

2. (10 points) Suppose  $f$  has a continuous derivative whose values are given in the following table.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$f'(x)$	5	2	1	-2	-5	-3	-1	2	3	1	-1

(a) Using the data in the table, estimate  $x$ -coordinates of indicated critical points of  $f$  for  $0 < x < 10$ .

Since  $f'$  is continuous,  $f'$  is never undefined and the only critical points are values of  $x$  for which  $f'(x) = 0$ . From the table above, we see that  $f'$  changes sign between  $x = 2$  and  $x = 3$ , between  $x = 6$  and  $x = 7$ , and between  $x = 9$  and  $x = 10$ . So, we estimate  $f$  has 3 critical points at:

- $x \simeq 2.5$ ,
- $x \simeq 6.5$ ,
- $x \simeq 9.5$ .

(b) For each critical point above, indicate if it is a local maximum of  $f$ , a local minimum, or neither.

- $x \simeq 2.5$  is a local maximum.  
(Since  $f'$  changes sign from positive to negative as one moves from left to right in a small neighborhood about  $x \simeq 2.5$ ).
- $x \simeq 6.5$  is a local minimum.
- $x \simeq 9.5$  is a local maximum.

(c) Approximate interval(s) between  $x = 0$  and  $x = 10$ , if any, for which the data indicates that the graph of  $f$  is concave up?

The function  $f$  is concave up wherever  $f'$  is increasing (or where  $f''$  is positive). Looking at the table, we see that  $f'$  is increasing approximately for

$$4.5 \leq x \leq 8.5.$$

So, we estimate  $f$  is concave up when  $4.5 \leq x \leq 8.5$ .

(d) If  $f(0) = 4$ , approximate the value of  $f(0.2)$ .

The best linear approximation for  $f$  at the point  $(0,4)$  is given by  $y = f'(0)x + b = 5x + b$ . Substituting  $x = 0$ ,  $y = 4$  in this linear equation, we find  $b = 4$ .

Therefore,

$$f(x) \simeq 5x + 4 \text{ near } x = 0.$$

So,  $f(0.2) \simeq 5(0.2) + 4 = 5$ , is the approximate value of  $f(0.2)$ .