

Chapter 5: CONTINUITY AND DIFFERENTIABILITY

Exercise – 5.1

Q1. Prove that the function $f(x) = 5x - 3$ is continuous at $x = 0$, at $x = -3$ and at $x = 5$.

A.1. Given, $f(x) = 5x - 3$

$$\text{At } x = 0, \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 5x - 3 = 5 \times 0 - 3 = -3.$$

So f is continuous at $x = 0$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At } x = -3, \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -3} 5x - 3 = 5(-3) - 3 = -15 - 3 \\ &= -18. \end{aligned}$$

So f is continuous at $x = -3$.

$$\text{At } x = 5, \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} 5x - 3 = 5 \times 5 - 3 = 25 - 3 = 22.$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 5$.

Q2. Examine the continuity of the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$ at $x = 3$.

A.2. Given, $f(x) = 2x^2 - 1$

At $x = 3$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2(3)^2 - 1 = 18 - 1 = 17.$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 3$.

Q3. Examine the following functions for continuity.

$$(a) f(x) = x - 5 \quad (b) f(x) = \frac{1}{x-5}, x \neq 5$$

$$(c) f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x+5}, x \neq -5 \quad (d) f(x) = |x - 5|$$

A.3. (a) Given, $f(x) = x - 5$.

The given $f(x)$ is a polynomial $f(x)$ and as every polynomial $f(x)$ is continuous in its domain $\mathbb{R}$ we conclude that $f(x)$ is continuous.

$$(b). \text{ Given, } f(x) = \frac{1}{x-5}, x \neq 5$$

For any $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{5\}$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{(x-5)} = \frac{1}{a-5}.$$

$$\text{and } f(a) = \frac{1}{a-5}$$

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

Hence f is continuous in its domain.

$$(c) \text{ Given, } f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 25}{x+5}, x \neq -5$$

For any $a \in \mathbb{R} - \{-5\}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^2 - 25}{x+5} = \frac{a^2 - 25}{a+5} = \frac{(a-5)(a+5)}{a+5} = a-5$$

$$\text{And } f(a) = \frac{a^2 - 25}{a+5} = \frac{(a-5)(a+5)}{a+5}.$$

$$= a - 5$$

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

So, f is continuous in its domain.

$$(d) \text{ Given } f(x) = |x-5| = \begin{cases} x-5 & , \text{ if } x-5 > 0 \Rightarrow x > 5 \\ -(x-5) & \text{ if } x-5 < 0 \Rightarrow x < 5. \end{cases}$$

For $x = c < 5$.

$$f(c) = -(c-5) = 5-c.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} -(x-5) = -(c-5) = 5-c.$$

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

So f is continuous.

For $x = c > 5$.

$$f(c) = (c-5) = c-5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} (x-5) = c-5.$$

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

So, f is continuous.

For $x = c = 5$,

$$f(5) = 5-5 = 0$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} -(x-5) = -(5-5) = 0$$

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

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = f(5) = 0$$

Hence f is continuous.

Q4. Prove that the function $f(x) = x^n$ is continuous at $x = n$, where n is a positive integer.

A.4. Given, $f(x) = x^n$, $n = \text{positive}$.

At $x = 2$,

$$f(x) = n^n.$$

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

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

So f is continuous at $x = n$.

Q5. Is the function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 5, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

continuous at $x = 0$? At $x = 2$?

Find all points of discontinuity of f , where f is defined by

A.5. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ 5, & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$

At $x = 0$,

$$f(0) = 0$$

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

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

So, f is continuous at $x = 0$.

At $x = 1$,

Left hand limit,

$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x = 1.$$

Right hand limit,

$$\text{R. H. L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 5 = 5.$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

So, f is not continuous at $x = 1$.

At $x = 2$,

$$f(2) = 5.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} 5 = 5$$

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

So f is continuous at $x = 2$.

Find all points of discontinuity of f , where f is defined by

Q6.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 2x-3 & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

A.6. Given
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 2x-3 & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$$

For $x = c < 2$,

$$f(c) = 2c + 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} 2x + 3 = 2c + 3$$

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

So f is continuous at $x < 2$.

