

NCERT Class 12 Maths Solutions

Exercise 6.2

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

Sol. Given: $f(x) = 3x + 17$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3(1) + 0 = 3 > 0 \text{ i.e., } + \text{ ve for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

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

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

Sol. Given: $f(x) = e^{2x}$

$$\therefore f'(x) = e^{2x} \frac{d}{dx} 2x = e^{2x}(2) = 2e^{2x} > 0 \text{ i.e., } + \text{ ve for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

[\because We know that e is approximately equal to 2.718 and is always positive]

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

Remark. $e^{-2} = \frac{1}{(e^2)} > 0$ and $e^0 = 1 > 0$.

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 $(0, \pi)$.

Sol. Given: $f(x) = \sin x$

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

(a) We know that $f'(x) = \cos x > 0$ i.e., + ve in first quadrant i.e.,

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

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

(b) We know that $f'(x) = \cos x < 0$ i.e., -ve in second quadrant i.e., in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$.

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

(c) Because $f'(x) = \cos x > 0$ i.e., +ve in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $f'(x) = \cos x < 0$

i.e., -ve in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ and $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0$

$\therefore f'(x)$ does not keep the same sign in the interval $(0, \pi)$.

Hence $f(x)$ is neither increasing nor decreasing in $(0, \pi)$.

4. Find the intervals in which the function f given by

$$f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x \text{ is}$$

(a) strictly increasing (b) strictly decreasing.

Sol. Given: $f(x) = 2x^2 - 3x$

$\therefore f'(x) = 4x - 3$... (i)

Step I. Let us put $f'(x) = 0$ to find turning points i.e., points on the given curve where tangent is parallel to x -axis.

\therefore From (i), $4x - 3 = 0$ i.e., $4x = 3$

or $x = \frac{3}{4}$ ($= 0.75$). 

This turning point divides the real line in two disjoint sub-intervals $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$.

Step II.

Interval	sign of $f'(x) = 4x - 3$... (i)	Nature of function f
$\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$	Take $x = 0.5$ (say) then from (i) $f'(x) < 0$	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing \downarrow
$\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$	Take $x = 1$ (say) then from (i), $f'(x) > 0$	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow

Thus, (a) f is strictly increasing in $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$.

(b) f is strictly decreasing in $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$.

5. Find the intervals in which the function f given by

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7 \text{ is}$$

(a) strictly increasing (b) strictly decreasing.

Sol. Given: $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 7$

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

Step I. Form factors of $f'(x)$

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

(Caution: Don't omit 6. It can't be cancelled only from R.H.S.)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{or } f'(x) &= 6(x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6) = 6[x(x - 3) + 2(x - 3)] \\ &= 6(x + 2)(x - 3) \end{aligned} \quad \dots(i)$$

Step II. Put $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 6(x + 2)(x - 3) = 0$

But $6 \neq 0 \therefore$ Either $x + 2 = 0$ or $x - 3 = 0$

i.e., $x = -2, x = 3.$



These turning points $x = -2$ and $x = 3$ divide the real line into three disjoint sub-intervals $(-\infty, -2)$, $(-2, 3)$ and $(3, \infty)$.

Step III.

Interval	sign of $f'(x)$ $= 6(x + 2)(x - 3) \dots(i)$	Nature of function f
$(-\infty, -2)$	Take $x = -3$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (+) (-) (-)$ $= (+)$ i.e., > 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow in $(-\infty, -2)$
$(-2, 3)$	Take $x = 2$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (+) (+) (-)$ $= (-)$ i.e., < 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing \downarrow in $(-2, 3)$
$(3, \infty)$	Take $x = 4$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (+) (+) (+)$ $= (+)$ i.e., > 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow in $(3, \infty)$

Thus, (a) f is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, -2)$ and $(3, \infty)$.

(b) f is strictly decreasing in $(-2, 3)$.

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) $(x + 1)^3(x - 3)^3.$

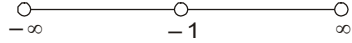
Sol. (a) Given: $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 5$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 2x + 2 = 2(x + 1) \quad \dots(i)$$

Step I. Put $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow 2(x + 1) = 0$

But $2 \neq 0$. Therefore, $x + 1 = 0$ i.e., $x = -1$.

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



Step II.

