

MATH 1591 - Review of Chapter 3

1 Main Topics

1. Linear approximation of a function
2. L'Hôpital's Rule
3. How to find the absolute maximum and minimum
Follow the following three steps.
 - find critical numbers of a function
 - evaluate the function at critical numbers and the endpoints
 - compare these values
4. How to find a local maximum and minimum
 - Use the First derivative Test
 - Use the Second derivative Test
5. How to find intervals of increase, decrease and concavity?
6. How to find inflection points?
7. How to sketch the graph of a function?
 - find the vertical and horizontal asymptotes;
 - find the intervals of increase and decrease;
 - find the local minimum and maximum;
 - find the intervals of concavity and inflection points;
 - make a table
 - plot critical points like max, min and inflection points and then connect them.
8. How to solve an optimization problem?
 - Draw a diagram;
 - write the primary equation for a quantity Q that is to be maximized or minimized;
 - write the second equation from a given condition;
 - Calculate the derivative of Q and set it equal to zero.
9. How to find a related rate from another given rate?
 - Draw a diagram;
 - Figure out what are given and what is to be found
 - write down an equation relating all of the relevant quantities;
 - differentiate the equations with respect to time t ;
 - Solve for the unknown rate.

2 Review Exercises

Review Exercises of Chapter 3 (page 339): All odd numbers from 1 to 49.

3 Self-test

Please work on the following problems and then grade them yourself.

Problems from Review Exercises of Chapter 3 (page 339): 2, 10, 12, 24, 30.

Exercises 3.7: 15

Exercises 3.8: 9