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# Chapter Three

## Limits and Continuity

### Definition of Limit:

If the values of function  $f$  of  $x$  approach the value  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$ , we say  $f$  has limit  $L$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  and we can write as:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \text{ (Read$$

### Example

Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 3$ , find the limit of  $f$  when  $x$  approaches 2.

Sol

From right $x \rightarrow 2$	$x$	3	2.5	2.3	2.1	2.01	2.001	2.0001	
	$f(x)$	12	9.25	8.29	7.41	7.0401	7.004001	7.00040001	$\approx 7$
From left $x \rightarrow 2$	$x$	1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.9	1.99	1.999	
	$f(x)$	4	6.61	5.89	5.25	6.9801	6.996001	6.99960001	$\approx 7$

we can note the  $x$  approach to 2 from left and right  $\Rightarrow$  Then  $f(x)$  approach to 7,

Therefore, we can say that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 7$

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IF  $f(x)$  is the identity function  $f(x) = x$ ,  
Then for any value of  $c$

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

ex 3 IF  $f$  is the constant function  $f(x) = k$

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

### Properties of Limits

IF  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_1(x) = L_1$  ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f_2(x) = L_2$  Then

1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f_1(x) + f_2(x)] = L_1 + L_2$

2  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f_1(x) - f_2(x)] = L_1 - L_2$

3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} [f_1(x) \cdot f_2(x)] = L_1 \cdot L_2$

4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} k \cdot f_2(x) = k \cdot L_2$  ( $k$  is any number)

5  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{f_1(x)}{f_2(x)} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}$  if  $L_2 \neq 0$

The limits are all taken as  $x \rightarrow c$ , and  $L_1$  and  $L_2$   
are real number

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ex 4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2}$

sol

$$\frac{(2)^2 + 2(2) + 4}{2 + 2} = \frac{12}{4} = 3$$

ex 5

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x^2 - 25}{3(x - 5)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x+5)(x-5)}{3(x-5)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x+5}{3} = \frac{5+5}{3} = \frac{10}{3}$$

ex 6 Find the limit of  $f(x) = \frac{(2+h)^2 - 4}{h}$

when  $x$  approaches to 0 (Zero)?

sol

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

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(4+h)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (4+h) = 4 + 0 = 4$$

ex 7  $\lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+n} - 2}{n}$

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sqrt{4+n} - 2}{n} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{4+n} + 2}{\sqrt{4+n} + 2} \right)$$

$$\leq \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{4+n-4}{n(\sqrt{4+n}+2)} = \lim_{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{n}{n(\sqrt{4+n}+2)}$$

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$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{4+0}+2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Find the limit of  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4+x} - 2}{x}$

when  $x$  approaches to 5

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{4+x} - 2}{x} = \frac{\sqrt{4+5} - 2}{5}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5}$$

Right-hand limits and left-hand limits.

Sometimes the value of a function  $f(x)$  tend to different limits as  $x$  approaches a number  $c$  from different sides.

when this happens, we call the limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the right the right-hand limit of  $f$  at  $c$ , and the limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the left the left-hand limit of  $f$  at  $c$ .

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x)$  (the limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the right)

$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x)$  (the limit of  $f$  as  $x$  approaches  $c$  from the left)

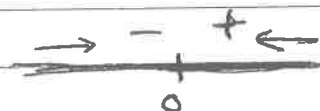
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ex1 show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$

solution

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$$



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

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

$$= -0 = 0$$

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

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

Note :- A function  $f(x)$  has a limit as  $x$  approaches  $c$  if and only if the right-hand and left-hand limits at  $c$  exist and are equal :-  
Mathematically :-

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = L \iff \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = L \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = L$$

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

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\* How to find the limit to the root functions

\* If  $c$  is start or end point to the domain

of  $f$ , we must find the right-hand limits and left-hand limit. If not, we solve directly

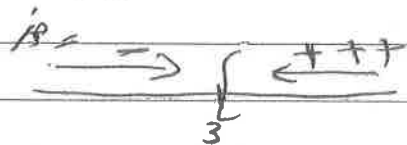
ex 1 find the limit to  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x-6}$

when  $c$  approaches to 3.

