

## ANSWERS

### LEVEL II

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| 1. (b)     | 2. (d)  | 3. (a)     | 4. (b)     | 5. (d)  |
| 6. (b)     | 7. (c)  | 8. (c)     | 9. (c)     | 10. (b) |
| 11. (c)    | 12. (c) | 13. (b)    | 14. (c)    | 15. (a) |
| 16. (b)    | 17. (b) | 18. (a)    | 19. (a, d) | 20. (c) |
| 21. (a, c) | 22. (a) | 23. (b, c) | 24. (a)    | 25. (c) |
| 26. (b)    | 27. (b) | 28. (b)    | 29. (a)    | 30. (d) |
| 31. (c)    | 32. (c) | 33. (c)    | 34. (b)    | 35. (c) |
| 36. (d)    | 37. (a) | 38. (b)    | 39. (b)    | 40. (d) |
| 41. (d)    |         |            |            |         |

### INTEGER TYPE QUESTIONS

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| 1. 1 | 2. 3 | 3. 2 | 4. 3 | 5. 3  |
| 6. 4 | 7. 6 | 8. 4 | 9. 3 | 10. 5 |

### COMPREHENSIVE LINK PASSAGES

- Passage I : 1. (a) 2. (b) 3. (c)  
 Passage II: 1. (c) 2. (d) 3. (c)

Passage III: 1. (c, d) 2. (a, c, d) 3. (b, c, d)

Passage IV: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c)

Passage V: 1. (c) 2. (a) 3. (b)

Passage VI: 1. (b) 2. (a) 3. (c)

Passage VII: 1. (c) 2. (b) 3. (c)

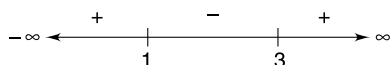
### MATRIX MATCH

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| 1. (A)→(P), (B)→(Q), (C)→(P), (D)→(Q)              |
| 2. (A)→(R), (B)→(Q), (C)→(Q), (D)→(P)              |
| 3. (A)→(R), (B)→(P), (C)→(Q), (D)→(S)              |
| 4. (A)→(R,T), (B)→(P), (C)→(Q), (D)→(S)            |
| 5. (A)→(Q), (B)→(P), (C)→(S), (D)→(R)              |
| 6. (A)→(Q), (B)→(P), (C)→(S), (D)→(T)              |
| 7. (A)→(R), (B)→(P), (C)→(S), (D)→(Q)              |
| 8. (A)→(R), (B)→(P), (C)→(S), (D)→(Q)              |
| 9. (A)→(R), (B)→(P), (C)→(Q), (D)→(S)              |
| 10. (A)→(Q), (B)→(T), (C)→(P, R), (D)→(P, Q, R, S) |

## HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

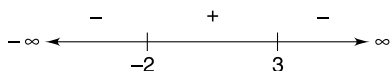
### Level I

1. Given  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 12x^2 + 18x + 5$   
 $= 6x^2 - 24x + 18$   
 $= 6(x^2 - 4x + 3)$   
 $= 6(x^2 - 4x + 3)$   
 $= 6(x - 1)(x - 3)$



By the sign scheme,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (3, \infty)$  and strictly decreases in  $(1, 3)$

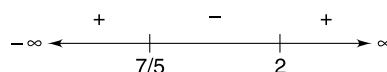
2. Given  $f(x) = 5 + 36x + 3x^2 - 2x^3$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 36 + 6x - 6x^2$   
 $= -6(x^2 - x - 6)$   
 $= -6(x - 3)(x + 2)$



By the sign scheme, we can say that,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-2, 3)$  and strictly decreases in  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$ .

