

I apologise for the somewhat inconsistent formatting, I'm trying out some new things to see what I like best. The blocks with the blue bar are my favourite so far but I do like my → arrows.

(1) Find the stationary points of $y = (x^4 - 2x^3)e^{2x}$. Note: you must give exact values - do not approximate the stationary point values

Final answers:

	1	2	3
x	0	$+\sqrt[3]{3}$	$-\sqrt[3]{3}$
y	0	$9e^{2\sqrt[3]{3}} - 6\sqrt[3]{3}e^{2\sqrt[3]{3}}$	$\frac{9+6\sqrt[3]{3}}{e^{2\sqrt[3]{3}}}$
$\approx (x, y)^*$	(0, 0)	(1.732, -44.481)	(-1.732)(0.607)

*approximates for curiosity's sake

Working out for (1)

Finding y'

$$y = (x^4 - 2x^3)e^{2x}$$

$$u = x^4 - 2x^3$$

$$u' = 4x^3 - 6x^2$$

$$v = e^{2x}$$

$$v' = 2e^{2x}$$

$$u \times v' + v \times u'$$

$$\rightarrow (x^4 - 2x^3) \times 2e^{2x} + e^{2x}(4x^3 - 6x^2)$$

$$\rightarrow e^{2x}(2x^4 - 4x^3) + e^{2x}(4x^3 - 6x^2)$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^{2x}x^4 - 4e^{2x}x^3 + 4e^{2x}x^3 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^{2x}x^4 - \cancel{4e^{2x}x^3} + \cancel{4e^{2x}x^3} - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^{2x}x^4 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

$$y' = 2e^{2x}x^4 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

Stationary points

$$x = 0, x = \sqrt[3]{3}$$

$$y' = 2e^{2x}x^4 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

$$\rightarrow 0 = 2e^{2x}x^4 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^{2x}x(x^3 - 3x)$$

$$\rightarrow 2e^{2x}x^2(x^2 - 3)$$

Setup a difference of two squares formula, where $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$

$$\rightarrow -3 = (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\rightarrow (x^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2)$$

$$\rightarrow x^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\rightarrow (x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})$$

Apply the zero-product principle

$$\rightarrow 0 = 2e^{2x}x^2(x^2 - 3)(x + \sqrt{3})(x - \sqrt{3})$$

$$e^{2x} = 0 \quad (2 \neq 0 \text{ so it's unneeded}) \text{ or}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ (for the } x^2 \text{ term) or}$$

$$x - \sqrt{3} = 0 \text{ or}$$

$$x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

Sifting for valid values

$$e^{2x} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow e = \sqrt[2x]{0}$$

$$\rightarrow \sqrt[2x]{0} = 0$$

$e \neq 0$, so it is not a stationary point

$$x_1 = 0$$

\rightarrow Can be true, so it's valid

$$x - \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x_2 = +\sqrt{3}$$

$$x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

$$\rightarrow x_3 = -\sqrt{3}$$

So, the points on the x -axis are 0 , $\sqrt{3}$, and $-\sqrt{3}$

Finding the stationary point y -values

From the x -values 0 , $-\sqrt{3}$, and $\sqrt{3}$

Finding y_1 from $x_1 = 0$

$$y_1 = ((0)^4 - 2(0)^3)e^{2(0)}$$

$$\rightarrow (0 - 0) \times 1$$

$$y_1 = 0$$

Finding y_1 from $x_2 = \sqrt{3}$

$$y_2 = ((\sqrt{3})^4 - 2(\sqrt{3})^3)e^{2(\sqrt{3})}$$

$$(\sqrt{3})^4 = 9$$

Applying the root rule $(\sqrt[n]{a})^n = a$

$$\rightarrow -2(\sqrt{3})^3$$

$$\rightarrow -2(\sqrt[2]{3})^2\sqrt{3}$$

$$\rightarrow -2(3)\sqrt{3}$$

$$= -6\sqrt{3}$$

$$\rightarrow e^{2\sqrt{3}}(9 - 6\sqrt{3})$$

$$y_2 = 9e^{2\sqrt{3}} - 6\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}}$$

