

## 5.2-Maxima and Minima

### Definitions:

$f$  has a *relative maximum* at  $x = a$  if and only if

$f$  has a *relative minimum* at  $x = a$  if and only if

**Fermat's Theorem:** If  $f$  has a relative maximum or relative minimum at  $x = a$  and  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , then

### More definitions:

$f$  has a critical value at  $x = a$  if and only if

$f$  has an *absolute maximum* at  $x = a$  if and only if

$f$  has an *absolute minimum* at  $x = a$  if and only if

**Extreme Value Theorem** If  $f$  is continuous on a closed, bounded interval, then

Graphical examples to show that each of the conditions must hold to guarantee the conclusion:

*Examples:*

Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of  $f(x) = \sqrt{6x - x^2}$

Find the absolute maximum and absolute minimum of  $f(x) = x^2e^{-x}$  on the interval  $[1, 4]$

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