

4.3 Critical Values and Extrema

Goals:

1. Understand **critical numbers** and how to find them.
2. Understand the difference between **relative extrema** and **absolute extrema**.
3. Understand how critical numbers relate to the relative extrema of the function.
4. Find absolute extrema on a closed interval.

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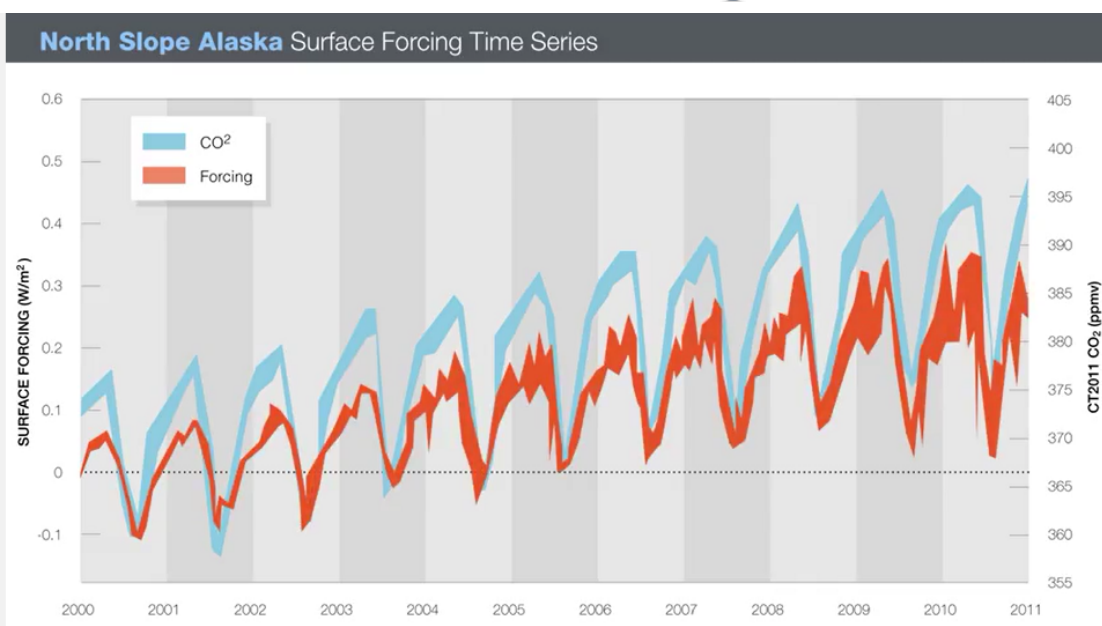
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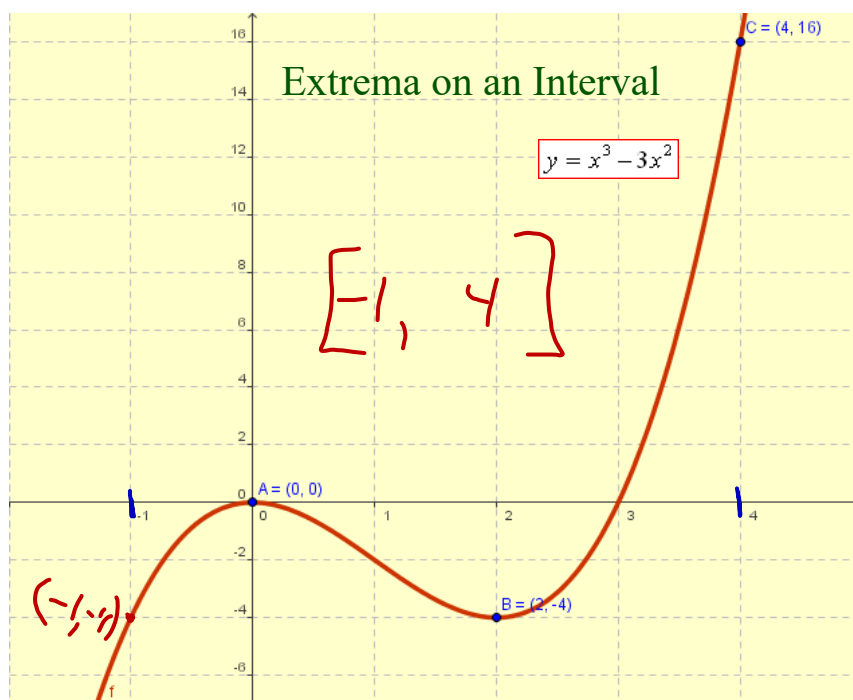
radiative forcing: difference between insolation (energy from sun) and energy radiated to space

