



Exercise 6: Applications of Differentiation

Topic 6.1 : Maximum & Minimum

1. Given $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 1$, find if exist, the point of inflection, the minimum and maximum point using a) first derivative test b) second derivative test

$[(1,5) \text{ max point, } (3,1) \text{ min point, } (2,3) \text{ point of inflection}]$

2. Given $f(x) = 2x^4 - 8x^3 + 45$, find:
(i) the critical points and determine their nature
(ii) the point of inflection

$[(3,-9) \text{ min point, } (0,45) \text{ and } (2,13) \text{ point of inflection}]$

3. Given $f(x) = x(5-x)^2$
(i) find the stationary points and determine their nature
(ii) find the point of inflection
(iii) hence, sketch the graph

$\left[\left(\frac{5}{3}, \frac{500}{27} \right) \text{ max point, } (5,0) \text{ min point, } \left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{250}{27} \right) \text{ point of inflection} \right]$

4. Find if exist, the point of inflection, the minimum and maximum points for each of the following curves

(i) $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$

(ii) $f(x) = -x^2 + x + 3$

(iii) $f(x) = x^3 - 12x$

(iv) $f(x) = -x^3 + 3x^2$

$\left[\begin{array}{ll} \text{(a) } (3,-1) \text{ min point,} & \text{(b) } \left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{13}{4} \right) \text{ max point,} \\ \text{(c) } (2,-16) \text{ min point, } (-2,16) \text{ max point, } (0,0) \text{ point of inflection} & \\ \text{(d) } (0,0) \text{ min point, } (2,4) \text{ max point, } (1,2) \text{ point of inflection} & \end{array} \right]$

5. Given $f(x) = x^3 - 9x^2 + 15x$, find if exist, the point of inflection, the minimum and maximum point using a) first derivative test b) second derivative test. Hence sketch the graph.

$[(1,7) \text{ max point, } (5,-25) \text{ min point, } (3,-9) \text{ point of inflection}]$

6. Given $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 1$, find if exist, the point of inflection, the minimum and maximum point using a) first derivative test b) second derivative test

$[(1,5) \text{ max point, } (3,1) \text{ min point, } (2,3) \text{ point of inflection}]$

7. Given $f(x) = 5 - 9x + 6x^2 - x^3$

- (i) find the critical point and determine their nature
- (ii) find the point of inflection
- (iii) hence, sketch the graph

$[(3,5) \text{ max point, } (1,1) \text{ min point, } (2,3) \text{ point of inflection}]$

32. Find if exist, the point of inflection, the minimum and maximum points for the curve

$$f(x) = x^3 - x^2 - x$$

$:\left[\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{27}\right) \text{ max point, } (1,-1) \text{ min point}\right]$

33. Sketch the graph of $f(x) = x^4 - 16x^2 + 1$, indicating max and min points and points of inflection

$[(\pm 2\sqrt{2}, -63) \text{ min point, } (0,1) \text{ max point, } (\pm 0.94, -12.43) \text{ point of inflection}]$

34. Given $f(x) = x^3(4-x)$, find if exist, the point of inflection, the max and min points.

$[(3,27) \text{ max point, } (0,0) \text{ point of inflection}]$