

Exercise 13.1

Evaluate the following limits in Exercises 1 to 22.

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3 = 3 + 3 = 6$

2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \left( x - \frac{22}{7} \right)$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \left( x - \frac{22}{7} \right) = \left( \pi - \frac{22}{7} \right)$

3.  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \pi r^2$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \pi r^2 = \pi(1^2) = \pi$

4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x + 3}{x - 2}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x + 3}{x - 2} = \frac{4(4) + 3}{4 - 2} = \frac{16 + 3}{2} = \frac{19}{2}$

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1} = \frac{(-1)^{10} + (-1)^5 + 1}{-1 - 1} = \frac{1 - 1 + 1}{-2} = -\frac{1}{2}$

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x}$

**Solution:**

Put  $x + 1 = y$  so that  $y \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

$$\text{Accordingly, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(y)^5 - 1}{y - 1}$$

$$= 5 \cdot 1^{5-1} \quad \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= 5$$

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

$$7. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4}$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(3x+5)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x+5}{x+2}$$

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

$$= \frac{11}{4}$$

$$8. \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3}$$

**Solution:**

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x-3)(x+3)(x^2+9)}{(x-3)(2x+1)}$$

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

$$= \frac{(3+3)(3^2+9)}{2(3)+1}$$

$$= \frac{6 \times 18}{7}$$

$$= \frac{108}{7}$$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax+b}{cx+1}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax+b}{cx+1} = \frac{a(0)+b}{c(0)+1} = b$$

10.  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}$

At  $z = 1$ , the value of the given function takes the form  $\frac{0}{0}$

Put  $z^{\frac{1}{6}} = x$  so that  $z \rightarrow 1$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ .

Accordingly,  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x - 1}$

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

$$= 2 \cdot 1^{2-1} \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= 2$$

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1} = 2$$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{cx^2 + bx + a}, a + b + c \neq 0$$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{cx^2 + bx + a} = \frac{a(1)^2 + b(1) + c}{c(1)^2 + b(1) + a}$$

$$= \frac{a + b + c}{a + b + c}$$

$$= 1 \quad [a + b + c \neq 0]$$

$$12. \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2}$$

**Solution:**

At  $x = -2$ , the value of the given function takes the form

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x + 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\left(\frac{2+x}{2x}\right)}{x+2}$$

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

$$= \frac{1}{2(-2)} = \frac{-1}{4}$$

$$13. \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx}$$

**Solution:**

At  $x = 0$ , the value of the given function takes the form

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \times \frac{ax}{bx}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \times \frac{a}{b} \\
 &= \frac{a}{b} \lim_{ax \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \quad [x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0] \\
 &= \frac{a}{b} \times 1 \quad \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin y}{y} \right) \right] \\
 &= \frac{a}{b}
 \end{aligned}$$

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}, a, b \neq 0$

**Solution:**

At  $x = 0$ , the value of the given function takes the form

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right) \times ax}{\left( \frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right) \times bx} \\
 &= \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{\lim_{ax \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \right)}{\lim_{bx \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin bx}{bx} \right)} \quad \left[ \begin{array}{l} x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{and } x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow bx \rightarrow 0 \end{array} \right] \\
 &= \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{1}{1} \quad \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin y}{y} \right) = 1 \right] \\
 &= \frac{a}{b}
 \end{aligned}$$

15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)}$

**Solution:**

It is seen that  $x \rightarrow \pi \Rightarrow (\pi - x) \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)} &= \frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{(\pi - x) \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{(\pi - x)} \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \times 1 \quad \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{\pi} \end{aligned}$$

16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\pi - x}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos x}{\pi - x} = \frac{\cos 0}{\pi - 0} = \frac{1}{\pi}$

17.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1}$

**Solution:**

At  $x = 0$ , the value of the given function takes the form

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 2\sin^2 x - 1}{1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - 1} \quad \left[ \cos x = 1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left( \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right) \times x^2}{\left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\left( \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} \right) \times \frac{x^2}{4}}$$

$$= 4 \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{\left( \frac{x}{2} \right)^2} \right)}$$

$$= 4 \frac{\left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right)^2}{\left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)^2} \right)^2} \quad \left[ x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x}{2} \rightarrow 0 \right]$$

$$= 4 \frac{1^2}{1^2} \quad \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= 4$$

18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{\sin x}$

**Solution:**

At  $x = 0$ , the value of the given function takes the form

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{b \sin x} = \frac{1}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(a + \cos x)}{\sin x}$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{\sin x} \right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \cos x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} \left( \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)} \right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (a + \cos x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} \times (a + \cos 0) \quad \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{a+1}{b}$$

19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sec x$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sec x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\cos x} = \frac{0}{\cos 0} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$

20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax+bx}{ax+\sin bx}$   $a, b, a+b \neq 0$

**Solution:**

Now,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax+bx}{ax+\sin bx}$   $a, b, a+b \neq 0$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\sin ax}{ax}\right)ax+bx}{ax+bx\left(\frac{\sin bx}{bx}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax}\right) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (bx)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} ax + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin bx}{bx}\right)}$$

[As  $x \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow ax \rightarrow 0$  and  $bx \rightarrow 0$ ]

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} ax + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} bx} \quad \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right]$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax+bx)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (ax+bx)}$$

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

$$= 1$$

21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x)$

**Solution:** At  $x = 0$ , the value of the given function takes the form  $\infty - \infty$

Now,

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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x}}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}} \\
 &= \frac{0}{1} \quad \left[ \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x} = 0 \text{ and } \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right] \\
 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}}$

