

2 [Continuity and Differentiability]

• Continuity of a function -

A function $f(x)$ is said to be continuous at $x=a$, if $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$

Left Hand Limit Right hand limit

* $LHL = RHL = \text{value of a function at } x=a$.

→ if a function $f(x)$ is not continuous at $x=a$, we say $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x=a$

→ $f(x)$ will be discontinuous at $x=a$, if

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

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

→ $f(a)$ is not defined.

→ At least one of the limit doesn't exist.

ex

Q1 If $f(x) = \frac{|x|}{x}$ is it continuous at $x=0$?

→ LHL, at $x \rightarrow 0$
let, $x = 0 - h$

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

RHL, at $x \rightarrow 0$
 $x = 0 + h$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x) &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(0+h) \\ &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{|0+h|}{0+h} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

$LHL \neq RHL$ not continuous at $x=0$.

Q2 if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{when } x < 0 \\ 0 & \text{when } x = 0 \\ x^2+3 & \text{when } x > 0 \end{cases}$

is it continuous at $x=0$?

$\Rightarrow \underline{\text{LHL}}$
 $x=0$

let, $x = 0-h$

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

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

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

$= 3$

RHL

$x=0$

let, $x = 0+h$

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

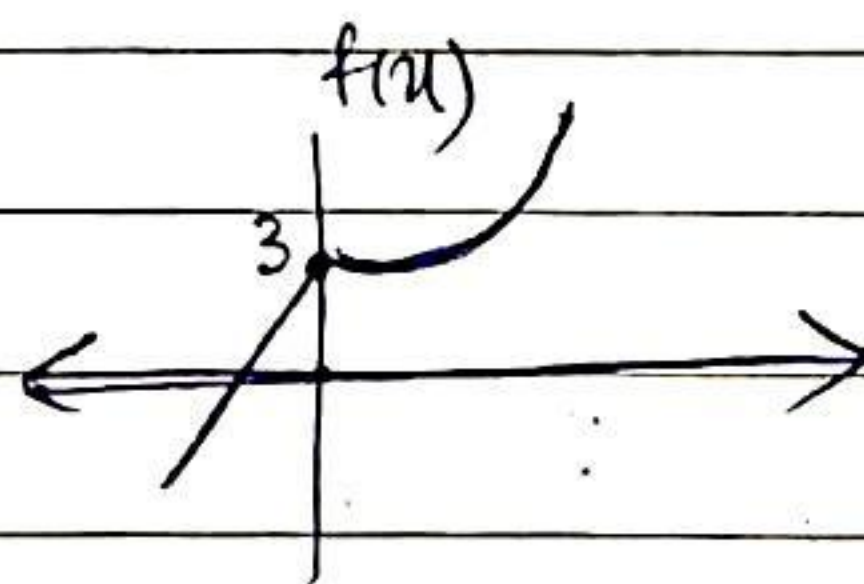
$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(0+h)^2 + 3]$

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

$= 3$

$\therefore \text{LHL} = \text{RHL} \neq f(0)$

$\rightarrow$ not continuous



Q3 $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3} & x \neq 3 \\ 3 & x = 3 \end{cases}$ check continuity at $x=3$

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

let $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2-9}{x-3}$

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

$= 6$

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$

$\rightarrow f(x)$ discontinuous at $x=3$

$f(a) \stackrel{?}{=} \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$

Q4

$$\text{if } f(x) = \begin{cases} (x+1)^{\cot x} & \text{for } x \neq 0 \\ K & \text{for } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is continuous at $x=0$, then find 'K'?

