

Mathematics (Economics, Markets and Finance)

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Exercises sheet 2

Exercise 1. Find the natural domain of the following functions and compute the equation of the tangent line through the given point.

a) $f(x) = \ln(x^2 + 3x - 4)$, through the point $(10, f(10))$.

b) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - x}$, through the point $(2, f(2))$.

Exercise 2. Find where the following functions are increasing/decreasing on their natural domain.

a) $f(x) = e^{\sqrt{x-3}}$.

b) $f(x) = 4x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 4$.

c) $f(x) = \frac{x}{e^{x^2}}$.

d) $f(x) = \ln(e^x + e^{-x})$.

e) $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 3}$.

Exercise 3. For the following functions find all local maximum/minimum points.

a) $f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 1$.

b) $f(x) = x\sqrt{x+1}$.

c) $f(x) = x + \sqrt{1-x}$.

d) $f(x) = 2\sqrt{x} - x$.

e) $f(x) = \frac{x}{\ln x}$.

f) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x}$.

g) $f(x) = xe^x$.

Exercise 4. For the following functions find the global maximum/minimum in the given interval.

– $f(x) = x + \sqrt{x}$, $[0, 4]$.

– $f(x) = x - 2\ln x$, $[1, e]$.

$$- f(x) = \sqrt{4-x}, \quad -2, 2].$$

Exercise 5. For the following functions find all the inflection points.

1. $f(x) = 3x^5 - 5x^4 + 3x - 2$.
2. $f(x) = xe^x$.
3. $f(x) = x^2 \ln x$.

Exercise 6. Plot the graph of the following functions, in the given interval.

1. $f(x) = 9x^3 - 4x, \quad \mathbb{R}$.
2. $f(x) = \frac{x}{3} - \frac{3}{x}, \quad]0, 10]$.
3. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}, \quad [-5, 5]$.