

Answer on Question #48271 – Math – Calculus

Trace the curve

$$y = \frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 6)$$

Solution.

$$y = \frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 6)$$

$$\mathbf{x - intercepts: } y = 0 \rightarrow x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 6 = 0 \rightarrow x \approx -0.5, \text{ so}$$

(-0.5; 0) is x – intercept.

$$\mathbf{y - intercept: } x = 0 \rightarrow y(0) = \frac{1}{6}(0^3 - 6 \cdot 0^2 + 9 \cdot 0 + 6) \rightarrow$$

$y = 1$, so (0; 1) is y – intercept.

$y(x)$ is neither even nor odd function, because $y(-x) \neq y(x)$, $y(-x) \neq -y(x)$.

$$\mathbf{y'(x) = 0} \rightarrow \frac{1}{6}(3x^2 - 12x + 9) = 0 \rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow \mathbf{x = 1 \text{ or } x = 3.}$$

Because $y'(x) > 0$ when $x < 1$ or $x > 3$; $y'(x) < 0$ when $1 < x < 3$,

$(1, \frac{5}{3})$ – local maximum.

(3, 1) – local minimum.

Find $y''(x) = \frac{1}{6}(6x - 12) = x - 1$, hence $y''(x) > 0$ when $x > 1$; $y''(x) < 0$

when $x < 1$; $y''(x) = 0$ when $x = 1$. It means that the graph of function

$y = \frac{1}{6}(x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 6)$ is convex upward when $x < 1$ and convex downward when $x > 1$.

When $x \rightarrow -\infty$, $y \rightarrow -\infty$ like $\frac{x^3}{6}$.

When $x \rightarrow \infty$, $y \rightarrow \infty$ like $\frac{x^3}{6}$.

