

Differentiation 12I

1 a $f(x) = x^2 - 12x + 8$

$f'(x) = 2x - 12$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$2x - 12 = 0$

$x = 6$

$f(6) = 6^2 - 12 \times 6 + 8 = -28$

The least value of $f(x)$ is -28 .

b $f(x) = x^2 - 8x - 1$

$f'(x) = 2x - 8$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$2x - 8 = 0$

$x = 4$

$f(4) = 4^2 - 8 \times 4 - 1 = -17$

The least value of $f(x)$ is -17 .

c $f(x) = 5x^2 + 2x$

$f'(x) = 10x + 2$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$10x + 2 = 0$

$x = -\frac{2}{10} = -\frac{1}{5}$

$f\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = 5\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^2 + 2\left(-\frac{1}{5}\right) = \frac{5}{25} - \frac{2}{5} = -\frac{1}{5}$

The least value of $f(x)$ is $-\frac{1}{5}$.

2 a $f(x) = 10 - 5x^2$

$f'(x) = -10x$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$-10x = 0$

$x = 0$

$f(0) = 10 - 5 \times 0^2 = 10$

The greatest value of $f(x)$ is 10 .

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

$f'(x) = 2 - 2x$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$2 - 2x = 0$

$x = 1$

$f(1) = 3 + 2 - 1 = 4$

The greatest value of $f(x)$ is 4 .

c $f(x) = (6+x)(1-x) = 6 - 5x - x^2$

$f'(x) = -5 - 2x$

Putting $f'(x) = 0$

$-5 - 2x = 0$

2 c $x = -\frac{5}{2}$

$f\left(-\frac{5}{2}\right) = \frac{7}{2} \times \frac{7}{2} = \frac{49}{4} = 12\frac{1}{4}$

The greatest value of $f(x)$ is $12\frac{1}{4}$.

3 a $y = 4x^2 + 6x$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 8x + 6$

Putting $8x + 6 = 0$

$x = -\frac{6}{8} = -\frac{3}{4}$

When $x = -\frac{3}{4}$,

$y = 4\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + 6\left(-\frac{3}{4}\right) = \frac{9}{4} - \frac{9}{2} = -\frac{9}{4}$

So $\left(-\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{9}{4}\right)$ is a stationary point.

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 8 > 0$

So $\left(-\frac{3}{4}, -\frac{9}{4}\right)$ is a minimum point.

b $y = 9 + x - x^2$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - 2x$

Putting $1 - 2x = 0$

$x = \frac{1}{2}$

When $x = \frac{1}{2}$,

$y = 9 + \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2$

$y = 9\frac{1}{4}$

So $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 9\frac{1}{4}\right)$ is a stationary point.

$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -2 < 0$

So $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 9\frac{1}{4}\right)$ is a maximum point.

c $y = x^3 - x^2 - x + 1$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 2x - 1$

Putting $3x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$

$(3x + 1)(x - 1) = 0$

3 c So $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x = 1$

When $x = -\frac{1}{3}$,

$$y = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) + 1$$

$$= 1\frac{5}{27}$$

When $x = 1$,

$$y = 1^3 - 1^2 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 0$$

So $(-\frac{1}{3}, 1\frac{5}{27})$ and $(1, 0)$ are stationary points.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x - 2$$

When $x = -\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) - 2 = -4 < 0$

So $(-\frac{1}{3}, 1\frac{5}{27})$ is a maximum point.

When $x = 1$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6(1) - 2 = 4 > 0$

So $(1, 0)$ is a minimum point.

d $y = x(x^2 - 4x - 3) = x^3 - 4x^2 - 3x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 8x - 3$$

Putting $3x^2 - 8x - 3 = 0$

$$(3x + 1)(x - 3) = 0$$

So $x = -\frac{1}{3}$ or $x = 3$

When $x = -\frac{1}{3}$,

$$y = \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^3 - 4\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^2 - 3\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{14}{27}$$

When $x = 3$,

$$y = 3^3 - 4(3)^2 - 3(3)$$

$$= -18$$

So $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{14}{27})$ and $(3, -18)$ are stationary points.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6x - 8$$

3 d When $x = -\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) - 8$

$$= -10 < 0$$

So $(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{14}{27})$ is a maximum point.