Interval	sign of $f'(x)$ $= 2(x + 1) \dots(i)$	Nature of function f
$(-\infty, -1)$	Take $x = -2$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (-)$ i.e., < 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing \downarrow
$(-1, \infty)$	Take $x = 0$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (+)$ i.e., > 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow

Thus, f is strictly increasing in $(-1, \infty)$ (i.e., $x > -1$) and strictly decreasing in $(-\infty, -1)$ (i.e., $x < -1$).

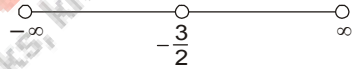
(b) **Given:** $f(x) = 10 - 6x - 2x^2$

$$\therefore f'(x) = -6 - 4x = -2(3 + 2x) \dots(i)$$

Step I. Put $f'(x) = 0 \Rightarrow -2(3 + 2x) = 0$

But $-2 \neq 0$. Therefore, $3 + 2x = 0$ i.e., $2x = -3$

$$\text{i.e., } x = -\frac{3}{2}$$



This turning point $x = -\frac{3}{2}$ divides the real line into two disjoint sub-intervals $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$ and $(-\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$.

Step III.

Interval	sign of $f'(x)$ $= -2(3 + 2x) \dots(i)$	Nature of function f
$(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$	Take $x = -2$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (-)$ $= (+)$ i.e., > 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow
$(-\frac{3}{2}, \infty)$	Take $x = -1$ (say). Then from (i), $f'(x) = (-)$ $= (-)$ i.e., < 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing \downarrow

Thus, f is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, -\frac{3}{2})$ (i.e., for $x < -\frac{3}{2}$) and

strictly decreasing in $\left(-\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$ (i.e., for $x > -\frac{3}{2}$).

(c) Let $f(x) = -2x^3 - 9x^2 - 12x + 1$

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

Step I. Forming factors of $f'(x)$

$= -6(x^2 + x + 2x + 2) = -6[x(x + 1) + 2(x + 1)]$

or $f'(x) = -6(x + 1)(x + 2)$... (i)

Step II. $f'(x) = 0$ gives $x = -1$ or $x = -2$

The points $x = -2$ and $x = -1$ (arranged in ascending order) divide the real line into 3 disjoint intervals, namely, $(-\infty, -2)$, $(-2, -1)$ and $(-1, \infty)$.

Step III. Nature of $f(x)$

Interval	sign of $f'(x)$ $= -6(x + 1)(x + 2)$ (i)	Nature of function f
$(-\infty, -2)$	Take $x = -3$ (say), Then from (i), $f'(x) = (-)(-)(-)$ $= (-)$ i.e., < 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing in $(-\infty, -2) \downarrow$
$(-2, -1)$	Take $x = -1.5$ (say), Then from (i), $f'(x) = (-)(-)(+) = +$ i.e., > 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing in $(-2, -1) \uparrow$
$(-1, \infty)$	Take $x = 0$ (say), then from (i) $f'(x) = (-)(+)(+) = (-)$ i.e., < 0	$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing in $(-1, \infty) \downarrow$

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

(d) Let $f(x) = 6 - 9x - x^2 \therefore f'(x) = -9 - 2x$.

$f(x)$ is strictly **increasing** if $f'(x) > 0$, i.e.,

if $-9 - 2x > 0$

or $-2x > 9$ or $x < -\frac{9}{2}$

$\therefore f$ is strictly increasing \uparrow , in the interval $\left(-\infty, -\frac{9}{2}\right)$.

$f(x)$ is strictly **decreasing** if $f'(x) < 0$, i.e., if $-9 - 2x < 0$

or $-2x < 9$ or $x > -\frac{9}{2}$

$\therefore f$ is strictly decreasing \downarrow in the interval $\left(-\frac{9}{2}, \infty\right)$.

(e) Let $f(x) = (x + 1)^3 (x - 3)^3$
then $f'(x) = (x + 1)^3 \cdot 3(x - 3)^2 + (x - 3)^3 \cdot 3(x + 1)^2$
 $= 3(x + 1)^2 (x - 3)^2 (x + 1 + x - 3)$
 $= 3(x + 1)^2 (x - 3)^2 (2x - 2)$
 $= 6(x + 1)^2 (x - 3)^2 (x - 1)$

The factors $(x + 1)^2$ and $(x - 3)^2$ are non-negative for all x .

