

3. [15 points] Answer “True” or “False” for each of the following, and **include a brief explanation of your answer**. A picture may be sufficient for an explanation, if appropriate. The functions  $h, h', m$  and  $m'$  referred to in the problem are all differentiable on their domain. The letters  $a$  and  $b$  represent constants.

i) If  $y = h'(x)m(x) - h(x)m'(x)$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx} = h''(x)m(x) - h(x)m''(x)$ .

True

False

*Solution:*

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = h''(x)m(x) + h'(x)m'(x) - h'(x)m'(x) - h(x)m''(x) = h''(x)m(x) - h(x)m''(x).$$

- ii) If  $m''(a) = 0$ , then  $m(x)$  has an inflection point at  $x = a$ .

True

False

*Solution:* The function  $f(x) = x^4$  has  $f''(0) = 0$ , but  $f''$  is positive on either side of  $x = 0$  so there is not an inflection point at  $x = 0$ .

- iii) If  $h''(x) > 0$  on the interval  $[a, b]$  and  $h(a) > h(b)$ , then  $h(a)$  is the absolute maximum value of  $h(x)$  on  $[a, b]$ .

True

False

*Solution:* Since  $h$  is concave up for the entire interval, any critical points on the interval must be local minima. This means the maximum must occur at an endpoint (either  $x = a$  or  $x = b$ ) of the interval. The maximum value must be  $h(a)$  because it is larger than  $h(b)$ .

- iv) There exists a continuous function  $f(x)$  which is not differentiable at  $x = 0$  with a local maximum at  $(0, 5)$ .

True

False

*Solution:* The function  $f(x) = -|x| + 5$  has a local maximum at  $(0, 5)$ , but has a corner at this point, so it is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

- v) The function  $g(x) = e^{-(x-a)^2/b}$  has a local maximum at  $x = b$ .

True

False

*Solution:* The derivative of  $g$  is

$$g'(x) = -\frac{2(x-a)}{b}e^{-(x-a)^2/b}$$

so the only critical point of  $g$  is at  $x = a$ . Therefore there cannot be a local max at  $x = b$  since it is not a critical point.