

## DIFFERENTIABILITY

## 9.1 DIFFERENTIABILITY AT A POINT

**DEFINITION** Let  $f(x)$  be a real valued function defined on an open interval  $(a, b)$  and let  $c \in (a, b)$ . Then,  $f(x)$  is said to be differentiable or derivable at  $x = c$ , iff  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$  exists finitely.

This limit is called the derivative or differential coefficient of the function  $f(x)$  at  $x = c$ , and is denoted by  $f'(c)$  or,  $Df(c)$  or,  $\left(\frac{df(x)}{dx}\right)_{x=c}$ .

$$\text{Thus, } f'(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}.$$

Now,

$f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \text{ exists finitely}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c - h) - f(c)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \text{ or, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c - h) - f(c)}{-h} \text{ is called the left hand derivative of } f(x)$$

at  $x = c$  and is denoted by  $f'(c^-)$  or,  $Lf'(c)$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \text{ or, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} \text{ is called the right hand derivative of } f(x)$$

at  $x = c$  and is denoted by  $f'(c^+)$  or,  $Rf'(c)$ .

Thus, ( $f$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ )  $\Leftrightarrow Lf'(c) = Rf'(c)$ .

If  $Lf'(c) \neq Rf'(c)$ , we say that  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = c$ .

**MEANING OF DIFFERENTIABILITY AT A POINT** As we have seen in the chapter on continuity of a function that if a function  $f(x)$  is continuous at a point  $x = a$  (say), then its graph is an unbroken curve at  $(a, f(a))$  and there are no holes and jumps in the graph of the function in the neighbourhood of point  $x = a$ . Now, a natural question arises: What do we mean when we say that a function  $f(x)$  is differentiable at a point  $x = c$ ? In the following discussion we shall try to answer this question.

Consider the function  $f(x)$  defined on an open interval  $(a, b)$ . Let  $P(c, f(c))$  be a point on the curve  $y = f(x)$ , and let  $Q(c - h, f(c - h))$ , and  $R(c + h, f(c + h))$  be two neighbouring points on the left and right hand side respectively of point  $P$  as shown in Fig. 9.1. Then,

$$\text{Slope of chord } PQ = \frac{f(c - h) - f(c)}{-h}$$

and, 
$$\text{Slope of chord } PR = \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h}$$

We know that tangent to a curve at a point  $P$  (say) is the limiting position of chord  $PQ$  when  $Q$  tends to  $P$ . Therefore, as  $h \rightarrow 0$  points  $Q$  and  $R$  both tend to  $P$  from left hand and right hand sides respectively. Consequently, chords  $PQ$  and  $PR$  become tangent(s) at point  $P$ .

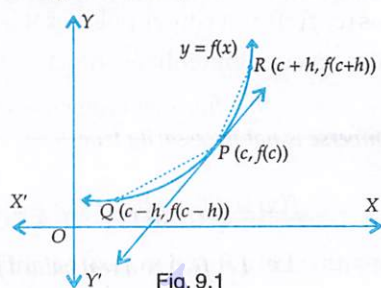


Fig. 9.1

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c - h) - f(c)}{-h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\text{Slope of chord } PQ) \\ &= \lim_{Q \rightarrow P} (\text{Slope of chord } PQ) \\ &= \text{Slope of the tangent at point } P, \text{ which is the limiting position} \\ &\quad \text{of the chords drawn on the left hand side of point } P. \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h} &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\text{Slope of chord } PR) \\ &= \lim_{R \rightarrow P} (\text{Slope of chord } PR) \\ &= \text{Slope of the tangent at point } P, \text{ which is the limiting position} \\ &\quad \text{of the chords drawn on the right hand side of point } P \quad \dots(ii) \end{aligned}$$

Now,

$f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ .

$$\Leftrightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c - h) - f(c)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c + h) - f(c)}{h}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$  Slope of the tangent at point  $P$ , which is limiting position of the chords drawn on the left hand side of  $P$  is same as the slope of the tangent at point  $P$ , which is the limiting position of the chords drawn on the right hand side of  $P$

$\Leftrightarrow$  There is a unique tangent at point  $P$ .

Thus,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at point  $P$ , iff there exists a unique tangent at point  $P$ . In other words,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at a point  $P$  iff the curve does not have  $P$  as a corner point.