→ Given, from definition of continuous.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} e^{\cot x \ln(x+1)} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\left(\frac{\tan x}{x}\right)} = K$$

$$\Rightarrow e^1 = K$$

$$\boxed{K = e}$$

Q5) if $f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{for } x \leq 0 \\ 5x-4 & \text{, } 0 < x \leq 1 \\ 4x^2-3x & \text{, } 1 < x < 2 \\ 3x+4 & \text{, } x \geq 2 \end{cases}$

then which of the following is true -

- ~~a)~~ $f(x)$ discontinuous at $x=0$ (true)
~~b)~~ $f(x)$ is continuous at $x=1$ (~~false~~) (true)
~~c)~~ $f(x)$ is left continuous at $x=2$ (true)
~~d)~~ all of the above

$\Rightarrow$

at $x=0$

LHL,

at $x \rightarrow 0$

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

RHL,

RHL,

at $f(x)$

$x \rightarrow 0^+$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 5x-4$$

$$= -4$$

$$LHL \neq RHL$$

at $x=1$

LHL, at $x \rightarrow 1$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 5x-4$$

$$= 1$$

RHL,

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

$$= 1$$

$$LHL = RHL = f(1)$$

at $x=2$ LHL

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 4x^2 - 3x$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \times 4 - 6$$

$$= 10$$

$$\checkmark \boxed{\text{LHL} = f(2)}$$

$$f(2) = 3 \times 2 + 4$$

$$= 6 + 4$$

$$= 10$$

• Differentiability: (left derivative = RD)



Note: Every differentiable function is continuous but a continuous function need not be differentiable.

ex-1

$f(x) = |x|$, check differentiability.

best

$$\boxed{\text{LD} = \text{RD}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LD} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h} = \frac{|-h| - 0}{-h} = (-1)$$

$$\text{RD} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{+h} = \frac{|h| - 0}{h} = (1)$$

right

$$\boxed{\text{LD} \neq \text{RD}} \rightarrow \text{not differentiable.}$$

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* ex 2

let $f(x) = x|x|$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then $f(x)$ at $x=0$ is

- ☒ (a) continuous, differentiable.
☒ (b) continuous, not differentiable.
☒ (c) differentiable but not continuous.
☒ (d) neither differentiable nor continuous.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^2 & x < 0 \\ x^2 & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{L.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -x^2 = 0$$

$$\text{R.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^2 = 0$$

$$\text{L.H.L} = \text{R.H.L} \rightarrow \text{continuous} = f(0)$$

$$\text{L.D} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h(h) - 0}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h^2}{-h} = 0$$

$$\text{R.D} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{+h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} h = 0$$

$$\text{L.D} = \text{R.D} \rightarrow \text{differentiable.}$$

Simple
Ex-3

$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+|x|}$ check differentiability at $x=0$.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1-x} & x < 0 \\ \frac{1}{1+x} & x > 0 \\ 1 & x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{LD} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h}$$

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

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$$

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

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

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

$\boxed{LD \neq RD} \rightarrow$ not differentiability.

not differentiable.

ex-4

$f(x) = |x-1| + |x+1|$ discuss the continuity and differentiability of the function.

 $\Rightarrow$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -(x-1) - (x+1) & x < -1 \\ -(x-1) + (x+1) & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ (x-1) + (x+1) & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$-x+1+x+1$$

$$LD = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(0-h) - f(0)}{-h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{f(-h) - f(0)}{-h}$$

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

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{0}{-h} = \frac{0}{0} \text{ Not Differentiable.}$$

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

	$\sin$	0	$\frac{3\pi}{2}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	π
$\sin$		0		1	

~~Q. 5~~

$f(x) = [\sin x]$ when $x \in [0, 2\pi]$, which of the following is true -

- ☒ (a) $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
☒ (b) $f(x)$ is discontinuous at $x = \pi$.
☒ (c) $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = \frac{3\pi}{2}$.
☒ (d) All of the above.