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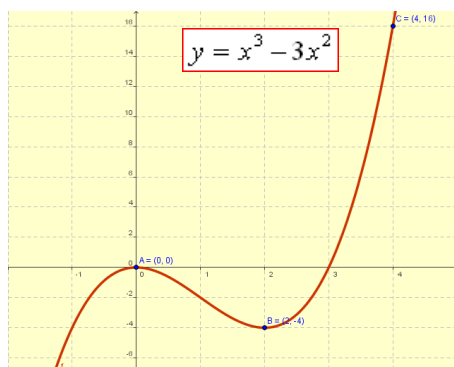
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Extrema on an Interval

Describe what happens to the graph on $[-1, 4]$

Looking at y values as x changes,

Is there a maximum y value on $[-1, 4]$?

Is there a minimum y value on $[-1, 4]$?

Would the minimum y value be different on $[0, 4]$?

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Definition of Extrema: Let f be defined on an interval I containing c . (Note that I can be open or closed.)

1. $f(c)$ is a **minimum of f** on I if $f(c) \leq f(x)$ for all x in I .
2. $f(c)$ is a **maximum of f** on I if $f(c) \geq f(x)$ for all x in I .

The maximum and minimum values are **extreme values**.

Note that these are values of f (or y), not values of x .

The minimum and maximum on the interval are called the **absolute minimum** and **absolute maximum**.

Extreme Value Theorem

If f is continuous on a **closed** interval $[a, b]$, then f has both a minimum and a maximum on the interval.

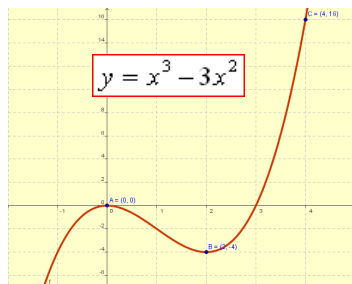
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Extrema on an Interval



Describe what happens to the graph on $[-1, 4]$

We need a way to describe the points where the graph of f turns:
 from up to down
 from down to up

Restrict the interval to an **open interval** containing the point. Then,

Definition of Relative Extrema:

1. If there is an **open interval** containing c on which $f(c)$ is a maximum, then $f(c)$ is called a **relative maximum** of f . Or **f has a relative max at $(c, f(c))$** .
2. If there is an **open interval** containing c on which $f(c)$ is a minimum, then $f(c)$ is called a **relative minimum** of f . Or **f has a relative min at $(c, f(c))$** .

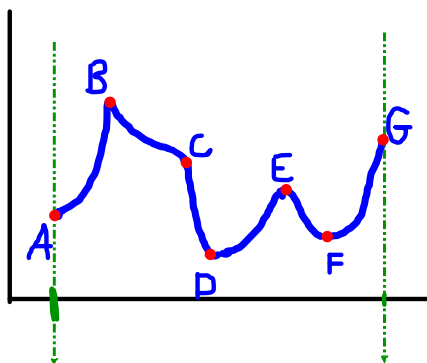
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Problem 1. At each labeled point, determine if there is a relative min or max, or an absolute min or max.



A
B
C
D
E
F
G

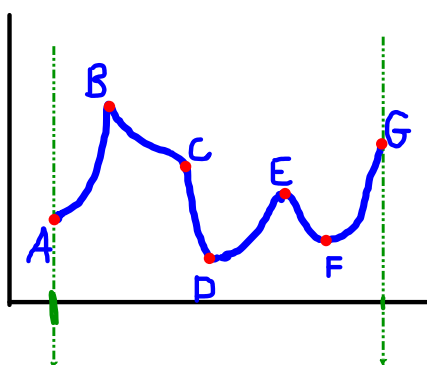
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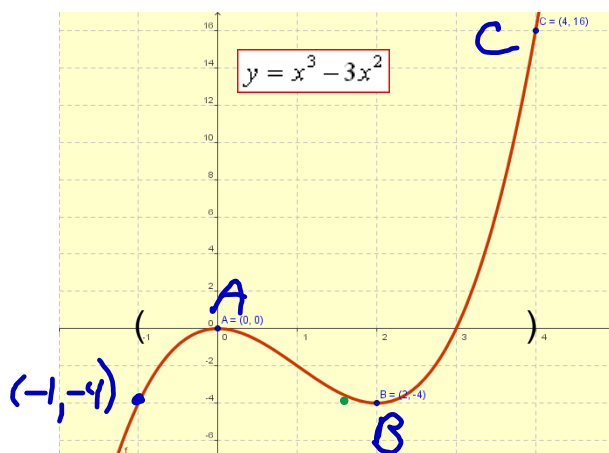
A none
B Absolute Max
C none
D Absolute Min
E relative max
F relative min
G none

