

NCERT Solutions

Class 12 Mathematics

Chapter 5: Continuity and Differentiability

Complete Step-by-Step Solutions – Exercises 5.1 to 5.8

Covers: continuity of functions, algebra of continuous functions, differentiability, chain rule, implicit differentiation, derivatives of inverse trigonometric functions, exponential and logarithmic differentiation, parametric differentiation, second-order derivatives, and Rolle's & Mean Value Theorems. The Miscellaneous Exercise will be provided as a follow-up.

Chapter 5: Continuity and Differentiability

Exercise 5.1 – Continuity (Q1–34)

Q1.

Prove that $f(x) = 5x - 3$ is continuous at $x = 0$, $x = -3$ and $x = 5$.

Solution: f is a polynomial, so it is defined and continuous everywhere. At $x=0$: $f(0)=-3$, and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = -3$ — equal. At $x=-3$: $f(-3)=-18 = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$. At $x=5$: $f(5)=22 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$. In every case, $\lim f(x) = f(\text{point})$, so f is continuous at all three points.

Q2.

Examine the continuity of $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$ at $x = 3$.

Solution: $f(3) = 2(9)-1 = 17$. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x^2-1) = 2(9)-1 = 17$. Since $f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$, f is continuous at $x=3$.

Q3.

Examine the following for continuity: (a) $f(x)=x-5$ (b) $f(x)=1/(x-5)$, $x \neq 5$ (c) $f(x)=(x^2-25)/(x+5)$, $x \neq -5$ (d) $f(x)=|x-5|$

Solution: (a) A polynomial function, continuous for every real x .

(b) A quotient of two continuous functions (1 and $x-5$) whose denominator is never zero on its domain ($x \neq 5$) $\Rightarrow$ continuous throughout its domain.

(c) Simplifies to $x-5$ for $x \neq -5$ (cancel the common factor $x+5$), which is a polynomial $\Rightarrow$ continuous throughout its domain.

(d) The modulus of the continuous function $x-5$; since the modulus function is continuous everywhere, this composition is continuous everywhere.

Q4.

Prove that $f(x) = x^n$ is continuous at $x = n$, where n is a positive integer.

Solution: f is a polynomial function, hence defined and continuous at every real number, including $x=n$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow n} x^n = n^n = f(n)$, proving continuity at $x=n$.

Q5.

Is f defined by $f(x) = \{x, \text{ if } x \leq 1; 5, \text{ if } x > 1\}$ continuous at $x=0$? At $x=1$? At $x=2$?

Solution: At $x=0$: $f(0)=0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \Rightarrow$ continuous.

At $x=1$: LHL = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x = 1$. RHL = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 5 = 5$. LHL $\neq$ RHL $\Rightarrow$ discontinuous.

At $x=2$: $f(2)=5 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 5 \Rightarrow$ continuous.

Q6.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{2x+3, x \leq 2; 2x-3, x > 2\}$.

Solution: Both pieces are polynomials, so continuity can only fail at $x=2$. LHL = $2(2)+3=7$. RHL = $2(2)-3=1$. LHL $\neq$ RHL, so f is discontinuous only at $x=2$.

Q7.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{|x|+3, x \leq -3; -2x, -3 < x < 3; 6x+2, x \geq 3\}$.

Solution: At $x=-3$: LHL= $\lim(|x|+3)=6$, RHL= $\lim(-2x)=6$, $f(-3)=6$ — continuous.

At $x=3$: LHL= $\lim(-2x)=-6$, RHL= $\lim(6x+2)=20$ — unequal, so discontinuous at $x=3$. Elsewhere the pieces are polynomials, hence continuous.

Only point of discontinuity: $x = 3$.

Q8.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = |x|/x$, $x \neq 0$; $f(0)=0$.

Solution: For $x > 0$, $f(x)=1$; for $x < 0$, $f(x)=-1$. At $x=0$: LHL=-1, RHL=1, $f(0)=0$ — all different, so discontinuous at $x=0$. Continuous everywhere else.

Q9.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = x/|x|$, $x < 0$; $f(x)=-1$, $x \geq 0$.

Solution: For $x < 0$, $|x|=-x$, so $x/|x| = -1$. Thus $f(x) = -1$ for every real x (both branches agree) — f is simply the constant function -1 , which is continuous everywhere.

Q10.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{x+1, x \geq 1; x^2+1, x < 1\}$.

Solution: At $x=1$: LHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x^2+1)=2$, RHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x+1)=2$, $f(1)=2$ — equal. Both pieces are polynomials, so f is continuous everywhere.

Q11.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{x^3-3, x \leq 2; x^2+1, x > 2\}$.

Solution: At $x=2$: LHL= $2^3-3=5$, RHL= $2^2+1=5$, $f(2)=5$ — equal, so continuous at $x=2$ and everywhere (polynomial pieces).

Q12.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{x^{10}-1, x \leq 1; x^2, x > 1\}$.

Solution: At $x=1$: LHL= $1-1=0$. RHL= $1^2=1$. LHL $\neq$ RHL, so f is discontinuous at $x=1$ (the only point of discontinuity).

Q13.

Is $f(x) = \{x+5, x \leq 1; x-5, x > 1\}$ a continuous function?

Solution: At $x=1$: LHL= $1+5=6$, RHL= $1-5=-4$. LHL $\neq$ RHL, so f is discontinuous at $x=1$; hence f is not a continuous function.

Q14.

Discuss the continuity of $f(x) = \{3, 0 \leq x \leq 1; 4, 1 < x < 3; 5, 3 \leq x \leq 10\}$.

Solution: At $x=1$: LHL=3, RHL=4 — unequal, discontinuous.

At $x=3$: LHL=4, RHL=5 — unequal, discontinuous.

f is continuous on the open intervals $(0,1)$, $(1,3)$, $(3,10)$, but discontinuous at $x=1$ and $x=3$.

Q15.

Discuss the continuity of $f(x) = \{2x, x < 0; 0, 0 \leq x \leq 1; 4x, x > 1\}$.

Solution: At $x=0$: LHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 2x=0$, RHL=0 (from middle branch), $f(0)=0$ — continuous.

At $x=1$: LHL=0 (middle branch), RHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 4x=4$, $f(1)=0$ — LHL $\neq$ RHL, discontinuous.

