

# SECOND DERIVATIVES

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1.  $y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 6x - 7$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = ?$

2.  $y = 3x^2 + \frac{1}{x}$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = ?$

3.  $y = \frac{4 + x^2}{2x}$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = ?$

4.  $y = \frac{1}{2(3 - 4x)}$   
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = ?$

5.  $f(x) = \left(2 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^4$   
 $f''(8) = ?$

6.  $y = x^3 - 5x^2 + 3x - 7$   
Find the values of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  when  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$ .

7. Given that  $y = (2x - 1)^2$ , find the value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation  
 $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - 2y = 0$

8. Given that  $y = x^2(x - 3)$ , find the values of  $x$  which satisfy the equation  $x^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - \frac{dy}{dx} - 6y = 0$ .
9. Find the turning points of the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 5$ . Hence, determine whether each turning point is a maximum and minimum.
10. Find the  $x$ -coordinates of the turning points of the curve  $y = 2x + \frac{2}{x-1}$ . Hence, determine whether each turning point is a maximum or minimum.
11. The curve  $y = x^3 + px^2 + q$  passes through point  $(0, 5)$  and has a turning point at  $x = -1$ .
- Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .
  - Determine whether the turning point at  $x = -1$  is a maximum or minimum point.
  - Find the  $x$ -coordinate of another turning point of the curve and determine whether it is a maximum or minimum point.
12.  $f(x) = (4 + 3x)^9$   
 $f''(x) = ?$

## ANSWERS

1.  $6x - 10$
2.  $6 + \frac{2}{x^3}$
3.  $\frac{4}{x^3}$
4.  $\frac{16}{(3-4x)^2}$
5. 12
6. -8, 8
7.  $x = -3/2$
8.  $x = 0, -2/3$
9. (-1, 10) max  
(3, -22) min
10.  $x = 0$  max  
 $x = 2$  min
11. a)  $p = 3/2, q = 5$   
b) max point  
c)  $x = 0$  min point
12.  $648(4 + 3x)^7$

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