

Q1) Evaluate the limit  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{4-h^2}$  or explain why it does not exist.

Sol: Remember: The limit of the function  $f$  at a point  $c$  exists and equal to  $L$  if and only if

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L.$$

Equivalently,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$

$$\rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{4-h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^+} \left( \frac{1}{2+h} \cdot \frac{1}{2-h} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^+} \left( \frac{1}{2+h} \right) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^+} \left( \frac{1}{2-h} \right) = 4 \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{1}{4-h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^-} \left( \frac{1}{2+h} \cdot \frac{1}{2-h} \right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^-} \left( \frac{1}{2+h} \right) \cdot \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^-} \left( \frac{1}{2-h} \right) = 4 \cdot \infty = \infty$$

So,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{4-h^2} \neq \lim_{h \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{1}{4-h^2}$ . Thus,  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{4-h^2}$  does not exist.

Q2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \frac{|0^+-2|}{(0^+-2)} = \frac{2}{-2} = -1$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \frac{|0^--2|}{(0^--2)} = \frac{2}{-2} = -1$  }  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = -1 //$

Q3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \frac{|2^+-2|}{2^+-2} = \frac{|0^+|}{0^+} = \frac{0^+}{0^+} = 1$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \frac{|2^--2|}{2^--2} = \frac{|0^-|}{0^-} = \frac{0^-}{0^-} = -1$$

OR  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = 1$        $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{2-x}{x-2} = -1$

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$  does not exist.

Q4)  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s+1)^2 - (s-1)^2}{s} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s+1)^2 - (s-1)^2}{s} = \frac{(0+1)^2 - (0-1)^2}{0} = \frac{0}{0}$  ⚡

$\lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{(s+1)^2 - (s-1)^2}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{s^2 + 2s + 1 - s^2 + 2s - 1}{s} = \lim_{s \rightarrow 0} \frac{4s}{s} = 4 //$

Q5)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{y - 4\sqrt{y} + 3}{y^2 - 1} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{y - 4\sqrt{y} + 3}{y^2 - 1} = \frac{1 - 4\sqrt{1} + 3}{1^2 - 1} = \frac{0}{0}$  ⚡

We know that  $y = (\sqrt{y})^2$  and  $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$ .

$y - 4\sqrt{y} + 3 = (\sqrt{y})^2 - 4\sqrt{y} + 3 = (\sqrt{y} - 3)(\sqrt{y} - 1)$

$y^2 - 1 = (y+1)(y-1) = (y+1)(\sqrt{y}^2 - 1^2) = (y+1)(\sqrt{y}+1)(\sqrt{y}-1)$

$\rightarrow \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{y - 4\sqrt{y} + 3}{y^2 - 1} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{y}-3)(\cancel{\sqrt{y}-1})}{(y+1)(\sqrt{y}+1)(\cancel{\sqrt{y}-1})} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{y}-3}{(y+1)(\sqrt{y}+1)} = \frac{1-3}{2 \cdot 2} = -\frac{1}{2} //$

Q6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{4}{x^2-4} \right) = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{4}{x^2-4} \right) = \frac{1}{0} - \frac{4}{0} = \infty - \infty$  ⚡

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{4}{x^2-4} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{(\cancel{x-2})(x+2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{4} \checkmark$

Q7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+x^2} - \sqrt{2-x^2}}{x^2} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+x^2} - \sqrt{2-x^2}}{x^2} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}}{0^2} = \frac{0}{0}$  ⚡

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+x^2} - \sqrt{2-x^2}}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{2+x^2} - \sqrt{2-x^2})(\sqrt{2+x^2} + \sqrt{2-x^2})}{x^2(\sqrt{2+x^2} + \sqrt{2-x^2})}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x^2) - (2-x^2)}{x^2(\sqrt{2+x^2} + \sqrt{2-x^2})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^2}{x^2(\sqrt{2+x^2} + \sqrt{2-x^2})}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\sqrt{2+x^2} + \sqrt{2-x^2}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} //$

Q8) If  $2 - x^2 \leq g(x) \leq 2 \cos x$  for all  $x$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x)$ .

Sol: Squeeze Theorem: Suppose  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$  for all  $x$  in an open interval about  $a$  (except possibly at  $a$  itself). Further, suppose  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = L$ . Then,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = L$ .

$$\rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2 - x^2) = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \cos x = 2 \cdot \cos 0 = 2 \cdot 1 = 2.$$

By the Squeeze theorem,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = 2$ .

