

QB365 Question Bank Software Study Materials

Differential Calculus - Limits and Continuity Important 2 Marks Questions With Answers (Book Back and Creative)

11th Standard

Maths

Total Marks : 60

2 Marks

30 x 2 = 60

- 1) Complete the table using calculator and use the result to estimate the limit.

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

x	1.9	1.99	1.999	2.001	2.01	2.1
f(x)	0.25641	0.25062	0.250062	0.24993	0.24937	0.24390

Answer : Let $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \frac{x-2}{(x-2)(x+2)} = \frac{1}{x+2}$
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{x^2-4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{1}{x+2} = \frac{1}{4} = 0.25$

- 2) In problem, using the table estimate the value of the limit

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\sqrt{1-x}-2}{x+3}$$

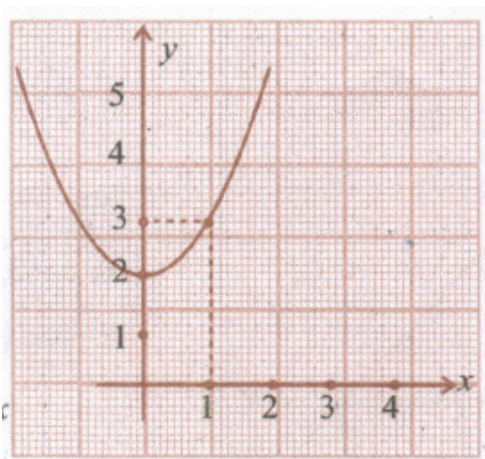
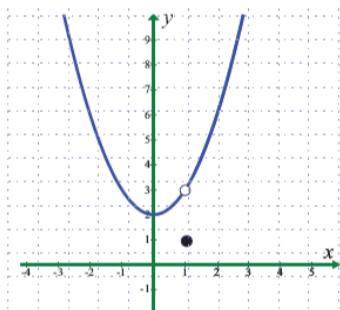
x	-3.1	-3.01	-3.00	-2.999	-2.99	-2.9
f(x)	-0.24845	-0.24984	-0.24998	-0.25001	-0.25015	-0.25158

Answer : Let $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1-x}-2}{x+3}$
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{\sqrt{1-x}-2}{x+3} = -0.250$

- 3) Use the graph to find the limits (if it exists). If the limit does not exist, explain why?

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

$$\text{where } f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2+2, & x \neq 1 \\ 1, & x = 1 \end{cases}$$



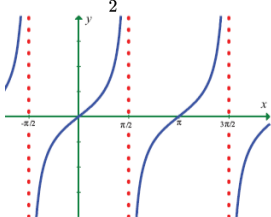
Answer :

At $x = 1$, the value of the curve on the y-axis is 3.

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

- 4) Use the graph to find the limits (if it exists). If the limit does not exist, explain why?

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan x$$



Answer : $\tan x$ can be made arbitrarily large when x is chosen sufficiently close to $\frac{\pi}{2}$ in the left side.

Similarly it can be made arbitrarily small when x is chosen sufficiently closer to $\frac{\pi}{2}$ in the right side.

$\tan x$ is chosen sufficiently closer to $\frac{\pi}{2}$ in the right side.

x is chosen sufficiently close $\frac{\pi}{2}$ to in the right side.

$\tan x$ does not approach any value when x approaches $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Indeed $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^-} \tan x = \text{and} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}^+} \tan x = -\infty$.

Hence the limit does not exist.

- 5) If the limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 2 is 4, can you conclude anything about $f(2)$? Explain reasoning.

Answer : Limit of $f(x)$ as x approaches 2 is the nature of (x) on both sides of 2.

It is independent of the nature of $f(x)$ at $x = 2$.

Therefore we can not conclude anything about $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$ from $f(2) = 4$

- 6) Calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (5)$ for any real number x_0 .

Answer : $f(x) = 5$ is a polynomial (of degree 0).

Hence $\lim_{x \rightarrow x_0} (5) = f(x_0) = 5$.

