

$$\int_a^b f(x)dx$$

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

$$\frac{dy}{dx}$$

$$ax + by \leq c$$

$$\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

# UNIT 1

## FUNCTIONS AND LIMITS

### Function:

A Function  $f$  from a set  $X$  to a set  $Y$  is a rule or correspondence that assigns to each element  $x$  in  $X$  a unique element  $y$  in  $Y$ .

Symbolically we write it as  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  and read as  $f$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$ .

### Domain and Range of Function:

If  $f$  is a function from  $X$  to  $Y$  then

$X$  is called the domain of  $f$  and the set of corresponding elements in  $Y$  is called range of  $f$

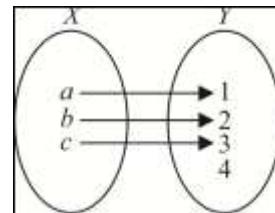
#### For example:

Domain =  $\{a, b, c\}$

Range =  $\{1, 2, 3\}$

**Example 1:** Given  $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1$ , find

- (i)  $f(0)$
- (ii)  $f(1)$
- (iii)  $f(-2)$
- (iv)  $f(1+x)$
- (v)  $f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right), x \neq 0$



### Solution:

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + 4x - 1$$

$$(i) f(0) = (0)^3 - 2(0)^2 + 4(0) - 1 = 0 - 0 + 0 - 1 = -1$$

$$(ii) f(1) = (1)^3 - 2(1)^2 + 4(1) - 1 = 1 - 2 + 4 - 1 = 2$$

$$(iii) f(-2) = (-2)^3 - 2(-2)^2 + 4(-2) - 1 = -8 - 8 - 8 - 1 = -25$$

$$(iv) f(1+x) = (1+x)^3 - 2(1+x)^2 + 4(1+x) - 1$$

$$= 1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3 - 2 - 4x - 2x^2 + 4 + 4x - 1$$

$$= x^3 + x^2 + 3x + 2$$

$$(v) f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 2\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) - 1 = \frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x} - 1, x \neq 0$$

**Example 2:** Let  $f(x) = x^2$ . Find the domain and range of  $f$ .

### Solution.

$f(x)$  is defined for every real number  $x$ .

Further for every real number  $x$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$  is a non-negative real number. So

Domain  $f$  = Set of all real numbers.

Range  $f$  = Set of all non-negative real numbers.

**Example 3:** Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$ . Find the domain and range of  $f$ .

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$$

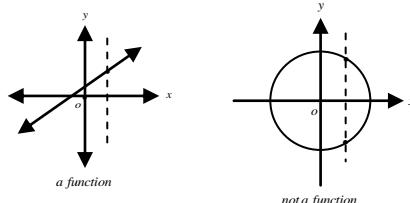
$f(x)$  is not defined if  $x^2 - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 4$  or  $x = \pm 2$

Domain of  $f$  = Set of all real numbers except -2 and 2.

Range of  $f$  = Set of all real numbers.

### Vertical Line Test:

If a vertical line meets a graph in more than one point, then it is not a graph of a function.



### Piece-Wise (Compound) Function:

A function which is defined by two or more than two rules is called Piece-wise function.

**For example:**

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

### Algebraic Functions:

Algebraic functions are those functions which are defined by algebraic expressions.

**For example:**

$$f(x) = 3x + 5, f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 2$$

We classify Algebraic functions as follows:

(i)

#### Polynomial Function:

A function  $P$  of the form  $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0$ , for all  $x$ , where the coefficients  $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0$  are real numbers and the exponents are non-negative integers, is called a **polynomial function**. If  $a_n \neq 0$  then  $P(x)$  is called a **polynomial function** of degree  $n$  and  $a_n$  is the leading co-efficient of  $P(x)$ .

**For example:**

$$P(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 - 2x - 1$$
 is a **polynomial function** of degree 4 with leading coefficient 2.

(ii)

#### Linear Function:

If the degree of a polynomial function is 1, then it is called a **linear function**.

Symbolically we write  $f(x) = ax + b$  where  $a \neq 0, a, b$  are real numbers.

**For example:**

$$f(x) = 3x + 4, f(x) = x + 2$$
 are **linear functions** of  $x$ .

(iii) **Identity Function:**

For any set  $X$ , a function  $I : X \rightarrow X$  of the form  $I(x) = x \quad \forall x \in X$  is called an **identity function**.

(iv) **Constant Function:**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets of real numbers. A function  $C : X \rightarrow Y$  defined by  $C(x) = a, \forall x \in X, a \in Y$  and fixed is called **constant function**. For example  $C : R \rightarrow R$  defined by  $C(x) = 2, \forall x \in R$  is a constant function.

(v) **Rational Function:**

A function  $R(x)$  of the form  $\frac{P(x)}{Q(x)}$ , where both  $P(x)$  and  $Q(x)$  are polynomial

functions and  $Q(x) \neq 0$ , is called a **rational function**.

**Exponential Function:**

A function, in which the variable appears as exponent (power), is called an **exponential function**. The functions  $y = e^{ax}$ ,  $y = e^x$ ,  $y = 2^x = e^{x \ln 2}$ , etc are exponential functions of  $x$ .

**Logarithmic Function:**

If  $x = a^y$ , then  $y = \log_a x$ , where  $a > 0, a \neq 1$  is called **Logarithmic function** of  $x$ .

- (i) If  $a = 10$ , then we have  $\log_{10} x$  (written as  $\log x$ ) which is known as the **common logarithm** of  $x$ .
- (ii) If  $a = e$ , then we have  $\log_e x$  (written as  $\ln x$ ) which is known as the **natural logarithm** of  $x$ .

**Hyperbolic Functions:**

- (i)  $\sinh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x - e^{-x})$  is called **hyperbolic sine** function. Its domain and range are the set of all real numbers.
- (ii)  $\cosh x = \frac{1}{2}(e^x + e^{-x})$  is called **hyperbolic cosine** function. Its domain is the set of all real numbers and the range is the set of all numbers in the interval  $[1, +\infty)$ .
- (iii) The remaining four hyperbolic functions are defined in terms of the hyperbolic sine and the hyperbolic cosine function as follows:

$$\tanh x = \frac{\sinh x}{\cosh x} = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}} \quad ; \quad \sec h x = \frac{1}{\cosh x} = \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}}$$

$$\coth x = \frac{\cosh x}{\sinh x} = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} \quad ; \quad \csc h x = \frac{1}{\sinh x} = \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}}$$

**Inverse Hyperbolic Functions:**

The inverse hyperbolic functions are expressed in terms of natural logarithms and we shall study them in higher classes.

- $$\begin{array}{ll} \text{(i)} & \sinh^{-1} x = \ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 + 1}\right), \text{ for all } x \\ \text{(ii)} & \cosh^{-1} x = \ln\left(x + \sqrt{x^2 - 1}\right), x \geq 1 \\ \text{(iii)} & \tanh^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{1+x}{1-x}\right), |x| < 1 \\ \text{(iv)} & \coth^{-1} x = \frac{1}{2} \ln\left(\frac{x+1}{x-1}\right), |x| > 1 \\ \text{(v)} & \operatorname{sech}^{-1} x = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}\right), 0 < x \leq 1 \\ \text{(vi)} & \operatorname{cosech}^{-1} x = \ln\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{|x|}\right), x \neq 0 \end{array}$$

**Explicit Function:**

If  $y$  is easily expressed in terms of the independent variable  $x$ , then  $y$  is called an **explicit function** of  $x$ .

**For example:**

$y = x^2 + 2x - 1$ ,  $y = \sqrt{x-1}$  are explicit functions of  $x$ .

Symbolically it can be written as  $y = f(x)$ .

**Implicit Function:**

If  $x$  and  $y$  are so mixed up and  $y$  cannot be expressed in terms of the independent variable  $x$ , then  $y$  is called an **implicit function** of  $x$ . For example,

$x^2 + xy + y^2 = 2$ ,  $\frac{xy^2 - y + 9}{xy} = 1$  are implicit functions of  $x$  and  $y$ .

Symbolically it is written as  $f(x, y) = 0$ .

**Parametric Functions:**

Sometimes a curve is described by expressing both  $x$  and  $y$  as function of a third variable “ $t$ ” or “ $\theta$ ” which is called a parameter. The equations of the type  $x = f(t)$  and  $y = g(t)$  are called the parametric equations of the curve.

The functions of the form:

- $$\begin{array}{llll} \text{(i)} & x = at^2 & \text{(ii)} & x = a \cos t \\ & y = at & & y = a \sin t \\ \text{(iii)} & x = a \cos \theta & \text{(iv)} & x = a \sec \theta \\ & y = b \sin \theta & & y = a \tan \theta \end{array}$$

are called **parametric functions**. Here the variable  $t$  or  $\theta$  is called parameter.

**Even Function:**

A function  $f$  is said to be an **even function** if  $f(-x) = f(x)$ , for every number  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .

**For example:**

$f(x) = x^2$ ,  $f(x) = \cos x$  are even functions of  $x$ .

**Odd Function:**

A function  $f$  is said to be an **odd function** if  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , for every number  $x$  in the domain of  $f$ .

**For example:**

$f(x) = \sin x$ ,  $f(x) = x^3$  are odd functions of  $x$ .

**Some Important Results****Hyperbolic Identities:**

- $\cosh^2 x + \sinh^2 x = \cosh 2x$
- $\cosh^2 x - \sinh^2 x = 1$
- $2\sinh x \cosh x = \sinh 2x$
- $1 - \tanh^2 x = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$
- $\coth^2 x - 1 = \operatorname{cosech}^2 x$

**Parametric Equations:**

- $x = a \cos \theta$  represent the equation of circle  $x^2 + y^2 = a^2$
- $y = a \sin \theta$
- $x = a \cos \theta$  represent the equation of ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ .
- $y = b \sin \theta$
- $x = a \sec \theta$  represent the equation of hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ .
- $y = b \tan \theta$
- $x = at^2$  represent the equation of parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ .
- $y = 2at$

**EXERCISE 1.1****Q.1 Given that:**

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 - x$

(b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$

**Find**

(i)  $f(-2)$

(ii)  $f(0)$

(iii)  $f(x-1)$

(iv)  $f(x^2 + 4)$

(a)  $f(x) = x^2 - x$

(i)  $f(-2)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^2 - x$$

Put  $x = -2$ 

$$f(-2) = (-2)^2 - (-2)$$

$$= 4 + 2$$

$$\boxed{f(-2) = 6}$$

(ii)  $f(0)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^2 - x$$

Put  $x = 0$ 

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

$$\boxed{f(0) = 0}$$

(iii)  $f(x-1)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^2 - x$$

Replace  $x$  by  $x-1$ 

$$f(x-1) = (x-1)^2 - (x-1)$$

$$= x^2 - 2x + 1 - x + 1$$

$$\boxed{f(x-1) = x^2 - 3x + 2}$$

(iv)  $f(x^2 + 4)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^2 - x$$

Replace  $x$  by  $x^2 + 4$

$$\begin{aligned}f(x^2 + 4) &= (x^2 + 4)^2 - (x^2 + 4) \\&= x^4 + 8x^2 + 16 - x^2 - 4 \\f(x^2 + 4) &= x^4 + 7x^2 + 12\end{aligned}$$