3. Given  $f(x) = (x - 1)^3 (x - 2)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 3(x - 1)^2 (x - 2)^2 + 2(x - 1)^3 (x - 2) \\ &= (x - 1)^2 (x - 2) (3(x - 2) + 2(x - 1)) \\ &= (x - 1)^2 (x - 2) (5x - 7) \end{aligned}$$



By the sign scheme, we can say that,  $f(x)$  is strictly increase in  $(-\infty, \frac{7}{5}) \cup (2, \infty)$  and strictly decreases in  $(\frac{7}{5}, 2)$

4. Given  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 + 6x + 10$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 6x^2 - 6x + 6 \\ &= 6(x^2 - x + 2) > 0, \text{ for all } x \text{ in } R \end{aligned}$$

Thus, the function  $f(x)$  is strictly increases for all  $x$  in  $R$ .

5. Given  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 3x^2 + 12x + 20$

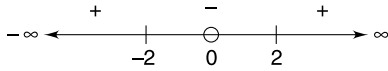
$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 6x^2 + 6x + 12 \\ &= 6(x^2 + x + 2) > 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } R \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-\infty, \infty)$

6. Given  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{2}{x}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2 - 4}{2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{2x^2}$$

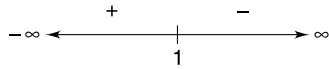


By the sign scheme, we can say that,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (2, \infty)$  and strictly decreases in  $(-2, 0) \cup (0, 2)$

7. Given  $f(x) = 5x^{3/2} - 3x^{5/2}, x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 15x^{1/2} - 15x^{3/2}$$

$$= 15\sqrt{x}(1-x) - 15\sqrt{x}(x-1)$$



By the sign scheme, we can say that,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(0, 1)$  and strictly decreases in  $(1, \infty)$

8. Given  $f(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{1+x^2})$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})} \left( 1 + \frac{1 \times 2x}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})} \left( 1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})} \left( \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 1} + x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-\infty, \infty)$

9. Given  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\log x}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{\log x - 1}{(\log x)^2}$$



By the sign scheme, we can say that,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(e, \infty)$  and strictly decreases in  $(0, e)$ .

10. Given  $f(x) = \cot^{-1} x - \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})} \times \frac{(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{1+x^2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $(-\infty, \infty)$

11. Given  $f(x) = -x^2 + mx + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -2x + m$$

Since  $f$  is strictly increasing, so  $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2x + m > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m > 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow m > 2, \quad \forall x \in [1, 2]$$

Hence, the least value of  $m$  is 2.

12. Given  $f(x) = \sin x - bx + c$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \cos x - b$$

Since  $f$  is strictly decreasing, so  $f' < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x - b < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b > \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow b > 1$$

Hence,  $b \in (1, \infty)$

13. Given  $f(x) = e^{2x} - (a+1)e^x + 2x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2e^{2x} - (a+1)e^x + 2$$

$$= 2(e^x)^2 - (a+1)e^x + 2$$

Since  $f$  is strictly increasing, so  $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2(e^x)^2 - (a+1)e^x + 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2e^x - (a+1)e^x + \frac{2}{e^x} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x}\right) - (a+1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+1) < 2\left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+1) < 2.2 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a < 3$$

Hence, the value of  $a$  is  $\in (-\infty, 3)$

14. Given  $f(x) = \left(\frac{a^2-1}{3}\right)x^3 + (a-1)x^2 + 2x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3\left(\frac{a^2-1}{3}\right)x^2 + 2(a-1)x + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = (a^2 - 1)x^2 + 2(a - 1)x + 2$$

Since  $f$  is strictly increasing, so  $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - 1)x^2 + 2(a - 1)x + 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 - 1) > 0 \text{ \& } 4(a - 1)^2 - 8(a^2 - 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 > 1 \text{ \& } (a - 1)^2 - 2(a^2 - 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 1)(a - 1) > 0 \text{ \& } (a + 3)(a - 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

and  $a \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$

Hence, the values of  $a$  are  $a \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (1, \infty)$

15. Given  $f(x) = (a + 2)x^3 - 3ax^2 + 9ax - 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3(a + 2)x^2 - 6ax + 9a$$

