

**Question 1:** Let  $[x]$  be the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Then at which of the following point(s) the function  $f(x) = x \cos (\pi(x + [x]))$  is discontinuous?

- (a)  $x = 2$
- (b)  $x = 0$
- (c)  $x = 1$
- (d)  $x = -1$

**Answer:** a, c, d

**Solution:**

Given  $f(x) = x \cos (\pi(x + [x]))$

At  $x = 2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x \cos (\pi(x + [x])) = 2 \cos (\pi + 2\pi)$$

$$= 2 \cos 3\pi$$

$$= -2$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x \cos (\pi(x + [x])) = 2 \cos (2\pi + 2\pi)$$

$$= 2 \cos 4\pi$$

$$= 2$$

LHL  $\neq$  RHL

So  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 2$ .

At  $x = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x \cos (\pi(x + [x])) = 0 \cos (-\pi + 0)$$

$$= 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x \cos (\pi(x + [x])) = 0$$

LHL = RHL

So  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

At  $x = 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x \cos(\pi(x + [x])) = \cos(\pi)$$

$$= -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x \cos(\pi(x + [x])) = \cos 2\pi$$

$$= 1$$

LHL  $\neq$  RHL

So  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

At  $x = -1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} x \cos(\pi(x + [x])) = -\cos(-3\pi)$$

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} x \cos(\pi(x + [x])) = -\cos 2\pi$$

$$= -1$$

LHL  $\neq$  RHL

So  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

The function is discontinuous at  $x = 2, 1, -1$

**Question 2:** For every pair of continuous functions  $f, g: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  such that  $\max\{f(x) : x \in [0, 1]\} = \max\{g(x) : x \in [0, 1]\}$ , the correct statements is (are)

(a)  $(f(c))^2 + 3f(c) = (g(c))^2 + 3g(c)$  for some  $c \in [0, 1]$

(b)  $(f(c))^2 + f(c) = (g(c))^2 + 3g(c)$  for some  $c \in [0, 1]$

(c)  $(f(c))^2 + 3f(c) = (g(c))^2 + g(c)$  for some  $c \in [0, 1]$

(d)  $(f(c))^2 = (g(c))^2$  for some  $c \in [0, 1]$

**Answer: a, d**

**Solution:**

Let  $f$  and  $g$  be maximum at  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  respectively.

$$c_1, c_2 \in [0, 1]$$

$$\text{Then, } f(c_1) = g(c_2)$$

$$\text{Let } h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$$

Then  $h(c_1) = f(c_1) - g(c_1) > 0$

And  $h(c_2) = f(c_2) - g(c_2) < 0$

So  $h(x) = 0$  has atleast one root in  $[c_1, c_2]$

i.e  $f(c) = g(c)$  for  $c \in [c_1, c_2]$

which shows that options a and d are correct.

**Question 3:** Suppose that  $f(x)$  is a differentiable function such that  $f'(x)$  is continuous  $f'(0) = 1$  and  $f''(0)$  does not exist. If  $g(x) = x f'(x)$ . Then,

(a)  $g'(0)$  does not exist

(b)  $g'(0) = 0$

(c)  $g'(0) = 1$

(d)  $g'(0) = 2$

**Answer: c**

**Solution:**

Given  $f'(0) = 1$

$g(x) = x f'(x)$

$g'(x) = f'(x) + x f''(x)$

$g'(0) = f'(0) + 0 f''(0)$

So  $g'(0) = 1$

Hence option (c) is the answer.

**Question 4:** If a function  $f$  is such that  $f(0) = 2$ ,  $f(1) = 3$ ,  $f(x+2) = 2f(x) - f(x+1)$  for  $x \geq 0$ , then  $f(5)$  is equal to

(a) -7

(b) -3

(c) 17

(d) 13

**Answer: d**

**Solution:**

Given  $f(0) = 2$ ,  $f(1) = 3$

$$f(x+2) = 2f(x) - f(x+1)$$

Put  $x = 0$ ,

$$\text{Then } f(2) = 2f(0) - f(1)$$

$$= 4 - 3$$

$$= 1$$

Put  $x = 1$

$$f(3) = 2f(1) - f(2)$$

$$= 6 - 1$$

$$= 5$$

Put  $x = 2$

$$f(4) = 2f(2) - f(3)$$

$$= 2 - 5$$

$$= -3$$

$$f(5) = 2f(3) - f(4)$$

$$= 10 - (-3)$$

$$= 13$$

Hence option d is the answer.

