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1. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + \lambda, & x < 3 \\ 4, & x = 3 \\ 3x - 5, & x > 3 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ , then the value of  $\lambda$  is

(A) 4 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 1

Ans. (D)

Sol. L. H. L =  $f(3)$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(3 - h) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3 - h) + \lambda = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 4 - 3 = 1$$

2. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx + 1, & \text{if } x \leq \pi \\ \cos x, & \text{if } x > \pi \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = \pi$ , then  $k$  is equal to

(A)  $2/\pi$  (B)  $-2/\pi$  (C)  $1/\pi$  (D)  $-1/\pi$

Ans. (B)

Sol.  $f(\pi) = \text{R. H. L}$

$$\Rightarrow k\pi + 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(\pi + h)$$

$$\Rightarrow k\pi + 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos(\pi + h)$$


$$\Rightarrow k\pi + 1 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{-2}{\pi}$$

3. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 1, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ bx + 3, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ , then  $a - b$  is equal to

(A)  $1/3$  (B)  $1/2$  (C)  $2/3$  (D)  $3/2$

Ans. (C)

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**Sol.**  $f(3) = \text{R.H.L}$

$$3a + 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} b(3 + h) + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 1 = 3b + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(a - b) = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = \frac{2}{3}$$

4. Function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{when } x < -1 \\ -x, & \text{when } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1, & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous

(A) only at  $x = 1$

(B) only at  $x = -1$

(C) at both  $x = 1$  and  $x = -1$

(D) neither at  $x = 1$  nor at  $x = -1$

**Ans.** (D)

**Sol.**  $x = -1$

$$\text{L.H.L} = -1$$

$$f(-1) = -(-1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{L.H.L} \neq \text{R.H.L} = f(-1)$$

$f$  is not cont.

$$x = 1$$


$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1 - h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -(1 - h) = -1$$

$$\text{RHL} = 1$$

$$\text{L.H.L} \neq \text{R.H.L}$$

$f$  is not cont.

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5. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 & , x \leq 0 \\ 5x - 4 & , 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 4x^2 - 3x & , 1 < x < 2 \\ 3x + 4 & , x \geq 2 \end{cases}$ , then  $f(x)$  is

(A) continuous at  $x = 0$  but not at  $x = 1$  (B) continuous at  $x = 2$  but not at  $x = 0$

(C) continuous at  $x = 0, 1, 2$  (D) discontinuous at  $x = 0, 1, 2$

Ans. (B)

Sol.  $x = 0$

$$f(0) = 0$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 5h - 4 = 4$$

$$f(0) \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 5(1 - h) - y = 1$$

$$f(1) = 1$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4(1 + h)^2 - 3(1 + h) = 1$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(1)$$

$f$  is cont at  $x = 1$

6. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 2, & \text{when } x < 1 \\ 4x - 1, & \text{when } 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ x^2 + 5, & \text{when } x > 3 \end{cases}$ , then correct statement is

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$

(B)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

(C)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 1$

(D)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 1$  and  $3$

Ans. (C)

Sol.  $x = 1$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1 - h) + 2 = 3$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4(1 + h) - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$f(1) = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(1)$$

$$x = 3$$

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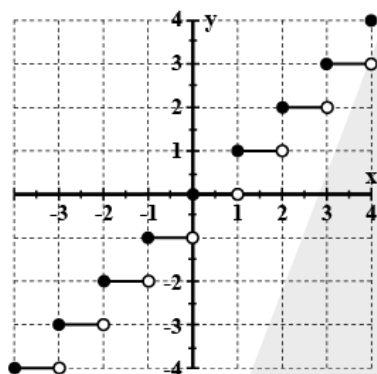
$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 4(3 - h) - 1 = 11$$

$$\text{R.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3 + h)^2 + 5 = 14$$

7. Function  $f(x) = [x]$  is discontinuous at  
 (A) every real number (B) every rational number  
 (C) every integer (D) no where

