

Calculus 1

Question: 1.

Given that $f(x) = \arcsin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$, find $f''\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$.

Question: 2.

Let $y = \arctan(2x)$. Find the value of a given that $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = ax\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Question: 3.

Let $f(x) = -mx^3 + 3x^2 - 1$, where $m \in \mathbb{R}^+$. The gradient of f will always be strictly decreasing for:

- A. $x \geq \frac{1}{m}$ B. $x \leq \frac{1}{m}$ C. $x \geq \frac{2}{m}$ D. $x \leq \frac{2}{m}$ E. $x \geq 0$

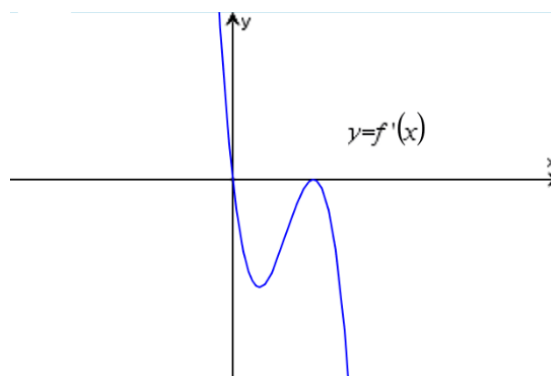
Question: 4.

The graph of the function f , where $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + x$ is concave up for:

- A. $x < 0$ and $x > 1$
B. $0 < x < 1$
C. $\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2} < x < 1$ and $x > \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}$
D. $x < \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $1 < x < \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}$
E. $x < \frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $x > \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Question: 5.

The graph of $y = f'(x)$ is shown. Which one of the following statements is true for the graph of $y = f(x)$?



- A. The graph has a local maximum at $x = 3$, a local minimum at $x = 1$, and a stationary point of inflection at $x = 0$
- B. The graph has a stationary point of inflection at $x = 3$ and a local maximum at $x = 0$
- C. The graph has a stationary point of inflection at $x = 3$ and a local minimum at $x = 0$
- D. The graph has a local maximum at $x = 0$, a stationary point of inflection at $x = 1$, and a stationary point of inflection at $x = 3$
- E. The graph has a local minimum at $x = 3$, a local maximum at $x = 0$, and a stationary point of inflection at $x = 1$

Question: 6.

- a. Find the stationary point of the graph of $f(x) = \frac{5+x^2+2x^3}{2x}$, $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$. Express your answer as coordinates.
- b. Find the point of inflection of the graph given in part a. Express your answer as coordinates, giving your answer correct to two decimal places.
- c. Sketch the graphs of $f(x) = \frac{5+x^2+2x^3}{2x}$ for $x \in [-3, 3]$ on the axes below, labelling the turning point and the point of inflection with their coordinates, correct to two decimal places.

Question: 7.

Find the point of inflection(s) for the function $f(x) = (x - 1)^4(x + 1)^3$. Express your answer as coordinates, giving your values correct to two decimal places.

Question: 8.

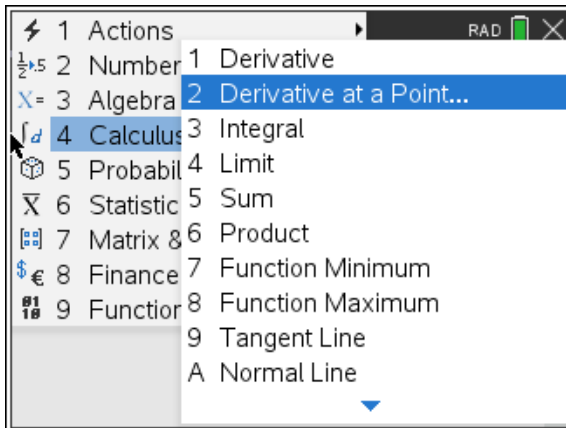
Let $g(x) = e^{-2x}f(x)$. There is a point of inflection on the graph of $y = g(x)$ at $(a, g(a))$. An expression for $f''(a)$ in terms of $f'(a)$ and $f(a)$ is:

- A. $f''(a) = f(a) + f'(a)$
- B. $f''(a) = 4f(a)f'(a)$
- C. $f''(a) = 4f(a) + 4f'(a)$
- D. $f''(a) = \frac{f'(a)}{f(a)}$
- E. $f''(a) = 4f'(a) - 4f(a)$

