

Class: XII
Subject: Math's
Topic: Limits and Derivatives
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1) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n^2}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$, is equal to

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{4}$

Sol. C

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1+2+3+\dots+n}{n^2} \\ = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)}{2n^2} &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

2) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)}$ is equal to

- (A) 0
- (B) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (C) 1
- (D) -1

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation: B

we have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{(1 + \cos x)} = 0/(1+1) = 0$

3) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x}$ is equal to

- (A) 1
- (B) -1
- (C) 0
- (D) Does not exist

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

is the correct answer, since R.H.S. = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = \frac{x}{x} = 1$

and L.H.S. = $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \frac{-x}{x} = -1$

4) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x}$

- (A) is equal to 0
- (B) is equal to -1
- (C) is equal to 1
- (D) does not exist

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation:

is the correct answer, since

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1 - \sin x}{\cos x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1 - \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right)} \right] \left(\text{taking } \frac{\pi}{2} - x = y \right)$$

5) The derivative of $f(x) = |x|$ at $x = 0$ is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C) -1
- (D) None of these

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

At $x = 0$, $f(x) = |x|$ is not differentiable

6) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{1 \times 2} + \frac{1}{2 \times 3} + \frac{1}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right]$ is equal to

(A) 0

(B) $\frac{1}{3}$

(C) $\frac{2}{3}$

(D) 1

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \right) \\ &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) = 1 - 0 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

7) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} \right)}{x^4}$ is equal to

(A) $\frac{1}{24}$

(B) 0

(C) $-\frac{1}{24}$

(D) None of these

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - \left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!}\right)}{x^4} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^4}{4!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \text{to } \infty}{x^4} \\ &= \frac{1}{4!} + 0 = \frac{1}{24} \end{aligned}$$

8) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (6x^3 + 19x + 14x + 18)/(5x^3 + 6x^2 + 7x + 12)$.

- (A) 6/4
- (B) 6/5
- (C) 6/11
- (D) None of these

Sol. B

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3(6 + 19/x^2 + 14/x^2 + 18/x^3)/x^3(5 + 6/x + 7/x^2 + 12/x^3)}{6 + 19/\infty + 14/\infty + 18/\infty} \\ &= \frac{6 + 0 + 0 + 0}{5 + 0 + 0 + 0} = \frac{6}{5} \end{aligned}$$

9) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{1/x} - 1}{e^{1/x} + 1}$

- (A) is equal to 0
- (B) is equal to 1
- (C) is equal to -1
- (D) does not exist

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

After solving, we get

L.H.L = -1 and R.H.L = 1

Therefore, limit does not exist.

10) The set of all points where the function $f(x) = \sqrt{1 - e^{-x^2}}$ is differentiable is

- (A) $(0, \infty)$
- (B) $(-\infty, \infty)$
- (C) $(-\infty, \infty) \sim \{0\}$
- (D) None of these

Sol. C

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\text{For } x \neq 0, f'(x) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - e^{-x^2}}} [-(-2x)e^{-x^2}]$$

$$= \frac{x e^{-x^2}}{\sqrt{1 - e^{-x^2}}}$$

$$\text{Also } f'(0+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \left(\frac{e^{-h^2} - 1}{-h^2} \right)^{1/2} = 1$$

$$\text{and } f'(0-) = - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \left(\frac{e^{-h^2} - 1}{-h^2} \right)^{1/2} = -1.$$

Hence the set of all points of differentiability is $(-\infty, \infty) \sim \{0\}$.

$$11) f(x) = \begin{cases} |x - 4| & \text{for } x \geq 1 \\ x^3/2 - x^2 + 3x + 1/2 & \text{for } x < 1, \end{cases} \text{ then}$$

- (A) $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$ and at $x = 4$
- (B) $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 4$
- (C) $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable at $x = 1$
- (D) $f(x)$ is only continuous at $x = 1$

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation:

Since $g(x) = |x|$ is a continuous function and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1+} f(x) = 3 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1-} f(x)$ so f is a continuous function. In particular f is continuous at $x = 1$ and $x = 4$. f is clearly not differentiable at $x = 4$. Since $g(x) = |x|$ is not

differentiable at $x = 0$. Now

$$\begin{aligned} f'(1+) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{1 - 3 + h - 3}{h} = -1, \\ f'(1-) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \frac{(1/2)(1+h)^3 - (1+h)^2 + 3(1+h) + 1/2 - 3}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \frac{(1/2)(h^3 + 3h^2 + 3h) - (h^2 + 2h) + 3h}{h} \\ &= \frac{5}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence f is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

12) The set of all points where the function $f(x) = 2x|x|$ is differentiable is

- (A) $(-\infty, \infty)$
- (B) $(-\infty, \infty) - \{0\}$
- (C) $(0, \infty)$
- (D) $[0, \infty)$

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation:

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

Since x^2 and $-x^2$ are differentiable functions, $f(x)$ is differentiable except possibly at $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } f'(0+) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{f(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0+} \frac{2h^2}{h} = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and } f'(0-) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \frac{f(h)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0-} \frac{-2h^2}{h} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

Hence f is differentiable everywhere.