Finding y_1 from $x_3 = -\sqrt{3}$

$$y_2 = ((-\sqrt{3})^4 - 2(-\sqrt{3})^3)e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$(-\sqrt{3})^4 = 9$$

$$-2(-\sqrt{3})^3 = -2(-\sqrt{3})^2 \times -\sqrt{3}$$

$$-\sqrt{3}^2 = -3$$

$$-2 \times -3 = 6$$

$$(9 - 6 \times -\sqrt{3})e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow (9 + 6\sqrt{3})e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow 9e^{2-\sqrt{3}} + 6\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

Apply the reciprocal index law $x^{-y} = \frac{1}{x^y}$

$$9e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} + 6\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow 9e^{-2\sqrt{3}} + 6\sqrt{3}e^{-2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{9}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}} + \frac{6\sqrt{3}}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$y_3 = \frac{9+6\sqrt{3}}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}}$$

(2) Draw a single sign table and an accompanying sign diagram.

For each interval in the sign table, select a value of x and show all working to obtain the sign of the gradient in that interval.

Note: there should be no approximations in working to obtain gradient for the selected values of x . Please leave the expressions with square roots and powers of e .

Finding y''

$$y' = 2e^{2x}x^4 - 6e^{2x}x^2$$

Left side

$$u_{LL} = 2e^{2x} \text{ and } u'_{LL} = 4e^{2x}$$

$$v_{LR} = x^4 \text{ and } v'_{LR} = 4x^3$$

$$uv' + vu' \rightarrow u_{LL}v'_{LR} + v_{LR}u'_{LL}$$

$$2e^{2x} \times 4x^3 + x^4 \times 4e^{2x}$$

$$\rightarrow u'_L = 8e^{2x}x^3 + 4e^{2x}x^4$$

Right side

$$u_{RL} = 6e^{2x} \text{ and } u'_{RL} = 12e^{2x}$$

$$v_{RR} = x^2 \text{ and } v'_{RR} = 2x$$

$$6e^{2x} \times 2x + x^2 \times 12e^{2x}$$

$$\rightarrow v'_R = 12e^{2x}x + 12e^{2x}x^2$$

Combining left and right

$$y'' = (u'_L) - (u'_R)$$

$$\rightarrow (8e^{2x}x^3 + 4e^{2x}x^4) - (12e^{2x}x + 12e^{2x}x^2)$$

$$\rightarrow 8e^{2x}x^3 + 4e^{2x}x^4 - 12e^{2x}x - 12e^{2x}x^2$$

$$\rightarrow y'' = 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x$$

Filled out sign table

Working out is below

	1	2	3
x	0	$+\sqrt{3}$	$-\sqrt{3}$
y	0	$9e^{2\sqrt{3}} - 6\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}}$	$\frac{9+6\sqrt{3}}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}}$
$\approx (x, y)^*$	(0, 0)	(1.732, -44.481)	(-1.732)(0.607)
y''	0	$12\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}}$	$-\frac{12\sqrt{3}}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}}$
$\approx y''$	0, need sign test	644.02	-0.65
	+, 0, -, local max	> 0, local min	< 0, local max

Calculating 0

$$y'' = 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x$$

$$\rightarrow 4e^{2(0)}(0)^4 + 8e^{2(0)}(0)^3 - 12e^{2(0)}(0)^2 - 12e^{2(0)}(0)$$

$$\rightarrow 4 \times 0 + 8 \times 0 - 12 \times 0 - 12 \times 0$$

$$= 0$$

As $0 = 0$, the sign test has to be used.

Sign test calculations

	$x < 0$ at $x = -0.1$	$x = 0$	$x > 0$ at $x = 0.1$
Exact (=)	$-4e^{-2} = -\frac{4}{e^2}$	0	$-12e^2$
Approx (\approx)	0.8780	0	-1.6020
Results	+	0	-

The results are +, 0, -, that means the point must be a local maximum.