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly **increasing** if

$$f'(x) > 0, \quad \text{i.e., if } x - 1 > 0 \quad \text{or } x > 1$$

$f(x)$ is strictly **decreasing** if $f'(x) < 0$, i.e., if $x - 1 < 0$

or $x < 1$.

Thus, f is strictly increasing \uparrow in $(1, \infty)$ and strictly decreasing \downarrow in $(-\infty, 1)$.

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

Sol. Given: $y = \log(1 + x) - \frac{2x}{2 + x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x} \frac{d}{dx} (1+x) - \left[\frac{(2+x) \frac{d}{dx} (2x) - 2x \frac{d}{dx} (2+x)}{(2+x)^2} \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{1+x} - \left[\frac{(2+x)2 - 2x}{(2+x)^2} \right] = \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{(4+2x-2x)}{(2+x)^2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} &= \frac{1}{1+x} - \frac{4}{(2+x)^2} = \frac{(2+x)^2 - 4(1+x)}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} \\ &= \frac{4+x^2+4x-4-4x}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} = \frac{x^2}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

Domain of the given function is given to be $x > -1$

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 > 0. \text{ Also } (2 + x)^2 > 0 \text{ and } x^2 \geq 0$$

\therefore From (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} \geq 0$ for all x in the domain ($x > -1$).

\therefore The given function is an increasing function of x (in its domain namely $x > -1$).

Note 1. For an increasing function $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) \geq 0$ and for a strictly increasing function $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) > 0$.

Note 2. For a decreasing function $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) \leq 0$ and for a strictly decreasing function $\frac{dy}{dx} = f'(x) < 0$.

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

Sol. Given: $y (= f(x)) = (x(x - 2))^2$.

Step I. Find $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and form factors of R.H.S. of value of $\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x(x - 2) \frac{d}{dx} [x(x - 2)]$$

$$\left[\because \frac{d}{dx} (f(x))^n = n(f(x))^{n-1} \frac{d}{dx} f(x) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x(x - 2) \left[x \frac{d}{dx} (x - 2) + (x - 2) \frac{d}{dx} x \right] \quad (\text{Product Rule})$$

$$= 2x(x - 2) [x + x - 2] = 2x(x - 2)(2x - 2)$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} = 4x(x - 2)(x - 1) \quad \dots(i)$$

Step II. Put $\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$.

$$\therefore \text{From (i) } 4x(x - 2)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\text{But } 4 \neq 0 \therefore \text{Either } x = 0 \text{ or } x - 2 = 0 \text{ or } x - 1 = 0$$

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



These three turning points $x = 0, x = 1, x = 2$ (arranged in their ascending order) divide the real line into three sub-intervals $(-\infty, 0], [0, 1], [1, 2], [2, \infty)$.

Step III

Interval	sign of $\frac{dy}{dx}$ $= 4x(x - 2)(x - 1) \dots(i)$	Nature of $y = f(x)$
$(-\infty, 0]$	Take $x = -1$ (say). Then from (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} = (-) (-) (-)$ $= (-)$ (or $= 0$ at $x = 0$) i.e., ≤ 0	$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing \downarrow
$[0, 1]$	Take $x = \frac{1}{2}$ (say). Then from (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} = (+) (-) (-)$ $= (+)$ (or $= 0$ at $x = 0, x = 1$) i.e., ≥ 0	$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing \uparrow
$[1, 2]$	Take $x = 1.5$ (say). Then from (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} = (+) (-) (+)$	$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing \downarrow

	= (-) (or = 0 at $x = 1, x = 2$) i.e., ≤ 0	
$[2, \infty)$	Take $x = 3$ (say). Then from (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} = (+) (+) (+)$ = (+) (or = 0 at $x = 2$) i.e., ≥ 0	$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing \uparrow

Therefore, $f(x)$ is an increasing function in the intervals $[0, 1]$ (i.e., $0 \leq x \leq 1$) and $[2, \infty)$ (i.e., $x \geq 2$).

Remark. (We have included the turning points in the sub-intervals because we are to discuss for increasing function and not for strictly increasing function. See Notes 1 and 2 at the end of solution of Q. No. 7).