For $x = c > 2$.

$$f(c) = 2c - 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} 2x - 3 = 2c - 3$$

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

So f is continuous at $x = 2$.

For $x = c = 2$,

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 2x + 3 = 2 \cdot 2 + 3 = 4 + 3 = 7.$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 2x - 3 = 2 \cdot 2 - 3 = 4 - 3 = 1.$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

$\therefore f$ is not continuous at $x = 2$, i.e., point of discontinuity

Q7.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| + 3 & \text{if } x \leq -3 \\ -2x & \text{if } -3 < x < 3 \\ 6x + 2 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

A.7. Given,
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| + 3 & \text{if } x \leq -3 \\ -2x & \text{if } -3 < x < 3 \\ 6x + 2 & \text{if } x \geq 3 \end{cases}$$

For $x = c < -3$,

$$f(-3) = -e + 3 \quad (\because x < -3, |x| = -x)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} |x| + 3 = -a + 3.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = c < -3$.

For $x = c > 3$

$$f(3) = 6 \cdot 3 + 2 = 18 + 2 = 20$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} 6x + 2 = 18 + 2 = 20$$

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

So f is continuous at $x = c > 3$.

For $C = -3$,

$$f(-3) = -(-3) + 3 = 6.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^-} -x + 3 = -(-3) + 3 = 6.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c^+} (-2x) = -2(-3) = 6.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = c = -3$.

For $c = 3$,

$$f(3) = 6.3 + 2 = 18 + 2 = 20.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} -2x = -2(3) = -6$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} (6x + 2) = 6.3 + 2 = 20$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x).$$

f is not continuous at $x = 3$ point of discontinuity

Q8.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

A.8. Given, $f(x) = |x| - |x+1|$.

For $x = c < 0$,

$$f(c) = -1$$

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

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

f is continuous at $x = 0$.

For $x = c > 0$,

$$F(c) = 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \neq 1.$$

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

f is continuous at $x > 0$.

For $x = c - 0$.

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-1) = -1$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

is now continuous at $x = 0$, π point of discontinuity of f is at $x = 0$.

Q9.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|}, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

A.9. Given,
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|} & \text{if } x < 0 \\ -1 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{-x} = -1 & \text{if } x < 0 \\ \frac{x}{2} - 1 & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$$

So, $f(x) = -1 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} -1 = -1 \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R}$

$\therefore f$ is continuous in its domain

Hence, f has no point of discontinuity.

Q10.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & \text{if } x \geq 1 \\ x^2+1, & \text{if } x < 1 \end{cases}$$

A.10. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x \geq 1 \\ x^2+1, & x < 1. \end{cases}$

For $x = c < 1$,

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

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

So f is continuous at $x = c < 1$.

For $x = c > 1$,

$$f(c) = c + 1$$

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

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

So, f is continuous at $x = c > 1$.

$$\text{For } x = c = 1, \quad f(1) = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^2 + 1 = 1^2 + 1 = 2.$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(1)$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 1$. Hence f has no point of discontinuity.

Q11. $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 3, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 + 1, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

A.11. Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - 3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ x^2 + 1 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

For $x = c < 2$,

$$f(c) = c^3 - 3$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^3 - 3 = c^3 - 3.$$

So f is continuous at $x < 2$.

For $x = c > 2$

$$f(c) = x^2 + 1 = c^2 + 1$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x > 2$.

$$\text{For } x = c = 2, f(2) = 2^3 - 3 = 8 - 3 = 5.$$

$$\text{L.H.L. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} x^3 - 3 = 2^3 - 3 = 5.$$

$$\text{R.H.L. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x^2 + 1 = 2^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{R.H.L.} = \text{L.H.L.} = f(2).$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 2$

Hence f has no point of discontinuity.

Q12.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{10} - 1, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x^2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

A.12. Given,
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{10} - 1, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x^2, & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

For $x = c < 1$.

$$f(c) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = c^{10} - 1.$$

So, f is continuous for $x < 1$.

For $x = c > 1$.

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

So, f is continuous for $x > 1$.

