

PROBLEM

The length of a longest interval in which the function $3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x$ is increasing, is *(2002S)*

- (a) $\frac{\pi}{3}$ (b) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (c) $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ (d) π

SOLUTION

(a) $3 \sin x - 4 \sin^3 x = \sin 3x$ which increases for

$$3x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \Rightarrow x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}\right) \text{ whose length is } \frac{\pi}{3}.$$