Consider the function  $f(x) = |x|$ . This function is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ , because if we draw tangent at the origin as the limiting position of the chords on the left hand side of the origin, it is the line  $y = -x$  whereas the tangent at the origin as the limiting position of the chords on the right hand side of the origin is the line  $y = x$ . Mathematically, left hand derivative at the origin is  $-1$  (slope of the line  $y = -x$ ) and the right hand derivative at the origin is  $1$  (slope of the line  $y = x$ ).

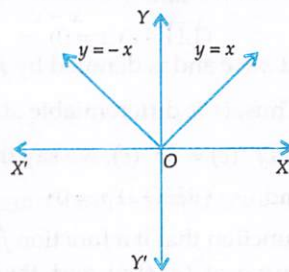


Fig. 9.2

Let  $f(x)$  be a differentiable function at a point  $P$ . Then the curve  $y = f(x)$  has a unique tangent at  $P$ . Since tangent at  $P$  is the limiting position of the chord  $PQ$  when  $Q \rightarrow P$ . So, if  $f(x)$  is



differentiable at a point  $P$ , then chords exist on both sides of point  $P$ . This means that the curve exists on both sides of  $P$ . Consequently  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $P$ .

It follows from the above discussion that, if a function is not differentiable at  $x = c$ , then either it has  $(c, f(c))$  as a corner point or it is discontinuous at  $x = c$ .

Also, every differentiable function is continuous as proved below.

**THEOREM** If a function is differentiable at a point, it is necessarily continuous at that point. But, the converse is not necessarily true.

OR

$f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c \Rightarrow f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$

**PROOF** Let a function  $f(x)$  be differentiable at  $x = c$ . Then,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$  exists finitely.

$$\text{Let } \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = f'(c) \quad \dots(i)$$

In order to prove that  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ , it is sufficient to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = f(c)$ .

Now,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left\{ \left( \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) (x - c) + f(c) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left\{ \left( \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) (x - c) \right\} + f(c)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \left( \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x - c) + f(c) = f'(c) \times 0 + f(c) \quad [\text{Using (i)}]$$

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

Hence,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

**Q.E.D.**

**REMARK** The converse of the above theorem is not necessarily true i.e., a function may be continuous at a point but may not be differentiable at that point. For example, the function  $f(x) = |x|$  is continuous at  $x = 0$  but it is not differentiable at  $x = 0$  (See Example 1 below.)

### ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

#### BASED ON BASIC CONCEPTS (BASIC)

**EXAMPLE 1** Show that  $f(x) = |x|$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**SOLUTION** We observe that:

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

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } (\text{RHD at } x = 0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0 + h) - f(0)}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|h| - |0|}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = 0$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 0$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 2** Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x-1, & \text{if } x < 2 \\ 2x-3, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$  is not differentiable at  $x = 2$ .

**SOLUTION** We observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{LHD at } x=2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{(x-1) - (4-3)}{x-2} \quad [\because f(x) = x-1 \text{ for } x < 2] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 1 = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } (\text{RHD at } x=2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{(2x-3) - (4-3)}{x-2} \quad [\because f(x) = 2x-3 \text{ for } x \geq 2] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{2x-4}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x=2$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x=2$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 2$ .

**EXAMPLE 3** Show that  $f(x) = x^2$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$  and find  $f'(1)$ .

**SOLUTION** We observe that:

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

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

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x=1$ ) = (RHD at  $x=1$ ) = 2. So,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$  and  $f'(1) = 2$ .

**EXAMPLE 4** Discuss the differentiability of  $f(x) = x|x|$  at  $x = 0$ .

**SOLUTION** We have,  $f(x) = x|x| = \begin{cases} x^2, & x \geq 0 \\ -x^2, & x < 0 \end{cases}$  **[CBSE 2020, NCERT EXEMPLAR]**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } (\text{LHD at } x=0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x^2 - 0}{x - 0} \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -x = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, } (\text{RHD at } x=0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x^2 - 0}{x - 0} \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x=0$ ) = (RHD at  $x=0$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

## BASED ON LOWER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (LOTS)

**EXAMPLE 5** Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & , \text{ if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ if } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and

$$f'(0) = 0.$$

[NCERT EXEMPLAR]

**SOLUTION** We observe that:

$$(\text{LHD at } x = 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0 - h) - f(0)}{0 - h - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-h) - f(0)}{-h}$$