(b)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$

(i)  $f(-2)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$$

Put  $x = -2$

$$f(-2) = \sqrt{-2+4}$$

$$f(-2) = \sqrt{2}$$

(ii)  $f(0)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$f(0) = \sqrt{0+4} = \sqrt{4}$$

$$f(0) = 2$$

(iii)  $f(x-1)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $x-1$

$$f(x-1) = \sqrt{x-1+4}$$

$$f(x-1) = \sqrt{x+3}$$

(iv)  $f(x^2 + 4)$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sqrt{x+4}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $x^2 + 4$

$$f(x^2 + 4) = \sqrt{x^2 + 4 + 4}$$

$$f(x^2 + 4) = \sqrt{x^2 + 8}$$

Q.2 Find  $\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$  and simplify

where,

(i)  $f(x) = 6x - 9$

(ii)  $f(x) = \sin x$

(iii)  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 1$

(iv)  $f(x) = \cos x$

(i)  $f(x) = 6x - 9$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = 6x - 9$$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{[6(a+h) - 9] - (6a - 9)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{6a + 6h - 9 - 6a + 9}{h}$$

$$= \frac{6h}{h}$$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = 6$$

(ii)  $f(x) = \sin x$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \sin x$$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\sin(a+h) - \sin a}{h}$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} [\sin(a+h) - \sin a]$$

$$\because \sin P - \sin Q = 2 \cos\left(\frac{P+Q}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{P-Q}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{h} [2 \cos\left(\frac{a+h+a}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a+h-a}{2}\right)]$$

$$= \frac{2}{h} \left[ \cos\left(\frac{2a+h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \right]$$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \frac{2}{h} \left[ \cos\left(a + \frac{h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \right]$$

(iii)  $f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 1$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - 1$$

$$\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{[(a+h)^3 + 2(a+h)^2 - 1] - [a^3 + 2a^2 - 1]}{h} \\
 &= \frac{a^3 + 3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 + 2(a^2 + 2ah + h^2) - 1 - a^3 - 2a^2 + 1}{h} \\
 &= \frac{3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 + 2a^2 + 4ah + 2h^2 - 2a^2}{h} \\
 &= \frac{3a^2h + 3ah^2 + h^3 + 4ah + 2h^2}{h} \\
 &= \boxed{\frac{3a^2 + 3ah + h^2 + 4a + 2h}{h}}
 \end{aligned}$$

(iv)  $f(x) = \cos x$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f(x) = \cos x \\
 &\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} \\
 &= \frac{\cos(a+h) - \cos a}{h} \\
 &= \frac{1}{h} [\cos(a+h) - \cos a] \\
 &\because \cos P - \cos Q = -2 \sin\left(\frac{P+Q}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{P-Q}{2}\right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{h} \left[ -2 \sin\left(\frac{a+h+a}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{a+h-a}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &= -\frac{2}{h} \left[ \sin\left(\frac{2a+h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \right] \\
 &\boxed{\frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = -\frac{2}{h} \left[ \sin\left(a + \frac{h}{2}\right) \sin\left(\frac{h}{2}\right) \right]}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q.3 Express the following:**

(a) The perimeter  $P$  of square as a function of its area  $A$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $x$  be the length of each side of square then

$$A = x^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

$$x = \sqrt{A}$$

$$P = 4x \dots (i)$$

Put  $x = \sqrt{A}$  in equation (i)

$$\boxed{P = 4\sqrt{A}}$$

(b) The area  $A$  of a circle as a function of its circumference  $C$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $r$  be the radius of circle, then

$$A = \pi r^2 \dots (i)$$

$$C = 2\pi r \Rightarrow r = \frac{C}{2\pi}$$

Put  $r = \frac{C}{2\pi}$  in equation (i)

$$A = \pi \left( \frac{C}{2\pi} \right)^2$$

$$A = \pi \times \frac{C^2}{4\pi^2}$$

$$\boxed{A = \frac{C^2}{4\pi}}$$

(c) The volume  $V$  of a cube as a function of the area  $A$  of its base.

**Solution:**

Let  $x$  be the length of each edge of a cube, then

$$V = x^3 \dots (i)$$

$$A = x^2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{A} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

$$\sqrt{A} = x$$

Put  $x = \sqrt{A}$  in equation (i)

$$V = (\sqrt{A})^3$$

$$\boxed{V = A^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

(Q.4) Find the domain and the range of the function  $g$  defined below, and sketch the graph of  $g$ .

(i)  $g(x) = 2x - 5$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = 2x - 5$$

Domain  $g = R$

Range  $g = R$

(ii)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$$

$g(x)$  is defined in real numbers if

$$x^2 - 4 \geq 0$$

$$x^2 \geq 4$$

$$\pm x \geq 2$$

$$x \leq -2 \text{ or } x \geq 2$$

$$\text{Domain } g = (-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } g = [0, \infty)$$

(iii)  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$$

$g(x)$  is defined in real numbers if

$$x+1 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq -1$$

$$\text{Domain } g = [-1, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } g = [0, \infty)$$

(iv)  $g(x) = |x-3|$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = |x-3|$$

$$\text{Domain } g = R$$

$$\text{Range } g = [0, \infty)$$

(v)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 6x+7 & x \leq -2 \\ 4-3x & -2 < x \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 6x+7 & x \leq -2 \\ 4-3x & -2 < x \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Domain } g = R$$

**For range:**

$$\text{If } x \leq -2$$

Multiplying both sides by 6

$$6x \leq -12$$

Adding 7 on both sides

$$6x+7 \leq -12+7$$

$$6x+7 \leq -5$$

$$g(x) \leq -5$$

$$g(x) \in (-\infty, -5]$$

$$\text{If } x > -2$$

Multiplying both sides by -3

$$-3x < 6$$

Adding 4 on both sides

$$4 - 3x < 4 + 6$$

$$4 - 3x < 10$$

$$g(x) < 10$$

$$g(x) \in (-\infty, 10)$$

$$g(x) \in (-\infty, -5] \cup (-5, 10)$$

$$\text{Range } g = (-\infty, 10)$$

(vi)  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & , x < 3 \\ 2x+1 & , 3 \leq x \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x-1 & , x < 3 \\ 2x+1 & , 3 \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Domain } g = R$$

**For range:**

$$\text{If } x < 3$$

Subtracting '1' on both sides

$$x-1 < 3-1$$

$$x-1 < 2$$

$$g(x) < 2$$

$$g(x) \in (-\infty, 2)$$

$$\text{If } x \geq 3$$

Multiplying both sides by 2

$$2x \geq 6$$

$$2x+1 \geq 7$$

$$g(x) \geq 7$$

$$g(x) \in [7, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } g = (-\infty, 2) \cup [7, \infty)$$

(vii)  $g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x+1}, \quad x \neq -1$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x+1}, \quad x \neq -1$$

$g(x)$  is not defined if

$$x+1=0 \Rightarrow x=-1$$

$$\text{Domain } g = R - \{-1\}$$

**Note: After the correction**

**For range:**

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x+1}, \quad x \neq -1$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + x + 2}{x + 1}, \quad x \neq -1$$

$$g(x) = \frac{x(x+2) + 1(x+2)}{x+1}, \quad x \neq -1$$

$$g(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x+1)}{x+1}, \quad x \neq -1$$

$$g(x) = x + 2, \quad x \neq -1$$

By putting  $x = -1$

$$g(-1) = -1 + 2 = 1$$

Range  $g = R - \{1\}$

$$(viii) \quad g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}, \quad x \neq 4$$

**Solution:**

$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}, \quad x \neq 4$$

$g(x)$  is not defined if

$$x - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

Domain  $g = R - \{4\}$

**For range:**

$$g(x) = \frac{(x-4)(x+4)}{x-4}, \quad x \neq 4$$

$$g(x) = x + 4, \quad x \neq 4$$

By putting  $x = 4$

$$g(4) = 4 + 4$$

$$g(4) = 8$$

Range  $g = R - \{8\}$

**Q.5 Given**  $f(x) = x^3 - ax^2 + bx + 1$ .

**If**  $f(2) = -3$  **and**  $f(-1) = 0$ .

**Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .**

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^3 - ax^2 + bx + 1$$

Putting  $x = 2$  in  $f(x)$

$$f(2) = (2)^3 - a(2)^2 + b(2) + 1$$

$$-3 = 8 - 4a + 2b + 1$$

$$-3 = 9 - 4a + 2b$$

$$-12 = -4a + 2b$$

$$-12 = -2(2a - b)$$

$$\frac{-12}{-2} = 2a - b$$

$$6 = 2a - b$$

$$2a - b = 6 \dots (i)$$

Putting  $x = -1$  in  $f(x)$

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 - a(-1)^2 + b(-1) + 1$$

$$0 = -1 - a - b + 1$$

$$a + b = 0 \dots (ii)$$

Adding equation (i) and equation (ii)

$$2a - b = 6$$

$$a + b = 0$$

$$\frac{3a = 6}{a = \frac{6}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{a = 2}$$

Put  $a = 2$  in equation (ii)

$$2 + b = 0$$

$$\boxed{b = -2}$$

**Q.6 A stone falls from a height of 60m on the ground, the height  $h$  after  $x$  second is approximately given by  $h(x) = 40 - 10x^2$ .**

**(i) What is the height of the stone when:**

**(a)  $x = 1$  sec.**

**Solution:**

$$h(x) = 40 - 10x^2$$

Put  $x = 1$  in  $h(x)$

$$h(1) = 40 - 10(1)^2$$

$$= 40 - 10$$

$$= 30m$$

**(b)  $x = 1.5$  sec.**

**Solution:**

$$h(x) = 40 - 10x^2$$

Put  $x = 1.5$  in  $h(x)$

$$h(1.5) = 40 - 10(1.5)^2$$

$$= 40 - 22.5$$

$$= 17.5m$$

**(ii) When does the stone strike the ground?**

**Solution:**

When stone strikes the ground,

$$\text{then } h(x) = 0$$

$$40 - 10x^2 = 0$$

$$40 = 10x^2$$

$$\frac{40}{10} = x^2$$

$$4 = x^2$$

By taking square root on both sides

$$x = \pm 2$$

As time is always a positive quantity, therefore,

$$x = 2 \text{ sec}$$

**Q.7 Show that the parametric equations:**

(i)  $x = at^2, y = 2at$  represent the equation of parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$

**Solution:**

$$x = at^2 \dots (i)$$

$$y = 2at \Rightarrow t = \frac{y}{2a}$$

Put  $t = \frac{y}{2a}$  in equation (i)

$$x = a \left( \frac{y}{2a} \right)^2$$

$$x = a \times \frac{y^2}{4a^2}$$

$$x = \frac{y^2}{4a}$$

$$\boxed{y^2 = 4ax}$$

(ii)  $x = a \cos \theta, y = b \sin \theta$  represent the

equation of ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

**Solution:**

$$x = a \cos \theta \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \cos \theta$$

$$y = b \sin \theta \Rightarrow \frac{y}{b} = \sin \theta$$

Squaring and adding

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1}$$

(iii)  $x = a \sec \theta, y = b \tan \theta$  represent the

equation of hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

**Solution:**

$$x = a \sec \theta \Rightarrow \frac{x}{a} = \sec \theta$$

$$y = b \tan \theta \Rightarrow \frac{y}{b} = \tan \theta$$

Squaring and subtracting

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$$

$$\boxed{\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1}$$

**Q.8 Prove the identities:**

(i)  $\sinh 2x = 2 \sinh x \cosh x$

**Solution:**

$$\text{L.H.S} = \sinh 2x$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} \dots (i)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = 2 \sinh x \cosh x$$

$$= 2 \left( \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} \right) \left( \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{(e^x)^2 - (e^{-x})^2}{2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{2x} - e^{-2x}}{2} \dots (ii)$$

