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CONTINUITY & DIFFERENTIABILITY

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5(a) CONTINUITY

CONCEPTS & FORMULAS

Continuity of a function at a point:

- 1) A real valued function is continuous at a point in its domain if the limit of the function at that point equals the value of the function at that point.

Thus, a real function $f(x)$ is continuous at $a \Leftrightarrow f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

- 2) **3 STEPS to check the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x=a$:**

STEP 1: Find $f(a)$; **STEP 2:** Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$; **STEP 3:** Check for $f(a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

HINT 1: In step (2), in case of split function like $|x|$, $[x]$, $\sqrt{x}$ find both LHL & RHL.

Here if $LHL = RHL = l$ then we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$ (or)

if $LHL \neq RHL$ then we say $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=a$ (or)

if any one of LHL or RHL does not exist then also $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=a$

HINT 2: In step (3), if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ then conclude that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=a$.

If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \neq f(a)$ then conclude that $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=a$.

- 3) **Result:** Graphically, if the graph of $f(x)$ is a continuous curve on its defined domain then $f(x)$ is continuous on its domain.

Examples: Polynomial function, constant function(k), identity function(x), $|x|$, $\sin x$, $\cos x$, are continuous on $\mathbb{R}$. $\log(x)$ is continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

$[x]$ is discontinuous on $\mathbb{R}$. But $[x]$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R} - \mathbb{Z}$.

- 4) **Result:** If f is continuous at a and g is continuous at $f(a)$, then $g \circ f$ is continuous at a .

- 5) Suppose f and g be two real functions continuous at a real number c . Then

(1) $f + g$ is continuous at $x = c$. (2) $f - g$ is continuous at $x = c$.

(3) $f \cdot g$ is continuous at $x = c$. (4) $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)$ is continuous at $x = c$, (provided $g(c) \neq 0$).

BMP BOX

VSAQ: 1. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ in $y = \sin^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1+x^2}\right)$ [**BMP1**] **2.** Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$, if $x = a(\theta + \sin \theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$. [**BMP2**]

SAQ: 3. Differentiate the function $(\log x)^{\cos x}$ w.r.t. x . [**BMP1**]

4. Find the relationship between a and b so that the function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax+1, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ bx+3, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 3. \quad [\text{BMP2}]$$

5(b) DIFFERENTIABILITY

CONCEPTS & FORMULAS

- 1) **Differentiability of a function :** If $y=f(x)$ is a real function then from the first principle its

derivatives is given by $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \frac{dy}{dx} = y'$

- 2) If a function f is differentiable at a point c then $f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$

- 3) **Chain Rule:** $y = f(u), u = g(x) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy}{du} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$ i.e., $y = f(g(x)) \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = f'(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$

- 4) **Derivatives of Exponential Functions:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(e^x) = e^x; \quad \frac{d}{dx}(e^{f(x)}) = e^{f(x)} f'(x); \quad \frac{d}{dx}(a^x) = a^x \log_e a;$$

- 5) **Derivatives of Logarithmic Functions:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\log x) = \frac{1}{x}; \quad \frac{d}{dx}[\log f(x)] = \frac{1}{f(x)} \cdot f'(x); \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\log_a x) = \frac{1}{x} \log_a e$$

- 6) **Derivatives of Inverse Trigonometric Functions:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\sin^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\cos^{-1}x) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \quad \frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$$

- 7) **Logarithmic Differentiation:** If $y=f(x)^{g(x)}$, then $\log y = g(x)[\log f(x)] \Rightarrow \frac{1}{y} \frac{dy}{dx} = g(x) \cdot \frac{1}{f(x)} f'(x) + \log f(x) g'(x)$

- 8) **Parametric differentiation:** If $x = f(t), y = g(t)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{g'(t)}{f'(t)}$ and $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \left[\frac{d}{dt} \left(\frac{dy}{dx} \right) \right] \left(\frac{dt}{dx} \right)$

- 9) **Derivative of a function w.r.t another function:** If $y = f(x), z = g(x)$ then $\frac{dy}{dz} = \frac{df}{dg} = \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)}$

- 10) **Second order derivative:** If f is a differentiable function of x and its derivative $f'(x)$ is also a function of x , then $f'(x)$ is again a differentiable function of x and the derivative of f' is called

the second order derivative of f and it is denoted by f'' . Thus $f''(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f'(x+h) - f'(x)}{h}$

The second order derivative is also denoted by $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}, y'', \frac{d^2}{dx^2} f(x), D^2 f(x), f^{(2)}(x)$

Remark: Every differential function is continuous, but the converse is not true.