Answers

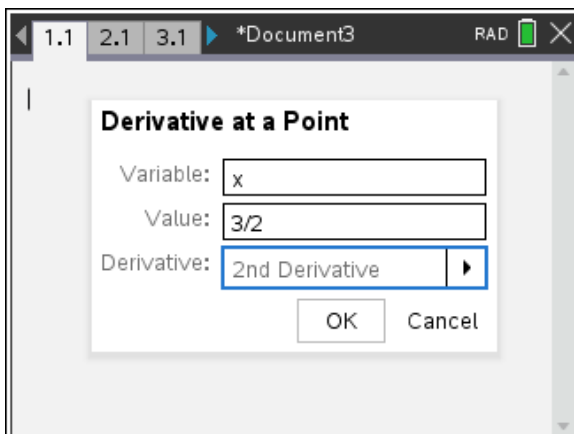
Question 1

$$\frac{d^2}{dx^2} \left(\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{2} \right) \right) \Big|_{x=\frac{3}{2}} = \frac{12 \cdot \sqrt{7}}{49}$$



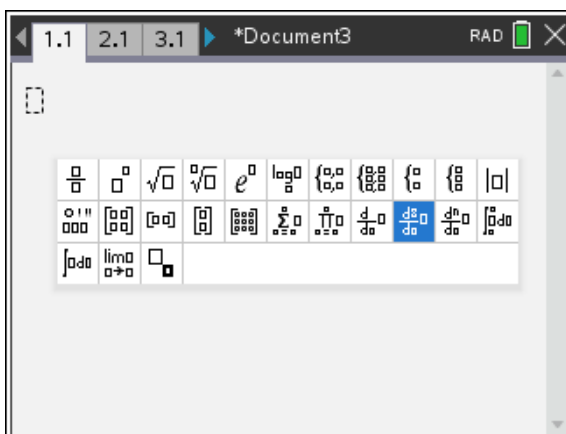
How to enter on CAS

- Menu
- Calculus
- Derivative at a point



In the 'Derivative at a point' submenu, you are able to select:


- What variable you are differentiating with respect to.
- What value you would like to substitute in.
- The order of the derivative you would like to take.



Alternatively, you can obtain the second derivative by pressing the template button

Question 2

TI-84 Plus calculator screen showing the function $f(x) := \tan^{-1}(2 \cdot x)$ and the solve command: $\text{solve}\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x)) = a \cdot x \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))\right)^2, a\right)$ with $a = -4$.

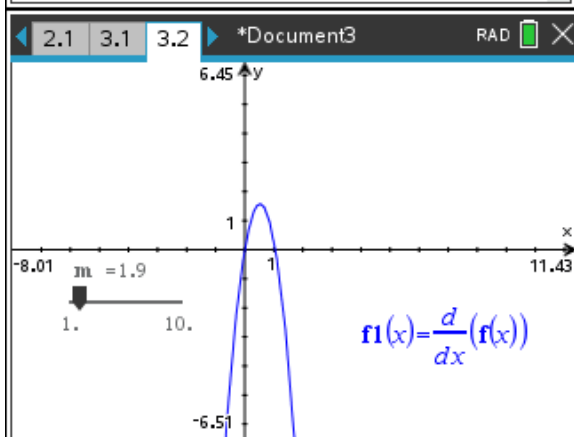
Note: You can obtain the second derivative by pressing the template button .

Question 3 Answer A

TI-84 Plus calculator screen showing the function $f(x) := -m \cdot x^3 + 3 \cdot x^2 - 1$ and the solve command: $\text{solve}\left(\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x)) \leq 0, x\right) | m > 0$ with the solution $x \geq \frac{1}{m}$ and $m > 0$.

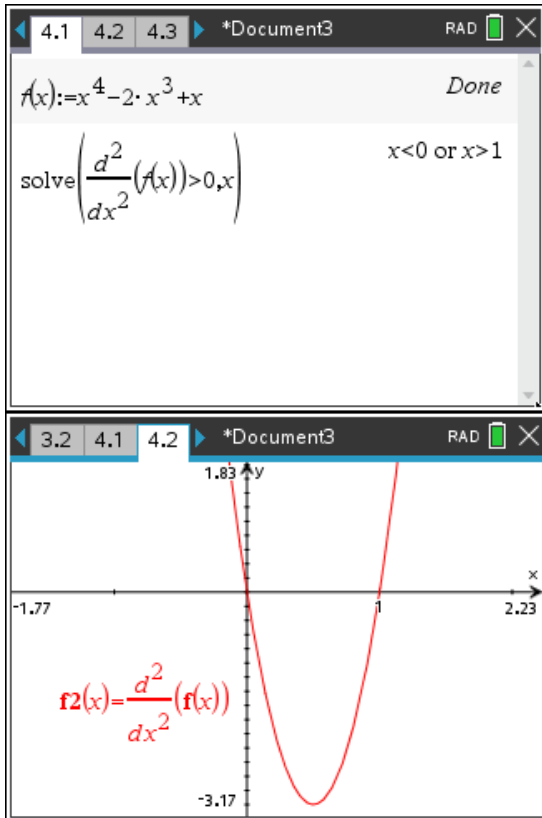
Note: The question asks for what values of m will the **gradient of f** will always be strictly decreasing.

