

Que. 1 Identify the co-ordinates of any local & absolute extremum points and inflection points. Graph of the function.

(i) $y = x^4 + 2x^3$ (ii) $y = x^4 - 2x^2$.

Solution. (i) $y = x^4 + 2x^3$

then $y' = 4x^3 + 6x^2 = 2x^2(2x+3)$ — (1)

and $y'' = 12x^2 + 12x = 12x(x+1)$. — (2)

Thus the critical points of f occur only at the roots of y' .

i.e. $y' = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2x^2(2x+3) = 0$

\Rightarrow either $x = 0$ or $x = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Critical points.

$x = 0$ and $x = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Intervals	$x < -\frac{3}{2}$	$-\frac{3}{2} < x < 0$	$x > 0$
Sign of y'	-	+	+
Sign of y'			
Behavior of y	decreasing (\downarrow)	Increasing (\uparrow)	\uparrow

at $x = 0$, $y'' = 0$

no extremum at $x = 0$

at $x = -\frac{3}{2}$, y'' is positive.

So there is a local minimum at $x = -\frac{3}{2}$.

Using above table, we see that ~~Graph~~ y is \downarrow on $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$ and \uparrow (increasing) on $(-\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$.

Now $y'' = 0$

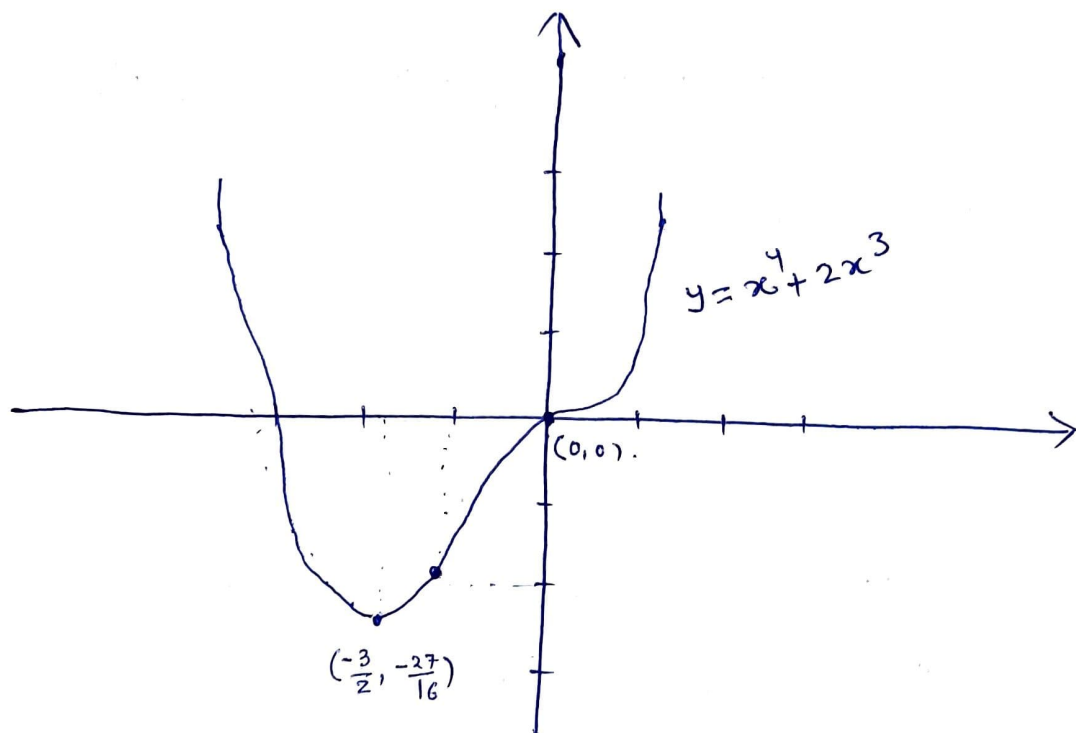
$$\Rightarrow 12x(x+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } x = -1.$$

Intervals	$x < -1$	$-1 < x < 0$	$x > 0$
sign of y''	+	-	+
Behaviour of f	Concave up	Concave down	Concave up.

i.e. Curve is Concave up on $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(0, \infty)$
and Concave down on $(-1, 0)$.

at $x = -1$ and $x = 0$ these are the points of inflection.



Que 1 (ii)

given $y = x^4 - 2x^2$
 then $y' = 4x^3 - 4x$
 $= 4x(x^2 - 1)$
 $= 4x(x-1)(x+1)$ — (1)

and $y'' = 12x^2 - 4$
 $= 12(x^2 - \frac{1}{3})$
 $= 12(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$ — (2)

Thus the critical points of y occur only at the roots of y' .

i.e. $y' = 0$
 $\Rightarrow 4x(x-1)(x+1) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow x = 0, 1, \& -1$.

