

4. [6 points] The expressions below define five different functions of x , labeled i. – v., which are used for answers in parts **a.** and **b.**

$$\text{i. } \frac{x^2 + 1}{x - 3} \quad \text{ii. } \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 - 8} \quad \text{iii. } \frac{x}{e^x} \quad \text{iv. } \frac{e^x}{x} \quad \text{v. } \frac{(x - 2)^{1/3}}{x}$$

- a.** [2 points] Which of the above functions have a limit of 0 as $x \rightarrow \infty$? *Circle all correct answers.*

i. **ii.** **iii.** iv. **v.** NONE OF THESE

- b.** [2 points] Which of the above functions satisfy the hypotheses of the Mean Value Theorem on the interval $[1, 3]$? *Circle all correct answers.*

i. ii. **iii.** **iv.** v. NONE OF THESE

- c.** [2 points] Circle the *one correct equality below* to complete the statement of the Mean Value Theorem applied to the function $f(x) = e^x/x$ on the interval $[1, 3]$:

“There is a point c in the interval $(1, 3)$ such that ...”

$$\frac{xe^x - e^x}{x^2} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}e^c - e}{2} \quad \frac{ce^c - e^c}{c^2} = \frac{e^3}{9} \quad \frac{e^c}{c} = \frac{\frac{1}{3}e^3 - e}{3 - 1} \quad \boxed{\frac{e^c(c - 1)}{c^2} = \frac{e^3}{6} - \frac{e}{2}}$$

5. [5 points] Find the global maximum and minimum output values of the function

$$y = w(x) = 3 - 2x^2 + \frac{x^4}{2}$$

on the interval $[-1, 2]$, and list *all* x -values at which the global maximum and minimum occur. *Show all your work, and use calculus to justify your answers, which should be numerical.*

Solution: First we find the critical points of $w(x)$. Since $w(x)$ is differentiable everywhere, in order to find the critical points we just have to solve $w'(x) = 0$. We have

$$w'(x) = -4x + 2x^3 = 2x(x^2 - 2) = 2x(x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{2}).$$

Thus the critical points of $w(x)$ are $x = 0, \pm\sqrt{2}$. Now we evaluate $w(x)$ at the endpoints of $[-1, 2]$, and at its critical points that belong to $[-1, 2]$. We have

$$w(-1) = \frac{3}{2}, \quad w(0) = 3, \quad w(\sqrt{2}) = 1, \quad w(2) = 3.$$

The greatest of these values is the maximum of $w(x)$ on $[-1, 2]$, and the least is the minimum. So, on the interval $[-1, 2]$, $w(x)$ has a max of $y = 3$ which occurs at $x = 0$ and $x = 2$, and a min of $y = 1$ which occurs at $x = \sqrt{2}$.

Answer: On the interval $[-1, 2]$, the function $w(x)$ has a ...

global maximum value of $y = \underline{3}$, occurring at the point(s) $x = \underline{0, 2}$,

and a global minimum value of $y = \underline{1}$, occurring at the point(s) $x = \underline{\sqrt{2}}$.