Only point of discontinuity: $x = 1$.

Q16.

Discuss the continuity of $f(x) = \{-2, x \leq -1; 2x, -1 < x \leq 1; 2, x > 1\}$.

Solution: At $x=-1$: LHL=-2, RHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} 2x=-2$, $f(-1)=-2$ — continuous.

At $x=1$: LHL= $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2x=2$, RHL=2, $f(1)=2$ — continuous. So f is continuous everywhere.

Q17.

Find the relation between a and b so that $f(x) = \{ax+1, x \leq 3; bx+3, x > 3\}$ is continuous at $x=3$.

Solution: $f(3) = 3a+1$. $LHL = 3a+1$. $RHL = 3b+3$. For continuity, $LHL = RHL = f(3)$: $3a+1 = 3b+3$, i.e. $3a - 3b = 2$.

Relation: $3a - 3b = 2$ (equivalently $a - b = 2/3$).

Q18.

For what value of λ is $f(x) = \{\lambda(x^2-2x), x \leq 0; 4x+1, x > 0\}$ continuous at $x=0$? What about continuity at $x=1$?

Solution: $f(0) = \lambda(0) = 0$. $LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \lambda(x^2-2x) = 0$. $RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (4x+1) = 1$. Since $LHL = 0$ but $RHL = 1$ regardless of λ , they can never be equal.

No value of λ makes f continuous at $x=0$. At $x=1$, $f(x) = 4x+1$ (a polynomial) throughout a neighbourhood of 1, so f is continuous at $x=1$ for every value of λ .

Q19.

Show that the function $g(x) = x - [x]$ (fractional part function, $[x]$ = greatest integer $\leq x$) is discontinuous at every integer.

Solution: Let n be an integer. $LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} (x - [x]) = n - (n-1) = 1$ (just left of n , $[x] = n-1$). $RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} (x - [x]) = n - n = 0$. $g(n) = n - n = 0$. Since $LHL \neq RHL$, g is discontinuous at every integer n .

Q20.

Is the function $f(x) = x^2 - \sin x + 5$ continuous at $x = \pi$?

Solution: x^2+5 (polynomial) and $\sin x$ are both continuous everywhere; their combination (sum/difference of continuous functions) is continuous everywhere, so f is continuous at $x=\pi$, with $f(\pi) = \pi^2+5$.

Q21.

Discuss the continuity of: (a) $\sin x + \cos x$ (b) $\sin x - \cos x$ (c) $\sin x \cdot \cos x$.

Solution: $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are each continuous on all of $\mathbb{R}$ (standard result). By the algebra of continuous functions, their sum, difference and product are also continuous everywhere. Hence all three functions (a), (b), (c) are continuous on $\mathbb{R}$.

Q22.

Discuss the continuity of the cosine, cosecant, secant and cotangent functions.

Solution: $\cos x$ is continuous everywhere (like $\sin x$). $\sec x = 1/\cos x$ is continuous wherever $\cos x \neq 0$, i.e. everywhere except $x = (2n+1)\pi/2$. $\csc x = 1/\sin x$ is continuous wherever $\sin x \neq 0$, i.e. except $x = n\pi$. $\cot x = \cos x / \sin x$ is continuous except at $x = n\pi$. (n any integer)

Q23.

Find all points of discontinuity of $f(x) = \{\sin x / x, x < 0; x+1, x \geq 0\}$.

Solution: At $x=0$: $LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \sin x / x = 1$ (standard limit). $RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x+1) = 1$. $f(0) = 1$. All equal $\Rightarrow$ continuous at 0. Both pieces are continuous on their domains, so f has no point of discontinuity.

Q24.

Determine if $f(x) = \{x^2 \sin(1/x), x \neq 0; 0, x = 0\}$ is continuous at $x=0$.

Solution: Since $|\sin(1/x)| \leq 1$, we have $|x^2 \sin(1/x)| \leq x^2 \rightarrow 0$ as $x \rightarrow 0$. By the Squeeze theorem, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 = f(0)$. So f is continuous at $x=0$.

Q25.

Discuss the continuity of $f(x) = \{\sin x - \cos x, x \neq 0; -1, x = 0\}$ at $x = 0$.

Solution: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x - \cos x) = 0 - 1 = -1 = f(0)$. So f is continuous at $x=0$.

Q26.

Find the value of k so that $f(x) = \{k \cos x/(\pi-2x), x \neq \pi/2; 3, x = \pi/2\}$ is continuous at $x = \pi/2$.

Solution: Put $x = \pi/2 + h$, $h \rightarrow 0$: $\pi - 2x = -2h$, $\cos x = \cos(\pi/2 + h) = -\sin h$. So $k \cos x/(\pi - 2x) = k(-\sin h)/(-2h) = k(\sin h/h)/2 \rightarrow k/2$ as $h \rightarrow 0$. Setting this equal to $f(\pi/2) = 3$: $k/2 = 3$.

$k = 6$.

Q27.

Find k so that $f(x) = \{kx^2, x \leq 2; 3, x > 2\}$ is continuous at $x = 2$.

Solution: LHL = $f(2) = k(4) = 4k$. RHL = 3. Setting $4k = 3$.

$k = 3/4$.

Q28.

Find k so that $f(x) = \{kx + 1, x \leq \pi; \cos x, x > \pi\}$ is continuous at $x = \pi$.

Solution: LHL = $f(\pi) = k\pi + 1$. RHL = $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \cos x = \cos \pi = -1$. Setting $k\pi + 1 = -1 \Rightarrow k\pi = -2$.

$k = -2/\pi$.

Q29.

Find k so that $f(x) = \{kx + 1, x \leq 5; 3x - 5, x > 5\}$ is continuous at $x = 5$.

Solution: LHL = $f(5) = 5k + 1$. RHL = $3(5) - 5 = 10$. Setting $5k + 1 = 10 \Rightarrow 5k = 9$.

$k = 9/5$.

Q30.

Find a and b so that $f(x) = \{5, x \leq 2; ax + b, 2 < x < 10; 21, x \geq 10\}$ is continuous.

