

Mixed examples

Example (6)

Determine the local maximum and minimum points of $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 + 3x^2 & , x \leq 0 \\ x^2 - 2x & , x > 0 \end{cases}$, then find the intervals of the convexity up and down, and get the inflection point and equation of tangent.

Answer

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous at $x=0$ as $f(0) = f(0^-) = f(0^+) = 0$

(i) Check if: $f'(0^+) \neq f'(0^-)$ by using differentiability (ii) $f'(x) = 0$

(i) For $f'(0^-)$: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^3 + 3h^2 - 0}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h(h^2 + 3h)}{h} = 0$

For $f'(0^+)$: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^2 - 2h - 0}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h(h-2)}{h} = -2$

$\therefore f'(0^-) \neq f'(0^+)$

For Critical point

$\therefore x=0$ is a critical point

$\therefore f'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 + 6x & , x \leq 0 \\ 2x - 2 & , x > 0 \end{cases}$

For $x \leq 0$: $3x^2 + 6x = 0 \Rightarrow 3x(x+2) = 0$

$x=0$ or $x=-2$

For $x > 0$: $2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x=1$

\therefore The critical points are:

$x=0$ and $x=-2$ and $x=1$

$\therefore f''(x) = \begin{cases} 6x + 6 & , x \leq 0 \\ 2 & , x > 0 \end{cases}$

$\therefore f''(-2) = 6(-2) + 6 = -6 < 0$ (L. maximum)

$f''(0) = 6(0) + 6 = 6 > 0$ (L. minimum)

$f''(1) = 2 > 0$ (L. minimum)

Then substitute in the original function

$\therefore (-2, 4)$ is a local maximum point

$\therefore (0, 0)$ is a local minimum point

$\therefore (1, -1)$ is a local minimum point

For Inflection point

$\therefore x=0$ is not an inflection point

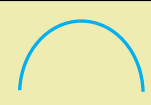


$\therefore f''(x) = \begin{cases} 6x + 6 & , x \leq 0 \\ 2 & , x > 0 \end{cases}$

For $x \leq 0$: $6x + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow 6(x+1) = 0$

$x = -1$ (agreed)

For $x > 0$: $2 = 0$ Can't be

\therefore The Inflection point is at $x = -1$:

$x = -1$	$x = 0$	
$f''(-2) = -ve$	$f''(-0.5) = +ve$	$f''(1) = +ve$
 Convex up	 Convex down	 Convex down
----- Concave down over $]-\infty, -1[$	++++++ Concave up over $]-1, 0[$	----- Concave up over $]0, \infty[$

Then the inflection point is $(-1, 2)$

Equation of tangent at this point

\therefore The point of tangency is $(-1, 2)$

$\therefore f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x \Rightarrow \therefore$ at $x = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -3$

$\therefore y - 2 = -3(x + 1) \Rightarrow \therefore y + 3x + 1 = 0$

Example (7)

Determine the absolute maximum and minimum points of $f(x) = x|x-4|$ over $[0,4]$. Then find the intervals of the convexity, also find the inflection points and the equation of tangent if exist.

Answer

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} x(x-4) & , x \geq 4 \\ x(4-x) & , x < 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 4x & , x \geq 4 \\ 4x - x^2 & , x < 4 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous at $x=4$ as $f(4) = f(4^-) = f(4^+) = 0$

(i) Check if: $f'(4^+) \neq f'(4^-)$ by using differentiability (ii) $f'(x) = 0$

(i) For $f'(4^-)$: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(4+h) - f(4)}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{4(4+h) - (4+h)^2 - [4(4) - (4)^2]}{h} = 4$

For $f'(4^+)$: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(4+h) - f(4)}{h} \Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(4+h)^2 - 4(4+h) - [(4)^2 - 4(4)]}{h} = -4$

$$\therefore f'(4^-) \neq f'(4^+)$$

For Critical point

$\therefore x=4$ is a critical point

$$\therefore f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2x-4 & , x \geq 4 \\ 4-2x & , x < 4 \end{cases}$$

For $x \geq 4$: $2x-4=0 \Rightarrow 2x=4$

$x=2$ (refused)

For $x < 4$: $4-2x=0 \Rightarrow$ $x=2$ (agreed)

\therefore The critical point is: $x=2$ and $4 \in [0,4]$

$\therefore f(0)=0 \Rightarrow$ point is $(0,0)$

$f(2)=4 \Rightarrow$ point is $(2,4)$

$f(4)=0 \Rightarrow$ point is $(4,0)$

Then substitute in the original function

$\therefore (2,4)$ is an absolute maximum point

$(0,0), (4,0)$ are absolute minimum point

For Inflection point

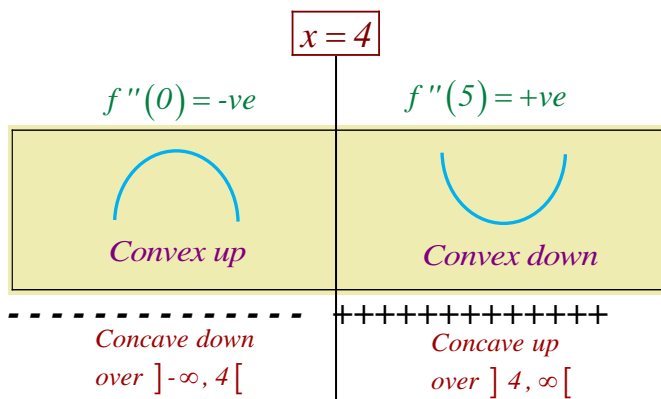
$\therefore x=4$ is not an inflection point

$$\therefore f''(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & , x \geq 4 \\ -2 & , x < 4 \end{cases}$$

For $x \geq 4$: $2=0$ Can't be

For $x < 4$: $-2=0$ Can't be

\therefore There is no Inflection points



\therefore There is no inflection point

\therefore There is no tangent

Example (8)

Determine the intervals of concavity of the function $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x^2}$, then prove that the measure of the tangent angle at the inflection point of the curve is $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Answer

The domain of $f(x)$ is $\mathbb{R} - \{\pm 1\} \Rightarrow f(x)$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} - \{\pm 1\}$

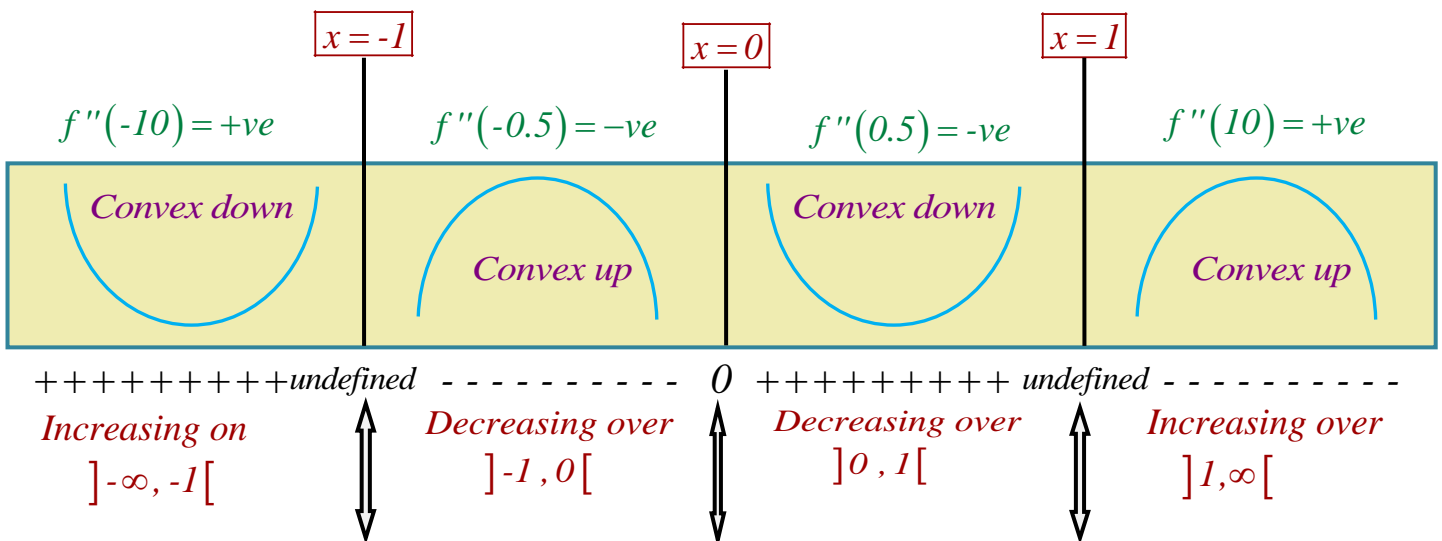
$$f'(x) = \frac{(1-x^2) - x(-2x)}{(1-x^2)^2} = \frac{x^2 + 1}{(1-x^2)^2}$$

