

INCREASING & DECREASING FUNCTIONS

QNo. 1 Show that the function given by $f(x) = 3x + 17$ is strictly increasing function.

Sol:

Here $f(x) = 3x + 17$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(3x + 17) = 3 > 0$$

$$\therefore f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$\therefore f(x) = 3x + 17$ is strictly increasing function.

QNo. 2 Show that the function given by $f(x) = e^{2x}$ is strictly increasing on $\mathbb{R}$.

Sol:

Here $f(x) = e^{2x}$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

Also $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(e^{2x}) = e^{2x} \cdot 2 = 2e^{2x} > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\therefore f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in D_f$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing function.

QNo. 3 Show that function given by $f(x) = \sin x$ is

(a) Strictly increasing in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ (b) Strictly decreasing in $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$
(c) Neither $\uparrow$ nor $\downarrow$ in $(0, \pi)$

Sol:

Here $f(x) = \sin x$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$
and $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\sin x) = \cos x$.

(a) Now $\forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$, $\cos x > 0$ i.e. $f'(x) = \cos x > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) ; f'(x) > 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

(b) Since $f'(x) = \cos x < 0 \quad \forall x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly decreasing ($\downarrow$) in $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

(c) From (a) and (b) we can say that $f(x) = \sin$ is neither $\uparrow$ nor $\downarrow$ in $(0, \pi)$

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QNo. 4: Find the interval in which the function f given by $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$ is

(a) strictly increasing (b) strictly decreasing.

Sol

Given $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$

$$f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(2x^2 - 3x) = 4x - 3$$

(a) Now f will be strictly increasing when $f'(x) > 0$

$$\text{i.e. } 4x - 3 > 0 \quad \text{i.e. } x > \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{i.e. } x \in \left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$$

(b) f will be strictly decreasing when $f'(x) < 0$

$$\text{i.e. } 4x - 3 < 0 \quad \text{i.e. } x < \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{i.e. } x \in \left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$$

QNo. 5: Find intervals in which function given by.

$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7$ is (a) strictly $\uparrow$ (b) strictly $\downarrow$

Sol.

Here $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7$

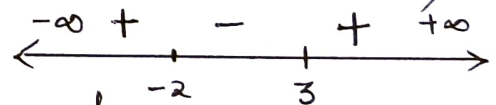
$$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 36$$

$$= 6[x^2 - x - 6] = 6(x-3)(x+2)$$

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 6(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3 \text{ or } x = -2 \quad (\text{Critical points})$$

Using Wavy Curve Method.



or Method of Intervals we find that

$$f'(x) > 0 \quad \text{when } x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$\text{and } f'(x) < 0 \quad \text{when } x \in (-2, 3)$$

$\therefore$ (a) $f(x)$ is strictly increasing when $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$

(b) $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing when $x \in (-2, 3)$

QNo. 6: Find the intervals for which the following functions are strictly increasing or decreasing:

(a) $x^2 + 2x - 5$ (b) $10 - 6x - 2x^2$ (c) $-2x^3 - 9x^2 - 12x + 1$

(d) $6 - 9x - x^2$ (e) $(x+1)^3(x-3)^3$

Sol (a) $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

and $f'(x) = 2x + 2 = 2(x+1)$

Now $f'(x) > 0$ if $2(x+1) > 0$ i.e. if $x+1 > 0$

i.e. if $x > -1$ i.e. if $x \in (-1, \infty)$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing when $x > -1$ or $x \in (-1, \infty)$

Again $f'(x) < 0$ if $2(x+1) < 0$ i.e. if $x+1 < 0$

i.e. if $x < -1$ i.e. if $x \in (-\infty, -1)$

$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing when $x < -1$ or $x \in (-\infty, -1)$

(b) $f(x) = 10 - 6x - 2x^2$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

and $f'(x) = -6 - 4x = -2(3+2x)$

Now $f'(x) > 0$ if $-2(3+2x) > 0$

i.e. if $3+2x < 0$ (Dividing by -2
inequality is reversed)

i.e. if $2x < -3$

i.e. if $x < -\frac{3}{2}$

i.e. $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$

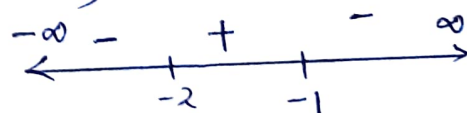
and f will be strictly decreasing in $(-\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$

(c) $f(x) = -2x^3 - 9x^2 - 12x + 1$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

$f'(x) = -6x^2 - 18x - 12 = -6(x^2 + 3x + 2) = -6(x+1)(x+2)$

$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -6(x+1)(x+2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1, -2$

Using Wavy Curve method.



