

Mathematics 108  
Quiz, Sections 3.2 & 3.4

Name ANSWER KEY A  
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Show all work neatly. Use of calculators is not permitted on this quiz.

1. Let  $f(x) = \frac{12}{x^2 + 2}$ . Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{12}{x^2 + 2}$$

$$f = 12 \quad g = x^2 + 2$$

$$f' = 0 \quad g' = 2x$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{0(x^2 + 2) - 2x(12)}{(x^2 + 2)^2} = \frac{-24x}{(x^2 + 2)^2}$$

C.V.: let  $\frac{-24x}{(x^2 + 2)^2} = 0$ ;  $-24x = 0$   
 $\boxed{x = 0}$  ← only C.V.

Check for max & min:

Find y-values:

$$f(-1) = \frac{12}{(-1)^2 + 2} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$$f(2) = \frac{12}{4 + 2} = \frac{12}{6} = 2 \quad \text{min.}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{12}{0 + 2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6 \quad \text{max}$$

absolute max is at the point  $(0, 6)$   
absolute min is at the point  $(2, 2)$

2. The owners of an amusement park have determined that the relationship between the price  $p$ , in dollars, that is charged for admission tickets to the park and the attendance,  $q$ , on a given day is given by the function  $p = 60 - 0.03q$ , for  $100 \leq q \leq 1500$ .

- a) Write the revenue function  $R$  as a function of attendance,  $q$ , at the amusement park.

$$R(q) = q(60 - 0.03q) = 60q - 0.03q^2$$

- b) For what attendance level is revenue maximized? (Be sure to find the value at which the maximum revenue occurs and show the results of one test for absolute maxima/minima to support the conclusion that your value is a maximum.)

Maximize where  $R'(q) = 0 = 60 - 0.06q$

$$\frac{6000}{6} = \frac{60}{.06} = \frac{.06q}{.06}$$

$$\boxed{1000 = q} \text{ (single critical value)}$$

Note: only one C.V.

$R(q)$  is continuous

$$R''(q) = -.06 < 0, \text{ so concave down everywhere.}$$

∴ we have an absolute maximum at an attendance level of 1000 people.

$$(R(1000) = \$30,000)$$

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Show all work neatly. Use of calculators is not permitted on this quiz.

1. Let  $f(x) = \frac{6}{x^2+2}$ . Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $f(x)$  on the interval  $[-2, 1]$ .

Find  $f'(x)$ :

$$f'(x) = \frac{0(x^2+2) - 2x \cdot 6}{(x^2+2)^2} = \frac{-12x}{(x^2+2)^2}$$

$$f = 6 \quad g = x^2 + 2$$

$$f' = 0 \rightarrow g' = 2x$$

$$\text{Let } f'(x) = 0 = \frac{-12x}{(x^2+2)^2}$$

$$-12x = 0$$

$$x = 0 \leftarrow \text{only critical value}$$

Absolute minimum at  $(-2, 1)$   
 Absolute maximum at  $(0, 3)$

Test:

$$f(-2) = \frac{6}{(-2)^2+2} = \frac{6}{4+2} = 1 \quad \text{abs. min.}$$

$$f(1) = \frac{6}{1^2+2} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$f(0) = \frac{6}{0+2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \quad \text{abs. max.}$$

2. The owners of an amusement park have determined that the relationship between the price  $p$ , in dollars, that is charged for admission tickets to the park and the attendance,  $q$ , on a given day is given by the function  $p = 80 - 0.02q$ , for  $100 \leq q \leq 3500$ .
- a) Write the revenue function  $R$  as a function of attendance,  $q$ , at the amusement park.

$$R(q) = (80 - 0.02q)q = 80q - 0.02q^2$$

- b) For what attendance level is revenue maximized? (Be sure to find the value at which the maximum revenue occurs and show the results of one test for absolute maxima/minima to support the conclusion that your value is a maximum.)

$$\text{Find } R'(q) = 80 - 0.04q$$

$$\text{Let } R'(q) = 0 = 80 - 0.04q$$

$$\frac{0.04q}{0.04} = \frac{80}{0.04} = \frac{8000}{4} = \boxed{2000 \text{ people}}$$

Do we have abs. max at  $q = 2000$ ? Could check endpoints, but because we have a single critical value and a continuous function, we can check  $R''(q) = -0.04$ .  $R(q)$  is concave down everywhere, so  $q = 2000$  is an absolute maximum.