13) Let $[\]$ denote the greatest integer function and $f(x) = [\tan^2 x]$. Then

- (A) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist
- (B) $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$
- (C) $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$
- (D) $f(0) = 1$

Sol. B

Right Answer Explanation:

For $0 < x < \pi/4$, $0 < \tan^2 x < 1 \Rightarrow [\tan^2 x] = 0$ for $0 < x < \pi/4$. As $\tan^2 x$ is an even function, so $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0+} f(x) = 0$. So f is continuous at $x = 0$. Now

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - (0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = 0.$$

Hence f is differentiable at $x = 0$ and $f'(0) = 0$.

14) Suppose f is differentiable at $x = 1$ and $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} f(1+h) = 5$ then

- (A) $f(1) = 4$
- (B) $f(1) = 3$
- (C) $f(1) = 6$
- (D) none of these

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

Since f is differentiable so it is continuous also. Thus

$$f(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \frac{f(1+h)}{h} = (0)(5) = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } f'(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h)}{h} = 5.$$

15) If $f'(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$ and $f'(0) = 4$, then the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2f(x) - 3f(2x) + f(4x)}{x^2}$ is

- (A) 4
- (B) 8
- (C) 12
- (D) None of these

Sol. C

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Required limit} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2f'(x) - 6f'(2x) + 4f'(4x)}{2x} \left(\frac{0}{0} \text{ form} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2f''(x) - 12f''(2x) + 16f''(4x)}{2} \\ &= 3f''(0) = 12. \end{aligned}$$

16) Let $f(x)$ be a function satisfying $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $f(x) = 1 + xg(x)$ where $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 1$ then $f'(x)$ is equal to

- (A) $g'(x)$
- (B) $g(x)$
- (C) $f(x)$
- (D) none of these

Sol. C

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & f'(x) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)f(h) - f(x)}{h} \\ &= f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} = f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + hg(h) - 1}{h} \\ &= f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(h) = f(x) \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - b, & |x| < 1 \\ -1/|x|, & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases} \text{ is}$$

17) The values of a and b such that the function f defined as differentiable are

- (A) $a = 1, b = -1$
- (B) $a = 1/2, b = 1/2$
- (C) $a = 1/2, b = 3/2$
- (D) none of these

Sol. C

Right Answer Explanation:

Since every differentiable function is continuous, so we must have

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = f(1) \Rightarrow a - b = -1.$$

For f to be differentiable, $f'(1^-) = f'(1^+)$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \left[\frac{a(1+h)^2 - b + 1}{h} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{-1/|1+h| + 1}{h} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \left[\frac{a(2h + h^2)}{h} \right] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h(1+h)} \text{ (as } a - b = -1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 1. \text{ Hence } a = 1/2 \text{ and } b = 3/2.$$

18) Let $f(x) = ||x - 1| - 1|$, then all the points where $f(x)$ is not differentiable is (are)

- (A) 1
- (B) 1, 2
- (C) ± 1
- (D) 0, 1, 2

Sol. D

Right Answer Explanation:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x-1|-1 & \text{if } |x-1| \geq 1 \\ 1-|x-1| & \text{if } |x-1| < 1 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} -x & x \leq 0 \\ x & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 2-x & 1 < x < 2 \\ x-2 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

f is not differentiable at 0, 1, 2 as these are corner points on the graph.

19) If $f'(c)$ exists and non-zero then $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) + f(c-h) - 2f(c)}{h}$ is equal to

- (A) $f'(c)$
- (B) 0
- (C) $2f'(c)$
- (D) none of these

Sol. B

Right Answer Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) + f(c-h) - 2f(c)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} + \frac{f(c-h) - f(c)}{h} \\ &= f'(c) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c-h) - f(c)}{-h} \\ &= f'(c) - f'(c) = 0 \end{aligned}$$

20) If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin(1/x) & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$ then

- (A) f is a continuous function
- (B) $f'(0+)$ exists but $f'(0-)$ does not exist
- (C) $f'(0+) = f'(0-)$
- (D) $f'(0-)$ exists but $f'(0+)$ does not exist.

Sol. A

Right Answer Explanation:

LHL = 0 = RHL (as it take form $0 \times \sin(1/0)$ which $0 \times \text{finite quantity} = 0$)
So f will be continuous