

# Calculus on the TI-83/84

\* \* \* Remember – Calculator ALWAYS in RADIAN mode \* \* \*

**Evaluating derivatives:** Example: Evaluate  $f'(7)$  if  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7}x$

1. Enter  $y_1 = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7}x$
2. Math 8 →   $\frac{d}{dx}(Y_1)|_{x=7}$  Answer: 224.5
3. (If no MathPrint, then Math 8 → nDeriv( $y_1, x, 7$ )  
[ to enter  $y_1$  go to VARS / Y-VARS / Function / 1 ]

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**Evaluating values:** Example: Evaluate  $f(7)$  if  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7}x$

1. Enter  $y_1 = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7}x$
2. Return to Home Screen: 2<sup>nd</sup> → Mode (Quit)
3. go to VARS / Y-VARS / Function / 1
4.  $Y_1(7)$  press enter
5. Answer: (448)

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**Finding Values on a Graph:** Example:  $Y_1 = 0.5x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$

- 1) Set Window:
  - a. Standard Window: Xmin: -10 Xmax: 10 Ymin: -10 Ymax 10  
(You will adjust window values on a case-by-case basis)
  - b. Or enter Zoom → 6 (ZStandard)
- 2) **Finding x-Intercepts:**
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> → Trace → 2:Zero
  - b. Left Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point LEFT of **x-intercept** on graph then press ENTER)
  - c. Right Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point RIGHT of **x-intercept** on graph then press ENTER)
  - d. Guess? (Press ENTER)
  - e. (Answer:  $x = -3.082, x = -0.428, x = 1.514$ )
- 3) **Finding Relative Minimum on Graph:**
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> → Trace → 3: Minimum
  - b. Left Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point LEFT of **rel. minimum** on graph then press ENTER)
  - c. Right Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point RIGHT of **rel. minimum** on graph then press ENTER)
  - d. Guess? (Press ENTER)
  - e. (Answer:  $x = 0.666, y = -1.7407$ )
- 4) **Finding Relative Maximum on Graph:**
  - a. 2<sup>nd</sup> → Trace → 4: Maximum
  - b. Left Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point LEFT of **rel. maximum** on graph then press ENTER)
  - c. Right Bound? (Scroll cursor to a point RIGHT of **rel. maximum** on graph then press ENTER)
  - d. Guess? (Press ENTER)
  - e. (Answer:  $x = -2, y = 3$ )

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### Finding Values on a Graph:

- 1) Table → 2:Edit function
- 2)  $f(x) = 0.5x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1$  (Press Enter)
- 3) Start = 0 (Press Enter) \* This value you will adjust on a case-by-case basis  
Step = **0.5** (Press Enter) \*This value you will adjust on a case-by-case basis  
Auto (Press Enter)  
CALC (Press Enter)
  
- 4) Estimate x-intercepts:
  - a. Scroll through table and estimate where  $f(x)$  column (y-values) changes signs from – to + or from + to -
  - b. Gain increased accuracy by adjusting step to smaller increments (ex. 0.1)
  - c. Change your “start =” value to reduce the amount of scrolling
  - d. (Answer:  $x = -3.082$ ,  $x = -0.428$ ,  $x = 1.514$ )
  
- 5) Estimate relative minimum:
  - a. Scroll through table and estimate where  $f(x)$  column (y-values) changes from decreasing to increasing values
  - b. Gain increased accuracy by adjusting step to smaller increments (ex. 0.1)
  - c. Change your “start =” value to reduce the amount of scrolling
  - d. (Answer:  $x = 0.666$   $y = -1.7407$ )
  
- 6) Estimate x-intercepts:
  - a. Scroll through table and estimate where  $f(x)$  column (y-values) changes from increasing to decreasing values
  - b. Gain increased accuracy by adjusting step to smaller increments (ex. 0.1)
  - c. Change your “start =” value to reduce the amount of scrolling
  - d. (Answer:  $x = -2$   $y = 3$ )

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Semester Integral Steps:**

### Evaluating Definite Integrals

e.g. Evaluate  $\int_{-2}^{11} (2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7x}) dx$

1. Enter  $y_1 = 2x^3 - 5x^2 + \sqrt{7x}$
  2. Math 9  $\rightarrow$  fnInt( $y_1, x, -2, 11$ )
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### Evaluating Total Distance

e.g. Evaluate  $\int_0^5 |3x^2 + 11x + 4| dx$

1. Enter  $y_1 = 3x^2 + 11x + 4$
  2. Math 9  $\rightarrow$  fnInt(Abs( $y_1$ ),  $x, 0, 5$ )
  3. The absolute value feature (Abs) is found in Math  $\rightarrow$  Num  $\rightarrow$  Abs
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### Evaluating Value of a function

e.g. Evaluate  $f(7)$  if  $f(x) = 3e^{2x} - \ln(x^2)$

1. Enter  $y_1 = 3e^{2x} - \ln(x^2)$
  2.  $y_1(7)$
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