

Demo on curve sketching.

> $f := x \rightarrow 5 \cdot x^5 - 20 \cdot x^4 + 19 \cdot x^3 + 4 \cdot x^2 - 4 \cdot x + 8$

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Find critical points and intervals of increase and decrease.

> $fp := x \rightarrow D(f)(x)$

$$fp := x \rightarrow (D(f))(x)$$

> $eval(fp(x))$

$$25 x^4 - 80 x^3 + 57 x^2 + 8 x - 4$$

> $fpp := x \rightarrow D(fp)(x)$

$$fpp := x \rightarrow (D(fp))(x)$$

> $eval(fpp(x))$

$$100 x^3 - 240 x^2 + 114 x + 8$$

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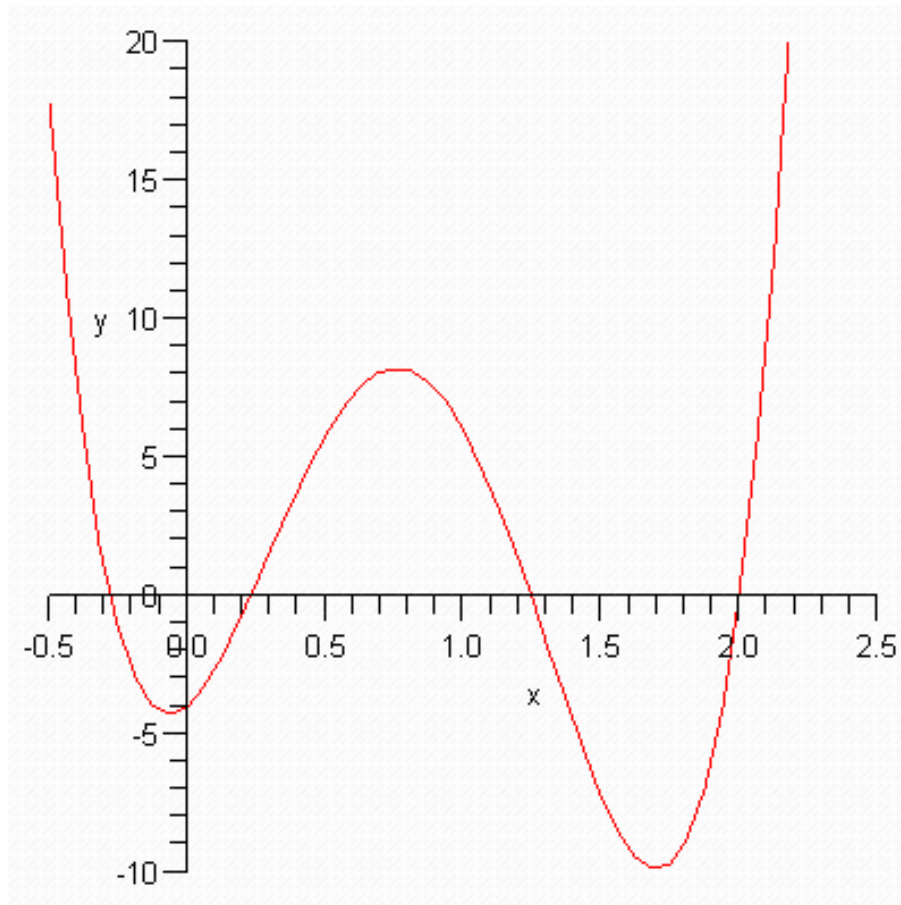
Find critical points.

> $help(fsolve)$

> $fsolve(fp(x))$

$$- .2768854695, 0.2321132512, 1.244772218, 2.$$

> $plot(fp(x), x = -.5 .. 2.5, y = -10 .. 20)$



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$f(x)$ increasing on: $(-\infty, -0.27) \cup (0.23, 1.2) \cup (2, \infty)$