From equation (i) and equation (ii)

$$\boxed{\sinh 2x = 2 \sinh x \cosh x}$$

(ii)  $\operatorname{sech}^2 x = 1 - \tanh^2 x$

**Solution:**

$$\text{L.H.S} = \operatorname{sech}^2 x$$

$$= \left( \frac{2}{e^x + e^{-x}} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{4}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \dots (i)$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = 1 - \tanh^2 x$$

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 - \frac{(e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})^2 - (e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2e^x \cdot e^{-x} - (e^{2x} - e^{-2x} - 2e^x \cdot e^{-x})}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2 - e^{2x} - e^{-2x} + 2}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{4}{(e^x + e^{-x})^2} \quad \dots(\text{ii})
 \end{aligned}$$

From equation (i) and equation (ii)

$$\boxed{\operatorname{sech}^2 x = 1 - \tanh^2 x}$$

(iii)  $\operatorname{cosech}^2 x = \coth^2 x - 1$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{L.H.S} &= \operatorname{cosech}^2 x \\
 &= \left( \frac{2}{e^x - e^{-x}} \right)^2 \\
 &= \frac{4}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} \quad \dots(\text{i})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{R.H.S} = \coth^2 x - 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \left( \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{e^x - e^{-x}} \right)^2 - 1 \\
 &= \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})^2}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} - 1 \\
 &= \frac{(e^x + e^{-x})^2 - (e^x - e^{-x})^2}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2e^x \cdot e^{-x} - (e^{2x} - e^{-2x} - 2e^x \cdot e^{-x})}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} \\
 &= \frac{e^{2x} + e^{-2x} + 2 - e^{2x} - e^{-2x} + 2}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{4}{(e^x - e^{-x})^2} \quad \dots(\text{ii})$$

From equation (i) and equation (ii)

$$\boxed{\operatorname{cosech}^2 x = \coth^2 x - 1}$$

**Q.9 Determine whether the given function  $f$  is even or odd.**

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= x^3 + x \\
 \text{Replace } x \text{ by } -x \\
 f(-x) &= (-x)^3 + (-x) \\
 &= -x^3 - x \\
 &= -(x^3 + x)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Hence  $f(x)$  is an odd function.

(ii)  $f(x) = (x+2)^2$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= (x+2)^2 \\
 \text{Replace } x \text{ by } -x \\
 f(-x) &= (-x+2)^2 \\
 &= [-(x-2)]^2 \\
 &= (x-2)^2
 \end{aligned}$$

As neither  $f(-x) = f(x)$  nor

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is neither even nor odd

(iii)  $f(x) = x\sqrt{x^2 + 5}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 f(x) &= x\sqrt{x^2 + 5} \\
 \text{Replace } x \text{ by } -x \\
 f(-x) &= -x\sqrt{(-x)^2 + 5} \\
 &= -x\sqrt{x^2 + 5} \\
 f(-x) &= -f(x)
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $f(x)$  is an odd function.

(iv)  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$ ,  $x \neq -1$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$

$$\begin{aligned} f(-x) &= \frac{-x-1}{-x+1} \\ &= \frac{-(x+1)}{-(x-1)} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(-x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$$

As neither  $f(-x) = f(x)$  nor

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is neither even nor odd.

(v)  $f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 6$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 6$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$

$$f(-x) = (-x)^{\frac{2}{3}} + 6$$

$$= \left[ (-x)^2 \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} + 6$$

$$= (x^2)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 6$$

$$= x^{\frac{2}{3}} + 6$$

Hence  $f(x)$  is even function.

(vi)  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-x$

$$f(-x) = \frac{(-x)^3 - (-x)}{(-x)^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-x^3 + x}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{-(x^3 - x)}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$= \frac{x^3 - x}{x^2 + 1}$$

$$f(-x) = -f(x)$$

Hence,  $f(x)$  is an odd function.

### Composition of Functions:

Let  $f$  be a function from set  $X$  to set  $Y$  and  $g$  be a function from set  $Y$  to set  $Z$ .

The composition of  $f$  and  $g$  is a function, denoted by  $gof$ , from  $X$  to  $Z$  and is defined by

$$(gof)(x) = g(f(x)) = gf(x), \forall x \in X$$

**Example 1:** Let the real valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$  and

$$g(x) = x^2 - 1.$$

Obtained the expressions for (i)  $fg(x)$  (ii)  $gf(x)$  (iii)  $f^2(x)$  (iv)  $g^2(x)$

**Solution:**

(i)  $fg(x) = f(g(x)) = f(x^2 - 1) = 2(x^2 - 1) + 1 = 2x^2 - 1$

(ii)  $gf(x) = g(f(x)) = g(2x + 1) = (2x + 1)^2 - 1 = 4x^2 + 4x$

(iii)  $f^2(x) = f(f(x)) = f(2x + 1) = 2(2x + 1) + 1 = 4x + 3$

(iv)  $g^2(x) = g(g(x)) = g(x^2 - 1) = (x^2 - 1)^2 - 1 = x^4 - 2x^2$

We observe from (i) and (ii) that  $fg(x) \neq gf(x)$

**Note:**

- (i) It is important to note that in general,  $gf(x) \neq fg(x)$ , because  $gf(x)$  means that  $f$  is applied first then followed by  $g$ , whereas  $fg(x)$  means that  $g$  is applied first then followed by  $f$ .
- (ii) We usually write  $ff$  as  $f^2$  and  $fff$  as  $f^3$  and so on.
- (iii)  $f^n(x) = [f(x)]^n$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \cup \{0\}$

**Inverse of a Function:**

Let  $f$  be a one-one function from  $X$  onto  $Y$ . The **inverse function** of  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}$ , is a function from  $Y$  onto  $X$  and is defined by  $x = f^{-1}(y)$ ,  $\forall y \in Y$  iff  $y = f(x)$ ,  $\forall x \in X$ .

**Example 2:** Let  $f : R \rightarrow R$  be the function defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ . find  $f^{-1}(x)$

**Solution:**

We find the inverse of  $f$  as follows:

$$\text{Write } f(x) = 2x + 1 = y$$

So that  $y$  is the image of  $x$  under  $f$ .

Now solve this equation for  $x$  as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} y &= 2x + 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2x &= y - 1 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{y-1}{2} \\ \therefore f^{-1}(y) &= \frac{1}{2}(y-1) \quad [\because x = f^{-1}(y)] \end{aligned}$$

To find  $f^{-1}(x)$ , replace  $y$  by  $x$ .

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x-1)}$$

**Example 3:** Without finding the inverse, state the domain and range of  $f^{-1}$ , where

$$f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{x-1}$$

**Solution:**

We see that  $f$  is not defined when  $x < 1$ .

$$\therefore \text{Domain } f = [1, +\infty)$$

As  $x$  varies over the interval  $[1, +\infty)$ , the value of  $\sqrt{x-1}$  varies over the interval  $[0, +\infty)$ . So the value of  $f(x) = 2 + \sqrt{x-1}$  varies over the interval  $[2, +\infty)$ .

$$\text{Therefore range } f = [2, +\infty)$$

By definition of inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , we have

$$\text{Domain } f^{-1} = \text{range } f = [2, +\infty)$$

$$\text{Range } f^{-1} = \text{domain } f = [1, +\infty).$$

## EXERCISE 1.2

**Q.1** The real valued functions  $f$  and  $g$  are defined below. Find

(a)  $fog(x)$

(b)  $gof(x)$

(c)  $fof(x)$

(d)  $gog(x)$

(i)  $f(x) = 2x+1, \quad g(x) = \frac{3}{x-1}, \quad x \neq 1$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = 2x+1, \quad g(x) = \frac{3}{x-1}, \quad x \neq 1$$

(a)  $fog(x)$

$$fog(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{3}{x-1}$  in  $f(x)$ .

$$= 2\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right) + 1$$

$$= \frac{6}{x-1} + 1$$

$$= \frac{6+x-1}{x-1}$$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \frac{x+5}{x-1}}$$

(b)  $gof(x)$

$$gof(x) = g(f(x))$$

$$= g(2x+1)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $2x+1$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \frac{3}{2x+1-1}$$

$$\boxed{gof(x) = \frac{3}{2x}}$$

(c)  $fof(x)$

$$fof(x) = f(f(x))$$

$$= f(2x+1)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $2x+1$  in  $f(x)$

$$= 2(2x+1)-1$$

$$= 4x+2+1$$

$$\boxed{fof(x) = 4x+3}$$

(d)  $gog(x)$

$$gog(x) = g(g(x))$$

$$= g\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{3}{x-1}$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \frac{3}{\frac{3}{x-1}-1}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\frac{x-1}{3-(x-1)}}$$

$$= \frac{3(x-1)}{3-x+1}$$

$$\boxed{gog(x) = \frac{3(x-1)}{4-x}}$$

(ii)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}, \quad g(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}, \quad x \neq 0$

(a)  $fog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$fog(x) = f(g(x))$$

$$= f\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  in  $f(x)$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}+1}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{1+x^2}{x^2}}$$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+x^2}}{x}}$$

(b)  $gof(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gof(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(\sqrt{x+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\sqrt{x+1}$  in  $g(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{x+1})^2} \\ &= \boxed{gof(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $fog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} fog(x) &= f(f(x)) \\ &= f(\sqrt{x+1}) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\sqrt{x+1}$  in  $f(x)$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \sqrt{\sqrt{x+1} + 1}}$$

(d)  $gog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gog(x) &= g(g(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{x^4}\right)}$$

$$\boxed{gog(x) = x^4}$$

(iii)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}, x \neq 1, g(x) = (x^2 + 1)^2$

(a)  $fog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} fog(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f((x^2 + 1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $(x^2 + 1)^2$  in  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{(\sqrt{x^2 + 1})^2 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 + 2x^2 + 1 - 1}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4 + 2x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2(x^2 + 2)}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x^2 + 2}}}$$

(b)  $gof(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gof(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$  in  $g(x)$ .

$$= \left[ \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} \right)^2 + 1 \right]^2$$

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

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

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

$$\boxed{gof(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x-1)^2}}$$

(c)  $fog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} fog(x) &= f(f(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}}$  in  $f(x)$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}} - 1}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x-1}}}}$$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{x-1}}}}$$

(d)  $gog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gog(x) &= g(g(x)) \\ &= g((x^2 + 1)^2) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $(x^2 + 1)^2$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \left[ ((x^2 + 1)^2)^2 + 1 \right]^2$$

$$\boxed{gog(x) = \left( (x^4 + 2x^2 + 1)^2 + 1 \right)^2}$$

(iv)  $f(x) = 3x^4 - 2x^2$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}, x \neq 0$

(a)  $fog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} fog(x) &= f(g(x)) \\ &= f\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$  in  $f(x)$

$$fog(x) = 3\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^4 - 2\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right)^2$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{16}{x}\right) - 2\left(\frac{4}{x}\right)$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{48}{x^2} - \frac{8}{x} \\ &= \frac{48 - 8x}{x^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{fog(x) = \frac{8(6-x)}{x^2}}$$

