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Problems based on continuity and differentiability.

Q.1 If $f(x) = x \sin \frac{1}{x}$, for $x \neq 0$, and $f(0) = 0$, show that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

Proof: It is given that $f(0) = 0$.

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0+h) \sin \frac{1}{(0+h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0$$

$$\text{And } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0-h) \sin \frac{1}{(0-h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \sin \frac{1}{h} = 0.$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) = f(0).$$

Hence, the given function is convergent at $x = 0$.

Q.2. Given that $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x}, & x \neq 0, \\ 2, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

Test the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x = 0$.

Soln: We know that the given function $f(x)$ will be continuous at $x = 0$, if

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

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(0+h)}{0+h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = 1$$

$f(0) = 2$, by question.

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(0-h)}{0-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\sin h}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = 1$$

We find that $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) \neq f(0)$.

Hence, the given function is not continuous at $x = 0$.

Continuous at $x = 0$.



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Q.3. Discuss the continuity at $x=0, 1, 2$ of the functions

$$f(x) = -x^2, \text{ for } x \leq 0$$

$$f(x) = 5x-4, \text{ for } 0 < x \leq 1$$

$$f(x) = 4x^2-3x, \text{ for } 1 < x < 2$$

$$f(x) = 3x+4, \text{ for } x \geq 2$$

Soln: To test the continuity of $f(x)$ at $x=0$

$$\text{We have, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [5(0+h)-4] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (5h-4) = -4$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [-(h)^2] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-h^2) = 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0.$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) \neq \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h),$$

therefore, the function $f(x)$ is not continuous at $x=0$.

To test the continuity at $x=1$, we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [5(1-h)-4] = 1.$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [4(1+h)^2-3(1+h)] = 4-3=1$$

$$\text{and } f(1) = 5-4=1$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h) = f(1) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

therefore, the given function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=1$.

To test the continuity at $x=2$, we have

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [4(2-h)^2-3(2-h)] = 16-6=10$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [3(2+h)+4] = 6+4=10$$

$$\text{and } f(2) = 3 \cdot 2 + 4 = 6 + 4 = 10.$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2-h) = f(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2+h)$$

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

Ans.