

CALCULUS JOURNAL CURVE SKETCHING

1. The _____ derivative determines where a graph is increasing & decreasing while the _____ derivative determines where a graph is concave up and down.
2. (a) Critical points are found by _____
or by _____.
(b) Points found by the second method of (a) are called _____
(c) On a graph, critical points are usually located at _____.
(d) Points where the concavity of a graph changes are called _____ points and are found by _____.
3. (a) The term *relative* extrema is used to describe peaks & valleys on a graph because the points _____.
(b) _____ extrema are the highest and lowest points of a function.
4. How is the curve sketching process influenced by a function that has vertical asymptotes?

5. (a) Relative extrema can be located without graphing a function by using the _____
_____ or _____.
(b) The first derivative test is nicknamed _____.
(c) The _____ derivative test is sometimes inconclusive if _____
_____.
6. (a) On a closed interval, such as $[-4,10]$, absolute extrema are found by:
1) _____
2) _____
(b) On an open interval, such as $(2, \infty)$, absolute extrema are found by:
1) _____
2) _____
3) _____
7. What conclusion should be made when identifying absolute extrema on the interval $(-6,3)$ with critical points at -1 and 1 if $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6^+} f(x) = 2$, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -\infty$, $f'(-1) = -3$, and $f'(1) = 0$?

8. When looking at the graph of the derivative of a function, how do you identify each of the following about the original function?
Critical points _____
Increasing & decreasing intervals _____
Relative extrema _____
Possible inflection points _____
Concave up & down intervals _____

9. Important Rules, Formulas, Etc.
(a) Mean Value Theorem formula

(b) First Derivative Test steps

(c) Second Derivative Test steps

(d) Methods for identifying asymptotes

Vertical

Horizontal

Slant (Oblique)

Curvilinear

(e) Keystrokes necessary to perform long division in CAS.