Sol  $2x-6 \geq 0 \Rightarrow 2x \geq 6 \Rightarrow x \geq 3$

$D_f = [3, \infty)$  Since  $c = 3$

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



$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (\sqrt{2 \cdot 3 - 6}) = 0$

$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) \notin D_f$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  not exist

ex 2 find the limit of  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-8}$

when  $x$  approaches to 2.

Sol  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \sqrt[3]{x-8} = \sqrt[3]{2-8} = 0$





7 ex 3 find the limit of  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{x-2}$

When  $x$  approaches  $2$ .

Sol

$$x-2 \geq 0 \rightarrow x \geq 2$$

and

$$x-2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 2$$

$$D_f = (2, \infty)$$

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} = +\infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-2}} \text{ not exist}$$

$$\therefore L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{x-2} \text{ not exist}$$

$\nexists$   $f(x)$  is a

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$$\text{ex 1 } L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$$

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

$$\therefore L^+ = L^- \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0$$

 idea

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ex Find the limit of  $f(x) = |x|$ , when  $x$  approaches to  $-1$

sol  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} |x| = |-1| = 1$

ex Find the limit  $f(x)_2$   $\begin{cases} y+2 & y \geq 0 \\ 2 & y < 0 \end{cases}$   
when  $y$  approaches to  $1$

sol  $L = \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} (y+2) = 1+2 = 3$

### \* Limits involving infinity. } }

Although there is no real number infinity. The word infinity is useful for describing how some function behave when their domains or range exceed all bounds.

Limits as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  or  $x \rightarrow -\infty$

the function  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

is defined for all real number except  $x = 0$

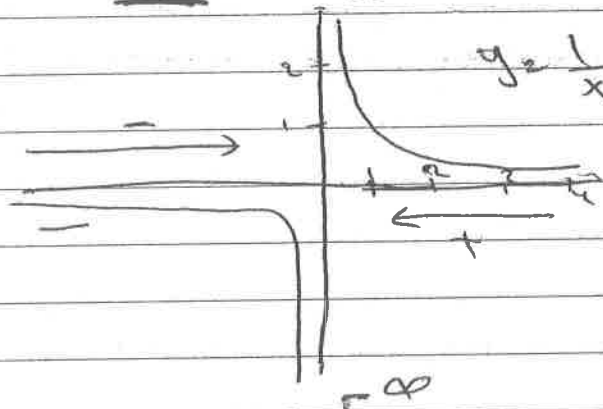
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We summarize these facts by saying

1. As  $x$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{x}$  approaches to 0
2. As  $x$  approaches 0 from the right,  $\frac{1}{x}$  approaches to  $\infty$
3. As  $x$  approaches 0 from the left,  $\frac{1}{x}$  approaches  $-\infty$
4. As  $x$  approaches to  $-\infty$ ,  $\frac{1}{x}$  approaches 0

ex 1

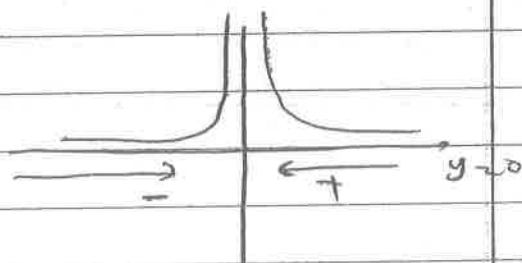
$$y = \frac{1}{x}$$



ex 2

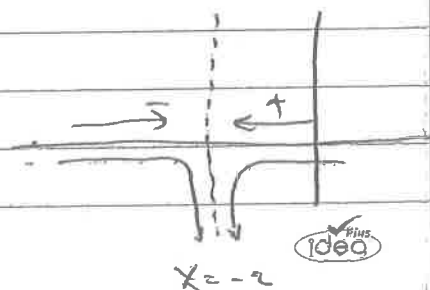
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{1}{x} = 0$$

ex 3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^2} = \infty$



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

$$= \frac{-1}{0^+}$$



Not  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = x$  ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm \infty} f(x) = x$

ex  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(4) = 4$  ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(3) = 3$

