

**CONTINUITY AND DIFFERENTIABILITY (XII, R. S. AGGARWAL)****EXERCISE 9A (Pg.No.: 345)**

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

**Sol.**  $f(x) = x^2$

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2-h)^2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^2 - 4h + 4 = (0)^2 - 4(0) + 4 = 4$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2+h)^2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (4 + h^2 + 4h) = (4 + (0)^2 + 4(0)) = 4$$

Value of function at  $x = 2$ ,  $f(2) = (2)^2 = 4$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) = 4$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

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

**Sol.**  $f(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 4)$

Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \{(1-h)^2 + 3(1-h) + 4\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + h^2 - 2h + 3 - 3h + 4) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (h^2 - 5h + 8) = (0)^2 - 5(0) + 8 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \{(1+h)^2 + 3(1+h) + 4\} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + h^2 + 2h + 3 + 3h + 4) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (h^2 + 5h + 8) = (0)^2 + 5(0) + 8 = 8 \end{aligned}$$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,

$$f(1) = \{1^2 + 3(1) + 4\} = (1 + 3 + 4) = 8$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = 8$ , Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 1$

**Prove that :**

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

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

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x(x-3) + 2(x-3)}{(x-3)}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ 5, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-3)(x+2)}{(x-3)}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ 5, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+2), & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ 5, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

Now, left hand limit at  $x = 3$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3-h+2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (5-h) = (5-0) = 5$$

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 3$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \{(3+h)+2\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3+h+2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (5+h) = (5+0) = 5$$

Value of function at  $x = 3$ ,

$$f(x) = 5 \Rightarrow f(3) = 5$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = f(3) = 5$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .

$$4. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 25}{(x-5)}, & \text{when } x \neq 5 \\ 10, & \text{when } x = 5 \end{cases}, \text{ is continuous at } x = 5.$$

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x)^2 - (5)^2}{(x-5)}, & \text{when } x \neq 5 \\ 10, & \text{when } x = 5 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-5)(x+5)}{(x-5)}, & \text{when } x \neq 5 \\ 10, & \text{when } x = 5 \end{cases}$$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+5), & \text{when } x \neq 5 \\ 10, & \text{when } x = 5 \end{cases}$$

Now, left hand limit at  $x = 5$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(5-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (5-h+5) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (10-h) = (10-0) = 10.$$

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 5$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(5+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (5+h+5) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (10+h) = (10+0) = 10$$

Value of function at  $x = 5$ ,  $f(x) = 10 \Rightarrow f(5) = 10$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = f(5) = 10$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 5$ .

$$5. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}, \text{ is discontinuous at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 3x}{x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3(-h)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3h}{3h} \cdot 3 = 3$$

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 3h}{3h} \cdot 3 = 3$$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .

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

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

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \cos(-h)}{(-h)^2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \cos h}{h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \sin^2 h/2}{h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \cdot \sin h/2 \cdot \sin h/2}{h^2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2 \frac{(\sin h/2)}{h/2} \times \frac{(\sin h/2)}{h/2} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1 - \cos h}{h^2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2 \sin^2 h/2}{h^2} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2 \frac{(\sin h/2)}{h/2} \times \frac{(\sin h/2)}{h/2} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$

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

Sol.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2-x, & \text{when } x < 2 \\ 2+x, & \text{when } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

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

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2 + 2 + h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (4 + h) = (4 + 0) = 4$$

Value of function at  $x = 2$ ,  $f(x) = 2 + x \Rightarrow f(2) = 2 + 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = 4$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 2$ .

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

Sol.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-x, & \text{when } x \leq 0 \\ x^2, & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \{3 - (-h)\} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3 + h) = (3 + 0) = 3$$

And, Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

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

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,

$$f(x) = 3 - x \Rightarrow f(0) = 3 - 0 = f(0) = 3$$

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

Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .

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

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

Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 5(1-h) - 4$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 5 - 5h - 4 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 - 5h = 1 - 5(0) = 1$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4(1+h)^2 - 3(1+h)$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4(1+h^2+2h) - 3 - 3h = 4 - 3 = 1$$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = 5x - 4 \Rightarrow f(1) = 5 - 4 = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = 1$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

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

Sol.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x-1, & \text{when } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 2x-3, & \text{when } 2 \leq x \leq 3 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2-h) - 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2 - h - 1 = 1$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2(2+h) - 3 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4 + 2h - 3 = 1$

Value of function at  $x = 2$ ,  $f(x) = 2x - 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 2(2) - 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 4 - 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) = 1$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

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

Sol.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x, & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ -\cos x, & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

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

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \cos h = 1$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = \cos x \Rightarrow f(0) = \cos 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$

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

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**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x-a|}{x-a}, & \text{when } x \neq a \\ 1, & \text{when } x = a \end{cases}$ , when  $x \neq 0$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

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

Right hand limit at  $x = a$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(a+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|a+h-a|}{a+h-a} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = 1$

Value of function at  $x = a$ ,  $f(x) = 1 \Rightarrow f(a) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = a$ .

