

Continuity and Differentiability

Multiple Choice Questions

Q: 1 The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |\sin x|, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ -|\sin x|, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

Read the statements carefully and then choose the option that correctly describes them.

Statement 1 : $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

Statement 2 : $f(x)$ is discontinuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$.

- 1** Statement 1 is true but Statement 2 is false.
- 2** Statement 1 is false but Statement 2 is true.
- 3** Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are true.
- 4** Both Statement 1 and Statement 2 are false.

Q: 2 The Signum function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined below, is discontinuous at $x = 0$. The identity function $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined below, is continuous everywhere.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{for } x = 0 \\ -1, & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$$
$$g(x) = x, \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Which of these is true about the product of two functions $(f.g)$?

- 1** $(f.g)$ is discontinuous at $x = 0$ but continuous elsewhere in \mathbb{R} .
- 2** $(f.g)$ is not differentiable anywhere in \mathbb{R} .
- 3** $(f.g)$ is differentiable everywhere in \mathbb{R} .
- 4** $(f.g)$ is continuous everywhere in \mathbb{R} .

Q: 3 Read the statements carefully and choose the option that correctly describes them.

Statement 1: The function $\sqrt{x-5}$ is continuous in $(5, \infty)$.

Statement 2: The function $\sqrt{x-5}$ is differentiable in $(5, \infty)$.

- 1** Both statements are true and statement 2 explains why statement 1 is true.
- 2** Both statements are true but statement 2 does NOT explain why statement 1 is true.
- 3** Statement 1 is true but statement 2 is false.
- 4** Statement 1 is false but statement 2 is true.



Free Response Questions

Q: 4 Look at an inverse function below.

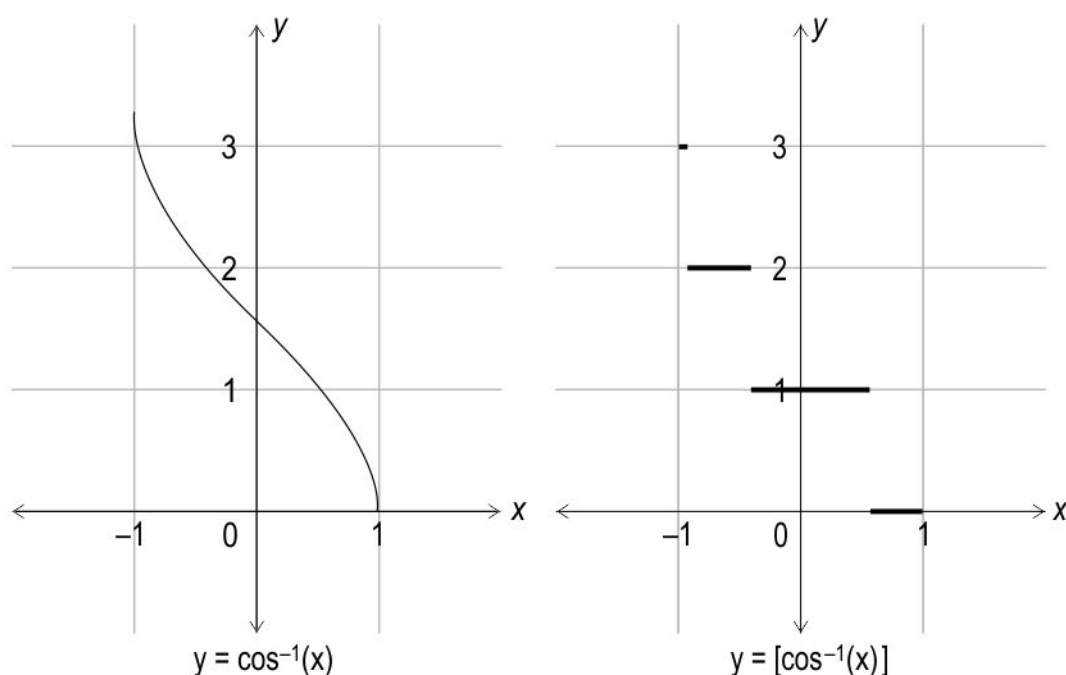
[1]

$$y = \operatorname{cosec}^{-1}(4x^4); |4x^4| > 1$$

Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$. Show your steps.

Q: 5 Shown below are the graphs of two functions $y = \cos^{-1} x$ and $y = [\cos^{-1} x]$, where $[\cos^{-1} x]$ denotes the greatest integer function.

[2]



Find the points of discontinuity of the function $y = [\cos^{-1} x]$. Show your work.

Q: 6 If $y = ax^{n+2} + \frac{b}{x^{n+1}}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$,

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prove that $x^2 y'' = (n+1)(n+2)y$.

Q: 7 Find the value of $(f \circ g)'$ at $x = 4$ if $f(u) = u^3 + 1$ and $u = g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. Show your work.

[3]



Q: 8 **[5]**

$$f(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^{10}}{10!}$$

If $f(x)$ is differentiated successively 10 times, what is $f^{(10)}(x)$? Show your work.

