



CBSE Class 12 Mathematics Differentiation

Worksheet

Continuity & Differentiability

Q1. For what value of λ is the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda(x^2 - 2x); & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 4x + 1 & ; x > 0 \end{cases}$$

continues at $x = 0$? what about continuity at $x = 1$?

Sol.1 Continuity at $x = 0$

$$\text{LHL} = (\lambda(x^2 - 2x))$$

$$\text{put } x = 0 - h = -h \text{ and } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{LHL} = (\lambda(h^2 + 2h)) = \lambda(0 + 0)$$

$$\text{LHL} = 0$$

$$\text{RHL} (4x + 1)$$

$$\text{put } x = 0 + h = h \text{ and } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\therefore \text{RHL} = (4h + 1) = 1$$

$$\text{RHL} = 1$$

since $\text{LHL} \neq \text{RHL}$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 0$ for any value of λ

Continuity at $x = 1$

here for LHL and RHL ; $f(x) = 4x + 1$ (same)

$$\text{LHL} = (4x + 1)$$

$$\text{put } x = 1 - h \text{ and } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{LHL} = (4(1 - h) + 1) = 4 + 1$$

$$\text{LHL} = 5$$

$$\text{RHL} = (4x + 1)$$

$$\text{put } x = 1 + h \text{ and } h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{RHL} = (4(1 + h) + 1)$$

$$\text{RHL} = 4 + 1 = 5$$

$$f(1) = 4(1) + 1$$

$$f(1) = 5$$

$f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$; irrespective of any value of λ Ans.



Q2. Discuss the continuity of $f(x)$ given by

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

Sol.2 x^2 polynomial function which is everywhere continuous
and $\sin(1/x)$ is a sine function which is also everywhere continuous
and product of two continuous function is also continuous
when $x \neq 0$

$$f(x) = x^2 \sin(1/x)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous for all $x \neq 0$

continuity at $x = 0$

$$\text{LHL} = \left(x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right)$$

put $x = 0 - h = -h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHL} &= \left((-h)^2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{-1}{h}\right) \right) \\ &= \left(-h^2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) \right) \\ &= \left(-h^2 \cdot \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) \right) \\ &= 0 \sin\left(\frac{1}{0}\right) = 0 \times (\text{an oscillating number between } -1 \text{ and } 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHL} = 0$$

similarly $\text{RHL} = 0$ (Do Yourself)

and $f(0) = 0$

$$\therefore \text{LHL} = \text{RHL} = f(0) = 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is also continuous at $x = 0$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous everywhere (or) there is no point of discontinuity. (Ans)

Q3. Prove that the function $f(x) = |x - 1| \in \mathbb{R}$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

Sol.3. We have $f(x) = |x - 1| = \begin{cases} (x - 1); & x > 1 \\ -(x - 1); & x < 1 \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHD} &= \left[\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{-(x - 1) - (1 - 1)}{x - 1} \right] \\ &= \left[\frac{-(x - 1)}{(x - 1)} \right] \end{aligned}$$



$$\text{LHD} = (-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHD} = -1$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHD} &= \left(\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{(x-1) - (1-1)}{x-1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{(x-1)}{(x-1)} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHD} = (1)$$

$$\therefore \text{RHD} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} \neq \text{RHD} \quad \therefore f(x) \text{ is not Differentiable at } x = 1 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Q4. Prove that the greatest integer function $f(x) = [x]$; $0 < x < 3$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

Sol.4. We have $f(x) = [x]$; $0 < x < 3$

$$f(x) = \{0 ; 0 < x < 1\}$$

$$\{1 ; 1 \leq x < 2\}$$

$$\{2 ; 2 \leq x < 3\}$$

Differentiability at $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{LHD} &= \left(\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \right) \\ &= \left[\frac{0 - 1}{x - 1} \right]\end{aligned}$$

put $x = 1 - h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{LHD} &= \left(\frac{-1}{1 - h - 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1}{h} \right) = \infty \therefore \text{LHD} = \infty\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{RHD} &= \left(\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{1 - 1}{x - 1} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{0}{x - 1} \right)\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHD} = 0$$

since $\text{LHD} \neq \text{RHD}$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not Differentiability at $x = 1$

Similarly : check the Differentiability at $x = 2$

Q5. If $f(x) = |x|^3$. Show that $f^{(1)}(x)$ exists for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and find it.