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

$$= 0 \times (\text{an oscillating number between } -1 \text{ and } 1) = 0$$

$$\text{and, } (\text{RHD at } x = 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0 + h) - f(0)}{0 + h - 0}$$

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

$$= 0 \times (\text{an oscillating number between } -1 \text{ and } 1) = 0$$

$$\therefore (\text{LHD at } x = 0) = (\text{RHD at } x = 0) = 0.$$

So,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 6** Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x \sin \frac{1}{x} & , \text{ when } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \text{ when } x = 0 \end{cases}$  is continuous but not

differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**SOLUTION** For the continuity of the function refer Example 11 on page 8.8 of Chapter 8.

Now,

$$(\text{LHD at } x = 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0 - h) - f(0)}{0 - h - 0}$$

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

$$= \text{A number which oscillates between } -1 \text{ and } 1$$

$$\therefore (\text{LHD at } x = 0) \text{ does not exist.}$$

Similarly, it can be shown that RHD at  $x = 0$  does not exist. Hence,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 7** Show that the function  $f(x) = |x + 1| + |x - 1|$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , is not differentiable at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ .

[CBSE 2015]

**SOLUTION** We have,

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



**Differentiability at  $x = -1$ :** We find that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = -1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{-2x - 2}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{-2(x + 1)}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} (-2) = -2 \\ \text{(RHD at } x = -1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(-1)}{x - (-1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{2 - 2}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{0}{x + 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} 0 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = -1$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = -1$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = -1$ .

**Differentiability at  $x = 1$ :** We find that

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{2 - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{0}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 0 = 0 \\ \text{(RHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{2x - 2}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 \left( \frac{x - 1}{x - 1} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = 1$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 1$ )

So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ . Hence,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = -1$  and  $x = 1$ .

**EXAMPLE 8** If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x f(a) - a f(x)}{x - a}$ .

**SOLUTION** It is given that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists finitely.

$$\text{Let } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(a)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x f(a) - a f(x)}{x - a} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x f(a) - a f(a) + a f(a) - a f(x)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x - a) f(a) - a \{f(x) - f(a)\}}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x - a) f(a)}{x - a} - a \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(a) - a \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f(a) - a f'(a) \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 9** If  $f(2) = 4$  and  $f'(2) = 1$ , then find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x f(2) - 2 f(x)}{x - 2}$ .

**SOLUTION** Using definition of derivative, we obtain

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = f'(2) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} = 1 \quad [\because f'(2) = 1] \quad \dots(i)$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x f(2) - 2 f(x)}{x - 2} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x f(2) - 2 f(2) + 2 f(2) - 2 f(x)}{x - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x - 2) f(2) - 2 \{f(x) - f(2)\}}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x - 2) f(2)}{x - 2} - 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \\ &= f(2) - 2 f'(2) = 4 - 2 \times 1 = 2 \quad [\text{Using (i) and } f(2) = 4] \end{aligned}$$

**EXAMPLE 10** If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ , find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 f(a) - a^2 f(x)}{x - a}$ .

**SOLUTION** It is given that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = a$ . Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  exists finitely.

$$\text{Let } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = f'(a) \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 f(a) - a^2 f(x)}{x - a} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 f(a) - a^2 f(a) + a^2 f(a) - a^2 f(x)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x^2 - a^2) f(a) - a^2 \{f(x) - f(a)\}}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left\{ \frac{(x^2 - a^2) f(a)}{x - a} - a^2 \left( \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} \right) \right\} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (x + a) f(a) - a^2 \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = 2a f(a) - a^2 f'(a) \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \end{aligned}$$

### BASED ON HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (HOTS)

**EXAMPLE 11** Discuss the differentiability of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{-\left(\frac{1}{|x|} + \frac{1}{x}\right)} & , x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \end{cases}$  at  $x = 0$ .

**SOLUTION** We observe that:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x e^{-\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x}\right)} = x e^{-2/x}, & x > 0 \\ 0 & , x = 0 \\ x e^{-\left(\frac{-1}{x} + \frac{1}{x}\right)} = x & , x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Now, (LHD at } x = 0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{x - 0}{x - 0} = 1 \quad [\because f(x) = x \text{ for } x < 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, (RHD at } x = 0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x - 0} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x e^{-2/x} - 0}{x} \quad [\because f(x) = x e^{-2/x} \text{ for } x > 0 \text{ and } f(0) = 0] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} e^{-2/x} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = 0$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 0$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .

