

**Question # 1:**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} |x - 5| \quad \begin{array}{ccc} |x - 5| = \pm(x - 5) & & \\ \frac{-(x - 5)}{-\infty} & \frac{+(x - 5)}{+\infty} & \\ & 5 & \end{array}$$

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

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

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

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

**Question # 2:**

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

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

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

(a)  $f(2) = 2(2) + 5 = 4 + 5 = 9$  .....(1)

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

$$\frac{f(x) = 2x + 5 \quad \quad \quad f(x) = 4x + 1}{-\infty \quad \quad \quad 2 \quad \quad \quad +\infty}$$

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

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

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

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

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

∴  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$

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

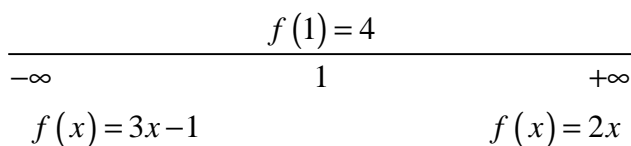
if  $c = 2$   $f(c) = f(2)$

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)



(a)  $f(1) = 4$  (given)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

∴  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$

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

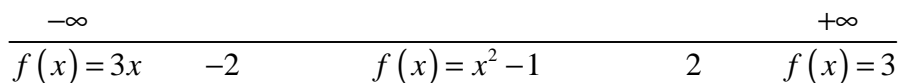
(a)  $f(1)$  is not defined

∴  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$

**Question # 3:**

Given that

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



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

(a)  $f(2) = 3 \dots\dots\dots(1)$  (given)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(ii) At  $x = -2$

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Question # 4:**

Given that

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

$c = ?$

$$\frac{-\infty}{f(x) = x+2} \quad -1 \quad \frac{+\infty}{f(x) = c+2}$$

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

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

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

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

$\Rightarrow 1 = c+2$

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

**Question # 5:**

(i)

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

here  $f(3) = n$  (given)

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow (m)(3) &= -2(3) + 9 = n \\ \Rightarrow 3m &= -6 + 9 = n \\ \Rightarrow 3m &= 3 = n \\ \Rightarrow 3m &= 3, \quad n = 3 \\ \Rightarrow m &= 1, \quad n = 3 \end{aligned}$$

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

here  $f(4) = (4)^2 = 16$

$\therefore f(x)$  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

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

$K = ?$

here  $f(2) = K$  given

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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