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Solutions

MAC 2311 - Analytical Geometry and Calculus I  
Quiz # 9, November 2, 2023

Problem 1 Given

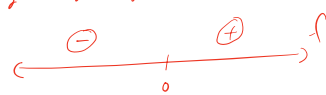
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 3}$$

(3 points)

a.) Find all the intervals on which  $f$  is increasing and decreasing:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{2x \cdot (x^2 + 3) - x^2(2x)}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \\ &= \frac{2x^3 + 6x - 2x^3}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \\ &= \frac{6x}{(x^2 + 3)^2} \quad (1 \text{ point}) \end{aligned}$$

$f'$  can only change sign at  $x=0$



• Since  $f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, \infty)$   $f$  is increasing on  $(0, \infty)$  (1 point)

• Since  $f'(x) < 0$  for all  $x \in (-\infty, 0)$   $f$  is decreasing on  $(-\infty, 0)$  (1 point)

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b.) Find the local minima and maxima values of  $f$ :

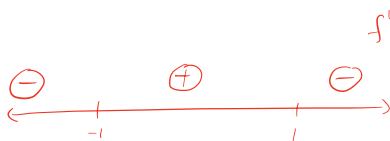
The local extrema is at  $x=0$  and

from a) we see  $f$  has a local minimum at 0.

(3 points)

c.) Find the intervals of concavity and inflection points.

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= \frac{d}{dx} (6x(x^2+3)^{-2}) \\ &= 6(x^2+3)^{-2} + 6x(-2)(x^2+3)^{-3} \cdot 2x \\ &= \frac{6(x^2+3)}{(x^2+3)^3} - \frac{24x^2}{(x^2+3)^3} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 + 18 - 24x^2}{(x^2+3)^3} \\ &= \frac{-18x^2 + 18}{(x^2+3)^3} \\ &= \frac{-18(x+1)(x-1)}{(x^2+3)^3} \quad (1 \text{ point}) \end{aligned}$$



So  $f$  concave up on  $(-1, 1)$  (1 point)

And  $f$  concave down on  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$  (1 point)

(3 points)

**Problem 2 .**

Which of the following value(s) of  $x$  satisfy the Mean Value Theorem for

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 1$$

on the interval  $[0, 2]$ ?

A.)  $x = -\frac{4}{3}, \frac{4}{3}$

B.)  $x = 2$

C.)  $x = 0$  only.

D.)  $x = \frac{4}{3}$  only.

E.)  $x = 0, \frac{4}{3}$

MVT:

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

Find  $c$  that works

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 4x - 4 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

$$f(a) = f(0) = 1$$

$$f(b) = f(2) = 2^3 - 2 \cdot 2^2 - 4 \cdot 2 + 1 = -7$$

$$\text{So } \frac{f(2) - f(0)}{2} = \frac{-7 - 1}{2} = -4 \quad (1 \text{ point})$$

And for solve  $3x^2 - 4x - 4 = -4$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 4x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x)(3x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = \frac{4}{3}$$

But 0 not in  $(0, 2)$  so it cannot

satisfy MVT. Only  $x = \frac{4}{3}$ . (1 point)