(b)  $gof(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gof(x) &= g(f(x)) \\ &= g(3x^4 - 2x^2) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $3x^4 - 2x^2$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3x^4 - 2x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{x^2(3x^2 - 2)}}$$

$$\boxed{gof(x) = \frac{2}{x\sqrt{3x^2 - 2}}}$$

(c)  $fof(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} fof(x) &= f(f(x)) \\ &= f(3x^4 - 2x^2) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $3x^4 - 2x^2$  in  $f(x)$

$$\boxed{fof(x) = 3(3x^4 - 2x^2)^4 - 2(3x^4 - 2x^2)^2}$$

(d)  $gog(x)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} gog(x) &= g(g(x)) \\ &= g\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}\right) \end{aligned}$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}$  in  $g(x)$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}}}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{\frac{2}{\sqrt{x}}}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

$$= \frac{2\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{2\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \sqrt{2}\sqrt{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\boxed{gog(x) = \sqrt{2\sqrt{x}}}$$

**Q.2 For the real valued function  $f$  defined below find**

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

(b)  $f^{-1}(-1)$  and verify

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

(i)  $f(x) = -2x + 8$

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

**Solution:**

$$y = f(x) = -2x + 8$$

$$y = -2x + 8$$

$$2x = 8 - y$$

$$x = \frac{8-y}{2}$$

$$\therefore y = f(x) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \frac{8-y}{2}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{8-x}{2}$$

(b)  $f^{-1}(-1)$

**Solution:**

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{8-x}{2}$$

$$\text{Putting } x = -1$$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \frac{8-(-1)}{2}$$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \frac{9}{2}$$

**Verification:**

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\frac{8-x}{2}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{8-x}{2}$  in  $f(x)$

$$= -2\left(\frac{8-x}{2}\right) + 8$$

$$= -8 + x + 8$$

$$= x$$

Now  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(-2x+8)$

Replace  $x$  by  $-2x + 8$  in  $f^{-1}(x)$

$$= \frac{8 - (-2x + 8)}{2}$$

$$= \frac{8 + 2x - 8}{2}$$

$$= \frac{2x}{x}$$

$$= x$$

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$$

(ii)  $f(x) = 3x^3 + 7$

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

**Solution:**

$$y = f(x) = 3x^3 + 7$$

$$y = 3x^3 + 7$$

$$y - 7 = 3x^3$$

$$\frac{y-7}{3} = x^3$$

By taking cube root on both sides.

$$\left(\frac{y-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} = x$$

$$\therefore y = f(x) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = \left(\frac{y-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

(b)  $f^{-1}(-1)$

**Solution:**

$$f^{-1}(x) = \left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

By putting  $x = -1$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \left(\frac{-1-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{-8}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

### Verification:

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(\left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$  in  $f(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3\left[\left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}\right]^3 + 7 \\ &= 3\left(\frac{x-7}{3}\right) + 7 \\ &= x-7+7 \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Now } f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}(3x^3 + 7)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $3x^3 + 7$  in  $f^{-1}(x)$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left(\frac{3x^3 + 7 - 7}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= \left(\frac{3x^3}{3}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= (x^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ &= x \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x}$$

(iii)  $f(x) = (-x+9)^3$

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

### Solution:

$$y = f(x) = (-x+9)^3$$

$$y = (-x+9)^3$$

By taking cube root on both sides.

$$y^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{(-x+9)^3}^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$y^{\frac{1}{3}} = -x+9$$

$$x = 9 - y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\therefore y = f(x) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x$$

$$f^{-1}(y) = 9 - y^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$

$$\boxed{f^{-1}(x) = 9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

(b)  $f^{-1}(-1)$

### Solution:

$$f^{-1}(x) = 9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

Putting  $x = -1$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = 9 - (-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

### Verification:

$$f(f^{-1}(x)) = f\left(9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}$  in  $f(x)$

$$= \left(-\left(9 - x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right) + 9\right)^3$$

$$= \left(-9 + x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 9\right)^3$$

$$= \left(x^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)^3$$

$$= x$$

$$\text{Now } f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}((-x+9)^3)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $(-x+9)^3$  in  $f(x)$

$$= 9 - ((-x+9)^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$= 9 - (-x+9)$$

$$= 9 + x - 9$$

$$= x$$

$$\boxed{f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x}$$

(iv)  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}, x > 1$

(a)  $f^{-1}(x)$

**Solution:**

$$y = f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$$

$$y = \frac{2x+1}{x-1}$$

$$y(x-1) = 2x+1$$

$$xy - y = 2x + 1$$

$$xy - 2x = y + 1$$

$$x(y-2) = y+1$$

$$x = \frac{y+1}{y-2}$$

$$\therefore y = f(x) \Rightarrow f^{-1}(y) = x$$

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

Replacing  $y$  by  $x$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \boxed{\frac{x+1}{x-2}}$$

(b)  $f^{-1}(-1)$

**Solution:**

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-2}$$

Putting  $x = -1$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = \frac{-1+1}{-1-2}$$

$$f^{-1}(-1) = 0$$

**Verification:**

$$f(f^{-1}(\cdot)) = f\left(\frac{x+1}{x-2}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{x+1}{x-2}$  in  $f(x)$

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

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

$$= \frac{2x+2+x-2}{x+1-x+2}$$

$$= \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$= x$$

$$\text{Now } f^{-1}(f(x)) = f^{-1}\left(\frac{2x+1}{x-1}\right)$$

Replace  $x$  by  $\frac{2x+1}{x-1}$  in  $f^{-1}(x)$

$$f^{-1}(f(x)) = \frac{\frac{x-1}{2x+1}+1}{\frac{x-1}{2x+1}-2}$$

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

$$= \frac{3x}{2x+1-2x+2}$$

$$= \frac{3x}{3}$$

$$= x$$

$$\boxed{f(f^{-1}(x)) = f^{-1}(f(x)) = x}$$

**Q.3 Without finding the inverse, state the domain and range of  $f^{-1}$ .**

(i)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

**Solution:**

$$\text{As } f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$f(x)$  is defined on real numbers if

$$x+2 \geq 0$$

$$x \geq -2$$

$$\text{Domain } f = [-2, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } f = [0, \infty)$$

By the definition of inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , we have

$$\text{Domain } f^{-1} = \text{Range } f = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } f^{-1} = \text{Domain } f = [-2, \infty)$$

(ii)  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-4}, x \neq 4$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x-4}, x \neq 4$$

$$\text{Domain } f = R - \{4\}$$

$$\text{Range } f = R - \{1\}$$

By the definition of inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , we have

$$\text{Domain } f^{-1} = \text{Range } f = R - \{1\}$$

$$\text{Range } f^{-1} = \text{Domain } f = R - \{4\}$$

(iii)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}, x \neq -3$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+3}$$

$$\text{Domain } f = R - \{-3\}$$

Range  $f = R - \{0\}$

By the definition of inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , we have

$$\text{Domain } f^{-1} = \text{Range } f = R - \{0\}$$

$$\text{Range } f^{-1} = \text{Domain } f = R - \{-3\}$$

(iv)  $f(x) = (x-5)^2, x \geq 5$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = (x-5)^2, x \geq 5$$

$$\text{Domain } f = [5, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } f = [0, \infty)$$

By the definition of inverse function  $f^{-1}$ , we have

$$\text{Domain } f^{-1} = \text{Range } f = [0, \infty)$$

$$\text{Range } f^{-1} = \text{Domain } f = [5, \infty)$$

### Limit of a Function:

Let a function  $f(x)$  be defined in an open interval near the number  $a$  (need not at  $a$ ).

If, as  $x$  approaches  $a$  from both left and right side of  $a$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches a specific number  $L$ , then  $L$  is called the limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches  $a$ . Symbolically it is written as:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$  (read as “limit of  $f(x)$ , as  $x \rightarrow a$ , is  $L$ ”)

**Example:** If  $P(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$  is a polynomial function of degree  $n$ , then

**show that:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c)$

**Solution:**

Using the theorems on limits, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0) \\ &= a_n \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^n + a_{n-1} \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow c} a_0 \\ &= a_n c^n + a_{n-1} c^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 c + a_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} P(x) = P(c)$$

### Limits Of Important Functions:

**Theorem:** Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$ , where  $n$  is an integer and  $a > 0$ .

**Proof:** **Case-I:** Suppose  $n$  is a positive integer.

By substituting  $x = a$ , we get  $\left(\frac{0}{0}\right)$  form, so we make factors as follows:

$$x^n - a^n = (x-a)(x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + a^2 x^{n-3} + \dots + a^{n-1})$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x-a)(x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + a^2x^{n-3} + \dots + a^{n-1})}{(x-a)} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x^{n-1} + ax^{n-2} + a^2x^{n-3} + \dots + a^{n-1}) \\
 &= a^{n-1} + aa^{n-2} + a^2a^{n-3} + \dots + a^{n-1} \\
 &= a^{n-1} + a^{n-1} + a^{n-1} + \dots + a^{n-1} \quad (n \text{ terms}) \\
 &= n a^{n-1}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Case-II:** Suppose  $n$  is a negative integer (say  $n = -m$ ), where  $m$  is a positive integer

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now } \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} &= \frac{x^{-m} - a^{-m}}{x - a} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{1}{x^m} - \frac{1}{a^m}}{x - a} \\
 &= \frac{\frac{a^m - x^m}{x^m a^m}}{x - a} \\
 &= \frac{-1}{x^m a^m} \left( \frac{x^m - a^m}{x - a} \right), \quad (a \neq 0)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{-1}{x^m a^m} \left( \frac{x^m - a^m}{x - a} \right) \\
 &= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{-1}{x^m a^m} \right) \times \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^m - a^m}{x - a} \right) \\
 &= \frac{-1}{a^m a^m} m a^{m-1} \quad (\text{By Case-I}) \\
 &= -m a^{m-1-m} \\
 &= (-m) a^{-m-1} \\
 &= n a^{n-1} \quad (n = -m)
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 1: Evaluate**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^4 - 5x^3}{3x^5 + 2x^2 + 1}$

**Solution:**

Since  $x < 0$ , so dividing up and down by  $(-x)^5 = -x^5$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^4 - 5x^3}{3x^5 + 2x^2 + 1} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{4}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}}{-3 - \frac{2}{x^3} - \frac{1}{x^5}} \\
 &= \frac{0+0}{-3-0-0} = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

**Example 2: Evaluate**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2-3x}{\sqrt{3+4x^2}}$

**Solution:**

Here  $\sqrt{x^2} = |x| = -x$  as  $x < 0$

∴ Dividing up and down by  $-x$ , we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2-3x}{\sqrt{3+4x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{-\frac{2}{x} + 3}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{x^2} + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{0+3}{\sqrt{0+4}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

**Example 3:** Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2-3x}{\sqrt{3+4x^2}}$

**Solution:**

Here  $\sqrt{x^2} = |x| = x$  as  $x > 0$

∴ Dividing up and down by  $x$ , we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{2-3x}{\sqrt{3+4x^2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \frac{\frac{2}{x} - 3}{\sqrt{\frac{3}{x^2} + 4}}$$

$$= \frac{0-3}{\sqrt{0+4}} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

**Theorem:** Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$

**Proof:**

By the binomial theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &= 1 + n\left(\frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^3 + \dots \\ &= 1 + 1 + \frac{1}{2!}n(n-1)\times\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{3!}n(n-1)(n-2)\times\frac{1}{n^3} + \dots \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{2!}n^2\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\cdot\frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{1}{3!}n^3\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right)\frac{1}{n^3} + \dots \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{2!}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{3!}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ 2 + \frac{1}{2!}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right) + \frac{1}{3!}\left(1 - \frac{1}{n}\right)\left(1 - \frac{2}{n}\right) + \dots \right]$$

