

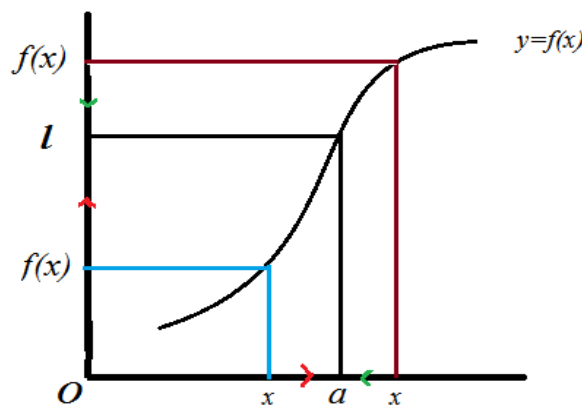
Limits, Continuity & Differentiability

Introduction: In this chapter we will study about limit that is the core tool of calculus and all other calculus concepts are based on it. A function can be undefined at a point, but we can think about what the function "approaches" as it gets closer and closer to that point (this is the "limit"). Also the function may be defined at a point, but it may approach a different limit. There are many, many times where the functional value is the same as the limit at a point. Limit is used to define continuity, derivative and integral of a function.

Limit of a function: The number " l " is called limit of a function $f(x)$ at a point $x = a$ if x approaches closer and closer to " a " from both sides and consequently $f(x)$ approaches closer and closer to " l ". Symbolically it is written as,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l \text{ or } f(x) \rightarrow l \text{ as } x \rightarrow a$$

Graphical representation of "limit of a function" at a point:



Mathematical or $\epsilon - \delta$ definition of limit of a function: The number " l " is called limit of a function $f(x)$ at x approaches " a " if for any given positive number ϵ (however small), we can find another positive number δ (depending on ϵ) such that $|f(x) - l| < \epsilon$, for all values of x satisfying $0 < |x - a| < \delta$.

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Left Hand Limit: If the values of $f(x)$ can be made as close as we like to " l " by taking values of x sufficiently close to " a " (but less than a) then we write,

$$L.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = l$$

Right Hand Limit: If the values of $f(x)$ can be made as close as we like to " l " by taking values of x sufficiently close to " a " (but greater than a) then we write,

$$R.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = l$$

Existence of limit of a function $f(x)$ at $x = a$:

The limit of a function $f(x)$ at $x = a$ that is $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$ exists if

$$a) \quad L.H.L = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) \text{ exists}$$

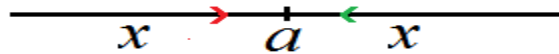
- b) **R.H.L** = $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$ also exists
 c) **L.H.L** = **R.H.L** = l .

Fundamental Properties of limit:

If $f(x)$, $g(x)$ are two functions and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$ exists then

- a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{ f(x) \pm g(x) \} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
 b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{ f(x) \times g(x) \} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
 c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$ where $g(a) \neq 0$
 d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{ \text{constant} \times f(x) \} = \text{constant} \times \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$
 e) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{ f(x) \}^n = \{ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \}^n$ where $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
 f) $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (\text{constant}) = \text{Constant}$

Change of limit of a variable:



Left hand limit: **L.H.L** = $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$

Let $x + h = a$ and when $h \rightarrow 0$ then $x \rightarrow a$.

Now, $= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a - h)$, putting value of x .

Right hand limit: **R.H.L** = $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$

Let $x - h = a$ and when $h \rightarrow 0$ then $x \rightarrow a$.

Now, $= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(a + h)$, putting value of x .

Problem-01: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{when } x < 1 \\ 2.4 & \text{when } x = 1 \\ x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Does $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exist ?

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{when } x < 1 \\ 2.4 & \text{when } x = 1 \\ x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-h)^2$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+2h+h^2)$$

$$= 1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{(1+h)^2 + 1\}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1+2h+h^2+1)$$

$$= 2$$

Since $L.H.L \neq R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

Problem-02: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x > 0 \\ 1 & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x + 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x > 0 \\ 1 & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x + 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0-h+1)$$

$$= 1$$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{(0+h)^2 + 1\}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (h^2 + 1)$$

$$= 1$$

Since $L.H.L = R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists.

The limiting value is,

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

Problem-03: If $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-e^{1/x}}$ then find limits from the left and the right of $x=0$. Does the limit of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ exist?

