

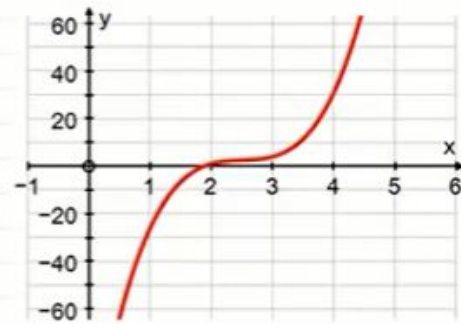
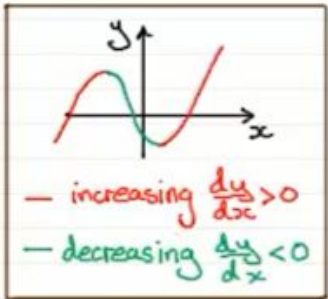


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It is given that $f(x) = (2x - 5)^3 + x$, for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Show that f is an increasing function. [3]



$$f(x) = (2x - 5)^3 + x$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3(2x - 5)^2(2) + 1$$

$$= 6(2x - 5)^2 + 1$$

$$\text{Since } (2x - 5)^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore f'(x) > 0 \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{dt} \times \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\text{let } t = 2x - 5 \Rightarrow y = t^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 3(2x - 5)^2(2)$$

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