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

$$f''(x) = \frac{2x[x^2+3]}{(1-x^2)^3} \Rightarrow \text{when } f''(x) = 0$$

$$(1) \therefore 2x[x^2+3] = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x=0} \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x^2 = -3 \text{ (can't be)}}$$

$$(2) f''(x) \text{ is undefined when } (1-x^2)^3 = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = \pm 1 \text{ (refused)}}$$



Then the inflection point is at $x=0$ is $(0, 0)$

Equation of tangent at this point

\therefore The point of tangency is $(0, 0)$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{x^2 + 1}{(1-x^2)^2} \Rightarrow \therefore \text{at } x=0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore \text{Tan } \theta = \frac{dy}{dx} = 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore \theta = \text{Tan}^{-1} 1 = \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

Example (9)

Find a, b, c and d in the function : $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ such that $f(x)$:

(1) Passes through $(1,2)$

(2) has an inflection point on $(2,1)$

(3) The tangent to it at its inflection point is horizontal .

Answer

As the curve passes through $(1,2)$

\therefore At $x=1$ and $f(x)=2 \Rightarrow$ then $a+b+c+d=2$ --- (1)

For the inflection point $(2,1)$:

Remember that:

$x=2$ came from the second derivative $[f''(x)=0]$ and was substituted in the original $f(x)$

So $f(2) = 8a + 4b + 2c + d \Rightarrow 8a + 4b + 2c + d = 1$ --- (2)

To get the second derivative: $f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$

$f''(x) = 6ax + 2b$

At $x=2$: $f''(2) = 12a + 2b \Rightarrow 6a + b = 0$ --- (3)

The tangent of the curve to the inflection point is horizontal means that $f'(x) = 0$ at $x = 2$

$f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \Rightarrow f'(2) = 12a + 4b + c \Rightarrow 12a + 4b + c = 0$ --- (4)

Subtract (2) - (1): $7a + 3b + c = -1$ --- (5)

Subtract (4) - (5): $5a + b = 1$ --- (6)

Subtract (3) - (6): $a = -1$

Substitute in (6): $b = 6 \Rightarrow$ substitute in (5) : $c = -12 \Rightarrow$ substitute in (2): $d = 9$

Example (10)

find a and b such that $f(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx$ has two critical points at $x = -1$ and $x = 2$, then find the point of inflection if exists.

Answer

To get the critical points :

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2ax + b \Rightarrow \text{when } f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 2ax + b = 0$$

$$\text{At } x = -1 \Rightarrow 3 - 2a + b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b - 2a = -3 \text{ --- (1)}}$$

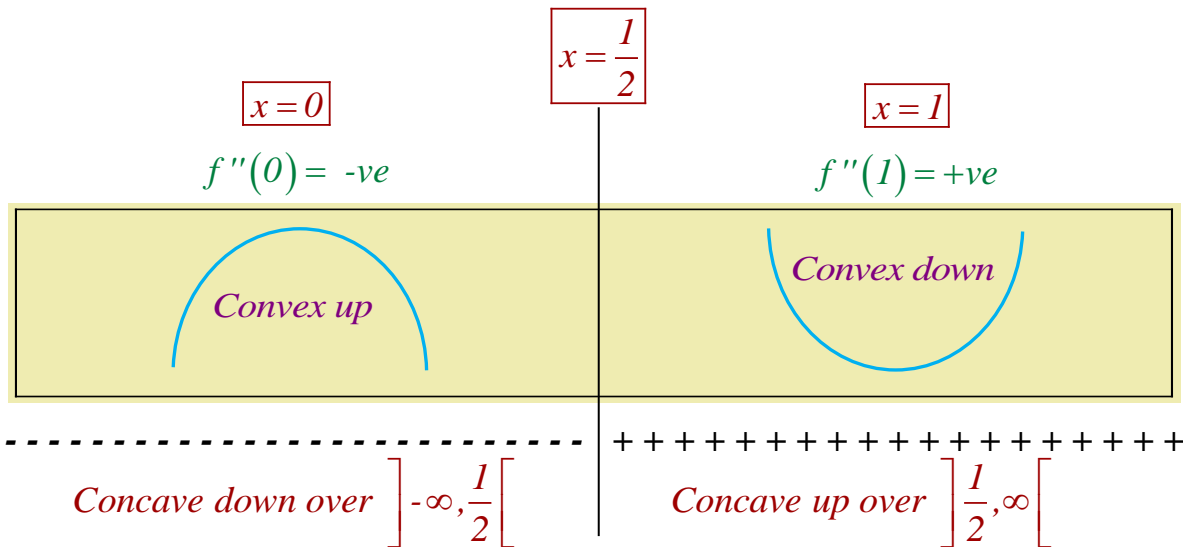
$$\text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow 12 + 4a + b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{b + 4a = -12 \text{ --- (2)}}$$

$$\text{Subtract (2) - (1): } 6a = -9 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -\frac{9}{6} = -\frac{3}{2}}$$

$$\text{Substitute in (1): } \boxed{b = -6} \text{ then } f(x) = x^3 - \frac{3}{2}x^2 - 6x$$

To get the inflection point : $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3x - 6$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 3 \Rightarrow f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 6x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}}$$



So, since there is a concave down then concave up, that means that $x = 2$ is an inflection point

$$\text{then substitute in the original function: } f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 - \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - 6\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = -3\frac{1}{4}$$

$$\text{Then the inflection point is } \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{13}{4}\right)$$

Example (11)

Find the equation of the second degree if the function passes through $(0,0)$ and $(2,-12)$ and the point $(2, f(2))$ is a critical point, and find its concavity.