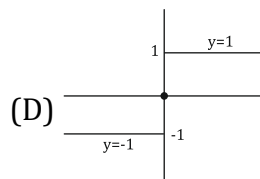
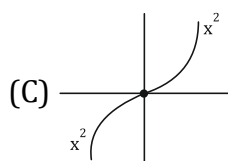
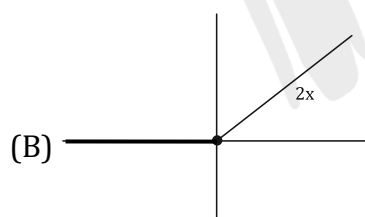
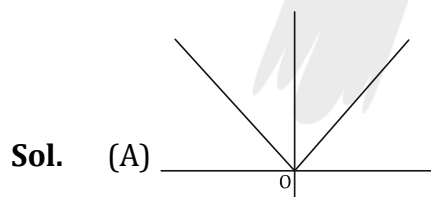
Ans. (C)

Sol. function is break at integer point



8. In the following, discontinuous function is  
 (A)  $|x|$  (B)  $x + |x|$  (C)  $x|x|$  (D)  $|x|/x$

Ans. (D)



9. If  $f(x) = \frac{\tan(\pi/4 - x)}{\cot 2x}$  ( $x \neq \pi/4$ ) is everywhere continuous then  $f(\pi/4)$  is equal to  
 (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 1/2 (D) 2

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Ans. (C)

Sol.  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = L \cdot HL = R \cdot H \cdot L$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + h\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \left(\frac{\pi}{4} + h\right)\right)}{\cot 2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + h\right)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan h}{\tan 2h} \left(\frac{0}{0}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec^2 h}{2 \sec^2 2h} = \frac{1}{2}$$

10. If  $f(x) = [x/2]$  is discontinuous at  $x = a$ , then

(A)  $a \in \mathbb{N}$

(B)  $a \in \mathbb{W}$

(C)  $(a/2) \in \mathbb{Z}$

(D)  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$

Ans. (C)

Sol.  $\because [x]$  is discontinuous only at integral point

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\frac{a}{2} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

11. Which of the following functions has finite number of points of discontinuity

(A)  $x + [x]$

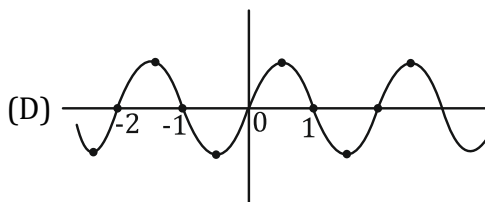
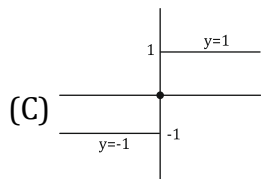
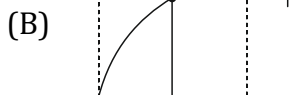
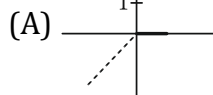
(B)  $\tan x$


(C)  $|x|/x$

(D)  $\sin [\pi x]$

Ans. (C)

Sol.



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12. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(a+1)x + \sin x}{x} & , x < 0 \\ 1/2 & , x = 0 \\ \frac{x^{3/2} + 1}{2} & , x > 0 \end{cases}$

is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then the value of  $a$  is

- (A)  $1/2$  (B)  $-1/2$  (C)  $3/2$  (D)  $-3/2$

Ans. (D)

Sol. L.H.L =  $f(0)$

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

$$\Rightarrow a + 1 + 1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2} - 2 = -\frac{3}{2}$$

13. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^a \sin 1/x & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then

- (A)  $a < 0$  (B)  $a > 0$  (C)  $a = 0$  (D)  $a \geq 0$

Ans.

Sol. L.H.L = R.H.L =  $f(0)$

$$R.H.L = 0$$

$$\sin(x) \in [-1, 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^a \cdot \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0$$

$$a > 0$$


$$a = 0$$

$$\sin \frac{1}{h}, h \neq 0$$

14. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos 1/x & , x \neq 0 \\ k & , x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then

- (A)  $k > 0$  (B)  $k < 0$  (C)  $k = 0$  (D)  $k \geq 0$

Ans. (C)

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**Sol.** L.H.L = R.H.L =  $f(0)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \cos\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) = k$$