Q9) a) Sketch the curves  $y = x^2$  and  $y = x^4$  on the same graph. Where do they intersect?

b) The function  $f(x)$  satisfies:

$$\begin{cases} x^2 < f(x) \leq x^4 & \text{if } x < -1 \text{ or } x > 1 \\ x^4 \leq f(x) \leq x^2 & \text{if } -1 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

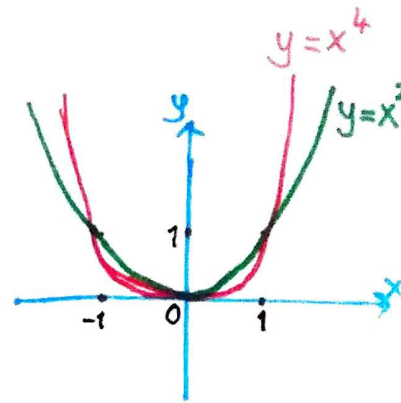
Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ .

Sol: a) Let us find the intersection points.

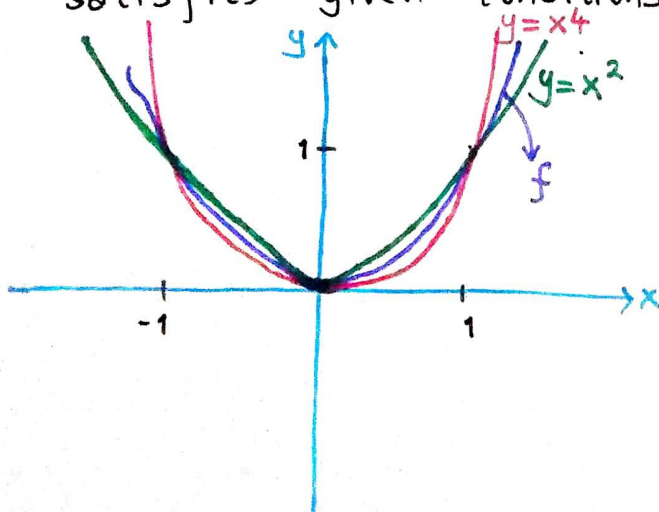
$$x^4 = x^2 \Rightarrow x^4 - x^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 1) = 0.$$

$$\text{Then, } x^2(x+1)(x-1) = 0 \quad \text{and, } x = 0, -1, 1.$$

Thus, intersection points are  $(0,0)$ ,  $(-1,1)$  and  $(1,1)$ .



b) Let us redraw the graph we just drew and take an arbitrary function  $f$  on the graph which satisfies given conditions.



It is clear by the Squeeze theorem that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1 \quad \text{and}$$

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



$$Q10) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2+3}{x^3+2} = ?$$

$$\text{Sol: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^2+3}{x^3+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{x^3(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^3})}{x^3(1 + \frac{2}{x^3})} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{3}{x^3}}{1 + \frac{2}{x^3}} = \frac{0+0}{1+0} = 0 //$$

$$Q11) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3x^2+x+1}} = ?$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{3x^2+x+1}} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x-1}{\sqrt{x^2(3+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2})}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x-1}{|x|\sqrt{3+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x(2-\frac{1}{x})}{x\sqrt{3+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2-\frac{1}{x}}{\sqrt{3+\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{x^2}}} \\ &= \frac{2-0}{\sqrt{3+0+0}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} // \end{aligned}$$

$$Q12) \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x-5}{13x+21} = ?$$

$$\text{Sol: } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x-5}{\underbrace{13x+21}_{<0}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2x-5}{-3x-2} = -\frac{2}{3} //$$

$$Q13) \lim_{x \rightarrow (-\frac{2}{5})^-} \frac{2x+5}{5x+2} = ?$$

$$\text{Sol: } \lim_{x \rightarrow (-\frac{2}{5})^-} \frac{2x+5}{5x+2} = \frac{2 \cdot (-\frac{2}{5}) + 5}{5 \cdot (-\frac{2}{5}) + 2} = \frac{\frac{21}{5}}{0^-} = -\infty.$$

$$Q14) \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{|x-1|} = ?$$

$$\text{Sol: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1}{|x-1|} = \frac{1}{|1^- - 1|} = \frac{1}{|0^-|} = \frac{1}{0^+} = \infty.$$

Q15)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-x}}{x-x^2} = ?$

if  $x > 1$ ,  $x^2 > x$   
and  $x^2 - x > 0$   
 $x^2 - x \rightarrow 0^+$  as  $x \rightarrow 1^+$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-x}}{x-x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} -\frac{\sqrt{x^2-x}}{x^2-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{-1}{\sqrt{x^2-x}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{0^+}} = \frac{-1}{0^+} = -\infty$

Q16)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}-x} = ?$

Sol:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+2x}-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2(1+\frac{2}{x})}-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{|x|\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{x}}-x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{-x\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{x}}-x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x(-\sqrt{1+\frac{2}{x}}-1)}$   
 $= \frac{1}{(-\infty)(-2)} = 0.$

Q17) Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ . State where in its domain the given function is continuous, and where it is just discontinuous.