Sol.5 We have, $f(x) = |x|^3$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = |x| = \begin{cases} x^3 & ; x \geq 0 \\ -x^3 & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHD} &= \left(\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{-x^3 - 0}{x} \right) \\ &= (-x^2) \end{aligned}$$

put $x = 0 - h = -h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} = -(-h)^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now RHD} &= \left(\frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{x^3 - 0}{x - 0} \right) = (x^2) \end{aligned}$$

put $x = 0 + h = h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \text{RHD} = (h^2) = 0$$

$$\text{RHD} = 0$$

since $\text{LHD} = \text{RHD}$

$\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$

$\therefore f'(x)$ exists and given by

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 & ; x \geq 0 \\ -3x^2 & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHD} &= \left(\frac{f'(x) - f'(0)}{x - 0} \right) \\ &= (-3x) \end{aligned}$$

put $x = 0 - h = -h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} = (3h) = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} = 0$$

Similarly $\text{RHD} = 0$

since $\text{LHD} = \text{RHD}$

$\therefore f'(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 0$

$\therefore f''(x)$ exists and given by

$$f''(x) = \begin{cases} 6x & ; x \neq 0 \\ -6 & ; x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Q6. Find the values of 'a' and 'b' so that the function



$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x + a & ; \quad x \leq 1 \\ bx + 2 & ; \quad x > 1 \end{cases}$ is differentiable
at $x = 1$.

Sol.6. Since $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 1$

$\therefore f(x)$ is also continuous at $x = 1$

continuity at $x = 1$

$$\text{RHL} = (bx + 2)$$

put $x = 1 + h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{LHL} = (b(1 + h) + 2)$$

$$\text{LHL} = b + 2$$

$$\text{LHL} = (x^2 + 3x + a)$$

put $x = 1 + h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \text{RHL} = ((1 + h)^2 + 3(1 + h) + a)$$

$$\text{RHL} = 1 + 3 + a$$

$$\text{LHL} = 4 + a$$

$$f(1) = 1 + 3 + a = 4 + a$$

we have, $\text{RHL} = \text{LHL} = f(1)$

$$\Rightarrow b + 2 = 4 + a = 4 + a$$

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$$\Rightarrow b = 2 + a \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Differentiability at $x = 1$

$$\text{LHD} = \left(\frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{x^2 + 3x + a - (1 + 3 + a)}{x - 1} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{x^2 + 3x + a - 4 - a}{(x - 1)} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{(x - 1)} \right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{(x + 4)(x - 1)}{(x - 1)} \right)$$

put $x = 1 + h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{LHD} = (1 + h + 4)$$

$$\text{LHD} = 5$$

$$\text{RHD} = \left(\frac{bx + 2 - f(1)}{x - 1} \right)$$



$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left(\frac{bx+2-(4+a)}{x-1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{bx+2-4-a}{x-1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{bx-(2+a)}{x-1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{bx-b}{x-1} \right) \quad \dots\dots \{ \text{from (1) } b = a + 2 \} \\
 &= \left(\frac{b(x-1)}{(x-1)} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{RHL} = b$$

since $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 1$

$$\therefore \text{LHD} = \text{RHD}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = b$$

$$\therefore b = 5 \text{ put in (1)}$$

$$a = 3 \quad (\text{Ans}) \quad a = 3 \text{ \& } b = 5$$

Q7. Show that $f(x)$ is discontinues at $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= \begin{cases} \frac{e^{1/x}-1}{e^{1/x}+1}; & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & ; \quad x = 0 \end{cases}
 \end{aligned}$$

Sol.7

$$\text{LHL} = \left(\frac{e^{1/x}-1}{e^{1/x}+1} \right)$$

put $x = 0 - h = -h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{LHL} &= \left(\frac{e^{-1/h}-1}{e^{-1/h}+1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{e^{-\infty}+1}{e^{\infty}+1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{0-1}{0+1} \quad \dots\dots \{e^{\infty} = 0\}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{LHL} = -1$$

$$\text{RHL} = \left(\frac{e^{1/h}-1}{e^{1/h}+1} \right)$$

put $x = 0 + h$ and $h \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{RHL} &= \left(\frac{e^{1/h}-1}{e^{1/h}+1} \right) \\
 &= \left(\frac{1-e^{-1/h}}{1+e^{-1/h}} \right) \quad \dots\dots \{ \text{Divide by } e^{1/h} \} \\
 &= \frac{1-e^{-\infty}}{1+e^{-\infty}}
 \end{aligned}$$



$$= \frac{1-0}{1+0}$$

$$\text{RHL} = 1$$

since $\text{LHL} \neq \text{RHL} \therefore f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 0$. (Ans)

Rolle's And Mean Value Theorem

Q8. Verify mean value theorem if $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x$ in the interval $a = 1$ & $b = 3$ i.e. $[1, 3]$. Find all c $(1, 3)$ for which $f'(c) = 0$.

