

NCERT Solutions for Class-XII Maths

Chapter-6.2

NCERT Math Class 12

1. Show that the function given by $f(x) = 3x + 17$ is strictly increasing on \mathbf{R} .

1. Let x_1 and x_2 be any two numbers in \mathbf{R} .

Then, we have:

$$x_1 < x_2 \Rightarrow 3x_1 < 3x_2 \Rightarrow 3x_1 + 17 < 3x_2 + 17 \Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

Hence, f is strictly increasing on \mathbf{R} .

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

2. Let x_1 and x_2 be any two numbers in \mathbf{R} .

The, we have,

$$x_1 < x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 < 2x_2$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{2x_1} < e^{2x_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_1) < f(x_2)$$

Therefore, f is strictly increasing on \mathbf{R} .

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

A. strictly increasing in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

B. strictly decreasing in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

C. neither increasing nor decreasing in $(0, \pi)$

3. The given function is $f(x) = \sin x$.

$$\therefore f'(x) = \cos x$$

(a) Since for each $x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\cos x > 0$, we have $f'(x) > 0$.

Hence, f is strictly increasing in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

(b) Since for each $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$, $\cos x < 0$, we have $f'(x) < 0$.

Hence, f is strictly decreasing in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$.

(c) From the results obtained in (a) and (b), it is clear that f is neither increasing nor decreasing in $(0, \pi)$.

4. Find the intervals in which the function f given by $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$ is
A. strictly increasing B. strictly decreasing

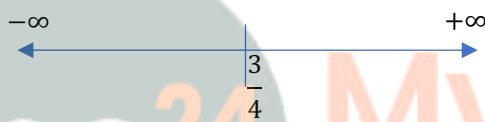
4. It is given that function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 4x - 3$$

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$x = \frac{3}{4}$$

So, the points $\frac{3}{4}$ divides the real line into two disjoint intervals, $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$



So, in interval $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$, $f'(x) = 4x - 3 > 0$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing in interval $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$.

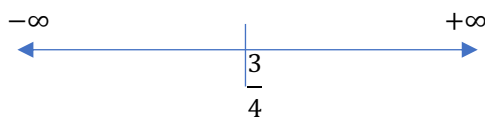
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So, in interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ $f'(x) = 4x - 3 < 0$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$.

5. Find the intervals in which the function f given by $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7$ is
A. strictly increasing B. strictly decreasing

5. The given function is $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7$

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 36 = 6(x^2 - x - 6) = 6(x+2)(x-3)$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -2, 3$$

The points $x = -2$ and $x = 3$ divide the real line into three disjoint intervals i.e., $(-\infty, -2)$, $(-2, 3)$, and $(3, \infty)$



In intervals $(-\infty, -2)$ and $(3, \infty)$, $f'(x)$ is positive while in interval $(-2, 3)$, $f'(x)$ is negative.

Hence, the given function (f) is strictly increasing in intervals $(-\infty, -2)$ and $(3, \infty)$, while function (f) is strictly decreasing in interval $(-2, 3)$

6. Find the intervals in 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. $(x + 1)^3 (x - 3)^3$

6. (A) It is given that function $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$

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

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

So, the point $x = -1$ divides the real line into two disjoint intervals, $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(1, \infty)$

So, in interval $(-\infty, -1)$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2 < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing in interval $(-\infty, -1)$.

And in interval $(1, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = 2x + 2 > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing in interval $(1, \infty)$.

Thus, f is strictly increasing for $x > -1$.

(B) It is given that function $f(x) = 10 - 6x - 2x^2$

$$f'(x) = -6 - 4x$$

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-3}{2}$$

So, the point $x = \frac{-3}{2}$ divides the real line into two disjoint intervals,

$$\left(-\infty, \frac{-3}{2}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{-3}{2}, \infty\right)$$

So, in interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{-3}{2}\right)$

$$f'(x) = -6 - 4x < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{-3}{2}\right)$.

