

Test REVIEW on Applications of Differentiation

1. The displacement s metres of a car, t seconds after leaving a fixed point A, is given by $s = 10t - 0.5t^2$. [3]

- a) Calculate the velocity when $t = 0$.

$$v(t) = 10 - 1t$$

$$v(0) = 10 \text{ m/s}$$

- b) Calculate the value of t when the velocity is zero. [2]

$$10 - t = 0$$

$$t = 10$$

- c) Calculate the displacement of the car from A when the velocity is zero. [1]

$$s(10) = 10(10) - 0.5(10)^2$$

$$= 100 - 50$$

$$= 50 \text{ m.}$$

2. Consider the functions $f(x)$, $g(x)$ and $h(x)$. The following table gives some values associated with these functions.

a) Write down the value of $g(3)$, of $f'(3)$, and of $h''(2)$. [3]

$$g(3) = -18$$

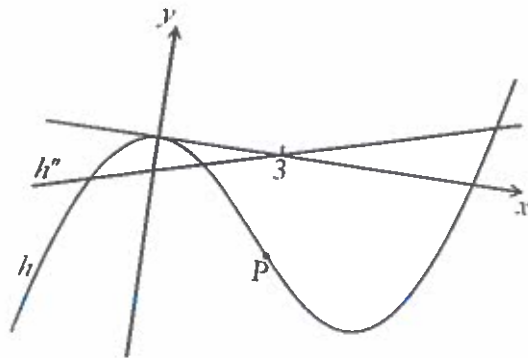
$$f'(3) = 1$$

$$h''(2) = -6$$

x	2	3
$f(x)$	2	3
$g(x)$	-14	-18
$f'(x)$	1	1
$g'(x)$	-5	-3
$h''(x)$	-6	0

The following diagram shows parts of the graphs of h and h'' . There is a point of inflexion on the graph of h at P , when $x = 3$.

b) Fully explain why P is a point of inflexion. [2]



$$h''(3) = 0$$

2nd derivative equals 0

Which means $x=3$ is a point of inflection for h ,
to left of $x=3$ h'' is negative and to the
right h'' is positive.

c) Given that $h(x) = f(x) \times g(x)$, find the y-coordinate of P . [2]

$$\downarrow$$

$$x=3$$

$$h(3) = f(3) \times g(3)$$

$$= 3(-18)$$

$$= -54$$

3. Consider $f(x) = \ln(x^4 + 1)$.

The second derivative is given by $f''(x) = \frac{4x^2(3-x^4)}{(x^4+1)^2}$.

a) Find the value of $f(0)$.

[2]

$$f(0) = \ln(0^4 + 1) = \ln 1 \\ = 0$$

The equation $f''(x) = 0$ has only three solutions, when $x = 0, \pm\sqrt[4]{3} (\pm 1.316 \dots)$.

b) i) Find the value of $f''(1)$.

[2]

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

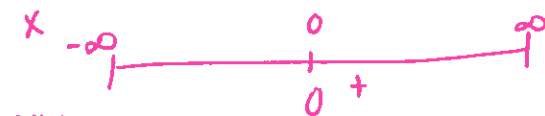
ii) Hence, show that there is no inflection point on the graph of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$.

[3]

$f''(x) = 0$ at inflection points

$$4x^2(3-x^4) = 0$$

$$x = 0$$

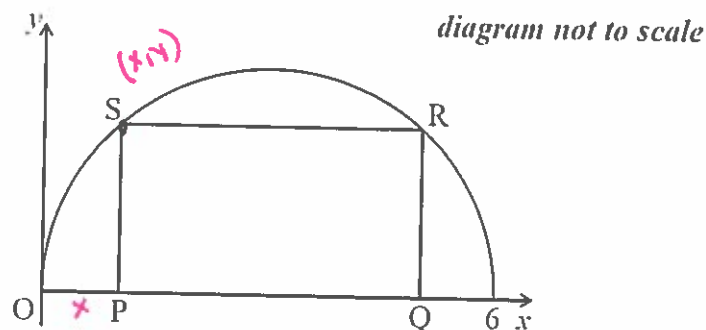


$$f''(1) = +2$$

$$f''(-1) = +2$$

2nd derivative goes from concave up to zero to concave up - concavity does not change