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \frac{1}{1-e^{1/x}}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-e^{-1/h}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1-0}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h)$$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1-e^{1/h}}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{\infty}$$

$$= 0$$

Here, $L.H.L$ and $R.H.L$ both are exist but they are not same.

i.e, $L.H.L \neq R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

Problem-04: If $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$ then find limits from the left and the right of $x=0$. Does the limit of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ exist?

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|-h|}{-h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{-h}$$

$$= -1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h)$$

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h|}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h}$$

$$= 1$$

Here, $L.H.L$ and $R.H.L$ both are exist but they are not same. i.e, $L.H.L \neq R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

Problem-05: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{|x|}{2}} & \text{when } -1 < x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the existence of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{-\frac{|x|}{2}} & \text{when } -1 < x < 0 \\ x^2 & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 2 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^{-\frac{\{-(0-h)\}}{2}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} e^{-\frac{h}{2}}$$

$$= 1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0+h)^2$$

$$= 0$$

Here, $L.H.L$ and $R.H.L$ both are exist but they are not same.

i.e, $L.H.L \neq R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ does not exist.

Problem-06: A real function is defined by $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$.

Find a). $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$; b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$ and c). $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \frac{x}{1-x}$

1st part a: $L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h)$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-h}{1-(1-h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-h}{h}$$

$$= \infty$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+h}{1-(1+h)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+h}{-h}$$

$$= -\infty$$

Here, $L.H.L$ and $R.H.L$ both are not exist. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

2nd part b:

Let $x = \frac{1}{y}$ then $x \rightarrow \infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{y}}{1 - \frac{1}{y}}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{y - 1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0 - 1}$$

$$= -1.$$

3rd part c:

Let $x = \frac{1}{y}$ then $x \rightarrow -\infty \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} f\left(\frac{1}{y}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{y}}{1 - \frac{1}{y}}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{y - 1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{0 - 1}$$

$$= -1.$$

Homework:**Problem-01:** A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{when } x > 0 \\ 1/2 & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x+1 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$.**Problem-02:** A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1+2x & \text{when } -1/2 \leq x < 0 \\ 1-2x & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 1/2 \\ 2x-1 & \text{when } x > 1/2 \end{cases}$$

Find the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} f(x)$.**Problem-03:** If $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+e^{1/x}}$ then find limits from the left and the right of $x=0$. Does the limit of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ exist?**Problem-04:** If $f(x) = \frac{1}{3+e^{1/(x-2)}}$ then find limits from the left and the right of $x=2$. Does the limit of $f(x)$ at $x=2$ exist?**Problem-05:** If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x-1|}{x-1} & \text{when } x \neq 1 \\ 1 & \text{when } x = 1 \end{cases}$ then show that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist but $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists.**Problem-06:** If $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ then find limits from the left and the right of $x=0$. Does the limit of $f(x)$ at $x=0$ exist?

Some important limits:

$$1. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

Proof: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \dots}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{x^2}{3!} + \frac{x^4}{5!} - \dots \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$$

Proof: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{x} \cdot x + \frac{\frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right)}{2!} \cdot x^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{x} \left(\frac{1}{x} - 1 \right) \left(\frac{1}{x} - 2 \right)}{3!} \cdot x^3 + \dots \right\} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1-x) + \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{3}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x} \right)}{3!} \cdot x^3 + \dots \right\} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} (1-x) + \frac{1}{3!} (1-3x+2x^2) + \dots \right\} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1$$

Proof: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \right) - 1}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots}{x} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1 + \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{3!} + \dots \right) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = e$$

Proof: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ 1 + x \cdot \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x(x-1)}{2!} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{x(x-1)(x-2)}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + \dots \right\} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{(x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x)}{3!} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} + \dots \right\} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x} \right) + \frac{1}{3!} \left(1 - \frac{3}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2} \right) + \dots \right\} \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots \\ &= e \end{aligned}$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \log(1+x) = 1$$

Proof: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \log(1+x) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \log(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \log \left\{ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} \right\} \\ &= \log e \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

L' Hospital's Rule: If two functions $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuous at $x = a$, also their derivatives $f'(x)$, $g'(x)$ are continuous at this point and $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ but $g'(a) \neq 0$ then L' Hospital's rule states as,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = \frac{f'(a)}{g'(a)}$$

In case, $f'(a) = g'(a) = 0$, the rule maybe extended.

