

I came to the position that mathematical analysis is not one of the many ways of doing economic theory: it is the only way.

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Lecture 12

Sec. 6.3, 6.10-11, 8.1-2, 8.4, 8.6

Rules for differentiation. Optimisation (one variable).

Here are recommended exercises from the textbook [SHSC].

Section 6.1 exercise 1, 2

Section 6.2 exercise 1, 6, 8

Section 6.6 exercise 1, 3

Section 6.7 exercise 1-4, 7

Section 6.8 exercise 1, 10

Problems for the exercise session

Wednesday 30 Oct. from 14 o'clock in B2-085

Problem 1 Make a sketch of the graphs of **two** different functions $f(x)$ with the given data. Note: You are not supposed to find any algebraic expression!

a) $f'(x)$ is negative for $x < 5$ and positive for $x > 5$

b) $f'(x)$ is positive for $x < 10$, negative for $10 < x < 15$ and positive for $x > 15$

c) $f'(x)$ is negative for $x < 5$, $f'(5) = 0$, $f'(x)$ is negative for $5 < x < 12$ and $f'(x)$ is positive for $x > 12$

Problem 2 In figure 1 you see the graph of $f'(x)$.

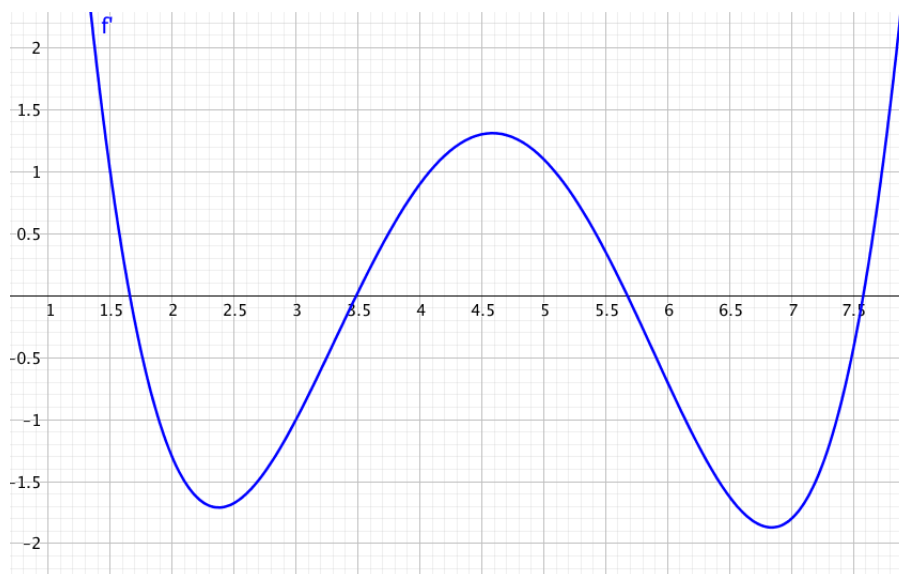


Figure 1: Graph of $f'(x)$

Determine if the statement is true or false.

- a) $f'(2) < f'(3)$ b) $f(2) < f(3)$ c) $f(4,5) > f(5)$
- d) $f(x)$ has a (local) minimum for $x = 3,5$ e) $f(x)$ has a (local) minimum for $2 < x < 3$ f) the graph of $f(x)$ has no local minimum points
- g) $f(x)$ decreases in the interval $[6, 7]$ h) $f(x)$ increases faster around $x = 1,5$ than around $x = 5,5$
- i) The derivative of $f'(x)$ is positive for $x = 7,6$ j) $f(4,5) > f(5)$
- k) We cannot use the graph of $f'(x)$ to determine if $f(4,5)$ is positive

Problem 3 In figure 2 you see the graphs of $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ in the same coordinate system. Determine which is the graph of $f(x)$ and which is the graph of $f'(x)$ in (a-c).