$f(x)$ decreasing on: $(-0.27, 0.23) \cup (1.2, 2)$

local max at: $x = -0.27, x = 1.2$

local min at: $x = 0.23, x = 2$

Find concavity and possible inflection pts

> $fsolve(fpp(x))$

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0.06190066225

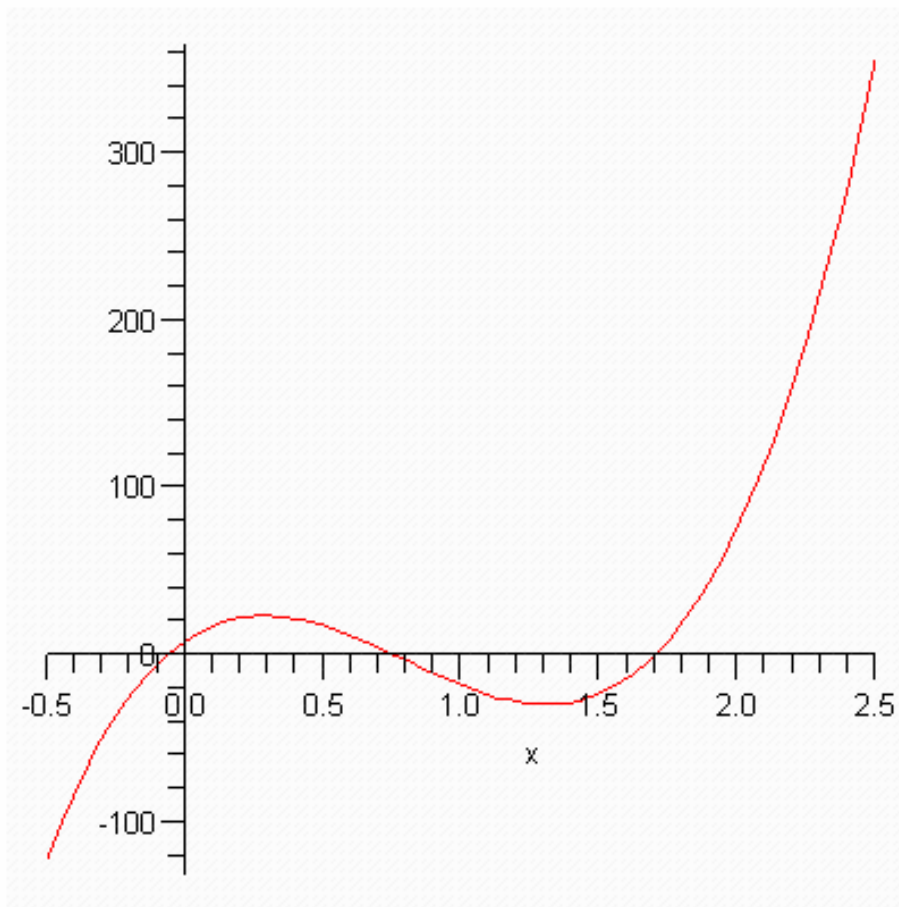
> $fsolve(fpp(x), x = 0.5 .. 1)$

0
.7588852548

> *fsolve*(*fpp*(*x*), *x* = 1.5 ..2)

