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Calculus.

Solution 1

We have, $P(x) = 4x^3 - 6x^2 - 24x + 5$

(i) Finding the critical points.

$$P'(x) = 12x^2 - 12x - 24$$

$$= 12(x^2 - x - 2).$$

for critical points.

$$P'(x) = 0$$

$$12(x^2 - x - 2) = 0$$

$$x^2 - x - 2 = 0$$

$$(x-2)(x+1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = 2, x = -1}$$

(ii) Checking for maxima, minima or point of inflection.

$$P''(x) = 12(2x - 1).$$

(a) For point of inflection.

$$P''(x) = 0$$

$$12(2x - 1) = 0.$$

$$2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\boxed{x = \frac{1}{2}}$$

Now checking for maxima and minima

(a) $x = 2$

$$P''(2) = 12(2 \cdot 2 - 1) = 12 \times 3 = 36 > 0$$

@ $x = 2$, the function attains a minima.

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= (4 \times 8) - (6 \times 4) - 24(2) + 5 \\ &= 32 - 24 - 48 + 5 \\ &= -35. \end{aligned}$$

also (a) $x = -1$

$$P''(-1) = 12(-2 - 1) = -36 < 0.$$

\therefore @ $x = -1$, the function attains a maxima.

$$\begin{aligned} P(-1) &= -4 - 6 + 24 + 5 \\ &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

(iii) A/c to the C.P, the function can be further divided into several intervals:-

$$(-\infty, -1), (-1, 1/2), (1/2, 2), (2, \infty)$$

Checking concavity & nature of function.

| Interval | $P'(x)$ | Nature of $P(x)$ | $P''(x)$ | Concavity |
|-----------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| $(-\infty, -1)$ | Let $x = -2$ $P'(-2) = 48 > 0$ | Increasing | $P''(-2) = -60 < 0$ | Concave down. |
| $(-1, 1/2)$ | $x = 0$ $P'(0) = -24 < 0$ | Dec. | $P''(0) = -12 < 0$ | Concave down |
| $(1/2, 2)$ | $x = 1$ $P'(1) = -24 < 0$ | Dec. | $P''(1) = 12 > 0$ | Concave up |
| $(2, \infty)$ | $x = 3$ $P'(3) = 48 > 0$ | Inc. | $P''(3) = 60 > 0$ | Concave up |

