function has local minimum at $x = 3$, and the local minimum value of this function is $27-81+2=-52$**

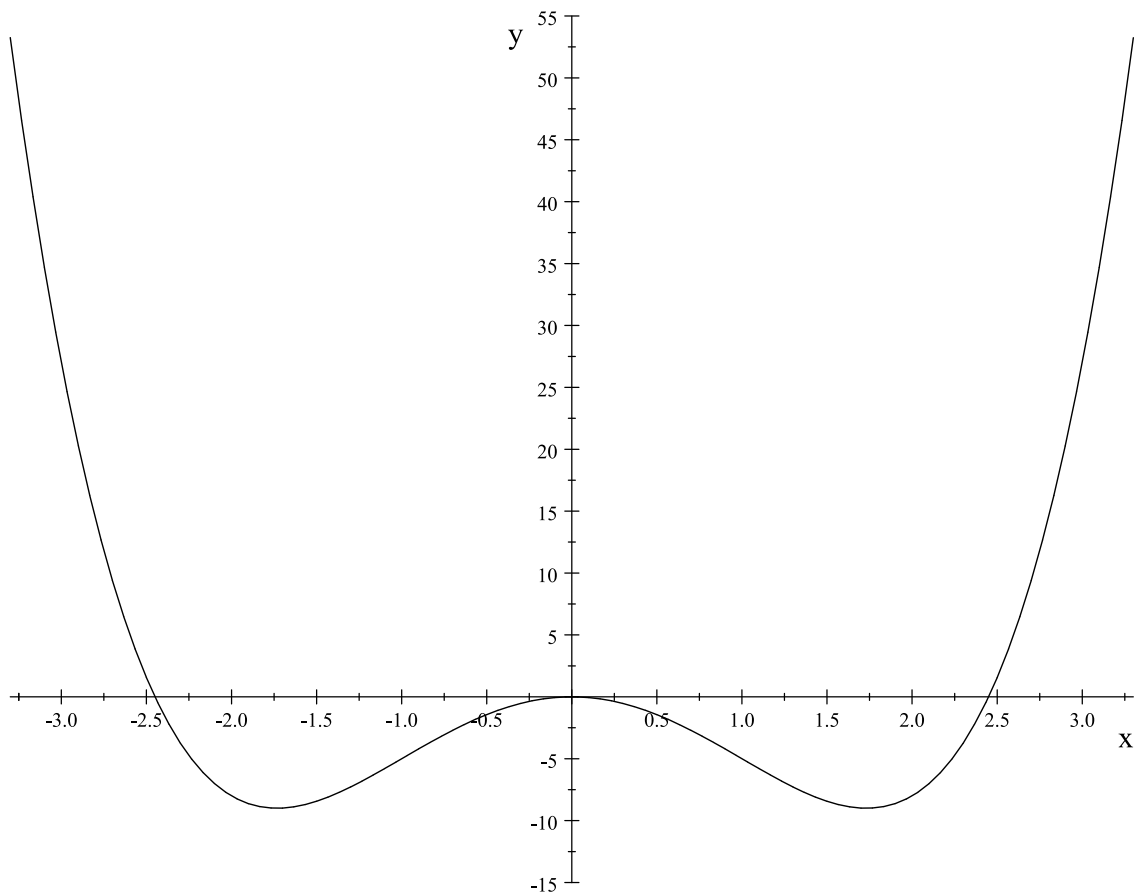
(c) $f''(x) = 6x > 0$ when $x > 0$, $f''(x) = 6x < 0$ when $x < 0$, **so the function is concave down over $(-\infty, 0)$, concave up over $(0, \infty)$**

(d) as the function concave down over $(-\infty, 0)$ and concave up over $(0, \infty)$
so **$x = 0$ is the inflection point.**

(e)



Exercise 4:



$$f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x = 4x(x^2 - 3) = 4x(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})$$

set $f'(x) = 0$, then $x = -\sqrt{3}$, $x = 0$, or $x = \sqrt{3}$, then we can construct a sign analysis table:

	$-\infty$	$-\sqrt{3}$	0	$\sqrt{3}$	∞
$4x$	-	-	+	+	
$(x + \sqrt{3})$	-	+	+	+	
$(x - \sqrt{3})$	-	-	-	+	
$f'(x)$	-	+	-	+	

So, this function is increasing on $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$ and $(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$, decreasing on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$ and $(0, \sqrt{3})$

From the sign analysis table, we can see that:

$f'(x)$ is negative on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{3})$, while positive on $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$, so this function has **local minimum at $x = -\sqrt{3}$, and this local minimum value is $9-18=-9$**

$f'(x)$ is negative on $(0, \sqrt{3})$, while positive on $(\sqrt{3}, \infty)$, so this function has **another local minimum at $x = \sqrt{3}$, and this local minimum value is also -9**

$f'(x)$ is positive on $(-\sqrt{3}, 0)$, while negative on $(0, \sqrt{3})$, so this function has **local maximum at $x = 0$, and the local maximum is 0**

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

set $f''(x) = 12x^2 - 12 = 12(x+1)(x-1) > 0$, then $x > 1$ or $x < -1$, so the function is **concave up over $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(1, \infty)$**

$f''(x) = 12x^2 - 12 = 12(x+1)(x-1) < 0$, then $-1 < x < 1$, so the function is **concave down over $(-1, 1)$**

As the function concave up over $(-\infty, -1)$, down over $(-1, 1)$ and up again over $(1, \infty)$, so **$x = -1$ and $x = 1$ are the inflection points.**

Exercise 5:

The radius of the semicircle is $\frac{x}{2}$, ($0 < x < 30$)

So the circumference of the window is:

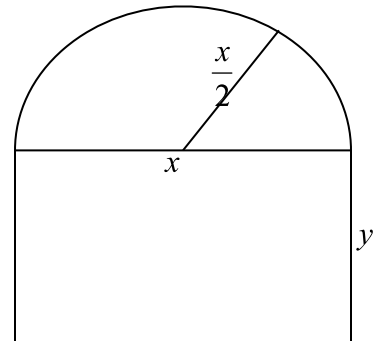
$$\frac{1}{2} \times 2\pi \times \frac{x}{2} + (2y + x) = 30, \quad (0 < y < 30)$$

$$\text{so } y = 15 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}x$$

The area(S) of this window is:

$$S = xy + \frac{1}{2}\pi\left(\frac{1}{2}x\right)^2 = x\left(15 - \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}x\right) + \frac{1}{2}\pi \times \frac{1}{4}x^2 = 15x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}x^2 + \frac{\pi}{8}x^2 = 15x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8}x^2$$

$$\text{Set } S' = 15 - x - \frac{\pi}{4}x = 0, \text{ then } x = \frac{15}{1 + \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{60}{4 + \pi}$$



As S' is positive on $(0, \frac{60}{4+\pi})$ and negative on $(\frac{60}{4+\pi}, 30)$, S has a local maximum at

$$x = \frac{60}{4+\pi} \approx 8.4, \text{ thus } y = 4.206$$

$$\text{So } S = 15x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{\pi}{8}x^2 = 15 \times 8.4 - 8.4^2 \div 2 - 8.4^2 \times \frac{\pi}{8} = 63.03 \text{ ft}^2$$

So, to admit the greatest amount of light, the window should have an area of 63.03 square feet.

Exercise 6:

The length of the chain is 400 meters

$$x + 2y = 400, \text{ so } y = 200 - 0.5x, (0 < x < 400, 0 < y < 200)$$

The area (S) is:

$$S = xy = x(200 - 0.5x) = 200x - 0.5x^2$$

$$\text{Set } S' = 200 - x = 0, \text{ then } x = 200$$

As S' is positive on $(0, 200)$ and negative on $(200, 400)$, S has a local maximum at $x = 200$,
thus $y = 100$

So, the dimension of the largest such area is:

$$S = 200x - 0.5x^2 = 200 \times 200 - 0.5 \times 200^2 = 20,000 \text{ m}^2$$

