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Mathematics 9709

Paper 1 Pure Mathematics 1

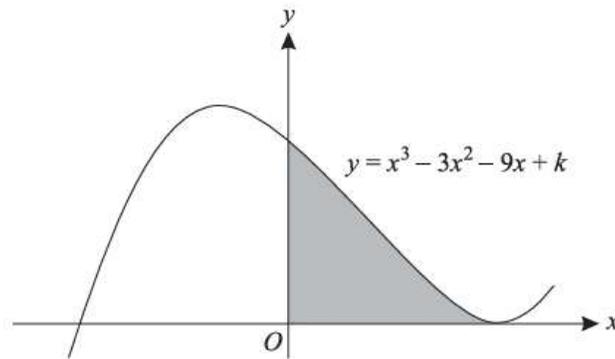
Topic 7-Differentiation

Question No (2)

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**Question No (2)**

The diagram shows the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + k$ , where  $k$  is a constant. The curve has a minimum point on the  $x$ -axis.

- (i) Find the value of  $k$ .
- (ii) Find the coordinates of the maximum point of the curve.
- (iii) State the set of values of  $x$  for which  $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + k$  is a decreasing function of  $x$ .
- (iv) Find the area of the shaded region.

**Solution**

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① Given equation of curve

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + k \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

Differentiate ① w.r.t  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^{3-1} - 3(2x^{2-1}) - 9(1) + 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x - 9$$

As for max or min put  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 6x - 9 = 0$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 = 0$$

By factorization

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

$$x(x-3) + 1(x-3) = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+1) = 0$$

$$x-3 = 0, \quad x+1 = 0$$

$$x = 3, \quad x = -1$$

By observing the diagram and values of  $x$ , we see that curve has minimum point at  $x=3$ ,  $\therefore$  minimum point of the curve is  $(3,0)$  as it lies on the  $x$ -axis.

As  $(3, 0)$  lie on curve, so equation (1) becomes

$$0 = (3)^3 - 3(3)^2 - 9(3) + k$$

$$0 = 27 - 27 - 27 + k$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 27 \quad \text{Ans}$$

(ii) Now we shall find out the coordinates of the max point.

From part (i) and diagram of the curve, we see that curve is maximum at  $x = -1$

put  $x = -1$  in equation (1)

$$y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + k$$

$$y = (-1)^3 - 3(-1)^2 - 9(-1) + 27 \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} k = 27 \\ \text{part (i)} \end{array} \right.$$

$$= -1 - 3 + 9 + 27$$

$$y = 32$$

$\therefore$  coordinates of maximum point are  $(-1, 32)$ .

(iii) As  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + k$  given  
differentiate w.r.t  $x$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 3(2x) - 9 + 0$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x - 9$$

For decreasing functions

$$\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 6x - 9 < 0$$

$$3(x^2 - 2x - 3) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 3 < 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + x - 3 < 0$$

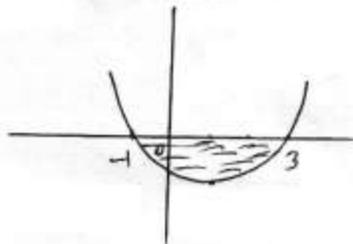
$$x(x-3) + 1(x-3) < 0$$

$$(x-3)(x+1) < 0$$

Critical values

$$x-3=0, \quad x+1=0$$

$$x=3, \quad x=-1$$



As  $(x-3)(x+1) < 0$   
we shall consider the  
values below the  
horizontal axis

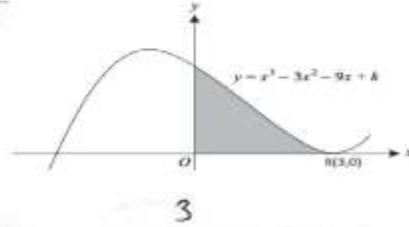
$\Rightarrow$  required set of values of  $x$   
are  $-1 < x < 3$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 3x^2 - 6x - 9$$

By factorization

As  $x^2 - 2x - 3 < 0$   
 $a = 1 > 0$   
so cup is up  
and it will  
have min value.

(iv) Now we shall find out the area of shaded region



$$\text{Area of shaded region} = \int_0^3 y \, dx$$

$$= \int_0^3 (x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 27) \, dx$$

$$= \left[ \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{3x^3}{3} - \frac{9x^2}{2} + 27x \right]_0^3$$

Formula

$$\int x \, dx$$

$$= \frac{x^{1+1}}{2}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{(3)^4}{4} - \frac{3(3)^3}{3} - \frac{9(3)^2}{2} + 27(3) \right] - \left[ \frac{(0)^4}{4} - \frac{3(0)^3}{3} - \frac{9(0)^2}{2} + 27(0) \right]$$

$$= \frac{81}{4} - 27 - \frac{81}{2} + 81$$

$$= \frac{81 - 108 - 162 + 324}{4}$$

$$= \frac{135}{4} \text{ square units}$$