• Limits of Rational Function as  $x \rightarrow \pm \infty$

To find the limit of rational function as

$x \rightarrow \pm \infty$  (when the limit exists), we

divide the numerator and denominator by

the highest power of  $x$  in the denominator

ex1  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{2x^2-7x+5}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x}{x^2} - \frac{2}{x^2}}{\frac{2x^2}{x^2} - \frac{7x}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{2}{x^2}}{2 - \frac{7}{x} + \frac{5}{x^2}}$$

$$= \frac{0}{2-0+0} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

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ex 2

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{5x^2 + 2} &= \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2x}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{5x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}}{5 + \frac{2}{x^2}} \\ &= \frac{1 + 0}{5 + 0} = \frac{1}{5} \end{aligned}$$

ex 3  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 + x^2 + 2}{x^2 + 1}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^3}{x^2} + \frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x + 1 + \frac{2}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x = \infty$$

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

Note

even the degree of denominator less than the degree of numerator, we divide by the highest power of  $x$  in the denominator.



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ex 4  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x^3 + 7x}{2x^2 - 3x - 10}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x^3/x^2 + 7x/x^2}{2x^2/x^2 - 3x/x^2 - 10/x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-4x + 7/x}{2 - 3/x - 10/x^2}$$

$$= \frac{-\infty + (0)}{2 - (0) - (0)} = -\infty$$

Homework Find the Limit for the following Functions

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x+3}{5x+7}$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{3x}$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{10x^5 + x^4 + 31}{x^6}$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$

5. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x-2}{x-1} & x \leq 0 \\ \frac{1}{x^2} & x > 0 \end{cases}$

Find the limit of  $f(x)$  at  $x_0 = -\infty$ ,  $x_0 = \infty$ ,  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_0 = 0^-$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{-x}{7x+4} + \frac{5x+2}{2x^3-1} \right)$

7. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3-x & x < 2 \\ \frac{x}{2} & x > 2 \end{cases}$  Does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exist?

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$

Plus Idea

## Continuous Functions

we say  $f$  is continuous function in the point  $c$  if there is no any interrupt in this point and  $f$  is continuous <sup>function</sup> in a certain interval if there is no any interrupt in this interval

Def  $f$  is continuous function at  $x_0$  if and only if all three of the following conditions:

- 1-  $f(x_0)$  exist
- 2-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x)$  exist
- 3-  $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} f(x) = f(x_0)$

Note The limit in the continuous test is to be two sided if  $x_0$  is an interior point of the domain of  $f$ ; it is to be the appropriate one-sided limit if  $x_0$  is an end point of the domain.

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ex 1

Is  $f(x) = x^2$  continuous at  $x=2$

sol

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$1- f(2) = 2^2 = 4$$

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

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $x=2$

How to test Continuity Function.

1 polynomials are continuous at every point.

ex

Is  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 5$  continuous at  $x=1$

sol

$$1 \in D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$f(1) = 1^2 + 3 + 5 = 9$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 + 3x + 5) = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9$$

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=1$



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2 Rational functions are continuous if  $x_0$  belong to domain of function ( $f$ )

Ex Is  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 5x - 1}{x^2 - 3x + 2}$  continuous

at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 0$

Sol

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = (x - 2)(x - 1) \neq 0$$

either  $x \neq 2$  or  $x \neq 1$

$$\Rightarrow \therefore D_f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2, 1\}$$

$$\therefore 1 \notin \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2, 1\}$$

Therefore  $f(1)$  not

$\therefore f(x)$  not continuous

when  $x = 0$

$$0 \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2, 1\}$$

$$f(0) = \frac{0 - 0 + 0 - 1}{0 - 0 + 2} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

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

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous function.