Indeterminate forms: If $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{0}{0}$ then it is called an indeterminate form at $x = a$. The forms $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$,

$0 \times \infty$, $\infty - \infty$, 0^0 , 1^∞ and ∞^0 are also indeterminate forms.

Evaluate the following limits:

Problem 01: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} &: \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sec^2 x \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 03: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(\ln x)^2}{x} &: \left[\text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 2 \ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\ln x}{x} : \left[\text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} \\ &= 2 \cdot \frac{1}{\infty} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 02: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} &: \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 04: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin x \sin^{-1} x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin x \sin^{-1} x} &: \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x}{\cos x \sin^{-1} x + \frac{\sin x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}} : \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x\sqrt{1-x^2}}{\cos x \sin^{-1} x \sqrt{1-x^2} + \sin x} : \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sqrt{1-x^2} + \frac{2x^2}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}}{-\sin x \sin^{-1} x \sqrt{1-x^2} + \cos x \left(1 + \frac{2x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}} \right) + \cos x} \\ &= \frac{2}{1+1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 05: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x} \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^{-x} - 2}{1 - \cos x} \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{\sin x} \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{\cos x} \\
 &= \frac{1+1}{1} \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 06: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right)$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin x} - \frac{1}{x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \infty - \infty \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x - \sin x}{x \sin x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\
 &= \frac{0}{1+1-0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 05: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \cot x \right)$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \cot x \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \infty - \infty \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x - x \cos x}{x \sin x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\cos x - \cos x + x \sin x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x \sin x}{\sin x + x \cos x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin x + x \cos x}{\cos x + \cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\
 &= \frac{0}{1+1} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 07: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \ln x^2$

Sol: Given that,

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x \ln x^2 \quad ; \left[\text{Form } 0 \times \infty \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \ln x}{\cos ec x} \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{\infty}{\infty} \right] \\
 &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1/x}{-\cos ec x \cot x} \right) \\
 &= -2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\sin^2 x}{x \cos x} \right) \quad ; \left[\text{Form } \frac{0}{0} \right] \\
 &= -2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos x - x \sin x} \right) \\
 &= -2 \cdot \frac{0}{1-0} \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

Problem 08: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} ; [Form \infty^{\infty}]$$

$$Let y = \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\therefore \ln y = \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x} \ln \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right) ; [Form \frac{0}{0}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)}{x} ; [Form \frac{0}{0}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x}{\tan x} \cdot \frac{x \sec^2 x - \tan x}{x^2} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2x - \sin 2x}{x \sin 2x} \right) ; [Form \frac{0}{0}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2 - 2 \cos 2x}{\sin 2x + 2x \cos 2x} \right) ; [Form \frac{0}{0}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{4 \sin 2x}{2 \cos 2x + 2 \cos 2x - 4x \sin 2x} \right)$$

$$= \frac{0}{2 + 2 - 0}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} y = e^0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} = 1$$

Homework:

Problem 01: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x \sin^{-1} x}{x^2}$

Ans: 1

Problem 02: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{\sin^2 x} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right)$

Ans: $\frac{1}{3}$

Problem 03: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\csc^2 x}$

Ans: $e^{-\frac{1}{2}}$

Problem 04: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x}{x-1} - \frac{x}{\ln x} \right)$

Ans: $\frac{1}{2}$

Problem 05: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{x^2} - \cot^2 x \right)$

Ans: $\frac{2}{3}$

Problem 06: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\sin x)^x$

Ans: 1

Problem 09: Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x}$

Sol: Given that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x} ; [Form 1^{\infty}]$$

$$Let y = (\sin x)^{\tan x}$$

$$\therefore \ln y = \tan x \ln (\sin x)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \ln y = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \tan x \ln (\sin x) ; [Form 0 \times \infty]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\ln (\sin x)}{\cot x} ; [Form \frac{0}{0}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{\cot x}{\cos \sec^2 x}$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} y = e^0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (\sin x)^{\tan x} = 1$$

Continuity: A function $f(x)$ is said to be continuous at a point $x = c$ provided the following three conditions are satisfied:

1. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ exists,
2. $f(c)$ is defined,
3. $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$.