Answer

The equation of the second degree: $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$

At point $(0,0)$: $\boxed{c=0} \Rightarrow f(x) = ax^2 + bx$

At point $(2,-12)$: $\Rightarrow -12 = a(2)^2 + b(2) \Rightarrow 4a + 2b = -12 \quad (\div 2)$

$$\boxed{2a + b = -6 \text{ --- (1)}}$$

When the critical point is $(2, f(2))$:

$f'(x) = 2ax + b \Rightarrow f'(2) = 4a + b \Rightarrow \boxed{4a + b = 0 \text{ --- (2)}}$

Subtract $(2) - (1)$: $2a = 6 \Rightarrow \boxed{a = 3}$ substitute in (2) : $\boxed{b = -12}$

Then the function is $f(x) = 3x^2 - 12x$

To discuss concavity: $f'(x) = 6x - 12 \Rightarrow f''(x) = 6 > 0 \Rightarrow \text{concave up (convex down)}$

Example (12)

Find the equation of the third degree if the curve passes through $(1,0)$, the point $(2,1)$ is an inflection point and the equation of the tangent at $(2,1)$ is $3x + 2y = 8$

Answer

The equation of the third degree: $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$

At point $(1,0)$: $\Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore a + b + c + d = 0 \text{ --- (1)}}$

\therefore Point $(2,1)$ is the inflection point: $\Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore 1 = 8a + 4b + 2c + d \text{ --- (2)}}$

$\therefore f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \Rightarrow f''(x) = 6ax + 2b \Rightarrow f''(2) = 0$

$\therefore 12a + 2b = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore 6a + b = 0 \text{ --- (3)}}$

The equation of the tangent passing through $(2, 1)$: $3x + 2y = 8$ means that:

The slope of the tangent is $\frac{-3}{2}$ at $x = 2 \Rightarrow \therefore f'(2) = \frac{-3}{2}$

So $\therefore f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore 12a + 4b + c = \frac{-3}{2} \text{ --- (4)}}$

Subtract $(2) - (1)$: $\boxed{7a + 3b + c = 1 \text{ --- (5)}}$

Subtract $(4) - (5)$: $\boxed{5a + b = -2.5 \text{ --- (6)}}$

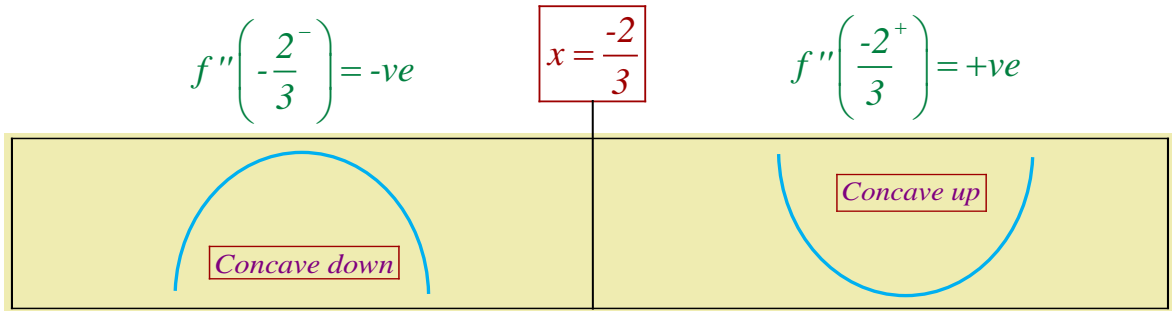
Subtract $(3) - (6)$: $\boxed{a = 2.5}$ and $\boxed{b = -15}$ and $\boxed{c = \frac{57}{2}}$ and $\boxed{d = -16}$

Example (13)

If $y = f(x)$ represents a function of a third degree polynomial, such that $f''(x) < 0$ when $x < \frac{-2}{3}$; $f''(x) > 0$ when $x > \frac{-2}{3}$ and the curve of the function passes through the point $(1,6)$ and there exist a critical point at $(-1,2)$. Find the equation of this curve and the type of each critical point.

Answer

Let the equation be: $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$



Since there is a concave down then concave up, that means that $x = \frac{-2}{3}$ is an inflection point

When $f''(x) = 0$, so $f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c \Rightarrow f''(x) = 6ax + 2b \Rightarrow 6ax + 2b = 0$

Then put $x = \frac{-2}{3} \Rightarrow -4a + 2b = 0 \quad (\div -2) \Rightarrow \therefore 2a - b = 0 \rightarrow \boxed{b = 2a \text{ --- (1)}}$

The curve of the function passes through $(1,6)$: $\boxed{a + b + c + d = 6 \text{ --- (2)}}$

The function has critical point at $(-1,2)$: $\therefore f'(x) = 3ax^2 + 2bx + c$

Critical point exists when $f'(x) = 0 \rightarrow \therefore 3ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$

At $x = -1$: $\rightarrow \boxed{3a - 2b + c = 0 \text{ --- (3)}}$ and at $(-1,2)$: $\boxed{-a + b - c + d = 2 \text{ --- (4)}}$

From (2), (4): by additional: $2b + 2d = 8 \rightarrow \boxed{b + d = 4 \text{ --- (5)}}$

Substitute in (2): $a + c + 4 = 6 \rightarrow \boxed{c = 2 - a \text{ --- (6)}}$

Substitute (1) & (6) in (3): $3a - 2(2a) + 2 - a = 0$

$\therefore 3a - 4a + 2 - a = 0 \rightarrow -2a = -2 \rightarrow \boxed{a = 1} \rightarrow$ substitute in (1): $\boxed{b = 2}$

Substitute in (6): $\boxed{c = 2 - 1 = 1}$

Substitute in (5): $2 + d = 4 \rightarrow \boxed{d = 2} \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + x + 2}$

To find the type of the critical point: $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 1$

When $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0 \rightarrow (3x + 1)(x + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = -\frac{1}{3}}$ or $\boxed{x = -1}$

$\therefore f''(x) = 6x + 4 \Rightarrow f''\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right) = 2 > 0$ (local minimum at $x = -\frac{1}{3}$)

$f''(-1) = -2 < 0$ (local maximum at $x = -1$)

Tracing graph

To sketch the graph of a function , we follow :

- (1) Find $f'(x)$, $f''(x)$
- (2) Use $f'(x)$ for : determining the intervals over which the function is increasing where $f'(x) > 0$ and also the intervals over which the function is decreasing where $f'(x) < 0$
- (3) Use $f''(x)$ and use it to determine the intervals over which the curve is convex upwards where $f''(x) < 0$ and the intervals over which the curve is convex downwards where $f''(x) > 0$, also we use $f''(x) = 0$ to get the points of inflection if they exist .
- (4) Determine some points to help us to sketch the graph say :
 - i) Points of intersection of $f(x)$ with the x -axis by solving $f(x) = 0$ and also the points of intersection with the y -axis $\rightarrow (0, f(0))$.
 - ii) Other points by substitution by some values of X and find $f(x)$ in each case .
- (5) Arrange all the points in a table and plot the points , then complete drawing the graph .

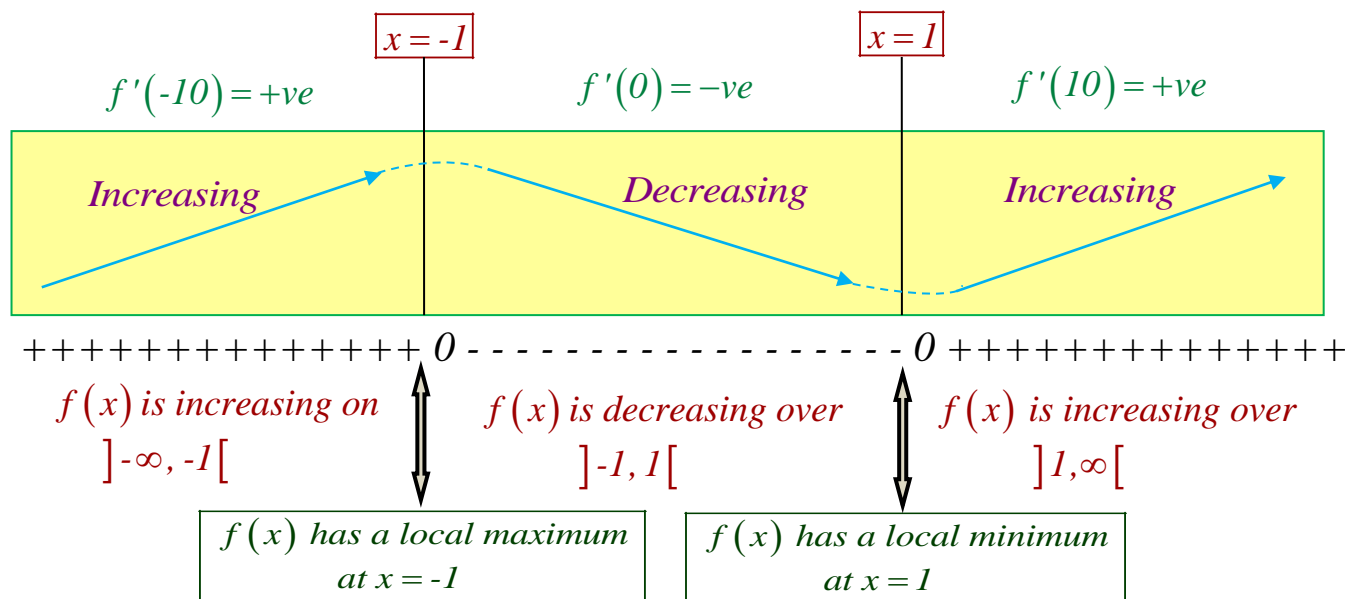
Example (1)

