

Trigonometry Functions - Class XI

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

Let $f_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} (\sin^k x + \cos^k x)$ where $x \in R$ and $k \geq 1$.

Then $f_4(x) - f_6(x)$ equals

- A. $\frac{1}{4}$
- B. $\frac{1}{12}$
- C. $\frac{1}{6}$
- D. $\frac{1}{3}$

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

Let $f_k(x) = \frac{1}{k} (\sin^k x + \cos^k x)$

Consider

$$f_4(x) - f_6(x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (\sin^4 x + \cos^4 x) - \frac{1}{6} (\sin^6 x + \cos^6 x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} [1 - 2\sin^2 x \cos^2 x] - \frac{1}{6} [1 - 3\sin^2 x \cos^2 x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{12}$$