Sol.8 We have, $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 - 3x$; $x \in [1, 3]$

since $f(x)$ is a polynomial function which is everywhere continuous.

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous in $[1, 3]$

Diff $f(x)$ w.r.t. x

$$f'(x) = 3x^2 - 10x - 3$$

clearly $f'(x)$ exists for all $x \in (1, 3)$

$\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable in $(1, 3)$

The two conditions all statistical then there exists a value $c \in (1, 3)$ such that

$$f'(c) = \frac{f(3) - f(1)}{3 - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 10c - 3 = \frac{-20}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 10c - 3 = -10$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 10c + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 3c - 7c + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3c(c - 1) - 7(c - 1) = 0$$

$$c = 1 ; c = 7/3$$

clearly $c = 7/3 \in (1, 3)$

\therefore mean value theorem is verified

(ii) given $f'(c) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 3c^2 - 10c - 3 = 0$$

$$a = 3 ; b = -10 ; c = -3$$

$$c = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100 + 36}}{6} \quad \{\text{quadratic formula}\}$$

$$c = \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{136}}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{10 \pm 11.7}{6}$$

$$c = 3.6 \text{ and } c = -0.28$$



clearly both value does not belong to $(1, 3)$

\therefore there is no value of c for which $f'(c) = 0$.

Q9. Verify Rolle's theorem for the function $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$; on $[-2, 2]$.

Sol.9 We have, $f(x) = \sqrt{4 - x^2}$

\rightarrow for all $x \in [-2, 2]$, the limit of the function is equal to the value of the function

i.e. $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ where $a \in [-2, 2]$

$\therefore f(x)$ is continuous for all $x \in [-2, 2]$

Differentiable $f(x)$ w.r.t. x

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4-x^2}} (-2x) = -\frac{x}{\sqrt{4-x^2}}$$

clearly $f'(x)$ exists for all $x \in (-2, 2)$

$\therefore f(x)$ is differentiable for all $x \in (-2, 2)$

$$f(-2) = \sqrt{4 - (-2)^2} = \sqrt{4 - 4} = 0$$

$$f(2) = \sqrt{4 - 2^2} = \sqrt{4 - 4} = 0$$

$$\therefore f(-2) = f(2)$$

the three conditions of Rolle's theorem are satisfied, then there exists a value

$c \in (-2, 2)$ such that $f'(c) = 0$

$$\text{Now } f'(c) = \frac{-c}{\sqrt{4-c^2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-c}{\sqrt{4-c^2}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -c = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0$$

clearly $c = 0 \in (-2, 2)$

hence Rolle's theorem is verified. (Ans.)

Q10. Discuss the "applicability" of Rolle's theorem on indicated intervals.

Sol.10 (i) $f(x) = 3 + (x - 2)^{2/3}$ on $[1, 3]$

$$f'(x) = 0 + \frac{2}{3}(x - 2)^{-1/3}$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{2}{3(x-2)^{1/3}}$$

clearly $f'(x)$ does not exist when $x = 2$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not differentiable in interval $(1, 3)$

hence Rolle's theorem not applicable



(ii) $f(x) = \tan x$ on $[0, \pi]$

clearly $\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \infty$

$\therefore \tan x$ is not continuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not continuous on $[0, \pi]$

Hence Rolle's theorem not applicable

(ii) $f(x) = [x]$; $x \leftarrow [-1, 1]$

$f(-1) = [-1] = -1$

and $f(1) = [1] = 1$

clearly $f(-1) \neq f(1)$

hence Rolle's theorem not applicable

(iv) $f(x) = |x|$; $x \leftarrow [-1, 1]$

we have that modulus function is not Diff at $x = 0$

$\therefore f(x)$ is not Diff in $(-1, 1)$

Hence Rolle's theorem not applicable

(v) $f(x) = \{-4x + 5$; $0 \leq x \leq 1\}$

$\{2x - 3$; $1 < x \leq 2\}$

here LHL = 1 & RHL = -1 (Do yourself)

clearly LHL \neq RHL

$\therefore f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 1$

\therefore Rolle's theorem not applicable (Ans.)