Critical points. $x = 0$ & $x = 1$ & $x = -1$.

Interval	$(-\infty, -1)$	$(-1, 0)$	$(0, 1)$	$(1, \infty)$
Sign of y'	-	+	-	+
	Decreasing ↓	increasing ↑	↓	↑

Now at $x = 0$,

~~$y'' > 0$~~ $y'' < 0$

~~So there is a local minimum at $x = 0$.~~ So there is a local maximum at $x = 0$.

at $x = 1$

$y'' > 0$

So there is a local minimum at $x = 1$.

at $x = -1$

$y'' > 0$

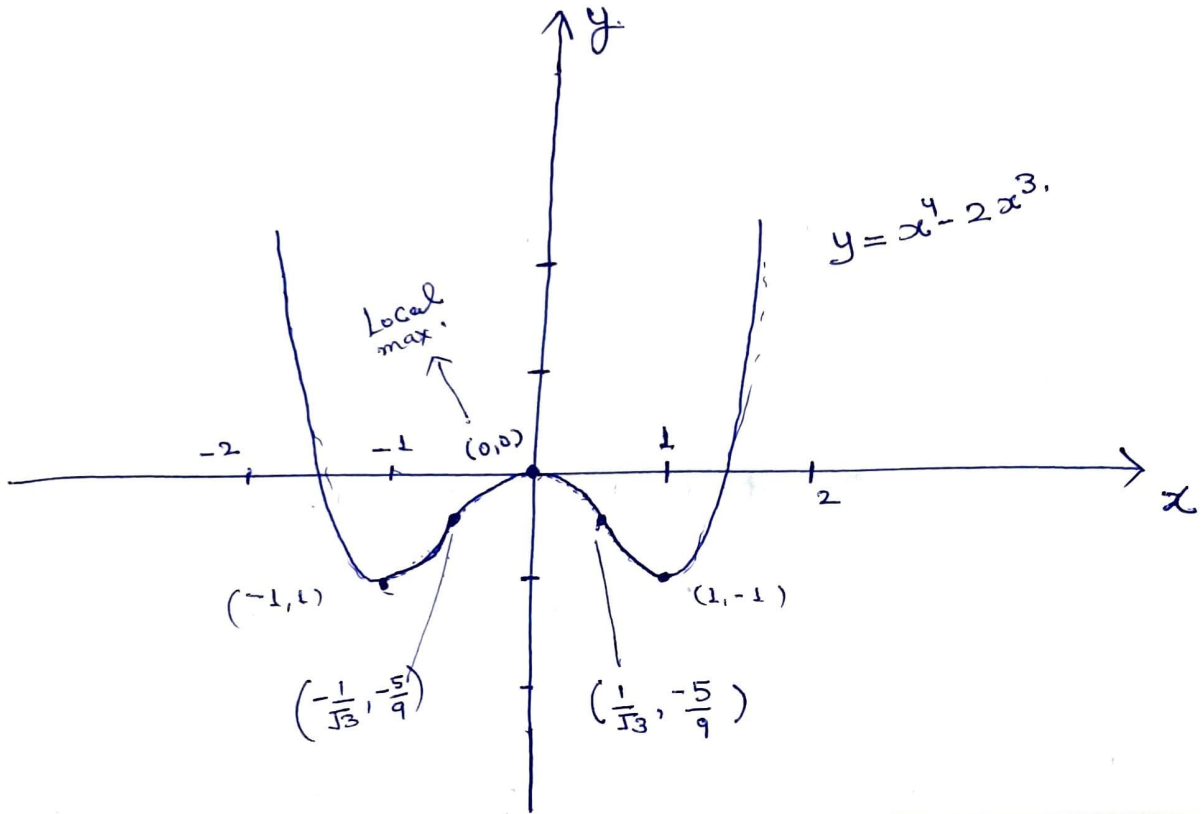
So there is a local minimum at $x = -1$.

Now roots of y'' gives the inflection points.

i.e. $y'' = 0 \Rightarrow 12(x + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})(x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ are the points of inflection.

Interval	$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$	$(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}})$	$(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \infty)$
Sign of y''	+	-	+
	Concave up	Concave down	Concave up.



Sketch the graph of the following function.

Que. $y = x \cdot \left(\frac{x}{2} - 5\right)^4$

Sol. Try yourself -