As  $n \rightarrow \infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \frac{3}{n}, \dots$  all tend to zero.

$$\begin{aligned} &-2 + \frac{1}{2!}(1-0) + \frac{1}{3!}(1-0)(1-0) + \dots \\ &= 2 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \frac{1}{4!} + \dots \\ &= 2 + 0.5 + 0.166667 + 0.0416667 + \dots \\ &= 2.718281\dots \end{aligned}$$

As approximate value of  $e$  is 2.718281, so

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

**Deduction:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e$

**Proof:**

We know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n = e$

Put  $n = \frac{1}{x}$ , then  $\frac{1}{n} = x$

When  $n \rightarrow \infty, x \rightarrow 0$

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

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

**Theorem:** Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log_e a$

**Proof:**

Put  $a^x - 1 = y$  (i)

Then  $a^x = 1 + y$

Taking logarithm on both sides with base  $a$ .

$$\log_a a^x = \log_a (1+y)$$

$$x \cdot \log_a a = \log_a (1+y)$$

$$So \ x = \log_a (1+y)$$

From (i) when  $x \rightarrow 0, y \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{y}{\log_a (1+y)} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\frac{1}{y} \log_a (1+y)} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\log_a (1+y)^{\frac{1}{y}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\log_a \left( \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (1+y)^{\frac{1}{y}} \right)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\log_a e} \quad \left( \because \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} (1+y)^{\frac{1}{y}} = e \right) \end{aligned}$$

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

**Deduction:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^x - 1}{x} \right) = \log_e e = 1$

We know that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{a^x - 1}{x} \right) = \log_e a$  (i)

Put  $a = e$  in (i)

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

### The Sandwich Theorem:

Let  $f, g$  and  $h$  be functions such that  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x)$  for all numbers  $x$  in some open interval containing  $c$ , except possibly at  $c$  itself.

If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} h(x) = L$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = L$

**Theorem:** If  $\theta$  is measured in radian, then  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$

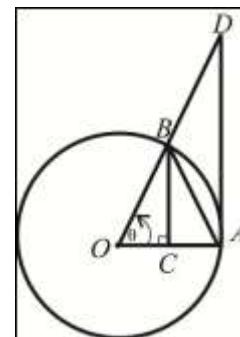
**Proof:** Take  $\theta$  a positive acute central angle of a circle with radius  $r = 1$ .  
Produce  $\overline{OB}$  to  $D$ , so that  $\overline{AD} \perp \overline{OA}$ .

Draw  $\overline{BC} \perp \overline{OA}$ . Join  $A$  and  $B$ . As show in figure,  $OAB$  represent a sector of the circle.

Given  $|\overline{OA}| = |\overline{OB}| = 1$  (radii of unit circle)

In right  $\triangle OCB$ ,  $\sin \theta = \frac{|\overline{BC}|}{|\overline{OB}|} = |\overline{BC}|$  ( $|\overline{OB}| = 1$ )

In right  $\triangle OAD$ ,  $\tan \theta = \frac{|\overline{AD}|}{|\overline{OA}|} = |\overline{AD}|$  ( $|\overline{OA}| = 1$ )



In terms of  $\theta$ , the areas are expressed as:

(i) Area of  $\triangle OAB = \frac{1}{2} |\overline{OA}| |\overline{BC}| = \frac{1}{2} (1) \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta$

(ii) Area of sector  $OAB = \frac{1}{2} r^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} (1)^2 \theta = \frac{1}{2} \theta$  ( $r = 1$ )

(iii) Area of  $\triangle OAD = \frac{1}{2} |\overline{OA}| |\overline{AD}| = \frac{1}{2} (1) \tan \theta$

From the figure, we see that

Area of  $\triangle OAB < \text{Area of sector } OAB < \text{Area of } \triangle OAD$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta < \frac{\theta}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \tan \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \sin \theta < \frac{\theta}{2} < \frac{1}{2} \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

As  $\sin \theta$  is positive, so on division by  $\frac{1}{2}\sin \theta$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sin \theta}{\frac{1}{2}\sin \theta} &< \frac{\frac{\theta}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}\sin \theta} < \frac{\frac{1}{2}\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \\ \frac{1}{2} &< \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta} < \frac{1}{2\cos \theta} \\ 1 &< \frac{\theta}{\sin \theta} < \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \quad \left( \because 0 < \theta < \frac{\pi}{2} \right) \\ \text{i.e., } 1 &> \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} > \cos \theta \quad \text{or} \quad \cos \theta < \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} < 1 \end{aligned}$$

when  $\theta \rightarrow 0, \cos \theta \rightarrow 1$

since  $\frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$  is sandwiched between 1 and a quantity approaching 1 itself.

So, by the sandwich theorem, it must also approach 1.

$$\text{i.e., } \boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1}$$

### Limits of Important Functions:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}, \text{ } n \text{ is an integer, } a > 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x^m - a^m} = \frac{n}{m} a^{n-m}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0, x \neq 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{a}{x^p} = 0 \text{ where } p \in Q^+, a \in R$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} (e^x) = \infty$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} (e^x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{1}{e^{-x}}\right) = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log_e a$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \left(\frac{a}{x}\right) = 0, a \in R$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{e^x - 1}{x}\right) = \log_e e = 1$$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1, \text{ where } \theta \text{ is in radians.}$$

## EXERCISE 1.3

**Q.1 Evaluate each limit by using theorems of limits:**

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x + 4)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x + 4) \\ & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ & = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (4) \\ & \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} kf(x) = k \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right] \\ & = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x) + 4 \\ & = 2(3) + 4 \\ & = 6 + 4 \\ & = 10 \\ & \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x + 4) = 10} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x^2 - 2x + 4)$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x^2 - 2x + 4) \\ & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ & = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x^2) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (4) \\ & \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} kf(x) = k \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right] \\ & = 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2) - 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x) + 4 \\ & = 3(1)^2 - 2(1) + 4 \\ & = 3 - 2 + 4 \\ & = 5 \\ & \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x^2 - 2x + 4) = 5} \end{aligned}$$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{x^2 + x + 4}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{x^2 + x + 4} \\ & \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n \\ & = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 + x + 4)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ & = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 4} \\ & = \sqrt{3^2 + 3 + 4} \\ & = \sqrt{9 + 3 + 4} \\ & = \sqrt{16} \\ & = 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{x^2 + x + 4} = 4}$$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \sqrt{x^2 - 4} \\ & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)g(x)] = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right] \cdot \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \right] \\ & = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \right] \cdot \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt{x^2 - 4} \right] \\ & \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n \\ & = 2 \cdot \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 4)} \\ & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ & = 2 \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 4} \\ & = 2 \sqrt{2^2 - 4} \\ & = 2 \sqrt{4 - 4} \\ & = 2\sqrt{0} \\ & = 2(0) \\ & = 0 \\ & \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x \sqrt{x^2 - 4} = 0} \end{aligned}$$

(v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x^3 + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 + 5})$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x^3 + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 + 5}) \\ & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\ & = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x^3 + 1}) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x^2 + 5}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^n = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right]^n \\
 &= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3 + 1)} - \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 5)} \\
 &\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \\
 &= \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^3 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 1} - \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x^2 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 5} \\
 &= \sqrt{2^3 + 1} - \sqrt{2^2 + 5} \\
 &= \sqrt{9} - \sqrt{9} \\
 &= \boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x^3 + 1} - \sqrt{x^2 + 5}) = 0}
 \end{aligned}$$

(vi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^3 + 5x}{3x - 2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^3 + 5x}{3x - 2} \\
 & \quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \right] = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)} \\
 &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^3 + 5x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x - 2)} \\
 &\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \pm g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)] \pm \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [g(x)] \\
 &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2x^3) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (5x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (3x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2)} \\
 &\quad \because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [kf(x)] = k \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \right] \\
 &= \frac{2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^3) + 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x)}{3 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (2)} \\
 &= \frac{2(-2)^3 + 5(-2)}{3(-2) - 2} \\
 &= \frac{2(-8) + 5(-2)}{3(-2) - 2} \\
 &= \frac{-16 - 10}{-6 - 2} \\
 &= \frac{-26}{-8} \\
 &= \frac{13}{4}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^3 + 5x}{3x - 2} = \frac{13}{4}}$

**Q.2 Evaluate each limit by using algebraic techniques.**

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - x}{x + 1}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^2 - x}{x + 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x(x - 1)}{x + 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x(x - 1)(x + 1)}{x + 1} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x(x - 1) \\
 &= -1(-1 - 1) \\
 &= -1(-2) \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

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

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{3x^3 + 4x}{x^2 + x} \right)$

**Solution:**

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

$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^3 + 4x}{x^2 + x} = 4}$

(iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 + x - 6}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 + x - 6} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 2^3}{x^2 + 3x - 2x - 6} \\ &\quad \because a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)}{x(x+3) - 2(x+3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)}{(x+3)(x-2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x+3} \\ &= \frac{2^2 + 2(2) + 4}{2+3} \\ &= \frac{4+4+4}{5} \\ &= \frac{12}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 + x - 6} = \frac{12}{5}$$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1}{x^3 - x}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1}{x^3 - x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^3) - 3(x)^2(1) + 3(x)(1)^2 - (1)^3}{x(x^2 - 1)} \\ &\quad \because (a-b)^3 = a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3 \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)^3}{x(x^2 - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)^3}{x(x-1)(x+1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)^2}{x(x+1)} \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 1}{x^3 - x} = 0}$$

(v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^3 + x^2}{x^2 - 1}$

**Solution:**

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

(vi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2x^2 - 32}{x^3 - 4x^2}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2x^2 - 32}{x^3 - 4x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2(x^2 - 16)}{x^2(x-4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2(x^2 - 4^2)}{x^2(x-4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2(x-4)(x+4)}{x^2(x-4)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{2(x+4)}{x^2} \\ &= \frac{2(4+4)}{4^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2 \times 8}{16}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \left( \frac{2x^2 - 32}{x^3 - 4x^2} \right) = 1$$

(vii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2}}{x - 2}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2}}{x - 2}$$

By Rationalizing the numerator

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{2}}{x - 2} \times \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x - 2}{(x - 2)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

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

(viii)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h}$$

By rationalizing the numerator

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} \times \frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\sqrt{x+h})^2 - (\sqrt{x})^2}{h[\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}]}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x+h-x}{h[\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}]}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h[\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}]}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+0} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{x+h} - \sqrt{x}}{h} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

(ix)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x^m - a^m}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x^m - a^m}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x-a)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}a + x^{n-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{n-1})}{(x-a)(x^{m-1} + x^{m-2}a + x^{m-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{m-1})}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}a + x^{n-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{n-1}}{x^{m-1} + x^{m-2}a + x^{m-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}a + a^{n-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{n-1}}{a^{m-1} + a^{m-2}a + a^{m-3}a^2 + \dots + a^{m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{a^{n-1} + a^{n-1} + a^{n-1} + \dots + a^{n-1}}{a^{m-1} + a^{m-1} + a^{m-1} + \dots + a^{m-1}}$$

$$= \frac{n a^{n-1}}{n a^{n-1}}$$

$$= \frac{n a^{n-1-(n-1)}}{m}$$

$$= \frac{n a^{n-1-m+1}}{m}$$

$$= \frac{n}{m} a^{n-m}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x^m - a^m} = \frac{n}{m} a^{n-m}$$

