

Graph the function. Find the inflection and critical points (if any) and point out the absolute Maxima.

$$f(x) = \frac{24x}{x^2+9}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{24(x^2+9)-2x*24x}{(x^2+9)^2} = \frac{24(9-x^2)}{(x^2+9)^2}$$

critical points:  $f'(x) = 0$

$$\frac{24(9-x^2)}{x^2+9} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3$$

$$f''(x) = 24 \frac{(-2x(x^2+9)^2 - 2(x^2+9)2x(x^2-9))}{(x^2+9)^4} = 24 \frac{(-2x(x^2+9)-4x(9-x^2))}{(x^2+9)^3} = 24 \frac{2x(x^2-27)}{(x^2+9)^3}$$

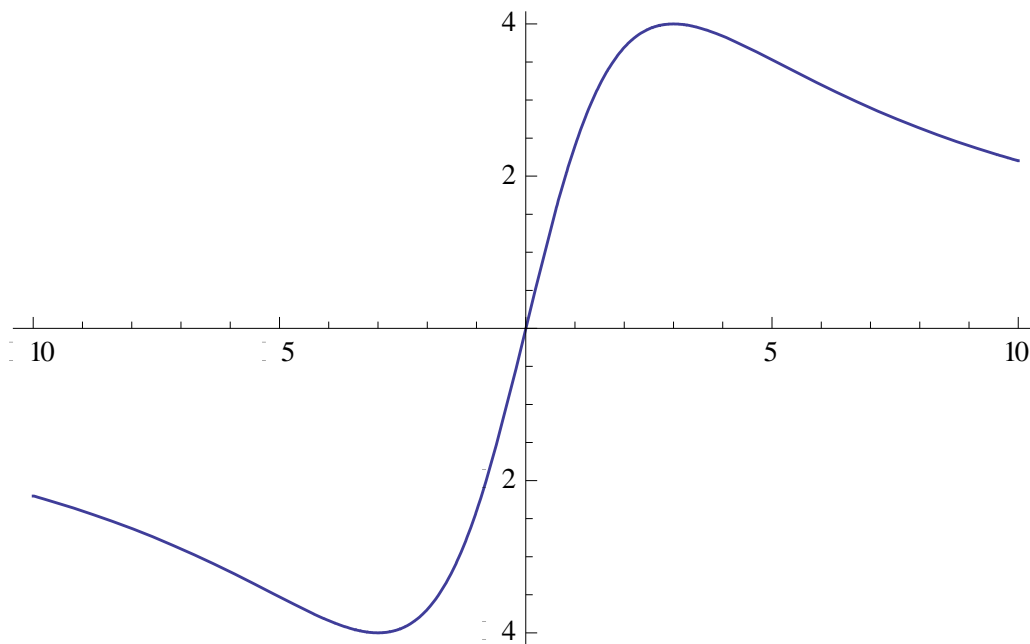
inflection points:  $f''(x) = 0$

$$24 \frac{2x(x^2-27)}{(x^2+9)^3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, \pm 3\sqrt{3}$$

absolute Maxima:  $f'(x) = 0$  and  $f''(x) < 0$

$$f''(3) < 0 - \text{Maxima}$$

$$f''(-3) > 0 - \text{Min}$$



Answer:

critical points:  $x = \pm 3$

inflection points:  $x = 0, \pm 3\sqrt{3}$

absolute Maxima:  $x = 3$