

NCERT Exemplar Solutions

Class 12 – Mathematics

Chapter 5 – Continuity and Differentiability

Objective Type Questions

Question 83: If $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + 1$, then which of the following can be a discontinuous function?

(a) $f(x) + g(x)$

(b) $f(x) - g(x)$

(c) $f(x) \cdot g(x)$

(d) $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$

Solution: (d)

We know that, if f and g be continuous functions, then

(a) $f + g$ is continuous

(b) $f - g$ is continuous.

(c) fg is continuous

(d) $\frac{f}{g}$ is continuous at these points, where $g(x) \neq 0$.

Now, we have $f(x) = 2x$ and $g(x) = \frac{x^2}{2} + 1$

$$\therefore \frac{g(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\frac{x^2}{2} + 1}{2x} = \frac{x^2 + 2}{4x}$$

Now, $f(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Therefore, $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$.

Question 84: The function $f(x) = \frac{4-x^2}{4x-x^3}$ is

- (a) discontinuous at only one point
- (b) discontinuous at exactly two points
- (c) discontinuous at exactly three points
- (d) None of the above.

Solution: (c)

$$\text{Consider, } f(x) = \frac{4-x^2}{4x-x^3} = \frac{(4-x^2)}{x(4-x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{(4-x^2)}{x(2^2-x^2)}$$

$$= \frac{(4-x^2)}{x(2+x)(2-x)}$$

$$\text{Now, } x(2+x)(2-x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, -2 \text{ and } 2$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is discontinuous at exactly three points $x = 0$, $x = -2$ and $x = 2$.

Question 85: The set of points where the function f given by $f(x) = |2x - 1| \sin x$ is differentiable is

- (a) \mathbb{R}
- (b) $\mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}$
- (c) $(0, \infty)$
- (d) None of these

Solution: (c)

$$\text{Consider, } f(x) = |2x-1| \sin x$$

$$\text{Now, } 2x-1 = 0$$

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

At $x = \frac{1}{2}$, $f(x)$ is not differentiable.

Hence, $f(x)$ is differentiable in $R - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

$$\text{Now, RHL } f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^+} \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{h}.$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left|2\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right) - 1\right| \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} + h\right) - 0}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|2h| \sin\left(\frac{1+2h}{2}\right)}{h} = 2 \cdot \sin \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{and LHL} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}^-} \frac{f\left(\frac{1}{2} - h\right) - f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)}{-h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left|2\left(\frac{1}{2} - h\right) - 1\right| \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} - h\right) - 0}{-h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|0 - 2h| \sin\left(\frac{1}{2} - h\right)}{-h} = -2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\therefore Rf\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \neq Lf\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable at $R - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

Question 86: The function $f(x) = \cot x$ is discontinuous on the set

(a) $\{x = n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(b) $\{x = 2n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

(c) $\left\{x = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}; n \in \mathbb{Z}\right\}$

$$(d) \quad \left\{ x = \frac{n\pi}{2}; n \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$$

Solution: (a)

$$\text{Consider, } f(x) = \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

We know that, $\sin x = 0$ at $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Hence, $f(x) = \cot x$ is discontinuous on the set $\{x = n\pi : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$.

Question 87: The function $f(x) = e^{|x|}$ is

- (a) continuous everywhere but not differentiable at $x = 0$
- (b) continuous and differentiable everywhere
- (c) not continuous at $x = 0$
- (d) None of the above

Solution: (a)

$$\text{Let } u(x) = |x| \text{ and } v(x) = e^x$$

$$\therefore f(x) = v \circ u(x) = v[u(x)]$$

Since, $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ both are continuous functions.

So, $f(x)$ is also continuous function but $u(x) = |x|$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$, whereas $v(x) = e^x$ is differentiable at everywhere.

Hence, $f(x)$ is continuous everywhere but not differentiable at $x = 0$.

Question 88: If $f(x) = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}$, where $x \neq 0$, then the value of the function f at $x = 0$, so that the function is continuous at $x = 0$, is

- (a) 0
- (b) -1
- (c) 1

(d) None of these

Solution: (a)

The value of the function f at $x = 0$, so that it is continuous at $x = 0$ is 0.

Question 89: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx+1, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin x + n, & \text{if } x > \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then

(a) $m = 1, n = 0$

(b) $m = \frac{n\pi}{2} + 1$

(c) $n = \frac{m\pi}{2}$

(d) $m = n = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Solution: (c)

We are given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx+1, & \text{if } x \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ \sin x + n, & \text{if } x > \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

Since, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Therefore, LHL = RHL

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} (mx+1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} (\sin x + n)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[m \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h \right) + 1 \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\sin \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h \right) + n \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m\pi}{2} + 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos h + n$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m\pi}{2} + 1 = 1 + n$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{m\pi}{2}$$

Question 90: If $f(x) = |\sin x|$, then

- (a) f is everywhere differentiable
- (b) f is everywhere continuous but not differentiable at $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (c) f is everywhere continuous but not differentiable at $x = (2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (d) None of the above

Solution: (b)

Let $u(x) = \sin x$ and $v(x) = |x|$

$$\therefore f(x) = v \circ u(x) = v[u(x)]$$

Since, $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ both are continuous functions.