Since  $f$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x$  in  $R$ , so

$$f'(x) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(a + 2)x^2 - 6ax + 9a < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 2)x^2 - 2ax + 3a < 0$$

Thus,  $(a + 2) < 0$  and  $4a^2 - 12a(a + 2) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow a < -2 \text{ \& } a^2 - 3a(a + 2) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a < -2 \text{ \& } a(a + 3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in (-\infty, -2) \text{ \& } a \in (-\infty, -3) \cup (0, \infty)$$

Thus,  $a \in (-\infty, -3)$

16. Given  $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{x - 1}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(x - 1)e^x - e^x \cdot 1}{(x - 1)^2} = \frac{e^x(x - 2)}{(x - 1)^2}$$

Also,  $D_f = R - \{1\}$

Since  $x = 1$  is not an interior point in the domain of  $f$ , so,  $x = 1$  is not a critical point of  $f$ .

Thus, the critical point of  $f$  is  $x = 2$ .

17. Given  $f(x) = \frac{5x^2 - 18x + 45}{x^2 - 9}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(x^2 - 9)(10x - 18) - (5x^2 - 18x + 45) \cdot 2x}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{18(x^2 - 10 + 9)}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{18(x - 1)(x - 9)}{(x^2 - 9)^2}$$

Also,  $D_f = R - \{-3, 3\}$

Since  $x = -3, 3$  are not an interior point of the domain of  $f$ , so  $x = -3, 3$  are not the critical point of  $f$ .

Thus, the critical points of  $f$  are  $x = 1$  and  $9$ .

18. Given  $f(x) = x^{4/5}(x - 4)^2$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x^{4/5}(x - 4) + \frac{4}{5x^{1/5}}(x - 4)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{10x(x - 4) + 4(x - 4)^2}{5x^{1/5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(x - 4)(10x + 4x - 16)}{5x^{1/5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{2(x - 4)(7x - 8)}{5x^{1/5}}$$

Also,  $D_f = R$

Thus, the critical points of  $f$  are  $x = 0, \frac{8}{7}, 4$

19. Given  $f(x) = x + \cos^{-1}x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1 - 1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}}$$

Now,  $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - x^2}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0.$$

Also,  $D_f = [-1, 1]$

Thus, the critical points of ' $f$ ' is  $x = 0$ .

20. Given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 15}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 15}} \times (2x - 6)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 15}} \times 2(x - 3)$$

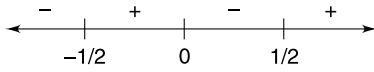
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(x - 3)}{\sqrt{x^2 - 6x + 15}}$$

Also  $D_f = R$

Thus, the critical points of  $f$  is  $x = 3$ .

21. Given  $f(x) = 2x^2 - \ln|x|$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 4x - \frac{1}{x} = \frac{4x^2 - 1}{x} \\ &= \frac{(2x - 1)(2x + 1)}{x} \end{aligned}$$

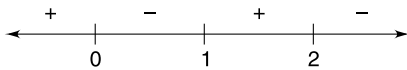


By the sign scheme for  $f'(x)$ , we have,  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $\left[-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left[\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$  and decreasing in  $\left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}\right] \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right]$ .

22. Given  $f(x) = |x - 1|/x^2$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-1}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} & : x \geq 1 \\ \frac{1-x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} & : x < 1 \end{cases}$$

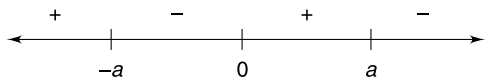
$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3} = \frac{2-x}{x^3} & : x \geq 1 \\ -\frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{x-2}{x^3} & : x < 1 \end{cases}$$



By the sign scheme for the function  $f'(x)$ , we have  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $(-\infty, 0) \cup [1, 2]$  and decreases in  $(0, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$ .