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = (x+2)(x-1)^2$

Answer

Step (1): $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 \Rightarrow$ for $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 3 = 0$

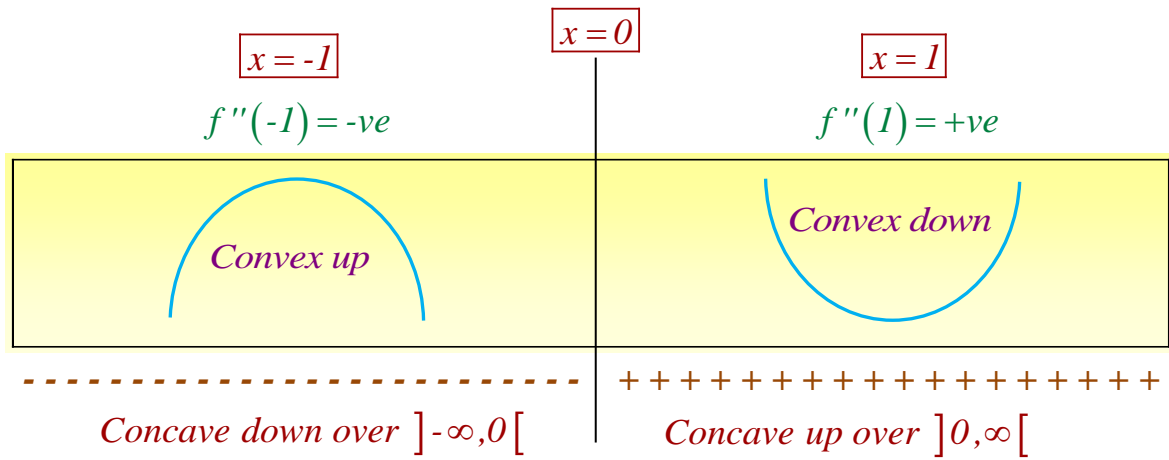
$$\therefore x^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{x=1} \text{ or } \boxed{x=-1}$$



So from that : There is a local maximum at $x = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(-1) = 4 \text{ --- (1)}}$

There is a local minimum at $x = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(1) = 0 \text{ --- (2)}}$

Step (2): $f''(x) = 6x$, so when $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore 6x = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore x = 0$



So, since there is a **concave down** then **concave up**, this means that $x = 0$ is an inflection point, then substitute in the original function: $f(0) = 2$

Then the inflection point is $f(0) = 2 \text{ --- } (3)$

So we have made 3 points so let us choose another 4 points to be easy to us to draw the graph

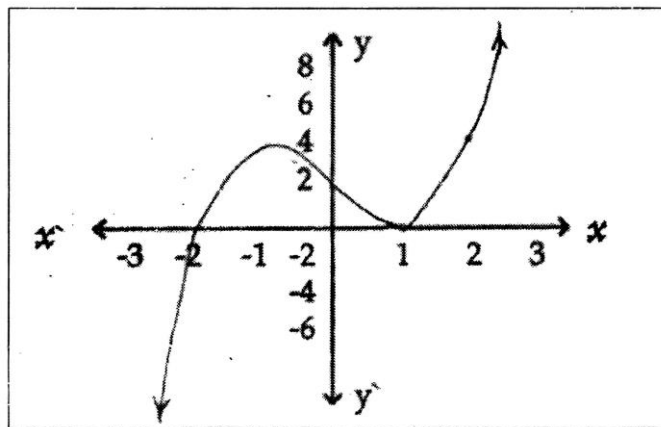
Step (3): $\therefore f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 2 \Rightarrow \therefore$ the curve intersects the x -axis in the points $(-2, 0), (1, 0)$ and also intersects the y -axis in $(0, 2)$

Step (4): Take another points like: $f(3) = 20 \Rightarrow f(-3) = -16 \Rightarrow f(2) = 4$
Then the curve passes through the points $(3, 20), (-3, -16)$ And $(2, 4)$

Step (5): arrange all points in the following table:

x	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	-16	0	4	2	0	4	20

And the curve of the function is shown in the figure below :



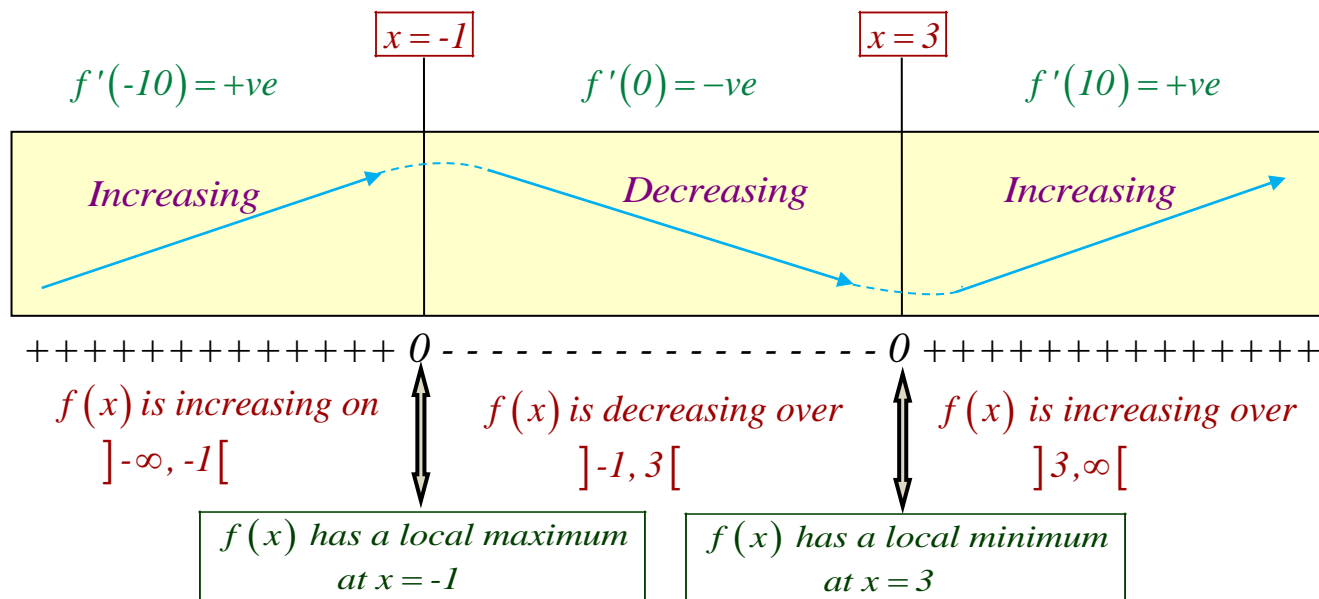
Example (2)

Sketch the graph of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1$

Answer

Step (1): $f'(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3 \Rightarrow$ for $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-3)(x+1) = 0$