For the gradient to be strictly decreasing we can solve $f''(x) \leq 0$. It is always a good habit to sketch the graph to see how the graph behaves and to help interpret the output you obtain when solving.



Note: When sketching the derivative, you may be asked for a slider, in this case the values of m

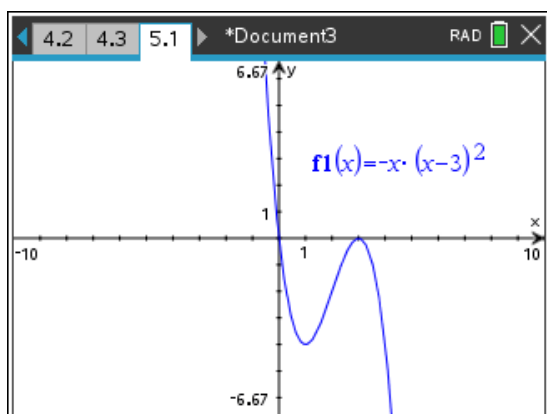
Question 4 **Answer A**



For a function to be concave up we require $f''(x) > 0$

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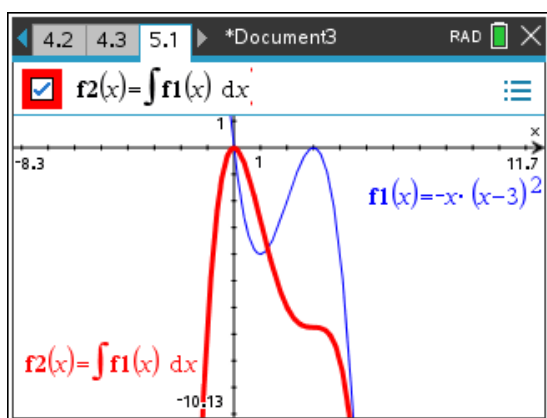
Question 5 Answer B



Note: When the equation to the graph is not provided one strategy is to use a curve that looks and behaves like the one given in the question.

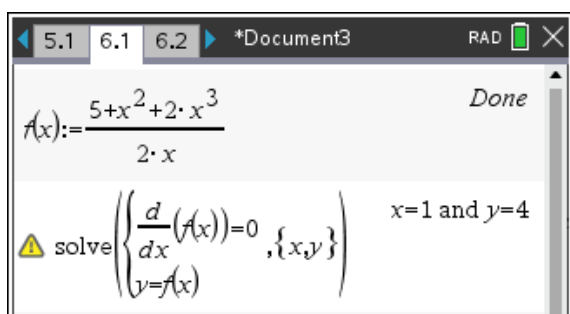
Note: To sketch the graph of $y = f(x)$ given $y = f'(x)$, on CAS you can sketch $y = \int f'(x) dx$, as shown below. $y = f(x)$

It may be helpful to sketch $y = f'(x)$ and $y = f(x)$ on the same set of axes to observe their features for the corresponding x values.



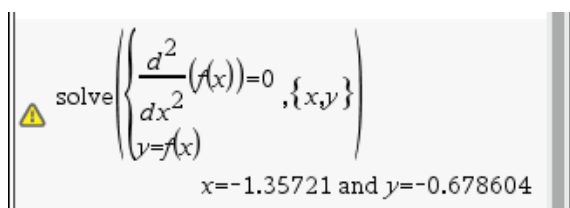
At $x = 0$, the graph of $y = f(x)$ has a local maximum stationary point. At $x = 3$, the graph of $y = f(x)$ has a stationary point of inflection.