When $x = 3$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 6(3) - 8$

$$= 10 > 0$$

So $(3, -18)$ is a minimum point.

e $y = x + \frac{1}{x} = x + x^{-1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - x^{-2}$$

Putting $1 - x^{-2} = 0$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1$$

When $x = 1$,

$$y = 1 + \frac{1}{1}$$

$$= 2$$

When $x = -1$,

$$y = -1 + \frac{1}{-1}$$

$$= -2$$

So $(1, 2)$ and $(-1, -2)$ are stationary points.

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

When $x = 1$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 > 0$

So $(1, 2)$ is a minimum point.

When $x = -1$, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -2 < 0$

So $(-1, -2)$ is a maximum point.

f $y = x^2 + \frac{54}{x} = x^2 + 54x^{-1}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x - 54x^{-2}$$

Putting $2x - 54x^{-2} = 0$

$$x = \frac{27}{x^2}$$

$$x^3 = 27$$

$$x = 3$$

3 f When $x = 3$,

$$y = 3^2 + \frac{54}{3}$$

$$= 27$$

So $(3, 27)$ is a stationary point.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 + 108x^{-3}$$

$$\text{When } x = 3, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 2 + \frac{108}{3^3} = 6 > 0$$

So $(3, 27)$ is a minimum point.

g $y = x - 3\sqrt{x} = x - 3x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Putting } 1 - \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$1 = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{9}{4}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{9}{4},$$

$$y = \frac{9}{4} - 3\sqrt{\frac{9}{4}}$$

$$= -\frac{9}{4}$$

So $(\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{9}{4})$ is a stationary point.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\text{When } x = \frac{9}{4}, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{4} \times \left(\frac{9}{4}\right)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \times \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} > 0$$

So $(\frac{9}{4}, -\frac{9}{4})$ is a minimum point.

h $y = x^{\frac{1}{2}}(x-6) = x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 6x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\text{Putting } \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} - 3x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 0$$

$$\frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{3}{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\frac{3}{2}x = 3$$

$$x = 2$$

When $x = 2$,

$$y = 2^{\frac{1}{2}}(-4)$$

$$= -4\sqrt{2}$$

So $(2, -4\sqrt{2})$ is a stationary point.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{4}x^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\text{When } x = 2, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{4\sqrt{2}} + \frac{3}{4\sqrt{2}} > 0$$

So $(2, -4\sqrt{2})$ is a minimum point.

i $y = x^4 - 12x^2$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 4x^3 - 24x$$

$$\text{Putting } 4x^3 - 24x = 0$$

$$4x(x^2 - 6) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } x = \pm\sqrt{6}$$

When $x = 0, y = 0$

When $x = \pm\sqrt{6}, y = -36$

So $(0, 0), (\sqrt{6}, -36)$ and $(-\sqrt{6}, -36)$ are stationary points.

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x^2 - 24$$

$$\text{When } x = 0, \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = -24 < 0$$

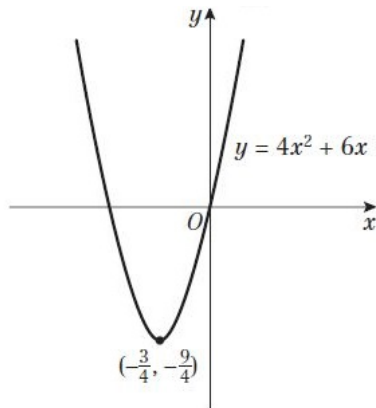
So $(0, 0)$ is a maximum point.

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

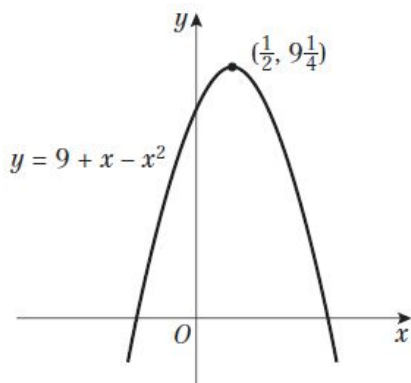
$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12 \times 6 - 24 = 48 > 0$$

So $(\sqrt{6}, -36)$ and $(-\sqrt{6}, -36)$ are minimum points.