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{8 \cos \theta + 4(\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta) - (2 + \cos \theta)^2}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} \quad \text{(Taking L.C.M.)}$$

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

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{d\theta} = \frac{4 \cos \theta - \cos^2 \theta}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} = \frac{\cos \theta (4 - \cos \theta)}{(2 + \cos \theta)^2} \quad \dots(i)$$

Since $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$,

we have $0 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$ and, therefore, $4 - \cos \theta > 0$. Also $(2 + \cos \theta)^2 > 0$

\therefore From (i), $\frac{dy}{d\theta} \geq 0$ for $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Hence, y is an increasing function of θ in $\left[0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$.

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

Sol. Given: $f(x) = \log x$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{1}{x} > 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } (0, \infty) \quad [\because x \in (0, \infty) \Rightarrow x > 0]$$

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

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

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

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

$f(x)$ is strictly increasing if $f'(x) > 0$ i.e., if $2x - 1 > 0$

$$\text{i.e., if } 2x > 1 \text{ or } x > \frac{1}{2}$$

$f(x)$ is strictly decreasing if

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

$\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing for $x > \frac{1}{2}$ i.e., on the interval $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$

[\because The given interval is $(-1, 1)$]

and $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing for $x < \frac{1}{2}$ i.e., on the interval

$\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$. [\because The given interval is $(-1, 1)$]

$\therefore f(x)$ is neither strictly increasing nor strictly decreasing on the 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) $\tan x$.

Sol. (A) Let $f(x) = \cos x$ then $f'(x) = -\sin x$

$$\therefore 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right), \text{ therefore } \sin x > 0$$

[Because $\sin x$ is positive in both first and second quadrants]

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

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

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

$$\therefore 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \therefore 0 < 2x < \pi$$

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

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

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

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

$$\therefore 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}, \quad \therefore 0 < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2} = 270^\circ$$

$$\text{Now for } 0 < 3x < \pi, \quad \left(\text{i.e., } 0 < x < \frac{\pi}{3}\right) \sin 3x > 0$$

($\because \sin \theta$ is positive in first two quadrants)

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -3 \sin 3x < 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is strictly decreasing on } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{3}\right)$$

$$\text{and for } \pi < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}, \quad \sin 3x < 0$$

[Because $\sin \theta$ is negative in third quadrant]

$$\therefore f'(x) = -3 \sin 3x > 0 \Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is strictly increasing on } \left(\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is neither strictly increasing nor strictly decreasing on $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$.

(D) Let $f(x) = \tan x$ then $f'(x) = \sec^2 x > 0$

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

Hence, only the functions in options (A) and (B) are strictly decreasing.

13. On which of the following intervals is the function f given by $f(x) = x^{100} + \sin x - 1$ is strictly decreasing?

(A) $(0, 1)$ (B) $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ (C) $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (D) None of these.

Sol. Given: $f(x) = x^{100} + \sin x - 1$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 100 x^{99} + \cos x \quad \dots(i)$$

Let us test option (A) $(0, 1)$

On $(0, 1)$; $x > 0$ and hence $100 x^{99} > 0$

For $\cos x$; interval $(0, 1) \Rightarrow (0, 1 \text{ radian})$

$\Rightarrow (0, 57^\circ \text{ nearly})$ ($\because \pi \text{ radians} = 180^\circ$)

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ radian} = \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

$$= \frac{180^\circ}{\left(\frac{22}{7}\right)} = 180^\circ \times \frac{7}{22} = \frac{90^\circ \times 7}{11} = \frac{630^\circ}{11} = 57^\circ \text{ nearly}$$

$\Rightarrow x$ is in first quadrant and hence $\cos x$ is positive.

\therefore From (i), $f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x > 0$ and hence $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, 1)$.

\therefore Option (A) is not the correct option.

Let us test option (B) $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

For $100x^{99}$, $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{\left(\frac{22}{7}\right)}{2}, \frac{22}{7}\right) = \left(\frac{11}{7}, \frac{22}{7}\right) = (1.5, 3.1)$$

$\Rightarrow x > 1 \Rightarrow x^{99} > 1$ and hence $100x^{99} > 100$.

For $\cos x$, $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right) \Rightarrow$ Second quadrant and hence $\cos x$ is negative and has value between -1 and 0 .

