

Solutions

1) Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 16x + 20}{(x-2)^2}, & x \neq 2 \\ k, & x = 2 \end{cases}$, if $f(x)$ is continuous for all x , then k ?

(A) 3

(B) 5

(C) 7

(D) 9

Sol: Option (C)

Explanation:

Given $f(x)$ is continuous

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

$$k = f(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 + x^2 - 16x + 20}{(x-2)^2} = k$$

Applying L- Hospital rule

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 + 2x - 16}{2(x-2)} = k \quad \left[\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{6x + 2}{2} = k$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{14}{2} = k$$

$$k = 7$$

$$2) \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(a+1)x + \sin x}{x}, & x < 0 \\ c, & x = 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{x+bx^2} - \sqrt{x}}{bx^{3/2}}, & x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ , if } f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x=0, \text{ then find } a, b, c?$$

(A) $a + c = 0, b = 1$

(B) $a + c = 1, b \in \mathbb{R}$

(C) $a + c = -1, b \in \mathbb{R}$

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

Sol: Option (C)

Explanation:

Given $f(x)$ is continuous

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

L.H:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(a+1)x + \sin x}{x} \left[\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right]$$

Applying L-Hospital rule

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a+1)\cos(a+1)x + \cos x$$

$$\Rightarrow a + 2$$

R.H:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+bx^2} - \sqrt{x}}{bx^{3/2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{1+bx} - 1)}{bx\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+bx} - 1}{bx}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+bx} - 1}{bx} \times \frac{\sqrt{1+bx} + 1}{\sqrt{1+bx} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+bx} - 1}{bx} \times \frac{\sqrt{1+bx} + 1}{\sqrt{1+bx} + 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+bx - 1}{bx(\sqrt{1+bx} + 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+bx} + 1}$$

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

Since $f(x)$ is continuous

$$L.H = R.H = f(x)$$

$$a+2 = \frac{1}{2} = c$$

$$a + c = -1$$

$$\boxed{c = \frac{1}{2}}, \quad \boxed{a = -\frac{3}{2}} \quad b \in \mathbb{R}$$

3) If the function $f(x) = \left[\frac{(x-2)^3}{a} \right] \sin(x-2) + a \cos(x-2)$, $[\cdot]$ denotes greatest integer

function, is continuous & differentiable in $(4,6)$ then find 'a' range?

(A) $a \in (-\infty, \infty)$

(C) $a \in [128, \infty)$

(B) $a \in [64, \infty)$

(D) Not defined

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

Since $\left[\frac{(x-2)^3}{a} \right]$ is not continuous and differentiable at integral point (because $[\cdot]$

functions are not continuous)

Given function $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable in $(4,6)$ if $\left[\frac{(x-2)^3}{a} \right] = 0$

$\Rightarrow a \geq 64$ [since if we have a value less than 64, we will get 1 as step function, but we need step function to be '0']

4) If the derivative of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} bx^2 + ax + 4; & x \geq -1 \\ ax^2 + b & ; x < -1 \end{cases}$ is continuous everywhere,

then a, b values?

(A) $a = 2, b = 3$

(C) $a = -2, b = 3$

(B) $a = -2, b = -3$

(D) $a = 2, b = -3$

Sol: Option (A)

Explanation :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} bx^2 + ax + 4; & x \geq -1 \\ ax^2 + b & ; x < -1 \end{cases}$$

Given derivative of $f(x)$ is continuous everywhere that means $f(x)$ is continuous at '-1'

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = b(-1)^2 + a(-1) + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = b - a + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a = 2}$$

Given derivative of $f(x)$ continuous

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2bx + a; & x \geq -1 \\ 2ax & ; x < -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a(-1) = 2b(-1) + a$$

$$\Rightarrow -2a = -2b + a$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = 2b$$

$$b = 3$$

$$\therefore \boxed{a = 2, b = 3}$$

5) If the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} (1 + |\sin x|)^{a/|\sin x|} & , -\frac{\pi}{6} < x < 0 \\ b & , x = 0 \\ \frac{\tan 2x}{e^{\tan 3x}} & , 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{6} \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 0$, then a, b ?

