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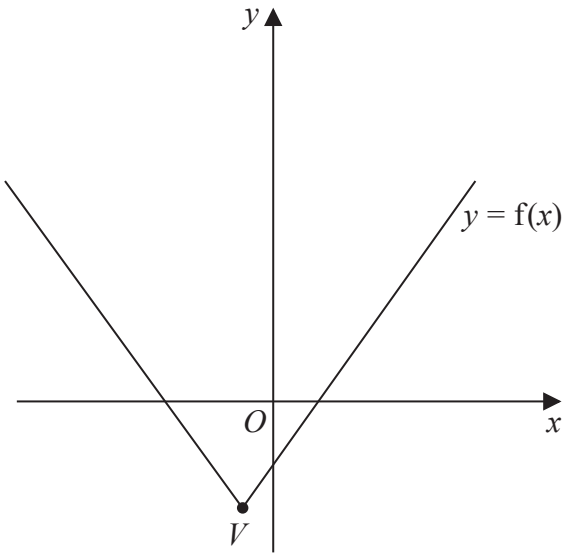


Figure 2

Figure 2 shows a sketch of part of the graph with equation $y = f(x)$, where

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}|2x + 7| - 10$$

(a) State the coordinates of the vertex, V, of the graph.

(2)

(b) Solve, using algebra,

$$\frac{1}{2}|2x + 7| - 10 \geqslant \frac{1}{3}x + 1$$

(4)

(c) Sketch the graph with equation

$$y = |f(x)|$$

stating the coordinates of the local maximum point and each local minimum point.

(4)

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8. A dose of antibiotics is given to a patient.

The amount of the antibiotic, x milligrams, in the patient's bloodstream t hours after the dose was given, is found to satisfy the equation

$$\log_{10} x = 2.74 - 0.079t$$

(a) Show that this equation can be written in the form

$$x = pq^{-t}$$

where p and q are constants to be found. Give the value of p to the nearest whole number and the value of q to 2 significant figures.

(4)

(b) With reference to the equation in part (a), interpret the value of the constant p.

(1)

When a different dose of the antibiotic is given to another patient, the values of x and t satisfy the equation

$$x = 400 \times 1.4^{-t}$$

(c) Use calculus to find, to 2 significant figures, the value of $\frac{dx}{dt}$ when $t = 5$

(3)

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