

Answer on Question #50713 – Math – Calculus

please provide me some problem, where third derivative or more than that is used to find maxima and minima. and please solve one problem like this.

Solution

$$\text{Let } y(x) = x^4 + x^5, \quad y' = 4x^3 + 5x^4, \quad y'' = 12x^2 + 20x^3,$$

$$y''' = 24x + 60x^2, \quad y^{IV} = 24 + 120x.$$

Solve $y' = 0$, that is, $4x^3 + 5x^4 = 0$, hence $x^3(4 + 5x) = 0$ and finally $x = 0$ or $x = -\frac{4}{5}$ are critical points. Thus, $y'(0) = 0$ and $y'(-\frac{4}{5}) = 0$.

Evaluate $y''(-\frac{4}{5}) = 12(-\frac{4}{5})^2 + 20(-\frac{4}{5})^3 = \frac{12 \cdot 16 - 20 \cdot 64/5}{25} = \frac{12 \cdot 16 - 4 \cdot 64}{25} < 0$, hence $x = -\frac{4}{5}$ is a local maximum.

Next, $y''(0) = 0$. To classify $x = 0$, further research is required.

So, $y(0) = y'(0) = y''(0) = y'''(0) = 0$, $y^{IV}(0) > 0$.

As we can see, $n = 4$ is even and $y^{IV}(0) > 0$. Sufficiently close to

$x = 0$, $y(x)$ strictly decreases when $x \rightarrow 0$ from the left and from the right and therefore function $y(x) = x^4 + x^5$ has local minimum at $x = 0$.

In case of odd order n , point cannot be a point of extremum.