**Question 5:** Let  $[t]$  denote the greatest integer  $\leq t$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x[4/x] = A$ . Then the function,  $f(x) = [x^2] \sin \pi x$  is discontinuous, when  $x$  is equal to

- (a)  $\sqrt{A+1}$
- (b)  $\sqrt{A+5}$
- (c)  $\sqrt{A+21}$
- (d)  $\sqrt{A}$

**Answer: a**

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x[4/x] = A$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x[4/x - \{4/x\}] = A$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 4 - x\{4/x\} = A$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 - 0 = A$$

As,  $f(x) = [x^2]\sin(\pi x)$  will be discontinuous at non-integers

And when  $x = \sqrt{A+1}$

$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{5}$ , which is not an integer.

Hence  $f(x)$  is discontinuous when  $x$  is equal to  $\sqrt{A+1}$ .

Hence option a is the answer.

**Question 6:** Let  $f: [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function which is continuous on  $[0, 2]$  and its differentiable on  $(0, 2)$  with  $f(0) = 1$ . Let  $F(x) =$

$$\int_0^{x^2} f(\sqrt{t}) dt$$

for  $x \in [0, 2]$ . If  $F(x) = f'(x)$  for all  $x$  belongs to  $(0, 2)$ , then  $F(2)$  equals

(a)  $e^2 - 1$

(b)  $e^4 - 1$

(c)  $e - 1$

(d)  $e^4$

**Answer: b**

**Solution:**

$$F(x) =$$

$$\int_0^{x^2} f(\sqrt{t}) dt$$

$$F'(x) = f(x) 2x$$

$$F'(x) = f'(x) \text{ for all } x \text{ belongs to } (0, 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) 2x = f'(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x)/f(x) = 2x$$

On integrating w.r.t.x, we get

$$\ln f(x) = x^2 + c$$

$$f(x) =$$

$$e^{x^2+c}$$

$$=$$

$$e^{x^2} \cdot e^c$$

Since  $f(0) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow e^c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) =$$

$$e^{x^2}$$

Hence  $F(x) =$

$$\int_0^{x^2} e^x dx$$

$$=$$

$$e^{x^2} - 1$$

$$F(2) = e^4 - 1$$

Hence option b is the answer.

**Question 7:** If  $f(x) = \cos x \cos 2x \cos 4x \cos 8x \cos 16x$ , then  $f'(\pi/4)$  is equal to

(a)  $\sqrt{2}$

(b)  $1/\sqrt{2}$

(c) 0

(d)  $\sqrt{3}/2$

**Answer: a**

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \cos x \cos 2x \cos 4x \cos 8x \cos 16x$$

Multiply and divide by  $2 \sin x$

$$f(x) = (2 \sin x \cos x \cos 2x \cos 4x \cos 8x \cos 16x) / 2 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \sin 2x \cos 2x \cos 4x \cos 8x \cos 16x / 2^2 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \sin 4x \cos 4x \cos 8x \cos 16x / 2^3 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \sin 8x \cos 8x \cos 16x / 2^4 \sin x$$

$$= 2 \sin 16x \cos 16x / 2^5 \sin x$$

$$= \sin 32x / 2^5 \sin x$$

$$f'(x) = (1/2^5) [32 \sin x \cos 32x - \sin 32x \cos x] / \sin^2 x$$

$$f'(\pi/4) = (1/2^5) [32 \sin \pi/4 \cos 8\pi - \sin 8\pi \cos \pi/4] / \sin^2 \pi/4$$

$$= (1/2^5) [(32 \times 1/\sqrt{2} - 0) / (1/2)]$$

$$= \sqrt{2}$$

Hence option (a) is the answer.

**Question 8: If  $f(x) = [x] - [x/4]$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , where  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer function, then**

(a)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 4$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x)$  exists but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x)$  does not exist

(c) Both  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x)$  exist but are not equal

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x)$  exists but  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x)$  does not exist

**Answer: a**

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} ([x] - [x/4]) = 3 - 0 = 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} ([x] - [x/4]) = 4 - 1 = 3$$

$$\text{RHL} = \text{LHL}$$

$$f(4) = [4] - [4/4]$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{LHL} = \text{RHL} = f(4)$$

So  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 4$ .

Hence option a is the answer.

**Question 9: Let  $f$  be a composite function of  $x$  defined by  $f(u) = 1/(u^2+u-2)$ ,  $u(x) = 1/(x-1)$ . Then the number of points  $x$  where  $f$  is discontinuous is**

(a) 4

(b) 3

(c) 2

(d) 1

**Answer: b**

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } f(u) = 1/(u^2+u-2)$$

$$= 1/(u+2)(u-1), \text{ is discontinuous at } x = -2, 1$$

$$u(x) = 1/(x-1), \text{ is discontinuous at } x = 1$$

$$\text{When } u = -2,$$

$$\text{Then } 1/(x-1) = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{When } u = 1, \text{ then } 1/(x-1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2$$

Hence the given composite function is discontinuous at three points  $x = 1, \frac{1}{2}$  and  $2$ .

Hence option b is the answer.