


You must show your work to get full credit.

1. Let b be a positive constant and let $f(x) = x(a - x)$ be defined for $0 \leq x \leq a$.

(a) Find the derivative $f'(x)$ Hint: It may be easier if rewrite $f(x)$ as $f(x) = ax - x^2$.

 $f'(x) = \underline{a - 2x}$

(b) Find the critical points of $f(x)$. (That is the points, x , where $f'(x) = 0$.)

solving

$$f'(x) = a - 2x = 0$$

$$-2x = -a$$

$$x = \frac{-a}{-2} = \frac{a}{2}$$

Critical points are: $\frac{a}{2}$

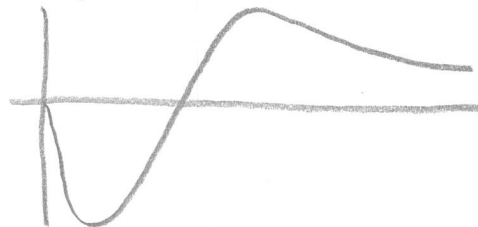
(c) What is the maximizer of $f(x)$? Maximizer is: $\frac{a}{2}$

(d) What is maximum of $f(x)$? Maximum is: $\frac{a^2}{4}$

$$f\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = \frac{a}{2}\left(a - \frac{a}{2}\right) = \frac{a}{2}\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = \frac{a^2}{4}$$

2. For $0 \leq x \leq 4$ let $f(x) = \frac{5x(x-1)}{1+x^4}$.

(a) Graph on your calculator and make a rough sketch of your graph here:



$$y = 5x(x-1)/(1+x^4)$$

$$x_{\min} = 0$$

$$x_{\max} = 4$$

(b) Use your calculator to find the following:

Maximum of $f(x)$.63749

Maximizer of $f(x)$ 1.65415

Minimum of $f(x)$ -1.1889

Minimizer of $f(x)$.45515