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contraction of the trachea, making a narrower channel for the expelled air to flow through. For a given amount of air to escape in a fixed time, it must move faster through the narrower channel than the wider one. The greater the velocity of the airstream, the greater the force on the foreign object. X rays show that the radius of the circular tracheal tube contracts to about two-thirds of its normal radius during a cough. According to a mathematical model of coughing, the velocity v of the airstream is related to the radius r of the trachea by the equation

$$v(r) = k(r_0 - r)r^2 \qquad \frac{1}{2}r_0 \le r \le r_0$$

where *k* is a constant and  $r_0$  is the normal radius of the trachea. The restriction on *r* is due to the fact that the tracheal wall stiffens under pressure and a contraction greater than  $\frac{1}{2}r_0$  is prevented (otherwise the person would sufficient).

- (a) Determine the value of r in the interval  $\lfloor \frac{1}{2}r_0, r_0 \rfloor$  at which v has an absolute maximum. How does this compare with experimental evidence?
- (b) What is the absolute maximum value of *v* on the interval?
- (c) Sketch the graph of v on the interval  $[0, r_0]$ .

APPLIED PROJECT

**68.** Show that 5 is a critical number of the function  $q(x) = 2 + (x - 5)^{3}$ 

but q does not have a local extreme value at 5.

69. Prove that the function

$$f(x) = x^{101} + x^{51} + x + 1$$

has neither a local maximum nor a local minimum.

- **70.** If f has a minimum value at c, show that the function g(x) = -f(x) has a maximum value at c.
- **71.** Prove Fermat's Theorem for the case in which f has a local minimum at c.
- **72.** A cubic function is a polynomial of degree 3; that is, it has the form

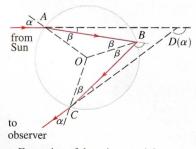
$$f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

where  $a \neq 0$ .

- (a) Show that a cubic function can have two, one, or no critical number(s). Give examples and sketches to illustrate the three possibilities.
- (b) How many local extreme values can a cubic function have

## The Calculus of Rainbows

Rainbows are created when raindrops scatter sunlight. They have fascinated mankind since ancient times and have inspired attempts at scientific explanation since the time of Aristotle. In this project we use the ideas of Descartes and Newton to explain the shape, location, and colors of rainbows.



Formation of the primary rainbow

1. The figure shows a ray of sunlight entering a spherical raindrop at A. Some of the light is reflected, but the line AB shows the path of the part that enters the drop. Notice that the light is refracted toward the normal line AO and in fact Snell's Law says that  $\sin \alpha = k \sin \beta$ , where  $\alpha$  is the angle of incidence,  $\beta$  is the angle of refraction, and  $k \approx \frac{4}{3}$  is the index of refraction for water. At B some of the light passes through the drop and is refracted into the air, but the line BC shows the part that is reflected. (The angle of incidence equals the angle of reflection.) When the ray reaches C, part of it is reflected, but for the time being we are more interested in the part that leaves the raindrop at C. (Notice that it is refracted away from the normal line.) The angle of deviation  $D(\alpha)$  is the amount of clockwise rotation that the ray has undergone during this three-stage process. Thus

$$D(\alpha) = (\alpha - \beta) + (\pi - 2\beta) + (\alpha - \beta) = \pi + 2\alpha - 4\beta$$

Show that the minimum value of the deviation is  $D(\alpha) \approx 138^{\circ}$  and occurs when  $\alpha \approx 59.4^{\circ}$ . The significance of the minimum deviation is that when  $\alpha \approx 59.4^{\circ}$  we have  $D'(\alpha) \approx 0$ , so  $\Delta D/\Delta \alpha \approx 0$ . This means that many rays with  $\alpha \approx 59.4^{\circ}$  become deviated by approximately the same amount. It is the *concentration* of rays coming from near the direction of minimum