

[MAA 5.5-5.6] MONOTONY AND CONCAVITY

SOLUTIONS

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**O. Practice questions**

1. (a)  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 1 > 0$ ,  $f$  increasing (b)  $f'(x) = -25x^4 \leq 0$ ,  $f$  decreasing  
 (c)  $f'(x) = -6e^{2x} < 0$ ,  $f$  decreasing (d)  $f'(x) = \frac{7}{(3x+5)^2} > 0$ ,  $f$  increasing

2. (a)  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x - 9$   
 $3x^2 + 6x - 9 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0$   
 $x = -3$  (max)  $x = 1$  (min) (either by table of signs or by 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative test)

- (b)  $f''(x) = 6x + 6$   
 $6x + 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -1$   
 $x = -1$  (point of inflexion) (by table of signs)

(c) look at the GDC

3. (a)  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 3$   
 $3x^2 + 6x + 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 2x + 1 = 0$   
 $x = -1$  neither max nor min (by table of signs)

- (b)  $f''(x) = 6x + 6$   
 $6x + 6 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -1$   
 $x = -1$  (point of inflexion) (by table of signs)

So at  $x = -1$ , stationary point of inflexion

(c) look at the GDC

4. by using table of signs  
 $x = 1$  (max)  $x = 3$  (min)  $x = 4$  (stationary point of inflexion),

5. by using table of signs  
 $x = 1$  and  $x = 3$  are points of inflexion ( $x = 4$  is not)

6. (a)

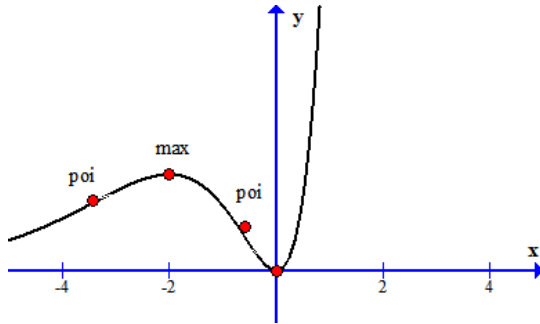
Interval	$g'$	$g''$
$a < x < b$	positive	positive
$b < x < c$	positive	negative
$c < x < d$	negative	negative
$d < x < e$	negative	positive
$e < x < f$	negative	negative

- (b)

	Point	$g'$	$g''$
B	$x = b$	positive	zero
C	$x = c$	zero	negative
D	$x = d$	negative	zero
E	$x = e$	zero	zero

7.  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$
- (a)  $f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$ ,  $f''(x) = 6ax + 2b$
- (b)  $f(1) = 4 \Leftrightarrow a + b + c = 4$   
 $f'(1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3a + 2b + c = 0$   
 $f''(2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 12a + 2b = 0$
- (c)  $a = 1, b = -6, c = 9$
- (d)  $f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1, x = 3$   
 minimum at  $x = 3$  (by using table or 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative test)

8. If  $f: (x) \mapsto x^2e^x$  then  $f'(x) = x^2e^x + 2xe^x = x(x+2)e^x$   
 stationary points :  $x = 0, x = -2$   
 Using table of signs: max at  $x = -2$ , min at  $x = 0$   
 $f''(x) = x^2e^x + 4xe^x + 2e^x = e^x(x^2 + 4x + 2)$   
 For a point of inflexion solve  $f''(x) = 0$   
 $x = -2 - \sqrt{2}, x = -2 + \sqrt{2}$   
 Using table of signs: point of inflexion at both points

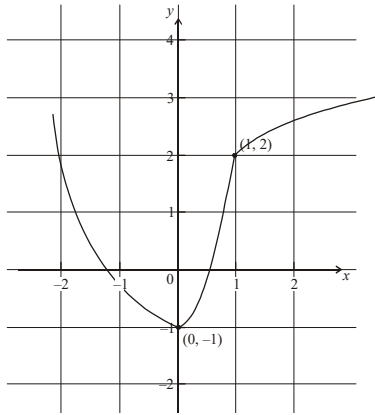


**A. Exam style questions (SHORT)**

9. (a)
- |         |          |   |          |
|---------|----------|---|----------|
|         | A        | B | E        |
| $f'(x)$ | negative | 0 | negative |
- (b)
- |          |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|----------|
|          | A        | C        | E        |
| $f''(x)$ | positive | positive | negative |
- (c)
- |          |          |          |
|----------|----------|----------|
| $f(0)$   | $f'(0)$  | $f''(0)$ |
| positive | positive | negative |
- (d) One point of inflexion
10. (a)  $f'(x) = x^2 + 4x - 5$
- (b)  $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -5, x = 1$   
 so  $x = -5$
- (c)  $f''(x) = 2x + 4, 2x + 4 = 0$   
 $x = -2$
- (d)  $f'(3) = 16$   
 $y - 12 = 16(x - 3) \Rightarrow y = 16x - 36$   
**OR**  $12 = 16 \times 3 + b \Rightarrow b = -36$ . Hence  $y = 16x - 36$