**EXAMPLE 12** For what choice of  $a$  and  $b$  is the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 & , x \leq c \\ ax + b & , x > c \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ .

**SOLUTION** It is given that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$  and every differentiable function is continuous. So,  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = c$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (ax + b) = c^2 \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)]$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 = ac + b \quad \dots(i)$$

Now,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$

$$\begin{aligned}
\Rightarrow & (\text{LHD at } x = c) = (\text{RHD at } x = c) \\
\Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c} \\
\Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{x^2 - c^2}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{(ax + b) - c^2}{x - c} \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)] \\
\Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{x^2 - c^2}{x - c} = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{ax + b - (ac + b)}{x - c} \quad [\text{Using (i)}] \\
\Rightarrow & \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x + c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{a(x - c)}{x - c} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x + c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} a \Rightarrow 2c = a \quad \dots(\text{ii})
\end{aligned}$$

From (i) and (ii), we get:  $c^2 = 2c^2 + b \Rightarrow b = -c^2$ . Hence,  $a = 2c$  and  $b = -c^2$ .

**EXAMPLE 13** A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfies that equation  $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) \neq 0$ . Suppose that the function  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 2$ . Prove that  $f'(x) = 2f(x)$ .

[NCERT EXEMPLAR]

**SOLUTION** We have,  $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore & f(0+0) = f(0)f(0) \quad [\text{Putting } x=0, y=0] \\
\Rightarrow & f(0) = f(0)f(0) \\
\Rightarrow & f(0)[1-f(0)] = 0 \quad [\because f(x) \neq 0 \text{ for any } x \therefore f(0) \neq 0] \\
\Rightarrow & 1-f(0) = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 1
\end{aligned}$$

It is given that  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 2$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
\therefore & f'(0) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h} \quad \left[ \text{Putting } c=0 \text{ in } f'(c) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(c+h) - f(c)}{h} \right] \\
\Rightarrow & 2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} \Rightarrow 2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} \quad \dots(\text{i})
\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \\
\Rightarrow & f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)f(h) - f(x)}{h} \quad [\because f(x+y) = f(x)f(y) \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R} \therefore f(x+h) = f(x)f(h)] \\
\Rightarrow & f'(x) = f(x) \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} \Rightarrow f'(x) = 2f(x) \quad [\text{Using (i)}]
\end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $f'(x) = 2f(x)$ .

### EXERCISE 9.1

#### BASIC

1. Show that  $f(x) = |x - 3|$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 3$ . [CBSE 2012, 2013]
2. Show that  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 12x - 13, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ 2x^2 + 5, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = 3$ . Also, find  $f'(3)$ .

3. Show that the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 2, & 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 2x^2 - x, & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 5x - 4, & x > 2 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x = 2$ ,

but not differentiable thereat.

[CBSE 2010]



4. Find whether the following function is differentiable at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  or not :

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

[CBSE 2015]

**BASED ON LOTS**

5. Show that  $f(x) = x^{1/3}$  is not differentiable at  $x = 0$ .
6. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of the function  $f(x) = |x| + |x - 1|$  in the interval  $(-1, 2)$ . [CBSE 2015]

7. Find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x + a & , \quad \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ bx + 2 & , \quad \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$

is differentiable at each  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

[NCERT EXEMPLAR, CBSE 2016]

8. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 - b & , \quad \text{if } |x| < 1 \\ \frac{1}{|x|} & , \quad \text{if } |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ , find  $a, b$ .

**BASED ON HOTS**

9. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^m \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) & , \quad x \neq 0 \\ 0 & , \quad x = 0 \end{cases}$  is

- (i) differentiable at  $x = 0$ , if  $m > 1$   
 (ii) continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 0$ , if  $0 < m < 1$   
 (iii) neither continuous nor differentiable, if  $m \leq 0$

10. Show that the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} |2x - 3| [x] & , \quad x \geq 1 \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) & , \quad x < 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous but not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

**ANSWERS**

3. 12      5. Continuous on  $(-1, 2)$  but not differentiable at  $x = 0, 1$ .  
 6. Not differentiable at  $x = 1$ , but differentiable at  $x = 2$ .      7.  $a = 3, b = 5$   
 8.  $a = -1/2, b = -3/2$

**HINTS TO SELECTED PROBLEMS**

7. Use  $(\text{LHD at } x = 1) = (\text{RHD at } x = 1)$  and,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1)$

8.  $f(x)$  can be re-written as :  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -\frac{1}{x} & , \quad \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ (ax^2 - b) & , \quad \text{if } -1 < x < 1 \\ \frac{1}{x} & , \quad \text{if } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$

Now, check continuity and differentiability of  $f(x)$ .