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IF  $f(x)$  is root function,  $f(x)$  is continuous

iif:-

$x_0$  belong to domain  $f$

ex IS  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-x^2}$  at  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

sol  $x - x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow \dots$

either  $x \geq 0 \wedge 1-x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 0 \wedge x \leq 1$

$\therefore 0 \leq x \leq 1$

or  $x \leq 0 \wedge 1-x \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 0 \wedge x \geq 1$   
 $\Rightarrow \emptyset$

$D_f = [0, 1]$

There fore  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2} \in D_f = [0, 1]$ , then we find the continuous of  $f$ .

$f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$

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

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} f(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$\therefore f$  continuous at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

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(b) If  $x_0$  is a bounded point of domain of  $f$ , it must satisfy the last condition.

ex Is  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-x^2}$  at  $x=0$  and  $x=1$

Sol  $D_f = [0, 1]$

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

$$f(0) = \sqrt{0-0} = 0$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at 0

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

$$f(1) = \sqrt{1-1} = 0$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at 1

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ex IS  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & x \geq 0 \\ 1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$  when  $x \geq 0$

Sol  $0 \in D_f = \mathbb{R}$

when  $f(0) = 0+1 = 1$

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

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

$$L^+ = L^-$$

$\therefore$  Limit of  $f(x)$  is exist

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x=0$

ex2 IS  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2-4}{x-2} & x \neq 2 \\ 3 & x = 2 \end{cases}$  Continuous at  $x=2$

Sol  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$   
 $2 \in D_f$

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

$$= \frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{\cancel{x-2}}$$

$$= 4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \neq f(2)$$

$\therefore f$  is not continuous at  $x=2$

## 19 Note

Can we redefine the  $f$  in pag 18 ex 2 to make it continuous at  $x_0 = 2$

Sol Yes, we can that as a following definition.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} & x \neq 2 \\ 4 & x = 2 \end{cases}$$

$$f(2) = 4, \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2} = 4$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4 = f(2)$$

$\therefore f(x)$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 2$

ex 3  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 - 1}{x - 1} & x \neq 1 \\ k & x = 1 \end{cases}$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 1$ , find the value of  $k$

Sol  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$

$\sim f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 1$

$$\therefore f(1) = k$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) = 3 \Rightarrow k = 3$$

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Note If the function  $(f)$  is not continuous at certain point  $(x_0)$  in the domain,  $f$  called discontinuous at this point  $(x_0)$

ex  $\text{sgn } x$  discontinuous at  $x=0$

since  $\text{sgn}(0) = 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \text{sgn}(x) = 1$$

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

$$\therefore L^+ \neq L^-$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{sgn}(x) \text{ not exist}$$

ex IS  $f(x) = [x]$  continuous at  $x = \frac{1}{2}, x = -3$

sol

$$f(-3) = [-3] = -3$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} [x] = -3$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow -3^-} [x] = -4$$

$$L^+ \neq L^-$$

$\therefore$  the limit of  $f$  is not exist.

$\therefore f(x)$  is discontinuous at  $x_0 = -3$

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Another way to solve the example when  $x_0 = \frac{1}{2}$

$$\textcircled{1} f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \left[\frac{1}{2}\right] = 0$$

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

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}} f(x) = 0 = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Generally, greatest integer function is discontinuous  
for all integer numbers (I).

## Algebraic Properties of Continuous Function

A. If the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $x = x_0$ , then the following combinations are continuous at  $x = x_0$ .

1. Sums  $f + g$
2. Differences  $f - g$
3. Products  $f \cdot g$
4. Quotients  $f/g$  (provided  $g(x) \neq 0$ )

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§ Constant multiples:  $kg$  (any number  $k$ )

6- If  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0$  and  $g$  is continuous at  $f(x_0)$ , then the composite  $g \circ f$  is continuous at  $x_0$ .

B- Any polynomial is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

C- Any constant function is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

Ex 1 Find the intervals in which the following functions are continuous.

