# 1. LIMITS

**LIMIT EXISTS:**  $\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a^-} f(x)$ 

**CONTINUITY:** A real valued function f(x) is said to be continuous at x = a, if  $\lim_{x \to a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to a^-} f(x) = f(a)$ 

**DIFFERENTIABILITY:** A function f(x) is said to be differentiable at x = a, if  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists.

$$\lim_{x \to a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \to a^-} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \Leftrightarrow Left Slop = Right Slop \Leftrightarrow \lim_{h \to 0^+} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h} = \lim_{h \to 0^-} \frac{f(a + h) - f(a)}{h}$$

If f(x) and g(x) are two continuous/differentiable functions, then

- 1.  $f(x) \pm g(x)$
- 2. f(x) \* g(x)
- 3.  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ , where  $g(x) \neq 0$

Are also continuous/differentiable functions.

#### **INDETERMINANT FORMS:**

$$\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 0 * \infty, \infty - \infty, 1^{\infty}, 0^{0}, \infty^{\infty}, \infty^{0}, \mathbf{0}^{\infty}$$

### L'HOSPITAL RULE:

If  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$ , then  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$ . If  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x) = \infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \to a} g(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f'(x)}{g'(x)} = L$ , then  $\lim_{x \to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = L$ .

- L'Hospital rule is a general method for evaluating the indeterminant forms  $\frac{0}{0}$  and  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ .
- L'Hospital rule can also be applied to other indeterminant forms by converting in to  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  using appropriate algebraic transformations.

If  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)^{g(x)}$  is of  $1^{\infty}$  then,  $\lim_{x \to a} f(x)^{g(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \to a} g(x)[f(x)-1]}$ 

# **STANDARD LIMITS:**

$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$	$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{e^{mx} - 1}{x} = m$
$\lim_{x \to a} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log a$	$\lim_{x \to a} \left( 1 - \frac{a}{x} \right)^x = e^a$

If f(x) and g(x) are polynomial of degrees "m" and "n" respectively,  $\lim_{x\to a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \lim_{x\to a} x^{m-n}$ .

## LIMITS OF FUNCTION OF TWO VARIABLE:

If  $f(x,y) \to L_1$  as  $(x,y) \to (a,b)$  along  $C_1$  and If  $f(x,y) \to L_2$  as  $(x,y) \to (a,b)$  along  $C_2$ , where  $L_1 \neq L_2$  then  $\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) \text{ does not exists.}$ 

## **CONTINUITY OF TWO VARIABLE:**

A function f(x, y) of two variables is called continuous at (a, b), if  $\lim_{(x,y)\to(a,b)} f(x,y) = f(a,b)$ .