**Q.3 Evaluate the following limits:**

(i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{x}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(7x)}{x}$$

Multiply and divide by 7

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 7 \times \frac{\sin 7x}{7x}$$

$$= 7 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{7x}$$

As  $x \rightarrow 0$ , then  $7x \rightarrow 0$

$$= 7 \lim_{7x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{7x}$$

$$= 7(1)$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 7x}{x} = 7}$$

(ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^\circ}{x}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^\circ}{x}$$

As  $1^\circ = \frac{\pi}{180}$  radian

$$x^\circ = \frac{\pi x}{180}$$
 radian

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^\circ}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{180}\right)}{x}$$

Multiply and divide by  $\frac{\pi}{180}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\pi}{180} \times \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{180}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{180} x}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{180} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{180}\right)}{\frac{\pi}{180} x}$$

When  $x \rightarrow 0$ , then  $\frac{\pi}{180} x \rightarrow 0$

$$= \frac{\pi}{180} \lim_{\frac{\pi x}{180} \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{180} x\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{180} x\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{180} \times 1$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^\circ}{x} = \frac{\pi}{180}}$$

(iii)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

By rationalizing the numerator

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \times \frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1^2 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\sin \theta (1 + \cos \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}$$

$$= \frac{\sin 0}{1 + \cos 0} = \frac{0}{1 + 1} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = 0}$$

(iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{\pi - x}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{\pi - x}$$

Let  $\theta = \pi - x$

$$x = \pi - \theta$$

When  $x \rightarrow \pi$ , we have  $\theta \rightarrow 0$  then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{\pi - x} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - \theta)}{\theta}$$

$$\therefore \sin(\pi - \theta) = \sin \theta$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin x}{\pi - x} = 1}$$

(v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \times ax}{\left( \frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right) \times bx} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right)}{\left( \frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right)}$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \left( \frac{1}{1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{a}{b}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx} = \frac{a}{b}}$$

(vi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right)} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \\ &= \frac{\cos 0}{1} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x} = 1}$$

(vii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{x^2}$

**Solution:**

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

$$\because \cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sin^2 x}{x^2}$$

$$= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2}$$

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

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

$$= 2(1)^2$$

$$= 2$$

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

(viii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin^2 x}$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \cos x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 + \cos 0}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+1} \\ = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

(ix)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\theta}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\theta} \\ &= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \cdot \sin \theta \\ &= \left( \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} \right) \left( \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \sin \theta \right) \\ &= 1 \times \sin 0 \\ &= 1 \times (0) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 \theta}{\theta} = 0}$$

(x)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec x - \cos x}{x}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec x - \cos x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{\cos x} - \cos x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos^2 x}{x \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x \cos x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \cdot \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \\ &= \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan x \right) \\ &= 1 \times \tan(0) \\ &= 1 \times 0 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec x - \cos x}{x} = 0}$$

(xi)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos p\theta}{1 - \cos q\theta}$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos p\theta}{1 - \cos q\theta} \\ & \because 1 - \cos \theta = 2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \end{aligned}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{p\theta}{2} \right)}{2 \sin^2 \left( \frac{q\theta}{2} \right)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin \left( \frac{p\theta}{2} \right)}{\sin \left( \frac{q\theta}{2} \right)} \right]^2$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\frac{\sin \left( \frac{p\theta}{2} \right) \times \frac{p\theta}{2}}{p\theta}}{\frac{2}{\sin \left( \frac{q\theta}{2} \right) \times \frac{q\theta}{2}}} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\frac{\sin \left( \frac{p\theta}{2} \right) \times p}{p\theta}}{\frac{2}{\frac{q\theta}{2} \times \frac{q}{2}}} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{q^2} \left[ \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin \left( \frac{p\theta}{2} \right)}{p\theta}}{\frac{2}{\sin \left( \frac{q\theta}{2} \right)}} \right]^2$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{q^2} \left( \frac{1}{1} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{p^2}{q^2}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos p\theta}{1 - \cos q\theta} = \frac{p^2}{q^2}}$$

$$(xii) \quad \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta - \sin \theta}{\sin^3 \theta}$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta - \sin \theta}{\sin^3 \theta}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} - \sin \theta}{\sin^3 \theta}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta \left( \frac{1}{\cos \theta} - 1 \right)}{\sin^3 \theta}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\cos \theta (1 - \cos^2 \theta)}$$

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

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos \theta (1 + \cos \theta)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\cos 0 (1 + \cos 0)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1(1+1)}$$

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

$$\boxed{\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta - \sin \theta}{\sin^3 \theta} = \frac{1}{2}}$$

**Q.4 Express each limit in terms of  $e$ :**

$$(i) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{2n}$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{2n}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^2$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^2$$

$$= e^2$$

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

$$(ii) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}}$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= e^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{2}} = \sqrt{e}}$$

$$(iii) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \left( 1 - \frac{1}{n} \right)^{-n} \right]^{-1}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \left( -\frac{1}{n} \right)^{-n} \right) \right]^{-1}$$

$$= e^{-1}$$

$$= \frac{1}{e}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)^n = e}$$

(iv)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3n} \right)^n$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3n} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3n} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{3}{3}}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3n} \right)^{3n} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{3n} \right)^n = e^{\frac{1}{3}}}$$

(v)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)^n$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)^n$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)^n \right]^{\frac{4}{4}}$$

$$= \left( \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)^{\frac{n}{4}} \right)^4$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{4}{n} \right)^n = e^4}$$

(vi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+3x)^{\frac{2}{x}}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+3x)^{\frac{2}{x}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ (1+3x)^{\frac{2}{x}} \right]^{\frac{3}{3}}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{3x}} \right]^6$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+3x)^{\frac{2}{x}} = e^6}$$

(vii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x^2)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$

**Solution:**

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

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

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+2x^2)^{\frac{1}{x^2}} = e^2}$$

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

**Solution:**

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ (1-2h)^{\frac{1}{h}} \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[ (1-2h)^{-\frac{1}{2h}} \right]^{-2}$$

$$= \left[ \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (1-2h)^{-\frac{1}{2h}} \right]^{-2}$$

$$= e^{-2}$$

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

(ix)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x}{1+x} \right)^x$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x}{1+x} \right)^x \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1+x}{x} \right)^{-x} \\ &:= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} + 1 \right)^{-x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x \right]^{-1} \\ &= \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x \right]^{-1} \\ &= e^{-1} \\ &= \frac{1}{e} \end{aligned}$$

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

(x)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\frac{1}{e^x} + 1}, x < 0$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\frac{1}{e^x} + 1}, x < 0$$

Replace  $x$  by  $-y$  where  $y > 0$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{-y} - 1}{\frac{1}{e^{-y}} + 1} \\ &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{e^y} - 1}{\frac{1}{e^y} + 1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{e^0} - 1}{\frac{1}{e^0} + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\frac{1}{e^\infty} - 1}{\frac{1}{e^\infty + 1}} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{\infty} - 1}{\frac{1}{\infty + 1}} \\ &= \frac{0 - 1}{0 + 1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\frac{1}{e^x} + 1}, x < 0 = -1}$$

(xi)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\frac{1}{e^x} + 1}, x > 0$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{\frac{1}{e^x} + 1}$$

As  $x > 0$ , so  $x = x$

$$\begin{aligned} & e^x \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^x} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{e^x} \right]}{e^x \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{e^x} \right]} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{1 + \frac{1}{e^x}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{e^0}}{1 + \frac{1}{e^0}} \\ &= \frac{e^0 - 1}{1 + \frac{1}{e^0}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{e^\infty}}{1 + \frac{1}{e^\infty}} \\ &= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{\infty}}{1 + \frac{1}{\infty}} \\ &:= \frac{1 - 0}{1 + 0} \end{aligned}$$

$$\boxed{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{e^x + 1}, x > 0 = 1}$$

### Left Hand Limit:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$  is read as the limit of  $f(x)$  is equal to  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the left

i.e., For all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $c$ , but less than  $c$ , the value of  $f(x)$  can be made as close as we please to  $L$ .

### Right Hand Limit:

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = M$  is read as the limit of  $f(x)$  is equal to  $M$  as  $x$  approaches from the right

i.e., for all  $x$  sufficiently close to  $c$ , but greater than  $c$ , the value of  $f(x)$  can be made as close as we please to  $M$ .

### Criterion for Existence of Limit of a Function:

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

### Continuous Function:

A function  $f$  is said to be **continuous** at a number “ $c$ ” iff the following three conditions are satisfied:

- (i)  $f(c)$  is defined.
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists.
- (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$

### Discontinuous Function:

If one or more of these three conditions fail to hold at  $c$  then the function  $f$  is said to be **discontinuous** at  $c$ .

**Example:** Discuss the continuity of the function  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  at  $x=3$ .

$$(a) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 6 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases} \quad (b) \quad g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \text{ if } x \neq 3.$$

### Solution:

(a) Given  $f(3) = 6$

$\therefore$  The function  $f$  is defined at  $x = 3$ .

Now 
$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x+3)(x-3)}{x-3} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x+3) = 6 \end{aligned}$$

As 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 6 = f(3)$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

It is noted that there is no break in the graph.

(See figure (i))

(b) 
$$g(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \text{ if } x \neq 3$$

As  $g(x)$  is not defined at  $x = 3$

$g(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 3$

It is noted that there is a break in the graph at  $x = 3$ . (See figure (ii))

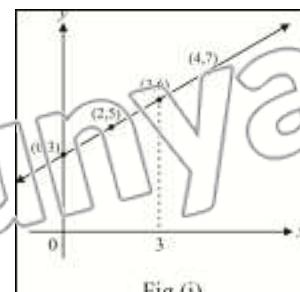


Fig (i)

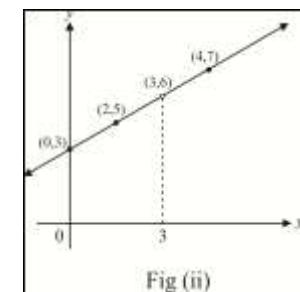


Fig (ii)

## EXERCISE 1.4

**Q.1 Determine the left hand limit and the right hand limit and then, find the limit of the following functions when  $x \rightarrow c$ .**

(i)  $f(x) = 2x^2 + x - 5, c = 1$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + x - 5$$

Left hand limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (2x^2 + x - 5) \\ &= 2(1)^2 + 1 - 5 \\ &= 2 + 1 - 5 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

Right hand limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (2x^2 + x - 5) \\ &= 2(1)^2 + 1 - 5 \\ &= 2 + 1 - 5 \\ &= -2 \end{aligned}$$

As 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$$

Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (2x^2 + x - 5) = -2$$

(ii)  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}, c = -3$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}, c = -3$$

Left hand limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} \\ &= \frac{(-3)^2 - 9}{-3 - 3} \\ &= \frac{9 - 9}{-6} \\ &= \frac{0}{-6} \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Right hand limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$$

$$= \frac{(-3)^2 - 9}{-3 - 3}$$

$$= \frac{9 - 9}{-6}$$

$$= \frac{0}{-6}$$

$$= 0$$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x)$   
Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  exists

$$\text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = 0$$

$$(iii) \quad f(x) = |x - 5|, \quad c = 5$$

**Solution:**

$$f(x) = |x - 5|, \quad c = 5$$

Left hand limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} |x - 5| \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} [-(x - 5)] \\ &= -(5 - 5) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Right hand limit:

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} |x - 5| \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} (x - 5) \\ &= 5 - 5 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x)$$

Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  exists and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} |x - 5| = 0$$

## Q.2 Discuss the continuity of $f(x)$ at

$x = c$ :

$$(i) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 5 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 4x + 1 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}, \quad c = 2$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{At } x = 2$$

$$f(x) = 2x + 5$$

$$f(2) = 2(2) + 5 = 9$$

$$f(2) = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (2x + 5)$$

$$= 2(2) + 5$$

$$= 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (4x + 1) \\ &= 4(2) + 1 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ , so

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

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

Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

$$(ii) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 1 & \text{if } x < 1 \\ 4 & \text{if } x = 1, \quad c = 1 \\ 2x & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

At  $x = 1$

$$f(x) = 4$$

$$f(1) = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (3x - 1) \\ &= 3(1) - 1 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (2x) \\ &= 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (x) = 2 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ ,

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

$$\text{As, } f(1) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$$

$$4 \neq 2$$

Hence function  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

$$(iii) \quad \text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ x^2 - 1 & \text{if } -2 < x < 2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

**Discuss continuity at  $x = 2$  and  $x = -2$ .**

**Solution:**

**Continuity at  $x = 2$**

At  $x = 2$

$$f(2) = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x^2 - 1) \\ &= 2^2 - 1 = 4 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 3 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (3) \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ , so  
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exists.