1-  $f(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 + 22x^2 - 6x + 17$

$f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$  since  $f$  is polynomial

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

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = (x-1)(x-3) \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \neq 1, x \neq 3$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{1, 3\}$

3-  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$   
 $x \geq 0$

$f$  is continuous on  $[0, \infty)$



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ex 2

$$\text{Graph } f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & x < 0 \\ x^2 & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ 4 & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

and  $f$ prove that  $f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$ Sol  $D_f = \mathbb{R}$ 1. When  $x < 0 \Rightarrow f(x) = 0$  $\therefore f$  is continuous since  $f$  is constant function from  $(-\infty, 0)$ 2. When  $0 \leq x < 2$ ,  $f(x) = x^2$  $\therefore f$  is continuous on  $[0, 2)$  since  $f$  is polynomial3. When  $x \geq 2$ ,  $f(x) = 4$  $\therefore f$  is continuous since  $f$  is constant function on  $[2, \infty)$ To find the continuity of function at  $x_0 = 0$  and  $x_0 = 2$ 1. When  $x_0 = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 0$ 

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

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

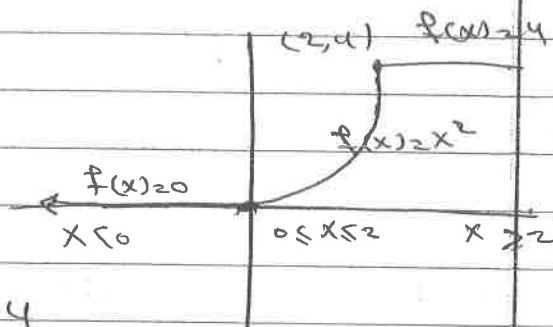
$$\therefore L^+ = L^- \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0 = f(0)$$

 $\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$

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2- When  $x_0 = 2$

$$f(2) = 4$$



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

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^2 = 4$$

$$L^+ = L^- = 4$$

$$\therefore f(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 4$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 2$

$\therefore f$  is continuous on  $\mathbb{R}$

Theorem:

IF  $f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = d$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x) = d \text{ Then}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (f \circ g)(x) = f(\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} g(x)) = f(d)$$

ex Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \sqrt{2(2-x) + x^3}$

sol let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  and  $g(x) = 2(2-x) + x^3$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(2(2-x) + x^3)$$

$$= \sqrt{2(2-x) + x^3}$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (f \circ g)(x) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2(2-x) + x^3)\right) \\ = f(25) = 5$$

ex2 Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} \left(\frac{9x^2-1}{3x-1}\right)^4$

sol let  $f(x) = x^4$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{9x^2-1}{3x-1}$

Then

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f\left(\frac{9x^2-1}{3x-1}\right) = \left(\frac{9x^2-1}{3x-1}\right)^4$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} (f \circ g)(x) = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} \frac{9x^2-1}{3x-1}\right)$$

$$= f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} (3x+1)\right)$$

$$= f\left(3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + 1\right)$$

$$= f(2)$$

$$= 2^4 = 16$$

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## Exercises

Find the limit for the following functions.

$$1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{1}{x}} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x}} = \sqrt{0} = 0$$

$$2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 3}{x^4 + 4x + 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^2}{x^4} + \frac{2x}{x^4} + \frac{3}{x^4}}{\frac{x^4}{x^4} + \frac{4x}{x^4} + \frac{4}{x^4}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{3}{x^4}}{1 + \frac{4}{x^3} + \frac{4}{x^4}}$$

$$= \frac{0 + 2(0) + 3(0)}{1 + 4(0) + 4(0)} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$3 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4x^5 - 2x^2 + 5x + 1}{2x^5 + x^3 + 5} =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 \frac{x^5}{x^5} - \frac{2x^2}{x^5} + \frac{5x}{x^5} + \frac{1}{x^5}}{2 \frac{x^5}{x^5} + \frac{x^3}{x^5} + \frac{5}{x^5}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{4 - \frac{2}{x^3} + \frac{5}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^5}}{2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^5}}$$

$$= \frac{4 - 0 + 0 + 0}{2 + 0 + 0} = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

$$4 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^4 + 2x^3 + x + 1}{2x^5 + 5x - 3x^2} = \frac{0}{2} = 0$$