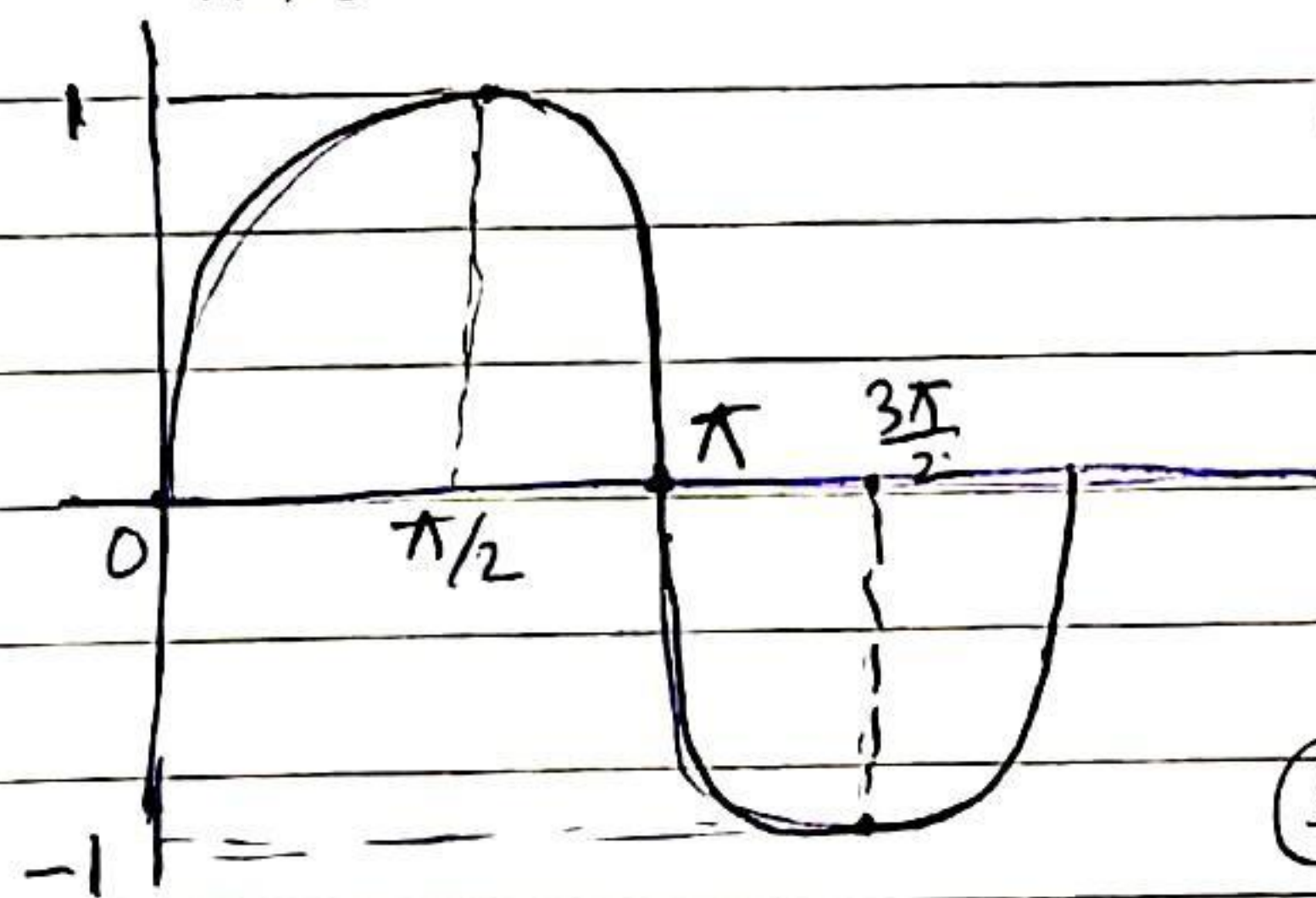
$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(0+h) - f(0)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[\sin(h)] - [0]}{h}$$

$$-1 \leq \sin x \leq 1$$

$$[\sin x]$$

$$(-1, 0, 1)$$



(a) $f(\pi/2) = 1$

$f(\pi/2^-) = 0$ discont

$f(\pi/2^+) = 0$

(b) $f(\pi) = 0$

$f(\pi^+) = -1$

(c) $f(\frac{3\pi}{2}) = -1$

$f(\frac{3\pi}{2}^+) = -1$