10.  $f(x)$  can be re-written as :  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (2x-3)[x] & , x \geq \frac{3}{2} \\ -(2x-3) & , 1 \leq x < \frac{3}{2} \\ \sin\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right) & , x < 1 \end{cases}$

Now, check continuity and differentiability of  $f(x)$ .

## 9.2 DIFFERENTIABILITY IN A SET

A function  $f(x)$  defined on an open interval  $(a, b)$  is said to be differentiable or derivable in open interval  $(a, b)$  if it is differentiable at each point of  $(a, b)$ .

A function  $f(x)$  defined on  $[a, b]$  is said to be differentiable or derivable at the end points  $a$  and  $b$  if it is differentiable from the right at  $a$  and from the left at  $b$ .

In other words,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a}$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b^-} \frac{f(x) - f(b)}{x - b}$  both exist.

If  $f$  is derivable in the open interval  $(a, b)$  and also at the end points  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $f$  is said to be derivable in the closed interval  $[a, b]$ .

A function  $f$  is said to be a differentiable function if it is differentiable at every point of its domain.

If a function is differentiable at each  $x \in R$ , then it is said to be every where differentiable.

For example, a constant function, a polynomial function,  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$  etc. are everywhere differentiable.

## SOME USEFUL RESULTS ON DIFFERENTIABILITY

- Every polynomial function is differentiable at each  $x \in R$ .
- The exponential function  $a^x$ ,  $a > 0$  is differentiable at each  $x \in R$ .
- Every constant function is differentiable at each  $x \in R$ .
- The logarithmic function is differentiable at each point in its domain.
- Trigonometric and inverse-trigonometric functions are differentiable in their respective domains.
- The sum, difference, product and quotient of two differentiable functions is differentiable.
- The composition of differentiable function is a differentiable function.
- If a function  $f(x)$  is differentiable at every point in its domain, then

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} \text{ or } \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x-h) - f(x)}{-h}$$

is called the derivative or differentiation of  $f$  at  $x$  and is denoted by  $f'(x)$  or,  $\frac{d}{dx}(f(x))$ .

## ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

### BASED ON BASIC CONCEPTS (BASIC)

**EXAMPLE 1** If  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 7$ , find  $f'(3)$ .

**SOLUTION** We know that a polynomial function is everywhere differentiable. Therefore,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 3$ .

$$\therefore f'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(3+h)^2 + 2(3+h) + 7\} - \{9 + 6 + 7\}}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (8 + h) = 8.$$

**EXAMPLE 2** Find  $f'(2)$  and  $f'(5)$  when  $f(x) = x^2 + 7x + 4$ .

**SOLUTION** We know that a polynomial function is everywhere differentiable. Therefore,  $f(x)$  is everywhere differentiable. The derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(x+h)^2 + 7(x+h) + 4\} - \{x^2 + 7x + 4\}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2hx + 7h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x + 7 + h) = 2x + 7 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $x = 2$  and  $x = 5$  respectively in  $f'(x) = 2x + 7$ , we get

$$\therefore f'(2) = 2 \times 2 + 7 = 11 \text{ and } f'(5) = 2 \times 5 + 7 = 17.$$

**EXAMPLE 3** For the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = x^2 - 6x + 8$ , prove that  $f'(5) - 3f'(2) = f'(8)$ .