For $x = c = 1$,

$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x^{10} - 1 = 1^{10} - 1 = 0.$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x^2 = 1^2 = 1.$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

So, f is not continuous at $x = 1$.

Hence, f has point of discontinuity at $x = 1$.

Q13. Is the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+5, & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x-5, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases} \text{ a continuous function?}$$

Discuss the continuity of the function f , where f is defined by

A.13. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+5 & \text{if } x \leq 1 \\ x-5 & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$

For $x = c < 1$.

$$f(c) = c + 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x + 5 = c + 5$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x < 1$.

For $x = c > 1$

$$f(c) = c - 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x - 5 = c - 5.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = 1$.

For $x = 1$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} x + 5 = 1 + 5 = 6.$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} x - 5 = 1 - 5 = -4.$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

f is not continuous at $x = 1$

So, point of discontinuity of f is at $x = 1$.

Discuss the continuity of the function f , where f is defined by

$$\text{Q14. } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 4, & \text{if } 1 < x < 3 \\ 5, & \text{if } 3 \leq x \leq 10 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{A.14. Given, } f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 4 & 1 < x < 3 \\ 5 & 3 \leq x \leq 10. \end{cases}$$

For $x = c$ such that $0 \leq c < 1$,

$$f(c) = 3$$

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

So, f is continuous in $[0, 1]$.

For $x = c = 1$,

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 3 = 3.$$

$$\text{R.H.L. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 4 = 4$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

f is discontinuity at $x = 1$

for $x = c$ such that $1 < c < 3$.

$$f(c) = 4$$

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

So, f is continuous in $x \in (1, 3)$

For $x = c = 3$

$$\text{L.H.L. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} 4 = 4$$

$$\text{R.H.L. } \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} 5 = 5.$$

So, f is discontinuous at $x = 3$.

For $x = c$ such that $3 < c \leq 10$

$$f(c) = 5.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} 5 = 5 = f(c)$$

So, f is continuous in $x \in (3, 10]$

Q15.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 4x, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

A.15. Given
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 4x, & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$$

For $(c) = c < 0$,

$$f(c) = 2c.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x < 0$

For $x = c > 1$,

$$f(c) = 4c$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x > 1$.

For $x = 0$

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

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

$$f(0) = 0.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = 0$.

For $x = 1$.

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 0 = 0$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 4x = 4(1) = 4.$$

$$\therefore \text{L.H.L.} \neq \text{R.H.L.}$$

So, f is discontinuous at $x = 1$.

Q16.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -2, & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ 2x, & \text{if } -1 < x \leq 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x > 1 \end{cases}$$

A.16. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} -2, & \text{if } x \leq -1 \\ 2x, & \text{if } -1 < x \leq 1 \\ 2, & \text{if } x > 1. \end{cases}$

For $x = c < -1$,

$$f(c) = -2$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x < -1$.

For $x = c > 1$,

$$f(c) = 2$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x > 1$.

For $x = -1$,

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} -2 = -2$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} 2x = 2(-1) = -2$$

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

$$\text{So, L.H.L.} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(-1)$$

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

For $x = 1$,

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} 2x = 2 \cdot 1 = 2$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} 2 = 2.$$

$$f(1) = 2$$

$$f(1) = \text{L.H.L} = \text{R.H.L.}$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 1$.

Q17. Find the relationship between a and b so that the function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax+1, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ bx+3, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases} \text{ is continuous at } x = 3.$$

A.17. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} ax+1, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ bx+3, & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$ is continuous at $x = 3$

$$\text{So, } f(3) = 3a + 1$$

$$\text{L.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} ax + 1 = 3a + 1$$

$$\text{R.H.L} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} bx + 3 = 3b + 3$$

for continuity at $x = 3$,

$$\text{L.H.L} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a + 1 = 3 + 3 = 3a + 1$$

$$\text{So, } 3a + 1 = 3b + 3$$

$$3a = 3b + 3 - 1$$

$$3a = 3b + 2.$$

$$a = b + \frac{2}{3}.$$

Q18. Find the relationship between a and b so that the function f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda(x^2 - 2x), & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 4x + 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases} \text{ continuous at } x = 0? \text{ What about continuity at } x = 1?$$

A.18. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} \lambda(x^2 - 2x) & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 4x + 1 & \text{if } x > 0. \end{cases}$

For continuity at $x = 0$,

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \lambda(x^2 - 2x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} 4x + 1 = \lambda(0^2 - 2 \cdot 0)$$

$$0 = 1 = 0 \text{ which is not true}$$

Hence, f is not continuous for any value of λ .

