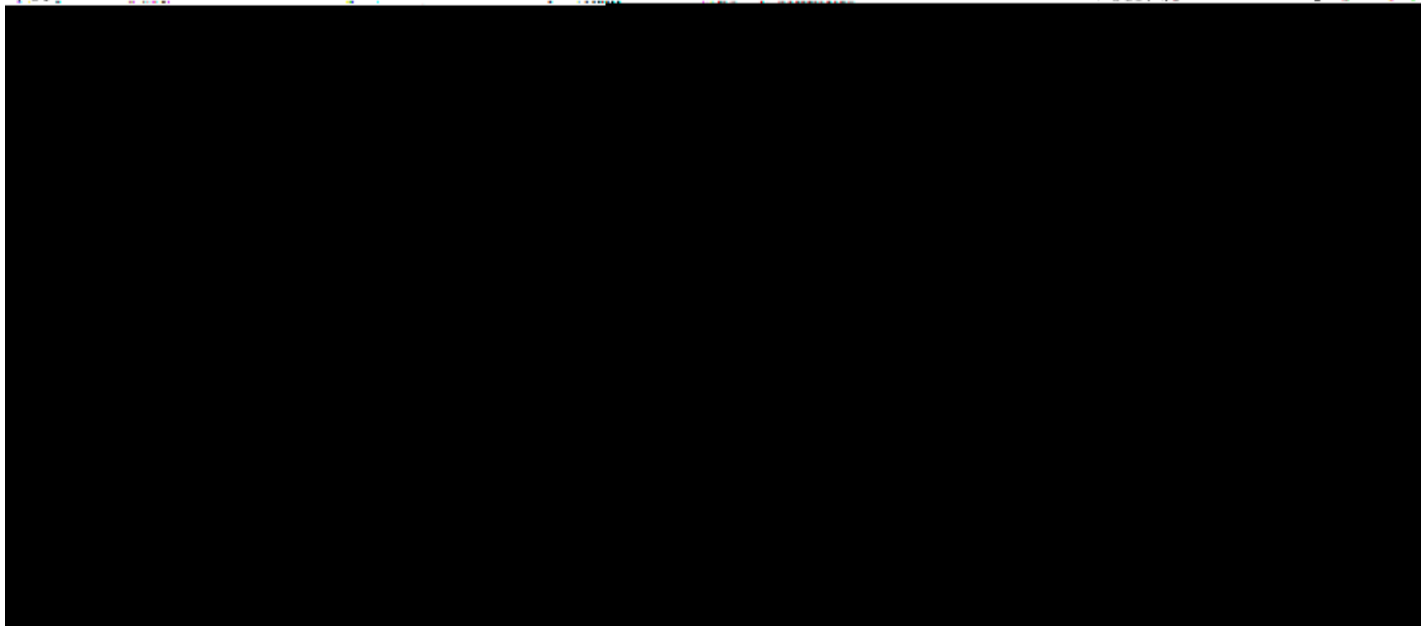


MAXIMA AND MINIMA

Absolute Maximum: Let f be defined on an interval I and



Example: Locate the absolute and local maxima and minima on the graph of the function

Solution: Absolute maximums at $x = -2$ and $x = 2$.

Absolute and local minimums at $x = 0$.

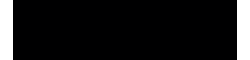
No local maximums.

and there exists a point $c \in I$ (element of I), then c is a Critical Point. Let f be defined on an interval I , a local maximum or minimum at $c \in I$ if there exists a neighborhood $N(c)$ such that $f(c) \geq f(x)$ or $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all $x \in N(c)$.



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on the interval $[-1, 2]$ b.) $g(x) = x^{2/3}(2-x)$

Solution:

polynomial, thus its derivative exists everywhere. Now let's find the critical points: $x = 0$ and $x = 3/2$, and both of these points are...



... Now to find the critical points, we will differentiate the function...

So, $g'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 4 - 5x = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4/5$. Thus we have two critical points...

Thus we see that the function attains the largest value at $x = -1$ and the smallest at $x = 0$ and absolute minimum of g on $[-1, 2]$ is 0.

$g(-1) = 3$, $g(0) = 0$, $g(4/5) = 1.03$ and $g(2) = 0$. Therefore, absolute maximum of g on $[-1, 2]$ is 3 and

