

Task 1: Differentiation - Rates of change

A tank is leaking. The amount of water in the tank after t days is $V = 4(49 - 3t)^3$ litres where $t \in [0, 28]$.

(1) What was the original amount of water in the tank, that is, the amount at $t = 0$?

$$V = 4(49 - 3t)^3$$

$$\rightarrow 4(49 - 3(0))^3$$

$$\rightarrow 4(49)^3$$

$$470,596L \text{ at } t = 0$$

(2) When does the amount of water reach an eighth of the original amount?

$$\frac{1}{8} \times 470,596L = 58,824.5L$$

$$58,824.5L = 4(49 - 3t)^3$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{58,824.5L}{4} = (49 - 3t)^3$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt[3]{14,706.125L} = 49 - 3t$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{49}{2}L - 49 = -3t$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{49}{2}L - \frac{98}{2} = -3t$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{49}{2} = -3t$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{49}{2} \div -\frac{3}{1} = t$$

$$\rightarrow -\frac{49}{2} \times -\frac{1}{3} = t$$

$$t = \frac{49}{6} = 8.1\bar{6} \text{ days to reach } \frac{1}{8} \text{ of it's original volume}$$

(3) What is the rate of change of V with respect to time t ?

$$V = 4(49 - 3t)^3$$

Finding V'

$$V = 4(49 - 3t)^3$$

$$u = 49 - 3t$$

$$\rightarrow u' = -3$$

$$v = 4(u)^3$$

$$\rightarrow v' = 12u^2$$

$$u' \times v'$$

$$V' = -3 \times 12(49 - 3t)^2$$

$$V' = -36(49 - 3t)^2$$

(a) Evaluate this function when $t = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 V' &= -36(49 - 3t)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow -36(49 - 3(0))^2 \\
 &\rightarrow -36(2401) \\
 &= -86,436
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) Evaluate this function when t is your answer for question (2).

$$\begin{aligned}
 V' &= -36(49 - 3t)^2 \\
 Q2 \text{ answer: } 8.1\dot{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\rightarrow -36(49 - 3(8.1\dot{6}))^2 \\
 &\rightarrow -36(49 - 24.5)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow -36(24.5)^2 \\
 &\rightarrow -36(600.25) \\
 &= -21,609
 \end{aligned}$$

c) Compare your answers for question (3)(a) and question (3)(b). At which of these two times was the tank emptying at a greater rate? Explain why.

The number given out represents the magnitude of the rate of change at a given point. As we want to know which rate emptied faster, we want a more negative number.

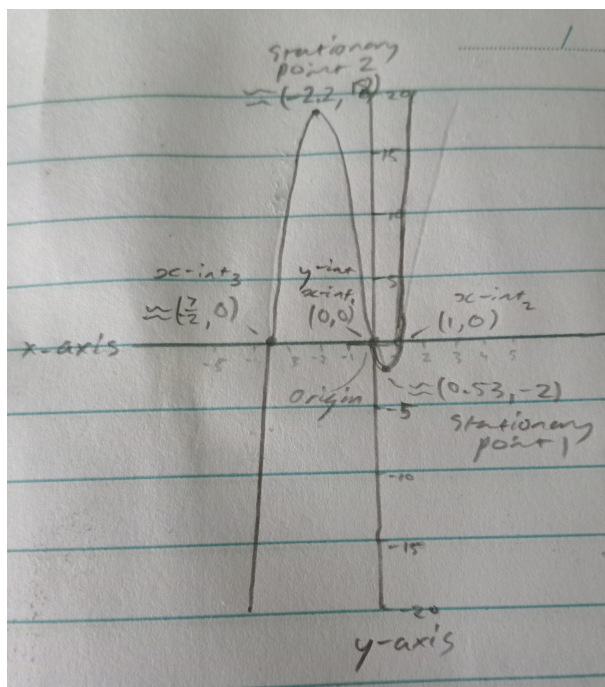
Therefore, as (a) is more negative, it at zero days ($t = 0$) was emptying faster than at $t = 8.1\dot{6}$

Task 2: Differentiation - Sketching graphs

1) Sketch the graph $y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$. Provide all working for finding the intercepts and stationary points. You must use either a 2nd derivative test or a sign diagram to classify each stationary point.

$$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

Graph



Intercepts

x -intercepts

To find these without a calculator, we'll employ the zero-product principle

$$0 = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

$$x(2x^2 + 5x - 7)$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$x = 2x^2 + 5x - 7$$

$$0 = 2x^2 + 5x - 7$$

$$x = \frac{-(5) \pm \sqrt{(5)^2 - 4(2)(-7)}}{2(2)}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25+56}}{4}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{81}}{4}$$

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$$\rightarrow x^{\pm} = \frac{-5 \pm 9}{4}$$

$$x^{+} = 1$$

$$x^{-} = -3.5 = -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$x_1 = 0, x_2 = 1, \text{ and } x_3 = -\frac{7}{2}$$

$$(0,0), (1,0), \text{ and } (-\frac{7}{2}, 0)$$

y -intercept

$$y = 2(0)^3 + 5(0)^2 - 7(0)$$

$$y = 0$$

$$(0,0)$$

Derivatives

Finding y'

$$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

$$\rightarrow 3 \times 2x^{3-1} + 2 \times 5x^{2-1} - 1 \times 7x^{1-1}$$

$$\rightarrow 6x^2 + 10x^1 - 7x^0$$

$$y' = 6x^2 + 10x - 7$$

Finding y''

$$y' = 6x^2 + 10x - 7$$

$$\rightarrow 2 \times 6x^{2-1} + 1 \times 10x^{1-1} \quad \nearrow$$

$$\rightarrow 12x^1 + 10x^0$$

$$y'' = 12x + 10$$

Stationary points

Solutions

(0.5308, -2.0078) and (-2.1976, 18.3040)

Finding the stationary points

$$y' = 6x^2 + 10x - 7$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = 6x^2 + 10x - 7$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(6)(-7)}}{2(6)}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{100 + 168}}{12}$$

$$\rightarrow x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{268}}{12}$$

$$x_1^+ = \frac{-10 + \sqrt{268}}{12} = 0.5308$$

$$x_2^- = \frac{-10 - \sqrt{268}}{12} = -2.1976$$

$$y = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

$$\rightarrow f(x) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

$$\rightarrow f\left(\frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{268}}{12}\right) = 2x^3 + 5x^2 - 7x$$

$$y_1^+ = -2.0078$$

$$y_2^- = 18.3040$$

Classifying the stationary points

$$y'' = 12x + 10$$

$$y_1'' = 12(0.5308) + 10$$

$$\rightarrow 6.3696 + 10$$

$$y_1'' = 16.3696$$

This is > 0 , so (x_1, y_1) is a local minimum

$$y_2'' = 12(-2.1976) + 10$$

$$\rightarrow -26.3712 + 10$$

$$y_2'' = -16.3712$$

This is < 0 , so (x_2, y_2) is a local maximum