



Justifying with Function Behavior

When I am asked to find/do this... (question being asked)	I will think this/justify with this reason... (precise & concise)	
Given $f(x)$, find the relative maximum	$f'(x) = 0$ or undefined $f'(x)$ sign chart	$f'(x)$ goes from positive to negative
Given $f(x)$, find the relative minimum	$f'(x) = 0$ or undefined $f'(x)$ sign chart	$f'(x)$ goes from negative to positive
Given $f(x)$, find the absolute extrema	$f'(x) = 0$ or undefined (sign chart $f'(x)$) TABLE \rightarrow critical points, endpoints	Abs MAX \rightarrow greatest y-value Abs MIN \rightarrow least y-value
Given $f(x)$, find where the function is increasing/decreasing	$f'(x) = 0$ or undefined $f'(x)$ sign chart	Inc $\rightarrow f'(x)$ is positive Dec $\rightarrow f'(x)$ is negative
Given $f(x)$, find where the function has a point of inflection	$f''(x) = 0$ or undefined $f''(x)$ sign chart	POI $\rightarrow f''(x)$ changes signs
Given $f(x)$, determine intervals of concave up/concave down	$f''(x) = 0$ or undefined $f''(x)$ sign chart	CC up $\rightarrow f''(x)$ positive CC down $\rightarrow f''(x)$ negative
Given $f(x)$, write an equation of the tangent line at $x = c$ (a linear approximation for $f(x)$ at $x = c$)	$f'(x)$ * $f'(c) = \text{slope}$ * $f(c)$	$y - f(c) = f'(c)(x - c)$ $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$
Determine if a linear approximation is an overestimate or underestimate	CC up $f''(x)$ positive	underestimate

CC down
 $f''(x)$ negative

overestimate

Find a horizontal/vertical tangent line of $f(x)$	H: $f'(x) = 0$ $y = \#$ V: $f'(x)$ is undefined $x = \#$
Given $f(x)$, show that there exists a c in the interval (a, b) such that $f(a) < f(c) < f(b)$	* f is continuous on $[a, b]$ * $K = f(c)$ is between $f(a)$ and $f(b)$, then Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees a value, c in (a, b) such that $f(c) = K$. IVT
Given $f(x)$, show that there exists a c in the interval (a, b) such that $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$	* f is continuous on $[a, b]$ * f is differentiable on (a, b) $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = \square$ By Mean Value Theorem, there exists a value, c , in (a, b) such that $\frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a} = f'(c)$ MVT
Given $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(x)$, determine if $(c, f(c))$ is a relative extrema	$f''(c)$ negative \curvearrowright rel max $f''(c)$ positive \curvearrowleft rel min $f''(c) = 0$ Inconclusive 2nd Der Test
If $f(x)$ is differentiable, what else do you know about $f(x)$?	$f(x)$ is continuous
Given $f(x)$, show $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = c$	1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \square \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \square$ 2) $f(c) = \square$ 3) $f(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \square$ Def of Cont
Given $f(x)$, show $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = c$	1) $\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f'(x) = \square \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f'(x) = \square$ 2) $f'(c)$ defined = \square 3) $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f'(x) = \square$
Given $\frac{dx}{dt}$ and $\frac{dy}{dt}$, find $\frac{dy}{dx}$	$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$