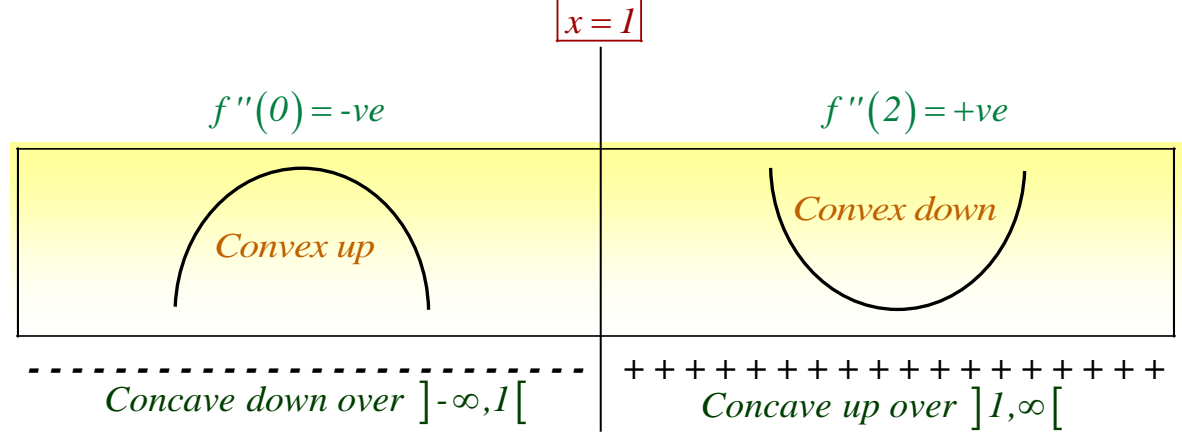
$\therefore \boxed{x=3}$ or $\boxed{x=-1}$



So from that : There is a local maximum at $x = -1 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(-1) = \frac{8}{3} \text{ --- (1)}}$

There is a local minimum at $x = 1 \Rightarrow \boxed{f(3) = -8 \text{ --- (2)}}$

Step (2): $f''(x) = 2x - 2$, so when $f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore 2x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore x = 1$



So , since there is a **concave down** then **concave up**, this means that $x = 1$ is an inflection point , then substitute in the original function : $f(1) = \frac{-8}{3}$

Then the inflection point is $\boxed{f(1) = \frac{-8}{3} \text{ --- (3)}}$

So we have made 3 points So let's choose another 4 points to be easy to us to draw the graph

Step (3): $\because f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 - 3x + 1 \Rightarrow \therefore$ the curve intersects the y-axis in the points

$$(0,1)$$

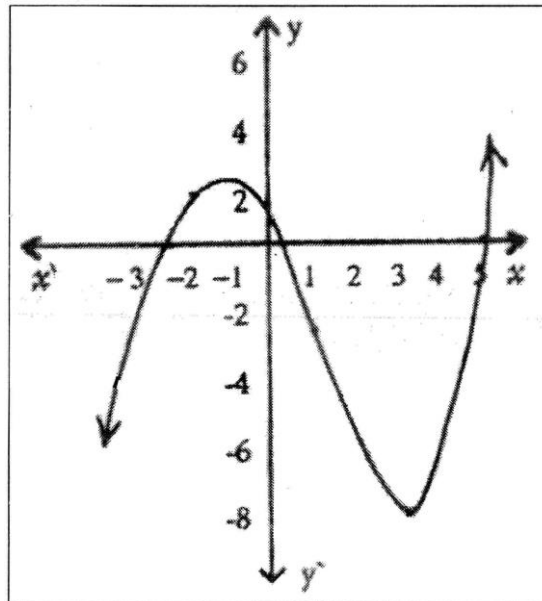
Step (4): Take another points like: $f(3) = -8 \Rightarrow f(5) = \frac{8}{3}$

Then the curve passes through the points $(3,-8), \left(5, \frac{8}{3}\right)$

Step (5): Arrange all points in the following table:

x	-3	-1	0	1	-2.6	3
y	-8	$\frac{8}{3}$	1	$-\frac{8}{3}$	0	-8

And the curve of the function is shown in the figure below :



Example (3)

If the curve $y = x^3 + ax^2 + bx$ has an inflection point at $(-1, 11)$:

i) Find the equation of the curve

ii) Find the maximum and minimum local values, then sketch the curve.

Answer

$$\because (-1, 11) \text{ lies on the curve : } y = x^3 + ax^2 + bx \Rightarrow \therefore 11 = -1 + a - b \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore a - b = 12 \text{ --- (1)}}$$

And $y' = 3x^2 + 2ax + b \Rightarrow y'' = 6x + 2a$, And $\because (-1, 11)$ is an inflection point

$$\therefore f''(-1) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore 0 = -6 + 2a \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore a = 3}$$
 , then from (1): $\boxed{b = -9}$

Then the equation of the curve : $y = x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x$

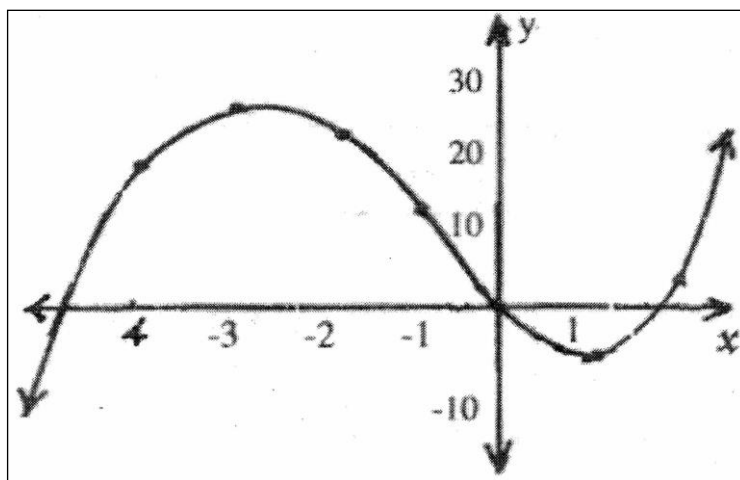
$$\therefore y' = 3x^2 + 6x - 9 = 3(x^2 + 2x - 3) = 3(x-1)(x+3)$$

$$\text{So when } y' = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{x = 1 \text{ Or } x = -3}$$

Then at $x = 1 \Rightarrow \therefore f''(1) = 12 > 0 \Rightarrow \therefore (1, -5)$ is a local minimum point

And at $x = -3 \Rightarrow \therefore f''(-3) = -12 < 0 \Rightarrow \therefore (-3, 27)$ is a local maximum point

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2
y	20	27	22	11	0	-5	2



In most practical life problems which can be expressed as mathematical problems often the aim is to find the great value or less value for a variable such as to find the greatest surface area or the least volume or price ,....etc. \Rightarrow differentiation gives the best way to solve these problems. To solve these problems please follow the following :

- (1) Express the wanted variable (y) for which we want to get the maximum or minimum value , as a function in one another variable (x). We get this by the given data in the problem .
- (2) Find the critical points for the function , lying in this domain .
- (3) Find the value of the function at these critical points and at the ends of the domain , to know the absolute maximum or the absolute minimum for the function .

Additional rules beside what we have taken in related time rates

(1) If $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta DEF \Rightarrow \therefore \frac{AB}{DE} = \frac{BC}{EF} = \frac{AC}{DF}$

(2) The distance between 2 points (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is : $S = \sqrt{(y_2 - y_1)^2 + (x_2 - x_1)^2}$

Example (1)

If the sum of two positive integers is 12 , find the two numbers if :

- (i) Their product is to be maximum (ii) The sum of their cubes is to be minimum .