11. (a)  $g'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x - 9$   
 $3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 3(x-3)(x+1) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 3 \quad x = -1$
- (b) **METHOD 1**  
 $g'(x < -1)$  is positive,  $g'(x > -1)$  is negative  
 $g'(x < 3)$  is negative,  $g'(x > 3)$  is positive  
min when  $x = 3$ , max when  $x = -1$
- METHOD 2**  
Evidence of using second derivative  
 $g''(x) = 6x - 6$   
 $g''(3) = 12$  (or positive),  $g''(-1) = -12$  (or negative)  
min when  $x = 3$ , max when  $x = -1$
12. (a)  $f''(x) = 0$  **OR** the max and min of  $f'$  gives the points of inflexion on  $f$   
 $-0.114, 0.364$
- (b) **METHOD 1**  
graph of  $g$  is a quadratic function, so it does not have any points of inflexion
- METHOD 2**  
graph of  $g$  is concave down over entire domain therefore no change in concavity
- METHOD 3**  
 $g''(x) = -144$ , therefore no points of inflexion as  $g''(x) \neq 0$
13. (a) (i)  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$  (ii)  $y = \frac{3}{2}$
- (b) By quotient rule:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2x+5)(3) - (3x-2)(2)}{(2x+5)^2} = \frac{19}{(2x+5)^2}$
- (c) There are no stationary points, since  $\frac{dy}{dx} \neq 0$  (or by the graph) (A1)
- (d) There are no points of inflexion.
14. (a)  $f''(x) = 3(x-3)^2$   
(b)  $f(3) = 0, f''(3) = 0$   
(c)  $f''$  (i.e. concavity) does not change sign at P
15. (a)  $f'(x) = 2xe^{-x} - x^2e^{-x} = (2-x)x e^{-x}$   
(b) Maximum occurs at  $x = 2$   
Exact maximum value =  $4e^{-2}$
- (c)  $f''(x) = 2e^{-x} + 2xe^{-x} - 2xe^{-x} + x^2e^{-x} = (x^2 - 4x + 2)e^{-x}$   
For inflexion,  $f''(x) = 0$   
 $x = \frac{4 + \sqrt{8}}{2} (= 2 + \sqrt{2})$

16.



**Notes:** On  $[-2, 0]$ , decreasing, concave up. On  $[0, 1]$ , increasing, concave up.  
On  $[1, 2]$ , change of concavity, concave down.

17. (a) 
$$g'(x) = \frac{x^2 \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) - 2x \ln x}{x^4} = \frac{x - 2x \ln x}{x^4} = \frac{x(1 - 2 \ln x)}{x^4} = \frac{1 - 2 \ln x}{x^3}$$

(b) 
$$g'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 1 - 2 \ln x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \ln x = \frac{1}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = e^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

18. (a)  $x = 1$

(b) Using quotient rule

$$\begin{aligned} h'(x) &= \frac{(x-1)^2(1) - (x-2)[2(x-1)]}{(x-1)^4} \\ &= \frac{(x-1) - (2x-4)}{(x-1)^3} = \frac{3-x}{(x-1)^3} \end{aligned}$$

(c) at point of inflexion  $g''(x) = 0$   
 $x = 4$

$$y = \frac{2}{9} = 0.222 \text{ ie } P\left(4, \frac{2}{9}\right)$$

19. (a)  $x = 1$

**EITHER** The gradient of  $g(x)$  goes from positive to negative  
**OR** when  $x = 1$ ,  $g''(x)$  is negative

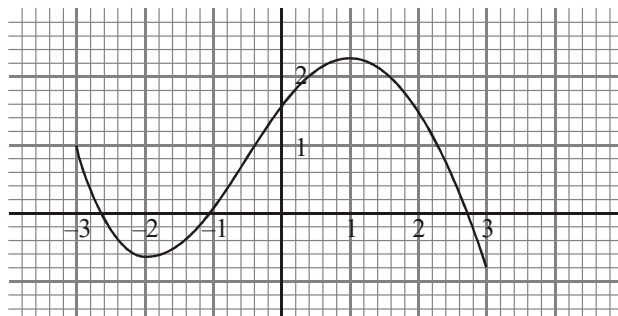
(b)  $-3 < x < -2$  and  $1 < x < 3$

$g'(x)$  is negative

(c)  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$g''(x)$  changes from positive to negative **OR** concavity changes

(d)



20. (a)  $f'(x) = \frac{e^x(e^x+1) - e^x(e^x-1)}{(e^x+1)^2} = \frac{2e^x}{(e^x+1)^2} > 0$ , it is increasing.

(b) since the function is increasing it is 1-1 (horizontal line test).

$$\frac{e^x-1}{e^x+1} = y \Leftrightarrow e^x-1 = ye^x+y \Leftrightarrow (1-y)e^x = y+1 \Leftrightarrow e^x = \frac{1+y}{1-y} \Leftrightarrow x = \ln\left(\frac{1+y}{1-y}\right)$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right)$$

21.  $f'(x) = 2(x-1)(x-4)^3 + 3(x-1)^2(x-4)^2 = (x-1)(x-4)^2[2(x-4)+3(x-1)]$   
 $= (x-1)(x-4)^2(5x-11)$   
 $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 1$  or  $x = 4$  or  $x = 11/5$  ( $\approx 2.2$ )

