

**1-4- Functions** : *Function* is any rule that assigns to each element in one set some element from another set :

$$y = f(x)$$

The inputs make up the *domain of the function* , and the outputs make up *the function's range*.

The variable  $x$  is called *independent variable of the function* , and the variable  $y$  whose value depends on  $x$  is called *the dependent variable of the function* .

We must keep two restrictions in mind when we define functions :

1. We never divide by zero .
2. We will deal with real – valued functions only.

Intervals :

- The *open interval* is the set of all real numbers that be strictly between two fixed numbers  $a$  and  $b$  :

$$(a,b) \equiv a < x < b$$

- The *closed interval* is the set of all real numbers that contain both endpoints :

$$[a,b] \equiv a \leq x \leq b$$

- *Half open interval* is the set of all real numbers that contain one endpoint but not both :

$$[a,b) \equiv a \leq x < b$$

$$(a,b] \equiv a < x \leq b$$

Composition of functions : suppose that the outputs of a function  $f$  can be used as inputs of a function  $g$  . We can then hook  $f$  and  $g$  together to form a new function whose inputs are the inputs of  $f$  and whose outputs are the numbers :

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$$

EX-9- Find the domain and range of each function :

$$a) \quad y = \sqrt{x+4} \quad , \quad b) \quad y = \frac{1}{x-2}$$

$$c) \quad y = \sqrt{9-x^2} \quad , \quad d) \quad y = \sqrt{2-\sqrt{x}}$$

Sol. - a)  $x+4 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq -4 \Rightarrow D_x : \forall x \geq -4$  ,  $R_y : \forall y \geq 0$

b)  $x-2 \neq 0 \Rightarrow x \neq 2 \Rightarrow D_x : \forall x \neq 2$

$$y = \frac{1}{x-2} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{y} + 2 \Rightarrow R_y : \forall y \neq 0$$

c)  $9-x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -3 \leq x \leq 3 \Rightarrow D_x : -3 \leq x \leq 3$

$$y = \sqrt{9-x^2} \Rightarrow x = \mp \sqrt{9-y^2}$$

since  $9-y^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -3 \leq y \leq 3$

since  $y \geq 0 \Rightarrow R_y : 0 \leq y \leq 3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 d) \quad & 2 - \sqrt{x} \geq 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq x \leq 4 \Rightarrow D_x : 0 \leq x \leq 4 \\
 & \text{if } x=0 \Rightarrow y=\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow R_y : 0 \leq y \leq \sqrt{2} \\
 & \text{if } x=4 \Rightarrow y=0
 \end{aligned}$$

**EX-10-** Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$ .

Find  $(g \circ f)(x)$  and  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .

**Sol.-**

$$(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = g\left(\frac{x}{x-1}\right) = 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{x}{x-1}} = \frac{2x-1}{x}$$

$$(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right) = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{1 + \frac{1}{x} - 1} = x + 1$$

**EX-11-** Let  $(g \circ f)(x) = x$  and  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ . Find  $g(x)$ .

**Sol.-**  $(g \circ f)(x) = g\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = x \Rightarrow g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

### 1-5- Limits and continuity :

**Limits** : The limit of  $F(t)$  as  $t$  approaches  $C$  is the number  $L$  if :

Given any radius  $\varepsilon > 0$  about  $L$  there exists a radius  $\delta > 0$  about  $C$  such that for all  $t$ ,  $0 < |t - C| < \delta$  implies  $|F(t) - L| < \varepsilon$  and we can write it as :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow C} F(t) = L$$

The limit of a function  $F(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow C$  never depend on what happens when  $t = C$ .