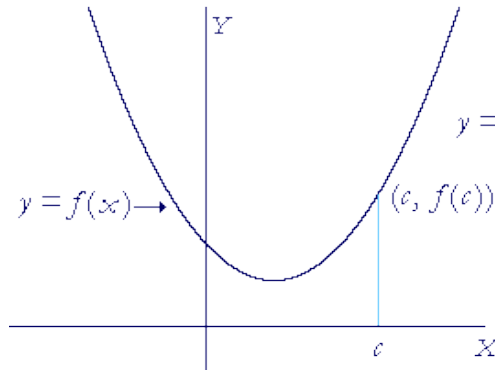


Fig. (a) Continuous function.

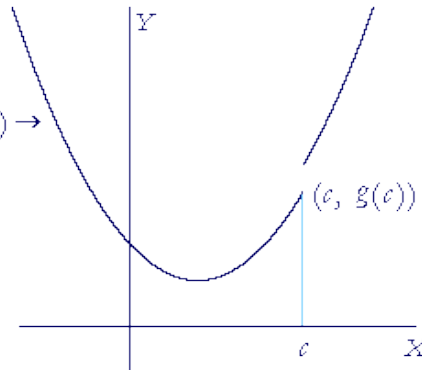


Fig. (b) Discontinuous function.

If one or more of the conditions of this definition fails to hold, then the function $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = c$.

Problem-01: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1/x & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the continuity at $x = 1$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 1/x & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-h)$$

$$= 1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{1}{1+h} \right)$$

$$= 1$$

Here, $L.H.L = R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ exists and the limiting value is,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 1.$$

Now, the functional value at $x = 1$ is,

$$f(1) = 1$$

Since, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$, the given function is continuous at $x = 1$.

Problem-02: Test the continuity of the function $f(x) = |x| + |x - 2|$ at the point $x = 2$.

Solution: The given function is, $f(x) = |x| + |x - 2|$

$$= \begin{cases} x + (x - 2) & \text{when } x \geq 2 \\ x - (x - 2) & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ -x - (x - 2) & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \begin{cases} 2x - 2 & \text{when } x \geq 2 \\ 2 & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 2 \\ -2x + 2 & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2 - h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2)$$

$$= 2$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2 + h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{2(2 + h) - 2\}$$

$$= 2$$

Here, $L.H.L = R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ exists and the limiting value is,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 2.$$

Now, the functional value at $x = 2$ is,

$$f(2) = 2 \times 2 - 2$$

$$= 2$$

Since, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$, the given function is continuous at $x = 2$.

Problem-03: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ 3-ax^2 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$ for what value of a , $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=1$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ 3-ax^2 & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-h+1)$$

$$= 2$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{3-a(1+h)^2\}$$

$$= 3-a$$

And, the functional value at $x=1$ is,

$$f(1) = 1+1$$

$$= 2$$

Now, the given function $f(x)$ will be continuous at $x=1$,

$$\text{if } L.H.L = R.H.L = f(1)$$

$$\text{or, } 2 = 3-a = 2$$

$$\text{or, } 3-a = 2$$

$$\text{or, } a = 3-2$$

$$\text{or, } a = 1 \quad (\text{Ans.})$$

Problem-04: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ then test the continuity at $x=0$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$= 0 \times (\text{a number in the interval } [-1, 1])$$

$$= 0$$

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

And, the functional value at $x = 0$ is,

$$f(0) = 0$$

Since, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$, the given function is continuous at $x = 0$.

Problem-05: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} (1+2x)^{1/x} & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ e^2 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ then test the continuity at $x = 0$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} (1+2x)^{1/x} & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ e^2 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$

Now, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{x}(2x) + \frac{\frac{1}{x}\left(\frac{1}{x}-1\right)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \frac{\frac{1}{x}\left(\frac{1}{x}-1\right)\left(\frac{1}{x}-2\right)}{3!}(2x)^3 + \dots \dots \right\} \quad [\text{By binomial theorem}]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + 2 + \frac{2^2}{2!}(1-x) + \frac{2^3}{3!}(1-x)(1-2x) + \dots \dots \right\}$$

$$= 1 + 2 + \frac{2^2}{2!} + \frac{2^3}{3!} + \dots \dots$$

$$= e^2$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = e^2.$$

And, the functional value at $x = 0$ is,

$$f(0) = e^2$$

Since, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0)$, the given function is continuous at $x = 0$.

Problem-06: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1-x & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the continuity at $x=1$.

Solution: Given that, $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ 1-x & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

$$L.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1-h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-h)$$

$$= 1$$

$$R.H.L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(1+h)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{1-(1+h)\}$$

$$= 0$$

Here, $L.H.L \neq R.H.L$. So $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

Hence, the given function is discontinuous at $x=1$.