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

Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

**continuity at  $x = -2$**

at  $x = -2$

$$f(x) = 3x$$

$$f(-2) = 3(-2) = -6$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^-} (3x) \\ &= 3(-2) \\ &= -6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2^+} (x^2 - 1) \\ &= (-2)^2 - 1 \\ &= 4 - 1 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ ,

so  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  does not exist.

Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = -2$ .

**Q.4 If**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & , \quad x \leq -1 \\ c+2 & , \quad x > -1 \end{cases}$

**Find "c" so that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$  exists.**

**Solution:**

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} f(x)$  exists.

$$\text{So } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (x+2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} (c+2)$$

$$-1+2=c+2$$

$$-1=c$$

$$\boxed{c=-1}$$

**Q.5 Find the values  $m$  and  $n$ , so that given function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .**

$$(i) \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} mx & \text{if } x < 3 \\ n & \text{if } x = 3 \\ -2x+9 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

As  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

$$\text{So } f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$$

At  $x = 3$

$$f(3) = n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (mx) \\ &= m(3) \\ &= 3m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (-2x+9) \\ &= -2(3)+9 \\ &= -6+9 \\ &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$$

$$n = 3m = 3$$

$$\boxed{n=3}, \quad \boxed{3m=3}$$

$$\boxed{m=1}$$

(ii)  $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx & \text{if } x < 3 \\ x^2 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

As  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$

$$\text{So } f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$$

At  $x = 3$

$$f(x) = x^2$$

$$f(3) = 3^2 = 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} (mx) \\ &= 3m \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (x^2) \\ &= 3^2 \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{As } f(3) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x)$$

$$\begin{aligned} 9 &= 3m = 9 \\ 3m &= 3 \\ \boxed{m=1} \end{aligned}$$

**Q.6 If**

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}, & x \neq 2 \\ k, & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

**find the value of  $k$  so that  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .**

**Solution:**

As  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$

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

At  $x = 2$

$$f(2) = k$$

Now,

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2}$$

By rationalization of numerator

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} - \sqrt{x+7}}{x-2} \times \frac{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\sqrt{2x+5})^2 - (\sqrt{x+7})^2}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x+5 - (x+7)}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x+5 - x-7}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7})} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+5} + \sqrt{x+7}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2(2)+5} + \sqrt{2+7}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{9}} \\ &= \frac{1}{3+3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \frac{1}{6}$$

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

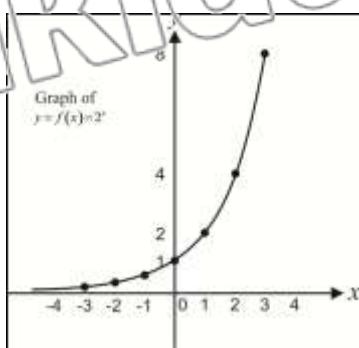
$$\boxed{k = \frac{1}{6}}$$

### Graph of the Exponential Function $f(x) = a^x$ :

Let us draw the graph of  $y = 2^x$ , here  $a = 2$ .

We prepare the following table for different values of  $x$  and  $f(x)$  near the origin:

$x$	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y$	0.0625	0.125	0.25	0.5	1	2	4	8	16



Plotting the points  $(x, y)$  and joining them with smooth curve as shown in the figure, we get the graph of  $y = 2^x$

From the graph of  $2^x$ , the characteristics of the graph of  $y = a^x$  are observed as follows:

If  $a > 1$ ,

- (i)  $a^x$  is always positive for all real values of  $x$ .
- (ii)  $a^x$  increases as  $x$  increases.
- (iii)  $a^x = 1$  when  $x = 0$
- (iv)  $a^x \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

#### Graph of Common Logarithmic Function $f(x) = \log x$ :

If  $x = 10^y$ , then  $y = \log x$

Now for all real values of  $y$ ,  $10^y > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$

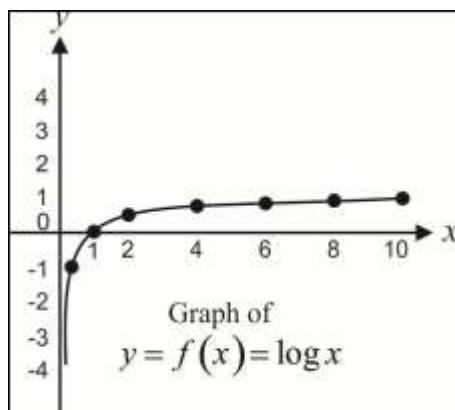
This means  $\log x$  exists only when  $x > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Domain of the  $\log x$  is positive real numbers. It is undefined at  $x = 0$ .

For graph of  $f(x) = \log x$ , we find the values of  $\lg x$  from the common logarithmic table for various values of  $x > 0$ .

Table of some of the corresponding values of  $x$  and  $f(x)$  is as under.

$x$	$\rightarrow 0$	0.1	1	2	4	6	8	10	$\rightarrow +\infty$
$y = f(x) = \log x$	$\rightarrow -\infty$	-1	0	0.30	0.60	0.77	0.90	1	$\rightarrow +\infty$



Plotting the points  $(x, y)$  and joining them with a smooth curve we get the graph as shown in the figure.

#### Note:

- (i) If we replace  $(x, y)$  with  $(x, -y)$  and there is no change in the equation then the graph is symmetric with respect to  $x$ -axis.
- (ii) If we replace  $(x, y)$  with  $(-x, y)$  and there is no change in the equation then the graph is symmetric with respect to  $y$ -axis.
- (iii) If we replace  $(x, y)$  with  $(-x, -y)$  and there is no change in the equation then the graph is symmetric with respect to origin.

## EXERCISE 1.5

**Q.1 Draw the graphs of the following equations**

$$(i) x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

$$(ii) \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

$$(iii) y = e^{2x}$$

$$(iv) y = 3^x$$

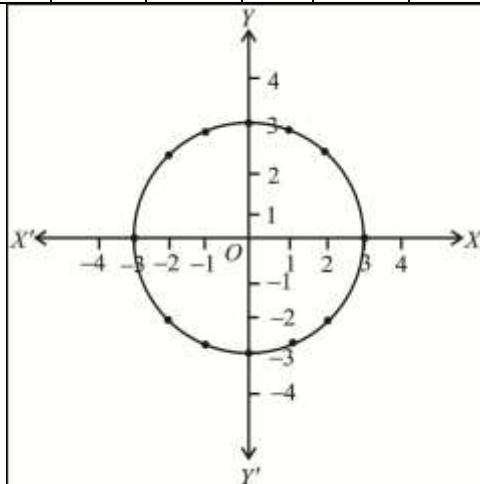
$$(i) x^2 + y^2 = 9$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + y^2 &= 9 \\ y^2 &= 9 - x^2 \\ y &= \pm\sqrt{9 - x^2} \end{aligned}$$

Here domain =  $[-3, 3]$

X	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
Y	0	$\pm 2.2$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 3$	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 2.2$	0



$$(ii) \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

**Solution:**

$$\text{Given } \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$$

$$\frac{y^2}{4} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{16}$$

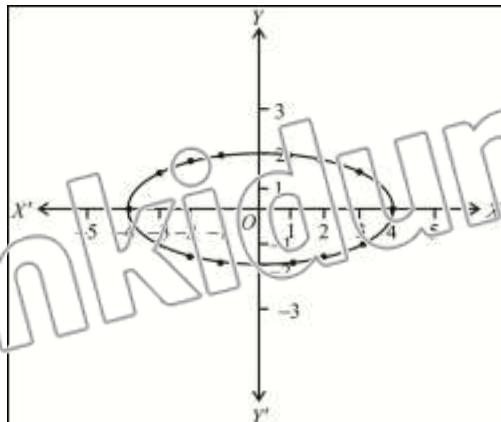
$$\frac{y^2}{4} = \frac{16 - x^2}{16}$$

$$y^2 = 4 \left( \frac{16 - x^2}{16} \right) = \frac{16 - x^2}{4}$$

$$y = \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 - x^2}}{2}$$

Here domain =  $[-4, 4]$

x	-4	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
y	0	$\pm 1.3$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 1.9$	$\pm 2$	$\pm 1.9$	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 1.3$	0

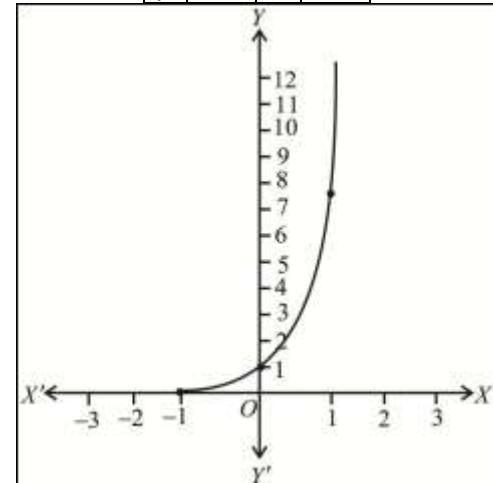


(iii)  $y = e^{2x}$

**Solution:**

Given  $y = e^{2x}$

$x$	-1	0	1
$y$	0.1	1	7.4

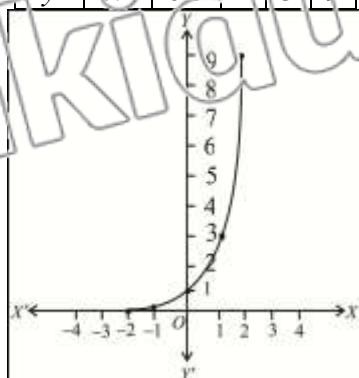


(iv)  $y = 3^x$

**Solution:**

$y = 3^x$

$x$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$y$	0.1	0.3	1	3	9



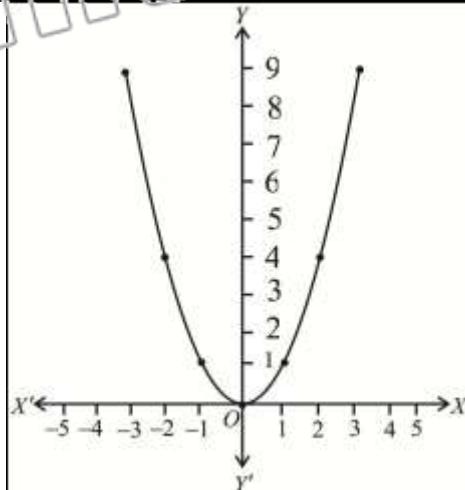
**Q.2 Graph the curves that has the parametric equations given below**

