

ASSIGNMENT 6

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• **Question 2.81:**

For what value of k is the following function continuous at the given point.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx + 1 & x \leq 5 \\ 3x - 5 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Solution:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx + 1 & x \leq 5 \\ 3x - 5 & x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Since $kx + 1$ and $3x - 5$ are linear polynomials(always continuous).So, for function $f(x)$ to be continuous, it should be continuous at $x = 5$.

So,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = 3(5) - (5) = 10.$$

Also,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = k(5) + 1.$$

Since for continuity,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x).$$

or,

$$10 = 5k + 1.$$

Hence,

$$k = 9/5.$$

• **Question 2.82:**

Prove that the function f given by $f(x) = |x - 1|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

Solution:

Here, $f(x) = |x - 1|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1 & x \geq 1 \\ -x + 1 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & x \geq 1 \\ -1 & x < 1 \end{cases}$$

Since at $x = 1$ LHS \neq RHS (i.e., $1 \neq -1$).

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

• **Question 2.83:**

Prove that the greatest integer function defined by $f(x) = [x]$, $0 < x < 3$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

Solution:

Since,

$$f(x) = [x], 0 < x < 3$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & 0 < x < 1 \\ 1 & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 2 & 2 \leq x < 3 \end{cases}$$

for $x = 1$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 0.$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x).$$

$f(x)$ is not continuous at 1.

Similarly,

for $x = 2$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 2.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x).$$

$f(x)$ is not continuous at 2.

Since, $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x=1$ and $x=2$. So, it is not differentiable at $x=1$ and $x=2$.