$f'(x) > 0$ when $x \in (-2, -1)$

$f'(x) < 0$ when $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, \infty)$ (Keep in mind that constant multiplied with factors is -ve)

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing in $(-2, -1)$

and f is strictly decreasing in $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, \infty)$

(d) $f(x) = 6 - 9x - x^2$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

and $\therefore f'(x) = -9 - 2x$

Now $f'(x) > 0$ if $-9 - 2x > 0$ i.e. $-9 > 2x$

i.e. $2x < -9$ i.e. $x < -\frac{9}{2}$ i.e. $x \in (-\infty, -\frac{9}{2})$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, -\frac{9}{2})$

and f will be strictly decreasing in $(-\frac{9}{2}, \infty)$

(e) $f(x) = (x+1)^3(x-3)^3$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

$$f'(x) = (x+1)^3 \frac{d}{dx}(x-3)^3 + (x-3)^3 \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(x+1)^3$$

$$= (x+1)^3 \cdot 3(x-3)^2 \cdot 1 + (x-3)^3 \cdot 3(x+1)^2 \cdot 1$$

$$= 3(x+1)^2(x-3)^2 [x+1 + x-3] = 3(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(2x-2)$$

$$= 6(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(x-1) \quad \text{and } \therefore x = -1, 1, 3 \text{ are critical points}$$

Now we know that $6(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(x-1) \geq 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f'(x) > 0$ if $6(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(x-1) > 0$

i.e. if $x-1 > 0$ i.e. if $x > 1$ i.e. if $x \in (1, \infty) - \{3\}$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing in $(1, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Similarly f will be strictly decreasing in

$(-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 1)$ as $x = -1$ is critical point where $f'(x) = 0$

Q No 7: Show that $y = \log(1+x) - \frac{2x}{2+x}$; $x > -1$ is an increasing function of x throughout its domain.

Sol:

$$y = \log(1+x) - \frac{2x}{2+x}; \quad x > -1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{1+x} - 2 \frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{x}{2+x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+x} - 2 \left\{ \frac{(2+x)(1) - x(0+1)}{(2+x)^2} \right\}$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{(1+x)(2+x)^2}$$

Now as $x > -1$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x^2}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} \geq 0 \quad \forall x > -1$$

Hence y is an increasing function of x throughout its domain.

QNo. 8: Find the values of x for which $y = [x(x-2)]^2$ is an increasing function.

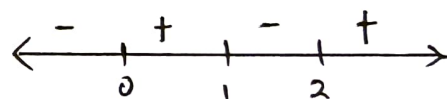
Sol:

$$\text{Here } y = [x(x-2)]^2 = (x^2 - 2x)^2$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 2(x^2 - 2x)(2x - 2) = 4x(x-2)(x-1)$$

$$\text{Now } f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, 1, 2.$$

Using Wavy curve method.



$f'(x) > 0$ if $x \in (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$

and $f'(x) < 0$ if $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, 2)$.

$\therefore y$ is increasing function if $x \in (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$

QNo 9: Prove that $y = \frac{4 \sin \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)} - \theta$ is an increasing function of θ in $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

Sol:

$$\text{Given } y = \frac{4 \sin \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)} - \theta, \quad \theta \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{(2 + \cos \theta)(4 \cos \theta) - 4 \sin \theta(0 - \sin \theta)}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} - 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{8 \cos \theta + 4 \cos^2 \theta + 4 \sin^2 \theta - 4 - \cos^2 \theta - 4 \cos \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

$$= \frac{4 \cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} = \frac{\cos \theta (4 - \cos \theta)}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2}$$

Now for $\theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ $0 < \cos \theta < 1$.

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(4 - \cos \theta) \cos \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} > 0 \quad \forall \theta \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$\Rightarrow y$ is an increasing function in $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$

Q No 10 Prove that the logarithmic function is strictly increasing on $(0, \infty)$.

Sol:

Let $f(x) = \log x$; $D_f = (0, \infty)$

Now $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

Now $\forall x \in D_f$ i.e. $x \in (0, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} > 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \infty)$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is strictly increasing function on $(0, \infty)$

Q No 11. Prove that the function given by $f(x) = x^2 - x + 1$ is neither strictly increasing nor strictly decreasing on $(-1, 1)$

Sol:

Given $f(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 2x - 1$$

Now $f'(x) > 0$ if $2x - 1 > 0$ i.e. if $x > \frac{1}{2}$ i.e. $x \in (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$

and $f'(x) < 0$ if $2x - 1 < 0$ i.e. if $x < \frac{1}{2}$ i.e. $x \in (-\infty, \frac{1}{2})$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$ for $x \in (\frac{1}{2}, 1)$

and $f'(x) < 0$ for $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$

$\Rightarrow f$ is increasing function on $(\frac{1}{2}, 1)$
and decreasing on $(-1, \frac{1}{2})$

Hence f is neither increasing nor decreasing on $(-1, 1)$

Q No 12: Which of the following functions are strictly decreasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$?

(A) $\cos x$ (B) $\cos 2x$ (C) $\cos 3x$ (D) $\tan x$.