**Right hand limit** :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow C^+} F(t) = L$

The limit of the function  $F(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow C$  from the right equals  $L$  if :

Given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  (radius about  $L$ ) there exists a  $\delta > 0$  (radius to the right of  $C$ ) such that for all  $t$  :

$$C < t < C + \delta \Rightarrow |F(t) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Left hand limit** :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow C^-} F(t) = L$

The limit of the function  $F(t)$  as  $t \rightarrow C$  from the left equal  $L$  if :

Given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $t$  :

$$C - \delta < t < C \Rightarrow |F(t) - L| < \varepsilon$$

**Note that** – A function  $F(t)$  has a limit at point  $C$  if and only if the right hand and the left hand limits at  $C$  exist and equal . In symbols :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow C} F(t) = L \Leftrightarrow \lim_{t \rightarrow C^+} F(t) = L \quad \text{and} \quad \lim_{t \rightarrow C^-} F(t) = L$$

**The limit combinations theorems :**

- 1)  $\lim [F_1(t) \mp F_2(t)] = \lim F_1(t) \mp \lim F_2(t)$
- 2)  $\lim [F_1(t) * F_2(t)] = \lim F_1(t) * \lim F_2(t)$
- 3)  $\lim \frac{F_1(t)}{F_2(t)} = \frac{\lim F_1(t)}{\lim F_2(t)}$  where  $\lim F_2(t) \neq 0$
- 4)  $\lim [k * F_1(t)] = k * \lim F_1(t) \quad \forall k$
- 5)  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin \theta}{\theta} = 1$

*provided that  $\theta$  is measured in radius*

The limits ( in 1 – 4 ) are all to be taken as  $t \rightarrow C$  and  $F_1(t)$  and  $F_2(t)$  are to be real functions .

**Thm. -1 : The sandwich theorem** : Suppose that  $f(t) \leq g(t) \leq h(t)$  for all  $t \neq C$  in some interval about  $C$  and that  $f(t)$  and  $h(t)$  approaches the same limit  $L$  as  $t \rightarrow C$  , then :

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow C} g(t) = L$$

**Infinity as a limit** :

1. The limit of the function  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches infinity is the number  $L$  :

$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  . If , given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $M$  such that

$$\text{for all } x : M < x \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon .$$

2. The limit of  $f(x)$  as  $x$  approaches negative infinity is the number  $L$  :

$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = L$  . If , given any  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists a number  $N$  such that

$$\text{for all } x : x < N \Rightarrow |f(x) - L| < \varepsilon .$$

The following facts are some times abbreviated by saying :

- a) As  $x$  approaches  $0$  from the right ,  $1/x$  tends to  $\infty$  .
- b) As  $x$  approaches  $0$  from the left ,  $1/x$  tends to  $-\infty$  .
- c) As  $x$  tends to  $\infty$  ,  $1/x$  approaches  $0$  .
- d) As  $x$  tends to  $-\infty$  ,  $1/x$  approaches  $0$  .

**Continuity** :

**Continuity at an interior point** : A function  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at an interior point  $C$  of its domain if :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow C} f(x) = f(C)$  .

**Continuity at an endpoint** : A function  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at a left endpoint  $a$  of its domain if :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = f(a)$  .

A function  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at a right endpoint  $b$  of its domain if :  $\lim_{t \rightarrow b^-} f(x) = f(b)$  .

**Continuous function** : A function is continuous if it is continuous at each point of its domain .

**Discontinuity at a point** : If a function  $f$  is not continuous at a point  $C$  , we say that  $f$  is discontinuous at  $C$  , and call  $C$  a point of discontinuity of  $f$  .

**The continuity test** : The function  $y = f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = C$  if and only if all three of the following statements are true :

- 1)  $f(C)$  exist ( $C$  is in the domain of  $f$ ).
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow C} f(x)$  exists ( $f$  has a limit as  $x \rightarrow C$ ).
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow C} f(x) = f(C)$  ( the limit equals the function value ).

**Thm.-2** : The limit combination theorem for continuous function :

If the function  $f$  and  $g$  are continuous at  $x = C$  , then all of the following combinations are continuous at  $x = C$  :

$$1) f \mp g \quad 2) f \cdot g \quad 3) k \cdot g \quad \forall k \quad 4) g \circ f, f \circ g \quad 5) f / g$$

provided  $g(C) \neq 0$

**Thm.-3** : A function is continuous at every point at which it has a derivative . That is , if  $y = f(x)$  has a derivative  $f'(C)$  at  $x = C$  , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = C$  .

