

## EXERCISE 13.1

1. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} x + 3$

**Solution:**

Given,

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

Substituting  $x = 3$ , we get

$$= 3 + 3$$

$$= 6$$

2. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \left( x - \frac{22}{7} \right)$

**Solution:**

Given limit,

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

Substituting  $x = \pi$ , we get

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

3. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \pi r^2$

**Solution:**

Given limit,  $\lim_{r \rightarrow 1} \pi r^2$

Substituting  $r = 1$ , we get

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

$$= \pi$$

4. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x + 3}{x - 2}$

**Solution:**

Given limit,

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

Substituting  $x = 4$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x+3}{x-2} &= [4(4) + 3] / (4 - 2) \\ &= (16 + 3) / 2 \\ &= 19 / 2\end{aligned}$$

5. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1}$

**Solution:**

Given limit,

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

Substituting  $x = -1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned}\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{10} + x^5 + 1}{x - 1} \\ &= [(-1)^{10} + (-1)^5 + 1] / (-1 - 1) \\ &= (1 - 1 + 1) / -2 \\ &= -1 / 2\end{aligned}$$

6. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1)^5 - 1}{x}$

**Solution:**

Given limit,

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

$$\begin{aligned}&= [(0 + 1)^5 - 1] / 0 \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Since this limit is undefined,

Substitute  $x + 1 = y$ , then  $x = y - 1$

$$\lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{(y)^5 - 1}{y - 1}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{(y)^5 - 1^5}{y - 1}$$

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$$

Hence,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{y \rightarrow 1} \frac{(y)^5 - 1^5}{y - 1} \\ &= 5(1)^{5-1} \\ &= 5(1)^4 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

7. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4}$

**Solution:**

By evaluating the limit at  $x = 2$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4} &= [3(2)^2 - x - 10] / 4 - 4 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, by factorising numerator, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - x - 10}{x^2 - 4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3x^2 - 6x + 5x - 10}{x^2 - 2^2}$$

We know that,

$$a^2 - b^2 = (a - b)(a + b)$$

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

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

By substituting  $x = 2$ , we get,

$$\begin{aligned} &= [3(2) + 5] / (2 + 2) \\ &= 11 / 4 \end{aligned}$$

8. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3}$

**Solution:**

First substitute  $x = 3$  in the given limit, we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(3)^4 - 81}{2(3)^2 - 5 \times 3 - 3} \\ &= \frac{81 - 81}{18 - 18} \\ &= 0 / 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since the limit is of the form  $0 / 0$ , we need to factorise the numerator and denominator

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9)}{2x^2 - 6x + x - 3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)(x^2 + 9)}{(2x + 1)(x - 3)} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x + 3)(x^2 + 9)}{(2x + 1)} \end{aligned}$$

Now substituting  $x = 3$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(3 + 3)(3^2 + 9)}{(2 \times 3 + 1)} \\ &= 108 / 7 \end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^4 - 81}{2x^2 - 5x - 3} = 108 / 7$$

9. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + b}{cx + 1}$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} & \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + b}{cx + 1} \\ &= [a(0) + b] / [c(0) + 1] \\ &= b / 1 \\ &= b \end{aligned}$$

10. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1}$

**Solution:**

$$\lim_{z \rightarrow 1} \frac{z^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{z^{\frac{1}{6}} - 1} = (1 - 1) / (1 - 1)$$

$$= 0$$

Let the value of  $z^{1/6}$  be  $x$

$$(z^{1/6})^2 = x^2$$

$$z^{1/3} = x^2$$

Now, substituting  $z^{1/3} = x^2$  we get

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

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$$

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

$$= 2$$

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

**Solution:**

Given limit,

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

Substituting  $x = 1$ ,

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

$$= [a(1)^2 + b(1) + c] / [c(1)^2 + b(1) + a]$$

$$= (a + b + c) / (a + b + c)$$

Given,

$$[a + b + c \neq 0]$$

$$= 1$$

12. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x+2}$

**Solution:**

By substituting  $x = -2$ , we get

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

Now,

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{2}}{x+2} &= \frac{\frac{2+x}{2x}}{x+2} \\ &= 1 / 2x \\ &= 1 / 2(-2) \\ &= -1 / 4 \end{aligned}$$

13. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx}$

**Solution:**

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



Formula used here

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

By applying the limits in the given expression

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

By multiplying and dividing by 'a' in the given expression, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{bx} \times \frac{a}{a}$$

We get,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} \times \frac{a}{b}$$

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$= \frac{a}{b} \lim_{ax \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax} = \frac{a}{b} \times 1$$

$$= a/b$$

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14. Evaluate the given limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx}, a, b \neq 0$

Solution:



$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{\sin bx} = 0 / 0$$

By multiplying  $ax$  and  $bx$  in numerator and denominator, we get

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

Now, we get

$$\frac{a}{b} \frac{\lim_{ax \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin ax}{ax}}{\lim_{bx \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin bx}{bx}}$$

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Hence, } a / b \times 1 \\ = a / b \end{aligned}$$

15. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:





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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{\pi(\pi - x)} = \lim_{\pi - x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{(\pi - x)} \times \frac{1}{\pi}$$

