## 4.2 Extreme Values

Extreme Values on an Interval: Let f(x) be a function on an interval, let "a" be on the interval

Absoulte Minimum on f(x) is f(a) if  $f(a) \le f(x)$  for all x on the interval Absoulte Maximum on f(x) is f(a) if  $f(a) \ge f(x)$  for all x on the interval









Existence of Extrema: A continuous function *f* on a closed interval [a,b] has both a maximum and a minimum.

## Local Extrema: (Relative Extrema)

Local Minimum: at x=c if f(c) is the minimum on an open interval

Local Maximum: at x=c if f(c) is the maximum on an open interval





## Critical Points:

A number "c" in the domain of f is called a critical point if either:

Local extrema occur at critical points

Absolute extrema occur at endpoints or at critical points.

AP Calculus

1. Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 4x^3$  on [-1,2]

Value of x	Value of f

2. Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x) = 2x - 3x^{\frac{2}{3}}$  on [-1,3]



3. Find the absolute extrema of  $f(x) = 2\sin x - \cos 2x$  on  $[0,2\pi]$ 

Value of x	Value of f

Rolle's Theorem:

f(x) is continuous on [a,b] and differentiable on (a,b). If f(a) = f(b) then there is a number "c" such that f'(c) = 0

4. Find all values of c on [-2,2] such that f'(c) = 0  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^2$