Given $f(x)$ is continuous at 0

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0) \quad \text{----- (1)}$$

LHL:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1 + (\sin(-h)))^{a/|\sin(-h)|} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin h)^{a/\sin h} \\ &= e^{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin h - 1)^{a/\sin h}} \quad \left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - 1)g(x) \right] \\ &= e^{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin h \cdot \frac{a}{\sin h}} \\ &= e^a \end{aligned}$$

RHL:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2h}{e^{\tan 3h}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= e^{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{\tan 2h}{2} \cdot \frac{3h}{\tan 3h}}$$

$$= e^{\frac{2}{3}} \quad \left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tanh}{h} = 1 \right]$$

From eq (1)

$$b = e^{\frac{2}{3}} = e^a$$

$$\therefore a = \frac{2}{3}, b = e^{\frac{2}{3}}$$

6) The value of P for which the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(4^x - 1)^3}{\sin\left(\frac{x}{p}\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{x^2}{3}\right)}, & x \neq 0 \\ k, & x = 0 \end{cases}$, is continuous

at $x = 0$

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 4

(D) 8

Sol: Option (C)

Explanation:

Given $f(x)$ is continuous

$f(0) = \text{RHL}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12(\ln 4)^3 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4^h - 1)^3}{\sin\left(\frac{h}{p}\right) \ln\left(1 + \frac{h^2}{3}\right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{4^h - 1}{h}\right)^3}{\frac{\sin\left(\frac{h}{p}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{p}\right)} \cdot \frac{\ln\left(1 + \frac{h^2}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{h^2}{3}\right)} \cdot \frac{1}{3p}} \\
 &= \frac{(\ln 4)^3 \cdot 3p}{1 \cdot 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(0) = \text{RHL}$$

$$12(\ln 4)^3 = (\ln 4)^3 \cdot 3p$$

$p = 4$

7) The value of $f(0)$, so that the function $f(x) = \frac{1 - \cos(1-x)}{x^4}$ is continuous everywhere is

_____?

(A) $\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $\frac{1}{4}$

(C) $\frac{1}{8}$

(D) $\frac{1}{16}$

Sol: Option (C)

Explanation:

Given $f(x)$ is continuous every where

At $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(0) = \text{RHL} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(h) \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cosh)}{h^4} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cosh)}{h^4} \times \frac{1 + \cos(1 - \cosh)}{1 + \cos(1 - \cosh)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2(1 - \cosh)}{(1 + \cos(1 - \cosh))} \times \frac{(1 - \cosh)^2}{(1 - \cosh)^2} \cdot \frac{1}{h^4} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{\sin(1 - \cosh)}{(1 - \cosh)} \right]^2 \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cosh}{h} \right)^2 \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \cos(1 - \cosh)} \\
&= (1)^2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times \frac{1}{2} \\
&= \frac{1}{8}
\end{aligned}$$

8) The function $f(x) = (\sin 3x)^{\tan^2 3x}$ is not defined at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$. The value of $f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$, so that

the f is continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$, is?

- (A) e (B) $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (C) $e^{\frac{1}{2}}$ (D) e^2

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

For $f(x)$ to be continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{6}$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} f(x)$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} (\sin 3x)^{\tan^2 3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (\sin^2 3x)^{1/2} \right\}^{\tan^2 3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (1 - \cos^2 3x)^{1/2} \right\} \tan^2 3x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (1 - \cos^2 3x)^{1/2} \right\} \frac{\sin^2 3x}{\cos^2 3x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (1 - \cos^2 3x) \frac{1}{\cos^2 3x} \right\} \sin^2 3x$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (1 - \cos^2 3x - 1) \times \frac{1}{\cos^2 3x} \right\} \frac{\sin^2 3x}{2}}$$

$$\left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)^{g(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x) - 1)g(x)} \right]$$

$$= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left\{ (-\cos^2 3x) \times \frac{1}{\cos^2 3x} \right\} \frac{\sin^2 3x}{2}}$$

$$\left[\because \sin^2 \left(3 \cdot \frac{\pi}{6} \right) = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{2} = 1 \right]$$

$$= e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

9) The function $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - bx + 2; & x < 3 \\ bx^2 - 3 & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$ is differentiable everywhere then find a, b?

Given $f(x)$ is differentiable, which means $f(x)$ is continuous.

$$\therefore f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$$

$$b(9) - 3 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 3} f(3 - h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 3} a(3 - h)^2 - b(3 - h) + 2$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 3} a(9 + h^2 - 6h) - 3b + bh + 2$$

$$9b - 3 = 9a - 3b + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{9a - 12b = -5} \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Given $f(x)$ is differentiable,

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2ax - b; & x < 3 \\ 2bx & ; x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f'(x)$$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2a(3 - h) - b$$

$$= 6a - b$$

$$f'(3) = 6b$$

$$\Rightarrow 6a - b = 6b$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{6a = 7b} \text{ ----- (2)}$$

By solving (1) & (2), we get

$$a = \frac{35}{9}, b = \frac{10}{3}$$

10) Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos ax}{x \sin x} & , x \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & , x = 0 \end{cases}$, if f is continuous at $x = 0$, then the value of a^2 must be _____

(A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) 2

Sol: Option (A)

Explanation:

Since f is continuous at $x = 0$, then

$$f(0) = \text{RHL}$$

$$\frac{1}{2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0 + h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos ah}{h \sin h}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos ah}{h^2 \left(\frac{\sin h}{h} \right)} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} = \frac{a^2}{2}$$

$$a^2 = 1$$

$$11) \text{ Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \tan x}{4x - \pi} & , x \neq \frac{\pi}{4} \\ \lambda & , x = \frac{\pi}{4} \end{cases}, x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

if $f(x)$ is continuous in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$ then λ is?

