

Exercise 1.4 (Solutions)

CALCULUS AND ANALYTIC GEOMETRY, MATHEMATICS 12

Question # 1:

$$(i) \quad f(x) = 2x^2 + x - 5 \quad c = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (2x^2 + x - 5) = 2(1)^2 + 1 - 5 = 2 + 1 - 5 = -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (2x^2 + x - 5) = 2(1)^2 + 1 - 5 = 2 + 1 - 5 = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = -2 \quad \therefore \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = -2$$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \quad C = -3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} (x^2 - 9)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} (x - 3)} = \frac{(-3)^2 - 9}{-3 - 3} = \frac{9 - 9}{-6} = \frac{0}{-6} = 0$$

$$\text{Now } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} (x^2 - 9)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} (x - 3)} = \frac{(-3)^2 - 9}{-3 - 3} = \frac{9 - 9}{-6} = \frac{0}{-6} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = 0 \quad \therefore \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = |x - 5| \quad C = 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} |x - 5| \quad |x - 5| = \pm(x - 5)$$

$-(x - 5)$	$+(x - 5)$
$-\infty$	$+\infty$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} [-(x - 5)] = -\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} (x - 5) = -(5 - 5) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} |x - 5| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} (x - 5) = 5 - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = 0$$

Question # 2:

Discuss the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x = c$

$$(i) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 5 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 4x + 1 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases} \quad c = 2$$

We have to discuss the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x = 2$

$$(a) \quad f(2) = 2(2) + 5 = 4 + 5 = 9 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = ?$$

$f(x) = 2x + 5$	$f(x) = 4x + 1$
$-\infty$	$+\infty$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (2x + 5) = 2(2) + 5 = 4 + 5 = 9$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (4x + 1) = 4(2) + 1 = 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$\therefore \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 9 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

(c) from (1) and (2) we get

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

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 2$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x-1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 & x = 1 \quad c = 2 \\ 2x & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{if } c = 2 \quad f(c) = f(2)$$

is not defined so given function is discontinuous

(ii) Correction

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x-1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$c = 1$ (correction)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & f(1) = 4 & \\ \hline -\infty & 1 & +\infty \\ f(x) = 3x-1 & & f(x) = 2x \end{array}$$

$$(a) \quad f(1) = 4 \quad (\text{given})$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (3x-1) = 3(1)-1 = 2$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (2x) = 2(1) = 2$$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2 \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

(c) From (1) and (2) we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq f(1)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = 1$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x-1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \quad c = 1$$

(a) $f(1)$ is not defined

$\therefore f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = 1$

Question # 3:

Given that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ x^2 - 1 & \text{if } -2 < x < 2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} -\infty & & & & +\infty \\ \hline f(x) = 3x & -2 & f(x) = x^2 - 1 & 2 & f(x) = 3 \end{array}$$

(i) We check continuity at $x = 2$

$$(a) \quad f(2) = 3 \quad \dots\dots\dots(1) \quad (\text{given})$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 1) = (2)^2 - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = 3$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 3 \quad \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

(c) From (1) and (2), we get

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

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 2$$

(ii) At $x = -2$

$$(a) \quad f(-2) = 3(-2) = -6 \quad \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = ?$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x) = 3(-2) = -6$$

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (x^2 - 1) = (-2)^2 - 1 = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) \quad \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) \text{ does not exist}$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is discontinuous at } x = -2$$

Question # 4:

Given that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & x \leq -1 \\ c+2 & x > -1 \end{cases}$$

$$c = ?$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} -\infty & & +\infty \\ \hline f(x) = x+2 & -1 & f(x) = c+2 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) \text{ exists}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (x+2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} (c+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow -1+2 = c+2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = c+2$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 1-2 \quad \Rightarrow \quad c = -1$$

Question # 5:

(i)

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} mx & \text{if } x < 3 \\ n & \text{if } x = 3 \\ -2x+9 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{here } f(3) = n \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 3$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (mx) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (-2x+9) = n$$

$$\Rightarrow (m)(3) = -2(3) + 9 = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3m = -6 + 9 = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3m = 3 = n$$

$$\Rightarrow 3m = 3, \quad n = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1, \quad n = 3$$

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} mx & \text{if } x < 4 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{here } f(4) = (4)^2 = 16$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 4$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (mx) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (x^2) = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m = (4)^2 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m = 16 = 16 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 4m = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 4$$

Question # 6:

Given that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} & x \neq 2 \\ K & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$K = ?$$

$$\text{here } f(2) = K \quad \text{given}$$

$$\therefore f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 2$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} = K \quad \Rightarrow \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\sqrt{2x+5})^2 - (\sqrt{x+7})^2}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = K \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(2x+5) - (x+7)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x+5-x-7}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = K \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{(x-2)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}} = K \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} [\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}]} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2)+5} + \sqrt{2+7}} = K \quad \Rightarrow \quad \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{9}} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3+3} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{6}$$