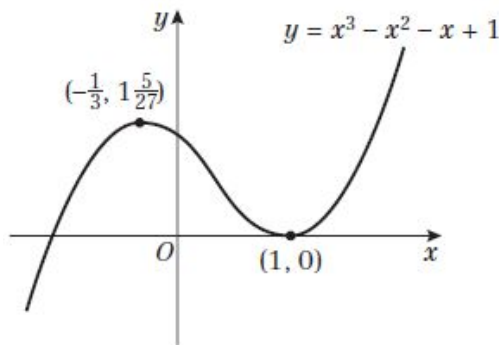
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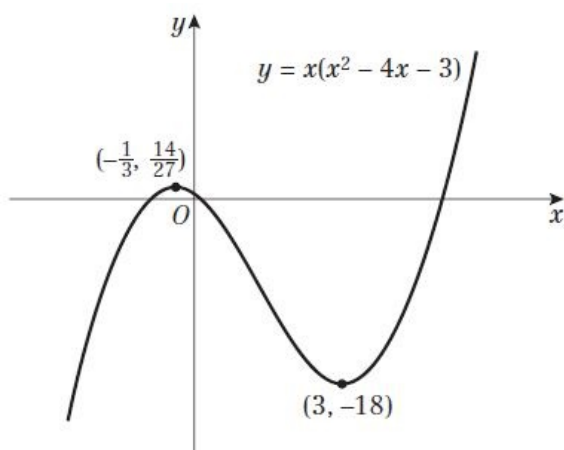
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d



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$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x + 3$$

$$\text{Putting } 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 0$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 0$$

$$3(x - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 1$$

When $x = 1, y = 1$

So $(1, 1)$ is a stationary point.

Considering points near to $(1, 1)$:

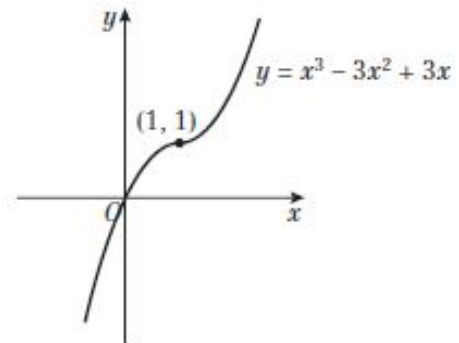
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$\frac{dy}{dx}$	0.03	0	0.03
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	+ve	0	+ve
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The gradient on either side of $(1, 1)$ is positive, so $(1, 1)$ is a point of inflection.



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$$f(x) = 27 - 2x^4$$

$$f'(x) = -8x^3$$

$$\text{Putting } -8x^3 = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

When $x = 0, y = 27$

So $(0, 27)$ is a stationary point.

$$f''(x) = -24x^2$$

When $x = 0, f''(x) = 0$, so not conclusive

Considering points near to $(0, 27)$:

x	-0.1	0	0.1
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$f'(x)$	0.008	0	-0.008
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	+ve	0	-ve
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So $(0, 27)$ is a maximum point.

So the maximum value of $f(x)$ is 27 and the range of values is $f(x) \leq 27$.

7 a $f(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x + 1$
 $f'(x) = 4x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x - 3$
 Putting $4x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x - 3 = 0$
 Using the factor theorem: $f'(1) = 0$,
 so dividing $4x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x - 3$ by $x - 1$:

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 + 13x + 3 \\ x-1 \overline{) 4x^3 + 9x^2 - 10x - 3} \\ \underline{4x^3 - 4x^2} \\ 13x^2 - 10x \\ \underline{13x^2 - 13x} \\ 3x - 3 \\ \underline{3x - 3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 1)(4x^2 + 13x + 3) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(4x + 1)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x = 1, x = -\frac{1}{4} \text{ or } x = -3$$

When $x = 1$,

$$y = (1)^4 + 3(1)^3 - 5(1)^2 - 3(1) + 1 = -3$$

When $x = -\frac{1}{4}$,

$$y = \left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^4 + 3\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^3 - 5\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - 3\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) + 1 = \frac{357}{256}$$

When $x = -3$,

$$y = (-3)^4 + 3(-3)^3 - 5(-3)^2 - 3(-3) + 1 = -35$$

So $(1, -3)$, $(-3, -35)$ and $(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{357}{256})$ are stationary points.

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 + 18x - 10$$

When $x = 1$, $f''(x) = 20 > 0$

So $(1, -3)$ is a minimum point.

When $x = -3$,

$$f''(x) = 12(-3)^2 + 18(-3) - 10 = 44 > 0$$

So $(-3, -35)$ is a minimum point.

When $x = -\frac{1}{4}$,

$$f''(x) = 12\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right)^2 + 18\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) - 10 = -\frac{55}{4} < 0$$

So $(-\frac{1}{4}, \frac{357}{256})$ is a maximum point.

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