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On $[-1, 4]$ ABS. MIN =
" MAX =rel min =
rel max =

What is the slope of the tangent line at these extrema?

Can the slope help us to find the extrema?

If so, for which extrema is it helpful?

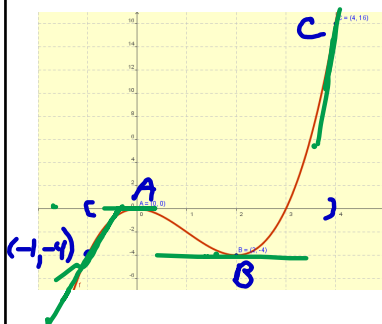
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3.1 Extrema on an Interval

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ABS. MIN = -4
" MAX = 16
rel min = -4
rel max = 0**Definition of Critical Number:** CNLet f be defined at c , c an interior point.If $f'(c) = 0$, orif f is not differentiable at c ,then c is a critical number of f .

CN

- ① f defined
 - ② $f'(c) = 0$
 - ③ $f'(c)$ DNE
- c is x value

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$$g(x) = x^2(x^2 - 4) = x^4 - 4x^2 \quad F: \mathbb{C}N_s$$

CN:

1. y defined?
2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

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$$g(x) = x^2(x^2 - 4) = x^4 - 4x^2$$

① g defined for all x

② $g'(x) = 4x^3 - 8x$

CN: $g'(x) = 0$

$$4x(x^2 - 2)$$

$$x = 0 \quad x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

There are 3 Critical Numbers

③ $g'(x)$ undy.

CN:

1. y defined?
2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

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$$y = |x|$$

 $F: \mathbb{C}\mathbb{N}$

CN:

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2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

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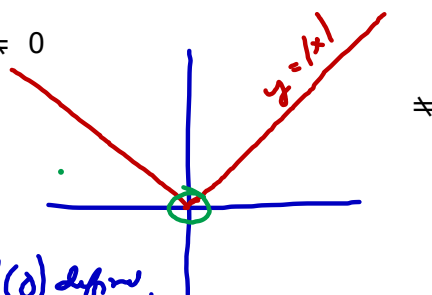
①

 y defined for all x

$$\textcircled{2} \quad y' = \begin{cases} +1, & x > 0 \\ -1, & x < 0 \end{cases} \rightarrow y' \neq 0$$

③
not differentiable
at $x = 0$

is $\mathbb{C}\mathbb{N}$ bec. $f(0)$ defin.
but $f'(0)$ dne



CN:

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2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

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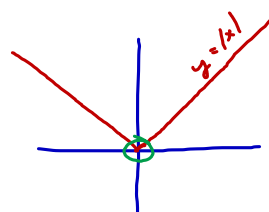
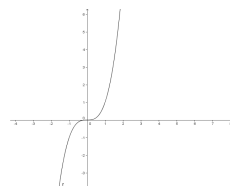
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Relationship between extrema and CN?

Do all extrema occur at CNs?

Do all CNs occur at extrema?

Extrema $\longleftrightarrow$? $\longleftrightarrow$ CN

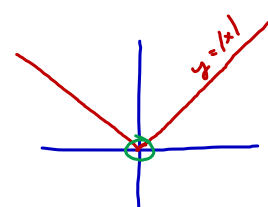
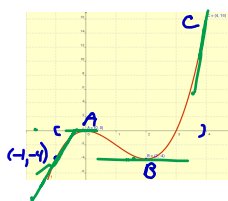
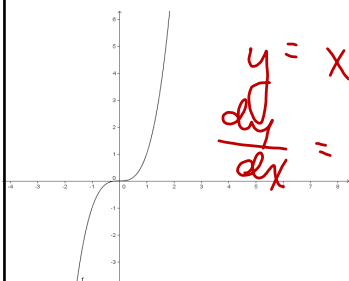
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3.1 Extrema on an Interval