$x$	<b>1</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>4</b>
$f'$	+	-	+
	<b>max</b>		<b>min</b>

max at  $x = 1$ , min at  $x = 2.2$ ,

( $x = 4$  stationary)

22. **METHOD A**

$$\begin{aligned} f''(x) &= (x-4)^2(5x-11) + 2(x-1)(x-4)(5x-11) + 5(x-1)(x-4)^2 \\ &= (x-4)[(x-4)(5x-11) + 2(x-1)(5x-11) + 5(x-1)(x-4)] \\ &= (x-4)[5x^2 - 31x + 44 + 10x^2 - 32x + 22 + 5x^2 - 25x + 20] \\ &= (x-4)(20x^2 - 88x + 86) = 2(x-4)(10x^2 - 44x + 43) \end{aligned}$$

Or directly  $f''(x) = 0$

Roots  $x = 1.47$ ,  $x = 2.93$ ,  $x = 4$

They are all points of inflexion (by using a table of signs)

**METHOD B**

Use graph of  $f'(x)$  to find max/ min

**METHOD C**

Use graph of  $f''(x)$  to find roots and then table of signs

23. (a)  $f'(x) = 2x - \frac{p}{x^2}$

(b)  $f'(-2) = 0 \Leftrightarrow -4 - \frac{p}{4} = 0 \Leftrightarrow -\frac{p}{4} = 4 \Leftrightarrow p = -16$

24.

(a) Use of quotient (or product) rule

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \frac{2(x^2+6) - (2x \times 2x)}{(x^2+6)^2} = \frac{2x(-1)(x^2+6)^{-2}(2x) + 2(x^2+6)^{-1}}{(x^2+6)^2} \\ &= \frac{12 - 2x^2}{(x^2+6)^2} \end{aligned}$$

(b) Solving  $f'(x) = 0$  for  $x$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

$f$  has to be 1-1 for  $f^{-1}$  to exist and so the least value of  $b$  is the larger of the two  $x$ -coordinates (accept a labelled sketch)

Hence  $b = \sqrt{6}$

25.

$$(a) \quad f'(x) = 1 - \frac{2}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{2}{x^{\frac{1}{3}}} = 0 \Rightarrow x^{\frac{1}{3}} = 2 \Rightarrow x = 8$$

$$(b) \quad f''(x) = \frac{2}{3x^{\frac{4}{3}}}$$

$$f''(8) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{at } x = 8, f(x) \text{ has a minimum.}$$

26. **METHOD 1**

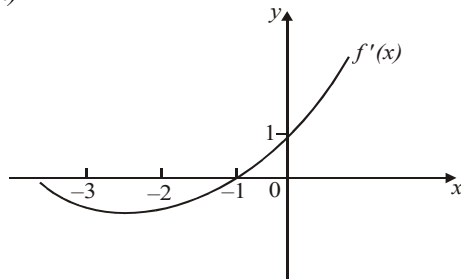
$$y = xe^x \quad \frac{dy}{dx} = xe^x + e^x$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = xe^x + 2e^x = e^x(x + 2)$$

Therefore the  $x$ -coordinate of the point of inflexion is  $x = -2$

**METHOD 2**

Sketching  $y = f'(x)$



$f'(x)$  has a minimum when  $x = -2$ .

Thus,  $f(x)$  has point of inflexion when  $x = -2$

27. (a) Given  $f(x) = e^{\sin x}$

$$\text{Then } f'(x) = \cos x \times e^{\sin x}$$

(b)  $f''(x) = \cos^2 x \times e^{\sin x} - \sin x \times e^{\sin x} = e^{\sin x} (\cos^2 x - \sin x)$

For the point of inflexion,

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow e^{\sin x} (\cos^2 x - \sin x) = 0 \Rightarrow \cos^2 x - \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \sin^2 x - \sin x = 0 \Rightarrow \sin^2 x + \sin x - 1 = 0$$

$$\sin x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

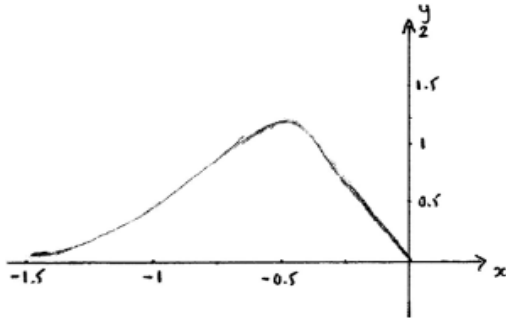
$$\text{But } \frac{-1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} < -1$$

$$\text{Hence } \sin x = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 1}{2}$$

28.

**EITHER**

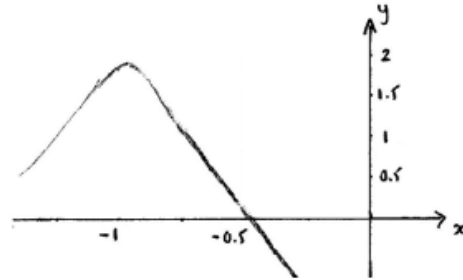
Using the graph of  $y = f'(x)$



The maximum of  $f'(x)$  occurs at  $x = -0.5$ .

**OR**

Using the graph of  $y = f''(x)$ .



