

Exercise 9c

Question 1.

Show that $f(x) = x^3$ is continuous as well as differentiable at $x=3$.

Answer:

Given:

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

If a function is differentiable at a point, it is necessarily continuous at that point.

Left hand derivative (LHD) at $x = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{f(x) - f(3)}{x - 3} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3-h) - f(3)}{(3-h) - 3} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3-h)^3 - 3^3}{(3-h) - 3} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3-h)^3 - 27}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} - \frac{h\{(3-h)^2 + 3(3-h) + 9\}}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} - \{(3-h)^2 + 3(3-h) + 9\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} - [-\{(3-h)^2 + 3(3-h) + 9\}] \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} - \{-h^2 + 9h - 27\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h^2 - 9h + 27 = 0^2 - 9(0) + 27 = 27\end{aligned}$$

Right hand derivative (RHD) at $x = 3$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{f(x) - f(3)}{x - 3} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{(3+h) - 3} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^3 - 3^3}{(3+h) - 3} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3+h)^3 - 27}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h\{(3+h)^2 + 3(3+h) + 9\}}{h} \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{(3+h)^2 + 3(3+h) + 9\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (3+h)^2 + 3(3+h) + 9 \\&= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \{h^2 + 9h + 27\} = 0^2 + 9(0) + 27 = 27\end{aligned}$$

LHD = RHD

Therefore, $f(x)$ is differentiable at $x = 3$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x^3 = 3^3 = 27$$

Also, $f(3) = 27$

Therefore, $f(x)$ is also continuous at $x = 3$.

Question 2.

Show that $f(x) = (x-1)^{1/3}$ is not differentiable at $x=1$.

Answer:

Given function $f(x) = (x-1)^{1/3}$

LHD at $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1-h) - f(1)}{(1-h) - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(1-h)-1\}^{\frac{1}{3}}(1-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(1-h)-1} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-h)^{\frac{1}{3}}(0)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{-h} = \frac{0}{0} = \text{Not defined}\end{aligned}$$

RHD at $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{(1+h) - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(1+h)-1\}^{\frac{1}{3}}(1-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(1+h)-1} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(-h)^{\frac{1}{3}}(0)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{-h} = \frac{0}{0} = \text{Not defined}\end{aligned}$$

Since, LHD and RHD doesn't exist

Therefore, $f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$.

Question 3.

Show that constant function is always differentiable

Answer:

Let a be any constant number.

Then, $f(x) = a$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

We know that coefficient of a linear function is

$$a = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Since our function is constant, $y_1 = y_2$

Therefore, $a = 0$

Now,

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a - a}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 0 = 0$$

Thus, the derivative of a constant function is always 0.

Question 4.

Show that $f(x) = |x-5|$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x=5$

Answer:

Left hand limit at $x = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} |x - 5| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (5 - x) = 0$$

Right hand limit at $x = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} |x - 5| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 5) = 0$$

Also $f(5) = |5 - 5| = 0$

As,

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

Therefore, $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 5$

Now, let's see the differentiability of $f(x)$

LHD at $x = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(5-h) - f(5)}{5-h-5} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|5-(5-h)| - |5-5|}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{h}{h} = -1$$

RHD at $x = 5$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(5+h) - f(5)}{5+h-5} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|(5+h)-5| - |5-5|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = 1$$

Since, $LHD \neq RHD$

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 5$

Question 5.

$$\text{Let } f(x) = \begin{cases} (2-x), & \text{when } x \geq 1; \\ x, & \text{when } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

Show that $f(x)$ is continuous but not differentiable at $x=1$

Answer:

Left hand limit at $x = 1$

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

$f(x) = x$ is polynomial function and a polynomial function is continuous everywhere

Right hand limit at $x = 1$

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

$f(x) = 2 - x$ is polynomial function and a polynomial function is continuous everywhere

Also, $f(1) = 1$

As we can see that,

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

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$

Now,

LHD at $x = 1$

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

RHD at $x = 1$

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

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

As, $\text{LHD} \neq \text{RHD}$

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 1$

Question 6.

Show that $f(x) = [x]$ is neither continuous nor derivable at $x = 2$.

Answer:

Left hand limit at $x = 2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(2 - h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [2 - h] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$$

Right hand limit at $x = 2$

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

As left hand limit \neq right hand limit

Therefore, $f(x)$ is not continuous at $x = 2$

Lets see the differentiability of $f(x)$:

LHD at $x = 2$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x - h) - f(2)}{(x - h) - 2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2 - h) - f(2)}{(2 - h) - 2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} -\frac{1 - 2}{h} \end{aligned}$$

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

RHD at $x = 2$

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

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

As, LHD \neq RHD

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is not derivable at $x = 2$

Question 7.

Show that function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (1 - x), & \text{when } x < 1; \\ (x^2 - 1), & \text{when } x \geq 1. \end{cases} \quad \text{is continuous but not differentiable at } x=1$$

Answer:

Given function $f(x) = \begin{cases} (1-x), & \text{when } x < 1; \\ (x^2-1), & \text{when } x \geq 1. \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at $x = 1$:

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

Right hand limit at $x = 1$:

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

Also, $f(1) = 1^2-1 = 0$

As,

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

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$

Now, let's see the differentiability of $f(x)$:

LHD at $x = 2$:

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

RHD at $x = 2$:

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

As, LHD \neq RHD

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 2$

Question 8.

Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} (2+x), & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ (2-x), & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$ Show that $f(x)$ is not derivable at $x=0$.

Answer:

Given function $f(x) = \begin{cases} (2+x), & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ (2-x), & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases}$

LHD at $x = 0$:

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} -1 = -1$$

RHD at $x = 0$:

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

As, LHD \neq RHD

Therefore,

$f(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 0$

Question 9.

If $f(x) = |x|$ show that $f'(2)=1$

Answer:

Given function is $f(x) = |x|$

LHD at $x = 2$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(2-h) - f(2)}{2-h-2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|2-h| - |2|}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{-h}$$

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

RHD at $x = 2$:

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

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

As, LHD = RHD

Therefore, $f(x) = |x|$ is differentiable at $x = 2$

$$\text{Now } f'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|2+h| - |2|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1$$

Therefore,

$$f'(2) = 1$$

Question 10.

Find the values of a and b so that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + 3x + a), & \text{when } x \leq 1; \\ (bx + 2), & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases} \text{ is differentiable at each } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Answer:

It is given that $f(x)$ is differentiable at each $x \in \mathbb{R}$

For $x \leq 1$,

$$f(x) = x^2 + 3x + a \text{ i.e. a polynomial}$$

for $x > 1$,

$f(x) = bx + 2$, which is also a polynomial

Since, a polynomial function is everywhere differentiable. Therefore, $f(x)$ is differentiable for all $x > 1$ and for all $x < 1$.

$f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 1$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 3x + a) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (bx + 2) = 1 + 3 + a$$

$$1^2 + 3(1) + a = b(1) + 2 = 4 + a$$

$$4 + a = b + 2$$

$$a - b + 2 = 0 \dots (1)$$

As function is differentiable, therefore, LHD = RHD

LHD at $x = 1$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + a - (4 + a)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x + 4)(x - 1)}{x - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 4) = 1 + 4 = 5$$

RHD at $x = 1$:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(bx + 2) - (4 + a)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{bx - 2 - a}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{bx - b}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{b(x - 1)}{x - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} b = b$$

As, LHD = RHD

Therefore,

$$5 = b$$

Putting b in (1), we get,

$$a - b + 2 = 0$$

$$a - 5 + 2 = 0$$

$$a = 3$$

Hence,

$$a = 3 \text{ and } b = 5$$