**SOLUTION** Clearly,  $f(x)$  being a polynomial function, is everywhere differentiable. The derivative of  $f$  at  $x$  is given by

$$\begin{aligned} f'(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\{(x+h)^2 - 6(x+h) + 8\} - \{x^2 - 6x + 8\}}{h} \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2hx - 6h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (2x - 6 + h) = 2x - 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f'(5) - 3f'(2) = (2 \times 5 - 6) - 3(2 \times 2 - 6) = 4 + 6 = 10 \text{ and, } f'(8) = 2 \times 8 - 6 = 10.$$

$$\text{Hence, } f'(5) - 3f'(2) = f'(8).$$

#### BASED ON LOWER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (LOTS)

**EXAMPLE 4** Discuss the continuity and differentiability of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1-x, & x < 1 \\ (1-x)(2-x), & 1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ 3-x, & x > 2 \end{cases}$

**SOLUTION** When  $x < 1$ , we have  $f(x) = 1 - x$ . We know that a polynomial function is everywhere continuous and differentiable. So,  $f(x)$  is continuous and differentiable for all  $x < 1$ .

Similarly,  $f(x)$  is continuous and differentiable for all  $x \in (1, 2)$  and  $x > 2$ .

Thus, the possible points where we have to check the continuity and differentiability of  $f(x)$  are  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ .

**Continuity at  $x = 1$ :** We find that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} (1-x) = 1-1 = 0 \quad [\because f(x) = 1-x \text{ for } x < 1]$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} (1-x)(2-x) = 0 \quad [\because f(x) = (1-x)(2-x), \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 2]$$

$$\text{and, } f(1) = (1-1)(2-1) = 0.$$

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

**Continuity at  $x = 2$ :** We find that:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (1-x)(2-x) = (2-1)(2-2) = 0 \quad [\because f(x) = (1-x)(2-x) \text{ for } 1 \leq x \leq 2]$$

$$\text{and, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (3-x) = 3-2 = 1 \quad [\because f(x) = 3-x \text{ for } x > 2]$$



$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ . So,  $f(x)$  is not continuous at  $x = 2$ .

**Differentiability at  $x = 1$ :** We observe that:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1 - x) - 0}{x - 1} \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)] \\ &= - \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x - 1}{x - 1} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, (RHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1 - x)(2 - x) - 0}{x - 1} \quad [\text{Using definition of } f(x)] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x - 1)(x - 2)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x - 2 = 1 - 2 = -1 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, (LHD at  $x = 1$ ) = (RHD at  $x = 1$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

**Differentiability at  $x = 2$ :** Since  $f(x)$  is not continuous at  $x = 2$ . So, it is not differentiable at  $x = 2$ .

**EXAMPLE 5** Discuss the differentiability of  $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 2|$ .

**SOLUTION** We have,

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= |x - 1| + |x - 2| \\ \Rightarrow f(x) &= \begin{cases} -(x - 1) - (x - 2) & \text{for } x < 1 \\ x - 1 - (x - 2) & \text{for } 1 \leq x < 2 \\ (x - 1) + (x - 2) & \text{for } x \geq 2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 3, & x < 1 \\ 1, & 1 \leq x < 2 \\ 2x - 3, & x \geq 2 \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

When  $x < 1$ , we have  $f(x) = -2x + 3$  which, being a polynomial function is continuous and differentiable.

When  $1 \leq x < 2$ , we have  $f(x) = 1$  which, being a constant function, is differentiable on  $(1, 2)$ .

When  $x \geq 2$ , we have  $f(x) = 2x - 3$  which, being a polynomial function, is differentiable for all  $x > 2$ .

Thus, the possible points of non-differentiability of  $f(x)$  are  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ . So, let us check the differentiability of  $f(x)$  at these points.

**Differentiability at  $x = 1$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(-2x + 3) - 1}{x - 1} \quad [\because f(x) = -2x + 3 \text{ for } x < 1] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-2(x - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -2 = -2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{and, (RHD at } x = 1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - 1}{x - 1} = 0. \quad [\because f(x) = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq x < 2]$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = 1$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 1$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

**Differentiability at  $x = 2$ :**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = 2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1 - (2 \times 2 - 3)}{x - 2} \quad [\because f(x) = 1 \text{ for } 1 \leq x < 2 \text{ \& } f(2) = 2 \times 2 - 3] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1 - 1}{x - 2} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{and, (RHD at } x = 2) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{f(x) - f(2)}{x - 2} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x - 3) - (2 \times 2 - 3)}{x - 2} \quad [\because f(x) = 2x - 3 \text{ for } x \geq 2] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x - 4}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2(x - 2)}{x - 2} = 2
 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  (LHD at  $x = 2$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 2$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 2$ .