At  $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ , the value of the given function takes the form

Now, put So that  $x - \frac{\pi}{2} = y$  so that  $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$ ,  $y \rightarrow 0$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}} &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2\left(y + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)}{y} \\
 &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi + 2y)}{y} \\
 &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2y}{y} \quad [ \tan(\pi + 2y) = \tan 2y ] \\
 &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{y \cos 2y} \\
 &= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \times \frac{2}{\cos 2y} \right) \\
 &= \left( \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \right) \times \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2}{\cos 2y} \right) \quad [y \rightarrow 0 \Rightarrow 2y \rightarrow 0] \\
 &= 1 \times \frac{2}{\cos 0} \quad \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 \right] \\
 &= 1 \times \frac{2}{1} \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

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

**Solution:** The given function is

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Solution:**

The given function is

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

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

It is observed that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$ .

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

25. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ , where  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

**Solution:** The given function is

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left[ \frac{|x|}{x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{-x}{x} \right) \quad \text{[When } x \text{ is negative, } |x| = -x]$$

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

$$= -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{|x|}{x} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x \text{ is positive, } |x| = x]$$

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

$$= 1$$

It is observed that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

**26:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x}{|x|}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$

**Solution:** The given function is

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left[ \frac{x}{|x|} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{-x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x < 0, |x| = -x]$$

$$=$$

$$= -1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[ \frac{x}{|x|} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x}{x} \right) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, |x| = x]$$

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

$$= 1$$

It is observed that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ .

Hence,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

**27:** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$ , where  $f(x) = -5$

**Solution:** The given function is  $f(x) = -5$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 5) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, |x| = x]$$

$$= 5 - 5$$

$$= 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} (|x| - 5) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} (x - 5) \quad [\text{When } x > 0, \quad |x| = x] \\ &= 5 - 5 \\ &= 0 \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} f(x) = 0 \\ \text{Hence, } \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

**28:** Suppose  $f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx, & x < 0 \\ 4, & x = 1 \\ b - ax, & x > 1 \end{cases}$  and if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$  what are possible

values of a and b?

**Solution:** The given function is

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} a + bx, & x < 0 \\ 4, & x = 1 \\ b - ax, & x > 1 \end{cases}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (a + bx) = a + b$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (b - ax) = b - a$$

$$f(1) = 4$$

It is given that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$ .

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

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 4 \text{ and } b - a = 4$$

On solving these two equations, we obtain  $a = 0$  and  $b = 4$ .

Thus, the respective possible values of a and b are 0 and 4.

**29:** Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be fixed real numbers and define a function

$$f(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)\dots(x - a_n)$$

What is  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x)$ ? For some a  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ .

**Solution:** The given function is  $f(x) = (x - a_1)(x - a_2)\dots(x - a_n)$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} [(x - a_1)(x - a_2)\dots(x - a_n)]$$

$$= (a_1 - a_1)(a_1 - a_2)\dots(a_1 - a_n) = 0$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x) = 0$$

$$\text{Now, } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} [(x - a_1)(x - a_2)\dots(x - a_n)]$$

$$= (a - a_1) (a - a_2) \dots (a - a_n)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = (a - a_1) (a - a_2) \dots (a - a_n)$$

**30: If**

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

For what value (s) of does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists?

**Solution:** The given function is

$$\text{If } f(x) = \begin{cases} |x| + 1, & x < 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \\ |x| - 1, & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

When  $a = 0$ ,

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (-x + 1) \quad [\text{If } x < 0, \quad = -x]$$

$$= 0 + 1$$

$$= 1$$

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

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (x - 1) \quad [\text{If } x > 0, \quad = x]$$

$$= 0 - 1$$

$$= -1$$

Here, it is observed that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$ .

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

When  $a < 0$ ,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} (|x| + 1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} (-x + 1) \quad [x < a < 0 \Rightarrow \quad = -x]$$

$$= -a + 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} (|x| + 1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} (-x + 1) \quad [a < x < 0 \Rightarrow \quad = -x]$$

$$= -a + 1$$

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

Thus, limit of  $f(x)$  exists at  $x = a$ , where  $a < 0$ .

When  $a > 0$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} (|x| + 1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (-x - 1) \quad [0 < x < a \Rightarrow = x]$$

$$= a - 1$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} (|x| - 1)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} (-x - 1) \quad [0 < x < a \Rightarrow = x]$$

$$= a - 1$$

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

Thus, limit of  $f(x)$  exists at  $x = a$ , where  $a > 0$ .

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists for all  $a \neq 0$ .

**31:** If the function  $f(x)$  satisfies,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \pi$ , evaluate  $f(x)$ .

**Solution:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \pi$

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

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2) = \pi \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (f(x) - 2) = \pi(1^2 - 1)$$

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

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

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

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

**32:** If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx^2 + n, & x < 0 \\ nx + m, & 0 \leq x \leq 1. \\ nx^3 + m, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

For what integers m and n does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists?

**Solution:**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} mx^2 + n, & x < 0 \\ nx + m, & 0 \leq x \leq 1. \\ nx^3 + m, & x > 1 \end{cases}$

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

$$= m(0)^2 + n$$

$$= n$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (nx + m)$$

$$= n(0) + m$$

$$= m$$

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  exists if  $m = n$ .

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (nx + m)$$

$$= n(1) + m$$

$$= m + n$$

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

$$= n(1)^3 + m$$

$$= m + n$$

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

Thus,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exists for any internal value of m and n.