Sol. (A) Let $f(x) = \cos x$, then

$$f'(x) = -\sin x < 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

(B) $f(x) = \cos 2x \Rightarrow f'(x) = -2 \sin 2x$

Now $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$

$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x < \pi$

$\Rightarrow -2 \sin 2x < 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ $\left[\because \sin \theta \text{ is +ve in } (0, \pi) \right]$

$\Rightarrow f(x) = \cos 2x$ is strictly decreasing in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

(C) $f(x) = \cos 3x \Rightarrow f'(x) = -3 \sin 3x$

Now $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

Now $\sin 3x$ is +ve in $(0, \pi)$ and -ve in $(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2})$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -3 \sin 3x$ assumes +ve as well as -ve values in $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$\Rightarrow f$ is neither increasing nor decreasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

(D) $f(x) = \tan x$, then $f'(x) = \sec^2 x$

and $f'(x) = \sec^2 x = (\sec x)^2 > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Thus, functions given A and B are strictly decreasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$

Q No. 13 On which of the following intervals is the function f given by $f(x) = x^{100} + \sin x - 1$ strictly decreasing?
 (A) $(0, 1)$ (B) $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ (C) $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ (D) None of these.

Sol. Given $f(x) = x^{100} + \sin x - 1$, $D_f = \mathbb{R}$
 $f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x + 0$.

(A) $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0, 1)$
 $\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, 1)$

(B) $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$
 $\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

(C) $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \Rightarrow f(x)$ is strictly increasing
 $\therefore f(x)$ is not decreasing in any of given interval.
 $\therefore$ D is correct option.

Q No. 131: Find the least value of a such that the function f given by $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$ is strictly increasing on $(1, 2)$.

Sol. Given $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$; $1 < x < 2$.
 $\therefore f'(x) = 2x + a$.

Now for $1 < x < 2$
 $2 < 2x < 4$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + a < 2x + a < 4 + a \Rightarrow 2 + a < f'(x) < 4 + a$$

Now for $f(x)$ to be increasing strictly on $(1, 2)$
 $f'(x) > 0$

ie if $2 + a \geq 0$ ie if $a \geq -2$

$\therefore$ Required least value of a for which $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$ is strictly increasing on $(1, 2)$ is -2

QNo 15 Let I be any interval disjoint from $[-1, 1]$. Prove that function given by $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$ is strictly increasing on I .

Sol.

Given $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$; $x \in I$

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

Now $f'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^2} > 0 \quad \forall x$ for which $x^2 - 1 > 0 \quad \left[\because x^2 > 0 \right]$
 $\forall x > 0$

i.e. $(x-1)(x+1) > 0$

i.e. $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

i.e. $x \in \mathbb{R} - [-1, 1]$

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing on I .

QNo 16

Prove that the function f given by $f(x) = \log(\sin x)$ is st. increasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and st. decreasing on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$.

Sol.

Given $f(x) = \log(\sin x)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \cdot \cos x = \cot x$$

Now As $\cot x > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and $\cot x < 0 \quad \forall x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and strictly decreasing on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

QNo 17. Prove that the function given by $f(x) = \log \cos x$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$ and strictly decreasing on $(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$.

Sol.

★ Statement of the question is not correct as $\log(\cos x)$ is not defined for $x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$ as $\cos x < 0 \quad \forall x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$.

Correct statement should be $f(x) = \log |\cos x|$ for $x \in (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$.

Now Given $f(x) = \log \cos x$, $x \in (0, \frac{\pi}{2}) \cup (\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi)$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x} (-\sin x) = -\tan x$$

As $\tan x > 0 \forall x \in (0, \pi/2)$ and $\tan x < 0 \forall x \in (\pi/2, \pi)$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (0, \pi/2)$ and $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (\pi/2, \pi)$

$\Rightarrow f$ is strictly decreasing on $(0, \pi/2)$ and

f is strictly increasing on $(\pi/2, \pi)$

QNo. 18: Prove that $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 100$ is increasing in $\mathbb{R}$.

Sol.

Given $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 100$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 3(x^2 - 2x + 1) = 3(x-1)^2$

Now as $3(x-1)^2 \geq 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) \geq 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is increasing on $\mathbb{R}$.

QNo. 19: The interval in which $y = x^2 e^{-x}$ is increasing is
(A) $(-\infty, \infty)$ (B) $(-2, 0)$ (C) $(2, \infty)$ (D) $(0, 2)$

Sol

$y = x^2 e^{-x}$

$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \cdot e^{-x}(-1) + e^{-x} \cdot 2x = x e^{-x}[-x+2]$

$= x e^{-x}(2-x)$

Now y is strictly increasing if $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$

i.e. if $x \cdot e^{-x}(2-x) > 0$

i.e. if $x(2-x) > 0$

i.e. if $x(x-2) < 0$

i.e. if $0 < x < 2$

i.e. if $x \in (0, 2)$

$\left[\because e^{-x} = \frac{1}{e^x} > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R} \right]$

$\therefore$ Option D is correct interval.

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