Solution: At $x = 2$: LHL = 5, RHL = $2a + b \Rightarrow 2a + b = 5$... (i)

At $x = 10$: LHL = $10a + b$, RHL = 21 $\Rightarrow 10a + b = 21$... (ii)

Subtracting (i) from (ii): $8a = 16 \Rightarrow a = 2$. Substituting into (i): $4 + b = 5 \Rightarrow b = 1$.

$a = 2, b = 1$.

Q31.

Show that $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$ is a continuous function.

Solution: x^2 is continuous everywhere (polynomial), and $\cos t$ is continuous everywhere. The composition of two continuous functions is continuous, so $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$ is continuous on all of $\mathbb{R}$.

Q32.

Show that $f(x) = |\cos x|$ is a continuous function.

Solution: $\cos x$ is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$, and the modulus function $|t|$ is continuous everywhere. Their composition $|\cos x|$ is therefore continuous on $\mathbb{R}$.

Q33.

Examine the continuity of $f(x) = \sin|x|$.

Solution: $|x|$ is continuous everywhere, and $\sin t$ is continuous everywhere, so the composition $\sin|x|$ is continuous on all of $\mathbb{R}$.

Q34.

Discuss the continuity of $f(x) = |x| - |x+1|$.

Solution: $|x|$ and $|x+1|$ are each continuous everywhere (modulus of a continuous linear function). The difference of two continuous functions is continuous, so f is continuous on all of $\mathbb{R}$.

Exercise 5.2 – Differentiability & Chain Rule (Q1–10)

Q1.

Differentiate $\sin(x^2+5)$ with respect to x .

Solution: By the chain rule: $d/dx[\sin(x^2+5)] = \cos(x^2+5) \cdot 2x$.

Answer: $2x \cos(x^2+5)$

Q2.

Differentiate $\cos(\sin x)$ with respect to x .

Solution: $d/dx[\cos(\sin x)] = -\sin(\sin x) \cdot \cos x$.

Answer: $-\cos x \cdot \sin(\sin x)$

Q3.

Differentiate $\sin(ax+b)$ with respect to x .

Solution: $d/dx[\sin(ax+b)] = a \cos(ax+b)$, since $d/dx(ax+b)=a$.

Answer: $a \cos(ax+b)$

Q4.

Differentiate $\sec(\tan(\sqrt{x}))$ with respect to x .

Solution: Let $u=\sqrt{x}$. $d/dx[\sec(\tan u)] = \sec(\tan u) \tan(\tan u) \cdot \sec^2 u \cdot du/dx$, and $du/dx=1/(2\sqrt{x})$.

Answer: $[\sec(\tan\sqrt{x}) \cdot \tan(\tan\sqrt{x}) \cdot \sec^2\sqrt{x}] / (2\sqrt{x})$

Q5.

Differentiate $\sin(ax+b)/\cos(cx+d)$ with respect to x .

Solution: Quotient rule with $u=\sin(ax+b)$, $v=\cos(cx+d)$: $u'=a \cos(ax+b)$, $v'=-c \sin(cx+d)$.

$dy/dx = (u'v - uv')/v^2 = [a \cos(ax+b)\cos(cx+d) + c \sin(ax+b)\sin(cx+d)] / \cos^2(cx+d)$.

Q6.

Differentiate $\cos(x^3) \cdot \sin^2(x^5)$ with respect to x .

Solution: Product rule. $d/dx[\cos(x^3)] = -3x^2 \sin(x^3)$. $d/dx[\sin^2(x^5)] = 2\sin(x^5)\cos(x^5) \cdot 5x^4 = 10x^4 \sin(x^5)\cos(x^5)$.

$dy/dx = -3x^2 \sin(x^3) \sin^2(x^5) + 10x^4 \cos(x^3) \sin(2x^5)$.

Q7.

Differentiate $2\sqrt{\cot(x^2)}$ with respect to x .

Solution: $dy/dx = 2 \cdot [1/(2\sqrt{\cot(x^2)})] \cdot (-\operatorname{cosec}^2(x^2)) \cdot 2x = -2x \operatorname{cosec}^2(x^2) / \sqrt{\cot(x^2)}$.

Q8.

Differentiate $\cos(\sqrt{x})$ with respect to x .

Solution: $dy/dx = -\sin(\sqrt{x}) \cdot 1/(2\sqrt{x})$.

Answer: $-\sin(\sqrt{x}) / (2\sqrt{x})$

Q9.

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

Solution: Left-hand derivative: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} [f(1+h)-f(1)]/h = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} |h|/h = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} (-h)/h = -1$ (since $h < 0$, $|h|=-h$).

Right-hand derivative: $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} |h|/h = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h/h = 1$ (since $h > 0$, $|h|=h$).

Since $\text{LHD} = -1 \neq 1 = \text{RHD}$, f is not differentiable at $x=1$.

Q10.

Prove that the greatest integer function $f(x)=[x]$, $0 < x < 3$, is not differentiable at $x=1$ and $x=2$. (Standard companion result also proved: $f(x)=x^n \sin(1/x)$, $x \neq 0$, $f(0)=0$, is continuous but not differentiable at 0 for $0 < n \leq 1$, and is differentiable at 0 for $n > 1$.)

Solution: $[x]$ at $x=1,2$: at $x=1$, LHL of $[x]=0$, RHL=1, so $[x]$ itself is discontinuous at $x=1$ (similarly at $x=2$), and a function that is not even continuous at a point cannot be differentiable there.

General result: For $f(x)=x^n \sin(1/x)$ ($x \neq 0$), $f(0)=0$: since $|x^n \sin(1/x)| \leq |x|^n \rightarrow 0$ ($n > 0$), f is continuous at 0. The derivative at 0 is $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^n \sin(1/h)/h = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^{n-1} \sin(1/h)$. This limit exists (and equals 0) only when $n-1 > 0$, i.e. $n > 1$, because $\sin(1/h)$ oscillates boundedly while $h^{n-1} \rightarrow 0$. For $0 < n \leq 1$, h^{n-1} does not tend to 0, so the limit fails to exist.

Hence f is differentiable at 0 only for $n > 1$; for $0 < n \leq 1$ it is continuous but not differentiable at 0.

Exercise 5.3 – Implicit Differentiation (Q1–15)

Q1.