- 7) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1}$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3-1}{x-1} = 3(1)^{3-1} = 3$.

- 8) Evaluate the following limits :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4-16}{x-2}$$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4-16}{x-2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^4-2^4}{x-2} [\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n-a^n}{x-a} = n \cdot a^{n-1}]$
 $= 4(2)^{4-1} = 4(2)^3 = 4(8) = 32$

- 9) Evaluate the following limits :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x+4}-3}{x-5}$$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x+4}-3}{x-5}$

Multiplying and dividing by $\sqrt{x+4}+3$ we get,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x+4}-3}{x-5} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x+4}+3}{\sqrt{x+4}+3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x+4)-3^2}{x-5[\sqrt{x+4}+3]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x+4)-9}{(x-5)[\sqrt{x+4}+3]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{(x-5)[\sqrt{x+4}+3]} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+4}+3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{5+4}+3} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}+3} = \frac{1}{3+3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

- 10) Evaluate the following limits :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}-1}{x}$$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}-1}{x}$

Multiplying and dividing by $(\sqrt{1+x}+1)$ we get,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x}-1}{x} \times \frac{\sqrt{1+x}+1}{\sqrt{1+x}+1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)-1}{x[\sqrt{1+x}+1]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x[\sqrt{1+x}+1]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+0}+1} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

- 11) Evaluate the following limits :

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}-2}{x-5}$$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}-2}{x-5}$

Multiplying and dividing by $(\sqrt{x-1}+2)$ we get,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}-2}{x-5} \times \frac{\sqrt{x-1}+2}{\sqrt{x-1}+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-1)-4}{x-5[\sqrt{x-1}+2]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)}{(x-5)[\sqrt{x-1}+2]}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x-1}+2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5-1}+2}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{\sqrt{x-1}-2}{x-5} = \frac{1}{4}$$

- 12) Calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3+2x+3}{(5x^2+1)}$.

Answer : Dividing by x^2

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

That is, $\frac{x^3 + 2x + 3}{(5x^2 + 1)} \rightarrow \infty$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

In other words, the limit does not exist.

Note that the degree of numerator is higher than that of the denominator.

13) Calculate $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-x^3}{3x+2}$

Answer : Dividing by x , we get

$$\frac{1-x^3}{3x+2} = \frac{\frac{1}{x} - x^2}{3 + \frac{2}{x}} \rightarrow -\infty \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

Therefore the limit does not exist.

14) Evaluate the following limits : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{x})^{7x}$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{x})^{7x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [(1 + \frac{1}{x})^x]^7$

Put $\frac{1}{x} = t$,

when $x \rightarrow \infty$ means $\frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore \frac{1}{x} \rightarrow 0$ means $t \rightarrow 0$

$$= [\lim_{t \rightarrow 0} (1 + t)^{\frac{1}{t}}]^7 = e^7 \quad [\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e]$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (1 + \frac{1}{x})^{7x} = e^7$$

15) Prove that $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 5$ is continuous at all points in \mathbf{R} .

Answer : Given $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x - 5$

$f(x)$ is an algebraic function.

Since the algebraic function is continuous in \mathbf{R}

$f(x)$ is continuous at all points in \mathbf{R} .

16) Examine the continuity of the following : $\frac{x^2-16}{x+4}$

Answer : Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2-16}{x+4}$

The algebraic function is continuous for all $x \in \mathbf{R}$.

Since the curve $f(x)$ does not exist for $x = -4$, the given function is continuous only in $\mathbf{R} - \{-4\}$.

17) Examine the continuity of the following: $\cot x + \tan x$

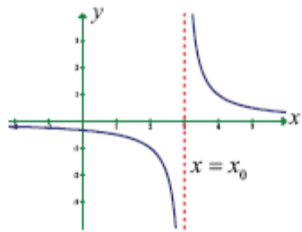
Answer : Let $f(x) = \cot x + \tan x$

$\cot x$ is not continuous in multiples of π and $\tan x$ is not continuous in $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2}$.