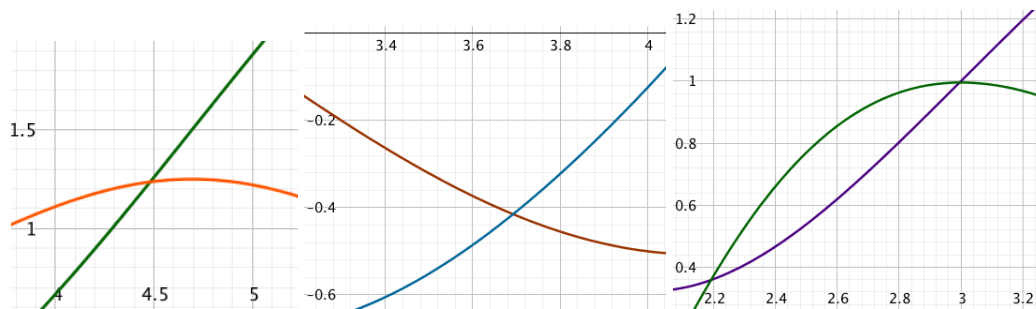


Figure 2: (a-c): The graphs of $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$

Problem 4 Determine the stationary points of $f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing/increasing, and find (local) maximum and minimum points.

- a) $f'(x) = 4(x+1)(x-2)(x-5)$ b) $f'(x) = (x-20)e^x$
- c) $f'(x) = \frac{(3x-5)(10-2x)}{x^2-6x+10}$ d) $f'(x) = \ln(x) - 1,12$
- e) $f'(x) = \ln(x^2 - 6x + 10)$ f) $f'(x) = \ln(x^2 - 8), (x > 2,9)$
- g) $f'(x) = e^{2x} - 4e^x + 3$ h) $f'(x) = e^{x^2-3} - 2$

Problem 5 Determine maximum and minimum for these functions.

- a) $f(x) = 1000 - 0,2x$ and $D_f = [50, 250]$ b) $f(x) = 0,2x^2 - 2,8x + 19,8$ and $D_f = [2, 12]$
- c) $f(x) = 20 - \frac{1}{x-5}$ and $D_f = [6, 15]$ d) $f(x) = 10xe^{-0,1x}$ and $D_f = [2, 30]$
- e) $f(x) = 2x^3 - 33x^2 + 168x + 9$ and $D_f = [2,5, 8,6]$ f) $f(x) = \ln(1 + e^{-x})$ and $D_f = [4, 5]$

Problem 6

- a) We have $f(x) = \sqrt{\ln[(x-4)^2] + 5} + x^3 - 4x$. Calculate $\frac{f(6)-f(2)}{4}$ and explain why there is a number c with $2 < c < 6$ such that $f'(c) = 48$.
- b) We have a differentiable function $f(x)$ with $f(13) = 600e^{1,14} = f(17)$. Explain why $f(x)$ has a stationary point between 13 and 17.

Problem 7 Compute the expression for the derivative of $f(x)$.

- a) $f(x) = \ln(x^2 - 7x + 13)$ b) $f(x) = e^{0,035x^2}$ c) $f(x) = \sqrt{e^{2x} + 4x + 5}$ d) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln(1-x)}$

Problem 8 (Multiple choice spring 2016, problem 12)

We have the function $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 4x + 5)$. Which statement is true?

- (A) The function f is increasing in $[2, \rightarrow)$
- (B) The function f is increasing in $[-2, \rightarrow)$
- (C) The function f is increasing in $(-\infty, 2]$
- (D) The function f is increasing in $(-\infty, -2]$
- (E) I choose not to solve this problem.

Problem 9 (Multiple choice autumn 2016, problem 10)

We have the function $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x}{x+1}$. Which statement is true?

- (A) The function f has no local minimum points
- (B) The function f has one local minimum point, and it is $x = -3$
- (C) The function f has one local minimum point, and it is $x = 1$
- (D) The function f has several local minimum points
- (E) I choose not to solve this problem.

Problem 10 (Multiple choice spring 2018, problem 10)

We have the function $f(x) = x^2 e^{1-x}$. Which statement is true?

- (A) The function f has one local maximum point $x = a$ med $a > 0$
- (B) The function f has several local maximum points
- (C) The function f has one local maximum point $x = 0$
- (D) The function f has one local maximum point $x = a$ with $a < 0$
- (E) I choose not to solve this problem.

Answers

Problem 1

Compare with other students, ask the learning assistants!