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

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}(x-|x|), & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 2, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2}(-h-|-h|)$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2}(-h-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2} \times (-2h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (-h) = -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2}(h-|h|) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2} \times 0 = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 2 \Rightarrow f(0) = 2$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .

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

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \sin\left(\frac{1}{-h}\right) = -\infty$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \sin\left(\frac{1}{h}\right) = \infty$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ .

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

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{when } x < 2 \\ 2, & \text{when } x = 2 \\ x^2, & \text{when } x > 2 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4-2h = 4-2(0) = 4$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2+h)^2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4+h^2+4h = 4+(0)^2+4(0) = 4$$

Value of function at  $x = 2$ ,  $f(x) = 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = 2$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) \neq f(2)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 2$ .

$$16. \quad f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x, & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ is discontinuous at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} -x, & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 1, & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x, & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} -(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) \neq f(0)$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$

$$17. \quad \text{Find the value of } k \text{ for which } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 0.$$

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin 2x}{5x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin 2(-h)}{5(-h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-\sin 2h}{-5h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{\sin 2h}{2h} \times 2h}{5h} = \frac{2}{5}$$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = k \Rightarrow f(0) = k$

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(k) \Rightarrow \frac{2}{5} = k$ . Hence,  $k = \frac{2}{5}$

$$18. \quad \text{Find the value of } \lambda \text{ for which } f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{when } x \neq -1 \\ \lambda, & \text{when } x = -1 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = -1.$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-3)(x+1)}{x+1}, & \text{when } x \neq -1 \\ \lambda, & \text{when } x = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} x-3, & \text{when } x \neq -1 \\ \lambda, & \text{when } x = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Left hand limit at } x = -1, \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} -1-h-3 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} -4-h = -4-0 = -4$$

$$\text{And value of function at } x = -1, f(x) = \lambda \Rightarrow f(-1) = \lambda$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = f(-1) \Rightarrow -4 = \lambda. \text{ Hence, } \lambda = -4$$

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

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

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

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2(2-h)+1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4-2h+1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 5-2h = 5-2(0) = 5$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 3(2+h)-1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 6+3h-1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 5+3h = 5+3(0) = 5$$

$$\text{Value of function at } x = 2, f(x) = k = f(2) = k$$

$\therefore$  Left hand limit = right hand limit = value of function at  $x = 2$

Hence, this function is continuous at  $x = 2$ .  $\therefore k = 5$

20. For the what value of  $k$  is the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases}$ , is continuous at  $x = 3$ ?

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x)^2-(3)^2}{x-3}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)}{(x-3)}, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3, & \text{when } x \neq 3 \\ k, & \text{when } x = 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Left hand limit at } x = 3, \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3-h)+3 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 6-h = 6-0 = 6$$

$$\text{Value of function at } x = 3, f(x) = k, f(3) = k$$

$$\text{Since, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = f(k) \Rightarrow 6 = k. \text{ Hence, } k = 6$$

21. Find the value of  $k$  for which the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k \cos x}{\pi - 2x}, & \text{if } x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 3, & \text{if } x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = \pi/2$

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k \cos x}{\pi - 2x}, & \text{if } x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 3, & \text{if } x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases}$

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

Left hand limit at  $x = \pi/2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - h\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{k \cos(\pi/2 - h)}{\pi - 2(\pi/2 - h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{k \sin h}{2h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{k}{2} \cdot \frac{\sin h}{h} = \frac{k}{2}$$

Right hand limit at  $x = \pi/2$ ,

Since,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{k \cos(\pi/2 + h)}{\pi - 2(\pi/2 + h)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-k \sin h}{-2 \sin h} = \frac{k}{2}$

So,  $\frac{k}{2} = 3 \Rightarrow k = 6$

**22.** Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$ , is continuous at  $x = 0$

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

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

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

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

Value of function at  $x = 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$

$\therefore$  left hand limit = right hand limit = value of function = 0.