(A) $\frac{3}{2}$ (B) $-\frac{3}{2}$ (C) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Sol: Option (C)

Explanation:

$$f(x) = \frac{1 - \tan x}{4x - \pi}$$

Since $f(x)$ is continuous in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\text{RHL} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+} f(x)$$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + h\right)}{4\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + h\right) - \pi}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1 + \tanh}{1 - \tanh}\right)}{4h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \tanh}{(1 - \tanh)4h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2\left(\frac{\tanh}{h}\right)}{(1 - \tanh)4}$$

$$\left[\because \tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B} \right]$$

$$= \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\left[\because \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tanh}{h} = 1 \right]$$

$$\text{RHL} = \lambda$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-1}{2}$$

12) Which one of the following is continuous at $x = 3$?

$$(a) f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & , \text{if } x = 3 \\ x - 1 & , \text{if } x > 3 \\ \frac{x + 3}{3} & , \text{if } x < 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(b) f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 & , \text{if } x = 3 \\ 8 - x & , \text{if } x \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(c) f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 3 & , \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ x - 3 & , \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

$$(d) f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 - 27} \quad , \text{if } x \neq 3$$

Sol: Option (A)

Explanation:

Given function is continuous at $x = 3$, which means

$$\text{LHL} = \text{RHL} = f(x)$$

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

A:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 & , \text{if } x = 3 \\ x - 1 & , \text{if } x > 3 \\ \frac{x + 3}{3} & , \text{if } x < 3 \end{cases}$$

$$f(3) = 2$$

LHL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(3-h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3-h+3}{3} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{LHL} = \text{RHL} = f(3)$$

$f(x)$ is continuous

RHL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(3+h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3+h-1 = 2$$

B:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{if } x = 3 \\ 8-x, & \text{if } x \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

LHL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(3-h) = 8 - (3-h)$$

$$= 5 + h$$

$$= 5$$

$$\text{LHL} \neq f(3)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not continuous

C:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ x-3, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

RHL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(3+h) = (3+h) - 4$$

$$= h - 1$$

$$= -1$$

$$\text{RHL} \neq f(3)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not continuous

D:

Given $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 - 27}$ is not defined when $x = 3$, so $f(x)$ is not continuous.

Maxima & Minima

13) What is the maximum value of the function $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 6$ in the interval $[0, 2]$?

(A) -9 (B) 9 (C) 7 (D) -7

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

$$\text{Given } f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 6$$

In order to find max (or) min value, we need to find $f'(x) = 0$

$$f'(x) = 2x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = 2$$

$$\boxed{x = 1}$$

$$f''(x) = 2$$

$$\therefore f''(x) > 0$$

$f(x)$ has minimum at ' $x = 1$ '

$$f(0) = 6$$

$$f(3) = 9 - 6 + 6$$

$$f(1) = 1 - 2 + 6$$

$$= 9$$

$$= 5$$

Maximum value of $f(x)$ in given interval $[0, 3]$ is 9

- 14) A point on a curve is said to be an extremum if it is a local minimum (or) a local maximum. The number of distinct extrema for the curve $3x^4 - 16x^3 + 24x^2 + 37$ is ___?
(A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

$$\text{Given } f(x) = 3x^4 - 16x^3 + 24x^2 + 37$$

$$f'(x) = 12x^3 - 48x^2 + 48x$$

$$f''(x) = 36x^2 - 96x + 48$$

In order to find stationary points we need to equal $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x(12x^2 - 48x + 48) = 0$$

$$x = 0, x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = 0$$

$$x = 0, 2$$

At $x = 0$

$$f''(0) > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has minimum value at $x = 0$

$$f(0) = 0 + 0 + 0 + 37 = 37$$

At $x = 2$

$$f''(2) = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad f'''(2) \neq 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has no extremum at $x = 2$

Number of distinct extrema for curve is '1'

15) Find the points of local maxima and minima, of the function $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 15$ in $[0, 5]$.