23. Given  $f(x) = x^2 e^{-x^2/a^2}$ ,  $a > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow f'(x) &= 2x e^{-x^2/a^2} + x^2 \cdot e^{-x^2/a^2} \times \left(-\frac{2x}{a^2}\right) \\ &= 2x e^{-x^2/a^2} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{a^2}\right) \\ &= -2x e^{-x^2/a^2} \left(\frac{(x-a)(x+a)}{a^2}\right) \\ &= \left(-\frac{2}{a^2}\right) e^{-x^2/a^2} \times x(x-a)(x+a) \end{aligned}$$



Now, by the sign scheme for the function  $f'(x)$ , we have  $f(x)$  is increases in  $(-\infty, -a] \cup [0, a]$

24. Given  $x^3 = 3x + 1$

Let  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x - 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 3 = 3(x^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3(x^2 - 1) < 0, \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

Thus  $f(x)$  is strictly decreases in  $(-1, 1)$

Now,  $f(-1) = -1 + 3 - 1 = 1 > 0$

and  $f(1) = 1 - 3 - 1 = -2 < 0$

Thus, the curve  $y = f(x) = x^3 - 3x - 1$  will cut the  $x$ -axis exactly one point in  $(-1, 1)$

25. Let  $f(x) = e^x - 1 - x - \frac{x^2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = e^x - 1 - x < 0, \forall x \in (-1, 1)$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly decreases in  $(-1, 1)$

Now,  $f(-1) = \frac{1}{e} - 1 + 1 - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{2} < 0$

and  $f(1) = e - 1 - 1 - \frac{1}{2} = e - \frac{5}{2} > 0$

Thus, the equation  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2}$  has a real root in  $(-1, 1)$

26. As we know that  $\tan^{-1}x$  &  $e^x$ , both are strictly increasing for all  $x$  in  $R$ .

Therefore  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(e^x)$  is strictly increasing for all  $x$  in  $R$ .

27. As we know that  $\tan^{-1}x$  is strictly increasing for all  $x$  in  $R$  and  $(\log_{1/3}x)$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x \in R^+$ .

Therefore,  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(\log_{1/3}x)$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x \in R$ .

28. As we know that  $\cot^{-1}x$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x$  in  $R$  and  $(\log_4x)$  is increasing for all  $x \in R^+$ .

Therefore,  $f(x) = \cot^{-1}(\log_4x)$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x \in R^+$ .

29. As we know that  $(\log_{1/10}x)$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x \in R^+$  and  $(\cot^{-1}x)$  is strictly decreasing for all  $x$ .

Thus  $f(x) = \cot^{-1}(\log_{1/10}x)$  is strictly increasing for all  $x > 0$ .

30. Let  $f(x) = 3x - x^2$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$

Now,  $f'(x) = 3 - 2x$

By the sign scheme,  $f$  is strictly inc. in  $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}\right)$  and strictly decreasing in  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$ .

Also,  $g$  is strictly increasing in  $[0, \infty)$ .

Now,  $D_f = [0, 3]$

Thus, the function  $y = \sqrt{3x - x^2}$  is strictly increasing in  $\left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right)$  and strictly decreasing in  $\left(\frac{3}{2}, 2\right)$ .

31. Let  $g(x) = \tan^{-1}$  and  $h(x) = (\sin x + \cos x)$

Now,  $h'(x) = (\cos x - \sin x)$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

$h(x)$  is strictly increasing if  $h'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < \frac{\pi}{2} \quad \& \quad \frac{3\pi}{2} < \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < 2\pi$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{5\pi}{4} < x < \frac{7\pi}{4}$$

Thus, the given function  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $\left( \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right) \cup \left( \frac{5\pi}{4}, \frac{7\pi}{4} \right)$  and strictly decreasing in  $\left( 0, \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$

$$\cup \left( \frac{3\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4} \right) \cup \left( \frac{7\pi}{4}, 2\pi \right).$$

32. Let  $g(x) = \frac{\log x}{x}$  and  $h(x) = \log x$

Now,  $g'(x) = \frac{1 - \log x}{x^2}$

By the sign scheme,  $g(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $(0, e)$  and strictly decreasing in  $(e, \infty)$

Also,  $h(x)$  is strictly increasing for all  $x > 0$ .