Hence this function is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

**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  $x = 1$

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ x^2+1, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,

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

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,

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

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = x + 1 = f(1) = 1 + 1 = f(1) = 2$

$\therefore$  left hand limit = right hand limit = value of function = 2 at  $x = 1$

Hence, this function is continuous at  $x = 1$ .



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  $x = 2$ .

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 3, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2-h)^3 - 3 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 2^3 - h^3 - 3 = 2 \cdot h(2-h) - 3 = 8 - 0 - 0 - 3 = 5$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (2+h)^2 + 1 \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4 + h^2 + 4h + 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h^2 + 4h + 5 = (0)^2 + 4(0) + 5 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

Value of function at  $x = 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = (2)^3 - 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 8 - 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 5$

Since, left hand limit = right hand limit = value of function = 5 at  $x = 2$ .

Hence, this function is continuous at  $x = 2$ .

25. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  such that the following function is continuous

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

**Sol.** We note that domain of  $f = R$ .

As the given function is continuous, it is continuous for all  $x \in R$ .

In particular, the function is continuous at  $x = 2$  and at  $x = 10$ .

**Continuity at  $x = 2$  :** Here,  $f(2) = 5$ ;  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 5 = 5$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (ax + b) = 2a + b$

As the function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) \Rightarrow 5 = 2a + b = 5 \Rightarrow 2a + b = 5$$

**Continuity at  $x = 10$  :** Here,  $f(10) = 21$ ;

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} (ax + b) = 10a + b \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} 21 = 21$$

As the function  $f$ , is continuous at  $x = 10$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x) = f(10) \Rightarrow 10a + b = 21 = 21 \Rightarrow 10a + b = 21$$

Solving (i) and (ii) simultaneously, we get  $a = 2, b = 1$ .

Hence, the given function  $f$  is continuous if  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ .

26. Find the value of  $a$  for which the function  $f$ , defined as

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

**Sol.** Here  $f(0) = a \sin \frac{\pi}{2}(0+1) = a \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = a \times 1 = a = a \times 1 = a$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\frac{\sin x}{\cos x} - \sin x}{x^3} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x(1 - \cos x)}{x^3 \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x(1 - \cos x)}{x^3 \cos x} \times \frac{1 + \cos x}{1 + \cos x} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x \sin^2 x}{x^3 \cos x(1 + \cos x)} = \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^3 \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{\cos x(1 + \cos x)} = 1^3 \cdot \frac{1}{1(1+1)} = \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

For the function  $f$  to be continuous at  $x = 0$ , we must have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0)$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2} = a \Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{2}. \text{ Hence, } a = \frac{1}{2}.$$

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

Sol.  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 - x, & x \leq 5 \\ x - 5, & x \geq 5 \end{cases}$ . Hence we have,  $f(5) = 5 - 5 = 0$

Now,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3 + h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3 + h - 5) = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3 - h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 3 - (3 - h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = f(3)$ . Thus,  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .

Also,  $Rf'(3) = (\text{RHD at } x = 3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(3 + h) - f(3)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{3 + h - 3 - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = 1$

$$Lf'(3) = (\text{LHD at } x = 3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(3 - h) - f(3)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{3 - (3 - h) - 0}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{-h} = -1$$

$\therefore Rf'(3) \neq Lf'(3)$ . Hence,  $f$  is not differentiable at  $x = 3$ .

### EXERCISE 9B (Pg. No.: 358)

1. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 7x + 5, & \text{when } x \geq 0 \\ 5 - 3x, & \text{when } x < 0 \end{cases}$  is a continuous function.

Sol. Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0 - h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 5 + 3h = 5 + 3 \cdot 0 = 5$$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0 + h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 7h + 5 = 7 \times 0 + 5 = 5$$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 7x + 5$ ,  $f(0) = 7 \times 0 + 5 = 5$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0) = 5$ . This function is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

2. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous.

Sol. Left hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \sin(-h) = -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \sin h = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(0 + h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = x$ ,  $f(0) = 0$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = f(0) = 0$ . This function is continuous at  $x = 0$ .

3. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}, & \text{when } x \neq 1 \\ n, & \text{when } x = 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous.

