

12.7) Increasing and decreasing functions

Worked example

Show that the function

$f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 8x - 5$ is increasing for all real values of x .

Your turn

Show that the function

$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + 21x + 2$ is increasing for all real values of x .

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Worked example

Find the interval(s) on which the function $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 - 135x + 1$ is increasing.

Your turn

Find the interval(s) on which the function $f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 - 135x - 2$ is increasing.

$$x \leq -9 \text{ and } x \geq 5$$

Worked example

Show that the function $5 - x(4x^2 + 3)$ is decreasing for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

Your turn

Show that the function $3 + 4x(-x^2 - 5)$ is decreasing for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$

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Worked example

Find the interval on which the function
 $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x - 10$ is decreasing.

Your turn

Find the interval on which the function
 $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 9x + 5$ is decreasing.

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