Also,  $D_f = (1, \infty)$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $(1, e)$  and strictly decreasing in  $(e, \infty)$

33. Let  $g(x) = \sin x + \cos x$  and  $h(x) = \log x$

Since  $h(x)$  is an increasing function,  $f(x)$  will be decreases if  $g(x)$  decreases.

Now,  $g'(x) = \cos x - \sin x$

$$= \sqrt{2} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cos x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \sin x \right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2} \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

Since  $g(x)$  decreases, so  $g'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{2} < \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < 2n\pi + \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} < x < 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} < \log x < 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\left( 2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)} < x < e^{\left( 2n\pi + \frac{5\pi}{4} \right)}$$

34. Let  $g(x) = \log_e x$  and  $h(x) = \cos x$

Here,  $g(x)$  is strictly increases for all  $x > 0$

Also,  $h(x)$  is strictly decreases in  $(0, \pi)$

Again, for the domain of the function,  $\cos x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left( 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

Therefore, the function  $f(x)$  is strictly decreases in  $\left( 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$ .

35. Let  $g(x) = \sin x + \cos x$  and  $h(x) = \sin x$

Now,  $g'(x) = \cos x - \sin x$

$$= \sqrt{2} \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right)$$

When  $g'(x) > 0$ ,  $\sqrt{2} \cos \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} < \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{3\pi}{4} < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

When  $g'(x) < 0$ ,  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \left( x + \frac{\pi}{4} \right) < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4} < x < \frac{5\pi}{4}$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increases in  $\left( 0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$  and strictly decreasing in  $\left( \frac{\pi}{4}, \pi \right)$ .

36. Let  $f(x) = \log(1+x) - x + \frac{x^2}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} - 1 + x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} - (1-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1 - 1 + x^2}{1+x} = \frac{x^2}{x+1} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $(0, \infty)$

Thus  $f(x) > f(0)$

$$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) - x + \frac{x^2}{2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) > x - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Hence, the result.

37. Consider  $f(x) = \log(1+x) - \frac{x}{x+1}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{x+1-1}{(x+1)^2} = \frac{x}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x > 0$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing

$$\Rightarrow f(x) > f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) - \frac{x}{x+1} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(1+x) > \frac{x}{x+1} \text{ for all } x > 0$$

Hence, the result.

38. Let  $f(x) = (1+x)\log(1+x) - e^x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{(1+x)}{(1+x)} + \log(1+x) \cdot 1 - e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 + \log(1+x) - e^x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \text{ for all } x < 0$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly decreasing function

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) < f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+x)\log(1+x) - e^x + 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+x)\log(1+x) < e^x - 1$$

Hence, the result.

39. We have  $f(x) = 2x \tan^{-1} x - \log(1+x^2)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} x + \frac{2x}{1+x^2} - \frac{2x}{1+x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2 \tan^{-1} x > 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } R^+$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $R^+$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) > f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \tan^{-1} x - \log(1+x^2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \tan^{-1} x > \log(1+x^2)$$

Hence, the result.

40. Let  $f(x) = 1 + x \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) - \sqrt{1+x^2}$

$$f'(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) + \left( \frac{x}{x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right)$$

$$\left( 1 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 1}} \right) - \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) + \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$- \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x^2}}$$

$$f'(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1})$$

$$f'(x) = \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \geq 0, \forall x \geq 0$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is increasing in  $[0, \infty)$

$$f(x) \geq f(0)$$

$$1 + x \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) - \sqrt{x^2 + 1} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + x \log(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}) \geq \sqrt{x^2 + 1}$$

Hence, the result.