Homework:

Problem-01: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } -\infty < x < 0 \\ 1 + \sin x & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \pi/2 \\ 2 + \left(x - \pi/2\right)^2 & \text{when } \pi/2 < x < \infty \end{cases}$$

Test the continuity at $x=0$ and $\pi/2$.

Problem-02: Discuss the continuity of the function $f(x) = |x| + |x-1|$ at the point $x=0$.

Problem-03: Test the continuity of the function $f(x) = |x-1| + |x-2|$ at the point $x=1$.

Problem-04: Find a non-zero value for the constant k that makes $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tan(kx)}{x} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 3x + k^2 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$

continuous at $x=0$.

Problem-05: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \cos\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ then test the continuity at $x = 0$.

Problem-06: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ then test the continuity at $x = 0$.

Problem-07: If $f(x) = \begin{cases} x & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 1-x & \text{when } \frac{1}{2} \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ then test the continuity at $x = \frac{1}{2}$.

Differentiability of a function: The derivative of $y = f(x)$ with respect to x (for any particular value of x) is denoted by $f'(x)$ or $\frac{dy}{dx}$ and defined as,

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= \lim_{\Delta x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + \Delta x) - f(x)}{\Delta x} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x + h) - f(x)}{h} \end{aligned}$$

Provided this limit exists.

Existence of Derivative: A function $y = f(x)$ is called differentiable at $x = a$ if the left hand derivative and right hand derivative at this point i.e,

$$L.H.D = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a-h) - f(a)}{-h}$$

$$\text{and } R.H.D = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

are both exist and equal.

Problem 01: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Solution: Given that,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1 & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & \text{when } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

1st Part: For $x = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-h) - f(0)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(-h)^2 + 1\} - (0^2 + 1)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2 + 1 - 1}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-h) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h - \{(0)^2 + 1\}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1 - \frac{1}{h}\right) \\ &= -\infty \end{aligned}$$

Since $R.H.D$ does not exist. So the function is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

2nd Part: For $x = 1$,

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1-h) - f(1)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1-h-1}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{1+h} - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1 - h}{h(1+h)} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{1+h} \\ &= \frac{-1}{1+0} \\ &= -1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $L.H.D \neq R.H.D$ does not exist. So the function is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

Problem 02: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 1 + \sin x & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 2 + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 & \text{when } x \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x = 0$ and $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

Solution: Given that,

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 1 + \sin x & \text{when } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 2 + \left(x - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2 & \text{when } x \geq \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$$

1st Part: For $x = 0$,

$$\begin{aligned} L.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-h) - f(0)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - (1 + \sin 0)}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 1}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{-h} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} R.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \sinh - (1 + \sin 0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \sinh - 1}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sinh}{h} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since $L.H.D \neq R.H.D$ does not exist. So the function is not differentiable at $x = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned}
L.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h\right) - f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h\right) - \left\{2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right\}}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + \cosh - 2}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cosh - 1}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 - \frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} - \dots\right) - 1}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\frac{h^2}{2!} + \frac{h^4}{4!} - \dots}{-h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{h}{2!} - \frac{h^3}{4!} + \dots\right) \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

2nd Part: For $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$,

$$\begin{aligned}
R.H.D &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right) - f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left\{2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right\} - \left\{2 + \left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2}\right)^2\right\}}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 + h^2 - 2}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2}{h} \\
&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h \\
&= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Since $L.H.D = R.H.D$ exists. So the function is differentiable at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

HOMEWORK:

Problem 01: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \ln x & \text{when } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{when } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 1 + x^2 & \text{when } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x = 1$.

Problem 02: Discuss the differentiability of the function $f(x) = |x| + |x - 1|$ at the point $x = 0$ and $x = 1$.

Problem 03: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ x & \text{when } 1 < x \leq 2 \\ \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)x^3 & \text{when } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

Problem 04: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 + x & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x & \text{when } 0 < x < 1 \\ 2 - x & \text{when } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x=0$ and $x=1$.

Problem 05: A function $f(x)$ is defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{when } 0 \leq x < 3 \\ 4 & \text{when } x = 3 \\ 5 & \text{when } 3 < x \leq 4 \end{cases}$$

Discuss the differentiability at $x=3$.