

## Exercise 9a

### Question 1.

Show that  $f(x) = x^2$  is continuous at  $x=2$ .

### Answer:

Left Hand Limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^2$

$$= 4$$

Right Hand Limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^2$

$$= 4$$

$$f(2) = 4$$

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=2$ .

### Question 2.

Show that  $f(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 4)$  is continuous at  $x=1$ .

### Answer:

Left Hand Limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 + 3x + 4$

$$= 7$$

Right Hand Limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 + 3x + 4$

$$= 7$$

$$f(1) = 7$$

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

∴ f is continuous at x=1.

### Question 3.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ 5, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=3$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{(x+2)(x-3)}{x-3} \text{ [By middle term splitting]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} x + 2$$

$$= 5$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x - 3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{(x+2)(x-3)}{x-3} \text{ [By middle term splitting]}$$

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

$$= 5$$

$$f(3) = 5$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = f(3)$$

∴ f is continuous at x=3.

### Question 4.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}, & \text{when } x \neq 5 \\ 10, & \text{when } x = 5 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=5$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{x-5} \text{ [By middle term splitting]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} x + 5$$

$$= 10$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x - 5}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{x-5} \text{ [By middle term splitting]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} x + 5$$

$$= 10$$

$$f(5) = 10$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = f(5)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=5$ .

### Question 5.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0; \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}$$

$$= 3$$

$$[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sin nx}{x} = n]$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}$$

$$= 3$$

$$f(0)=1$$

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

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$ .

### Question 6.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}, & \text{when } x \neq 0; \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$$

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

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

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$$

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

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

$$= 2 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

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

$$f(0) = 1$$

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

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$ .

### Question 7.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2 - x, & \text{when } x < 2; \\ 2 + x, & \text{when } x \geq 2 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=2$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2 + x$$

$$= 4$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2 - x$$

$$= 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$$

∴  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x=2$

### Question 8.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x, & \text{when } x \leq 0; \\ x^2, & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} 3 - x$$

$$= 3$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2$$

$$= 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

∴  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$

### Question 9.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5x - 4, & \text{when } 0 < x \leq 1; \\ 4x^2 - 3x, & \text{when } 1 < x < 2 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=1$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 5x - 4$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 4x^2 - 3x$$

$$= 1$$

$f(x)=5x-4$  [this equation is taken as equality for  $x=1$  lies there]

$$f(1)= 1$$

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=1$ .

### Question 10.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & \text{when } 1 \leq x < 2; \\ 2x - 3, & \text{when } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=2$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x - 1$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2x - 3$$

$$= 1$$

$f(x)=2x-3$  [this equation is taken as equality for  $x=1$  lies there]

$$f(2)= 1$$

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=2$ .

### Question 11.

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{when } x \geq 0; \\ -\cos x, & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \cos x$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} -\cos x$$

$$= -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$

**Question 12.**

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x-a|}{x-a}, & \text{when } x \neq a; \\ 1, & \text{when } x = a \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=a$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{|x-a|}{x-a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{-(x-a)}{x-a}$$

$$= -1$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{|x-a|}{x-a}$$

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

$$= 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$$



∴  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x=a$

**Question 13.**

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x - |x|), & \text{when } x \neq 0; \\ 2, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{1}{2}(x - |x|)$$

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

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

$$= 0$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2}(x - |x|)$$

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

$$= 0$$

$$f(0)=2$$

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

∴  $f$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$ .

**Question 14.**

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{when } x = 0; \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

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

$\sin \frac{1}{x}$  is bounded function between -1 and +1.

Also,  $f(0)=0$

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

Hence,  $f$  is a continuous function.

**Question 15.**

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{when } x < 2; \\ 2, & \text{when } x = 2; \\ x^2, & \text{when } x > 2; \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=2$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2x$$

$$=4$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^2$$

$$=4$$

$$f(2)=2$$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq f(2)$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x=2$ .

**Question 16.**

Prove that

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{when } x < 0; \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0; \\ x, & \text{when } x > 0; \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

$$\text{LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = -x$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x$$

$$= 0$$

$$f(0) = 1$$

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

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x=0$ .