**REMARK** The function  $f(x)$  given by  $f(x) = |x - a_1| + |x - a_2| + |x - a_3| + \dots + |x - a_n|$  is not differentiable at  $x = a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ . However, it is continuous at these points.

#### BASED ON HIGHER ORDER THINKING SKILLS (HOTS)

**EXAMPLE 6** If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 3x + a, & \text{for } x \leq 1 \\ bx + 2, & \text{for } x > 1 \end{cases}$  is everywhere differentiable, find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

**SOLUTION** For  $x \leq 1$ , we have  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + a$  which is a polynomial.

For  $x > 1$ , we have  $f(x) = bx + 2$  which is also a polynomial. Since a polynomial function is everywhere differentiable. Therefore,  $f(x)$  is differentiable for all  $x > 1$  and also for all  $x < 1$ . Thus, we have to use the differentiability of  $f(x)$  at  $x = 1$  to find the values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
 &f(x) \text{ is differentiable at } x = 1 \\
 \Rightarrow &f(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 1 \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = f(1) \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^2 + 3x + a = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} bx + 2 = 1 + 3 + a \Rightarrow 1 + 3 + a = b + 2 \Rightarrow a - b + 2 = 0 \quad \dots(i)
 \end{aligned}$$

Again,  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow &(\text{LHD at } x = 1) = (\text{RHD at } x = 1) \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x + a - (4 + a)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(bx + 2) - (4 + a)}{x - 1} \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 3x - 4}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{bx - (2 + a)}{x - 1} \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x + 4)(x - 1)}{x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{bx - b}{x - 1} \quad [\text{From (i), } 2 + a = b] \\
 \Rightarrow &\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x + 4) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} b = 5 = b.
 \end{aligned}$$

Putting  $b = 5$  in (i), we get  $a = 3$ . Hence,  $a = 3$  and  $b = 5$ .

**EXAMPLE 7** Discuss the differentiability of  $f(x) = |\log_e x|$  for  $x > 0$ .

**SOLUTION** We have,

$$f(x) = |\log_e x| = \begin{cases} -\log_e x, & \text{for } 0 < x < 1 \\ \log_e x, & \text{for } x \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

Clearly,  $f(x)$  is differentiable for all  $x > 1$  as well as for all  $x < 1$ . So, we have to check its differentiability at  $x = 1$ .

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{(LHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{-\log x - \log 1}{x - 1} \quad [\because f(x) = -\log_e x \text{ for } 0 < x < 1] \\ &= -\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{\log x}{x - 1} = -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 - h)}{1 - h - 1} = -\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 - h)}{-h} = -1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{and, (RHD at } x = 1) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{f(x) - f(1)}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\log x - \log 1}{x - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 + h)}{1 + h - 1} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 + h)}{h} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

Clearly, (LHD at  $x = 1$ )  $\neq$  (RHD at  $x = 1$ ). So,  $f(x)$  is not differentiable at  $x = 1$ .

## EXERCISE 9.2

## BASIC

1. If  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2$ , find  $f'(2)$ .
2. If  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 7$ , show that  $f'(5) = 2f'\left(\frac{7}{2}\right)$ .
3. Show that the derivative of the function  $f$  given by  $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9x^2 + 12x + 9$ , at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$  are equal.
4. If for the function  $\Phi(x) = \lambda x^2 + 7x - 4$ ,  $\Phi'(5) = 97$ , find  $\lambda$ .
5. If  $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 8x - 9$ , find  $f'(4)$ .
6. Find the derivative of the function  $f$  defined by  $f(x) = mx + c$  at  $x = 0$ .

## BASED ON LOTS

7. Examine the differentiability of the function  $f$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & \text{if } -3 \leq x < -2 \\ x + 1, & \text{if } -2 \leq x < 0 \\ x + 2, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

## [NCERT EXEMPLAR]

8. Write an example of a function which is everywhere continuous but fails to be differentiable exactly at five points.

## BASED ON HOTS

9. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of  $f(x) = |\log |x||$ .
10. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of  $f(x) = e^{|x|}$ .
11. Discuss the continuity and differentiability of  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x - c) \cos\left(\frac{1}{x - c}\right), & x \neq c \\ 0, & x = c \end{cases}$
12. Is  $|\sin x|$  differentiable? What about  $\cos |x|$ ?