The zero of  $f''(x)$  occurs at  $x = -0.5$ .

**THEN**

**Note:** Do not award this *AI* for stating  $x = \pm 0.5$  as the final answer for  $x$ .

$$f(-0.5) = 0.607 (= e^{-0.5})$$

**EITHER**

Correctly labelled graph of  $f'(x)$  for  $x < 0$  denoting the maximum  $f'(x)$   
(e.g.  $f'(-0.6) = 1.17$  and  $f'(-0.4) = 1.16$  stated)

**OR**

Correctly labelled graph of  $f''(x)$  for  $x < 0$  denoting the maximum  $f'(x)$   
(e.g.  $f''(-0.6) = 0.857$  and  $f''(-0.4) = -1.05$  stated)

**OR**

$f'(0.5) \approx 1.21$ .  $f'(x) < 1.21$  just to the left of  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

and  $f'(x) < 1.21$  just to the right of  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

(e.g.  $f'(-0.6) = 1.17$  and  $f'(-0.4) = 1.16$  stated)

**OR**

$f''(x) > 0$  just to the left of  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $f''(x) < 0$  just to the right of  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

(e.g.  $f''(-0.6) = 0.857$  and  $f''(-0.4) = -1.05$  stated)

29.  $f'(x) = 4x^3 - \frac{2}{x^2}$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 + \frac{4}{x^3}$$

$$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}} = -0.803 \text{ and } y = -2.08 \text{ (accept } -2.07)$$

The point of inflexion is  $(-0.803, -2.08)$  (or  $(-\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}, -\frac{5}{3}\sqrt[3]{3})$ )

30.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - 2x - 3$$

$$\text{at } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0, (x-3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x = 3, -1; y = -5, \frac{17}{3}$$

$$\text{So } P(3, -5) \text{ and } Q\left(-1, \frac{17}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{Equation of (PQ) is } \frac{y+5}{\left(\frac{17}{3}+5\right)} = \frac{x-3}{-1-3}$$

$$\frac{3y+15}{32} = \frac{x-3}{-4}$$

$$\frac{3y+15}{8} = \frac{x-3}{-1}$$

$$-3y-15 = 8x-24$$

$$8x+3y-9=0$$

31.

$$f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + 30x + c$$

$$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + 30, f'(1) = 0 \Rightarrow 3a + 2b + 30 = 0$$

$$f''(x) = 6ax + 2b, f''(3) = 0 \Rightarrow 18a + 2b = 0$$

$$a = 2$$

$$b = -18$$

$$f(1) = 7 \Rightarrow 2 - 18 + 30 + c = 7$$

$$c = -7$$

32. (a)  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 6x^2 + 5$

(b) min at  $(2, -3)$

## B. Exam style questions (LONG)

33. (a) (i)  $f'(x) = \frac{\left(x \times \frac{1}{2x} \times 2\right) - (\ln 2x \times 1)}{x^2} = \frac{1 - \ln 2x}{x^2}$

(ii)  $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow \frac{1 - \ln 2x}{x^2} = 0$  only at 1 point, when  $x = \frac{e}{2}$

(iii) Maximum point when  $f'(x) = 0$ .

$$f'(x) = 0 \text{ for } x = \frac{e}{2} (= 1.36)$$

$$y = f\left(\frac{e}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{e} (= 0.736)$$

(b)  $f''(x) = \frac{-\frac{1}{2x} \times 2 \times x^2 - (1 - \ln 2x)2x}{x^4} = \frac{2 \ln 2x - 3}{x^3}$

$$\text{Inflection point } \Rightarrow f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \ln 2x = 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{e^{1.5}}{2} (= 2.24)$$



34.

(a)  $f'(x) = (1 + 2x)e^{2x}$

$f'(x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (1 + 2x)e^{2x} = 0 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$f''(x) = (2^2x + 2 \times 2^{2-1})e^{2x} = (4x + 4)e^{2x}$

$f''\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{e}$

$\frac{2}{e} > 0 \Rightarrow$  at  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $f(x)$  has a minimum.

$P\left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2e}\right)$

(b)  $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 4x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1$

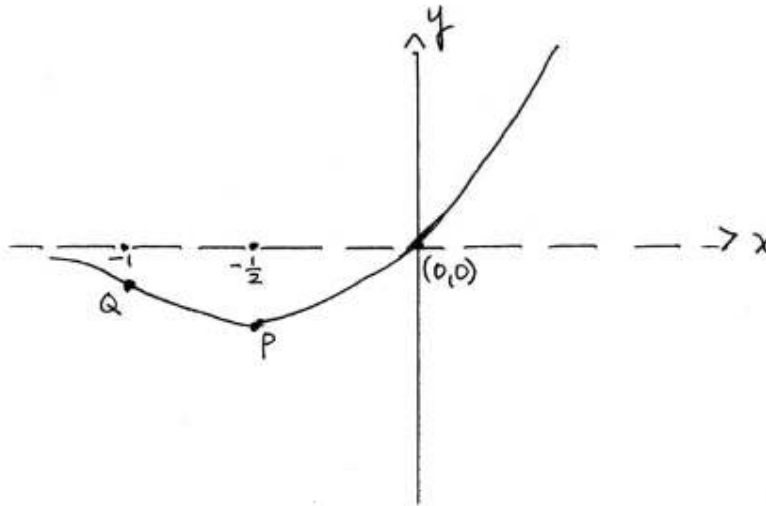
Using the 2<sup>nd</sup> derivative  $f''\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{e}$  and  $f''(-2) = -\frac{4}{e^4}$ ,

the sign change indicates a point of inflexion.