**Question 17.**

Find the value of  $k$  for which

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0; \\ \lambda, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

Since,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=0$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x} = f(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{5} \times 2 = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2}{5}$$

**Question 18.**

Find the value of  $\lambda$  for which

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 2x - 3}{x + 1}, & \text{when } x \neq -1; \\ \lambda, & \text{when } x = -1 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = -1$$

**Answer:**

Since,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = -1$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x-3)(x+1)}{x+1} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} x - 3 = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -4$$

**Question 19.**

For what value of  $k$  is the following function continuous at  $x = 2$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 1, & \text{when } x < 2 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 2 \\ 3x - 1, & \text{when } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

**Answer:**

Since,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2x + 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 3x - 1 = f(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2x + 1 = f(2)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 5$$

### Question 20.

For what value of k is the following function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}, & \text{when } x \neq 3; \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=3$$

Ans. k=6

### Answer:

Since, f(x) is continuous at x=3

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = f(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{x-3} = f(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x + 3) = f(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 9$$

### Question 21.

For what value of k is the following function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k \cos x}{\pi - 2x}, & \text{if } x \neq \frac{\pi}{2}; \\ 3, & \text{if } x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Ans. k=6

### Answer:

f is continuous at  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{k \cos x}{\pi - 2x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \cos(\frac{\pi}{2} - h)}{\pi - 2(\frac{\pi}{2} - h)} = 3 \text{ [Here } x = \frac{\pi}{2} - h]$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \sin h}{\pi - \pi + 2h} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{k \sin h}{2h} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{2} \times 1 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6$$

### Question 22.

Show that function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0; \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

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

As  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 = 0$  and  $\sin(\frac{1}{x})$  is bounded function between -1 and +1.

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

Also,  $f(0) = 0$

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

Hence,  $f$  is a continuous function.

### Question 23.

Show that:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & \text{if } x \geq 1; \\ x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x=1$

**Answer:**

$$\text{: LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 + 1$$

$$= 2$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x + 1$$

$$= 2$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=1$ .

**Question 24.**

Show that:  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 3, & \text{if } x \leq 2; \\ x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x=2$

**Answer:**

$$\text{: LHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^3 - 3$$

$$= 5$$

$$\text{RHL: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^2 + 1$$

$$= 5$$

$$f(2) = 5$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=2$ .

**Question 25.**

Find the values of a and b such that the following functions continuous.

$$\begin{cases} 5, & \text{when } x \leq 2 \\ ax + b, & \text{when } 2 < x < 10 \\ 21, & \text{when } x \geq 10 \end{cases}$$

**Answer:**

f is continuous at x=2

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (5) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} [ax + b] = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + b = 5 \dots\dots (1)$$

f is continuous at x=10

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (21) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} [ax + b] = 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 10a + b = 21 \dots\dots (2)$$

$$(1) - (2)$$

$$-8a = -16$$

$$a = 2$$

Putting a in 1

$$b = 1$$

**Question 26.**



Find the values of a and b such that the following functions f, defined as

$$\begin{cases} a \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(x+1), & x \leq 0; \\ \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3}, & x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x=0$$

**Answer:**

: f is continuous at x=0

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (a \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(x+1)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3} \right]$$

$$(a \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(0+1)) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - \sin x}{x^3} \right]$$

$$a = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\sin x (\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1)}{x^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\sin x (\frac{1}{\cos x} - 1)}{x^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\sin x (1 - \cos x)}{\cos x x^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\sin x \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\cos x x^3} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{\sin x \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{x \cdot x^2} \right] \times \frac{1}{\cos x}$$

$$= 1 \times 2 \times \frac{1}{4} \times 1$$

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

**Question 27.**

Prove that the function f given  $f(x) = |x-3|$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x=3$

**Answer:**

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

Since every modulus function is continuous for all real  $x$ ,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=3$ .

$$f(x) = f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x, & x < 0 \\ x - 3, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

To prove differentiable , we will use the following formula.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a} = f'(a)$$

$$\text{L.H.L } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x-3}{x-3}$$

$$= 1$$

$$\text{R.H.L: } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} \frac{f(x)-f(a)}{x-a}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{3-x-0}{x-3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{3-x}{x-3}$$

$$= -1$$

Since, L.H.L  $\neq$  R.H.L,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x=5$