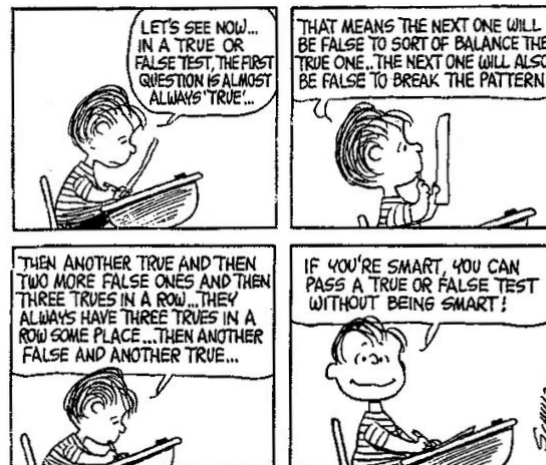
Problem 2

Figure 3: True or false

Problem 3

- a) $f(x)$: Green b) $f(x)$: Brown c) $f(x)$: Violet

Problem 4

- a) Stationary points: $x = -1, x = 2, x = 5$. $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x \leq -1$, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $-1 \leq x \leq 2$, $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $2 \leq x \leq 5$, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq 5$. Hence $x = -1$ is a local minimum point, $x = 2$ is a local maximum point and $x = 5$ is a local minimum point.
- b) Stationary points: Only $x = 20$. $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x \leq 20$ and $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq 20$. Hence $x = 20$ is a global minimum point.

- c) Stationary points: $x = \frac{5}{3}$ and $x = 5$. $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x \leq \frac{5}{3}$, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $\frac{5}{3} \leq x \leq 5$, $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x \geq 5$. Hence $x = \frac{5}{3}$ is a local minimum point and $x = 5$ is a local maximum point.
- d) Stationary points: Only $x = e^{1,12}$. $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x \leq e^{1,12}$ and $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq e^{1,12}$. Hence $x = e^{1,12}$ is a global minimum point.
- e) Stationary points: Only $x = 3$. $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for all x . Hence $x = 3$ is neither a local minimum point nor a local maximum point (a *terrace point*).
- f) Stationary points: Only $x = 3$. $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $2,9 \leq x \leq 3$, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq 3$. Hence $x = 3$ is a global minimum point.
- g) $f'(x) = (e^x - 1)(e^x - 3)$. Stationary points: $x = 0$ and $x = \ln(3)$. $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \leq 0$, $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $0 \leq x \leq \ln(3)$ and $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq \ln(3)$. Hence $x = 0$ is a local maximum point and $x = \ln(3)$ is a local minimum point.
- h) Stationary points: $x = \pm\sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$. $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \leq -\sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$, $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $-\sqrt{3 + \ln(2)} \leq x \leq \sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$ and $f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x \geq \sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$. Hence $x = -\sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$ is a local maximum point and $x = \sqrt{3 + \ln(2)}$ is a local minimum point.

Problem 5 We use the extreme value theorem (Sec. 8.4, Thm. 8.4.1, p. 294).

- a) $\min f(250) = 950$ $\max: f(50) = 990$
 b) $\min f(7) = 10$ $\max: f(2) = 15 = f(12)$
 c) $\min: f(6) = 19$ $\max: f(15) = 19,9$
 d) $\min: f(30) = 14,94$ $\max: f(10) = 36,79$
 e) $\min: f(7) = 254 = f(2,5)$ $\max: f(8,6) = 285,23$
 f) $\min: f(5) = 0,00672$ $\max: f(4) = 0,01815$

Problem 6

- a) $\frac{f(6)-f(2)}{4} = 48$. Because $f(x)$ is differentiable for all x the mean value theorem (Sec. 8.4, Thm. 8.4.2, p. 298) says that there is a number c with $2 < c < 6$ such that $f'(c) = 48$.
- b) From the mean value theorem there is a number c in the interval $(13, 17)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$ and then $x = c$ is a stationary point.

Problem 7

$$(a) f'(x) = \frac{2x - 7}{x^2 - 7x + 13}$$

$$(b) f'(x) = 0,07xe^{0,035x^2}$$

$$(c) f'(x) = \frac{e^{2x} + 2}{\sqrt{e^{2x} + 4x + 5}}$$

$$(d) f'(x) = \frac{(1-x)\ln(1-x) + x}{(1-x)[\ln(1-x)]^2}$$

Problem 8

B

Problem 9

C

Problem 10

A