

CBSE Class-12 Mathematics

NCERT solution

Chapter - 6

Application of Derivatives - Exercise 6.2

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

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

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

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} .

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

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

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

3. Show that the function given by $f(x) = \sin x$ is (a) strictly increasing $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, (b) strictly decreasing in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$, (c) neither increasing nor decreasing in $(0, \pi)$.

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

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

(a) Since, $f'(x) = \cos x > 0$, i.e., positive 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) Since, $f'(x) = \cos x < 0$, i.e., negative 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) Since $f'(x) = \cos x > 0$, i.e., positive in first quadrant, i.e., in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and

$f'(x) = \cos x < 0$, i.e., negative in second quadrant, i.e., in $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ and

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} = 0.$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$\text{Now } 4x - 3 = 0$$

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

Therefore, we have two disjoint sub intervals $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$.

(a) For interval $\left(\frac{3}{4}, \infty\right)$, taking $x = 1$, (say), then from eq. (i), $f'(x) > 0$.

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

(b) For interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{4}\right)$, taking $x = 0.5$, (say), then from eq. (i), $f'(x) < 0$.

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

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

(a) strictly increasing, (b) strictly decreasing.

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

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

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

$$\text{Now } 6(x+2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x+2=0 \text{ or } x-3=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=-2 \text{ or } x=3$$

Therefore, we have three disjoint sub-intervals $(-\infty, -2)$, $(-2, 3)$ and $(3, \infty)$.

For interval $(-\infty, -2)$, taking $x = -3$ (say), from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly increasing in $(-\infty, -2)$.

For interval $(-2, 3)$, taking $x = 2$ (say), from eq. (i),

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

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

For interval $(3, \infty)$, taking $x = 4$ (say), from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly increasing in $(3, \infty)$.

Hence, (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) $(x+1)^3 (x-3)^3$

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

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

Now $2(x+1) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

Therefore, we have two sub-intervals $(-\infty, -1)$ and $(-1, \infty)$.

For interval $(-\infty, -1)$ taking $x = -2$ (say), from eq. (i), $f'(x) = (-) < 0$

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing.

For interval $(-1, \infty)$ taking $x = 0$ (say), from eq. (i), $f'(x) = (+) > 0$

Therefore, f is strictly increasing.

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

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

Now $-2(3 + 2x) = 0$

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

Therefore, we have two sub-intervals $\left(-\infty, \frac{-3}{2}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{-3}{2}, \infty\right)$.

For interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{-3}{2}\right)$ taking $x = -2$ (say), from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly increasing.

For interval $\left(\frac{-3}{2}, \infty\right)$ taking $x = -1$ (say), from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing.

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

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

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

$$= -6(x+1)(x+2) \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{Now } -6(x+1)(x+2) = 0$$

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

Therefore, we have three disjoint intervals $(-\infty, -2)$, $(-2, -1)$ and $(-1, \infty)$.

For interval $(-\infty, -2)$, from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing.

For interval $(-2, -1)$, from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly increasing.

For interval $(-1, \infty)$, from eq. (i),

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

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing.

(d) Given: $f(x) = 6 - 9x - x^2$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -9 - 2x \quad \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

Now $-9 - 2x = 0$

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

Therefore, we have two disjoint intervals $\left(-\infty, \frac{-9}{2}\right)$ and $\left(\frac{-9}{2}, \infty\right)$.

For interval $\left(-\infty, \frac{-9}{2}\right)$, taking $x = -6$ (say)

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

Therefore, f is strictly increasing.

For interval $\left(\frac{-9}{2}, \infty\right)$, taking $x = 0$ (say)

$$\text{from eq. (i), } f'(x) = (-) < 0$$

Therefore, f is strictly decreasing.

(e) Given: $f(x) = (x+1)^3 (x-3)^3$

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing if $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 1$$

And $f(x)$ is strictly decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1$$

Hence, f is strictly increasing in $(1, \infty)$ and f is strictly decreasing 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.

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

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

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

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

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

$$= \frac{x^2}{(1+x)(2+x)^2} \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x+1 > 0$$

Also $(2+x)^2 > 0$ and $x^2 \geq 0$

\therefore From eq. (i), $\frac{dy}{dx} \geq 0$ for all x in domain $x > -1$ and f is an increasing function.

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

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

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

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

[Applying Product Rule]

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = 2x(x-2)[x + x - 2]$$

$$= 2x(x-2)(2x-2)$$

$$= 4x(x-2)(x-1) \dots\dots\dots(i)$$

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

Therefore, we have four disjoint subintervals $(-\infty, 0), (0, 1), (1, 2), (2, \infty)$

For $(-\infty, 0)$ taking $x = -1$ (say),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (-)(-)(-) = (-) \leq 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing.