For $x = 1$,

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 4x + 1 = 4(1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 + 1 = 4 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 5.$$

So, f is continuous at $x = 1 \forall$ value of λ

Q19. Show that the function defined by $g(x) = x - [x]$ is discontinuous at all integral points. Here $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x .

A.19. Given, $g(x) = x - [x]$.

For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$,

$$g(n) = n - [n] = n - n = 0$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} x - [x] = n - [n] = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow n^-} g(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow n^+} g(x).$$

$g(x)$ is discontinuous at all $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Q20. Is the function defined by $f(x) = x^2 - \sin x + 5$ continuous at $x = \pi$?

A.20. Given $f(x) = x^2 - \sin x + 5$.

At $x = \pi$.

$$f(\pi) = \pi^2 - \sin \pi + 5 = \pi^2 - 0 + 5 = \pi^2 + 5.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} [x^2 - \sin x + 5]$$

If $x = \pi + h$ then as $x \rightarrow \pi$, $h \rightarrow 0$, so,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [(\pi + h)^2 - \sin(\pi + h) + 5]$$

$$= (\pi + 0)^2 - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} [\sin \pi \cos h + \cos \pi \cdot \sin h] + 5.$$

$$= \pi^2 - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin \pi \cos h - \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos \pi \sin h + 5$$

$$= \pi^2 - 0 \times (1) - (-1) \times 0 + 5.$$

$$= \pi^2 + 5 = f(x)$$

So, f is continuous at $x = \pi$.

Q21. Discuss the continuity of the following functions:

(a) $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$

(b) $f(x) = \sin x - \cos x$

(c) $f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x$

A.21. (a) Given $f(x) = \sin x + \cos x$

(b). Given, $f(x) = \sin x - \cos x$

(c). Given, $f(x) = \sin x \cdot \cos x$.

Let $g(x) = \sin x$ and $h(x) = \cos x$.

If g or h are continuous $f(x)$ then

$$g + h$$

$$g - h$$

g and h are also continuous.

As $g(x) = \sin x$ is defined for all real number x .

Let $c \in \mathbb{R}$, and putting $x = c + h$. we see that as $x \rightarrow c, h \rightarrow 0$.

Then $g(c) = \sin c$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin (c + h).$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\sin c \cos h + \cos c \sin h)$$

$$= \sin c \cdot \cos 0 + \cos c \cdot \sin 0$$

$$= \sin c \times 1 + 0$$

$$= \sin c$$

$$= g(c)$$

So, g is continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

And $h(c) = \cos c$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cos (c + h)$$

$$= \cos c \cdot \cos 0 - \sin c \cdot \sin 0$$

$$= \cos c \cdot 1 - 0.$$

$$= \cos c = h(c).$$

As g and h are continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

The $f \pm g$

Q22. Discuss the continuity of the cosine, cosecant, secant and cotangent functions.

A.22. For two continuous $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$, $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$,

$\frac{1}{f(x)}$ and $\frac{1}{g(x)}$ are also continuous

Let $f(x) = \sin x$ is defined $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Let $C \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x = c + h$. so, as $x \rightarrow c$, $h \rightarrow 0$

now, $f(c) = \sin c$.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \sin (c + h).$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\sin c \cos h + \cos c \sin h)$$

$$= \sin c \cos 0 + \cos c \sin 0$$

$$= \sin c \times 1 + 0$$

$$= \sin c$$

$$= f(c)$$

So, f is continuous.

