

5. [10 points] As a software engineer, Tendai spends many hours every day writing code. Let  $w(t)$  be a function that models the number of lines of code that Tendai writes in a day if he works  $t$  hours that day. Tendai works at least one hour and at most 18 hours each day. A formula for  $w(t)$  is given by
- $$w(t) = \begin{cases} -2t^2 + 28t & \text{if } 1 \leq t \leq 3 \\ -0.5t^2 + 9t + 43.5 & \text{if } 3 < t \leq 18. \end{cases}$$

- a. [8 points] Find the values of  $t$  that minimize and maximize  $w(t)$  on the interval  $[1, 18]$ . Use calculus to find your answers, and be sure to show enough evidence that the points you find are indeed global extrema. For each answer blank, write NONE if appropriate.

*Solution:* Note that  $w$  is continuous at  $t = 3$ , since  $\lim_{t \rightarrow 3^-} w(t) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 3^+} w(t) = 66$ , so we may use the Extreme Value Theorem.

We find

$$w'(t) = \begin{cases} -4t + 28 & \text{if } 1 < t < 3 \\ -t + 9 & \text{if } 3 < t < 18. \end{cases}$$

The first expression is 0 when  $t = 7$ , but since this isn't in the domain of that piece, it is not a critical point. The second expression is 0 when  $t = 9$ .

Since both of these are polynomials, we don't have to worry about the derivative not existing on these open intervals. However, since  $-4 \cdot 3 + 28 = 16$  and  $-3 + 9 = 6$  are not equal,  $w'$  is not defined at 3, so  $t = 3$  is also a critical point.

Computing  $w(t)$  at each critical point and the endpoints gives:

$t$	1	3	9	18
$w(t)$	26	66	84	43.5

By the Extreme Value Theorem, we therefore find that  $w(t)$  attains its maximum value at  $t = 9$  and its minimum at  $t = 1$ .

**Answer:** global max(es) at  $t =$  9

**Answer:** global min(s) at  $t =$  1

- b. [2 points] What is the largest number of lines of code that Tendai can expect to write in a day according to this model?

*Solution:* From part **a.** we see that the maximum value of  $w$  is  $w(9) = 84$ . So according to this model, the largest number of lines of codes that Tendai can expect to write in a day is 84.

**Answer:** 84