At extrema, $f'(x)=0$
or $f'(x)$ dneExtrema $\longrightarrow$ CN

$$y = x^3$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2$$

$$f: \text{CN}$$

$$3x^2 = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ (CV)}$$

NOT extrema

Extrema $\nleftrightarrow$ CN

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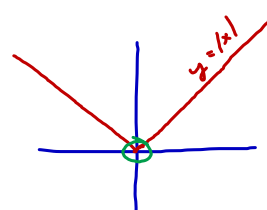
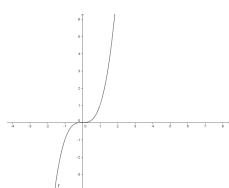
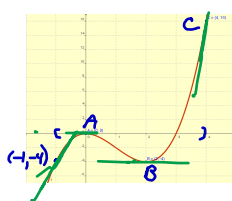
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Relationship between extrema and CN?

Do all extrema occur at CNs? **Yes.**

Do all CNs occur at extrema? **Not always, but sometimes.**

3.1 Extrema on an Interval

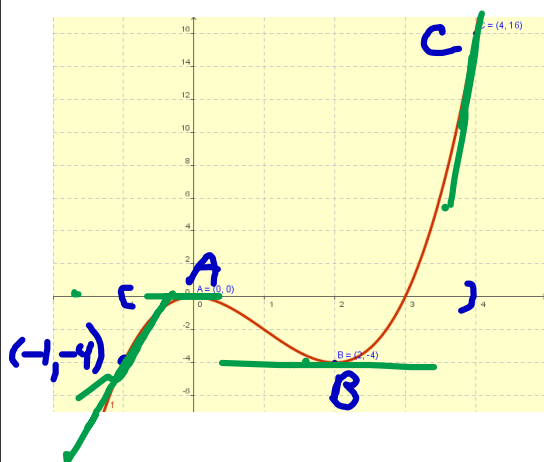


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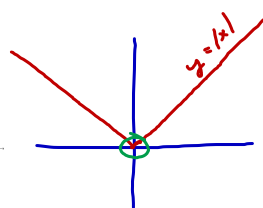
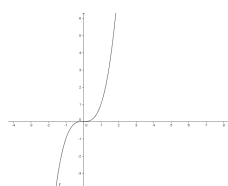
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How Can We Find Absolute Extrema on a Closed Interval?



Can occur at:

- 1) _____ or
- 2) _____



1) CV
2) end points

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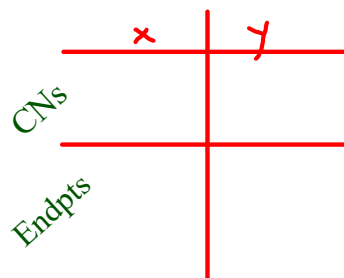
Find Absolute Extrema, Closed Interval

1. Find CV's for the interval and corresponding y values
2. Evaluate to find y at the endpoints
3. Compare all y values for both the CV's and the endpts.

Largest - ABSOLUTE MAX

at CN or endpt

Smallest - ABSOLUTE MIN



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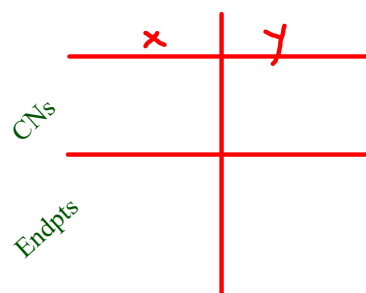
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$$G: f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 4$$

$$F: \text{abs. extr. on } [-1, 1]$$

at CN or endpt



- CN:
1. y defined?
 2. x when $y' = 0$?
 3. x when y' dne?

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4.3 Critical Values and Extrema

$$G: f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 4$$

① f defined for all x

CNs $f'(x) = 0$ or ~~DNE~~ ^③ ~~point~~.

$$② \quad f'(x) = 2x + 2$$

$$2x + 2 = 0$$

$$x + 1 = 0$$

$$x = -1$$

$F: \text{abs. extr. on } [-1, 1]$

at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs	-1	-5
Endpts	-1	$1 - 2 - 4 = -5$
	1	$1 + 2 - 4 = -1$

ABS MAX

CN:

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$$y = |x|$$

$F: \text{abs. extr. on } [-2, 3]$

at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs		
Endpts		

CN:

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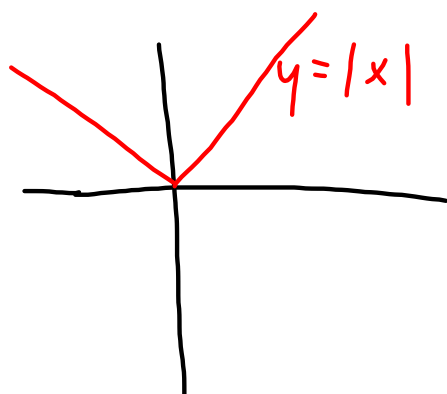
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F: abs. extr. on $[-2, 3]$

$$y = |x|$$

③ CN: $x = 0$ $\frac{dy}{dx}$ DNE



at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs	0	0 (Abs MIN)
Endpts	-2	2
	3	3 (Abs MAX)

CN:
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 2. x when $y' = 0$?
 3. x when y' dne?

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$$G: f(x) = \frac{2x}{x^2 + 1} \quad F: \text{Abs Extr} [2, 2]$$

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 3. x when y' dne?

at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs		
Endpts		

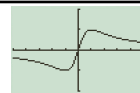
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- CN:
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CN

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

$$= \frac{2x^2 + 2 - 4x^2}{(x^2+1)^2}$$

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

② $f'(x) = 0: \frac{2(1-x^2)}{(x^2+1)^2} = 0$

$$2(1-x^2) = 0$$

$$1-x^2 = 0$$

$$(1-x)(1+x) = 0$$

$$1-x=0 \quad 1+x=0$$

$$x=1 \quad x=-1$$

$x = -1, 1$ $f'(x)$ dne all x

③

f' defined for all x (den $\neq 0$)

at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs	-1	$-2/2 = -1$
	1	$2/2 = +1$
Endpts	-2	$-4/5$
	2	$4/5$

CN $\frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$ ntd.

$\frac{f}{b} = 0 \quad a=0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$\frac{1}{b} = 0 \quad \frac{dy}{dx} \text{ dne}$

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4.3 Critical Values and Extrema

G: $h(t) = \frac{t}{t-2}$

F: Abs. Extr. $[3, 5]$

$t \neq 2 \notin [3, 5]$

CN:

1. y defined?
2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

at CN or endpt

	x	y
CNs		
Endpts		

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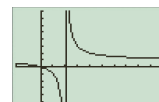
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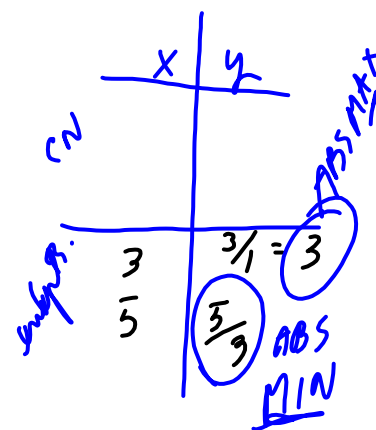
① h defined for all x

$$h'(t) = \frac{(t-2)(1) - t(1)}{(t-2)^2}$$

$$= \frac{t-2-t}{(t-2)^2} = \frac{-2}{(t-2)^2}$$

② CN: not for $h'(t) = 0$
 $h'(t)$ dne ③ $t=2$ & h not def.

No CNs



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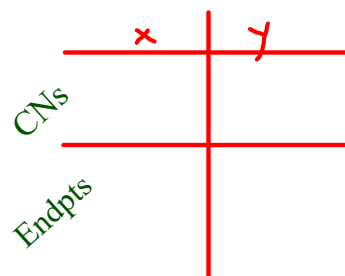
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$$G: f(x) = x^3 - 12x \quad F: \text{Abs. Extr. } [0, 4]$$

CN:

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2. x when $y' = 0$?
3. x when y' dne?

at CN or endpt

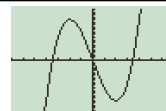


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$$G: f(x) = x^3 - 12x \quad F: \text{Abs. Etr. } [0, 4]$$

① f defined for all x

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

CN:

② $3(x^2 - 4) = 0$

③ $x = \pm 2 \quad -2 \notin [0, 4]$
 $f'(x)$ exists all x

	x	y
CN	2	$8 - 24 = -16$
endpt.	0	0
	4	$64 - 48 = 16$

ABS MIN
ABS MAX

CN:

1. y defined?
2. x when $y' = 0$?
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