

Calculus

Limit and Continuity : Important Questions

Prove that the function.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k}{|x| + 2x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ k & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

remains discontinuous at $x = 0$

regardless of the choice of k .

Sol. $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{|x| + 2x^2}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{-x + 2x^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x}{x(-1 + 2x)} = -1. \quad \text{--- ①}$$



$x \rightarrow 0^-$

$x < 0$

slightly,

$|x| = -x$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+}$$

$$f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{|x| + 2x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x + 2x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cancel{x}}{x(1 + 2x)}$$

$$= 1. \quad \text{--- (11)}$$

$$x \rightarrow 0^+$$



$x > 0$ slightly

$$\underline{\underline{|x| = x}}$$



from (i) & (ii)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

\Rightarrow

$f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=0$.

regardless of choice of k

hence proved.