41. Let  $f(x) = x - \sin x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 1 - \cos x > 0, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is strictly increasing in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) > f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \sin x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x < \cos(\sin x) \quad \dots(i)$$

Also, for all  $x$  in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ ,  $0 < \cos x < 1$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x > \sin(\cos x) \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get,

$$\sin(\cos x) < \cos x < \cos(\sin x)$$

42. Given  $f(x) = \log x - Bx^2$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} - 2Bx = \frac{1 - 2Bx^2}{x}$$

The critical points of 'f' are

$$x = 0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}$$

Now,  $f'(x) > 0, \forall x \in \left(0, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}\right)$

and  $f'(x) < 0, \forall x \in \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}, \infty\right)$

Now,  $\log x < Bx^2$  for  $x > 0$

It holds good for  $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}$

Thus  $\log\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2B}}\right) < B, \frac{1}{2B} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow -\log(\sqrt{2B}) < \frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \log(\sqrt{2B}) < -\frac{1}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \sqrt{2B} < e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

$\Rightarrow 2B < e^{-1}$

$\Rightarrow B > \frac{1}{2e}$

Thus, the least value of  $B$  is  $\frac{1}{2e}$

43. Let  $f(x) = ax^2 + \frac{b}{x} - c$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2ax - \frac{b}{x^2}$

Now,  $f'(x) = 0$  gives  $2ax - \frac{b}{x^2} = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2ax^3 = b$

$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^{1/3}$

Thus, the least value of  $f(x)$  occurs at  $x = \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^{1/3}$

we have  $a\left\{\frac{b}{2a}\right\}^{2/3} + \frac{b}{\left\{\frac{b}{2a}\right\}^{1/3}} \geq c$

$\Rightarrow a\left(\frac{b}{2a}\right) + b \geq c \cdot \left(\frac{b}{2a}\right)^{1/3}$

$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{3b}{2}\right)^3 \geq \frac{b}{2a} \cdot c^2$

$\Rightarrow \frac{27b^3}{8} \geq \frac{b}{2a} \cdot c^2$

$\Rightarrow 27b^2a \geq 4c^3$

$\Rightarrow 27ab^2 \geq 4c^3$

Hence, the result.

44. We have  $f(x) = x^5 + 5x - 6$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 5x^4 + 5$

$\Rightarrow f''(x) = 20x^3$

$\Rightarrow f'''(x) = 60x^2$  is exists for all  $x$

Now,  $f''(x) = 0$  gives  $x = 0$

By the sign scheme for  $f''(x) = 0$ , we have,  $f(x)$  is concave down in  $(-\infty, 0)$  and concave up in  $(0, \infty)$ .

45. We have  $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^3 - 15x^2 + 30$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 4x^3 - 15x^2 - 30x$

$\Rightarrow f''(x) = 12x^2 - 30x - 30$

Now,  $f''(x) = 0$  gives  $12x^2 - 30x - 30 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 6x^2 - 15x - 15 = 0$

$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 5x - 5 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 40}}{4}$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5 \pm 8}{4} = \frac{13}{4}, -\frac{3}{4}$

By the sign scheme for the function  $f''(x)$ , the function  $f(x)$  is concave down in  $\left(-\frac{3}{4}, \frac{13}{4}\right)$  and concave up in  $\left(-\infty, -\frac{3}{4}\right) \cup \left(\frac{13}{4}, \infty\right)$

46. We have  $f(x) = (\sin x + \cos x)e^x$

$f'(x) = (\sin x + \cos x)e^x + e^x(\cos x - \sin x)$

$f'(x) = e^x(\sin x + \cos x + \cos x - \sin x)$

$f'(x) = 2e^x \cos x$

$f''(x) = 2(e^x \cos x - e^x \sin x)$

$f''(x) = 2e^x(\cos x - \sin x)$

Now,  $f''(x) = 0$  gives  $2e^x(\cos x - \sin x) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \tan x = 1$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}$

By the sign scheme for the function  $f''(x) = 0$ , we have  $f(x)$  is concave down in  $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{4}\right)$  and concave up in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{4}\right) \cup \left(\frac{5\pi}{4}, 2\pi\right)$

47. Given curve is  $y = f(x) = Ax^2 + Bx + C$

$f'(x) = 2Ax + B$

$f''(x) = 2A$

Thus, the curve concave up if  $f''(x) > 0$  and concave down if  $f''(x) < 0$  i.e. concave up if  $A > 0$  and concave down if  $A < 0$ .