**EX-12** – Find :

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^3 + 8x^2}{3x^4 - 16x^2}$  , 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^3 - a^3}{x^4 - a^4}$
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{\sin 3x}$  , 4)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2y}{3y}$
- 5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x^2 + x}$  , 6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \cos \frac{1}{x} \right)$
- 7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + 5x^2 - 7}{10x^3 - 11x + 5}$  , 8)  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{3y + 7}{y^2 - 2}$
- 9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 1}{2x^2 - 7x + 5}$  , 10)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{1}{x + 1}$
- 11)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \left( 1 - \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)$  , 12)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cos(\tan x) \right)$

**SOL.-**

- 1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x^3 + 8x^2}{3x^4 - 16x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5x + 8}{3x^2 - 16} = \frac{0 + 8}{0 - 16} = -\frac{1}{2}$
- 2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^3 - a^3}{x^4 - a^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{(x - a)(x^2 + ax + a^2)}{(x - a)(x + a)(x^2 + a^2)} = \frac{a^2 + a^2 + a^2}{(a + a)(a^2 + a^2)} = \frac{3}{4a}$
- 3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5 \frac{\sin 5x}{5x}}{3 \frac{\sin 3x}{3x}} = \frac{5}{3} \cdot \frac{\lim_{5x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x}{5x}}{\lim_{3x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x}} = \frac{5}{3}$

$$4) \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2y}{3y} = \frac{2}{3} \cdot \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2y}{2y} \cdot \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\cos 2y} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$5) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x^2 + x} = 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2x + 1} = 2$$

$$6) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \cos \frac{1}{x} \right) = 1 + \cos 0 = 2$$

$$7) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^3 + 5x^2 - 7}{10x^3 - 11x + 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3 + \frac{5}{x} - \frac{7}{x^3}}{10 - \frac{11}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^3}} = \frac{3}{10}$$

$$8) \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3y + 7}{y^2 - 2} = \lim_{y \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{3}{y} + \frac{7}{y^2}}{1 - \frac{2}{y^2}} = \frac{0}{1} = 0$$

$$9) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 1}{2x^2 - 7x + 5} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 - \frac{1}{x^3}}{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{7}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^3}} = \frac{1}{0} = \infty$$

$$10) \lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{-1+1} = -\infty$$

$$11) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos \left( 1 - \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) = \cos \left( 1 - \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right) = \cos 0 = 1$$

$$12) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cos(\tan x) \right) = \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cos(\tan 0) \right) = \sin \left( \frac{\pi}{2} \cos 0 \right) = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} = 1$$

**EX-13-** Test continuity for the following function :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & -1 \leq x < 0 \\ 2x & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ 1 & x = 1 \\ -2x + 4 & 1 < x \leq 2 \\ 0 & 2 < x \leq 3 \end{cases}$$

**Sol.-** We test the continuity at midpoints  $x = 0, 1, 2$  and endpoints  $x = -1, 3$ .

At  $x = 0 \Rightarrow f(0) = 2 * 0 = 0$

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

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

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  doesn't exist

Hence the function discontinuous at  $x = 0$

At  $x = 1 \Rightarrow f(1) = 1$

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

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

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

Hence the function is discontinuous at  $x = 1$

At  $x = 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = -2 * 2 + 4 = 0$

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

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

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

Hence the function is continuous at  $x = 2$

At  $x = -1 \Rightarrow f(-1) = (-1)^2 - 1 = 0$

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

Hence the function is continuous at  $x = -1$

At  $x = 3 \Rightarrow f(3) = 0$

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

Hence the function is continuous at  $x = 3$

**EX-14-** What value should be assigned to  $a$  to make the function :

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 1 & x < 3 \\ 2ax & x \geq 3 \end{cases} \text{ continuous at } x = 3 ?$$

**Sol. -**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x^2 - 1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} 2ax \Rightarrow 8 = 6a \Rightarrow a = \frac{4}{3}$$