

Each problem is worth 5 points. Clear and complete justification is required for full credit.

1. Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 24x$  on the interval  $[-5, 4]$ .

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 24 \rightarrow \text{find derivative}$$

$$0 = 3(x^2 + 2x - 8) \rightarrow \text{set equal to zero and solve for } x.$$

$$f'(x) = 3(x+4)(x-2)$$

$$x = \{-4, 2\}$$

Determine minimum and maximum by plugging into original equation:

$$f(-5) = (-5)^3 + 3(-5)^2 - 24(-5) \text{ vs. } f(-4) = (-4)^3 + 3(-4)^2 - 24(-4) \text{ vs. } f(2) = (2)^3 + 3(2)^2 - 24(2) \text{ vs. } f(4)$$

$$f(-5) = 70$$

$$\text{vs. } f(-4) = 80$$

$$\text{vs. } f(2) = -28$$

$$f(4) = 16$$

Beautiful

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{absolute maximum: } f(-4) = 80 \\ \text{absolute minimum: } f(2) = -28 \end{array}$$

2. Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum values of  $g(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$  on the interval  $[0, 2]$ .

$$g'(x) = \frac{\frac{1}{x} \cdot x - \ln x \cdot 1}{x^2}$$

$$g'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$$

$$x^2 \cdot 0 = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2} \cdot x^2$$

$$0 = 1 - \ln x$$

$$-1 = -\ln x$$

$$1 = \ln x$$

$$x = e$$

which is about  $\approx 2.7182$

$$g(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x} \text{ on the interval } [0, 2]$$

$[1, 3]$

$$g(1) = 0 \text{ min}$$

$$g(3) = .3662$$

$$\text{max } g(e) = \frac{1}{e} \text{ which is about } .36788$$

Wonderful