48. We have  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x^3 + x - 10$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow f''(x) = 12x^2 - 24x = 12x(x - 2)$   
 Now,  $f''(x) = 0$  gives  $x = 0$  and  $x = 2$ .  
 when  $x = 0$ ,  $y = -10$   
 when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = -24$   
 Thus, the point of inflection are  $(0, -10)$  and  $(2, -24)$

49. We have  $y = f(x) = (x - 2)^{2/3} + 10$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{2}{3}(x - 2)^{-1/3} = \frac{2}{3(x - 2)^{1/3}}$   
 $\Rightarrow f''(x) = \frac{2}{9(x - 2)^{4/3}}$

Thus,  $f''(x)$  does not exist at  $x = 2$ .

when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 0 + 10 = 10$

Thus, the inflection point is  $(2, 10)$

50. We have  $f(x) = x^4 - 6x^3 + 12x^2 - 8x + 3$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 4x^3 - 18x^2 + 24x - 8$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow f''(x) &= 12x^2 - 36x + 24 \\ &= 12(x^2 - 3x + 2) \\ &= 12(x - 1)(x - 2)\end{aligned}$$

Now,  $f''(x) = 0$  gives  $x = 1, 2$

when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 2$

when  $x = 2$ ,  $y = 3$

Thus, the point of inflection are  $(1, 2)$  and  $(2, 3)$ .

51. Given  $y = f(x) = x^2 - \frac{1}{6x^3}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x + \frac{1}{2x^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = 2 - \frac{2}{x^5}$$

$$\text{Now, } f''(x) = 0 \text{ gives } 2 - \frac{2}{x^5} = 0$$

Thus,  $x = 1$

when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = \frac{5}{6}$

Thus, the point of inflection is  $\left(1, \frac{5}{6}\right)$ .

52. We have  $y = f(x) = e^{-x^2}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-x^2} \times -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = -2e^{-x^2} \times x$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = -2(e^{-x^2} \cdot 1 + x \cdot e^{-x^2} \cdot (-2x))$$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = 2e^{-x^2}(2x^2 - 1)$$

$$\text{Now, } f''(x) = 0 \text{ gives } 2e^{-x^2}(2x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{when } x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$$

$$\text{when } x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, y = e^{-\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$$

Thus, the point of inflection are

$$\left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right) \& \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}\right)$$

### Level III

1. Given  $f(x) = 4x - \tan 2x$

$$f'(x) = 4 - 2\sec^2 x$$

$$\text{Now, } f'(x) > 0 \text{ gives } 4 - 2\sec^2 x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2 x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sec x + \sqrt{2})(\sec x - \sqrt{2}) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -\sqrt{2} < \sec x < \sqrt{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{4} < 2x < \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{8} < x < \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Thus, the length of the longest interval

$$= \left(\frac{\pi}{8} - \left(-\frac{\pi}{8}\right)\right) = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

2. We have  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 2\cos x = 0$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 + 5x + 2\cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 5 - 2\sin x$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = 3x^2 + 4x + 5 \text{ and } h(x) = 2\sin x$$

Max value of  $g(x)$  is  $-\frac{16-60}{6} = \frac{44}{6} = \frac{22}{3}$  and max value of  $h(x)$  is 2.

$$\text{Thus, } f'(x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is strictly increasing function}$$

$$\text{Also, } f(0) = 2 > 0 \text{ and } f(2\pi) > 0$$

Therefore  $f(x)$  has no real root.