(c) (i)  $f(x)$  is concave up for  $x > -1$ .

(ii)  $f(x)$  is concave down for  $x < -1$ .

(d)



35. (a) B, D

(b) (i)  $f'(x) = -2xe^{-x^2}$

(ii) product rule

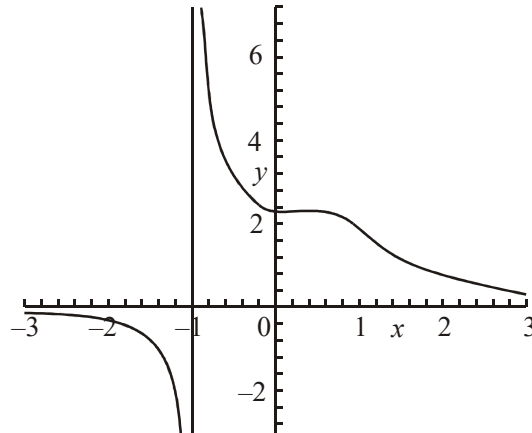
$f''(x) = -2e^{-x^2} - 2x \times -2xe^{-x^2} = -2e^{-x^2} + 4x^2e^{-x^2} = (4x^2 - 2)e^{-x^2}$

(c)  $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow (4x^2 - 2) = 0$

$p = 0.707 \left( = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right), q = -0.707 \left( = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \right)$

(d) checking sign of  $f''$  on either side of POI  
sign change of  $f''(x)$

36. (a) (i) Vertical asymptote  $x = -1$  (ii) Horizontal asymptote  $y = 0$   
 (iii)



(b) (i)  $f'(x) = \frac{-6x^2}{(1+x^3)^2}$

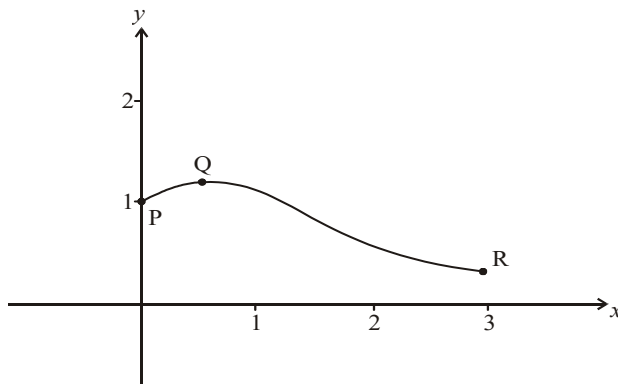
$$f''(x) = \frac{(1+x^3)^2(-12x) + 6x^2(2)(1+x^3)^1(3x^2)}{(1+x^3)^4}$$

$$= \frac{(1+x^3)(-12x) + 36x^4}{(1+x^3)^3} = \frac{-12 - 12x^4 + 36x^4}{(1+x^3)^3} = \frac{12x(2x^3 - 1)}{(1+x^3)^3}$$

(ii) Point of inflexion  $\Rightarrow f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0$  or  $x = \sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}}$

$x = 0$  or  $x = 0.794$  (3 sf)

37. (a)



(b) (i)  $f'(x) = 2e^{-x} + (2x + 1)(-e^{-x}) = (1 - 2x)e^{-x}$

(ii) At **Q**,  $f'(x) = 0$

$x = 0.5, y = 2e^{-0.5}$  **Q** is  $(0.5, 2e^{-0.5})$

(c)  $1 \leq k < 2e^{-0.5}$

(d)  $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^{-x}(-3 + 2x) = 0$

This equation has only one root. So  $f$  has only one point of inflexion.

38. (a)  $x = 1$   
 (b)  $y = 2$   
 (c)  $f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)^2(4x-13) - 2(x-1)(2x^2 - 13x + 20)}{(x-1)^4}$   

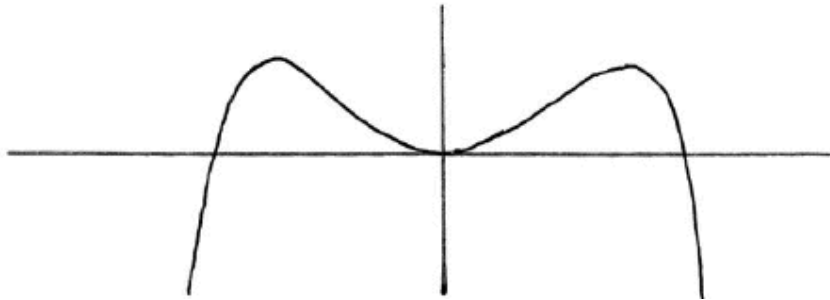
$$= \frac{(4x^2 - 17x + 13) - (4x^2 - 26x + 40)}{(x-1)^3} = \frac{9x - 27}{(x-1)^3}$$
  
