

REVIEW QUESTIONS

Module 2: Functions

1. What is the difference between a discrete and a continuous variable? Give suitable illustrate examples
2. Define precisely the concept of a real valued function $f(x)$ whose domain is D and range is R .
3. Give a mathematical definition of the limit concept for a function $f(x)$ as x approaches an interior point c in its domain.

4. Given the functions (i) $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x > 1 \\ 3 - 2x & \text{if } x \leq 1 \end{cases}$

(ii) $g(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$, find the following

limits if they exist:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x); \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x); \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x); \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} g(x); \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x); \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x)$$

5. Evaluate the following limits

(i) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \left[\frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} \right]$.

(ii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \left[\frac{x^3 - 1}{|x - 1|} \right]$.

(iii) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{1}{x^2} \right]$.

(iv) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^2 + 1}{3x^3 + 10} \right]$

(v) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{x^3 - 2}{3x^3 + 2x - 3} \right]$.

6. Define the concept of continuity of a function $f(x)$ at a point $x = c$. Use the definition to determine values of the parameters a and b such that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{a}{x-2} & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ 2x+b & \text{for } 0 < x < 2 \\ 6 & \text{for } x \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{is continuous everywhere.}$$

7. Using the concept of limits give the mathematical definition of the derivative of a function at a point $x = c$ and use the definition to determine the derivative of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$

8. Using the method of substitution, find the anti-derivative of each of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \ln(x)$

(b) $f(x) = \frac{e^x}{\sqrt{1-e^x}}$

(c) $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x)}{\cos(x)}$

9. Apply the method of integration by parts in finding anti-derivatives and hence evaluate the integrals

(a) $\int_0^1 xe^x dx$

(b) $\int_1^2 \ln(x) dx$

(c) $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} x \cos(x) dx$

10. Let $I_n = \int_0^{\pi} \sin^n(x) dx$.

(a) Find I_0 .

(b) By expressing the integrand in the form $\sin^n(x) = \sin(x) \sin^{n-1}(x)$ and integrating by parts, show that $I_n = \frac{n-1}{n} I_{n-2}$.

(c) Use the above results to evaluate $\int_0^{\pi} \sin^2(x) dx$.