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1. Consider the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^3 + 9x^2 + 5x + 3 & x \leq -1 \\ (7x^4 - 6x)e^{-x^2} & -1 < x \leq 1 \\ x^2 - 5x + 2\ln(x) & x > 1 \end{cases}$

Be careful! Wolfram Alpha may have trouble with this function. You might want to deal with it one piece at a time.

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piecewise[{ {3x^3+9x^2+5x+3,x<=-1}, {(7x^4-6x)e^(-x^2),-1<x<=1}, {x^2-5x+2 ln(x),x>1} }]
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To find critical points we need to look at $f(x)$ one piece at a time. Before doing this, let's note that $f(x)$ has a critical points at $x = -1$ and $x = 1$. $f(x)$ switches formulas and is discontinuous there. This means that $f'(x)$ is undefined at $x = \pm 1$ so these are critical points.

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derivative 3x^3+9x^2+5x+3
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Alpha let's us know that this formula has roots at $x = -5/3$ and $-1/3$. Notice that $-5/3 \approx -1.667 \leq -1$ but $-1/3 \approx -0.333 > -1$. This means that $x = -1/3$ is out of bounds for this formula (this formula is only valid for $x \leq -1$), so we throw $x = -1/3$ out.

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derivative (7x^4-6x)e^(-x^2)
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The middle formula's derivative has roots at $x \approx -1.23835$, 0.49781 , and 1.56091 . This formula is only valid for $-1 < x \leq 1$, so we need to throw out -1.23835 and 1.56091 .

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derivative x^2-5x+2 ln(x)
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The derivative of our final piece has roots at $x = 1/2$ and $x = 2$. Again, this formula is only valid for $x > 1$ so we must throw out $x = 1/2$.

(a) Find all of the critical points of $f(x)$. $x = \underline{-5/3 \approx -2.667, -1, 0.49781, 1, \text{ and } 2}$

(b) Restricting our attention to the interval $[-2, 4]$...

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plot piecewise[{ {3x^3+9x^2+5x+3,x<=-1}, {(7x^4-6x)e^(-x^2),-1<x<=1}, {x^2-5x+2 ln(x),x>1} }]
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 on $[-2, 4]$ ✓

Looking at the plot we can see that the maximum value must occur at the first formula's peak (this occurs at its critical point at $x = -5/3 \approx -1.667$). The minimum value must occur at the third formula's valley (this occurs at its critical point at $x = 2$). We just need to know the function's value at these points.

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piecewise[{ {3x^3+9x^2+5x+3,x<=-1}, {(7x^4-6x)e^(-x^2),-1<x<=1}, {x^2-5x+2 ln(x),x>1} }]
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 at $x = -5/3$ ✓

Or... $3x^3 + 9x^2 + 5x + 3$ at $x = -5/3$ ✓

Either way, we get that $f(-5/3) = \frac{52}{9} \approx 5.77778$.

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piecewise[{ {3x^3+9x^2+5x+3,x<=-1}, {(7x^4-6x)e^(-x^2),-1<x<=1}, {x^2-5x+2 ln(x),x>1} }]
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 at $x = 2$ ✓

Or... $x^2 - 5x + 2\ln(x)$ at $x = 2$ ✓

Either way, we get that $f(2) = 2\ln(2) - 6 \approx -4.61371$.

The maximum value of $f(x)$ is $\underline{52/9 \approx 5.77778}$. This occurs when $x = \underline{-5/3 \approx -1.66667}$.

The minimum value of $f(x)$ is $\underline{2\ln(2) - 6 \approx -4.61371}$. This occurs when $x = \underline{2}$.

2. Riverdale Highschool has an expensive copying machine. It could cost \$7,000 to replace their machine. They have recorded that they spent \$50 repairing the copier during its first year of operation. The next year it cost \$190 to fix their machine. The third year it cost \$350 to fix it.

Use Excel to find a power model for the average annual repair costs. Then model the average annual cost of operating this copying machine using a function of the form: $A(t) = \frac{C}{t} + Rt^r$ where C is the cost of purchasing the copier and Rt^r models the repair costs.

First, we need to figure out our power model for repair costs. When $t = 1$ we have that Rt^r should be \$50. For $t = 2$ our average repair costs are $\frac{\$50 + \$190}{2} = \$120$ (per year). For $t = 3$ we get $\frac{\$50 + \$190 + \$350}{3} \approx \196.67 . After creating a table in Excel with...