And in interval $\left(\frac{-3}{2}, \infty\right)$

$$f'(x) = -6 - 4x > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing in interval $\left(\frac{-3}{2}, \infty\right)$.

Thus, f is strictly decreasing for $x > \frac{-3}{2}$.

(C) It is given that function $f(x) = -2x^3 - 9x^2 - 12x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -6x^2 - 18x + 12$$

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

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

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 \text{ and } -2$$

So, the points $x = -1$ and $x = -2$ divides the real line into two disjoint intervals,

$$(-\infty, -2), (-2, -1) \text{ and } (-1, \infty)$$

So, in interval $(-\infty, -2), (-1, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = -6(x + 1)(x + 2) < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing for $x < -2$ and $x > -1$.

So, in interval $(-2, -1)$

$$f'(x) = -6(x + 1)(x + 2) > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing for $-2 < x < -1$.

(D) It is given that function $f(x) = 6 - 9x - x^2$

$$f'(x) = -9 - 2x$$

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-9}{2}$$

So, the point $x = \frac{-9}{2}$ divides the real line into two disjoint intervals,

$$\left(-\infty, \frac{-9}{2}\right) \text{ and } \left(\frac{-9}{2}, \infty\right)$$

So, in interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{-9}{2}\right)$

$$f'(x) = -9 - 2x > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing for $x < \frac{-9}{2}$.

And in interval $\left(\frac{-9}{2}, \infty\right)$

$$f'(x) = -9 - 2x < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing for $x > \frac{-9}{2}$.

Thus, f is strictly decreasing for $x > \frac{-9}{2}$.

(E) It is given that function $f(x) = -(x+1)^3(x-3)^3$

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

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

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

If $f'(x) = 0$, then we get,

$$\Rightarrow x = -1, 3 \text{ and } 1$$

So, the points $x = -1$, $x = 1$ and $x = 3$ divides the real line into four disjoint intervals,

$$(-\infty, -1), (-1, 1), (1, 3) \text{ and } (3, \infty)$$

So, in interval $(-\infty, -1), (-1, 1)$

$$f'(x) = 6(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(x-1) < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing in intervals $(-\infty, -1), (-1, 1)$.

So, in interval $(1, 3) \text{ and } (3, \infty)$

$$f'(x) = 6(x+1)^2(x-3)^2(x-1) > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing in intervals $(1, 3) \text{ and } (3, \infty)$.

7. Show that $y = \log(1+x) - \frac{2x}{2+x}$, $x > -1$, is an increasing function of x throughout its domain.

7. We have,

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

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{(2+x)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0$$

Since $x > -1$, point $x = 0$ divides the domain $(-1, \infty)$ in two disjoint intervals i.e., $-1 < x < 0$ and $x > 0$.

When $-1 < x < 0$, we have:

$$x < 0 \Rightarrow x^2 > 0$$

$$x > -1 \Rightarrow (2+x) > 0 \Rightarrow (2+x)^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{x^2}{(2+x)^2} > 0$$

Also, when $x > 0$:

$$x > 0 \Rightarrow x^2 > 0, (2+x)^2 > 0$$

$$\therefore y' = \frac{x^2}{(2+x)^2} > 0$$

Hence, function f is increasing throughout this domain.

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

8. It is given that $y = [x(x-2)]^2$, then,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y' = 2(x^2 - 2x)(2x - 2)$$

$$= 4x(x-2)(x-1)$$

$$\text{Now if } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, 1, 2$$

So, the points $x = 0$, $x = 1$ and $x = 2$ divides the real line into four disjoint intervals,

$(-\infty, 0)$, $(0, 1)$, $(1, 2)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

So, in interval $(-\infty, 0)$, $(1, 2)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} < 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly decreasing in intervals $(-\infty, 0)$, $(1, 2)$.