4. Consider the graph of the semicircle given by $f(x) = \sqrt{6x - x^2}$, for $0 \leq x \leq 6$. A rectangle $PQRS$ is drawn with upper vertices R and S on the graph of f , and PQ on the x -axis, as shown in the following diagram.



- a) Let $OP = x$.
- i) Find an expression for PQ , giving your answer in terms of x . [2]

$$PQ = 6 - 2x$$

- ii) Hence, write down an expression for the area of the rectangle, giving your answer in terms of x . [1]

$$A = (6 - 2x)(\sqrt{6x - x^2})$$

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- b) i) Find the rate of change of area when $x = 2$. [2]

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$$\begin{aligned} A' &= (-2)(\sqrt{6x-x^2}) + (6-2x) \frac{1}{2}(6x-x^2)^{-1/2} (-2x+6) \\ &= -2\sqrt{6x-x^2} + \frac{(6-2x)^2}{2\sqrt{6x-x^2}} \\ A'(2) &= -2\sqrt{6(2)-2^2} + \frac{(6-2(2))^2}{2\sqrt{6(2)-2^2}} \\ &= -2\sqrt{8} + \frac{4}{2\sqrt{8}} = -2\sqrt{8} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{8}} \end{aligned}$$

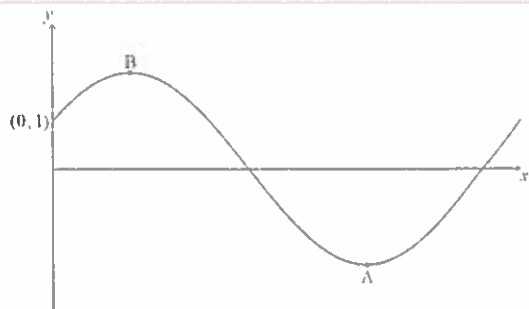
$$x \approx -4.95$$

- ii) The area is decreasing for $a < x < b$.
Find the value of a and of b . [2]

Use graph of area + look for negative slope.

$$0.879 < x < 3$$

5. Let $f(x) = \cos x + \sqrt{3} \sin x$, $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$.
The diagram shows the graph of f .



The y -intercept is at $(0, 1)$, there is a minimum point at $A(p, q)$ and a maximum point at B .

- a) Find $f'(x)$.

[2]

$$= -\sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x$$

- b) Hence, using your answer from a),

- i) Show that $q = -2$.

[7]

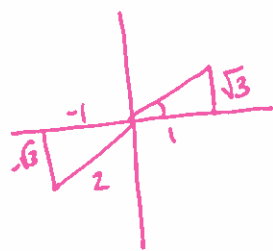
$$0 = -\sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x$$

$$\sin x = \sqrt{3} \cos x$$

$$\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan x = \sqrt{3}$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{3} \quad \left(\frac{4\pi}{3} \right)$$



$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) &= \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) \\ &= -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} = -\frac{4}{2} \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

- ii) Verify that A is the minimum point.

[3]

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= -\sin \frac{4\pi}{3} + \sqrt{3} \cos \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ f''(x) &= -\cos \frac{4\pi}{3} + \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{4\pi}{3} \\ f''\left(\frac{4\pi}{3}\right) &= \frac{1}{2} - \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

1st derivative = 0
2nd derivative = $+$ (C.C \uparrow)

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 0 \text{ min.}$$

- c) Write down the maximum value of $f(x)$.

[1]

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) &= \cos \frac{\pi}{3} + \sqrt{3} \sin \frac{\pi}{3} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{3} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} = 2 \end{aligned}$$