($\because -1 \leq \cos \theta \leq 1$)

\therefore From (i), $f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x > 100 - 1 = 99 > 0$

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

\therefore Option (B) is not the correct option.

Let us test option (C) $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

On $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., $(0, 1.5)$ both terms $100x^{99}$ and $\cos x$ are positive and hence from (i), $f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x$ is positive.

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

\therefore Option (C) is also not the correct option.

\therefore Option (D) is the correct answer.

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

Sol. Here $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$...(i)

Differentiating (i) w.r.t. x , $f'(x) = 2x + a$...(ii)

Because $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(1, 2)$ (given),

$\therefore f'(x) = 2x + a > 0$ for all x in $(1, 2)$...(iii)

Now on $(1, 2)$, $1 < x < 2$

Multiplying by 2, $2 < 2x < 4$ for all x in $(1, 2)$.

Adding a to all sides

$$2 + a < 2x + a < 4 + a \text{ for all } x \text{ in } (1, 2)$$

or $2 + a < f'(x) < 4 + a$ for all x in $(1, 2)$ [By (ii)]

\therefore Minimum value of $f'(x)$ is $2 + a$ and maximum value of

$f'(x)$ is $4 + a$(iv)

But from (iii), $f'(x) > 0$ for all x in $(1, 2)$

$$\therefore 2 + a > 0 \text{ and } 4 + a > 0$$

[By (iv)]


$$\therefore a > -2 \text{ and } a > -4$$

$$\therefore a > -2$$

[$\because a > -2 \Rightarrow a > -4$ automatically]

\therefore 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.**

Sol. Given: $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x} = x + x^{-1}$ 

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

Forming factors, $f'(x) = \frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{x^2}$...(i)

Given: I is an interval disjoint from $[-1, 1]$.

i.e., $I = (-\infty, \infty) - [-1, 1] = (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

\therefore For every $x \in I$, either $x < -1$ or $x > 1$

For $x < -1$ (For example, $x = -2$ (say)),

$$\text{from (i), } f'(x) = \frac{(-)(-)}{(+)} = (+) \text{ i.e., } > 0$$

For $x > 1$ (For example, $x = 2$ (say)),

$$\text{from (i), } f'(x) = \frac{(+)(+)}{(+)} = (+) \text{ i.e., } > 0$$

$\therefore f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$. $\therefore f(x)$ is strictly increasing on I.

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

Sol. Given: $f(x) = \log \sin x$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sin x} \frac{d}{dx} \sin x = \frac{1}{\sin x} (\cos x) = \cot x \quad \dots(i)$$

On the interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., in first quadrant, from (i), $f'(x) = \cot x > 0$

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

On the interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ i.e., in second quadrant, from (i), $f'(x) = \cot x < 0$.

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

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

Sol. Given: $f(x) = \log \cos x$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{d}{dx} (\cos x) = \frac{1}{\cos x} (-\sin x) = -\tan x \quad \dots(i)$$

We know that on the interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., in first quadrant, $\tan x$ is positive and hence from (i), $f'(x) = -\tan x$ is negative i.e., < 0 .

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

We know that on the interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ i.e., in second quadrant, $\tan x$ is negative and hence from (i),

$$f'(x) = -\tan x \text{ is positive i.e., } > 0.$$

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } f'(x) &= 3x^2 - 6x + 3 = 3(x^2 - 2x + 1) \\ &= 3(x - 1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in R} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing on R.

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

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

Sol. Given: $y (= f(x)) = x^2 e^{-x}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{dy}{dx} &= x^2 \frac{d}{dx} e^{-x} + e^{-x} \frac{d}{dx} x^2 = x^2 e^{-x} (-1) + e^{-x} (2x) \\ &= -x^2 e^{-x} + 2x e^{-x} = x e^{-x} (-x + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{x(2-x)}{e^x}$$

Out of the intervals mentioned in the options (A), (B), (C) and (D),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} > 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in interval } (0, 2) \text{ of option (D).}$$

$\therefore y (= f(x))$ is strictly increasing and hence increasing in interval $(0, 2)$ of option D.

Note. For a subjective solution of this question, proceed as in solution of Q. No. 6 (a), (b), (c).

Remark. Increasing (decreasing) function or monotonically increasing (or monotonically decreasing) function have the same meaning.