So, in interval $(0, 1)$ and $(2, \infty)$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$$

Therefore, the given function (f) is strictly increasing for $0 < x < 1$ and $x > 2$

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

9. We have,

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

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{(2 + \cos\theta)(4\cos\theta) - 4\sin\theta(-\sin\theta)}{(2 + \cos\theta)^2} - 1$$

$$= \frac{8\cos\theta + 4\cos^2\theta + 4\sin^2\theta}{(2 + \cos\theta)^2} - 1$$

$$= \frac{8\cos\theta + 4}{(2 + \cos\theta)^2} - 1$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8\cos\theta + 4}{(2 + \cos\theta)^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 8\cos\theta + 4 = 4 + \cos^2 + 4\cos\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta - 4\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta(\cos\theta - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos\theta = 0 \text{ or } \cos\theta = 4$$

Since $\cos\theta \neq 4$, $\cos\theta = 0$.

$$\cos\theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now,

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

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, we have $\cos\theta > 0$. Also, $4 > \cos\theta \Rightarrow 4 - \cos\theta > 0$

$\therefore \cos\theta(4 - \cos\theta) > 0$ and also $(2 + \cos\theta)^2 > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos\theta(4 - \cos\theta)}{(2 + \cos\theta)^2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} > 0$$

Therefore, y is strictly increasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

Also, the given function is continuous at $x = 0$ and $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

Hence, y is increasing in interval $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

10. Prove that the logarithmic function is strictly increasing on $(0, \infty)$.

10. The given function is $f(x) = \log x$

$$\Rightarrow f' = \frac{1}{x}$$

It is clear that for $x > 0$, $f' = \frac{1}{x} > 0$

Therefore, $f(x) = \log x$ is strictly increasing in interval $(0, \infty)$.

11. Prove that the function f given by $f(x) = x^2 - x + 1$ is neither strictly increasing nor strictly decreasing on $(-1, 1)$.

11. The given function is $f(x) = x^2 - x + 1$

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

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

The point $\frac{1}{2}$ divides the interval $(-1, 1)$ into two disjoint intervals

i.e., $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$.

Now, in interval $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$, $f'(x) = 2x - 1 < 0$

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$.

However, in interval $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$, $f'(x) = 2x - 1 > 0$

Therefore, f is strictly increasing in interval $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$.

Hence, f is neither strictly increasing nor decreasing in interval $(-1, 1)$.

12. Which of the following functions are strictly decreasing on $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$?

A. $\cos x$ B. $\cos 2x$

C. $\cos 3x$ D. $\tan x$

12. (A) Let $f_1(x) = \cos x$

$$\therefore f_1'(x) = -\sin x$$

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $f_1'(x) = -\sin x < 0$.

Therefore, $f_1(x) = \cos x$ is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

(B) Let $f_2(x) = \cos 2x$

$$\therefore f_2'(x) = -2\sin 2x$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 0 < 2x < \pi$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2\sin 2x < 0$$

$$\therefore f_2'(x) = -2\sin 2x < 0 \text{ on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Therefore, $f_2(x) = \cos 2x$ is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

(C) Let $f_3(x) = \cos 3x$

$$\therefore f_3'(x) = -3\sin 3x$$

$$\text{Now, } f_3' = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = \pi, \text{ as } x \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

The point $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$ divides the interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ into two distinct intervals.

i.e. $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

Now, in interval, $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$,

$$f_3'(x) = -3\sin 3x < 0 \text{ as } (0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow 0 < 3x < \pi)$$

Therefore, f_3 is strictly decreasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$.

Now, in interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$f_3'(x) = -3\sin 3x > 0 \text{ as } \frac{\pi}{3} < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \pi < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

Therefore, f_3 is strictly increasing in interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

(D) Let $f_4 = \tan x$

$$\therefore f_4'(x) = \sec^2 x$$

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$,

$$f_4'(x) = \sec^2 x > 0$$

Therefore, f_4 is strictly increasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

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. $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

C. $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ D. None of these

13. The correct option is (D).

Explanation: It is given that $f(x) = x^{100} + \sin x - 1$

$$\text{Then, } f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x$$

In interval $(0,1)$, $\cos x > 0$ and $100x^{99} > 0$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$$

Therefore, function f is strictly increasing in interval $(0,1)$.

In interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$, $\cos x < 0$ and $100x^{99} > 0$.

Also, $100x^{99} > \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \text{ in } \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$$

Therefore, function f is strictly increasing in interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$.

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\cos x < 0$ and $100x^{99} > 0$.

Also, $100x^{99} > \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0 \text{ on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

Therefore, function f is strictly increasing in interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

Hence, function f is strictly decreasing on none of the intervals.

14. Find the least value of a that the function f given by $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$ is strictly increasing on $[1, 2]$.

14. It is given that function $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$

$$f'(x) = 2x + a$$

Now, function f will be increasing in $(1,2)$,

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

$$\Rightarrow 2x + a > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x > -a$$

$$\Rightarrow x > -\frac{a}{2}$$

Therefore, we have to find the least value of a such that

$$\Rightarrow x > -\frac{a}{2} \text{ when } x \in (1,2)$$

$$\Rightarrow x > -\frac{a}{2} \text{ (when } 1 < x < 2)$$

Therefore, the least value of a for f to be increasing on $(1,2)$ is given by

$$-a/2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -2$$

Therefore, the least value of a is -2.

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

15. We have,

$$f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$$

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

Now,

$$f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2} = 1 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

The points $x = 1$ and $x = -1$ divide the real line in three disjoint intervals i.e., $(-\infty, -1)$, $(-1, 1)$, and $(1, \infty)$

In interval $(-1, 1)$, it is observed that:

$$-1 < x < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 < \frac{1}{x^2}, x \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} < 0, x \neq 0$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} < 0 \text{ on } (-1, 1) \sim \{0\}$$

$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing on $(-1, 1) \sim \{0\}$.

In intervals $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(1, \infty)$, it is observed that:

$$x < -1 \text{ or } 1 < x$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 > \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} > 0$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{x^2} > 0 \text{ on } (-\infty, -1) \text{ and } (1, \infty)$$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing on $(-\infty, 1)$ and $(1, \infty)$.

Hence, function f is strictly increasing in interval I disjoint from $(-1, 1)$. Hence, the given result is proved.

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

16. It is given that $f(x) = \log \sin x$

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

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $f'(x) = \cot x > 0$

Therefore, f is strictly increasing in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

In interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$, $f'(x) = \cot x < 0$

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$.

17. Prove that the function f given by $f(x) = \log |\cos x|$ is strictly decreasing on $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and strictly increasing on $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$.

17. We have,

$$f(x) = \log \cos x$$

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

In interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\tan x > 0 \Rightarrow -\tan x < 0$.

$$\therefore f'(x) < 0 \text{ on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing on $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

In interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$, $\tan x < 0 \Rightarrow -\tan x > 0$.

$\therefore f'(x) > 0$ on $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing on $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

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

18. We have, $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 100$

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

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

$$= 3(x-1)^2$$

For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $(x-1)^2 > 0$

Thus, $f'(x)$ is always positive in \mathbb{R} .

Therefore, the given function (f) is increasing in \mathbb{R} .

19. The interval in which $y = x^2 e^{-x}$ is increasing is

A. $(-\infty, \infty)$ B. $(-2, 0)$

C. $(2, \infty)$ D. $(0, 2)$

19. We have

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

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2xe^{-x} - x^2 e^{-x} = xe^{-x}(2-x)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{dy}{dx} = 0. \Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } x = 2$$

The points $x = 0$ and $x = 2$ divide the real line into three disjoint intervals i.e., $(-\infty, 0)$, $(0, 2)$, and $(2, \infty)$.

In intervals $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(2, \infty)$, $f'(x) < 0$ as e^{-x} is always positive.

$\therefore f$ is decreasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(2, \infty)$.

In interval $(0, 2)$, $f'(x) > 0$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing on $(0, 2)$.

Hence, f is strictly increasing in interval $(0, 2)$.

The correct answer is D.



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