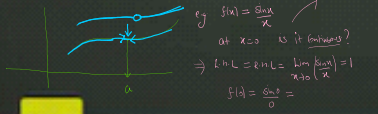


Definition:

A function  $f(x)$  is said to be continuous at  $x=a$

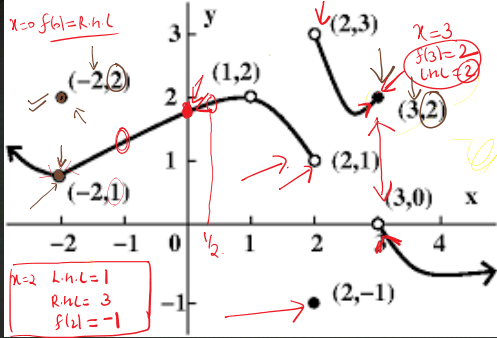
if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$   
 $L.H.L = R.H.L = \text{function at value}$



eg  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$ ,  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$  (continuous?)  
 $L.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \frac{\sin x}{x} = R.H.L$   
 $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$   
 $\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{2}}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{1}{\frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{2}{\pi}$

Q)  $\Rightarrow$  Discuss the continuity at  $x=0$

$\begin{cases} \frac{1-\cos x}{x^2} & x \neq 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-\cos x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $f(0) = 1$   
 $L.H.L = R.H.L$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq f(0)$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$   
 $x \rightarrow a$   
Discontinuous



①  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) = 1$   
 Is function continuous at  $x = -2$ ?  
 $f(-2) = 2$

② Is function continuous at  $x=0$ ? Yes

③  $L.H.L = 2$ ,  $x \rightarrow 3^- = f(3)$

Q) If the function is continuous at  $x=1$  find a & b.

$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3ax+b & x > 1 \\ 3 & x = 1 \\ 5ax-2b & x < 1 \end{cases}$   
 $L.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (5ax-2b) = 5a-2b$   
 $R.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (3ax+b) = 3a+b$   
 $f(1) = 3$   
 $5a-2b = 3$   
 $3a+b = 3$

$R.H.L = 0$   
 at  $x=3$

at  $x=3$ ?

$x=1/2$

$x=2$ ,  $x=1$

Q) Let  $f(x)$  be the function

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{4x-2} & x \geq 0 \\ x & x < 0 \end{cases}$

what choice of  $f(0)$

will make it continuous

at  $x=0$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} \sqrt{4x-2} \\ x \end{cases} = \frac{1}{4}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = \frac{1}{4}$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4x-2}}{x} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{4x-2}} = \frac{1}{2 \times \frac{1}{2}} = \frac{1}{1} = 1$

Q)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-\cos 4x}{2x^2} & x < 0 \\ a & x = 0 \\ \sqrt{x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$   $LHL = RHL = f(0)$

Find value of  $a$  such that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$ .

**Non-RC movable Type**

A) 4  
B) 8  
C) 12  
D) No value of  $a$

$LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1-\cos 4x}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1-\cos 2x}{2x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{2\sin 2x}{2 \cdot 2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} = \frac{1}{2}$

$RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \sqrt{x} = 0$

$f(0) = a$

For continuity,  $LHL = RHL = f(0)$

$\frac{1}{2} = 0 = a$

$a = 0$

Q) The function  $f(x) = \frac{\log(1+ax) - \log(1-bx)}{x}$  ( $x \neq 0$ ) is not defined at  $x=0$ . Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  so that  $f$  is continuous at  $x=0$ .

A)  $a-b$   
B)  $a$   
C)  $b$   
D)  $a+b$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\log(1+ax)}{x} - \frac{\log(1-bx)}{x} \right)$

$= \frac{a}{1} - \frac{-b}{1} = a+b$

Q) If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-a) \sin \left( \frac{1}{x-a} \right) & x \neq a \\ 0 & x = a \end{cases}$  Prove that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=a$ .

$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x-a) \sin \left( \frac{1}{x-a} \right) & x > a \\ 0 & x = a \\ -(x-a) \sin \left( \frac{1}{x-a} \right) & x < a \end{cases}$

$LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} -(x-a) \sin \left( \frac{1}{x-a} \right) = 0$

$RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} (x-a) \sin \left( \frac{1}{x-a} \right) = 0$

$f(a) = 0$

$LHL = RHL = f(a) = 0$

Types of Continuity:

1)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=a$  if  $LHL = RHL = f(a)$ . Right as well as left continuous.

2) Left continuous:  $LHL = f(a)$

3) Right continuous:  $RHL = f(a)$

Q) Examine the continuity of function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{e^{1/x} - 1}{e^{1/x} + 1} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{e^{1/x} - 1}{e^{1/x} + 1} = \frac{e^{-\infty} - 1}{e^{-\infty} + 1} = \frac{0 - 1}{0 + 1} = -1$

$RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{e^{1/x} - 1}{e^{1/x} + 1} = \frac{e^{\infty} - 1}{e^{\infty} + 1} = \frac{\infty - 1}{\infty + 1} = 1$

$f(0) = 0$

$LHL \neq RHL \neq f(0)$

eg  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [x] = LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [x] = 0$

$f(1) = 1$

$RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [x] = 1$

Right continuous at  $x=1$ .

eg  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \{x\} = RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \{x\} = 0$

Left continuous at  $x=1$ .