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$$5 - \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x - 5}{3x^2 + 5x + 1}$$

$$\leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{x^3}{x^2} - \frac{2x}{x^2} - \frac{5}{x^2}}{3\frac{x^2}{x^2} + \frac{5x}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$\leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x - \frac{2}{x} - \frac{5}{x^2}}{3 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2}}$$

$$\frac{\infty - 0 - 0}{3 + 0 + 0} = \infty$$

$$6 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0^+ \\ x > 0}} \frac{1}{x^3} = \frac{1}{0^+} = \infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0^- \\ x < 0}} \frac{1}{x^3} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$$L^+ \neq L^-$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^3} \text{ is not exist}$$

$$7 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x^6} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 0^- \\ x < 0}} \frac{1}{x^6} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$$L^+ = L^-$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^6} = +\infty$$

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4}{(x-3)^4}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{4}{(x-3)^4} = \frac{4}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{4}{(x-3)^4} = \frac{4}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$$L^+ = L^-$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{4}{(x-3)^4} = +\infty$$

$$9) \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{(x-5)^3}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{(x-5)^3} = \frac{1}{0^+} = +\infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} \frac{1}{(x-5)^3} = \frac{1}{0^-} = -\infty$$

$$L^+ \neq L^-$$

$\therefore$  limit of  $f$  not exist.

$$10) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x+1}}$$

$$x+1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1 \quad D_f = (-1, \infty)$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x+1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{-1^++1}} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{0^+}} = \frac{2}{0} = \infty$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x+1}} \quad \text{the limit from left not exist}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{x+1}} \text{ not exist } \textcircled{\text{ideq}}$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{x^2}{x^2} - \frac{4x}{x^2} + \frac{4}{x^2}}$$

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

12  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x(x+1)}{x} + |x| \right)$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x+1)}{x} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x|$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x+1) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x|$$

$$= (0+1) + 0 = 1$$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} |x| = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x = 0$$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} |x| = 0 \quad \text{Since } L^+ = L^- = 0$$

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13)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 - 2x + 3)$

H-W

14)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{[x]^2 - 9}{x^2 - 9}$

$x$	$[x]$
$2 \leq x < 3$	2
$3 \leq x < 4$	3

$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{[x]^2 - 9}{x^2 - 9}$   
 $x > 3$

$$= \frac{3^2 - 9}{0^+} = \frac{9 - 9}{0^+} = \frac{0}{0^+}$$

very small value +

$L^- = \lim_{\substack{x \rightarrow 3^- \\ x < 3}} \frac{[x]^2 - 9}{x^2 - 9}$

$$= \frac{(2)^2 - 9}{0^-} = \frac{-5}{0^-} = +\infty$$

$L^+ \neq L^-$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{[x]^2 - 9}{x^2 - 9}$  not exist.

15)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [x]$

$= [4] = 4$

$4 \leq x < 5$   
 $[x] = 4$

16)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x+1|}{[x]}$

$|x+1| = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x+1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1 \\ 0 & x+1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1 \\ -x-1 & x+1 < 0 \Rightarrow x < -1 \end{cases}$



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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x] =$$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} [x] = 0$$

$x$	$[x]$
$1 \leq x < 2$	1
$0 \leq x < 1$	0

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} [x] = -1$$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [x]$  not exist

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x+1|}{[x]}$  is not exist.

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$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} ([x] - x)$$

$x$	$[x]$
$4 \leq x < 5$	4

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} [x] - \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} x$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} 4 - 4 = 4 - 4 = 0$$

18)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x+3}{5x+7}$  H.W

19)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2-6x}{5x+8}$  H.W

20)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{2x^2+3}{x^3+x-5} \cdot \text{sgn}(x) \right)$

$$\text{sgn}(x) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ -1 & x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2+3}{x^3+x-5} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \text{sgn}(x)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2/x^3 + 3/x^3}{x^3/x^3 + x/x^3 - 5/x^3} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1)$$

plus  
1deg

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$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2/x + 3/x^3}{1 + 1/x^2 - 5/x^3} = 1$$

$$= \frac{2(0) + 3(0)^3}{1 + (0)^2 + 5(0)^3} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

Some exercises on Continuity.