Find dy/dx : $2x + 3y = \sin y$

Solution: Differentiating both sides w.r.t. x : $2 + 3(dy/dx) = \cos y (dy/dx)$
 $2 = (dy/dx)(\cos y - 3)$

$$dy/dx = 2/(\cos y - 3) = -2/(3 - \cos y)$$

Q2.

Find dy/dx : $x^2 + xy + y^2 = 100$

Solution: $2x + (y + x \cdot dy/dx) + 2y \cdot dy/dx = 0$
 $(2x+y) + dy/dx(x+2y) = 0$

$$dy/dx = -(2x+y)/(x+2y)$$

Q3.

Find dy/dx : $x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 + y^3 = 81$

Solution: $3x^2 + (2xy+x^2y') + (y^2+2xy \cdot y') + 3y^2y' = 0$
 $(3x^2+2xy+y^2) + y'(x^2+2xy+3y^2) = 0$

$$dy/dx = -(3x^2+2xy+y^2) / (x^2+2xy+3y^2)$$

Q4.

Find dy/dx : $\sin^2y + \cos(xy) = k$ (k constant)

Solution: $2 \sin y \cos y \cdot y' - \sin(xy) \cdot (y + xy') = 0$
 $y'[2 \sin y \cos y - x \sin(xy)] = y \sin(xy)$

$$dy/dx = y \sin(xy) / [2 \sin y \cos y - x \sin(xy)]$$

Q5.

Find dy/dx : $\sin^2x + \cos^2y = 1$

Solution: $2 \sin x \cos x + 2 \cos y (-\sin y)y' = 0$
 $\sin 2x = \sin 2y \cdot y'$

$$dy/dx = \sin 2x / \sin 2y$$

Q6.

Find dy/dx : $y = \tan^{-1}[(3x-x^3)/(1-3x^2)]$, $-1/\sqrt{3} < x < 1/\sqrt{3}$

Solution: Put $x = \tan \theta$. Then $(3x-x^3)/(1-3x^2) = \tan 3\theta$ (standard triple-angle identity), so $y = \tan^{-1}(\tan 3\theta) = 3\theta = 3 \tan^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = 3/(1+x^2)$$

Q7.

Find dy/dx : $y = \tan^{-1}[(\sqrt{1+x^2}-1)/x]$, $x \neq 0$

Solution: Put $x = \tan \theta$. $\sqrt{1+x^2} = \sec \theta$. $(\sec \theta - 1)/\tan \theta = (1 - \cos \theta)/\sin \theta = \tan(\theta/2)$. So $y = \theta/2 = (1/2)\tan^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = 1/[2(1+x^2)]$$

Q8.

Find dy/dx : $y = \tan^{-1}[x/(\sqrt{1-x^2})]$, $|x| < 1$

Solution: Put $x = \sin\theta$. $\sqrt{1-x^2} = \cos\theta$. $x/\sqrt{1-x^2} = \tan\theta$. So $y = \theta = \sin^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = 1/\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Q9.

Find dy/dx : $y = \cos^{-1}[(1-x^2)/(1+x^2)]$, $0 < x < 1$

Solution: Put $x = \tan\theta$. $(1-x^2)/(1+x^2) = \cos 2\theta$. So $y = \cos^{-1}(\cos 2\theta) = 2\theta = 2\tan^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = 2/(1+x^2)$$

Q10.

Find dy/dx : $y = \sin^{-1}[(1-x^2)/(1+x^2)]$, $0 < x < 1$

Solution: Put $x = \tan\theta$. $(1-x^2)/(1+x^2) = \cos 2\theta = \sin(\pi/2 - 2\theta)$. So $y = \pi/2 - 2\theta = \pi/2 - 2\tan^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = -2/(1+x^2)$$

Q11.

Find dy/dx : $y = \cos^{-1}[2x/(1+x^2)]$, $-1 < x < 1$

Solution: Direct differentiation: $1 - [2x/(1+x^2)]^2 = (1-x^2)^2/(1+x^2)^2$, so $\sqrt{(\dots)} = (1-x^2)/(1+x^2)$ for $|x| < 1$. Also $d/dx[2x/(1+x^2)] = 2(1-x^2)/(1+x^2)^2$.

$$dy/dx = -1/[(1-x^2)/(1+x^2)] \cdot 2(1-x^2)/(1+x^2)^2$$

$$dy/dx = -2/(1+x^2)$$

Q12.

Find dy/dx : $y = \sin^{-1}[2x\sqrt{1-x^2}]$, $-1/\sqrt{2} < x < 1/\sqrt{2}$

Solution: Put $x = \sin\theta$. $2x\sqrt{1-x^2} = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = \sin 2\theta$. So $y = 2\theta = 2\sin^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = 2/\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Q13.

Find dy/dx : $y = \sec^{-1}[1/(2x^2-1)]$, $0 < x < 1/\sqrt{2}$

Solution: Put $x = \cos\theta$. $2x^2-1 = \cos 2\theta$, so $1/(2x^2-1) = \sec 2\theta$. $y = \sec^{-1}(\sec 2\theta) = 2\theta = 2\cos^{-1}x$.

$$dy/dx = -2/\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

Q14.

If $x\sqrt{1+y} + y\sqrt{1+x} = 0$, for $x \neq y$, prove that $dy/dx = -1/(1+x)^2$.

Solution: Rearranging: $x\sqrt{1+y} = -y\sqrt{1+x}$. Squaring: $x^2(1+y) = y^2(1+x)$

$$x^2 + x^2y - y^2 - xy^2 = 0 \Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2) + xy(x-y) = 0 \Rightarrow (x-y)(x+y) + xy(x-y) = 0$$

Since $x \neq y$, divide by $(x-y)$: $x+y+xy = 0 \Rightarrow y(1+x) = -x \Rightarrow y = -x/(1+x)$

Differentiating: $dy/dx = -[(1+x) \cdot 1 - x \cdot 1]/(1+x)^2 = -1/(1+x)^2$. Proved.

Q15.

If $(x-a)^2 + (y-b)^2 = c^2$, for some $c > 0$, prove that $[1+(dy/dx)^2]^{3/2} \div (d^2y/dx^2)$ is a constant independent of a and b .

Solution: Differentiating: $2(x-a) + 2(y-b)y' = 0 \Rightarrow y' = -(x-a)/(y-b)$.

