

2023 AB/BC #4
(no calculator)

(a)

$f'(6) = 0$, but $f'(x) > 0$ on $(2,6)$ and $f'(x) > 0$ on $(6,8)$.

So $f'(x)$ does not change signs at $x = 6$.

Hence, f has neither a relative minimum nor a relative maximum at $x = 6$.

(b)

f is concave down when f' is decreasing and this occurs on the intervals $(-2,0)$ and $(4,6)$.

(c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{6f(x) - 3x}{x^2 - 5x + 6} \rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (6f(x) - 3x) = 6f(2) - 3(2) = 6(1) - 6 = 0$$

Note: $f(x)$ is differentiable so it is continuous at $x=2$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2) = 1$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 5x + 6) = 4 - 10 + 6 = 0$$

This makes the limit above the indeterminate form $\frac{0}{0}$ so, applying L'Hospitals Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{6f(x) - 3x}{x^2 - 5x + 6} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{6f'(x) - 3}{2x - 5} = \frac{6f'(2) - 3}{2(2) - 5} = \frac{6(0) - 3}{2(2) - 5} \text{ or } 3$$

(d)

The candidates for the absolute minimum value of f on $[-2,8]$ are the endpoints of the interval, $x = -2$ and $x = 8$ or where $f'(x) = 0$ and this occurs when $x = -1$, $x = 2$, and $x = 6$.

$$f(-2) = f(2) - \int_{-2}^2 f'(x) dx = 1 - \left[\frac{1}{2}(1)(2) - \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) - \frac{1}{2}(2)(2) \right] = 3$$

$$f(-1) = f(2) - \int_{-1}^2 f'(x) dx = 1 - \left[-\frac{1}{2}(3)(2) \right] = 1 + 3 = 4$$

$$f(2) = 1$$

$f(6)$ is neither a maximum or minimum from part (a) and not an endpoint. (But it equals $7 - \pi$)

$$f(8) = f(2) + \int_2^8 f'(x) dx = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(2)(2) + 4(2) - \frac{1}{2}\pi(2)^2 = 11 - 2\pi$$

So the absolute minimum value of f is 1 and it occurs at $x = 2$.