Answer

Let one of the numbers be $x \Rightarrow \therefore$ the other number = $12 - x$

(i) Let the product of the two numbers : $y = x(12 - x) \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore y = 12x - x^2 \text{ --- (1)}}$

$\therefore y' = 12 - 2x$, so when $y' = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{x = 6} \Rightarrow$ substitute in (1) $\Rightarrow \boxed{y = 36}$

To check that the product is maximum : Differentiate again

$\therefore y'' = -2 < 0$, Then the product of the two numbers are maximum and they are 6 and $12 - 6 = 6$

Thus the maximum value of the product is $y = 36$ at $x = 6$

Then the two real numbers are 6 , 6

(ii) Let the two numbers are $x, 12 - x \Rightarrow$ thus $\boxed{y = x^3 + (12 - x)^3 \text{ --- (2)}}$

$\therefore y' = 3x^2 + 3(12 - x)^2 (-1) = 3x - 3(144 - 24x + x^2) = 72x - 432$

So when $y' = 0$ at $\boxed{x = 6} \Rightarrow$ this is a critical point

\therefore at $x = 6 : y = (6)^3 + (6)^3 = 432$

To check that the product is minimum : Differentiate again

$y'' = 72 > 0$, then the sum of the cube of the two numbers are minimum and

their values are 6 , 6

Example (2)

A rectangle piece of land is surrounded by a fence of length 180 metres, find the dimensions of the rectangle such that its surface area is to be maximum .

Answer

Let the length be x and the width be $y \Rightarrow 2(x + y) = 180$

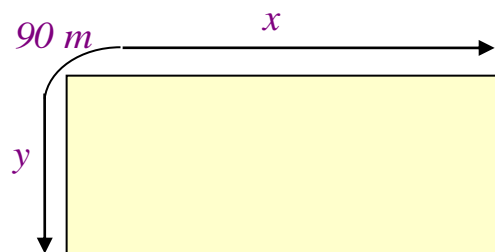
$$\therefore x + y = 90 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore y = 90 - x}$$

Then the dimensions of the rectangle are x and $90 - x$

$$\therefore \text{The surface area } (S) = x(90 - x) = 90x - x^2$$

$$\therefore S' = 90 - 2x \Rightarrow \text{when } S' = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore 2(45 - x) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{x = 45}$$

And $\therefore S'' = -2 < 0 \Rightarrow \therefore S$ is maximum when the two dimensions are 45, 45 metres .



Example (3)

A rectangular thin metallic lamina has dimensions 10 cm, 16 cm. A square the length of its side is x is cut from each of its four corners then the side of the lamina are turned up to construct a box in the shape of a cuboid whose height is x cm, evaluate x if the volume of the box is to be maximum .

Answer

As the square cut from the four corners have sides of length x cm.

\therefore The dimensions of the cuboid are $(16 - 2x)$, $(10 - 2x)$ and x

The volume of the cuboid $(V) = L \times W \times H = x(16 - 2x)(10 - 2x)$

$$\therefore V = 4x^3 - 52x^2 + 160x \Rightarrow (1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dv}{dx} = 12x^2 - 104x + 160 = 4(x - 2)(3x - 20)$$

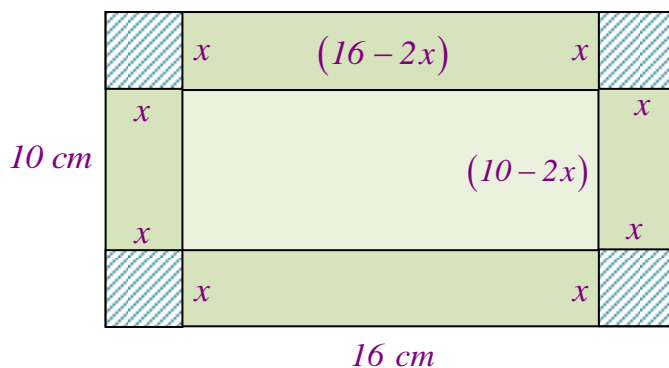
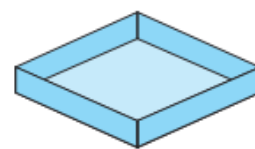
$$\text{When } \frac{dv}{dx} = 0: \boxed{\therefore x = 2} \text{ or } \boxed{x = \frac{20}{3}}$$

$$\frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = 24x - 104$$

$$\therefore \text{At } x = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = -56 < 0 \text{ (agreed)}$$

$$\text{And at } x = \frac{20}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{d^2v}{dx^2} = 56 > 0 \text{ (refused)}$$

Thus the maximum volume when $x = 2$ and its value is $V = 4(2)^3 - 52(2)^2 + 160(2) = 144 \text{ cm}^3$



Example (4)

A closed circular cylinder is to be constructed from a fine lamina of area of $24\pi \text{ cm}^2$. Assuming that there is no wasted area, find the dimensions of the cylinder if its volume is to be maximum, and find this volume.

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between Surface area and Volume

Let the radius of the cylinder be r and its height be $h \Rightarrow \therefore V = \pi r^2 h \text{ --- (1)}$

But the total surface area $= 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2 \Rightarrow 24\pi = 2\pi rh + 2\pi r^2 \quad (\div 2\pi) \Rightarrow \therefore 12 = rh + r^2$

$$\therefore rh = 12 - r^2 \Rightarrow \therefore h = \frac{12 - r^2}{r} \text{ --- (2)}$$

Substitute (2) in (1): $\Rightarrow \therefore V = \pi r^2 \times \frac{12 - r^2}{r} \Rightarrow \therefore V = 12\pi r - \pi r^3$

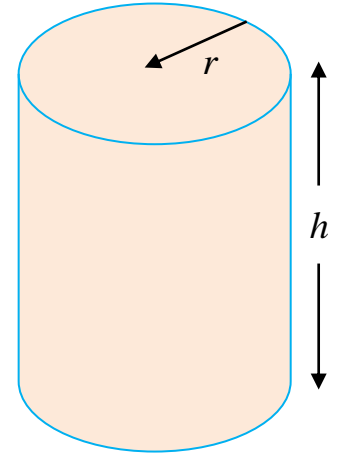
$$\therefore \frac{dV}{dr} = 12\pi - 3\pi r^2 = 3\pi(4 - r^2) = 3\pi(2 - r)(2 + r)$$

When $\frac{dV}{dr} = 0 \Rightarrow 3\pi(2 - r)(2 + r) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{r = 2}$ or $\boxed{r = -2}$ (refused)

$$\therefore \frac{d^2V}{dr^2} = -6\pi r \Rightarrow \text{when } \boxed{r = 2} : \left[\frac{d^2V}{dr^2} \right]_{r=2} = -12\pi < 0$$

Thus Volume is maximum when $r = 2$, thus the maximum volume of the cylinder is $16\pi \text{ cm}^3$

$$\text{When } \boxed{r = 2 \text{ cm}} \Rightarrow \therefore h = \frac{12 - 4}{2} = 4$$



Example (5)

The selling price of a bicycle is $Z = 200 - 0.01x$ L.E, where x is the weekly production of these bicycles in a factory. If the factory costs $y = 50x + 2000$ L.E. for producing this number of bicycles, then find the number of bicycles can be produced to give maximum profit.

What is the selling price of one bicycle in this case?

Answer

\therefore The selling price of one bicycle is $200 - 0.01x$ L.E and the number of bicycles is x .

\therefore The selling price of these bicycles is $x(200 - 0.01x)$ L.E.