$t =$	1	2	3
$Rt^r =$	50	120	196.67

...insert a scatter plot. Then add a power trendline. Excel tells us that $y = 50.137x^{1.2483}$. Now we can write down our average annual cost function.

$$A(t) = \frac{7000}{t} + 50.137t^{1.2483}$$

To find the minimum of $A(t)$ let's find its critical points. Then create a graph and see what the function looks like.

derivative $7000/t + 50.137 t^{1.2483}$ ✓

plot $7000/t + 50.137 t^{1.2483}$ on $[0, 20]$ ✓

Clearly we have a critical point at $t = 0$ (where $A(t)$ is not continuous). But the only interesting critical point is at $t \approx 8.15054$. Looking at the plot, this is definitely the location of $A(t)$'s minimum. Note that $0.15054(12) = 1.80648 \approx 2$ months.

$7000/t + 50.137 t^{1.2483}$ at $t=8.15054$ ✓

When $t = \underline{8.15054}$, $A(t)$ is minimized. [Keep 5 decimal places.]

Riverdale should replace its copying machine after 8 years and 2 months of operation. [Round up to the next whole month.]

If they do this, their average annual cost (for the copier) should be \$ 1,546.84 .

3. Stew's business uses specialty print cartridges for their photo ID printer each year. These cartridges cost \$150 a piece. Placing an order costs \$10. Stew's inventory cost is rather low. He estimates that it costs him \$0.10 per year per cartridge (based on average inventory with all of the standard assumptions). Let $C(x)$ be Stew's annual cost function for these cartridges.

(a) If Stew needs 200 cartridges each year, $C(x) = \frac{200(150) + 10\left(\frac{200}{x}\right) + 0.10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{x}$

plot $200(150) + 10(200/x) + 0.10(x/2)$ on $[1, 150]$ ✓

derivative $200(150) + 10(200/x) + 0.10(x/2)$ ✓

We see that $C(x)$ has critical points at ± 200 (and 0). Obviously, $x = 200$ is the extreme end of our domain. Our function decreases all the way down to the end. That is where our minimum occurs. [By the way, here our ideal solution is also a practical solution.]

$200(150) + 10(200/x) + 0.10(x/2)$ at $x=200$ ✓

We see that $C(200) = 30,020$ is the minimum value of $C(x)$.

His **ideal** EOQ is 200 and his **ideal** minimum annual cost is \$30,020 .

(b) If Stew needs 1,000 cartridges each year, $C(x) = \frac{1000(150) + 10\left(\frac{1000}{x}\right) + 0.10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}{1}$

plot 1000(150) + 10(1000/x) + 0.10(x/2) on [1,1000] ✓

derivative 1000(150) + 10(1000/x) + 0.10(x/2) ✓

This time $C(x)$ has critical points at ± 447.214 (and 0). Looking at the graph, obviously the minimum occurs at $x = 447.214$. We need to know the value of $C(x)$ at this point.

1000(150) + 10(1000/x) + 0.10(x/2) at x=447.214 ✓

We find that $C(447.214) \approx 150,045$. This is the minimum value of the cost function.

His **ideal** EOQ is 447.214 and his **ideal** minimum annual cost is \$150,045.

- (c) Suppose that Stew needs 2,000 cartridges each year. In addition, he found out that he gets a discount if he places a large order. For orders of 300 or more, he pay \$135 per cartridge. However, there is an additional delivery fee for these large orders. Instead of \$10, it costs \$50 to place a large order. His inventory costs stay the same.

$$C(x) = \begin{cases} 2000(150) + 10\left(\frac{2000}{x}\right) + 0.10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) & x < 300 \\ 2000(135) + 50\left(\frac{2000}{x}\right) + 0.10\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) & x \geq 300 \end{cases}$$

piecewise[{ {2000(150)+10(2000/x)+0.10(x/2),x<300}, {2000(135)+50(2000/x)+0.10(x/2),x>=300}] ✓

Clearly, the minimum occurs after the price break. Let's focus on that part of the formula.

plot 2000(135)+50(2000/x)+0.10(x/2) on [300,2000] ✓

It looks like the minimum occurs at this second formula's critical point (sound around 1400). Let's find its exact location.

derivative 2000(135)+50(2000/x)+0.10(x/2) ✓

Apparently this critical point is $x \approx 1414.21$. We need to plug this in to find the corresponding ideal minimum cost.

2000(135)+50(2000/x)+0.10(x/2) at x=1414.21 ✓

Here we find the value of $C(x)$ at $x = 1414.21$ is 270141.

His **ideal** EOQ is 1,414.21. His **ideal** minimum annual cost is \$270,141.