

Alternative way to find just the maximum or minimum value of a function  $f(x)$  over an interval  $I$ .

gives minimum information

- ① check for continuity on  $I$ ,  
(Probably won't work without  $I$ .)
- ① Find the critical points within the interior of Interval of  $I$ .
- ② If you find none or more than one, use "closed interval" method, (method from last 2 days)
- ③ If there's exactly one critical point in the interval  $I$ , use the direct test or the 2nd Derivative Test to determine if  $f(c)$  is the max value (or minimum) you're looking for.
- ④ If  $f(c)$  is not the max or min value you're looking for, then use the "closed interval method"

### Direct Test

Pick 2 numbers in function,  $(p, q)$ , with  $p < c < q$

If:

$$\cup f(p) > f(c) < f(q) \Rightarrow f(c) \text{ is min.}$$

$$\cap f(p) < f(c) > f(q) \Rightarrow f(c) \text{ is max.}$$

$$\sim f(p) < f(c) < f(q) \Rightarrow f(c) \text{ is neither}$$

$$\sim f(p) > f(c) > f(q) \Rightarrow f(c) \text{ is neither}$$

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Derivative Test

- ∪  $f''(c) > 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$  is min.
- ∩  $f''(c) < 0 \Rightarrow f(c)$  is max.
- ?  $f''(c) = 0 \Rightarrow$  Use Direct Test
- ?  $f''(c)$  DNE  $\Rightarrow$  Use Direct Test

EX. 1

Find the min. value of  $\frac{30}{x} + 2x$  over  $(0, \infty)$

①  $f(x) = \frac{30}{x} + 2x$  is continuous everywhere except at 0.

②  $f'(x) = -\frac{30}{x^2} + 2$   $f'(0)$  DNE, but not in interval

solve  $0 = -\frac{30}{x^2} + 2 \rightarrow \frac{30}{x^2} = 2 \rightarrow 30 = 2x^2 \rightarrow 15 = x^2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $\sqrt{15} = x$

$\sqrt{15}$  is in  $(0, \infty)$

③  ~~$f'(x) = -30x^{-2} + 2 \rightarrow f''(x) = -30(-2)x^{-2-1} + 0$~~   
 $\downarrow$   
 $60x^{-3} = \frac{60}{x^3}$

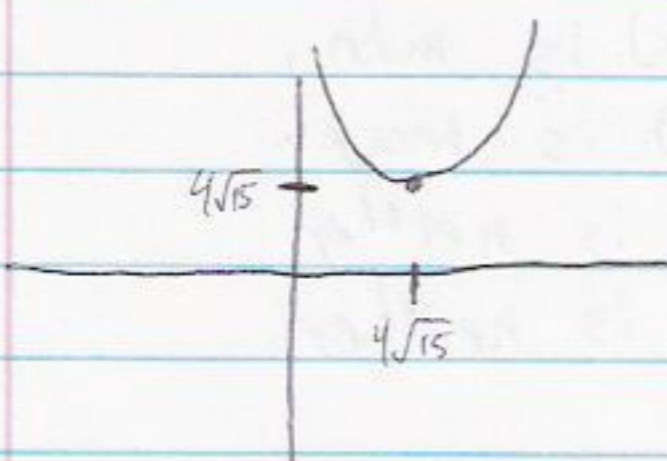
$$f''(\sqrt{15}) = \frac{60}{(\sqrt{15})^3} > 0$$

$\downarrow$   
 $f(\sqrt{15}) = \frac{30}{\sqrt{15}} + 2\sqrt{15}$  is the min.

simplify

$$30 = 2 \cdot 15 = 2\sqrt{15} \cdot \sqrt{15} \Rightarrow f(\sqrt{15}) = 2\sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{15}$$

$$\boxed{4\sqrt{15}}$$



ex. 2

Find the max. value of  $2x - e^{3x} + 1$  over  $[0, \infty)$

①  $f(x) = 2x - e^{3x} + 1$  is continuous everywhere

②  $f'(x) = 2 - e^{3x}(3) + 0 = 2 - 3e^{3x}$

$f'(x)$  exist everywhere

Solve  $0 = 2 - 3e^{3x}$

$$3e^{3x} = 2$$

$$e^{3x} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$3x = \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

$$x = \frac{1}{3} \ln\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$$

less than zero, No critical points in  $[0, \infty)$

$\downarrow$   
 $[0, \infty) \Rightarrow [0, H]$  where  $H > 0$  &  $H$  infinite

$$f(0) = 2(0) - e^{3(0)} + 1 = 0 - 1 + 1 = 0$$

$$f(H) = 2H - e^{3H} + 1 = \text{infinitely } \text{negative}$$

No min. & max value = 0

ex. 3

Find max. value of  $x^2(1-x)$  over  $(0, 1)$

$f(x) = x^2(1-x)$  is continuous everywhere

~~$f(x) = x^2$~~   $f(x) = x^2 - x^3 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x - 3x^2$

$f'(x)$  exist everywhere

Solve  $0 = 2x - 3x^2 \Rightarrow x(2 - 3x)$

~~$x(2-3x)$~~   $x = 0$  not in interval

$x = \frac{2}{3}$  is in interval

continue

## Direct Test

pick  $\frac{1}{2} < \frac{2}{3} < \frac{3}{4}$

all in interval

$$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$

$$f\left(\frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{9} \left(1 - \frac{2}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{27} = 0.15$$

$$f\left(\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{16} \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{64} = 0.14$$