 (d)  $f'(3) = 0 \Rightarrow$  stationary point  
 $f''(3) = \frac{18}{16} > 0 \Rightarrow$  minimum  
 (e) Point of inflexion  $\Rightarrow f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4$   
 $x = 4 \Rightarrow y = 0 \Rightarrow$  Point of inflexion =  $(4, 0)$

39. (a) (i)  $-1.15, 1.15$   
 (ii) it occurs at P and Q (when  $x = -1.15, x = 1.15$ )  
 $k = -1.13, k = 1.13$

(b) product rule

$$g'(x) = x^3 \times \frac{-2x}{4-x^2} + \ln(4-x^2) \times 3x^2 = \frac{-2x^4}{4-x^2} + 3x^2 \ln(4-x^2)$$

(c)



- (d)  $w = 2.69, w < 0$

40.

(a) Using quotient rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{x^3 \times \frac{1}{x} - 3x^2 \ln x}{x^6}$$

$$= \frac{1 - 3 \ln x}{x^4}$$

$$f''(x) = \frac{-\frac{3}{x} \times x^4 - 4x^3(1 - 3 \ln x)}{x^8}$$

$$= \frac{-7 + 12 \ln x}{x^5}$$

(b) (i) For a maximum,  $f'(x) = 0$  giving

$$\ln x = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$x = e^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

**EITHER**

$$f''\left(e^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) = \frac{12 \times \frac{1}{3} - 7}{e^{\frac{1}{3}}} < 0$$

$\therefore$  maximum

**OR**

for  $x < e^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $f'(x) > 0$

for  $x > e^{\frac{1}{3}}$ ,  $f'(x) < 0$

$\therefore$  maximum

(ii)  $f''(0) = 0 \Rightarrow \ln(x) = \frac{7}{12}$

$$x = e^{\frac{7}{12}} (1.79)$$

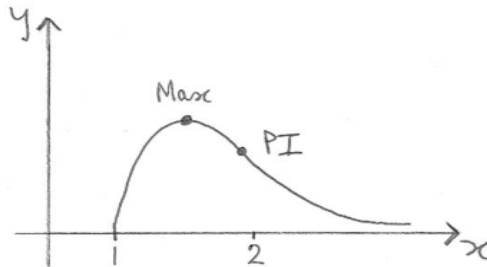
$$f''(1.5) = -0.281$$

$$f''(2) = 0.0412$$

**Note:** Accept any two sensible values either side of 1.79.

$\therefore$  Change of sign  $\Rightarrow$  point of inflexion

(iii)



41. (a)  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 4$

(b)  $f'(1) = -1$

$$3x^2 - 4 = -1 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm 1$$

at Q,  $x = -1$ ,  $y = 4$  (Q is  $(-1, 4)$ )

(c)  $f$  is decreasing when  $f'(x) < 0$

$$p = -1.15, q = 1.15; \text{ (OR } \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}})$$

(d)  $f'(x) \geq -4$ ,  $y \geq -4$ , OR  $[-4, \infty[$

(e)  $f''(x) = 6x$

$$6x = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

The point of inflexion is  $(0,1)$

42. (a) (i) coordinates of A are (0, -2)  
(ii)  $f(x) = 3 + 20 \times (x^2 - 4)^{-1}$   
 $f'(x) = 20 \times (-1) \times (x^2 - 4)^{-2} \times (2x) = -40x(x^2 - 4)^{-2}$   
OR  $\frac{(x^2 - 4)(0) - (20)(2x)}{(x^2 - 4)^2}$   
substituting  $x = 0$  into  $f'(x)$  gives  $f'(x) = 0$
- (b) (i)  $f'(0) = 0$  (stationary)  
 $f''(0) = \frac{40 \times 4}{(-4)^3} \left( = \frac{-5}{2} \right)$  negative  
then the graph must have a local maximum  
(ii)  $f''(x) = 0$  at point of inflexion,  
but the second derivative is never 0 (the numerator is always positive)
- (c) getting closer to the line  $y = 3$ , horizontal asymptote at  $y = 3$   
(d)  $y \leq -2, y > 3$
43. (a)  $f'(x) = e^x(1 - x^2) + e^x(-2x) = e^x(1 - 2x - x^2)$   
(b)  $y = 0$   
(c) at the local maximum or minimum point  
 $f'(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow e^x(1 - 2x - x^2) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2x - x^2 = 0$   
 $r = -2.41 \quad s = 0.414$  (OR directly by GDC graph)  
(d)  $f'(0) = 1 \Rightarrow$  gradient of the normal  $= -1$   
 $y - 1 = -1(x - 0) \Leftrightarrow x + y = 1$   
(e) (i) intersection points at (0,1) and (1,0)
44. (a)  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3$   
 $x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{16}}{2} \Leftrightarrow x = -1 \text{ or } x = 3$   
 $x = -1$  (ignore  $x = 3$ )  $y = -\frac{1}{3} - 1 + 3 = \frac{5}{3}$   
coordinates are  $\left(-1, \frac{5}{3}\right)$
- (b) (i) (-3, -9)  
(ii) (1, -4)  
(iii) reflection gives (3, 9) stretch gives  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, 9\right)$