\therefore Let the Profit (P) = Selling - Cost $= x(200 - 0.01x) - (50x + 2000) = 150x - 0.01x^2 - 2000$

$$\therefore \frac{dP}{dx} = 150 - 0.02x, \text{ so when } \frac{dP}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow 150 - 0.02x = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = 7500}$$

And $\therefore \frac{d^2M}{dx^2} = -0.02 < 0 \Rightarrow \therefore$ the profit is maximum and the selling price of one bicycle is $200 - 0.01 \times 7500 = 125$ L.E.

Example (6)

An open tank is to be made of sheet iron, it must have a square base and sides perpendicular to the base, its capacity is to be 4 m^3 and each 1 m^2 of the sheet iron costs L.E. Find the dimensions of the tank if the cost is minimum.

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between surface area and volume

Let x is the length of the side of the square base and let y is the height of the tank.

$$\text{Its capacity (volume)} = L \times W \times H = 4 \Rightarrow \therefore x^2 y = 4 \Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{x^2} \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\text{The surface area of the tank: } S = 4xy + x^2 \text{ --- (2)}$$

By substituting from (1) in (2)

$$\therefore S = 4x \times \frac{4}{x^2} + x^2 \Rightarrow \therefore S = \frac{16}{x} + x^2$$

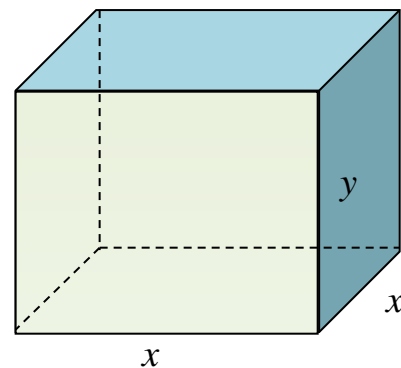
$$\therefore S' = \frac{-16}{x^2} + 2x \Rightarrow \text{when } S' = 0 : \text{ then } 2x = \frac{16}{x^2}$$

$$\therefore x^3 = 8 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = 2}$$

$$\therefore S'' = \frac{32}{x^3} + 2 \Rightarrow \therefore \text{when } x = 2 \Rightarrow S'' = \frac{32}{8} + 2 = 6 > 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2 \Rightarrow \text{gives a minimum value} \Rightarrow y = \frac{4}{x^2} = \frac{4}{4} = 1$$

\therefore The dimensions of the tank are 2 m, 2 m, 1 m



Example (7)

Find the minimum distance between the straight line $x - 2y + 10 = 0$ and the curve $y^2 = 4x$

Answer

The minimum distance between a line and a curve is the perpendicular distance between them

$$\text{Let a point } (x, y) \in \text{to the curve } y^2 = 4x \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore x = \frac{1}{4}y^2} \longrightarrow \text{then the point } (x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{4}y^2, y\right)$$

Then the perpendicular distance between the point (x, y) and the line $x - 2y + 10 = 0$ is :

$$S_{\perp} = \frac{|ax + by + c|}{\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}} \Rightarrow S_{\perp} = \frac{|x - 2y + 10|}{\sqrt{(1)^2 + (-2)^2}} \Rightarrow S_{\perp} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}(x - 2y + 10)$$

$$S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left(\frac{1}{4}y^2 - 2y + 10 \right) \Rightarrow \therefore S' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}y - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\text{When } S' = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}}y - \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{\therefore y = 4} \Rightarrow \therefore S'' = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{5}} > 0 \text{ [minimum]}$$

$$\text{Then from (1): the minimum distance is: } \boxed{S = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\frac{1}{4}(4)^2 - 2(4) + 10 \right] = \frac{6}{\sqrt{5}} \text{ unit length}}$$

Example (8)

A window in the shape of rectangle sermounted by a semi circle. If the perimter of the window is 50 cm , then find the ratio between the two dimensions of the rectangle such that the surface area of the window is to be maximum .

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between surface area and perimeter

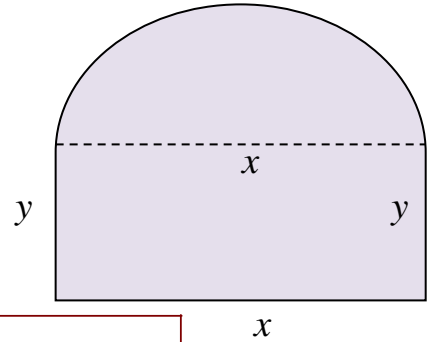
Let the two dimensions of the rectangle are x, y cm and then the diameter of the semi circle will be x too

The perimeter of the window is :

perimeter of the rectangle + perimeter of the semi circle

$$\therefore 2y + x + \frac{\pi x}{2} = 50 \quad (\times 2) \Rightarrow 4y + 2x + \pi x = 100$$

$$\therefore 4y = 100 - 2x - \pi x \Rightarrow \text{by dividing by 4: } \boxed{\therefore y = 25 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}\pi x \text{ --- (1)}}$$



\therefore The surface area of the window (S) = area of the rectangle + area of the semi circle

$$\therefore S = xy + \frac{1}{2}\pi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 \text{ --- (2)}, \text{ by substituting (1) in (2) :}$$

$$\therefore S = x\left(25 - \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{4}\pi x\right) + \frac{1}{2}\pi\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2 = 25x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{4}\pi x^2 + \frac{1}{8}\pi x^2 = 25x - \frac{1}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{8}\pi x^2$$

$$\therefore S' = 25 - x - \frac{1}{4}\pi x \Rightarrow \text{when } S' = 0 \Rightarrow 25 - x\left(1 + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore x\left(\frac{4}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 25$$

$$\therefore x\left(\frac{4 + \pi}{4}\right) = 25 \Rightarrow \text{then } \boxed{x = \frac{100}{4 + \pi}}$$

$$\text{And } \therefore S'' = -1 - \frac{1}{4}\pi = -\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\pi\right) < 0 \Rightarrow \therefore S \text{ is maximum at } x = \frac{100}{4 + \pi}$$

$$\text{Then by substituting in (1): } y = 25 - \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{100}{4 + \pi}\right] - \frac{1}{4}\pi\left[\frac{100}{4 + \pi}\right] = 25 - \frac{50}{4 + \pi} - \frac{25\pi}{4 + \pi}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{25(4 + \pi)}{4 + \pi} - \frac{50}{4 + \pi} - \frac{25\pi}{4 + \pi} = \frac{100 + 25\pi - 50 - 25\pi}{4 + \pi} = \frac{50}{4 + \pi} \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{x : y = 2 : 1}$$

Example (9)

The lengths of three sides of a trapezium are equal and each of length 22 cm . Find the length of the fourth side such that the surface area of the trapezium is to be maximum .

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between Surface area and the length of the sides

let the length of the fourth side be y cm where $y = 22 + 2x$ --- (1)

And \therefore area of the trapezium = $\frac{1}{2}(\text{sum of two parallel bases}) \times h$

$$\therefore S = \frac{1}{2}(22 + 22 + 2x)h = \frac{1}{2}(44 + 2x)h \text{ --- (2)}$$

In ΔABC : $\therefore h^2 + x^2 = (22)^2$

$$\therefore h = \sqrt{484 - x^2} \text{ --- (3)}$$

By substituting (3) in (2)

$$\therefore S = \frac{1}{2}(44 + 2x)\sqrt{484 - x^2} = (22 + x)(484 - x^2)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore S' = \frac{-(22 + x)x}{\sqrt{484 - x^2}} + \sqrt{484 - x^2} = \frac{-22x - x^2 + 484 - x^2}{\sqrt{484 - x^2}} \Rightarrow \therefore S' = \frac{484 - 22x - 2x^2}{\sqrt{484 - x^2}}$$

When $S' = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore 484 - 22x - 2x^2 = 0$ ($\div -2$)

$$\therefore x^2 + 11x - 242 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 11)(x + 22) = 0$$

