

8. [11 points] A function  $g(x)$  and its derivative are given by

$$g(t) = 10e^{-0.5t}(t^2 - 2t + 2) \quad \text{and} \quad g'(t) = -10e^{-0.5t}(0.5t^2 - 3t + 3).$$

- a. [2 points] Find the  $t$ -coordinates of all critical points of  $g(t)$ . If there are none, write NONE. For full credit, you must find the exact  $t$ -coordinates.

*Solution:* Since  $g'(t)$  is defined for all  $t$ , the only critical points occur where  $g'(t) = 0$ . To find these  $t$  values, we use the Quadratic Formula:

$$t = 3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 6} = 3 \pm \sqrt{3}.$$

**Answer:** Critical point(s) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $3 - \sqrt{3}, 3 + \sqrt{3}$

- b. [6 points] For each of the following, find the values of  $t$  that maximize and minimize  $g(t)$  on the given interval. Be sure to show enough evidence that the points you find are indeed global extrema. For each answer blank, write NONE in the answer blank if appropriate.

- (i) Find the values of  $t$  that maximize and minimize  $g(t)$  on the interval  $[0, 8]$ .

*Solution:* Since  $[0, 8]$  is a closed interval, by the Extreme Value Theorem,  $g(t)$  must have both a global max and a global min, occurring either at a critical point or at an endpoint. We therefore make a table of values at  $t = 0, t = 3 - \sqrt{3} \approx 1.27, t = 3 + \sqrt{3} \approx 4.73$ , and  $t = 8$ :

$t$	0	1.27	4.73	8
$g(t)$	20	5.69	14.01	9.16

From the table, we see the global max at  $t = 0$  and the global min at  $t = 3 - \sqrt{3} \approx 1.27$ .

**Answer:** Global max(es) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $0$  Global min(s) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $3 - \sqrt{3}$

- (ii) Find the values of  $t$  that maximize and minimize  $g(t)$  on the interval  $[4, \infty)$ .

*Solution:* Note that only one of our critical points,  $t = 3 + \sqrt{3} \approx 4.73$ , lies in this interval. Global extrema, if they exist, then, can only occur at  $t = 4$  and  $t = 3 + \sqrt{3}$ ,

so we make a table of these values: 

$t$	4	4.73
$g(t)$	13.53	14.01

 We must also consider the

behavior as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ , the open endpoint of our interval. Note that  $g'(t) < 0$  for  $t > 3 + \sqrt{3}$ , so  $g(t)$  is decreasing for  $t > 3 + \sqrt{3}$ . So the global max occurs at the largest value in the table, at  $t = 3 + \sqrt{3} \approx 4.73$ . As  $t$  gets larger and larger,  $g(t) = \frac{10(t^2 - 2t + 2)}{e^{0.5t}}$  tends to 0, as  $e^{0.5t}$  grows faster than any polynomial in the long run. Since this limiting value of 0 is smaller than every value in our table, there is no global min.

**Answer:** Global max(es) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $3 + \sqrt{3}$  Global min(s) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{NONE}$

- c. [3 points] Let  $G(t)$  be the antiderivative of  $g(t)$  with  $G(0) = -5$ . Find the  $t$ -coordinates of all critical points and inflection points of  $G(t)$ . For each answer blank, write NONE if appropriate. You do not need to justify your answers.

*Solution:* Critical points of  $G(t)$  are zeros of  $g(t)$ , of which there are none. Inflection points of  $G(t)$  are local extrema of  $g(t)$ , which occur at  $t = 3 \pm \sqrt{3}$  (which we know to be local extrema because they are in fact global extrema in the interiors of some intervals).

**Answer:** Critical point(s) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{NONE}$

**Answer:** Inflection point(s) at  $t =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $3 - \sqrt{3}, 3 + \sqrt{3}$