## ANSWERS

1. 4
2. 9
3. 112
4. m
5. Not differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $x = -2$ .
6.  $f(x) = |x| + |x - 1| + |x - 2| + |x - 3| + |x - 4|$
7. Not differentiable at  $x = \pm 1$
8. Not differentiable at  $x = 0$



11. Not differentiable at  $x = c$   
 12.  $|\sin x|$  is not differentiable at  $x = n\pi, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\cos |x|$  is everywhere differentiable.

## FILL IN THE BLANKS TYPE QUESTIONS (FBQs)

1. The function  $f(x) = |x + 1|$  is not differentiable at  $x = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 2. The function  $g(x) = |x - 1| + |x + 1|$  is not differentiable at  $x = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 3. The set of points where  $f(x) = x - [x]$  not differentiable is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 4. The number of points in  $[-\pi, \pi]$  where  $f(x) = \sin^{-1}(\sin x)$  is not differentiable is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 5. The function  $f(x) = \cos^{-1}(\cos x)$ ,  $x \in (-2\pi, 2\pi)$  is not differentiable at  $x = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 6. The function  $f(x) = |\sin x|$ ,  $\left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$  is not differentiable at  $x = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 7. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax^2 + 3, & x > 1 \\ x + \frac{5}{2}, & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$ . If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = 1$ , then  $a = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 8. If  $f(x) = x|x|$ , then  $f'(-1) = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 9. If  $f(x) = x|x|$ , then  $f'(2) = \dots\dots\dots$ .  
 10. The set of point where the function  $f(x) = |2x - 1|$  is differentiable, is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 11. The set of points where the function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x + 1, & x < 2 \\ 2x - 1, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$  is not differentiable, is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 12. An example of a function which is everywhere continuous but fails to be differentiable exactly at two points is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 13. The set of points where  $f(x) = \cos |x|$  is differentiable, is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 14. The set of points where  $f(x) = |\sin x|$  is not differentiable, is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 15. The set of points at which the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\log |x|}$  is not differentiable, is  $\dots\dots\dots$ .  
 16. The greatest integer function  $f(x) = [x]$ ,  $0 < x < 2$  is not differentiable at  $x = \dots\dots\dots$  [CBSE 2020]

## ANSWERS

1. -1    2.  $\pm 1$     3.  $\mathbb{Z}$     4. 2    5.  $\pm \pi$     6. 0    7.  $a = \frac{1}{2}$     8. 2  
 9. 4    10.  $\mathbb{R} - \left\{\frac{1}{2}\right\}$     11.  $\{2\}$     12.  $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 2|$     13.  $\mathbb{R}$   
 14.  $\{0\}$     15.  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$     16.  $x = 1$

## VERY SHORT ANSWERS QUESTIONS (VSAQs)

Answer each of the following questions in one word or one sentence or as per exact requirement of the question:

1. Define differentiability of a function at a point.  
 2. Is every differentiable function continuous?  
 3. Is every continuous function differentiable?  
 4. Give an example of a function which is continuous but not differentiable at a point.  
 5. If  $f(x)$  is differentiable at  $x = c$ , then write the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ .  
 6. If  $f(x) = |x - 2|$  write whether  $f'(2)$  exists or not.  
 7. Write the points where  $f(x) = |\log_e x|$  is not differentiable.  
 8. Write the points of non-differentiability of  $f(x) = |\log |x||$ .

9. Write the derivative of  $f(x) = |x|^3$  at  $x = 0$ .
10. Write the number of points where  $f(x) = |x| + |x - 1|$  is continuous but not differentiable.
11. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f(x) - f(c)}{x - c}$  exists finitely, write the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ .
12. Write the value of the derivative of  $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 3|$  at  $x = 2$ .
13. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 + 9}$ , write the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{f(x) - f(4)}{x - 4}$ .

## ANSWERS

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|------------|-------|----------------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 2. Yes     | 3. No | 4. $f(x) =  x $ at $x = 0$ | 5. $f'(c)$  | 6. Does not exist | 7. 1              |
| 8. $\pm 1$ | 9. 0  | 10. $x = 0, 1$             | 11. $f'(c)$ | 12. 0             | 13. $\frac{4}{5}$ |

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