

2. [13 points] A function  $g(x)$  and its derivative are given by

$$g(x) = \frac{x^3 + 34x^2 + 732x + 5400}{(x + 30)^4} \quad \text{and} \quad g'(x) = \frac{-(x - 6)^2(x - 10)}{(x + 30)^5}.$$

- a. [8 points] Find all critical points of  $g(x)$  and all values of  $x$  at which  $g(x)$  has a local extremum. Use calculus to find and justify your answers, and be sure to show enough evidence to demonstrate that you have found all local extrema.

*Solution:* To find critical points we (i) solve for  $x$  in the equation  $g'(x) = 0$  and (ii) look for points in the domain of the function where the derivative is undefined. The critical points occur at  $x = 6$  and  $x = 10$ . Note that  $x = -30$  is not a critical point since it is not in the domain of the function.

To test whether each of these critical points is a local extremum, we consider the sign of  $g'(x)$  on the intervals on each side of the critical points and then apply the First Derivative Test. Note that  $(x - 6)^2$  is positive for all  $x \neq 6$ , and  $(x + 30)^5$  is positive for all  $x > -30$ . Finally, note that  $x - 10$  is positive for  $x > 10$  and negative for  $x < 10$ . We summarize the resulting signs of the derivative in the table below.

Interval	$-30 < x < 6$	$6 < x < 10$	$x > 10$
Sign of $g'(x)$	$\frac{- \cdot + \cdot -}{+} = +$	$\frac{- \cdot + \cdot -}{+} = +$	$\frac{- \cdot + \cdot +}{+} = -$

We see that  $g(x)$  does not have a local extremum at  $x = 6$  and that, by the First Derivative Test,  $g(x)$  has a local maximum at  $x = 10$ .

(For each answer blank below, write NONE in the answer blank if appropriate.)

**Answer:** critical point(s) at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ **6, 10**

**Answer:** local min(s) at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ **NONE**

**Answer:** local max(es) at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ **10**

- b. [5 points] Find the values of  $x$  that minimize and maximize  $g(x)$  on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ . Use calculus to find your answers, and be sure to show enough evidence that the points you find are indeed global extrema.

*Solution:* The only local extremum is the local maximum at  $x = 10$  so since  $g$  is continuous on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ , this must also be the global max. (Alternatively, note that from part (a), we know that  $g(x)$  is increasing for  $0 \leq x \leq 10$  and decreasing for  $x \geq 10$ , so  $g(10)$  must be the global maximum value of  $g(x)$  on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ .) To check for a global min we need to consider the ends of the interval. Now,  $g(0) = \frac{1}{150}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} g(x) = 0$ , which is less than  $\frac{1}{150}$ . This implies that there is no global minimum of  $g(x)$  on the interval  $[0, \infty)$ .

(For each answer blank below, write NONE in the answer blank if appropriate.)

**Answer:** global min(s) at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ **NONE**

**Answer:** global max(es) at  $x =$  \_\_\_\_\_ **10**