(i)  $x = t, y = t^2, -3 \leq t \leq 3$  where “ $t$ ” is a parameter

**Solution:**

$$x = t, y = t^2, -3 \leq t \leq 3$$

$t$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$x = t$	-3	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
$y = t^2$	9	4	1	0	1	4	9

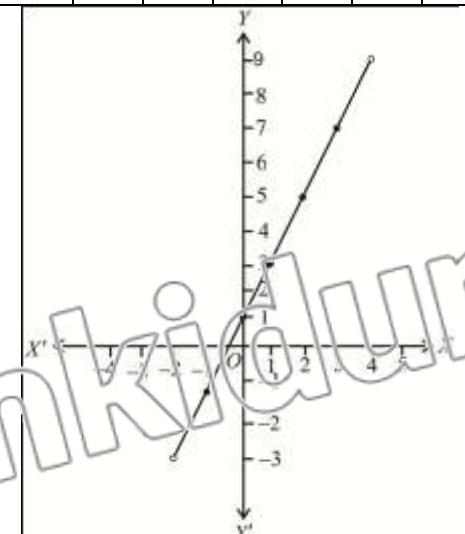


(i)  $x = t - 1, y = 2t - 1, -1 < t < 5$  where “ $t$ ” is a parameter

**Solution:**

$$x = t - 1, y = 2t - 1, -1 < t < 5$$

$t$	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
$x = t - 1$	-2	-1	0	1	2	3	4
$y = 2t - 1$	-3	-1	1	3	5	7	9



(ii)  $x = \sec \theta, y = \tan \theta$

where “ $\theta$ ” is a parameter

**Solution:**

$$x = \sec \theta, y = \tan \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta$$

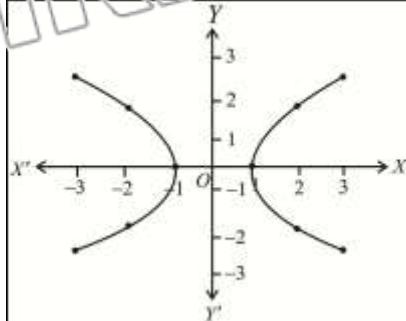
$$x^2 - y^2 = 1$$

$$x^2 - 1 = y^2$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{x^2 - 1}$$

Here domain =  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

x	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3
y	$\pm 2.8$	$\pm 1.7$	0	0	$\pm 1.7$	$\pm 2.8$



**Q.3** Draw the graphs of the functions defined below and find whether they are continuous.

(i)  $y = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{if } x < 3 \\ 2x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

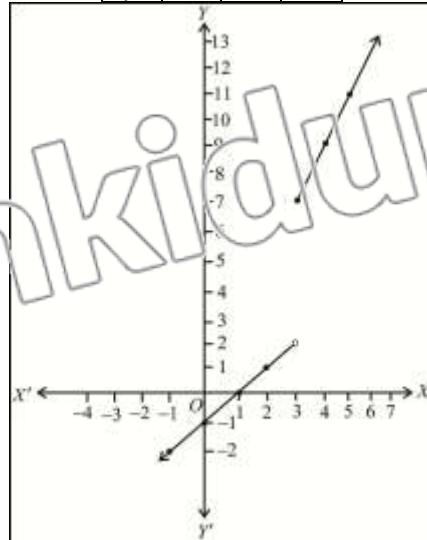
$$y = \begin{cases} x-1 & \text{if } x < 3 \\ 2x+1 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

Table for  $y = x-1, x < 3$

x	-1	0	1	2	3
y	-2	-1	0	1	2

Table for  $y = 2x+1, x \geq 3$

x	3	4	5
y	7	9	11



(ii)  $y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}, x \neq 2$

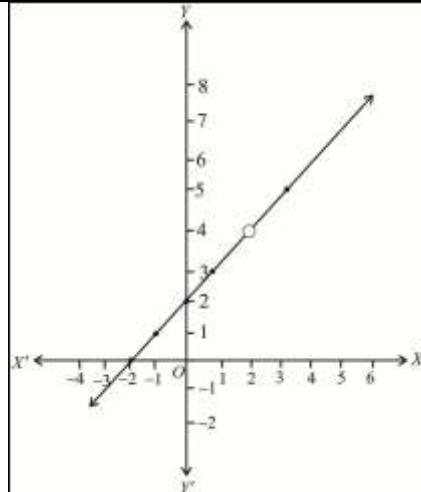
**Solution:**

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}, x \neq 2$$

$$y = \frac{(x+2)(x-2)}{(x-2)}$$

$$y = x + 2, x \neq 2$$

x	-2	-1	0	1	2	3
y	0	1	2	3	Undefined	5

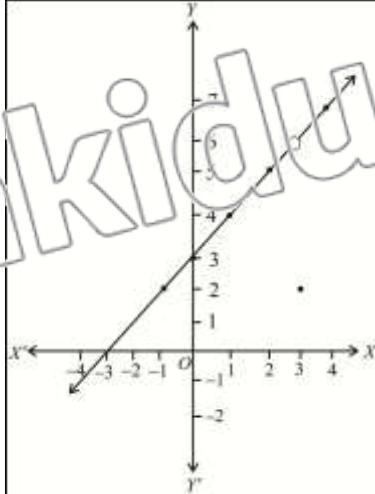


(iii)  $y = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$

**Solution:**

$$y = \begin{cases} x+3 & \text{if } x \neq 3 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

x	-1	0	1	2	3	4
y	2	3	4	5	2	7



(iv)  $y = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}, x \neq 4$

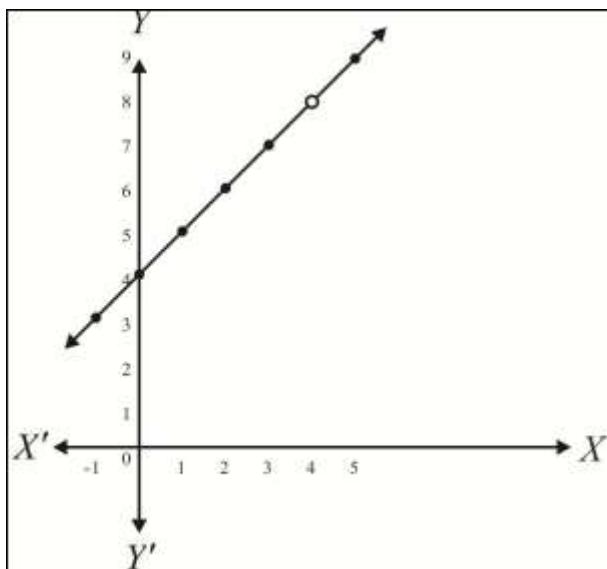
**Solution:**

$$y = \frac{x^2 - 16}{x - 4}, x \neq 4$$

$$y = \frac{(x+4)(x-4)}{(x-4)}, x \neq 4$$

$$y = x + 4, x \neq 4$$

$x$	-1	0	1	2	3	4	5
$y$	3	4	5	6	7	Undefined	9



**Q.4 Find the graphical solution of the following equations:**

(i)  $x = \sin 2x$

**Solution:**

Let  $y = x = \sin 2x$

So  $y = x$

$x$	$0^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$y = x$ (radian)	0	1.6

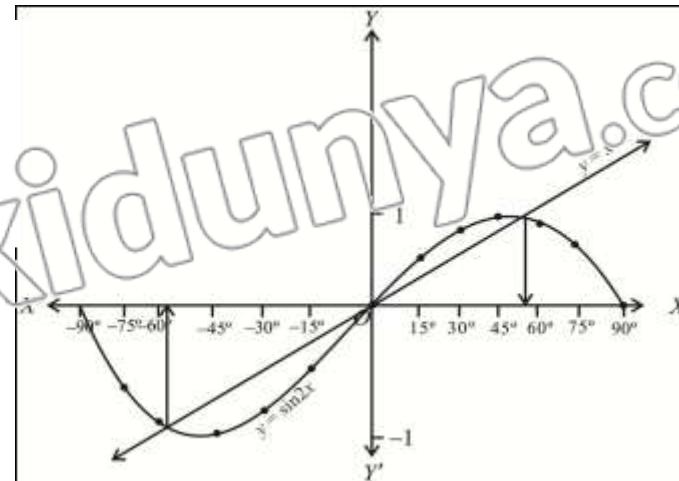
Also  $y = \sin 2x$

$X$	$-90^\circ$	$-75^\circ$	$-60^\circ$	$-45^\circ$	$-30^\circ$	$-15^\circ$	$0^\circ$	$15^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$45^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$75^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$y = \sin 2x$	0	-0.5	-0.6	-1	-0.9	-0.5	0	0.5	0.9	1	0.9	0.5	0

From two graphs, solutions are

$$x = -55^\circ, 0^\circ, 55^\circ$$

$$\text{Solution set} = \{-55^\circ, 0^\circ, 55^\circ\}$$



(ii)  $\frac{x}{2} = \cos x$

**Solution:**

Let  $y = \frac{x}{2} = \cos x$

So  $y = \frac{x}{2}$

$x$	$0^\circ$	$60^\circ$
$y = \frac{x}{2}$ (radian)	0	0.5

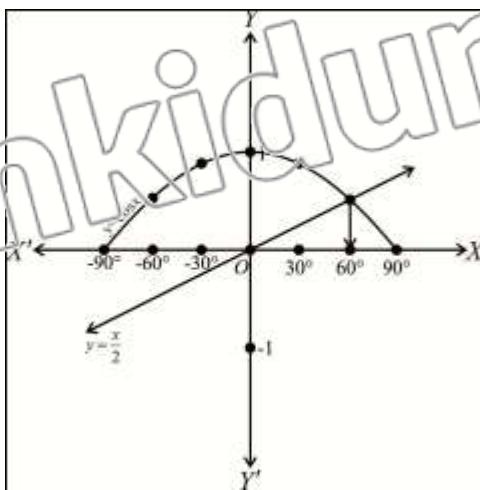
Also  $y = \cos x$

$x$	$-90^\circ$	$-60^\circ$	$-30^\circ$	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$y = \cos x$	0	0.5	0.9	1	0.9	0.5	0

From two graphs, solution is

$$x = 60^\circ$$

$$\text{Solution set} = \{60^\circ\}$$



(iii)  $2x = \tan x$

**Solution:**Lets  $y = 2x = \tan x$ 

$x$	$y = 2x$
$y = \tan x$ (radian)	0 2.1

Also  $y = \tan x$ 

$x$	$-90^\circ$	$-60^\circ$	$-30^\circ$	$0^\circ$	$30^\circ$	$60^\circ$	$90^\circ$
$y = \tan x$	Undefined	-1.7	-0.6	0	0.6	1.7	Undefined

From two graphs, solution is

$x = 0^\circ$

Solution set =  $\{0^\circ\}$

