

If a function $f(x)$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ae^x + be^{-x}, & -1 \leq x < 1 \\ cx^2 & , 1 \leq x \leq 3 \\ ax^2 + 2cx & , 3 < x \leq 4 \end{cases} \text{ be continuous for some } a, b, c \in \mathbf{R}$$

and $f'(0) + f'(2) = e$, then the value of a is :

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(a) $\frac{1}{e^2 - 3e + 13}$

(c) $\frac{e}{e^2 + 3e + 13}$

(b) $\frac{e}{e^2 - 3e - 13}$

(d) $\frac{e}{e^2 - 3e + 13}$

(d) Since, function $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1, 3$

$$\therefore f(1) = f(1^+) \Rightarrow ae + be^{-1} = c \quad \dots(i)$$

$$f(3) = f(3^+)$$

$$\Rightarrow 9c = 9a + 6c \Rightarrow c = 3a \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii),

$$b = ae(3 - e) \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} ae^x - be^{-x} & -1 < x < 1 \\ 2cx & 1 < x < 3 \\ 2ax + 2c & 3 < x < 4 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(0) = a - b, f'(2) = 4c$$

Given, $f'(0) + f'(2) = e$

$$a - b + 4c = e \quad \dots(iv)$$

From eqs. (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv),

$$a - 3ae + ae^2 + 12a = e$$

$$\Rightarrow 13a - 3ae + ae^2 = e \Rightarrow a = \frac{e}{e^2 - 3e + 13}$$