Q1: Test the functions continuity at  $x_0$ :

A:  $f(x) = x^2$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$0 \in D_f \quad f(0) = (0)^2 = 0$$

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

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

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

B:  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$1. \quad 0 \in D_f \quad f(0) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$3. \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$

$$C. f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x + 5}$$

$$x_0 = -5$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-5\}$$

$$1. -5 \notin D_f, f(-5) \text{ not exist}$$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x = -5$

$$D. f(x) = [x], \quad x_0 = 2$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$1. 2 \in D_f$$

$$f(2) = [2] = 2$$

$$2. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$$

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

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

$$L^+ \neq L^-$$

$x$	$[x]$
$1 \leq x < 2$	1
$2 \leq x < 3$	2

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \text{ is not exist}$$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x_0 = 2$

Q1  $f(x) = \frac{|x^2 - 8|}{x - 9}$ ,  $x_0 = -4$ , H.W

Q2 IS the following functions are continuous at  $x_0 = 0$ . If these functions discontinuous, redefine the function to be continuous at  $x_0 = 0$

A-  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 + 3x}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$D_f = \mathbb{R}$

1.  $0 \in D_f$ ,  $f(0) = 0$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x^2 + 3)}{x}$   
 $\neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (x^2 + 3) = (0)^2 + 3 = 3$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq f(0)$ ,  $3 \neq 0$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x_0 = 0$

We can redefine the function to make it continuous

$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^3 + 2x}{x} & x \neq 0 \\ 2 & x = 0 \end{cases}$

$f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$

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$$B - f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \end{cases}, x_0 = 0$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

1.  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(0) = 0$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$

$$L^+ = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1$$

$$L^- = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{|x|}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{-x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} -1 = -1$$

$$\therefore L^+ \neq L^-$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \text{ is not exist}$$

$$\therefore f \text{ is discontinuous at } x_0 = 0$$

and we can not redefine the function  
since the limit is not exist.

C  $f(x) = x^3$ ,  $x_0 = 0$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

1.  $0 \in D_f$ ,  $f(0) = (0)^3 = 0$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 = (0)^3 = 0$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$

$f$  is continuous  
at  $x_0 = 0$

$$1) D. f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + x & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$1. 0 \in D_f \rightarrow f(0) = 1$$

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

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \neq f(0)$$

$\therefore f$  is discontinuous at  $x_0 = 0$

We can redefine the function as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2} + x & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$

$$Ex: f(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt[3]{x} & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$D_f = \mathbb{R}$$

$$1) 0 \in D_f \quad f(0) = 0$$

$$2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sqrt[3]{x} = \sqrt[3]{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x} = \sqrt[3]{0} = 0$$

$$3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = f(0) = 0$$

$\therefore f$  is continuous at  $x_0 = 0$  idea

## Homework. For Limits and Continuity

Q1 Find the limits for the following functions if exist.

$$1. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+h)^3 - 8}{h}$$

$$2. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right]$$

$$3. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^3 + 8}{x + 2}$$

$$4. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^{10} + 1024}{x + 2}$$

$$5. \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{n^2 + n} - n)$$

$$6. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{\sqrt{x} - 2}{x - 4}$$

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x + 4}}{x}$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \begin{cases} x^2 & x < 4 \\ \sqrt{x} & x \geq 4 \end{cases}$$

Q2 Let  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{\sqrt{x}-1}$  and  $x \neq 1$ ,

Find  $f(1)$  which makes  $f$  is continuous at 1?

Q3 Find all the points which the following functions are discontinuous.

1  $f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-3}}$

2  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3}$

3  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

4  $f(x) = \frac{x+2}{x^2-5x+6}$

5  $f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| & \text{if } |x| \leq 1 \\ 2-x^2 & \text{if } |x| > 1 \end{cases}$