Differentiating again: $y'' = -[(y-b) - (x-a)y']/(y-b)^2 = -[(y-b)^2 + (x-a)^2]/(y-b)^3 = -c^2/(y-b)^3$ (using the original equation).

$$1+(y')^2 = [(y-b)^2 + (x-a)^2]/(y-b)^2 = c^2/(y-b)^2, \text{ so } [1+(y')^2]^{3/2} = c^3/|y-b|^3.$$

Dividing by y'' : $[c^3/(y-b)^3] \div [-c^2/(y-b)^3] = -c$, which depends only on c , not on a or b . Proved.

Exercise 5.4 – Exponential & Logarithmic Derivatives (Q1–10)

Q1.

Differentiate $e^x/\sin x$ with respect to x .

Solution: Quotient rule: $dy/dx = [e^x \sin x - e^x \cos x]/\sin^2 x$.

Answer: $e^x(\sin x - \cos x)/\sin^2 x$

Q2.

Differentiate $e^{\sin^{-1} x}$ with respect to x .

Answer: $e^{\sin^{-1} x} / \sqrt{1-x^2}$ (by the chain rule)

Q3.

Differentiate e^{x^3} with respect to x .

Answer: $3x^2 e^{x^3}$

Q4.

Differentiate $\sin(\tan^{-1} e^{-x})$ with respect to x .

Solution: Chain rule: $dy/dx = \cos(\tan^{-1} e^{-x}) \cdot [1/(1+e^{-2x})] \cdot (-e^{-x})$.

Answer: $-e^{-x} \cos(\tan^{-1} e^{-x}) / (1+e^{-2x})$

Q5.

Differentiate $\log(\cos(e^x))$ with respect to x .

Solution: $dy/dx = [1/\cos(e^x)] \cdot (-\sin(e^x)) \cdot e^x = -e^x \tan(e^x)$.

Q6.

Differentiate $e^x + e^{x^2} + e^{x^3} + \dots + e^{x^n}$ with respect to x .

Answer: $e^x + 2x e^{x^2} + 3x^2 e^{x^3} + 4x^3 e^{x^4} + 5x^4 e^{x^5} + \dots + n x^{n-1} e^{x^n}$

Q7.

Differentiate $\sqrt[e^{\sqrt{x}}]{x}$, $x > 0$, with respect to x .

Solution: $\sqrt[e^{\sqrt{x}}]{x} = e^{\sqrt{x}/2}$. $dy/dx = e^{\sqrt{x}/2} \cdot (1/2) \cdot 1/(2\sqrt{x})$.

Answer: $\sqrt[e^{\sqrt{x}}]{x} / (4\sqrt{x})$

Q8.

Differentiate $\log(\log x)$, $x > 1$, with respect to x .

Solution: $dy/dx = [1/\log x] \cdot (1/x)$.

Answer: $1/(x \log x)$

Q9.

Differentiate $\cos x / \log x$, $x > 0$, $x \neq 1$, with respect to x .

Solution: Quotient rule: $dy/dx = [-\sin x \cdot \log x - \cos x \cdot (1/x)] / (\log x)^2$.

Answer: $-[x \sin x \log x + \cos x] / [x(\log x)^2]$

Q10.

Differentiate $\cos(\log x + e^x)$, $x > 0$, with respect to x .

Answer: $-\sin(\log x + e^x) \cdot (1/x + e^x)$

Exercise 5.5 – Logarithmic Differentiation (Q1–18)

Q1.

Differentiate $\cos x \cdot \cos 2x \cdot \cos 3x$ with respect to x .

Solution: Take log: $\log y = \log \cos x + \log \cos 2x + \log \cos 3x$.

$$y'/y = -\tan x - 2\tan 2x - 3\tan 3x.$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = -\cos x \cdot \cos 2x \cdot \cos 3x \cdot (\tan x + 2\tan 2x + 3\tan 3x)$$

Q2.

Differentiate $\sqrt{[(x-1)(x-2)] / [(x-3)(x-4)(x-5)]}$ with respect to x .

Solution: $\log y = \frac{1}{2}[\log(x-1) + \log(x-2)] - [\log(x-3) + \log(x-4) + \log(x-5)]$

$$y'/y = \frac{1}{2}[1/(x-1) + 1/(x-2)] - [1/(x-3) + 1/(x-4) + 1/(x-5)]$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y \cdot \left\{ \frac{1}{2}[1/(x-1) + 1/(x-2)] - [1/(x-3) + 1/(x-4) + 1/(x-5)] \right\}, \text{ with } y \text{ as given above}$$

Q3.

Differentiate $(\log x)^{\cos x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: $\log y = \cos x \cdot \log(\log x)$. $y'/y = -\sin x \cdot \log(\log x) + \cos x/(x \log x)$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\log x)^{\cos x} \cdot [\cos x/(x \log x) - \sin x \cdot \log(\log x)]$$

Q4.

Differentiate $x^x - 2^{\sin x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = x^x$: $\log u = x \log x$, $u'/u = \log x + 1$, so $u' = x^x(1 + \log x)$.

For $v = 2^{\sin x}$: $\log v = \sin x \cdot \log 2$, $v'/v = \cos x \log 2$, so $v' = 2^{\sin x} \cos x \log 2$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^x(1 + \log x) - 2^{\sin x} \cos x \cdot \log 2$$

Q5.

Differentiate $(x+3)^2(x+4)^3(x+5)^4$ with respect to x .

Solution: $\log y = 2\log(x+3) + 3\log(x+4) + 4\log(x+5)$. $y'/y = 2/(x+3) + 3/(x+4) + 4/(x+5)$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (x+3)^2(x+4)^3(x+5)^4 \cdot [2/(x+3) + 3/(x+4) + 4/(x+5)]$$

Q6.

Differentiate $(x+1/x)^x + x^{1+1/x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = (x+1/x)^x$: $\log u = x \log(x+1/x)$. $u'/u = \log(x+1/x) + (x^2-1)/(x^2+1)$ (after simplification), so $u' = (x+1/x)^x [\log(x+1/x) + (x^2-1)/(x^2+1)]$.

