

Section 2.4: Absolute Extrema

After learning this section, you should be able to:

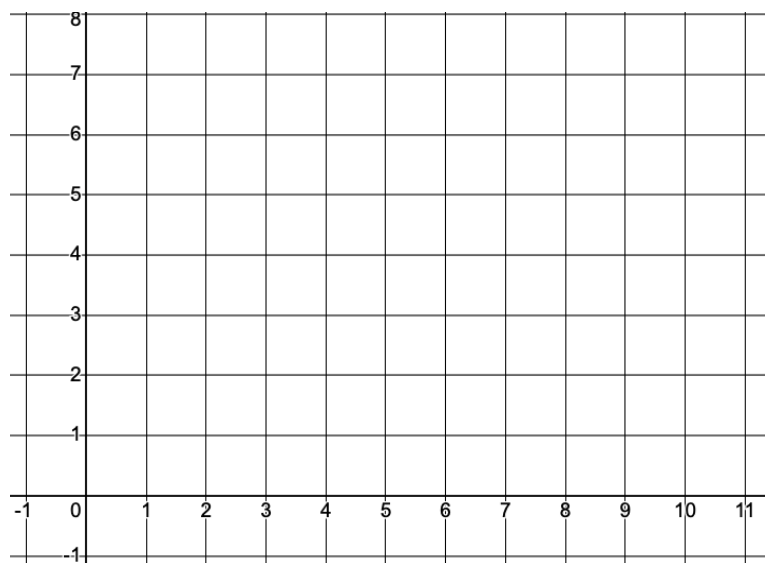
1. Determine absolute extrema of a function on a closed interval from a given graph.
 2. Determine absolute extrema of a function on a closed interval using the Closed Interval Method.
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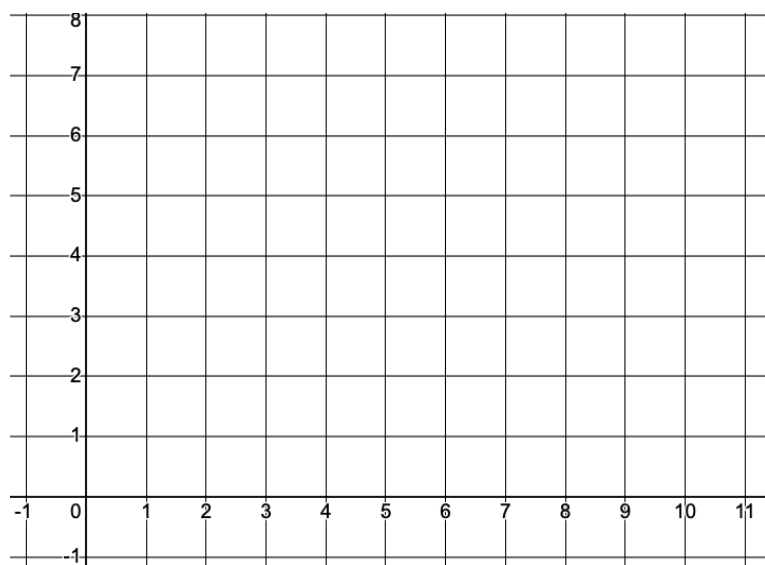
Def: An _____ is the smallest _____ of $f(x)$. If we restrict $f(x)$ to the closed _____, then the _____ of $f(x)$ on that interval is the smallest _____ of $f(x)$ on that interval.

Identify any relative or absolute minimums and maximums on the following graphs.

Ex #1:



Ex #2:



Closed Interval Method: To find the _____
(min/max) of a _____ function $f(x)$ on a _____
interval _____:

1)

2)

3)

4)

Find the absolute minimum and maximum values of the following functions.

Ex #1: $f(x) = 12 + 4x - x^2$ on the interval $[0, 5]$

Ex #2: $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - 6x$ on the interval $[0,5]$

Ex #3: (Check) $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x^4 - x^2 + 2$ on the interval $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 2\right]$