

SAT PREP

Finding Inflection Points

For each problem, find the x-coordinates of all points of inflection.

1) $y = x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$

2) $y = \frac{x^2}{2x + 2}$

3) $y = x^4 - 3x^2$

4) $y = -x^5 + 2x^3 + 4$

5) $y = x^5 - 2x^3$

6) $y = -\frac{2x}{x + 3}$

7) $y = -x^4 + 3x^2 - 4$

8) $y = -\frac{9x^2 - 9}{x^3}$

9) $y = -\frac{x^3}{x^2 - 1}$

10) $y = -2\sin(x); [-\pi, \pi]$

11) $y = -(-3x + 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}$

12) $y = -(x + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}}$

13) $y = -(4x + 20)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

14) $y = x^3 + 9x^2 + 24x + 22$

15) $y = -\frac{1}{4}(x + 2)^{\frac{8}{3}} + 4(x + 2)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 2$

16) $y = \left(\frac{x - 3}{x + 1}\right)^2$

17) $y = 2x^2 + 4x + 4$

18) $y = -2\sec(2x); [-\pi, \pi]$

19) $y = \frac{1}{6}(x - 2)^{\frac{7}{3}} - \frac{14}{3}(x - 2)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1$

20) $y = -\sin(2x); [-\pi, \pi]$

Answers to Finding Inflection Points

- 1) Inflection point at: $x = \frac{2}{3}$ 2) No inflection points exist.
- 3) Inflection points at: $x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ 4) Inflection points at: $x = -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}$
- 5) Inflection points at: $x = -\frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}, 0, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{5}$ 6) No inflection points exist.
- 7) Inflection points at: $x = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ 8) Inflection points at: $x = -\sqrt{6}, \sqrt{6}$
- 9) Inflection point at: $x = 0$ 10) Inflection points at: $x = -\pi, 0, \pi$
- 11) No inflection points exist. 12) No inflection points exist. 13) Inflection point at: $x = -5$
- 14) Inflection point at: $x = -3$ 15) No inflection points exist. 16) Inflection point at: $x = 5$
- 17) No inflection points exist. 18) No inflection points exist. 19) Inflection point at: $x = 2$
- 20) Inflection points at: $x = -\pi, -\frac{\pi}{2}, 0, \frac{\pi}{2}, \pi$