Calculating +0.1

$$y'' = 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x$$

$$\rightarrow 4e^{2(0.1)}(0.1)^4 + 8e^{2(0.1)}(0.1)^3 - 12e^{2(0.1)}(0.1)^2 - 12e^{2(0.1)}(0.1)$$

$$\rightarrow 4e^{0.2}(0.0001) + 8e^{0.2}(0.001) - 12e^{0.2}(0.01) - 12e^{0.2}(0.1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&\rightarrow \frac{4}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{8}{1000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{12}{100}e^{\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{12}{10}e^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
&\rightarrow \frac{4}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{80}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{1200}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{12000}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
&4 + 80 - 1200 - 12,000 = -13,116 \\
&\rightarrow -\frac{13116}{10000}e^{\frac{1}{5}} \\
&= \frac{-3279e^{\frac{1}{5}}}{2500} \\
&\approx -1.6020
\end{aligned}$$

Calculating -0.1

$$\begin{aligned}
y'' &= 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x \\
&\rightarrow 4e^{2(-0.1)}(-0.1)^4 + 8e^{2(-0.1)}(-0.1)^3 - 12e^{2(-0.1)}(-0.1)^2 - 12e^{2(-0.1)}(-0.1) \\
&\rightarrow 4e^{-0.2}(0.0001) + 8e^{-0.2}(-0.001) - 12e^{-0.2}(0.01) - 12e^{-0.2}(-0.1) \\
&\rightarrow \frac{4}{10000}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{8}{1000}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{12}{100}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{12}{10}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&\rightarrow \frac{4}{10000}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{80}{1000}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} - \frac{1200}{100}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{12000}{10}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&4 - 80 - 1200 + 12000 = 10724 \\
&\rightarrow \frac{10724}{10000}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&\rightarrow \frac{2681}{2500}e^{-\frac{1}{5}} \\
&\approx 0.8780
\end{aligned}$$

Calculating $\sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
y'' &= 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x \\
&\rightarrow 4e^{2\sqrt{3}}(\sqrt{3})^4 + 8e^{2(\sqrt{3})}(\sqrt{3})^3 - 12e^{2\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{3}^2 - 12e^{2\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{3} \\
&\rightarrow (9 \times 4e^{2\sqrt{3}}) + (3 \times 8e^{2(\sqrt{3})} \times \sqrt{3}) - (3 \times 12e^{2\sqrt{3}}) - (12e^{2\sqrt{3}}\sqrt{3}) \\
&\rightarrow (36e^{2\sqrt{3}}) + (24\sqrt{3}e^{2(\sqrt{3})}) - (36e^{2\sqrt{3}}) - (12\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}}) \\
&\rightarrow \cancel{(36e^{2\sqrt{3}})} + (24\sqrt{3}e^{2(\sqrt{3})}) - \cancel{(36e^{2\sqrt{3}})} - (12\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}}) \\
&\rightarrow 24\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}} - 12\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}} \\
&= 12\sqrt{3}e^{2\sqrt{3}} \\
&\approx 644.02 \\
&644.02 > 0 \text{ so it is a local minimum}
\end{aligned}$$

Calculating $-\sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
y'' &= 4e^{2x}x^4 + 8e^{2x}x^3 - 12e^{2x}x^2 - 12e^{2x}x \\
&\rightarrow (4e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^4) + (8e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^3) - (12e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^2) - (12e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})) \\
&(4e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^4) \\
&\rightarrow 4e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} \times 9 \\
&\rightarrow 36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} \\
&(8e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^3) \\
&\rightarrow (8e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^2 \times (-\sqrt{3})) \\
&\rightarrow 8 \times 3 = 24 \\
&\rightarrow -24\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} \\
&(12e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3})^2) \\
&\rightarrow (12e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} \times 3) \\
&\rightarrow (36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})})
\end{aligned}$$

$$\rightarrow \times -1$$

$$\rightarrow -36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$(12e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}(-\sqrt{3}))$$

$$\rightarrow -12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow \times -1$$

$$\rightarrow 12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} - 36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} - 24\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} + 12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow \cancel{36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} - 36e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}} - 24\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} + 12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow -24\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})} + 12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow -12\sqrt{3}e^{2(-\sqrt{3})}$$

$$\rightarrow -12\sqrt{3}e^{-2\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= -\frac{12\sqrt{3}}{e^{2\sqrt{3}}}$$

$$\approx -0.65$$

As $-0.65 < 0$, it is a local maximum