

What are the critical points for f(x)? a, c, d, f, h

Critical number are any x values where f'(x) = 0 or is undefined.

- Where is f(x) increasing? $(-\infty,a)U(c,d)U(f, h)U(h,\infty)$
- f(x) is increasing at any x values where f'(x) > 0.
- Where is f(x) decreasing? (a,c)U(d,f)
- f(x) is decreasing at any x values where f'(x) < 0
- Identify the location of any relative maxima for f(x). at x=a and d
- f ' (x) changes from positive to negative at these points.
- Identify the location of any relative minima for f(x). at x = c and f
- f'(x) changes from negative to positive at these points.
- Where is f(x) concave up? (b,0)U(e,g)U(h, ∞)
- f'(x) is increasing on these intervals.
- Where is f(x) concave down? $(-\infty,b)U(0,e)U(g,h)$
- f'(x) is decreasing on these intervals.
- Identify the location of any points of inflection for f(x). at x= b, 0, e, g, and h
- f'(x) changes from increasing to decreasing or from decreasing to increasing at these points.