Then, $\frac{1}{f(x)}$ is also continuous

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sin(x)} \text{ is also continuous}$$

$$\Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} x \text{ is also continuous}$$

Let $g(x) = \cos x$ is defined $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Then, $g(c) = \cos c$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} \cos x$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \cos (c + h).$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (\cos c \cos h - \sin c \sin h.)$$

$$= \cos c \cos h - \sin c \sin h$$

$$= \cos c.$$

$$= g(c)$$

So, g is continuous

Then, $\frac{1}{g(x)}$ is also continuous

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos x} \text{ is also continuous}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x \text{ is also continuous.}$$

Hence, $\frac{g(x)}{f(x)}$ is also continuous

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} \text{ is also continuous}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cot x \text{ is also continuous.}$$

Q23. Find all points of discontinuity of f , where

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x}, & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x+1, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

A.23. Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin x}{x}, & \text{if } x < 0. \\ x+1, & \text{if } x \geq 0. \end{cases}$

For $x = c < 0$,

$$f(c) = \frac{\sin c}{c}$$

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

So, f is continuous for $x < 0$

For $x = c > 0$

$$f(c) = c + 1$$

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

So, f is continuous for $x > 0$.

For $x = 0$.

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1.$$

$$\text{R.H.S.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1.$$

$$\text{And } f(0) = 0 + 1 = 1$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = 1$.

Hence, discontinuous point of x does not exist.

Q24. Determine if f defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases} \text{ is a continuous function?}$$

A.24. Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0. \\ 0 & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$

For $x = c \neq 0$,

$$f(c) = c^2 \sin \frac{1}{c}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} = c^2 \sin \frac{1}{c}.$$

So, f is continuous for $x \neq 0$.

For $x = 0$,

$$f(0) = 0$$

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

As we have $\sin \frac{1}{x} \in [-1, 1]$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 0^2 \times a \text{ where } a \in [-1, 1]$$

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

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

Q25. Examine the continuity of f , where f is defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x - \cos x, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

A.25. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x - \cos x, & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$

For $x = c \neq 0$,

$$f(c) = \sin c - \cos c.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x \neq 0$

For $x = 0$,

$$f(0) = -1$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sin x - \cos x) = \sin 0 - \cos 0 = -1.$$

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

So, f is continuous at $x = 0$.

Find the values of k so that the function f is continuous at the indicated point in Exercises 26 to 29.

Q26.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{k \cos x}{\pi - 2x}, & \text{if } x \neq \frac{\pi}{2} \\ 3, & \text{if } x = \frac{\pi}{2} \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

A.26. Given,
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi \cos x}{\pi - 2x} & \text{if } x \neq \pi/2 \\ 3 & \text{if } x = \pi/2 \end{cases}$$

For continuity at $x = \pi/2$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^+} f(x) = f\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right).$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{x \cos x}{\pi - 2x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2^+} \frac{x \cos x}{\pi - 2x} = 3.$$

Take $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{x \cos x}{x - 2x} = 3.$

Putting $x = \frac{\pi}{2} + h$ such that as $x \rightarrow \pi/2, h \rightarrow 0$.

So
$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos(\pi/2 + h)}{x - 2(\pi/2 + n)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(-\sin x)}{-2h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \sin h}{2h}$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h} = \frac{k}{2}.$$

$$\text{i.e., } \frac{k}{2} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6$$

$$\text{Similarly from } \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \frac{x \cos x}{\pi - 2x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right)}{\pi - 2\left(\frac{\pi}{2} + h\right)} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h \sin h}{-2h}$$

$$= \frac{k}{2} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin h}{h}$$

$$= \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x}{2} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6$$

Q27. $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 3, & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases} \quad \text{at } x=2$

A.27. Given $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^2 & \text{if } x \leq 2. \\ 3 & \text{if } x > 2. \end{cases}$

For continuous at $x = 2$,

$$f(2) = k(2)^2 = 4k$$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} kx^2 = 4k$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 3 = 3$$

$$\text{Then, L.H.L} = \text{R.H.L.} = f(2)$$

$$\text{i.e., } 4k = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{4}.$$

Q28. $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx+1 & \text{if } x \leq \pi \\ \cos x, & \text{if } x > \pi \end{cases}$ at $x=\pi$