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

We know that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$\frac{1}{\pi} \lim_{\pi - x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - x)}{(\pi - x)} = \frac{1}{\pi} \times 1$$

$$= 1 / \pi$$

16. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

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

$$= 1 / \pi$$

17. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

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

Hence,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos 2x - 1}{\cos x - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - 2\sin^2 x - 1}{1 - 2\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - 1}$$

$$(\cos 2x = 1 - 2\sin^2 x)$$

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

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

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

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$= 4 \times 1^2 / 1^2$$

$$= 4$$

18. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ax + x \cos x}{b \sin x} = \frac{0}{0}$$

Hence,

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

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

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

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

$$= \frac{1}{b} \times (a + \cos 0)$$

$$= (a + 1) / b$$

19. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \sec x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\cos x}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{0}{\cos 0} = \frac{0}{1}$$

$$= 0$$

20. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

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

Hence,

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

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

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$$

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

We get,

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

$$= 1$$

21. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

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

Applying the formulas for cosec x and cot x, we get

$$\operatorname{cosec} x = \frac{1}{\sin x} \text{ and } \cot x = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

Now, by applying the formula we get,

$$1 - \cos x = 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2} \text{ and } \sin x = 2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{2 \sin \frac{x}{2} \cos \frac{x}{2}}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\operatorname{cosec} x - \cot x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan \frac{x}{2}$$

$$= 0$$

22. Evaluate the given limit:

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

Solution:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}} = \frac{0}{0}$$

Let  $x - (\pi / 2) = y$

Then,  $x \rightarrow (\pi/2) = y \rightarrow 0$

Now, we get

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan 2x}{x - \frac{\pi}{2}} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2(y + \frac{\pi}{2})}{y}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(2y + \pi)}{y}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(2y)}{y}$$

We know that,

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{y \cos 2y}$$

By multiplying and dividing by 2, we get

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \times \frac{2}{\cos 2y}$$

$$= \lim_{2y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \times \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{2}{\cos 2y}$$

$$= 1 \times 2 / \cos 0$$

$$= 1 \times 2 / 1$$

$$= 2$$

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:

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

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

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

$$= 2(0) + 3$$

$$= 0 + 3$$

$$= 3$$

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

$$= 3(0 + 1)$$

$$= 3(1)$$

$$= 3$$

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

Now, for  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$ :

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

$$= 3(1 + 1)$$

$$= 3(2)$$

$$= 6$$

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

$$= 3(1 + 1)$$

$$= 3(2)$$

$$= 6$$

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = 3 \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 6$$

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:



Given function is:

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

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

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

$$= 1^2 - 1$$

$$= 1 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

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

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

$$= -1 - 1$$

$$= -2$$

We find,

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

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

25. Evaluate

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

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

Solution:

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

We know that,

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \text{ exists only when } \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$$

$$\text{Now, we need to prove that: } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

We know,

$$|x| = x, \text{ if } x \geq 0, -x, \text{ if } x < 0$$

Hence,

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

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

$$= -1$$

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

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

$$= 1$$

We find here,

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

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

26. Find

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

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

**Solution:**

Given function is:

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

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

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

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

$$= -1$$

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

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

$$= 1$$

We find here,

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

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

27. Find

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

, where

$$f(x) = |x| - 5$$

**Solution:**

Given function is:

$$f(x) = |x| - 5$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x):$$

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

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

$$= 0$$

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

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

$$= 5 - 5$$

$$= 0$$

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

28. Suppose

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) \text{ what are the possible values of } a \text{ and } b?$$

Solution:

Given function is:

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

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

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

$$= a + b(1)$$

$$= a + b$$

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

$$= b - a(1)$$

$$= b - a$$

Here,

$$f(1) = 4$$

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

Then,  $a + b = 4$  and  $b - a = 4$

By solving the above two equations, we get,

$$a = 0 \text{ and } b = 4$$

Therefore, the possible values of  $a$  and  $b$  is 0 and 4 respectively

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  $a \neq a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ , compute

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

Solution:



Given function is:

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

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x):$$

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

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

We get,

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

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

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

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

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

We get,

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

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

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a_1} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = (a - a_1) (a - a_2) \dots (a - a_n)$

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

30. If

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

Solution:





Given function is:

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

There are three cases.

Case 1:

When  $a = 0$

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

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

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

$$= 1$$



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

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

$$= -1$$

Here, we find

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

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

Case 2:

When  $a < 0$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists at  $x = a$  and  $a < 0$

Case 3:

When  $a > 0$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Therefore,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x))$  exists at  $x = a$  when  $a > 0$

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

Solution:



Given function that  $f(x)$  satisfies  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x) - 2}{x^2 - 1} = \pi$

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

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

Substituting  $x = 1$ , we get,

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

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

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

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

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

$$= 2$$

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

32. If

and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  exist?

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

Solution:

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

Given function is

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

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

$$= m(0) + n$$

$$= 0 + n$$

$$= n$$

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

$$= n(0) + m$$

$$= 0 + m$$

$$= m$$



Hence,

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

Now,

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

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

$$= n(1) + m$$

$$= n + m$$

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

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

$$= n(1) + m$$

$$= n + m$$

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

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