① Disconti. of I kind: (Removable type)

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exist  $\text{LHL} = \text{RHL} \neq f(a)$  or  $f(a)$  is not defined

then we will choose/change such that

$$\boxed{\text{LHL} = \text{RHL} = f(a)}$$

\* e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  at  $x=0$   
(red line)  $f(0) = 1$

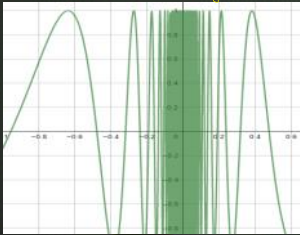
② Disconti. of II kind: (non-removable type)

If  $\text{LHL} \neq \text{RHL}$  or  $\text{LHL}, \text{RHL} \rightarrow \text{not defined}$   
Limit does not exist

③ Oscillation discontinuity.

If  $f(x)$  oscillates between two finite values at  $x=a$  then  $f(x)$  has oscillation discontinuity at  $x=a$

e.g.  $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$   
 $x \rightarrow 0$



THEOREM ON CONTINUITY OF FUNCTION AT  $x=a$ :

① If  $f$  &  $g$  are two functions which are continuous at  $x=a$  then functions defined as  $\checkmark F_1(x) = f(x) \pm g(x)$  and all continuous at  $x=a$ .

e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  at  $x=0$   $\checkmark F_2(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$   $\checkmark F_3(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$   $\{g(a) \neq 0\}$

e.g.  $f(x) = \frac{\sin x}{x}$  at  $x=0$  discontinuity at  $x=0$   
 $x=1$  (continuous at  $x=1$ )

②  $f(x)$  is conti. &  $g(x)$  is disconti. at  $x=a$

then  $\star f(x) \pm g(x) \rightarrow$  discontinuous

e.g.  $f(x) = x, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  at  $x=1$   $f(x) \pm g(x) \rightarrow$  discontinuous

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} C \\ d \\ m \end{array} \right\}$   $f_1(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x)$  may or may not be conti.  
e.g.  $f(x) = x, g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  at  $x=1$   $LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x \cdot \frac{1}{x}) = 1$   
 $RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x \cdot \frac{1}{x}) = 1$   
 $f_3(x) = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$  may not be conti.

④ Jump of discontinuity:

If  $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{LHL} \rightarrow \text{exists} \\ \text{RHL} \rightarrow \text{exists} \\ \text{LHL} \neq \text{RHL} \end{array} \right.$

e.g. at  $x=1$   $LHL = 0, RHL = 1$   
 $f(x) = [x]$   $[LHL - RHL] = [0 - 1] = -1$   
 $f(x) = \{x\}$

then Jump of disconti:

$$\star = |LHL - RHL|$$

$\star \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|\sin x|}{x} \rightarrow \left\{ \begin{array}{l} LHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x}{x} = -1 \\ RHL = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \end{array} \right. \rightarrow 2$

③  $f(x)$  is disconti. at  $x=a$  then  $g(x)$  is disconti.

$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} 1) f(x) \pm g(x) \\ 2) f(x) \cdot g(x) \\ 3) \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \end{array} \right\}$  may or may not be conti.

e.g.  $f(x) = [x], g(x) = \{x\}$  at  $x=1$   $f(x) + g(x) = [x] + \{x\} = x$   
 $f(x) \cdot g(x) = [x] \cdot \{x\} = 0$   
 $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{[x]}{\{x\}}$  at  $x=1$   $\frac{1}{0}$  is not defined

④ Every polynomial  

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \quad n$$
  
 continuous at every point on real number line.

⑤ Every rational polynomial is continuous at every point where its denominator is not zero.

eg  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{(x-1)(x-2)}$  points where that is  
 Discontinuous:  $x=1, x=2$

⑥ Log, Exponential, Trigonometric  
 Inverse trigonometric modulus function.  
 are all continuous in their domain

\*  $\tan x$   $\left( x = \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$   $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$   
 Discontinuous Continuous

#### CONTINUITY OF A FUNCTION IN AN INTERVAL:

① Continuity of a function in open interval  $(a, b)$ ;

A function is said to be continuous in  $(a, b)$  if  $f$  is continuous at each and every point in  $(a, b)$



- (i)  $f$  is continuous in  $(a, b)$
- (ii)  $f$  is right continuous at  $x=a$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$

② Continuity of a function in closed interval  $[a, b]$ ;  
 A function is said to be continuous in closed interval  $[a, b]$  if it satisfies following conditions:-

- (iii)  $f$  is left continuous at  $x=b$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b)$