Sol: Clearly,  $f$  is continuous for all  $x > 0$  and  $x < 0$ . We must examine only  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} x = 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0.$$

Also,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$ . It means  $f$  is continuous at  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ . So,  $f$  is continuous everywhere.

**Q18)** How should the function  $\frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$  be defined at  $x=2$  to be continuous there. Give a formula for the continuous extension.

**Sol:**  $\frac{x^2-4}{x-2}$  is not defined at  $x=2$ . (undefined)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x+2) = 4.$$

choose  $f$  such that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} & \text{if } x \neq 2 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 2 \end{cases}$

Then,  $f$  is continuous function. (Actually,  $f(x) = x+2$ ).

**Q19)** Find  $k$  so that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ k-x^2 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  is a continuous function.

**Sol:** If  $f$  is continuous at 2, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^2 = 4 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (k-x^2) = k-4$$

$$4 = k-4 \Rightarrow k=8 //$$

**Q20)** Find  $m$  so that  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x-m & \text{if } x < 3 \\ 1-mx & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$  is continuous for all  $x$ .

**Sol:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (x-m) = 3-m$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (1-mx) = 1-3m$$

$$\Rightarrow 3-m = 1-3m \Rightarrow m = -1 //$$



**Q21)** Find the intervals which the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2-4}$  is positive or negative.

**Sol:**  $f(x) = \frac{x^2-1}{x^2-4} = \frac{(x+1)(x-1)}{(x+2)(x-2)}$   $\rightarrow$  roots of num. are 1, -1  
 $\rightarrow$  roots of denom. are 2, -2

We can make a table by using this information.

	$-\infty$	$-2$	$-1$		$1$		$2$	$\infty$
$(x+1)(x-1)$	+	+	0	-	0	+	+	+
$(x+2)(x-2)$	+	0	-	-	-	0	+	+
$f(x)$	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	+

Hence,  $f(x) > 0$  on  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (-1, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$   
 $f(x) < 0$  on  $(-2, -1) \cup (1, 2)$

**Q22)** Show that  $f(x) = x^3 + x - 1$  has a zero between  $x=0$  and  $x=1$ .

**Sol:** Intermediate Value Theorem (IVT): If  $f$  is a continuous function whose domain contains the interval  $[a, b]$ , then it takes on any given value between  $f(a)$  and  $f(b)$  at some point within the interval.

$\rightarrow$  So, we can see that  $f$  is continuous function on  $[0, 1]$ . Also  $-1 = f(0) < 0 < f(1) = 1$ . Then, there exists a point  $c \in [0, 1]$  such that  $f(c) = 0$  by the IVT.

**Q23)** Show that the equation  $x^3 - 15x + 1 = 0$  has three solutions in the interval  $[-4, 4]$ .

**Sol:** Clearly,  $f(x) = x^3 - 15x + 1$  is continuous on  $[-4, 4]$ . We can write  $[-4, 4]$  as  $[-4, 4] = [-4, -3] \cup [-3, 1] \cup [1, 4]$ . Also,  $f(-4) = -3$ ,  $f(-3) = 19$ ,  $f(1) = -13$  and  $f(4) = 5$ . By the IVT, there exists  $a \in [-4, -3]$ ,  $b \in [-3, 1]$  and  $c \in [1, 4]$  such that  $f(a) = f(b) = f(c) = 0$ .

Q24) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{2}$  by using formal

definition of limit.

Sol: Def: Let  $f(x)$  be a function defined on an interval that contains  $x=a$ , except possibly  $x=a$ . Then, we say that,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  if given any  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there exists  $\delta > 0$  such that  $|f(x) - L| < \varepsilon$  for all  $0 < |x - a| < \delta$ .

→ Let  $\varepsilon > 0$  be given. Then,

$$\left| \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{1-x}{2(x+1)} \right| = \frac{|x-1|}{2|x+1|}$$

If  $|x-1| < 1$ , then  $-1 < x-1 < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < x < 2$  and  $1 < x+1 < 3$  so that  $|x+1| > 1$ . Let  $\delta = \min(1, 2\varepsilon)$ . If  $|x-1| < \delta$ , Then,

$$\left| \frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{|x-1|}{2|x+1|} < \frac{2\varepsilon}{2} = \varepsilon.$$

Q25) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{1}{x-1} = \infty$  by using formal

definition of limit.

Sol: Let  $M > 0$  be given. (Here  $M$  is arbitrary positive number)

Then,  $\frac{1}{x-1} > B$  if  $0 < x-1 < \frac{1}{B}$ . It means

$\frac{1}{x-1} > B$  if  $1 < x < 1 + \frac{1}{B}$ . If we choose  $\delta = \frac{1}{B}$ ,

then  $\frac{1}{x-1} > B$  for all  $1 < x < 1 + \delta$ . This completes

the proof.