Q: 9 **[5]**

Find $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ if, $y = \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\log\left(\frac{e}{x^5}\right)}{\log(ex^5)} \right] + \tan^{-1} \left[\frac{4 + 5 \log x}{1 - 20 \log x} \right]$.

Show your work.

(Note : Consider the base of logarithm to be e.)

Q: 10 **[5]**

Find $\frac{dm}{dn}$ at $(m, n) = (-1, 1)$ where:

$$5m^2 + 2m - n^{\frac{-2}{3}} = 0$$

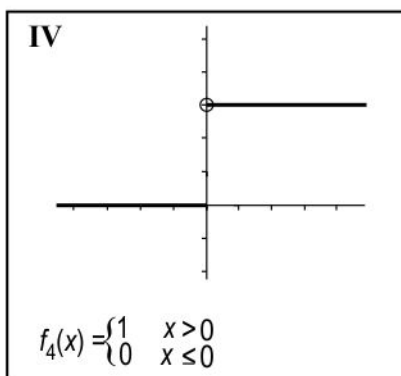
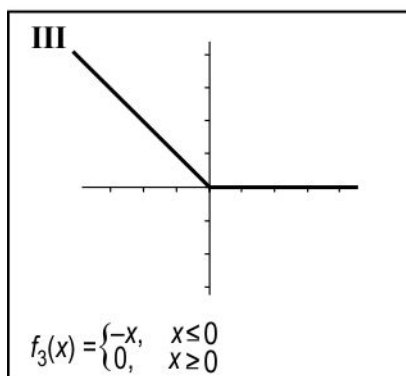
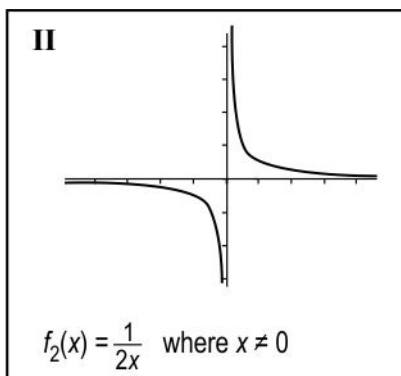
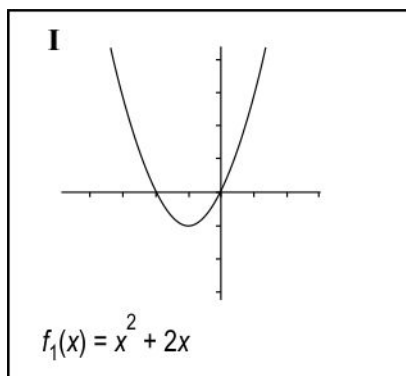
Show your work.

Case Study

Answer the questions based on the information given below.

Ambika, a mathematics teacher is conducting a practice session on calculus where she is discussing continuity and differentiability of several functions in their domains. Shown below are four cards that contain a function each along with their domains and graphs.





While discussing in the group, four students claimed as follows:

- ♦ Leela: "As the function on card I is both continuous and differentiable, we can say that every continuous function is differentiable."
- ♦ Irfan: "As the graph is not in one piece, the function on card II is discontinuous."
- ♦ Deepak: "The function on card III is continuous."
- ♦ Kiran: "The function on card IV is discontinuous."

Q: 11 Check whether Deepak and Kiran's claims are correct. Justify your answer. [2]

Q: 12 Is Irfan's claim correct? Does the reason given by him support his claim? Justify. [1]

Q: 13 Is Leela's claim true for all continuous functions? Justify with a valid reason or provide a counterexample. [2]

The table below gives the correct answer for each multiple-choice question in this test.

Q.No	Correct Answers
1	4
2	4
3	1



Q.No	What to look for	Marks
4	Differentiates the given function as: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-1}{4x^4 \sqrt{(4x^4)^2 - 1}} \frac{d(4x^4)}{dx}$	0.5
	Simplifies the above equation as: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-16x^3}{4x^4 \sqrt{(4x^4)^2 - 1}} = \frac{-4}{x \sqrt{16x^8 - 1}}$	0.5
5	With the help of the graphs, finds the values of x for which $\cos^{-1} x$ attains integer values as: $\cos^{-1} x = 3$ $\Rightarrow x = \cos 3$ $\cos^{-1} x = 2$ $\Rightarrow x = \cos 2$ $\cos^{-1} x = 1$ $\Rightarrow x = \cos 1$	1.5
	Concludes that the points of discontinuity of the function $y = [\cos^{-1} x]$ are $\cos 3$, $\cos 2$ and $\cos 1$.	0.5
6	Finds the first derivative of y as: $y' = a(n+2)x^{n+1} - b(n+1)x^{-n-2}$	1
	Finds the second derivative of y as: $y'' = a(n+2)(n+1)x^n + b(n+1)(n+2)x^{-n-3}$	1



