

CALCULUS

CONTINUITY

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EXERCISE 3 A

VERY SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

- Q01. Discuss the continuity of the function $f(x) = \frac{1}{\log_e x}$.
- Q02. Write the interval in which $f(x)$ is continuous where $f(x) = e^x \log |x|$.
- Q03. Write the interval in which $f(x) = \frac{\log x}{\sqrt{1-9x^2}}$ is continuous.
- Q04. At what point $f(x) = |3x - 5|$ is not differentiable?
- Q05. Find 'a' if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 1, & \text{if } x < 2 \\ a, & \text{if } x = 2 \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 2$.
- Q06. Find the value of 'a' if $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 3, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 2$.
- Q07. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}, & \text{if } x \neq 5 \\ \lambda, & \text{if } x = 5 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 5$ then, find the value of λ .
- Q08. At what point the **signum function** $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ is discontinuous?
- Q09. For what value of $f(0)$, the function $f(x) = \frac{3x - \sin^{-1} x}{3x + \sin^{-1} x}$, $x \neq 0$ is continuous at each point in its domain?

EXERCISE 3 B

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Examine the continuity of the following functions at the indicated point (Q01 - Q04) :

- Q01. $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} - \sqrt{1 - \sin x}}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ at $x = 0$

$$\text{Q02. } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$\text{Q03. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x - |x|}{2}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = 0$$

$$\text{Q04. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^x - 1}{\log(1 + 2x)}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 7, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Q05. } \text{Find the value of } k, \text{ if } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos 4x}{8x^2}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ k, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Q06. } \text{Find 'a' and 'b' if } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-4}{|x-4|} + a, & \text{if } x < 4 \\ a + b, & \text{if } x = 4 \\ \frac{x-4}{|x-4|} + b, & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 4.$$

$$\text{Q07. } \text{Check the continuity of } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x + 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ at } x = 0. \text{ Hence sketch the graph for } f(x).$$

$$\text{Q08. } \text{Find } k, \text{ such that } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x(3^x - 1)}{1 - \cos x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ \log k, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Q09. } \text{Determine the value of } k, \text{ such that } f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-1) \tan \frac{\pi x}{2}, & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ k, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 1.$$

EXERCISE 3 C

SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

$$\text{Q01. } \text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + ax + b, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3x + 2, & \text{if } 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 2ax + 5b, & \text{if } 4 \leq x \leq 8 \end{cases} \text{ is a continuous function on the interval } [0, 8] \text{ then, find the value of 'a' and 'b'.$$

Q02. Find the value of 'a' and 'b' so that $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + a\sqrt{2} \sin x, & 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{4} \\ 2x \cot x + b, & \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ a \cos 2x - b \sin x, & \frac{\pi}{2} \leq x \leq \pi \end{cases}$ is continuous on $[0, \pi]$.

Q03. Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 0$, where $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\cos ax - \cos bx}{x^2}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ \frac{b^2 - a^2}{2}, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$?

Q04. A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 2, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Is $f(x)$ continuous at $x = 0$? If not, what should be the value of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$ so that $f(x)$ becomes continuous at $x = 0$?

Q05. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos 4x}{x^2}, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ a, & \text{when } x = 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{16 + \sqrt{x}} - 4}, & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases}$. Determine the value of a; if possible so that the function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

Q06. Prove that the function f given by $f(x) = |x - 1|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

Q07. Show that $f(x) = |x - 3|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, is continuous but not differentiable at $x = 3$.

Q08. Discuss the differentiability of $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 2|$.

Q09. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x + a, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ bx + 2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$ is differentiable at $x = 1$, find the value (s) of a and b.

Q10. Prove that the function $f(x)$ defined by $f(x) = [x]$, $0 < x < 3$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$, where $[\cdot]$ denotes the greatest integer function.

Q11. The value (s) of p and q, for which the function $f(x)$ given below is continuous for all x in \mathbb{R} :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(p+1)x + \sin x}{x}, & x < 0 \\ q, & x = 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{x+x^2} - \sqrt{x}}{x^{3/2}}, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Q12. If $f(x) = \frac{\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right)}{\cot 2x}$ for $x \neq \frac{\pi}{4}$, find the value which can be assigned to $f(x)$ at $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ so that the function $f(x)$ becomes continuous at every point in $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

Q13. Show that the function f given by $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{1/x} - 1, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$.

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