For $v = x^{1+1/x}$: $\log v = (1+1/x) \log x$. $v'/v = -\log x/x^2 + 1/x + 1/x^2$, so $v' = x^{1+1/x} [1/x + (1-\log x)/x^2]$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = u' + v' \text{ as derived above}$$

Q7.

Differentiate $(\log x)^x + x^{\log x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = (\log x)^x$: $\log u = x \log(\log x)$. $u'/u = \log(\log x) + 1/\log x$, so $u' = (\log x)^x [\log(\log x) + 1/\log x]$.

For $v = x^{\log x}$: $\log v = (\log x)^2$. $v'/v = 2\log x/x$, so $v' = 2x^{\log x-1} \log x$.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (\log x)^x [\log(\log x) + 1/\log x] + 2x^{\log x-1} \log x$$

Q8.

Differentiate $(\sin x)^x + \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u=(\sin x)^x$: $\log u = x \log(\sin x)$. $u'/u = \log(\sin x) + x \cot x$, so $u' = (\sin x)^x [\log(\sin x) + x \cot x]$.
For $v = \sin^{-1} \sqrt{x}$: $v' = 1/(2\sqrt{x(1-x)})$.

$$dy/dx = (\sin x)^x [\log(\sin x) + x \cot x] + 1/(2\sqrt{x(1-x)})$$

Q9.

Differentiate $x^{\sin x} + (\sin x)^{\cos x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = x^{\sin x}$: $u'/u = \cos x \cdot \log x + \sin x/x$, so $u' = x^{\sin x} [\cos x \log x + \sin x/x]$.
For $v = (\sin x)^{\cos x}$: $v'/v = -\sin x \log(\sin x) + \cos x \cot x$, so $v' = (\sin x)^{\cos x} [\cos x \cot x - \sin x \log(\sin x)]$.

$$dy/dx = x^{\sin x} [\cos x \log x + \sin x/x] + (\sin x)^{\cos x} [\cos x \cot x - \sin x \log(\sin x)]$$

Q10.

Differentiate $x^{x \cos x} + (x^2+1)/(x^2-1)$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = x^{x \cos x}$: $\log u = x \cos x \cdot \log x$. $u'/u = \cos x \log x - x \sin x \log x + \cos x$, so $u' = x^{x \cos x} [\cos x(1 + \log x) - x \sin x \log x]$.
For $v = (x^2+1)/(x^2-1)$: $v' = [2x(x^2-1) - (x^2+1)(2x)]/(x^2-1)^2 = -4x/(x^2-1)^2$.

$$dy/dx = x^{x \cos x} [\cos x(1 + \log x) - x \sin x \log x] - 4x/(x^2-1)^2$$

Q11.

Differentiate $(x \cos x)^x + (x \sin x)^{1/x}$ with respect to x .

Solution: For $u = (x \cos x)^x$: $\log u = x[\log x + \log \cos x]$. $u'/u = \log x + \log \cos x + 1 - x \tan x$.
For $v = (x \sin x)^{1/x}$: $\log v = (1/x)[\log x + \log \sin x]$. $v'/v = (1 - \log x - \log \sin x)/x^2 + \cot x/x$.

$$dy/dx = (x \cos x)^x [\log x + \log \cos x + 1 - x \tan x] + (x \sin x)^{1/x} [(1 - \log x - \log \sin x)/x^2 + \cot x/x]$$

Q12.

Find dy/dx of $x^y + y^x = 1$.

Solution: Differentiating x^y ($\log u = y \log x$): $u' = x^y (y' \log x + y/x)$. Differentiating y^x ($\log v = x \log y$): $v' = y^x (\log y + xy'/y)$.
Sum = 0.

$$dy/dx = -[(y \cdot x^y)/x + y^x \log y] / [x^y \log x + (x \cdot y^x)/y]$$

Q13.

Find dy/dx of $y^x = x^y$.

Solution: Take $\log$: $x \log y = y \log x$. Differentiate: $\log y + xy'/y = y' \log x + y/x$. Rearranging and multiplying by xy :

$$dy/dx = y(y - x \log y) / [x(x - y \log x)]$$

Q14.

Find dy/dx of $(\cos x)^y = (\cos y)^x$.

Solution: Take $\log$: $y \log(\cos x) = x \log(\cos y)$. Differentiate: $y' \log \cos x - y \tan x = \log \cos y - x \tan y \cdot y'$.

$$dy/dx = [\log(\cos y) + y \tan x] / [\log(\cos x) + x \tan y]$$

Q15.

Find dy/dx of $xy = e^{(x-y)}$.

Solution: Take $\log$: $\log x + \log y = x - y$. Differentiate: $1/x + y'/y = 1 - y'$. Rearranging: $y'[(1+y)/y] = (x-1)/x$.

$$dy/dx = y(x-1) / [x(1+y)]$$

Q16.

Find dy/dx of $y=(x^2-5x+8)(x^3+7x+9)$, using the product rule; verify by expanding the product first.

Solution: Product rule: $y' = (2x-5)(x^3+7x+9) + (x^2-5x+8)(3x^2+7)$. Expanding both this and the fully-multiplied polynomial before differentiating gives the same final result:

$$dy/dx = 5x^4 - 20x^3 + 45x^2 - 52x + 11$$

Q17.

Differentiate $(x^2-5x+8)(x^3+7x+9)$ in three ways: product rule, expansion, and logarithmic differentiation; verify all three give the same answer.

Solution: Logarithmic method: $\log y = \log(x^2-5x+8) + \log(x^3+7x+9)$. $y' = y[(2x-5)/(x^2-5x+8) + (3x^2+7)/(x^3+7x+9)] = (2x-5)(x^3+7x+9) + (x^2-5x+8)(3x^2+7)$, which is exactly the product-rule expression from Q16, and both expand to the same polynomial.

$$dy/dx = 5x^4 - 20x^3 + 45x^2 - 52x + 11 \text{ (all three methods agree)}$$

Q18.

If u, v, w are functions of x , show that $d/dx(uvw) = (du/dx)vw + u(dv/dx)w + uv(dw/dx)$, using logarithmic differentiation.

Solution: Let $y=uvw$. Taking $\log$: $\log y = \log u + \log v + \log w$. Differentiating: $y'/y = u'/u + v'/v + w'/w$. So $y' = y(u'/u + v'/v + w'/w) = uvw \cdot u'/u + uvw \cdot v'/v + uvw \cdot w'/w = u'vw + uv'w + uvw'$. Proved.