45. (a) quotient rule

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sin x(-\sin x) - \cos x(\cos x)}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-(\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x)}{\sin^2 x} = \frac{-1}{\sin^2 x}$$

- (b) **METHOD 1**

$$f'(x) = -(\sin x)^{-2}$$

$$f''(x) = 2(\sin x)^{-3} (\cos x) \left( = \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin^3 x} \right)$$

**METHOD 2**

$$\text{quotient rule: } f''(x) = \frac{\sin^2 x \times 0 - (-1)2 \sin x \cos x}{(\sin^2 x)^2} = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{(\sin^2 x)^2} \left( = \frac{2 \cos x}{\sin^3 x} \right)$$

- (c) substituting  $\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow p = -1, q = 0$

- (d) second derivative is zero, second derivative changes sign

46. (a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x(\cos x + \sin x) + e^x(-\sin x + \cos x) = 2e^x \cos x$

- (b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 2e^x \cos x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos x = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$y = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{2} + \sin \frac{\pi}{2} \right) = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \Rightarrow b = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

- (c) At D,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 2e^x \cos x - 2e^x \sin x = 0 \Rightarrow 2e^x(\cos x - \sin x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x - \sin x = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$y = e^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \left( \cos \frac{\pi}{4} + \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \right) = \sqrt{2} e^{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

47. (a)  $y = 0$

- (b)  $f'(x) = \frac{-2x}{(1+x^2)^2}$

- (c)  $f'(x) = -2x(1+x^2)^{-2}$ ,

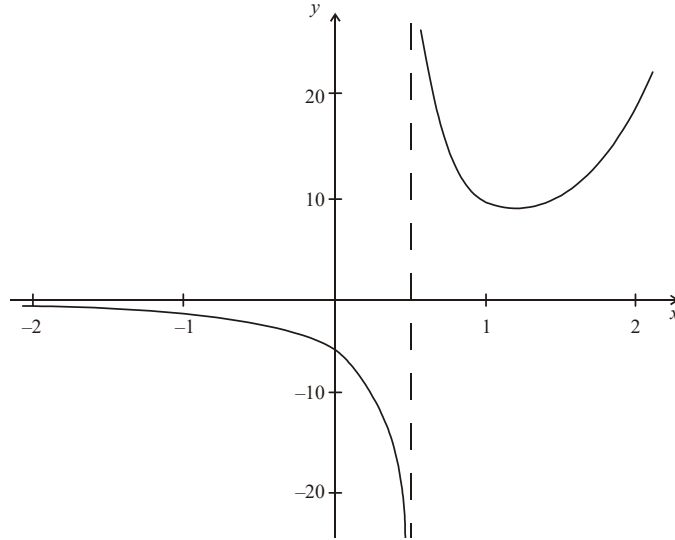
$$f''(x) = -2(1+x^2)^{-2} + 4x(1+x^2)^{-3} 2x = \frac{-2}{(1+x^2)^2} + \frac{8x^2}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

$$= \frac{-2(1+x^2)}{(1+x^2)^3} + \frac{8x^2}{(1+x^2)^3} = \frac{6x^2 - 2}{(1+x^2)^3}$$

- (d)  $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow 6x^2 - 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$

The maximum gradient is at  $x = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}}$

48. (a)



(b)  $x = \frac{1}{2}$  (must be an equation)

(c)  $f'(x) = 2e^{2x-1} - 10(2x-1)^{-2}$

(e) (i)  $x = 1.11$  (accept (1.11, 7.49)) (ii)  $p = 0, q = 7.49$  ( $0 \leq k < 7.49$ )

49. (a)  $\pi$

(b) (i)  $f'(x) = e^x \cos x + e^x \sin x = e^x(\cos x + \sin x)$

(ii) At B,  $f'(x) = 0$

(c)  $f''(x) = e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x + e^x \sin x + e^x \cos x = 2e^x \cos x$

(d) (i) At A,  $f''(x) = 0$

(ii)  $2e^x \cos x = 0 \Leftrightarrow \cos x = 0$

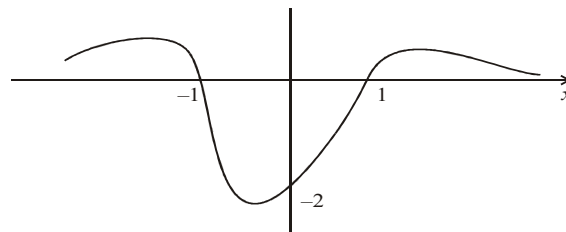
$x = \frac{\pi}{2}, y = e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$  Coordinates are  $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, e^{\frac{\pi}{2}}\right)$

50. (a) (i)  $f'(x) = \frac{(2x-1)(x^2+x+1) - (2x+1)(x^2-x+1)}{(x^2+x+1)^2} = \frac{2(x^2-1)}{(x^2+x+1)^2}$

(ii)  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

A  $\left(1, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  B  $(-1, 3)$  (or A  $(-1, 3)$  B  $\left(1, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ )

(b) (i)

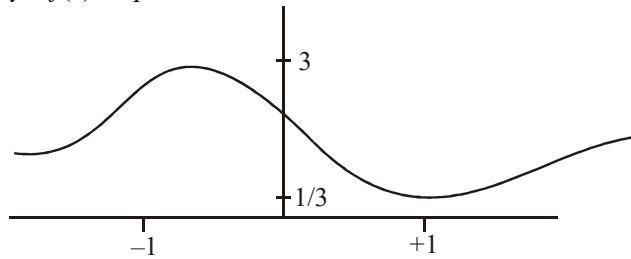


(ii) The points of inflexion can be found by locating the max/min on the graph of  $f$ . This gives  $x = -1.53, -0.347, 1.88$ .