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1-h)^n - 1^n}{(1-h) - 1} = n(1)^{n-1} = n$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+h)^n - 1^n}{(1+h) - 1} = n(1)^{n-1} = n$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = n$ ,  $f(1) = n$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) = n$ . This function is continuous at  $x = n$

4. Show that  $\sec x$  is a continuous function.

**Sol.** Let  $f(x) = \sec x$ . Let  $x = c$  be any real number.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(c+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sec(c+h) = \sec(c)$$

$$\text{Also, } f(x) = \sec c \quad \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$$

$\therefore f(x)$ , i.e.,  $\sec x$  is continuous at  $x = c$ . But  $x = c$  is any real number.

$\therefore \sec x$  is continuous.

5. Show that  $\cos|x|$  is a continuous function.

**Sol.** Let  $f(x) = |x|$  and  $g(x) = \cos x$ , then  $(g \circ f)(x) = g\{f(x)\} = g\{|x|\} = \cos|x|$

Now,  $f$  and  $g$  being continuous it follows that their composite  $(g \circ f)$  is continuous.

Hence,  $\cos|x|$  is continuous.

6. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x}, & \text{when } x \neq 0 \\ 2, & \text{when } x = 0 \end{cases}$ ; is continuous at each point except 0.

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 0 \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(-h)}{(-h)} = 1$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin h}{h} = 1$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 2$ ,  $f(0) = 2$

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

7. Discuss the continuity of  $f(x) = [x]$ .

**Sol.** Let the integral value of  $x = n$ ,  $n \in I$

Let  $f(x) = [x]$ , is continuous at  $x = n$ ,  $n \in I$

At  $x = n$ ,  $f(x) = [n] = n$

$$\text{LHL : } \lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(n-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} [n-h] = n-1$$

$$\text{RHL : } \lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(n+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} [n+h] = n$$

So,  $\text{LHL} \neq \text{RHL}$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x = n$ ,  $n \in I$ .

8. Show that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (2x-1), & \text{if } x < 2 \\ \frac{3x}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous.

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2(2-h) - 1$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 4 - 2h - 1 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 3 - 2h = 3 - 2 \times 0 = 3$

Right hand limit at  $x = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(2+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 3 \frac{(2+h)}{2} = \frac{3(2+0)}{2} = \frac{6}{2} = 3$

Value of function at  $x = 2$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{3x}{2}$ ,  $f(2) = \frac{3 \cdot 2}{2} = 3$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = f(2) = 3$ . This function is continuous at  $x = 2$

9. Show that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous at each point except 0.

**Sol.** Let hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (-h) = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 0$ ,  $f(x) = 1$ ,  $f(0) = 1$

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

This function is discontinuous at  $x = 0$ . Again  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 1, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$

Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1-h) = 1 - 0 = 1$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1+0) = 1$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = x$ ,  $f(1) = 1$

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

$\therefore$  This function is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

10. Locate the point of discontinuity of the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 2), & \text{if } x \neq 1 \\ 4, & \text{if } x = 1 \end{cases}$ .

**Sol.** The only doubtful point is  $x = 1$ . Hence, we check the continuity at  $x = 1$

Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,

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

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1+h)^3 - (1+h)^2 + 2(1+h) - 2$   
 $= (1+0)^3 - (1+0)^2 + 2(1+0) - 2 = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = 4$ ,  $f(1) = 4$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) \neq f(1)$ . This function is discontinuous at  $x = 1$ .

11. Discuss the continuity of the function  $f(x) = |x| + |x-1|$  in the interval  $[-1, 2]$ .

**Sol.** Given  $\Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} -x-x-1 & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ x-x-1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1. \text{ Hence, only doubtful point.} \\ x+x-1 & \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

### EXERCISE 9C (Pg.No.: 364)

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

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 3$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3-h)^3 = (3-0)^3 = 27$

Right hand limit at  $x = 3$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(3+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (3+h)^3 = (3+0)^3 = 27$

Value of function at  $x = 3$ ,  $f(x) = x^3 = f(3) = (3)^3 = 27$

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

Left hand derivative at  $x = 3$

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

Right hand derivative at  $x = 3$

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

$\Rightarrow Lf'(3) = Rf'(3)$ . Hence, the function is continuous as well as differentiable at  $x = 3$ .