Question 6



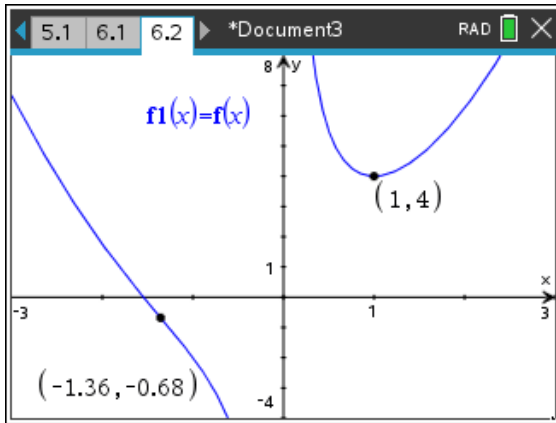
- a. To find the stationary points we need to solve $f'(x) = 0$.
The stationary point is (1, 4)

Note: A nice way to obtain 'coordinates' is to simultaneously solve for x and to also solve for $y = f(x)$, where $f(x)$ is your defined function. The CAS will output the corresponding x and y values.



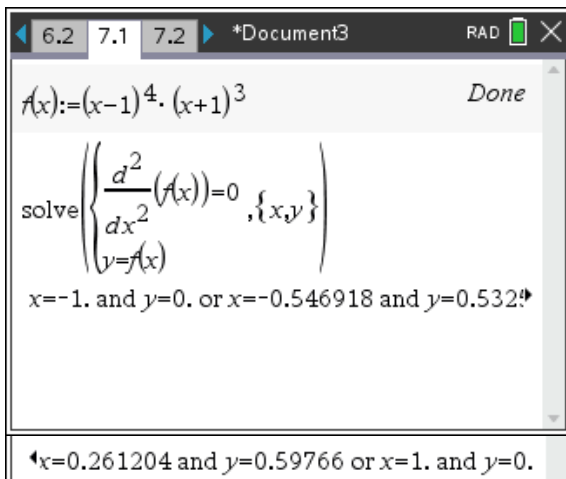
- b. To find the point of inflection we can solve $f''(x) = 0$.
The point of inflection is (-1.35, -0.68)

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- c. It is a good idea to change the widow settings on a graphs page to the given interval(s) in the question or the grid provided in the question.

Question 7

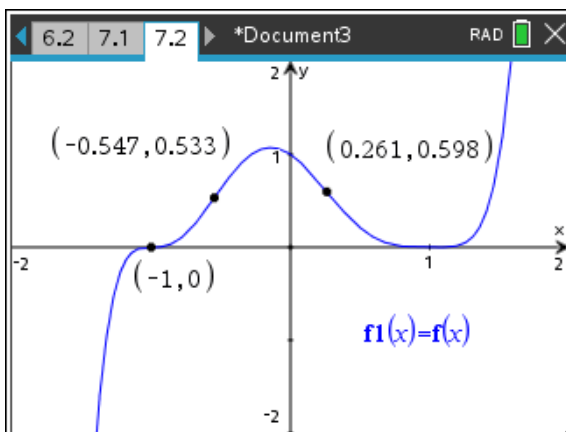


To find the point of inflection we can solve $f''(x) = 0$.

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Solving $f''(x) = 0$ is not always enough. From the output we obtain the points

- $(-1, 0)$
- $(-0.55, 0.53)$
- $(0.26, 0.60)$, and
- $(1, 0)$



However looking at the graph, and using 'Analyze graph – Inflection', we see that only three of the four outputs are points of inflection. $(1, 0)$ is a stationary point, not a point of inflection.

The point of inflections are $(-1, 0)$, $(-0.55, 0.53)$, and $(0.26, 0.60)$.

Question 8 Answer E

The calculator screen shows the following steps:

- Define $g(x) = e^{-2 \cdot x} \cdot f(x)$ Done
- $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(g(x))|_{x=a}$
- $\frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x)) \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a} - 4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a} + 4 \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a}$
- Define $y = \frac{d^2}{dx^2}(f(x))$ Done
- solve $\left(y \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a} - 4 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a} + 4 \cdot e^{-2 \cdot a} \right)$
- $y = 4 \cdot \left(\frac{d}{dx}(f(x)) - f(a) \right)$

Once defining $g(x)$ we can evaluate $g''(a)$ by using the 'derivative at a point' via the calculus menu.

- Menu
- Calculus
- Derivative at a point

The question asks for an expression for $f''(x)$. To make $f''(x)$ the subject, we can define $y = f''(x)$, as shown to the right.

Note: One way to efficiently obtain prior work/output is to press up \blacktriangle and once the desired work is highlighted, press $\boxed{\text{enter}}$ to bring it down to a new line.

We are told $g''(a)$ is a point of inflection, so $g''(a) = 0$.

Replacing $f''(x)$ with y in the equation $g''(a) = 0$ and solving for y we can make $f''(x)$ the subject.