**OR**

$f''(x) = \frac{-4(x^3 - 3x - 1)}{(x^2 + x + 1)^3}$   $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^3 - 3x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1.53, -0.347, 1.88$

(c) The graph of  $y = f(x)$  helps:



- (i) Range of  $f$  is  $\left[\frac{1}{3}, 3\right]$ .
- (ii) We require the image set of  $\left[\frac{1}{3}, 3\right]$ .

$$f\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{\frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{3} + 1}{\frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} + 1} = \frac{7}{13}, f(3) = \frac{9 - 3 + 1}{9 + 3 + 1} = \frac{7}{13}$$

$$\text{Range of } g \text{ is } \left[\frac{1}{3}, \frac{7}{13}\right].$$

51. (a)  $y = e^{2x} \cos x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{2x} (-\sin x) + \cos x (2e^{2x}) = e^{2x} (2 \cos x - \sin x)$$

(b)  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2e^{2x} (2 \cos x - \sin x) + e^{2x} (-2 \sin x - \cos x)$

$$= e^{2x} (4 \cos x - 2 \sin x - 2 \sin x - \cos x) = e^{2x} (3 \cos x - 4 \sin x)$$

(c) (i) At P,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 0 \Rightarrow 3 \cos x = 4 \sin x \Rightarrow \tan x = \frac{3}{4}$

$$\text{At P, } x = a, \tan a = \frac{3}{4}$$

(ii) The gradient at any point is  $e^{2x} (2 \cos x - \sin x)$

Therefore, the gradient at P =  $e^{2a} (2 \cos a - \sin a)$

When  $\tan a = \frac{3}{4}$ , by using a right angle triangle:

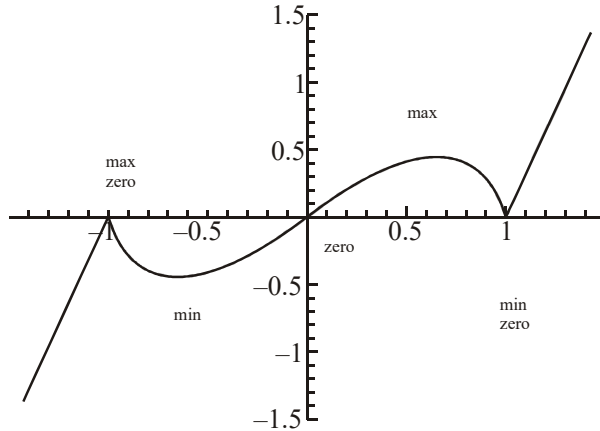
$$\cos a = \frac{4}{5}, \sin a = \frac{3}{5}$$

(by drawing a right triangle, or by calculator)

$$\text{Therefore, the gradient at P} = e^{2a} \left( \frac{8}{5} - \frac{3}{5} \right) = e^{2a}$$



52. (a)  $f(x) = x \left( \sqrt[3]{(x^2 - 1)^2} \right)$



**Notes:** (sharp points) at  $x = \pm 1$ . zeros at  $x = \pm 1$  and  $x = 0$ .

maximum at  $x = -1$  and minimum at  $x = 1$ .

max at approx.  $x = 0.65$ , and min at approx.  $x = -0.65$ . There are no asymptotes.

(b) (i) Let  $f(x) = x(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

Then  $f'(x) = \frac{4}{3}x^2(x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{3}} + (x^2 - 1)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

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

$$f'(x) = (x^2 - 1)^{-\frac{1}{3}} \left( \frac{7}{3}x^2 - 1 \right) \text{ (or equivalent)}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{7x^2 - 3}{3(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \text{ (or equivalent)}$$

The domain is  $-1.4 \leq x \leq 1.4$ ,  $x \neq \pm 1$  (accept  $-1.4 < x < 1.4$ ,  $x \neq \pm 1$ )

(ii) For the maximum or minimum points let  $f'(x) = 0$

i.e.  $(7x^2 - 3) = 0$  or use the graph.

Therefore, the  $x$ -coordinate of the maximum point is

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \text{ (or } 0.655) \text{ and}$$

$$\text{the } x\text{-coordinate of the minimum point is } x = -\sqrt{\frac{3}{7}} \text{ (or } -0.655).$$

(c) The  $x$ -coordinate of the point of inflexion is  $x = \pm 1.1339$

**OR**

$$f''(x) = \frac{4x(7x^2 - 9)}{9\sqrt[3]{(x^2 - 1)^4}}, x \neq \pm 1$$

For the points of inflexion let  $f''(x) = 0$  and use the graph,

$$\text{i.e. } x = \sqrt{\frac{9}{7}} = 1.1339.$$