A.28. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx+1 & \text{if } x \leq \pi. \\ \cos x & \text{if } x > \pi \end{cases}$

For continuity at $x = \pi$, $f(x) = k\pi + 1$

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^-} kx + 1 = k\pi + 1$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} \cos x = \cos \pi = -1.$$

Then L.H.L = R.H.L. = $f(\pi)$

$$\Rightarrow k\pi + 1 = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow k\pi = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{\pi}.$$

Q29. $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx+1, & \text{if } x \leq 5 \\ 3x-5, & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$ at $x=5$

A.29. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} kx+1, & \text{if } x \leq 5 \\ 3x-5, & \text{if } x > 5. \end{cases}$

For continuity at $x = 5$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} kx + 1 = 5k + 1.$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} 3x - 5 = 15 - 5 = 10$$

$$f(5) = 5k + 1$$

$$\text{So, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = f(5).$$

$$\text{i.e., } 5k + 1 = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow 5k = 10 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{9}{5}.$$

Q30. Find the values of a and b such that the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 5, & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ ax + b, & \text{if } 2 < x < 10 \\ 21, & \text{if } x \geq 10 \end{cases} \text{ is a continuous function.}$$

A.30. Given, $f(x) = \begin{cases} 5 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ ax + b & \text{if } 2 < x < 10 \\ 21 & \text{if } x \geq 10 \end{cases}$

For continuity at $x = 2$,

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} 5 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} ax + b = 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow 5 = 2a + b \text{ — (i)}$$

For continuous at $x = 10$,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} f(x) = f(10)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^-} ax + b = \lim_{x \rightarrow 10^+} 21 = 21.$$

$$\Rightarrow 10a + b = 21 \text{ — (2).}$$

So, eq (2) – $5 \times$ eq (1) we get,

$$10a + b - 5(2a + b) = 21 - 5 \times 5.$$

$$\Rightarrow 10a + b - 10a - 5b = 21 - 25.$$

$$\Rightarrow -4b = -4$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 1.$$

And putting $b = 1$ in eq (1),

$$\Rightarrow 2a = 5 - b = 5 - 1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{4}{2} = 2.$$

Hence, $a = 2$ and $b = 1$.

Q31. Show that the function defined by $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$ is a continuous function

A.31. Given $f(x) = \cos(x^2)$

Let $g(x) = \cos x$ is a trigonometric function (cosine) which is continuous function

and let $h(x) = x^2$ is a polynomial function which is also continuous

Hence $(g \circ h)(x) = g(h(x))$

$$= g(x^2)$$

$$= \cos(x^2)$$

$$= f(x)$$

is also a continuous function being a composite function of two continuous functions $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q32. Show that the function defined by $f(x) = |\cos x|$ is a continuous function.

A.32. Given, $f(x) = |\cos x|$.

Let $g(x) = \cos x$ and $h(x) = |x|$.

Hence, as cosine function and modulus function are continuous $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$, g and h are continuous.

Then, $(h \circ g)(x) = h(g(x))$

$$= h(\cos x)$$

$$= |\cos x|.$$

$= f(x)$ is also continuous being

A composite $f \circ h$ of two continuous $f, h \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Q33. Examine that $\sin |x|$ is a continuous function.

A.33. Given, $f(x) = \sin |x|$.

Let $g(x) = \sin x$ and $h(x) = |x|$. then as sine f and modulus h are continuous in $x \in \mathbb{R}$

g and h are continuous.

$$\text{So, } (g \circ h)(x) = g(h(x)) = g(|x|) = \sin |x| = f(x)$$

Is a continuous f being a composite $f \circ h$ of two continuous f, h .

Q34. Find all the points of discontinuity of f defined by $f(x) = |x| - |x+1|$.

A.34. Given, $f(x) = |x| - |x+1|$

Let $g(x) = |x|$ is continuous being a modulus f and $h(x) = |x+1|$ is also continuous being a modulus $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Then, $f(x) = g(x) - h(x)$ is also continuous for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

Hence, there is no point of discontinuity for $f(x)$.