2. Show that  $f(x) = (x-1)^{1/3}$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

**Sol.** Left hand derivative at  $x = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} Lf'(1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(1-h) - f(1)}{(1-h)-1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1-h-1)^{1/3} - (1-1)^{1/3}}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(-h)^{1/3} - 0}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^{1/3}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h^{2/3}} = \infty \end{aligned}$$

Right hand derivative at  $x = 1$

$$Rf'(1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(1+h) - f(1)}{(1+h)-1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(1+h-1)^{1/3} - (1-1)^{1/3}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^{1/3} - 0}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h^{1/3}}{h} = \infty$$

Hence  $Lf'(1) \neq Rf'(1)$ . This function is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

3. Show that a constant function is always differentiable.

**Sol.** Let the function  $f(x) = \lambda$ , where  $\lambda$  is constant

We will discuss differentiability at  $x = a$ .

$$\therefore f'(a^-) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a-h) - f(a)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\lambda - \lambda}{-h} = 0$$

$$\text{and } f'(a^+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\lambda - \lambda}{h} = 0$$

$\therefore$  LHD = RHD. Hence, the function is always differentiable.

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

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 5$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(5-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} |5-h-5| = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 5$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(5+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} |5+h-5| = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 5$ ,  $f(x) = |x - 5|$ ,  $f(5) = |5 - 5| = 0$

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

Left hand derivative at  $x = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{As, } Lf'(5) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{f(x) - f(5)}{x - 5} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(5-h) - f(5)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|5-h-5| - |5-5|}{-h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|-h|}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{-h} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Right hand derivative at  $x = 5$

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

$Lf'(5) \neq Rf'(5)$ . Hence, the function is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 5$ .

5. 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  $x = 1$ .

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1-h) = (1-0) = 1$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 2 - (1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 - h = 1 - 0 = 1$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = 2 - x$  or  $x$ ,  $f(1) = 2 - 1$  or  $1$ ,  $f(1) = 1$

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

Left hand derivative at  $x = 1$

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

Right hand derivative at  $x = 1$

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

$Lf'(1) \neq Rf'(1)$ . Hence, the  $f(x)$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

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

**Sol.** L.H.L =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} [x] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} [2-h] = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1) = 1$

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

Again left hand derivative at  $x = 2$ .  $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$

$$Lf'(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{[x] - [2]}{x - 2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{[2-h] - 2}{2-h-2} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1-2}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{h} = \infty$$

$\therefore Lf'(2)$  does not exist.

Right hand derivative at  $x = 2$

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

$\therefore Lf'(2) \neq Rf'(2) \Rightarrow f$  is not derivable at  $x = 2$

Hence, the  $f(x)$  is neither continuous nor derivable at  $x = 2$ .

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

**Sol.** Left hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} 1 - (1-h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} h = 0$

Right hand limit at  $x = 1$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} f(1+h) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1+h)^2 - 1 = 0$

Value of function at  $x = 1$ ,  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ ,  $f(1) = (1)^2 - 1 = 0$

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

Again, left hand derivative at  $x = 1$

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

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

$Lf'(1) \neq Rf'(1)$ . Hence the  $f(x)$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

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  $x = 0$ .

**Sol.** Left hand derivative at  $x = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(-h) - f(0)}{-h}$

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Right hand derivative at } x=0, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \\ = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{(2+h) - (2+0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2+h-2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{h}{h} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$Lf'(0) \neq Rf'(0)$ . Hence, the  $f(x)$  is not derivable at  $x=0$ .

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

**Sol.** Left hand derivative at  $x=2$

$$Lf'(2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(2-h) - f(2)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|2-h| - |2|}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2-h-2}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{-h}{-h} = 1$$

Right hand derivative at  $x=2$

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

Hence,  $Lf'(2) = Rf'(2) = 1$

10. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x^2 + 3x + a), & \text{when } x \leq 1 \\ (bx + 2), & \text{when } x > 1 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

**Sol.** Since  $f(x)$  is derivable for every  $x$ :

$\therefore f(x)$  is derivative at  $x=1 \Rightarrow f$  is continuous at  $x=1$

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3 + a = 1 + 3 + a = b + 2 \Rightarrow 4 + a = 4 + a = b + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + a = b + 2 \Rightarrow b = a + 2 \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } Lf'(1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x^2 + 3x + a) - (1 + 3 + a)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{(x+4)(x-1)}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (x+4) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (1-h+4) = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} Rf'(1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{bx + 2 - (1 + 3 + a)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{bx - a - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(a+2)x - a - 2}{(x-1)} \quad [\text{Using (1)}] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{a(x-1) + 2(x-1)}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{(a+2)(x-1)}{(x-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (a+2) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (a+2) = (a+2) \end{aligned}$$

Since  $Lf'(1) = Rf'(1) \therefore 5 = a + 2$ , here  $b = a + 2 \therefore b = 3 + 2 = 5$  Hence,  $a = 3, b = 5$ .