For $(0, 1)$ taking $x = \frac{1}{2}$ (say),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (+)(-)(-) = (+) \geq 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing.

For $(1, 2)$ taking $x = 1.5$ (say),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (+)(-)(+) = (-) \leq 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is decreasing.

For $(2, \infty)$ taking $x = 3$ (say),

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = (+)(+)(+) = (+) \geq 0$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is increasing.

thus $f(x)$ is increasing in $(0, 1)$ and $(2, \infty)$

$f(x)$ is decreasing in $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(1, 2)$

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Since $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$ and we have $0 \leq \cos\theta \leq 1$, therefore $4 - \cos\theta > 0$.

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{d\theta} \geq 0 \text{ for } 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

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 $(0, \infty)$.

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

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

for all x in $(0, \infty)$. $f'(x) > 0$

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 $(-1, 1)$.

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

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

$f(x)$ is strictly increasing if $f'(x) > 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 1 > 0$$

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

i.e., increasing on the interval $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$

$f(x)$ is strictly decreasing if $f'(x) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{1}{2}$$

i.e., decreasing on the interval $\left(-1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

hence, $f(x)$ is neither strictly increasing nor decreasing on the interval $(-1, 1)$.

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

Ans. (A) $f(x) = \cos x$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = -\sin x$$

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

thus for x in $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, $\sin x$ is positive in first quadrant

$$\Rightarrow \sin x > 0$$

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

So, $f'(x) < 0$

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

(B) $f(x) = \cos 2x$

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

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

$$\therefore 0 < 2x < \pi \text{ therefore } \sin 2x > 0$$

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

So, $f'(x) < 0$

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

(C) $f(x) = \cos 3x$

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

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

$$\therefore 0 < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

thus two cases $0 < 3x < \pi$ and $\pi < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

For $0 < 3x < \pi$

$$\sin 3x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 \sin 3x < 0$$

$$\text{So, } f'(x) < 0$$

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

$$\text{For } \pi < 3x < \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\sin 3x < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -3 \sin 3x > 0$$

$$\text{So, } f'(x) > 0$$

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

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

$$\text{(D) } f(x) = \tan x$$

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 100x^{99} + \cos x$$

(A) On $(0, 1)$, $x > 0$ therefore $100x^{99} > 0$

And for $\cos x$

$$\Rightarrow (0, 1 \text{ radian}) = (0, 57^\circ \text{ nearly}) > 0$$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(0, 1)$.

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

$$= \left(\frac{11}{7}, \frac{22}{7}\right) = (1.5, 3.1) > 1 \text{ and hence } 100x^{99} > 100$$

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

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

(C) On $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) = (0, 1.5)$ both terms of given function are positive.

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

(D) 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 $(1, 2)$.

Ans. $f(x) = x^2 + ax + 1$

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

Since $f(x)$ is strictly increasing on $(1, 2)$, therefore $f'(x) = 2x + a > 0$ for all x in $(1, 2)$

$$\therefore \text{On } (1, 2) \quad 1 < x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < 2x < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + a < 2x + a < 4 + a$$

\therefore Minimum value of $f'(x)$ is $2 + a$ and maximum value is $4 + a$.

Since $f'(x) > 0$ for all x in $(1, 2)$

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

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

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 .

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

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

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

Here for every x either $x < -1$ or $x > 1$

\therefore for $x < -1$, $x = -2$ (say),

$$f'(x) = \frac{(-)(-)}{(+) } = (+) > 0$$

And for $x > 1$, $x = 2$ (say),

$$f'(x) = \frac{(+)(+)}{(+) } = (+) > 0$$

$\therefore f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \in I$, hence $f(x)$ 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 $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$.

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

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

On the interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., in first quadrant,

$$f'(x) = \cot x > 0$$

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,

$$f'(x) = \cot x < 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos x} \frac{d}{dx} \cos x = \frac{1}{\cos x} (-\sin x) = -\tan x$$

On the interval $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ i.e., in first quadrant, $\tan x$ is positive, thus $f'(x) = -\tan x < 0$

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

On the interval $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ i.e., in second quadrant, $\tan x$ is negative thus $f'(x) = -\tan x > 0$

Therefore, $f(x)$ 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} .

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3(x-1)^2 \geq 0 \text{ for all } x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}.$$

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

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

(A) $(-\infty, \infty)$

(B) $(-2, 0)$

(C) $(2, \infty)$

(D) $(0, 2)$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 \frac{d}{dx} e^{-x} + e^{-x} \frac{d}{dx} x^2$$

$$= x^2 e^{-x} (-1) + e^{-x} (2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = -x^2 e^{-x} + 2x e^{-x}$$

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

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

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

Therefore, option (D) is correct.