

CONCAVITY AND INFLECTION POINTS

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Problem 1:

Given
$$f(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 20x + 4_{\text{with domain}} (-\infty, \infty)_{\text{find}}$$

- the coordinates of any inflection points on the graph of the function
- the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

Problem 2:

Given
$$f(x) = x^{2/3} - 1_{\text{with domain}} (-\infty, \infty)_{, \text{ find}}$$

- the coordinates of any inflection points on the graph of the function
- the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

Problem 3:

Given
$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x^2 - x - 2}$$
 with domain $(-\infty, \infty)$, find

- the coordinates of any *inflection points* on the graph of the function
- · the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

Problem 4:

Given
$$f(x) = x\sqrt{9-x^2}$$
 with domain $[-3,3]$, find

- the coordinates of any *inflection points* on the graph of the function
- the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

Problem 5:

Given
$$f(x) = x\sqrt{2} - 2\cos x$$
 with restricted domain $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$, find

- the x-coordinates ONLY of any *inflection points* on the graph of the function
- the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

Problem 6:

Given
$$f(x) = (x+2)^3 - 4_{\text{with domain}} (-\infty, \infty)_{\text{find}}$$

- the coordinates of any inflection points on the graph of the function
- the intervals over which the function is concave up and concave down

SOLUTIONS

You can find detailed solutions below the link for this problem set!

1.

Inflection Point at $[-\frac{1}{6}, f(-\frac{1}{6})] = (-\frac{1}{6}, \frac{397}{54})$

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave up is $\left(-\frac{1}{6}, \infty\right)$.

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave down is $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{6})$.

2.

No Inflection Points.

The graph is never concave up.

The intervals over which the graph of the function is concave down are $(-\infty,0)$ and $(0,\infty)$.

3.

Inflection Points at [-1, f(-1)] = (-1, 0) and [2, f(2)] = (2, 0)

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave up is (-1,2).

The intervals over which the graph of the function is concave down are $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

4.

Inflection Point at [0, f(0)] = (0,0)

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave up is I-3,0.

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave down is (0,3].

5.

x-coordinates of the Inflection Points: $\frac{-3\pi}{2}$, $\frac{-\pi}{2}$

$$\frac{\pi}{2}$$
, and $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

The intervals over which the graph of the function is concave up are

$$\left[-2\pi, \frac{-3\pi}{2}\right], \left(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \text{ and } \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right]$$

The intervals over which the graph of the function is concave down are

$$\left(\frac{-3\pi}{2}, \frac{-\pi}{2}\right)_{\text{and}} \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$$

6.

Inflection Point at [-2,f(-2)] = (-2,-4).

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave up is $(-2, \infty)$.

The interval over which the graph of the function is concave down is $(-\infty,2)$.