- (A) (1, 3) (B) (1, -3) (C) (-1, 3) (D) (-1, -3)

Sol: Option (A)

Explanation:

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x + 15$$

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12x + 9$$

$$f''(x) = 6x - 12$$

Equating $f'(x)$ to 0, we get stationary points

$$f'(x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 12x + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(x - 3) = 0$$

$$x = 1, 3$$

At $x = 1$

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

$$f''(1) < 0$$

$$-6 < 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has maximum at $x = 1$

$$f(1) = 1 - 6 + 9 + 15 = 19$$

At $x = 3$

$$f''(x) > 0$$

$$18 - 12 > 0$$

$$6 > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has minimum at $x = 3$

$$f(3) = 27 - 54 + 27 + 15 = 15$$

16) What is the local minimum value of $f(x) = x^3(x + 4)$?

- (A) -189 (B) -27 (C) 27 (D) 189

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

$$f(x) = x^3(x + 4) = x^4 + 4x^3$$

$$f'(x) = 4x^3 + 12x^2$$

$$f''(x) = 12x^2 + 24x$$

For finding maximum (or) minimum put $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^3 + 12x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x = 0 \text{ or } -3$$

$$f''(0) = 0$$

$$f''(-3) = 12(-3)^2 + 24 \times (-3) = 108 - 72 = 36 > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ has local minimum at $x = -3$

$$f(-3) = (-3)^2(-3 + 4) = -27$$

17) Find the local maximum and local minimum if any, for the function $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$,

$$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

(A) $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, -\sqrt{2}\right)$ (B) $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \sqrt{2}\right)$ (C) $\left(\sqrt{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (D) $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \sqrt{2}\right)$

Sol: Option (D)

Explanation:

We have $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$

$$f'(x) = \cos x - \sin x$$

For finding local minima / maxima, $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x - \sin x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \sin x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = 1 \text{ (or) } x = \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\text{At } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f''(x) = -\sin x - \cos x$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= 1 - \sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$f''(x) > 0$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ has local maxima at } x = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

\therefore Point of local maxima is $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \sqrt{2}\right)$

18) What is the maximum (or) minimum point for curve $f(x) = 4x - x^4$?

- (A) A minimum at (-1, -3)
- (B) A maximum at (-1, -3)
- (C) A minimum at (1, 3)
- (D) A maximum at (1, 3)

Sol: Option (D)

Explanation:

Given $f(x) = 4x - x^4$

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

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

To find maximum (or) minimum, $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 4x^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 = 4x^3$$

$x = 1$

At $x = 1$:

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

\therefore Maximum (or) minimum at (1, 3)

To decide whether it is max (or) min, consider the sign of $f''(x)$ at $x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow f''(x) = -12 < 0$$

\therefore We have maximum value at (1, 3)

19) Find the local maxima and minima for function $f(x) = \cos 4x$; $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

- (A) -1
- (B) 1
- (C) -2
- (D) 2

Sol: Option (A)

Explanation:

$$f(x) = \cos 4x$$

$$f'(x) = -4 \sin 4x$$

$$f''(x) = -16 \cos 4x$$

To find stationary points, $f'(x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow -4 \sin 4x = 0$$

$$\sin 4x = 0$$

$$4x = 0, \pi, 2\pi \quad [\text{since } \sin \text{ becomes zero when } x = \pm n\pi]$$

$$4x = \pi$$

$$x = \frac{\pi}{4} \quad [\text{given } x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)]$$

$$\underline{\text{At } x = \frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f''\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) &= -16 \cos 4 \cdot \frac{\pi}{4} = -16 \cos \pi \\ &= -16(-1) = 16 > 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ has maximum at } x = \underline{\frac{\pi}{4}}$$

$$\text{Minimum value } f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \cos \pi = -1$$

20) Find the local maximum and local minimum for function $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+x^2}$

(A) Minimum value at $x = 1$

(B) Minimum value at $x = -1$

(C) Maximum value at $x = 1$

(D) Maximum value at $x = -1$

Sol: Option (B)

Explanation:

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

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

$$\left[\because \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \cdot du - u \cdot dv}{v^2} \right]$$

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

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

For finding points of local maximum (or) minimum equate $f'(x)=0$

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

$$1-x^2=0$$

$$(1+x)(1-x)=0$$

$$x=1, -1$$

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

$$\left[\because \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{u}{v} \right) = \frac{v \cdot du - u \cdot dv}{v^2} \right]$$

At x = 1:

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

$$= \frac{-4-0}{16} = \frac{-1}{4} < 0$$

\therefore At $x = 1$, $f(x)$ has maximum value

At x = -1:

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

$$= \frac{4}{16} = \frac{1}{4} > 0$$

∴ At $x = -1$, $f(x)$ has minimum value

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