

## Answer on Question #50547 – Math - Differential Calculus | Equations

sketch the curve  $x^3 - x^2 - 6x$

**Solution.**

$$y = x^3 - x^2 - 6x$$

1) **Domain:**  $-\infty < x < \infty$ .

2) **Range:**  $-\infty < y < \infty$ . Note that  $y \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

3) **Intercepts:**

*x - intercepts:*  $y = 0 \rightarrow x^3 - x^2 - 6x = 0 \rightarrow x(x^2 - x - 6) = 0 \rightarrow x(x - 3)(x + 2) = 0 \rightarrow x = 0, x = 3, x = -2$ , hence  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(-2, 0)$ ,  $(3, 0)$  are *x - intercepts*

*y - intercept:*  $x = 0 \rightarrow y(0) = 0^3 - 0^2 - 6 \cdot 0 = 0$ , hence

$(0, 0)$  is *y - intercept*.

4) **Symmetry:**  $y(x)$  is neither even nor odd function,

because  $y(-x) \neq -y(x)$ ,  $y(-x) \neq y(x)$

5) **Asymptotes:** there are no asymptotes.

6) **Local extrema:**  $y' = 0 \rightarrow 3x^2 - 2x - 6 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{1 - \sqrt{19}}{3}$ , or  $x = \frac{1 + \sqrt{19}}{3}$ .

$\left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{19}}{3}, \frac{38\sqrt{19} - 56}{27} \right)$  – local maximum;

$\left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{19}}{3}, \frac{-38\sqrt{19} - 56}{27} \right)$  – local minimum;

7) **Intervals of increase and decrease:**

increasing on  $\left( -\infty, \frac{1 - \sqrt{19}}{3} \right)$  and on  $\left( \frac{1 + \sqrt{19}}{3}, \infty \right)$ ;

*decreasing on  $\left(\frac{1-\sqrt{19}}{3}, \frac{1+\sqrt{19}}{3}\right)$ ;*

**8) Concavity and points of inflection:**

$$y''(x) = 0 \rightarrow 6x - 2 = 0 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{3};$$

**concave downward on  $\left(-\infty, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ , concave upward on  $\left(\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right)$ ;**

**point of inflection is  $\left(\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{19}{3}\right)$ .**

**Graph of  $y$  as function of  $x$  is shown below:**