$\therefore f(x) = \cot x + \tan x$ is not continuous in $(2n+1)\frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{\pi}{2}$,

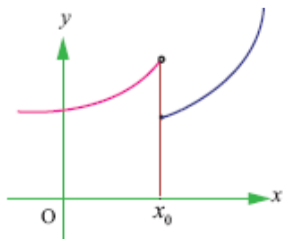
$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is continuous in $\mathbf{R} - \frac{n\pi}{2}, n \in \mathbf{Z}$.

18) State how continuity is destroyed at $x = x_0$ for each of the following graphs.



Answer : The limit of $f(x)$ does not exist at $x = x_0$.

19) State how continuity is destroyed at $x = x_0$ for each of the following graphs.



Answer : The left-hand limit and right-hand limit does not coincide at $x = x_0$.

20) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x)^5 - 2^5}{x}$

Answer : Put $2 + x = y$ so that as $y \rightarrow 2$ as $x \rightarrow 0$.

$$\text{Therefore, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2+x)^5 - 2^5}{x} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 2} \frac{y^5 - 2^5}{y-2} = 5(2^4) = 80$$

21) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1+(x-1)^2}{1+x^2}$

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

22) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 9}{x-27}$

Answer : $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}} - 9}{x-27} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{\frac{2}{3}} - (27)^{\frac{2}{3}}}{x-27} = \frac{2}{3}(27)^{\frac{2}{3}-1} = \frac{2}{3}(27)^{-\frac{1}{3}}$
 $= \frac{2}{3(27)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{2}{3(3^3)^{\frac{1}{3}}} = \frac{2}{3(3)} = \frac{2}{9}$

23) Evaluate $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$

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

24) Evaluate: $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{5x} - 1}{x}$

Answer : $\lim_{5x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{5x} - 1}{x} \times 5 = 5(1)$

25) If $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & x \leq 0 \\ 3(x + 1), & x > 0 \end{cases}$. Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$

Answer : $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x + 3, & x \leq 0 \\ 3(x + 1), & x > 0 \end{cases}$

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

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

So, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ exists and is equal to 3.

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

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$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 3(x + 1) = 3(1 + 1) = 6$

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

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist.

26) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$, if $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & x \leq 1 \\ -x^2 - 1 & x > 1 \end{cases}$

Answer : We have,

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

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

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

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

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ does not exist

27) Evaluate $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n}{n^2}$

Answer : We have,

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n+1)! - n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n+1)n! - n!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1-1}$
 $= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} = 0$

28) Find $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x}{x^2 - 9}$

Answer : Write

$$F(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x = x(x-3)^2 = (x-3)f(x)$$

$$\text{where } f(x) = x(x-3)$$

$$G(x) = x^2 - 9 = (x-3)(x+3)$$

$$= (x-3)g(x) \text{ where } g(x) = x+3$$

$$\therefore \frac{F(x)}{G(x)} = \frac{(x-3)f(x)}{(x-3)g(x)} = \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} \text{ and } g(3) = 6 \neq 0$$

Now, by applying Theorem we get,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x}{x^2 - 9} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{F(x)}{G(x)} = \frac{f(3)}{g(3)} = \frac{3(3-3)}{3+3} = \frac{0}{6} = 0$$

29) Compute $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{x}$

Answer : We have $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{x} = 3 \lim_{3x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{3x}$
 $= 3 \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^y - 1}{y}$, where $Y = 3x$
 $= 3 \cdot 1 = 3$

30) If $f: R \rightarrow R$ is such that $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$ for all $x, y \in R$, then f is continuous on R if it is continuous at a single point.

Answer : Let f be continuous at $x_0 \in R$.

$$\text{Then } \lim_{t \rightarrow x_0} f(t) = f(x_0)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} f(x_0 + h) = f(x_0)$$

Let $x \in R$. Now, since

$$(f(x+h) - f(x)) = f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0) \text{ we have}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (f(x_0 + h) - f(x_0)) = 0$$

Therefore f is continuous at x .

Since $x \in R$ is arbitrary, f is continuous on R .