Hence, $f(x) = v \circ u(x)$ is also a continuous function but $v(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

So, $f(x)$ is not differentiable where $\sin x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Hence, $f(x)$ is continuous everywhere but not differentiable at $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Question 91: If $y = \log\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is equal to

- (a) $\frac{4x^3}{1-x^4}$
- (b) $\frac{-4x}{1-x^4}$
- (c) $\frac{1}{4-x^4}$
- (d) $\frac{-4x^3}{1-x^4}$

Solution: (b)

$$\text{Consider, } y = \log\left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1-x^2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{1-x^2}{1+x^2} \right) \\
 &= \frac{(1+x^2)}{(1-x^2)} \cdot \frac{(1+x^2) \cdot (-2x) - (1-x^2) \cdot 2x}{(1+x^2)^2} \\
 &= \frac{-2x[1+x^2+1-x^2]}{(1-x^2) \cdot (1+x^2)} = \frac{-4x}{1-x^4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Question 92: If $y = \sqrt{\sin x + y}$ then $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is equal to

- (a) $\frac{\cos x}{2y-1}$
- (b) $\frac{\cos x}{1-2y}$
- (c) $\frac{\sin x}{1-2y}$
- (d) $\frac{\sin x}{2y-1}$

Solution: (a)

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Consider, $y = (\sin x + y)^{1/2}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} (\sin x + y)^{-1/2} \cdot \frac{d}{dx} (\sin x + y) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{(\sin x + y)^{1/2}} \cdot \left(\cos x + \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{2y} \left(\cos x + \frac{dy}{dx} \right) \quad [\because (\sin x + y)^{1/2} = y] \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{1}{2y} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{\cos x}{2y} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2y} \right) &= \frac{\cos x}{2y} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} \left(\frac{2y-1}{2y} \right) &= \frac{\cos x}{2y}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\cos x}{2y-1}$$

Question 93: The derivative of $\cos^{-1}(2x^2 - 1)$ w.r.t. $\cos^{-1} x$ is

(a) 2

(b) $\frac{-1}{2\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

(c) $\frac{2}{x}$

(d) $1 - x^2$

Solution: (a)

Let $u = \cos^{-1}(2x^2 - 1)$ and $v = \cos^{-1} x$

$$\therefore \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-(2x^2-1)^2}} \cdot 4x$$

$$= \frac{-4x}{\sqrt{1-(4x^4+1-4x^2)}}$$

$$= \frac{-4x}{\sqrt{-4x^4+4x^2}} = \frac{-4x}{\sqrt{4x^2(1-x^2)}}$$

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

and $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

$$\therefore \frac{du}{dv} = \frac{du/dx}{dv/dx}$$

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

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

$$= 2$$

Question 94: If $x = t^2$ and $y = t^3$, then $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is

(a) $\frac{3}{2}$

(b) $\frac{3}{4t}$

(c) $\frac{3}{2t}$

(d) $\frac{3}{2t}$

Solution: (b)

We are given, $x = t^2$ and $y = t^3$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = 3t^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3t^2}{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3}{2}t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2t}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4t}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} \therefore \frac{dx}{dt} = 2t \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dt}{dx} = \frac{1}{2t} \end{array} \right]$$

Question 95: The value of c in Rolle's theorem for the function $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$ in the interval $[0, \sqrt{3}]$ is

(a) 1

(b) $-\frac{1}{2}$

(c) $\frac{3}{2}$

(d) $\frac{1}{3}$

Solution: (a)

Consider, $f(x) = x^3 - 3x$

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

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

Now, $f'(c) = 0$

$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow c^2 = \frac{3}{3} = 1$

$\Rightarrow c = \pm 1$ where $1 \in (0, \sqrt{3})$

Question 96: For the function $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$, $x \in [1, 3]$, the value of c for mean value theorem is

(a) 1

(b) $\sqrt{3}$

(c) 2

(d) None of these

Solution: (b)

We know that, $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$

$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{\left[3 + \frac{1}{3}\right] - \left[1 + \frac{1}{1}\right]}{3 - 1}$

$\left[\because f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2}, b = 3, a = 1 \right]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{c^2 - 1}{c^2} = \frac{\frac{10}{3} - 2}{2}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{c^2 - 1}{c^2} = \frac{2}{3}$

$\Rightarrow 3(c^2 - 1) = 2c^2$

$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 2c^2 = 3$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

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