Exercise 5.6 – Parametric Differentiation (Q1–11)

Q1.

Find dy/dx : $x=2at^2$, $y=at^3$.

Solution: $dx/dt=4at$, $dy/dt=4at^2$.

$$dy/dx = t$$

Q2.

Find dy/dx : $x=a \cos \theta$, $y=b \sin \theta$.

Solution: $dx/d\theta=-a \sin \theta$, $dy/d\theta=b \cos \theta$.

$$dy/dx = b/a$$

Q3.

Find dy/dx : $x=\sin t$, $y=\cos 2t$.

Solution: $dx/dt=\cos t$, $dy/dt=-2\sin 2t=-4\sin t \cos t$.

$$dy/dx = -4 \sin t \cos t \text{ (i.e. } -4x \text{)}$$

Q4.

Find dy/dx : $x=4t$, $y=4/t$.

Solution: $dx/dt=4$, $dy/dt=-4/t^2$.

$$dy/dx = -1/t^2$$

Q5.

Find dy/dx : $x=\cos \theta - \cos 2\theta$, $y=\sin \theta - \sin 2\theta$.

Solution: $dx/d\theta=\sin \theta + 2\sin 2\theta$, $dy/d\theta=\cos \theta - 2\cos 2\theta$.

$$dy/dx = (\cos \theta - 2\cos 2\theta) / (\sin \theta + 2\sin 2\theta)$$

Q6.

Find dy/dx : $x=a(\theta - \sin \theta)$, $y=a(1 - \cos \theta)$.

Solution: $dx/d\theta=a(1 - \cos \theta)$, $dy/d\theta=a \sin \theta$. Using $\sin \theta = 2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)$, $1 - \cos \theta = 2\sin^2(\theta/2)$:

$$dy/dx = \cot(\theta/2)$$

Q7.

Find dy/dx : $x=\sin^3 t / \sqrt{\cos 2t}$, $y=\cos^3 t / \sqrt{\cos 2t}$.

Solution: Differentiating carefully (product/chain rule on each, then simplifying using $\cos 2t$ identities), the expression reduces neatly:

$$dy/dx = -\cot 3t$$

Q8.

Find dy/dx : $x=a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta)$, $y=a(\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta)$.

Solution: $dx/d\theta=a[-\sin \theta + \sin \theta + \theta \cos \theta]=a\theta \cos \theta$. $dy/d\theta=a[\cos \theta - \cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta]=a\theta \sin \theta$.

$$dy/dx = \tan \theta$$

Q9.

Find dy/dx : $x=a \cos t + \log \tan(t/2)$, $y=a \sin t$.

Solution: $dx/dt = -a \sin t + [\sec^2(t/2)/\tan(t/2)] \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -a \sin t + 1/\sin t$ (using $\sin t = 2\sin(t/2)\cos(t/2)$). $dy/dt = a \cos t$.

$$dy/dx = a \sin t \cos t / (1 - a \sin^2 t)$$

Q10.

Find dy/dx : $x = a(\sin \theta - \theta \cos \theta)$, $y = a(\cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta)$.

Solution: $dx/d\theta = a[\cos \theta - \cos \theta + \theta \sin \theta] = a\theta \sin \theta$. $dy/d\theta = a[-\sin \theta + \sin \theta + \theta \cos \theta] = a\theta \cos \theta$.

$$dy/dx = \cot \theta$$

Q11.

Find dy/dx : $x = 3\cos t - \cos 3t$, $y = 3\sin t - \sin 3t$.

Solution: $dx/dt = 3(\sin 3t - \sin t)$, $dy/dt = 3(\cos t - \cos 3t)$. Using sum-to-product identities: $\cos t - \cos 3t = 2\sin 2t \sin t$, $\sin 3t - \sin t = 2\cos 2t \sin t$.

$$dy/dx = \tan 2t$$

Exercise 5.7 – Second Order Derivatives (Q1–17)

Q1.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=x^2+3x+2$

$$y' = 2x+3, y'' = 2$$

Q2.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=x^2$

$$y' = 20x^1, y'' = 380x^1$$

Q3.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=x \cos x$

Solution: $y' = \cos x - x \sin x$. $y'' = -\sin x - \sin x - x \cos x$.

$$y'' = -2\sin x - x \cos x$$

Q4.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=\log x$

$$y' = 1/x, y'' = -1/x^2$$

Q5.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=x^3 \log x$

Solution: $y' = 3x^2 \log x + x^2$. $y'' = 6x \log x + 3x + 2x$.

$$y'' = 6x \log x + 5x$$

Q6.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=e^x \sin 5x$

Solution: $y' = e^x (\sin 5x + 5 \cos 5x)$. $y'' = e^x (\sin 5x + 5 \cos 5x) + e^x (5 \cos 5x - 25 \sin 5x)$.

$$y'' = e^x (10 \cos 5x - 24 \sin 5x)$$

Q7.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=e^{6x} \cos 3x$

Solution: $y' = e^{6x} (6 \cos 3x - 3 \sin 3x)$. $y'' = 6e^{6x} (6 \cos 3x - 3 \sin 3x) + e^{6x} (-18 \sin 3x - 9 \cos 3x)$.

$$y'' = e^{6x} (27 \cos 3x - 36 \sin 3x)$$

Q8.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=\tan^{-1}x$

Solution: $y' = 1/(1+x^2)$.

$$y'' = -2x/(1+x^2)^2$$

Q9.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=\log(\log x)$

Solution: $y' = 1/(x \log x)$.

$$y'' = -(\log x + 1) / (x \log x)^2$$

Q10.

Find d^2y/dx^2 : $y=\sin(\log x)$

Solution: $y' = \cos(\log x)/x$. $y'' = -\sin(\log x)/x^2 - \cos(\log x)/x^2$.

$$y'' = -[\sin(\log x) + \cos(\log x)] / x^2$$

Q11.

If $y = 5\cos x - 3\sin x$, prove that $d^2y/dx^2 + y = 0$.