**Note:** -  $\cos \infty \in [-1, 1]$   $k = 0$

$$0 \cdot \cos x = 0$$

$$k = 0$$

**15.** Function  $f(x) = |\sin x| + |\cos x| + |x|$  is discontinuous at

(A)  $x = 0$  (B)  $x = \pi/2$  (C)  $x = \pi$  (D) no where

**Ans.** (D)

**Sol.**  $x = 0$

$$\text{L. H. L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |\sin(h)| + |\cos h| + |h| = 1$$

$$\text{R. H. L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |\sin h| + |\cos h| + |h| = 1$$

$$f(0) = 1, f \text{ is cont. at } x = 0$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h\right) \right| + \left| \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h\right) \right| + \left| \frac{\pi}{2} - h \right|$$

$$= 1 + 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

$$\text{R. H. L.} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left| \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right) \right| + \left| \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right) \right| + \left| \frac{\pi}{2} + h \right|$$


$$= 1 + 0 + \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2} + 1$$

$$f \text{ is cont at } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$x = \pi$$

$$\text{L. H. L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} |\cos(\pi - h)| + |\sin(\pi - h)| + |\pi - h|$$

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$$= 1 + 0 + \pi = \pi + 1$$

$$\text{R.H.L} = \pi + 1$$

$$f(\pi) = \pi + 1$$

f is cont. at  $x = \pi$

16. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & x \leq 2 \\ ax + b, & 2 < x < 4 \\ 7, & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 2$  and  $x = 4$ , then

(A)  $a = 3, b = 5$

(B)  $a = 3, b = -5$

(C)  $a = 0, b = 3$

(D)  $a = 0, b = 5$

Ans. (B)

Sol.  $f(2) = 1$

$$\text{R.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} a(2 + h) + b$$

$$= 2a + b$$

$$2a + b = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x = 4$$

$$f(4) = 7$$

$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} a(4 + h) + b = 4a + b$$

$$4a + b = 7 \quad \dots(ii)$$

From(i), (ii)

$$2a + b = 1$$

$$4a + b = 7$$

$$-2a = -6$$

$$a = 3$$

$$b + b = 1$$

$$b = -5$$

17. If  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{a^2 - ax + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 + ax + x^2}}{\sqrt{a+x} - \sqrt{a-x}}$  is continuous for all values of x, then  $f(0)$  is equal to

(A)  $a\sqrt{a}$

(B)  $\sqrt{a}$

(C)  $-\sqrt{a}$

(D)  $-a\sqrt{a}$



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Ans. (C)

**Sol.** 
$$f(x) = (\sqrt{a^2 - 4x + x^2} - \sqrt{a^2 + ax + x^2}) \times (\sqrt{a^2 - ax + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + ax + x^2}) (\sqrt{a+x} + \sqrt{a-x})$$

$$(\sqrt{a+x} + \sqrt{a-x})(\sqrt{a+a} - \sqrt{a-x}) (\sqrt{a^2 - ax + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + ax + x^2})$$

$$= \frac{(a^2 - ax + x^2) - (a^2 + ax + x^2)}{(a+x) - (a-x)} \times \frac{(\sqrt{a+x} + \sqrt{a-x})}{(\sqrt{a^2 - ax + x^2} + \sqrt{a^2 + ax + x^2})}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{-2ax}{2x} \times \frac{2\sqrt{a}}{2a} = -\sqrt{a}$$

**18.** 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-4}{|x-4|} + a & , x < 4 \\ a + b & , x = 4 \\ \frac{x-4}{|x-4|} + b & , x > 4 \end{cases}$$
 is continuous at  $x = 4$ , if

(A)  $a = 0, b = 0$

(B)  $a = 1, b = 1$

(C)  $a = 1, b = -1$

(D)  $a = -1, b = 1$

Ans. (B)

**Sol.** L.H.L =  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4-h)-4}{|y-h-4|} + a = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{h} + a = a + 1$

R.H.L =  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+h-4}{|4+h-4|} + b = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} + b = b + 1$

$f(4) = a + b$   $a + 1 = a + b$   $b + 1 = a + b$   
 $\Rightarrow b = 1$   $a = 1$

**19.** If  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sin x)^{2n}$ , then  $f(x)$  is

(A) continuous at  $x = \pi$

(B) discontinuous at  $x = \pi/2$

(C) discontinuous at  $x = -\pi/2$

(D) discontinuous at an infinite number of points.

Ans. (BCD)

**Sol. Note:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & |x| < 1 \\ 1, & |x| = 1 \end{cases}$

$$f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sin x)^{2n} = \begin{cases} 0, & |\sin x| < 1 \\ 1, & |\sin x| = 1 \end{cases}$$

$f(x)$  is continuous 'all except' 1

$|\sin x| = 1 \Rightarrow x = (2n + 1)\frac{\pi}{2}$  is point of discontinuity