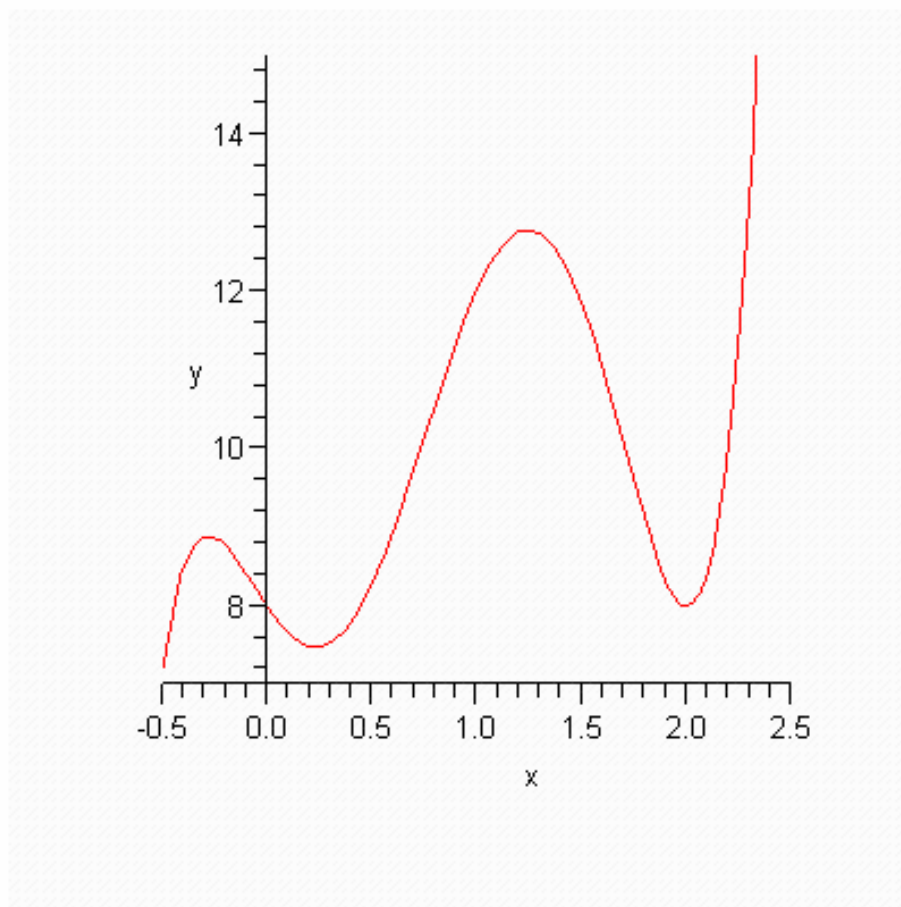
1
.703015407

> *plot*(*fpp*(*x*), *x* = −.5 ..2.5)

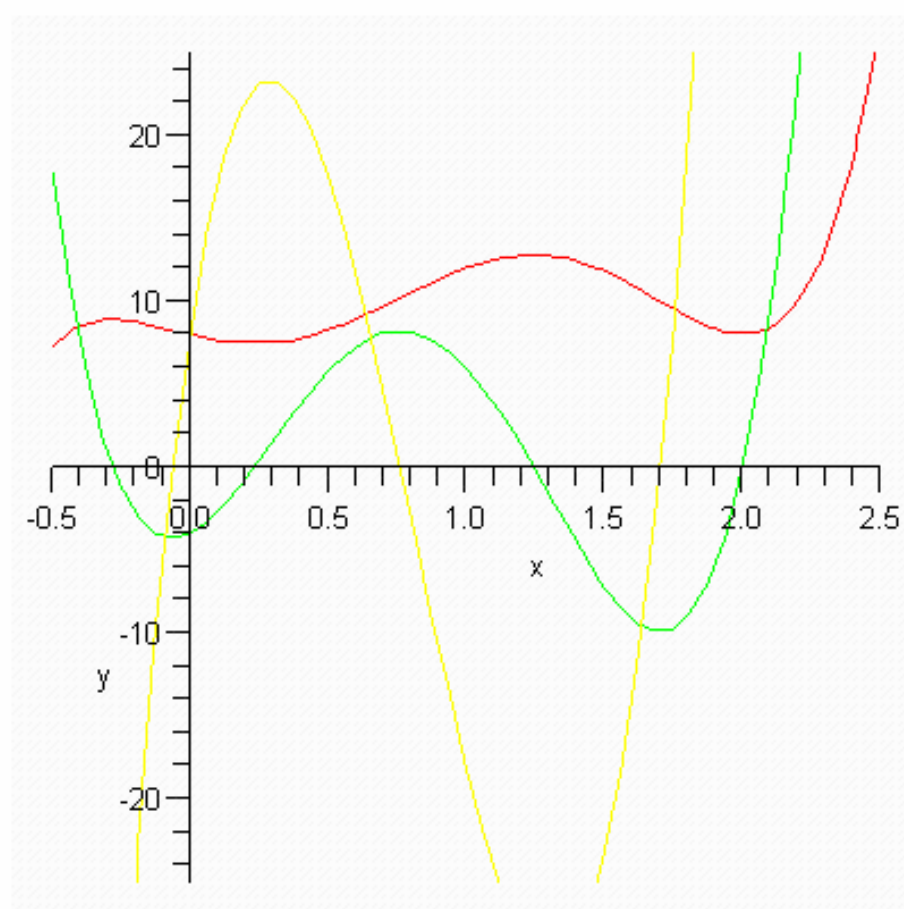


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> *plot*(*f*(*x*), *x* = −.5 ..2.5, *y* = 7 ..15)



> `plot([f(x), fp(x), fpp(x)], x = -0.5 .. 2.5, y = -25 .. 25)`



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