Solution: $y' = -5\sin x - 3\cos x$. $y'' = -5\cos x + 3\sin x = -(5\cos x - 3\sin x) = -y$. Hence $y'' + y = 0$. Proved.

Q12.

If $y = \cos^{-1}x$, find d^2y/dx^2 in terms of y alone.

Solution: $y' = -(1-x^2)^{-1/2}$. $y'' = -x(1-x^2)^{-3/2}$. Substituting $x = \cos y$, $1-x^2 = \sin^2 y$:

$$y'' = -\cos y / \sin^3 y$$

Q13.

If $y = 3\cos(\log x) + 4\sin(\log x)$, show that $x^2y'' + xy' + y = 0$.

Solution: $y' = [1/x][4\cos(\log x) - 3\sin(\log x)]$, so $xy' = 4\cos(\log x) - 3\sin(\log x)$. Differentiating xy' again: $y' + xy'' = -(1/x)[4\sin(\log x) + 3\cos(\log x)]$, so $xy' + x^2y'' = -[4\sin(\log x) + 3\cos(\log x)] = -y$ (matching the original expression). Hence $x^2y'' + xy' + y = 0$. Proved.

Q14.

If $y = Ae^{mx} + Be^{nx}$, show that $y'' - (m+n)y' + mny = 0$.

Solution: $y' = Ame^{mx} + Bne^{nx}$, $y'' = Am^2e^{mx} + Bn^2e^{nx}$. Then $y'' - (m+n)y' = Ae^{mx}(m^2 - m^2 - mn) + Be^{nx}(n^2 - mn - n^2) = -mn(Ae^{mx} + Be^{nx}) = -mny$. Hence $y'' - (m+n)y' + mny = 0$. Proved.

Q15.

If $y = 500e^{7x} + 600e^{-7x}$, show that $y'' = 49y$.

Solution: $y' = 3500e^{7x} - 4200e^{-7x}$. $y'' = 24500e^{7x} + 29400e^{-7x} = 49(500e^{7x} + 600e^{-7x}) = 49y$. Proved.

Q16.

If $e^y(x+1) = 1$, show that $y'' = (y')^2$.

Solution: From the equation, $e^y = 1/(x+1)$, so $y = -\log(x+1)$. Then $y' = -1/(x+1)$, and $y'' = 1/(x+1)^2 = (y')^2$. Proved.

Q17.

If $y = (\tan^{-1}x)^2$, show that $(x^2+1)^2y'' + 2x(x^2+1)y' = 2$.

Solution: $y' = 2\tan^{-1}x/(1+x^2)$, so $(1+x^2)y' = 2\tan^{-1}x$. Differentiating: $2xy' + (1+x^2)y'' = 2/(1+x^2)$. Multiplying through by $(1+x^2)$: $2x(1+x^2)y' + (1+x^2)^2y'' = 2$. Proved.

Exercise 5.8 – Rolle's Theorem and Mean Value Theorem (Q1–6)

Q1.

Verify Rolle's theorem for $f(x)=x^2+2x-8$, $x \in [-4,2]$.

Solution: f is a polynomial, so continuous on $[-4,2]$ and differentiable on $(-4,2)$. $f(-4)=16-8-8=0$, $f(2)=4+4-8=0$, so $f(-4)=f(2)$. Rolle's theorem applies. $f'(x)=2x+2=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$.

$c = -1 \in (-4,2)$. Verified.

Q2.

Examine whether Rolle's theorem is applicable: (i) $f(x)=\lfloor x \rfloor$, $x \in [5,9]$ (ii) $f(x)=\lfloor x \rfloor$, $x \in [-2,2]$ (iii) $f(x)=x^2-1$, $x \in [1,2]$.

Solution: (i), (ii): The greatest integer function $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is discontinuous at every integer in these intervals, so f fails to be continuous on the closed interval — Rolle's theorem is not applicable.

(iii): f is continuous and differentiable everywhere, but $f(1)=0$ and $f(2)=3$, so $f(1) \neq f(2)$ — the endpoint condition fails, so Rolle's theorem is not applicable (though f is otherwise well-behaved).

Q3.

If $f: [-5,5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and $f'(x)$ does not vanish anywhere, prove that $f(-5) \neq f(5)$.

Solution: Suppose, for contradiction, that $f(-5)=f(5)$. Since f is differentiable (hence continuous) on $[-5,5]$, Rolle's theorem would guarantee some $c \in (-5,5)$ with $f'(c)=0$. This contradicts the hypothesis that f' never vanishes. Hence the assumption is false, and $f(-5) \neq f(5)$.

Q4.

Verify the Mean Value Theorem for $f(x)=x^2-4x-3$ on $[1,4]$.

Solution: f is continuous and differentiable (polynomial). $f(1)=1-4-3=-6$, $f(4)=16-16-3=-3$. $[f(4)-f(1)]/(4-1) = 3/3 = 1$. $f'(x)=2x-4$; setting $2c-4=1$ gives $c=5/2$.

$c = 5/2 \in (1,4)$. Verified.

Q5.

Verify the Mean Value Theorem for $f(x)=x^3-5x^2-3x$ on $[1,3]$. Find all $c \in (1,3)$ for which $f'(c)$ equals the mean slope.

Solution: $f(1)=1-5-3=-7$, $f(3)=27-45-9=-27$. $[f(3)-f(1)]/(3-1) = -20/2 = -10$. $f'(x)=3x^2-10x-3$. Setting $3x^2-10x-3=-10$: $3x^2-10x+7=0 \Rightarrow x=(10 \pm 4)/6 = 7/3$ or 1 .

Only $c = 7/3$ lies in the open interval $(1,3)$. Verified.

Q6.

Examine the applicability of the Mean Value Theorem for: (i) $f(x)=\lfloor x \rfloor$, $x \in [5,9]$ (ii) $f(x)=\lfloor x \rfloor$, $x \in [-2,2]$ (iii) $f(x)=x^2-1$, $x \in [1,2]$.

Solution: (i), (ii): $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is discontinuous at integers within these intervals — MVT is not applicable.

(iii): f is continuous and differentiable on $[1,2]$. $[f(2)-f(1)]/(2-1) = (3-0)/1 = 3$. $f'(x)=2x=3 \Rightarrow c=3/2 \in (1,2)$. MVT holds.