

MATH 180 Quiz 4 (Version I) Solution Radford 11/09/04

1. (10 pts.) Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{9} + \frac{1}{x}$ , where  $x > 0$ .

a) Find the critical points of  $y = f(x)$  in the closed interval  $[1, 5]$ .

*Solution:*  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$  has solutions  $x = -3, 3$ .  $\boxed{x = 3}$  (4 points)

b) Find the *maximum* value of  $y = f(x)$  on the closed interval  $[1, 5]$ .

*Solution:* The maximum and minimum are among  $f(1) = \frac{10}{9}$ ,  $f(3) = \frac{2}{3}$ ,  $f(5) = \frac{34}{45}$ .

Thus the maximum is  $\boxed{\frac{10}{9}}$  (3 points)

c) Find the *minimum* value of  $y = f(x)$  on the closed interval  $[1, 5]$ .

*Solution:* From the calculations in part b) the minimum is  $\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$  (3 points)

2. (10 pts.) Given that the *derivative* of  $y = f(x)$  is  $f'(x) = x^2 - 3x + 2$ :

a) Find the critical points of  $y = f(x)$ .

*Solution:*  $f'(x) = (x - 1)(x - 2) = 0$  has solutions  $x = 1, 2$ .  $\boxed{x = 1, 2}$  (2 points)

b) Find the values of  $x$  where a *local maximum* of  $y = f(x)$  occurs.

*Solution:* Since the solutions to  $f'(x) = 0$  are  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ ,  $f'(0) > 0$ ,  $f'(1.5) < 0$ , and  $f'(3) > 0$ , we have that  $y = f(x)$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, 1]$  and  $[2, \infty)$  and is decreasing on  $[1, 2]$ . Thus a local maximum occurs at  $\boxed{x = 1}$ . (2 points)

c) Find the values of  $x$  where a *local minimum* of  $y = f(x)$  occurs.

*Solution:* From the comments in part b) a local minimum occurs at  $\boxed{x = 2}$ . (2 points)

d) Find the intervals on which  $f(x)$  is *increasing*.

*Solution:* From the comments in part b)  $\boxed{(-\infty, 1] \cup [2, \infty)}$ . (4 points)

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1. (10 pts.) Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{4} + \frac{1}{x}$ , where  $x > 0$ .

a) Find the critical points of  $y = f(x)$  in the closed interval  $[1, 6]$ .

*Solution:*  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{x^2} = 0$  has solutions  $x = -2, 2$ .  $\boxed{x = 2}$  (4 points)

b) Find the *maximum* value of  $y = f(x)$  on the closed interval  $[1, 6]$ .

*Solution:* The maximum and minimum are among  $f(1) = \frac{5}{4}$ ,  $f(2) = 1$ ,  $f(6) = \frac{5}{3}$ .

Thus the maximum is  $\boxed{\frac{5}{3}}$  (3 points)

c) Find the *minimum* value of  $y = f(x)$  on the closed interval  $[1, 6]$ .

*Solution:* From the calculations in part b) the minimum is  $\boxed{1}$  (3 points)

2. (10 pts.) Given that the *derivative* of  $y = f(x)$  is  $f'(x) = x^2 - 5x + 6$ :

a) Find the critical points of  $y = f(x)$ .

*Solution:*  $f'(x) = (x - 2)(x - 3) = 0$  has solutions  $x = 2, 3$ .  $\boxed{x = 2, 3}$  (2 points)

b) Find the values of  $x$  where a *local maximum* of  $y = f(x)$  occurs.

*Solution:* Since the solutions to  $f'(x) = 0$  are  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$ ,  $f'(0) > 0$ ,  $f'(2.5) < 0$ , and  $f'(4) > 0$ , we have that  $y = f(x)$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, 2]$  and  $[3, \infty)$  and is decreasing on  $[2, 3]$ . Thus a local maximum occurs at  $\boxed{x = 2}$ . (2 points)

c) Find the values of  $x$  where a *local minimum* of  $y = f(x)$  occurs.

*Solution:* From the comments in part b) a local minimum occurs at  $\boxed{x = 3}$ . (2 points)

d) Find the intervals on which  $f(x)$  is *increasing*.

*Solution:* From the comments in part b)  $\boxed{(-\infty, 2] \cup [3, \infty)}$ . (4 points)