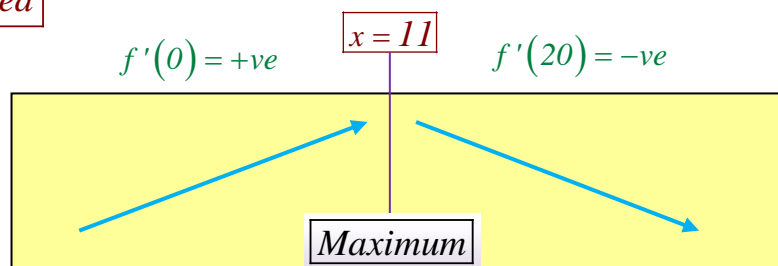
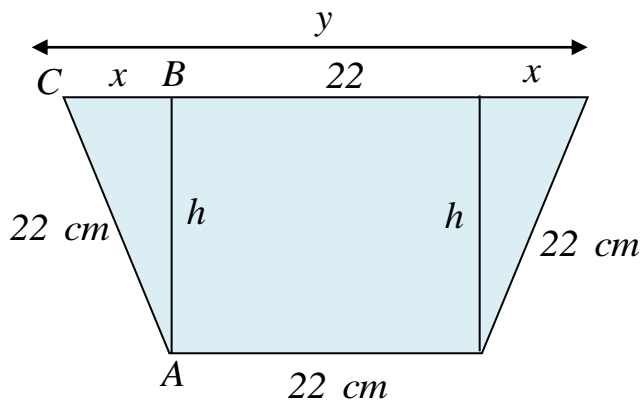
$$\therefore \boxed{x = 11} \text{ or } \boxed{x = -22 \text{ refused}}$$

Then the maximum area of the trapezoid occurs when $x = 11$.

By substituting in (1):

The fourth side is $y = 22 + 2(11) = 44$ cm .

$$\text{Then } h = \sqrt{484 - (11)^2} = 11\sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \therefore A_{\max} = (22 + 11)(11\sqrt{3}) = 363\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$$



Example (10)

Find a point on the curve $y^2 - 2y + 4x - 23 = 0$, if the distance between it and the point $(3, 1)$ is to be minimum.

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between point and distance

Let the required point is $(a, b) \Rightarrow \therefore b^2 - 2b + 4a - 23 = 0$

$$\therefore b^2 - 2b + 1 = 24 - 4a \text{ --- (1)}$$

D [The distance between (a, b) and $(3, 1) = \sqrt{(a-3)^2 + (b-1)^2}$]

$$\therefore D = \sqrt{a^2 - 6a + 9 + b^2 - 2b + 1} \text{ --- (2)}$$
 then substitute (1) in (2)

$$\therefore D = \sqrt{a^2 - 6a + 9 + 24 - 4a} = \sqrt{a^2 - 10a + 33} = (a^2 - 10a + 33)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\therefore D' = \frac{1}{2}(a^2 - 10a + 33)^{-\frac{1}{2}}(2a - 10) = \frac{2a - 10}{2\sqrt{a^2 - 10a + 33}} = \frac{\cancel{2}(a - 5)}{\cancel{2}\sqrt{a^2 - 10a + 33}} = \frac{(a - 5)}{\sqrt{a^2 - 10a + 33}}$$

When $D' = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore a = 5$

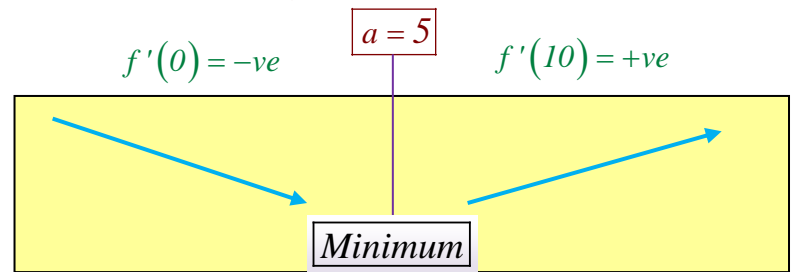
Then the minimum distance between the two points occurs when $a = 5$.

By substituting in (1):

$$\therefore b^2 - 2b + 1 = 24 - 4(5)$$

$$\therefore b^2 - 2b - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow (b - 3)(b + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \boxed{b = 3} \text{ Or } \boxed{b = -1}$$

$\therefore (5, 3), (5, -1)$ are the nearest points to the point $(3, 1)$



Example (12)

$ABCD$ is a rectangle in which $AB = 8$ cm, and $BC = 12$ cm. If $H \in \overline{AB}$ and $O \in \overline{BC}$ such that $BO = 4AH = x$. Then prove that surface area of $\triangle DHO$ is not less than 43.5 cm².

Answer

In this problem, we have to make a relation between Area of triangle and the length of rectangle sides \Rightarrow so let $AH = x$ and $BO = 4x$

$$\therefore \text{Area } \triangle DHO = \text{Area } \square ABCD - \text{Area } \triangle AHD - \text{Area } \triangle BHO - \text{Area } \triangle OCD$$

$$\text{Area } \triangle DHO = 12 \times 8 - \frac{1}{2} \times 12x - \frac{1}{2} \times 4x(8-x) - \frac{1}{2} \times 8(12-4x) = 96 - 6x - 16x + 2x^2 - 48 + 16x$$

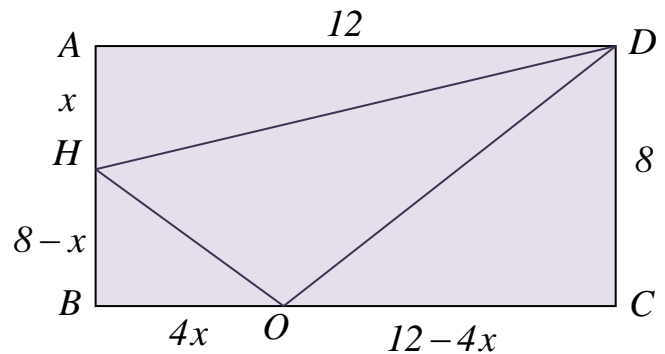
$$\therefore \text{Area } \triangle DHO = 2x^2 - 6x + 48 \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\therefore A' = 4x - 6, \text{ when } A' = 0 \Rightarrow 4x - 6 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2} \text{ --- (2)} \quad \text{and } \therefore A'' = 4 > 0$$

$$\therefore \triangle DHO \text{ is minimum when } x = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{By substituting (2) in (1), the minimum surface area of } \triangle DHO = 2 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 - 6 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + 48 = 43.5$$



Example (13)

An isosceles triangle, Its base is of length 4 cm and its height is of length 6 cm, find the maximum surface area of the rectangle which can be drawn inside the triangle.

Answer

In any triangle, if a line is parallel to its base, think of using **Similarity**

Let the two dimensions of the rectangle are x, y as in the figure

$$\therefore \overline{NF} \parallel \overline{BD} \Rightarrow \therefore \triangle AFN \sim \triangle ADB \Rightarrow \therefore \frac{AF}{AD} = \frac{NF}{DB}$$

$$\therefore \frac{6-y}{6} = \frac{\frac{x}{2}}{2} \Rightarrow \therefore 12-2y=3x \Rightarrow y = 6 - \frac{3}{2}x \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\therefore S = xy = x \left(6 - \frac{3}{2}x\right) = 6x - \frac{3}{2}x^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dS}{dx} = 6 - 3x \Rightarrow \text{when } \frac{dS}{dx} = 0 \Rightarrow \therefore x = 2$$

$$\text{And } \therefore \frac{d^2S}{dx^2} = -3 < 0 \Rightarrow \therefore \text{the surface area is maximum when } x = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{The maximum surface area} = 6 \times 2 - \frac{3}{2} \times 4 = 12 - 6 = 6 \text{ cm}^2.$$