Q.No	What to look for	Marks
	<p>Multiplies x^2 on both sides of the above equation to get:</p> $x^2 y'' = (n+1)(n+2) \left[ax^{n+2} + \frac{b}{x^{n+1}} \right]$ $\Rightarrow x^2 y'' = (n+1)(n+2)y$	1
7	<p>Finds $(f \circ g)(x)$ as:</p> $(f \circ g)(x)$ $= f(g(x))$ $= f(\sqrt{x})$ $= (\sqrt{x})^3 + 1$ $= x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1$	1
	<p>Finds the derivative of $(f \circ g)(x)$ as:</p> $\frac{d}{dx}(f \circ g)(x)$ $= \frac{d}{dx}(x^{\frac{3}{2}} + 1)$ $= \frac{3}{2}x^{\frac{1}{2}}$	1
	<p>Uses the above step to find the value of $(f \circ g)'$ at $x = 4$ as 3.</p>	1

Q.No	What to look for	Marks
8	Differentiates $f(x)$ once to get: $f^{(1)}(x) = 0 + 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots + \frac{x^9}{9!}$	1
	Rewrites $f^{(1)}(x)$ as: $f^{(1)}(x) = f(x) - \frac{x^{10}}{10!}$	0.5
	Finds the second derivative of $f(x)$ as: $f^{(2)}(x) = f(x) - \frac{x^{10}}{10!} - \frac{x^9}{9!}$	1
	Finds the third derivative of $f(x)$ as: $f^{(3)}(x) = f(x) - \frac{x^{10}}{10!} - \frac{x^9}{9!} - \frac{x^8}{8!}$	1
	Generalises the pattern as: $f^{(10)}(x) = f(x) - \frac{x^{10}}{10!} - \frac{x^9}{9!} - \dots - \frac{x^2}{2!} - x$ <p>(Award full marks if the expression is correctly generalised at the second derivative stage.)</p>	1

Q.No	What to look for	Marks
	Finds the value of $f^{(10)}(x)$ as $f^{(10)} = 1$.	0.5
9	Simplifies $\log\left(\frac{e}{x^5}\right)$ as $1 - 5\log x$.	0.5
	Simplifies $\log(ex^5)$ as $1 + 5\log x$.	0.5
	Rewrites the given equation as: $y = \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{1 - 5\log x}{1 + 5\log x}\right] + \tan^{-1}\left[\frac{4 + 5\log x}{1 - 20\log x}\right]$	0.5
	Uses the trigonometric identities $\tan^{-1} A - \tan^{-1} B = \tan^{-1} \frac{A-B}{A+B}$ and $\tan^{-1} A + \tan^{-1} B = \tan^{-1} \frac{A+B}{1-AB}$ and rewrites the above equation as: $y = \tan^{-1} 1 - \tan^{-1}(5\log x) + \tan^{-1} 4 + \tan^{-1}(5\log x)$	2
	Simplifies above step to get: $y = \tan^{-1} 1 + \tan^{-1} 4$	0.5
	Differentiates the above equation to get $y' = 0$.	0.5
	Differentiates y' to get $y'' = 0$.	0.5
10	Differentiates the equation given in the question with respect to n as follows: $\frac{d}{dn}\left(5m^2 + 2m - n^{\frac{-2}{3}}\right) = \frac{d}{dn}(0)$ $\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dn}(5m^2) + \frac{d}{dn}(2m) - \frac{d}{dn}\left(n^{\frac{-2}{3}}\right) = 0$	1
	Simplifies the differentiation in the previous step as follows: $\frac{d}{dm}(5m^2) \frac{dm}{dn} + 2 \frac{dm}{dn} + \frac{2}{3} n^{\frac{-5}{3}} = 0$	1

Q.No	What to look for	Marks
	<p>Simplifies the previous step as:</p> $\frac{dm}{dn}(10m + 2) + \frac{2}{3}n^{-\frac{5}{3}} = 0$ <p>(Award full marks if equivalent solving techniques without some intermediate steps are followed.)</p>	1
	<p>Concludes that:</p> $\frac{dm}{dn} = -\frac{n^{-\frac{5}{3}}}{15m+3}$	1
	<p>Finds the value of $\frac{dm}{dn}$ at (-1,1) as $\frac{1}{12}$.</p>	1
11	<p>Writes that Deepak is right and justifies it as follows:</p> <p>As $f_3(x)$ satisfies all the 3 conditions given below, it is continuous.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ♦ $f_3(x)$ is defined for all real numbers. ♦ At $x = 0$, left hand limit = right hand limit = 0 ♦ $f(0) = 0$ 	1.5
	<p>Writes that Kiran is right and justifies it as follows:</p> <p>As $f_4(x)$ fails to satisfy that at $x = 0$, left hand limit (0) is not equal to the right hand limit (1), it is discontinuous.</p>	0.5
12	<p>Writes that the claim made by Irfan is wrong and the reason given by him does not support his claim.</p>	0.5
	<p>Justifies that when $x = 0$, the function is not defined. So, $\frac{1}{2x}$ is continuous at all points except when $x = 0$. Hence, writes that the reason given by Irfan is not correct.</p>	0.5
13	<p>Writes that Leela's claim is not true for all continuous functions.</p>	0.5

Q.No	What to look for	Marks
	<p>Gives an example. For example: $f_3(x)$ is continuous, but not differentiable as it has a corner point.</p> <p>(Award full marks if any other valid examples are given.)</p>	1.5

